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### OVERLOADED WITH LESSONS. WEIRD INDIAN DANCE

Mourning Ceremonies in Memory of a Deceased Chief.

Hideous Orgies and Horrible Self-Indiction Performed by a Band of California Redmen-Daneing in the Fire.

The Mesa Grande Indians of San Diego county gave the wildest firedance that has ever been witnessed in this part of the country near here a short time ago says a southern California paper.

The ceremonial was given to commemorate the death of Jose Clayto, a prominent young chief of his tribe, who was killed last year. Big mourn-ing ceremonies attended his burial, but none of them were so terrific as the memorial orgies.

The dance was given at nine o'clock at night in the large open square of the flests grounds of the village.

In the middle of the plaza a great fire of logs lighted up the weird scene and threw a flickering and uncertain illumination upon the wild and excited faces and figures of hundreds of squatting squaws and stand-ing Indians, all hideously and grotesquely painted and all grimly watching the places where the dancers were concealed.

About 9:30 o'clock two great Indians emerged from the deep mysterious shadows of the ramadas about 20 yards from the spectators, and, slowly crouching and stooping as day than the strong man? The thing they came, approached the fire, ut-They were naked to the waist, and

their great, dark, sinuous bodies were painted hideously with a white paste. They wore a headdress of owl feathers and a festoon of eagle plumes draped from their shoulders to their walsta.

solemnly about the fire three times, at 12 the hours muy be increased to bowing, kneeling and gesticulating to five. At 14 years a girl should be taken it with barbaric cries and yells and from school for a year. That year will

ing which the fire played fitfully age of is or 19 a girl is apt to become upon the set, tragic faces of the spec- impatient over the routine of housetators. The roar and cackle of the burning loss was the only sound in 15 is deeply interested and quite ready the great plaza.

At last a solitary Indian leaped from the shadowy ramadas with a wild, unearthly cry and circled about vigorated that she more than makes the fire with mad yells and excited up in quickness of comprehension and gestures, three times, and then re- power for the time which has been turned with another strange cry into otherwise spent. During this year of the shadows.

dians who emerged from the darkness crawling slowly on their hands tered strange, low gutteral sounds in their throats. They, like their pre- Victim of Untoward Circumstances decessors, were naked to their waists and daubed with streaked and white paint. Their lithe brown legs were bare, but their loins were encircled with a short skirt of dark feathers. They wore head dresses of black crow feathers which fell to their waists in dark festoons.

The procession of crawling Indians ceded by three braves, who Herald. walked backward, and apparently tried to herd the others back. As the procession slowly wound around the fire ten of the crawling creatures tried to roll into the blaze, but they were prevented by the herders. When the band had made the circle of the blaze three times it came to a halt and the herders were handed bowls of a magic fluid by the medicine men which they sprinkled upon the heads and backs of the kneeling savages with feathers.

#### Nearly All Schoolgirls Study Too Hours & Day, Says Ethel-Inda Hadwen,

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There is only a certain amount of vital force in each child's body; if you, by giving too much brain and nerve straining work, oblige all that vital force to concentrate itself on the brain, where is the force which is to form the healthy body to come from? says Ethelinda Hadwen, in Chambers' Journal. You will not produce a noble, large-minded woman if you give the girl-child a puny, half developed body because you are desirous of putting too much music, German and French into her brain in too short a time. Of what use is book learning to a girl who has no health? Moreover, too much nerve-straining brainwork means not merely impaired health, but also impaired personal appearance. A good complexion, good teeth, fine hair, clear, bright eyes, an erect, active figure, are not found in the girl whose brain has been systematically overworked. Six hours of brainwork is the most that should be expected of any schoolgirl in one day; but girls of 15 and 16 are so overloaded with lessons that they work, not six hours, but sine and ten hours a day. Now, an eight hour day of brainwork is considered guite sufficient for a strong man; how is it reasonable to expect that a girl who has not only to expend brain power, but also growing power, and whose nervous system is in such a condition that the labor is far harder in proportion for her. shall work for two hours longer per is absurd, and the general result is tering wild, strange gutteral cries. that the girls too often, like senior wranglers, have exhausted their brains and lost all power of original thought before they leave the academic world and enter the world of action. "Girls should not go to school until they are seven years of age, and then should not have more than three hours In their strange, savage, crouch- of lesson work daily. At the age of ing position they danced slowly and nine they may study four hours, and

then disappearing in the shadows be most usefully spent in bailding up whence they came. An interval of silence followed, dur- learning housewifely tasks. At the hold tasks, whereas the girl of 14 or to learn. After a year's interval she will go back to school with zest, and her mind, having had a rest, is so inchange of work the girl may profitably He was followed by a band of 15 In. read standard romances, histories and other forms of good literature.

# and knees. As they came they ut. PAWNED HIS DENTAL NUGGET.

Parts with the Only Remnant of Former Prosperity,

There was one vacant stool left at the lunch counter, and, as he took it, he sighed and let his glance roam idly over the long shelves of pie and cream

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a Victim to the Apparently Guileless.

Waiting at the union depot was a round-faced man with an attractive countenance, eyes that invited confidence, and rather long hair that waved from a fine forehead. He was dressed in clericals and looked the part. When the old farmer took a seat after buying a ticket for Ypsilanti the two fell into conversation relates the Detroit Free Press.

The minister brought the talk around to pickpockets and men who fool you out of your money, and expressed a great dread of them. He clung to this tople until the noise of a row was heard from the outside and he expressed a desire to see what was the matter.

"Come on," he shouted, as he started.

'No, my friend," replied the farm-"not if you have any money about er. you. It is sure to be taken from you in a rough crowd like that."

"Here, you hold it and my watch until I run out a few minutes, and then I'll hold your valuables while you go." "All right, don't be too long," and the farmer accepted his trust.

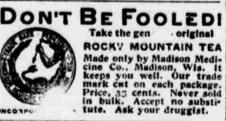
When the minister returned the farmer was gone. Never did a clerical masquerade come to a quick end. He rushed around muttering things profane, kept his hand in his hip pocket and told everybody but the policeman that he could lick any farmer that ever wore shoe leather. Half an hour later he was in a saloon making things blue. "I'll know him if I ever see him again, I don't care how he's dressed, and I'll cut him into inch squares. I don't 'low any man to make a sucker of me and live to blow about it."

"Some guy cross-counter on the con game, Dick?"

"None of your blanked business; but if that mug didn't do the farmer as well as I did the sky pilot I'll jump off puffs and sandwiches and many things the dock. He had a bunch with him good to look upon when one's capital 'as thick as your arm too. But he's got is a dime, says the Chicago Record- all my stuff and some lamb's got to



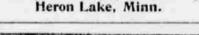
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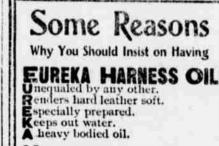


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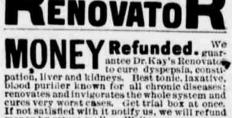
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During this ceremony not a sound was heard but a low, monotonous chant which the squaws had begun as the procession halted.

After the sprinkling the band leaped up and began a furious dance. accompanied by yells and shricks of maddened excitement. As the dance grew wilder the chants grew louder and more frantic, the women joined in the chorus, and for ten hours the braves danced until they could hardly stand. The women heaped up the fire, the logs blazed up and illuminat-

ed the whole plaza, and the assembly joined in the furious dance.

For a half hour this continued, and then all but the original dancers withdrew, led by old Sonone with his medicine rattle.

Then came the most hideous part of the whole hideous performance. Suddenly, with deep grunts and guttural snarls of excitement, the whole band sat down about the fire and thrust their feet into the blaze.

The place was filled with the sickening odor of burning flesh, but not one indian flinched or moved his feet from the fire.

The dance continued until the Indians had danced the coals out, when they all fell on their knees where the fire had been, and with frenzied excitement beat it out with their unprotected hands.

Sponge Cake Charlotte. A variation to the usual baker's charlotte can be made at home with sponge cake. Make or buy one that is baked in a pan about four inches high, four or five inches wide and long in proportion. The cake should be \$4 hours old before it is used. Take off the top neatly, scoop dut the center, filling the space with a charlotte of whipped cream. Restore the top and cover with a chocolate icing. The diah may be ornamented with almonds that have been blanched and slightly browned and bits of citron if that flavor is liked. Powdered macaroons may be mixed with the whipped cream

Siling if desired .- N. Y. Post.

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make good.

"Ham," he said, wearily, to the negro waiter, "and mince pie. I found out long ago," he went on, turning to the man on the next stool, who had red-hots and potato salad, "that there is more nourishment in the mince than in others. It is likewise filling. One learns life's lessons easily under pressure of circumstances. Take the illusive lemon pie, for instance-are you fond of lemon pie, by the way?" "Aw, back up, back up," murmured

his neighbor, and he sighed again and reached for the toothpicks.

"That's all right, but there was time-well, never mind; let it pass." He took his ham sandwich and mince ple and ate in silence. All at once there was a brief struggle over the ham, and when he had finally taken the bite he hesitated and cautiously reached for his mouth with a scared look on his face. When he drew his hand away it held a gold tooth.

"Great dying Moses," he gasped, "look at that. I give you my solemn word, sir, it's the only thing of value I owned that was saved from the wreck of matter and the crush of worlds-otherwise that wasn't soal ed, soaked deeply and irretrievably. But

He placed the gold tooth carefully away in his inside pocket and rose from the stool.

"Where are you going?" asked the other man, with a faint show of interest

"To a better and a fairer land," replied the stranger, as he buttoned his coat collar up closer about his throat and smiled. "I go to mine uncle to present him with a dental nugget, and then," he paused, with a sidelong look of scorn at the half-eaten sandwich and the mince pie. "Then I shall feast on locusts and wild honey, on pan roasts and California fruits and lobsters and tutti-frutti ice cream. Farewell.'

And the other man grinned as he burned to his red-hots and said, softly: "Whos, Bill!"

#### Joyful Anticipation,

We marveled much. The great Indian shief was slowly obbing away with the calm smile of one who knows the great beyond.

"But," we interposed, "are you sure that you will like the 'happy hunting grounds?"

"Ugh, yes!" responded the great chief; "no get taken for deer and shot by pale brother. No game wardens." We said no more. Slowly we joined the and procession.-Chicago Daily News

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