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Sale limited safe rule is to assume that everybody in two days' less time.

the palace who looks like a monkey is a Mail communicat grandee of the first class."

The truth is the Spanish are a thorhas probably been oftener overrun and

But playing the gentleman has been called "the endemic disease of Spain," by land."

After this we need not be astonished that the Spanish claim to possess the oldest families in Europe. The surprising circumstance is that the claim is not wholly without foundation. Their family names can in some cases be traced back to an incredibly remote period, though it must not be assumed that the

original blood persists in any purity.

Probably the most ancient family in
Spain is the house of Pacheco, whose estates are not far from Carteia, now Italy he concealed himself for eight caves belonging to a Spanish gentleman named Pacicous. Cicero also mentions this generous Spaniard, and there can be no doubt that he was one of the ancestors of the Pacheco family, whose The name is clearly of Phoenician origin, being ultimately derived from "patai-coi," the word by which the Tyrians designated the carved figurehead of

doubtless the most wonderful family tree in the world and unusually well authenticated. The Pachecos may well be pardoned for taking pride in it, though it roots in rather unsavory soil at last, for the great original Pacheco was evidently a Tyrian freebooter.

Names that trace back to the Carthaginian occupation in the time of Hannibal are also found, and the title of Hannibal's own clan, Barca, is perpetuated by the Barcias and Garcias, well known families of Andalusia. There are also several names of Roman antecedents, as Ponce and Cane, in Latin Pontius and Canius. A Spanish gentleman bearing the latter name was a personal friend of the poet Martial, all of which seems to bring antiquity very near-in Spain. The fact of the matter is she has never emerged from antiquity.

The Spanish, however, are inclined to look back to the Goths as "the rurest fountain of nobility." This ce: ainly seems a strange perversion of sentiment, for of all the barbarians that came down from the north to lay waste Roman civilization with fire and sword the Goths, with their cousins, the Vandals, were the most irredeemably villainous.

And these Goths were no extraordinary heroes either, even in war. With supine and braggart incompetency they lost to the Moors in the eight months campaign a supremacy which it cost eight centuries of conflict to regain. Yet "Gothic of Spain" is the pet phrase.
To a rank outsider it would seem that

the Basque families have the most honorable lineage, and their pedigrees run back to time immemorial, though not easily traceable. The Basques represent ways remind us of the Welsh. They have the same simplicity of life, and the general was seated. He immediately the same really justifiable pride of birth, for their blood is the purest in Spain, if the general was seated. He immediately and have very much the appearance of the ape.

Instantly there was a general rising. The Calmucks of the great Tartar that counts for anything. Like the Welsh also, they have to a considerable extent maintained their ancient language, one of the strangest which surrive upon the earth, bearing no resem-

blance to any other in Europe.

These Basque families, for the most part, bear names which appear to be geographical in their origin, as Ugarte, meaning "between waters;" Zubia, "the bridge;" Ibarra, "the valley"-a style which reminds us of our American Indians, although it is found more or less all over the world. The termina-

A Light Luncheon. Bill-Did you ever try any of Small's

25 cent dinners? Jill-Yes; I ate three of them today at noon. - Yonkers Statesman.

LONG DISTANCE MAILS.

Time of Letters From New York to Faraway Destinations.

A letter sent from New York to Bangkok, Siam, travels overland to San Francisco and thence by water, reachsurdly Grotesque, and Playing the Gen- ing its destination in about 43 days. tleman Has Been Called "the Endemic having been carried nearly 13,000 miles. A letter mailed here for Adelaide, Australia, also goes via San Francisco, "My friend," replied his grace, "the Cape Town, goes 125 miles farther in

Mail communication between New York and Hongkong ordinarily consumes one month of time. The letters oughly mongrel race, and their conceit go by way of San Francisco and cover of themselves amazes us. Their country | 10,500 miles of distance. To reach Melbourne, Australia, from this city a letconquered than any other territory of ter will travel 12,265 miles in about 32 equal extent in Europe. Phœnician, days, and to reach Sydney a letter will Carthaginian, Roman, Vandal, Visigoth travel 11,570 miles in 31 days. The and Moor have all successfully made it mail route from New York to Yokotheir stamping ground, and the effect hama, via San Francisco, is 7,348 miles of all this upon the pure Castilian long, and about 22 days are consumed blood, whatever that may be, is indelibly stamped on every really Spanish city a letter travels 5,645 miles in 13

Leaving New York on steamer days, mail matter is scheduled to reach Rome and the national vanity is something in about ten days, Madrid in ten days, grotesque. One of their historians seri-ously advanced the theory that the first Rotterdam in nine days, St. Petersburg inhabitants of the country "arrived by air," so impressed was he by their superhuman qualities that nothing short of a descent from the sky could account for them. A subsequent historian, however, after a long and grave discussion of the question, finally announced his opinion that "they more probably came farther from this city than is Alexandria. Mail matter going from New York to Buenos Ayres, which is 8,045 miles distant, consumes 29 or 30 days. -New York Times.

VEGETABLE GEMS.

Bamboo Opals and Cocoanut Pearls Found In the Philippines, Though Rarely.

Among other queer things found in the Philippines are vegetable gems. There are not many of them, though. The bamboo is empty normally. One called Cartaya, in Andalusia. Plutarch tells us that when Crassus fled from grass and find unaltered hollowness. But once in a million times or more acmonths at Ximena, near Carteia, in cident brings to light in the bamboo stem a gem. Nature has molded into a lump a little of the flinty material which makes the outer stem so hard. The nodule usually presents the appearance of an opal, and several specimens name is obviously derived from his and who still own the caves. This carried the characteristic lines of that gem. the characteristic lines of that gem. These nodules are known as tabaceer. them back about 2,000 years, to a period antedating the Christian era, but it is possible to trace the line much further. These nodules are known as tabaceer. It is interesting to note that the first chemical and mineralogical examination of them was made by the James Smithson whose munificence established the first of the scientific bureaus of the American government.

designated the carved figurehead of their galleys.

The identification is made more complete by the fact that the Phœnicians were the founders of Carteia, as of Cadiz in the same province. That adds another 1,000 years or so to the Pacheco pedigree. Think of it—a landed estate remaining in the possession of the same family for 3,000 years! This is designated the carved figurehead of the another in the condition in which the fruit is known in the United States the milk in the coccanut is considered its only content. The really ripe nut, however, is filled with a white spongy mass, rich in the finest oil which the nut produces. Think of it—a landed estate remaining in the possession of the same family for 3,000 years! This is donated the American government.

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The English Flag. St. Patrick. Thus: The flag of "St. him assistance. His only words were, George for merrie England," a red cross "Pull off the pants." The combined on a white ground, the red lines drawn efforts of the family were vain, howstraight from top to bottom and from ever, until some one suggested that a side to side; the flag of St. Andrew for seam be ripped. This done, there was Scotland, a white cross on a blue disclosed not a hornet's nest, rats or ground; the flag of St. Patrick for Ireland, a red cross on a white ground, the eight kittens. — Hickman County narrow red lines drawn from corner to (Tenn.) News. corner. By placing the cross of St. George on that of St. Andrew we have "the Jack," as ordered in 1606 by James I, whose signature was always "Jacques;" hence the expression, "the Jack." By laying the cross of St. Patrick over that of St. Andrew and then placing that of St. George over both, we have "the union jack," as borne since the union with Ireland in 1800.— Boston Transcript.

General Robert E. Lee was in the cars going to Richmond one day and was seated at the end farthest from the door. The other seats were filled with officers the original population of the Spanish peninsula. Their seat is the mountains of the northern district, and in many and finding no seat, and having none offered to her, approached the end where dwell in holes, live on roots and reptiles

each one offering his seat to the general. But he calmly said:

none for me. "

The effect was remarked. One after another got out of the car. The seats seemed to be too hot for them, and the general and the old lady soon had the car to themselves.

An Immediate Necessity, Mrs. Watts-What is on that button?

Watts-"Remember the Maine." Mrs. Watts-It would do more imtion "ez," so common in Spanish names, is Basque, and signifies "son," as Perez, sen of Peter, exactly like our own Peterson.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Mrs. Watts—It would do mere immediate good if you would get a button with "Don't Forget the Groceries" on it.—Indianapolis Journal.

Origin of Cuba.

Haiti is a native name, meaning mountainous country. The name Cuba is of native origin. The meaning is un-

Astronomers generally now admit that the more recent studies of the planets Mercury and Venus tend to confirm Schiaparelli's opinion, advanced some years ago, that both of them turn on their axes once while revolving about the sun. This, however, is a very difficult point to settle with certainty; the reason given for this being, and very plausibly, that the evidence rests upon observation of the exceedingly aint markings upon the disks of the planets, the fact being that very few astronomers have ever seen them at all with distinctness, and only those who have made a most persistent study of them and are favored with vision especially sensitive to such details are competent to express an opinion as to their

correct interpretation.

It is argued that if, as held by some, the rotation and revolution periods are the same be a correct opinion, then the climatic conditions of the two planets must be most remarkable. Furthermore, our moon always shows the same face to the earth and no knowledge exists of the hidden part, nor have the supposed inhabitants of that concealed hemisphere ever seen the earth. This, however, is of no importance to them, as the earth is not the source of light, heat and life on the moon. All parts of the moon are brought under the sun's influence just as all parts of the earth, though the day and night are 14 times as long as on the earth. But how it must be on a planet which has one side only exposed to the sun, astronomers can give no answer. - Exchange.

Murderers May Be "Nice."

At daybreak at Sakhalin-you could hardly see daybreak on account of the shutters-one of the ugliest looking women I ever saw crept in with a cup of tea that is always given in Asia very early in the morning, and she was a murderess. I went to the little tent outside to have breakfast, and a man came up behind me and reached over my shoulder, and he was a murderer. When we rode out after breakfast, a man with magnificent broad shoulders and splendid face drove, and he was a murderer. The fact is, strange as it may seem, they (the governor and Russian officers at Sakhalin) have no choice. All the domestics must come from the material they have, and if you take a thief he is almost always sure to stay a thief, while a murderer may be a very nice kind of a person. They did that kind of thing among themselves, and I don't want any better men 'han some of those that were sent there for murder.—Bulletin American Geographical Society.

A Gallant Thief.

A woman in London recently had her pocket picked, one of the articles being a sealed and unaddressed envelope, containing a £5 note. The next day she re-ceived back the stolen articles, with the following explanatory note:

her beloved. I will not wrong your lover by taking the sweet words and kisses which you meant for him, and I am very sorry that I have even for a short time delayed his receiving his letter. May you be happy, dear girl, with him whom you have chosen, and believe always in the good wishes of your obedient

A Quiet Nesting Place.

A peculiar accident overtook a Hickman county man named Arnold. One morning not long since he arose early and went to the wardrobe, took down his summer trousers and drew them on. England's national flag has been This proceeding resulted in such yells called "a triplet of crosses," for it is that the entire family was awakened. composed of the cross of St. George, the Mr. Arnold was soon surrounded by the cross of St. Andrew and the cross of family, which was anxious to render

Lord Rothschild's Physician

One of the Chinese methods is, I believe, to pay the physician as long as the patient is in good health, with the obvious intention of making it the interest of the doctor to keep the patient well. Apparently this is the method Lord Rothschild has adopted. I hear that he pays Sir William Broadbent a retaining fee of 1,000 guineas a year. conditional on Sir William visiting him every Saturday to feel his pulse and see that he is keeping in good health.— Sheffield (England) Telegraph.

Ugly Races.

The Bosjesmans, in south central Africa, are exceedingly ugly and exist al-most in a state of animalism. They

family are, although civilized, extreme-But he calmly said:

"No, gentlemen, if there was no seat for the infirm old woman, there can be protruding chin.

ly ugly. They have short, fat noses small eyes, high cheek bones and a protruding chin.

Time the Magician. Mother-What is the matter, Clara?

You look distressed. Clara (a bride)—George has—has had k ac off on a-a trip, and he won't be back for-for two days-boohoo!

Same Mother (some years later)— How long will your husband be away? Same Clara-I forgot to ask.-New York Weekly.

Only One More of Them. The new rector gazes mildly at the small boy in the Sunday school and says, "My dear little fellow, have you read the 'Thirty-nine Articles?'

"No," rejoined the small boy, "but I've read the 'Forty Thieves.'