boisterous wind lifted the snow and through one of the broken windows as | up by the fire, but she scrambled to the if curious to see the inside, then formed little piles which were whirled around the room by a stray gust from the big wind outside, then piling up against two huddled up figures that lay in the farther corner, revealing a girl, scantily dressed, a rag of a cotton shawl wound round her, an elevenyear-old girl, but with an expressive wisdom and experience in her face that made one shudder, while pitying her. Her eyes were closed and she breathed softly. The other was a dog. The snow kept piling up against the two until the dog moved uneasily, and licked his mistress' hand with a fervor that woke her instantly. She patted his head, and slowly rose, revealing an immense pair of shoes in which her feet were lost, cut and torn, and one latchless. The snow, losing its support, flew around the room, then settled down on the floor, making a white covering of purity that hid its dirt. Everyone in Bleeker Lane knew the girl and her attendant, the dog. The dog had been rescued by Fleddis from an immense tin pail which he was regarding aggressively one summer's day, crouching in the sun with despair written in his very tail. Bleeker Lane first knew them as "Fleddis an' the dawg," then as "Fleddie an' Fleddis," putting the dog first. but his love for his mistress was so fervent that it was a constant source wasn't leaking out'n his skin." "Fledback," and he curled himself in a corner accordingly. Gathering up her wisp of a shawl, she dragged the shoes half-curtained windows with little Fleddis were dead. gasps of admiration and envy, until some one opened the door and she scuttled away. As she went up the street she begged timidly, and when she finally got a copper from a passing man it was accompanied with: "Children like these begging! Shameful!" The snow was falling lightly, but as she tramped on it got in her shoes and she could barely walk, her feet were so cold. It was getting dark, and she stopped at a friendly baker's and got as she saw how wistfully her customer eyed them. As she drew near the frame house she called home, a light of destiny." flared up in the sky, bursting through a dense bank of smoke and revealing throng fire lines drawn, and streams of water spattering against the ramwith ice and freezing on the fire fighters below. A sudden pang seized her. and coiling around the rotten frame she had left, and it was doomed. The the other houses, thought nothing of the dog. The room was brightly lit, and Fleddis saw her pet coiled in the up as the light became brighter. Round and round it sniffed, then ran to the stairs. They were smoking, but the during the long ceremonies. dog went down a few steps, then running back fearfully, sprang to the pitifully. Compassionate murmurings



She stopped at a friendly baker's. held below, but the dog would not jump. A cry of sympathy went up from below, and then-oh! his mistress caught her breath as he gave a long howl of pain and terror, looking at her. The howl rose above the deep undertone of sound, and seemed to pierce her through and through. As he dropped there was a little rush about her, and then from the spectators arose a cry of horror as a little | woodchuck got clean away!"

How cold it was in Bleeker Lane! ! white figure struggled through them The wind seemed to have a particular and plunged into the fire lines. On spite against an old, ramshackle, she ran, her head filled with one idea; three-story frame building that stood she must save Fleddie. A burly fireon the corner, bumping into it, and man loomed up before her and sweeping and growling about it until stretched out a detaining hand, but it heaved and groaned, as if crying she dodged and passed him, and slipout against its rough playfellow. The ping on the ice-covered street he lost falling snow piled up against it, and his balance and fell. Another plunged by the dim light one could see how the at her and held her foot, but she left the shoe in his hand and hobbled on. flung it against the old house, snow- She had reached the door and jumped note to his wife in the hotel, and in balling it, roaring with glee as now through the flame. A burst of flame the nick of time the petticoat arrived. and then a window broke in. Up on sprang to meet her, but she did not the third floor the snow poured in feel it. A step broke through, licked fect success, and no one at a distance



She plunged into the burning room, groping for her pet.

one above, groping her way up the smoke-laden steps. Up, up she went, flaming and reached the top step. She plunged into the burning room, crying for her pet, and groping for him till He was a terrier of the ordinary size, she felt him in the corner. He licked her hand feebly, then holding him fast, felt her way to the window, her hair of wonder to the 'Avenoo', as it was on fire, her dress burning, but she did derisively called, "why some on it not feel the pain. Up, up to the window, gulfed in by fire, and then roar die," she said, "wait 'ere till I comes after roar of horror went up from the crowd below as they saw her reach it, holding the dead dog tightly to her. The fire embraced the whole house down the worm-eaten steps, almost now, and it was shaking ominously. being run down by a half drunken man | What a bright light that was! She as she stepped outside. He raised his could see a long lane of gold reaching fist threateningly. "Oh! Fleddis!" he far out in the sky, and she was taken hiccoughed, and lurched on. Poor lit- up to it, holding her Fleddie closely tle girl! How pitiful she looked as to her. The fire hurt no more now. she passed up the narrow alley! As How good she felt! The house leaned, she came to the wider street, a shab- then toppled, falling amidst a shower by house, brightly lit up, caught her of sparks. A long flame shot up in the attention. It was a children's party sky, left its parent stem reluctantly, going on, but she peered through the and flew into the night. Fleddie and

CHILDREN AT THE CORONATION Space to Be Set Aside in Westminster Abbey for Them-

If the earl marshal carries out his present intention one of the most interesting places in Westminster abbey on the day of the coronation will be the "children's corner," a space which it is proposed to set aside for the youthful little peers and peeresses in their own right, who, though still a roll for her cent, the kind-hearted boys and girls, have a legal right of woman putting some cakes in the bag which they intend to avail themselves-of being present when Edward VII. is enthroned on the "stone

There are several boys in the peerage who, owing to the death of their the alley crowded with a jostling father or some other relative, became hereditary legislators before they gave up the nursing bottle, or soon shackle buildings, coating the street after, and several little peeresses who succeeded to their titles at an immature age. These little peers and peer-Fleddie! The fire was already circling esses, in their coronation robes and coronets, it is proposed to corral in one group, which would make a pretfiremen saw this, and trying to protect ty picture; but think of the possibilities, says the New York Mail and Express, should the little folks get to squabbling among themselves! The corner. It stirred, and then jumped earl marshal would better provide a "lord high wielder of the birch rod" to keep the children's corner in order

As the ages of the boy peers range all the way from 9 to 19, the older window and hung there, looking down ones may be set as "monitors" over them, the way they used to do at school. A vast amount of property will be represented by these children. There is the Viscount Combernere. 15 years old, and possessed of 14,000 acres, with three great country houses, one of them being the celebrated Combermere abbey; the Baron Carbery, 10 years old, with an estate of value in Ireland, and Lord Holmpatrick, with about 7,000 acres to his estate. Among the big boys is the earl of Caledon, 17 years old, an immensely rich youth, with 30,000 acres to his fortune. Lord Camoys, a year older, has an estate of 6,800 acres.

He Meant Well. "I was laid up in the cabin of a North Carolina mountaineer with a sprained ankle," says a traveler, "and though he would willingly have provided me with the best, the fare consisted of pones, fried squirrel and corn coffee every meal. On the fifth day I must have let slip some sign that things were growing monotonous, for he looked over at me and said:

"Stranger, I reckoned to make a change in this yere fodder, but it didn't come about."

"Oh, the fodder is all right," I replied. "But I don't skassly think it is, and I was gwine to make a change. Sorry

to say I couldn't do it, but the dratted

EMBARRASSED THE CLERGYMAN PARIS TAKES TO HORSE FLESH

Minister's Makeshift All Right Until the Maid Appeared.

A distinguished Episcopal clergyman was once called on to officiate at a fashionable summer resort church, and, finding only a short surplice and no cassock in the vestry, was very much disturbed at the thought of having to appear in a vesture that to the frivolous would look like a white shirt and trousers. But a happy inspiration came to him. Why not wear one of his wife's black petticoats? The portion that would show below the surplice would look exactly like the regulation cassock, and no one would ever be the wiser. So he hurriedly sent one of the ushers with an explanatory The makeshift turned out to be a percould tell that he was not wearing a cassock. After the close of the service he decided to go out to the body of the church without taking off his robes, in order to greet some friends. And he was soon the center of a group of fashionable women, when a green Irish maid from the hotel came up, and in a loud voice said to him: "Yer Riverence, the missus sint me afther her petticoat that ye do be wearin', an' I wuz to wait till ye take it off."-New York Tribune.

MADE LIVING BY CRACKING WHIPS

Curious Trade Discovered by the Police of France.

The Paris police have recently been informed by one af the fraternity of whip-crackers that such a calling exwhich men earn their livelihood in

Whip-crackers, it appears, are men who possess strong wrists and are willing to crack whips all day long, if required, on receipt of a suitable fee. At the commencement of the shooting season, when the proprietors of neighboring demesnes are not good friends, the one who bears ill-will to the other engages a whip cracker, whose duty it is to crack a whip so as to frighten away all the birds at the approach of the disliked sportsman and his friends.

The whipcrackers are also found useful by farmers afflicted with diseased cattle which they cannot sell. Having engaged a whipcracker, they turn out the sick beasts on the most frequented highway they can find. The cracker follows with his whip, ostensibly to guide the cattle, really to drive them under the wheels of a carriage, a motor car or a tram. This he does by cracking his whip at the critical moment so as to frighten the beasts and drive them to destruction.

Her Level Head.

way, "it goes without saying that a the weather; it is a result, he asserts, beautiful girl like you must have had wholly of a desire for adornmentmany offers of marriage."

She blushed prettily, and her eyes

seemed to say "Of course," but she did not answer otherwise. "And, of course," he went on, "I

wouldn't think of asking who any of thor, that they are "made to please." the men were or anything about them. but I am interested in knowing how they do it." Then she roused herself.

"Look here," she said. "Are you trying to get hints how to propose to me or to some other girl?"

Thus it was that she pinned him down, as it were, and brought him to the point.

Napoleon Bonaparte's Wealth.

Napoleon Bonaparte's will, among those of great men, affords the nearest parallel to that of Cecil Rhodes in the fortune it bequeathed. He was surely the richest exile since the world began. From his lonely home at St. Helena he bequeathed to his relatives and friends \$40,000,000. He had been rich, in gold as in power, beyond the dreams of avarice, and there must have passed through his hands a private fortune such as mortal man has rarely dreamed of. His exactions set down at nearly \$375,000,000, which is, after all, but six times multiplying the gift he secured for himself from the Austrian treasury after Austerlitz. He died forty times a millionaire.

Roads Made of Gold.

The people of the two counties south of Lacrosse, Wis., especially near Prairie du Chien, have been for years using gold-bearing quartz for road making and house building. thinking it was common stone. The finding of a heavy, paying vein of gold on a farm of Mrs. N. S. Dousman set them right. By following up the vein it was traced for many miles around, touching, in some places, quarries where rock has been taken for years.

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For the Rich Only.

Uncle and Aunt Melcher went to town to buy a new clock. "Now," said the dealer, "here is something very attractive in the way of clocks. When the hour begins, a bird comes out of the top and sings 'Cuckoo!' For instance, I turn this hand to 3 o'clock, and the bird comes out and sings 'Cuckoo!' three times."

"Don't that beat all?" cried Uncle Melcher, enthusiastically. "Mother.

let's have one." "No, no!" said his wife hastily. 'That sort of a clock might do for folks that have got lots of time, but it'd take me half the forenoon every day to take care of that bird."-Youth's Companion.

Over Two Hundred Shops Where Chesp

Meat Is Sold. The taste for horseflesh in Paris, which is demonstrated by the recent banquet, does not date back many years. It was under the second empire, during the expedition to Morocco, that it came into the dietary of the French soldier. The expeditionary column had nothing to live upon, so it

slew and ate the horses, and everyone was agreeably surprised at the quality of the meat.

Emile Decroix, a veterinary surgeon with the troops, resolved to profit by the experience. Arrived in Paris, he set about popularizing the horse as food. He distributed meat gratuitously to the poor population. In his propaganda he interviewed the prefect and ministers and even had audience of the emperor. He opened the first hippophagous butchery, in the Place d'Italie, in 1866. It was the siege of Paris that caused the flesh of horses to be regarded as a positive delicacy. That was thirty-two years ago. How has the notion progressed since? Paris has now 250 shops where they sell the meat; all are prospering. Last year 30,000 horses were slaughtered and eaten. Rouen, Toulouse, Lille, Orleans, have all taken to horse eating. The meat is cheaper than beef. Whereas one pays 3 francs the livre for good

you take horse. The animal that was eaten the other day with such eclat had a singular history. It won several steeplechases at Auteuil and Bois-Colombes. It was an English mare and its name was Nell Gwyn. In November, 1893, the crowd on the course was very irritated ists and claims recognition as one of | at the defeat of the favorite in the the "professions" by the exercise of | preceding race. It revenged itself by throwing stones. One of the stones struck the left eye of Nell Gwyn and ruined the sight. Nevertheless, the noble beast won the race.-Pall Mall

fillet of beef, it only costs a franc if

DEFENDS WOMEN'S USE OF CORSETS French Scientist Tells Why They Are Needed by Women.

In an article on "Women's Clothing and Hygiene," contributed to the Revue Scientifique by M. Frantz Glenard, the author controverts popular ideas on the subject of the corset. He lays down the following propositions: "1. The corset has its raison d'etre from the esthetic point of view.

2. Esthetics and hygiene may be reconciled in women's clothing, even in the corset.

"3. The corset may be of use in certain maladies."

These statements, which he acknowledges are somewhat audacious on the part of a hygienist, he attempts to justify in the course of his article. As to the first, he remarks that the adoption of clothing by man is the result neither of modesty nor of "Of course," he said in an offhand a desire to protest the body against the same that leads the savage to tattoo himself. Men's costume has tended more and more to straight lines. signifying action, women's to curved lines, signifying, according to the au-"Rigidity and strength for man," he says, "suppleness and fascination for woman." The corset, then, is an attempt to preserve and accentuate the

▲ Geological Fallacy.

curved outline of the waist.

Probably the most wild and unjustifiable of all the crude beliefs respecting geological resources is that which holds to the conviction that by going deep enough the drill is sure to find something of value, no matter at what point the work of boring is commenced. There are numerous wise persons in every community, estimable, influential and in the highest degree public spirited, who are convinced that the question, for example, of finding coal in their special locality is simply a matter of the depth to which the explorations are carried. Rock oil and natural gas are recognized as desirable products in every progressive community, and every such community contains persons, in other respects intelligent, who are ready to stake their own fortune and that of their nearest friends on the belief that oil and gas are everywhere underneath the surface, and that their sources can be tapped with the drill, providing only there is sufficient capital to keep up the process of drilling long enough.

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