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OLD SWISS LAWS.

Queer Statutes That Governed Wed-

dings and Wearing Apparel.

"Switzerland had a law that no wed-

ding party should have more than

twenty guests-ten men friends of the

bridegroom and ten women friends of

permitted to have more than two sing-

ers, two fiddlers and two trumpeters.

Married women were forbidden to

wear silk or decorated hoods, though

maidens might. No woman, whether

married or unmarried, was allowed to

wear any dress in which the opening

for the neck was so large that it did

not lie at least two inches wide upon

the shoulders, and the gown must not

be buttoned or laced up in front or at

the side. To restrain the fashion of

long pointed shoes it was enacted that

no person of either sex should wear a

shoe with a point extending beyond the

foot enough to allow anything to be in-

serted in it, nor was any woman or

girl permitted to wear laced shoes. No

man or boy should wear a coat that

did not reach to the knee. Garments

were forbidden to be slashed so as to

show different colors or kinds of mate-

rial, and trousers were required to be

made without stripes and both legs of

the same color. In 1470 one Swiss can-

ton in council assembled enacted that

hereafter no one shall make points of

shoes or boots longer than one joint of

the finger, and if any shoemaker shall

make them longer he shall be fined £1,

as also the person wearing them.-Lon-

VICE PRESIDENT KING.

He Took the Oath of Office Abroad,

but Did Not Live to Serve.

William Rufus King, born April 6,

1786, died April 18, 1853, was a vice

president of the United States who

never served in that capacity and one

who took the oath of office on foreign

soil, something which can be said of

no other executive officer who has ever

been elected by the people of this coun-

try. King was an invalid, but his

friends urged him to take second place

Both were elected, but Mr. King's

health failed so rapidly that he was

forced to go to Cuba some two months

returned to the United States by

March 4, congress passed a special act

on the ticket with Pierce in 1852.

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A QUAINT OLD CITY.

Bruges, the Chief Industry of Which Is Lace Making.

Bruges lace has been made in the convents of Bruges by old women whose hands have grown stiff clicking the bobbins back and forth, who learned when they were children from other old women, who in turn had learned it from other old women, and so on back for hundreds of years. Lace making is the chief industry of this city of Belgium, the capital of the province of West Flanders, but that it has not made for the prosperity of the place is attested by the fact that in a population of something like 50,000 there are 15,000 paupers. It is a very quaint old city, the corporation of weavers of Bruges having been celebrated in the time of Charlemagne. It reached the height of its prosperity in the fifteenth century, when it was one of the great commercial emporiums of the world and was famed far and wide for its tapestries. The great prosperity, however, led to such extravagant habits in dress and social life that Charles V. was obliged to pass stringent sumptuary laws. Complications between subsequent rulers and the people led to the removal of all trade to Antwerp and the ruin of Bruges as a commer- bustion of 1,000,000,000 tons of the best cial center, but the name and fame of its lace have been imperishable.-New York Herald.

A Whale's Jawbones.

The jawbones of a whale are sometimes twenty feet in length, and the month, when wide open, is 12 by 18 feet. The throat, however, is so small as scarcely to admit a hen's egg. The whale gets his living by straining the animalculae and small fish out of the cigars and his theater tickets. And water he takes into his capacious this observation recalls the fact that mouth. It must be slow work, but the laundryman never has any innovathen he has plenty of time and nothing tion in his business. He will ruin about else to do, so he attends to his eating so many shirts and collars and cuffs so regularly that he often accumulates every three months and never say a n ton of oil in his bulky system.

Early Rising Royalty.

According to the following entry in Pepys' diary of March 7, 1669, royalty rose somewhat earlier in the day than is the custom now for the purposes of and horse races."

Free Translation.

Mrs. Reeder-I wonder what this pa- of the goddess. er means by this: "Mr. Kadley's method of entertaining his guests was quite original and unconventional?" Reeder-It means simply that he is to work?" asked the farmer's wife of boorish, but has plenty of money .the bride. No wedding procession was Philadelphia Ledger.

> Those who have no good qualities can neither appreciate nor comprehend Dealer. them in others.-Rochefoucauld.

How the Vestal Virgins Were Honored by the Romans.

The principal wind deities were Boreas, the north wind; Zephyrus, the keep them in the drawer of his writwest; Auster, the south, and Eurus, the ing table.-T. P.'s Weekly. east wind. The first was remembered chiefly on account of a love scrape. He fell in love with a nymph, but could not speak softly and found him- ought to marry? She-Well, I couldn't self unable to sigh at all. Knowing that it was impossible to make love without soft speeches and sighs, he twenty-nine.-Somerville Journal. was about to give up lovemaking as a bad job and go back to his regular business of blowing, but took advice of an expert, who recommended him to carry off the girl. He did so. She and the indefinite article to matter soon got used to his blowing, and they lived happily ever afterward.

Vesta was the goddess of life and of home. Her altar stood on every hearthstone; her fire burned on the floor of every public building. Emigrants when leaving their country alpublic hearth. The Vestal virgins there were present only the few learning their duties, ten in practicing them, ten in teaching novices. After this term had expired they might, if they chose, leave the service of their divine mistress or marry, but few did so. Honors were showered upon them. They rode in chariots, a privilege in Rome accorded only to royalty. The best seats in the amphitheater were reserved for them. They pardoned or condemned the gladiators. If a criminal led to execution met a Vestal he was instantly released, no matter what his crime.

CORPULENCE AND SANITY.

The Gospel of Fat as Applied to the Mentally Afflicted.

Are the majority of folk of weak inbefore inauguration day. Not having tellect? Is insanity on the increase? Are we all preparing ourselves for lunatic asylums? These startling quesauthorizing the United States consul tions have occurred to me after readat Matanzas, Cuba, to swear him in ing an article in a medical journal on as vice president at about the hour the "gospel of fat as applied to the when Pierce was taking the oath of treatment of mental disease." It seems that the more you fatten up the men-

as there is nothing like brain disease to cause too, too solid flesh to melt.

The aim of most of us nowadays is to keep down what our transatlantic ugilest word for everything, uncompromisingly call "flesh." We bathe, we massage, we dlet, we fly to these and those waters, we try all manner of cures and put ourselves into various kinds of straps and pastes and take violent exercise with the aim of fining ourselves down and keeping stoutness at bay.

Does this decided disposition on the part of men and women to avoid corpulence and the successful "thinning down" that we notice on all sides portend increase of lunacy? If so, dieting and the taking of waters and massage ought to be forbidden by act of parliament. By the way, Hamlet was fat and scant of breath, but he was certainly far from sane.-London World.

Some Wonderful Figures. Figures on the light and heat of the sun are the most startling that can possibly be presented. The astronomers measure the amount of heat and light emitted by the sun by estimating that the earth intercepts about the two billion three hundred millionth part of it. Thus it is found that in every second of time the sun emits as much heat as would result from the sudden combustion of 11,600,000,000, 000 tons of pure coal. It may be interesting to the reader to know that each portion of the sun's surface as large as this earth emits as much heat per second as would result from the comanthracite fuel.

The Laundryman.

There is one branch of trade which runs on in an even tenor regardless of prices and crashes. That is the laundry business. People who patronize laundries never economize on their linen. A man will average about so many shirts, collars and cuffs a week when he is cutting down on his drinks and word about it or make any deduction-If you keep quiet.-Chicago Tribune.

The Festival of Minerya.

The most notable festival at Athens was in honor of Minerva. All classes of citizens on this day marched in prowitnessing sport. Pepys says, "I hear cession. The oldest went first, then that the king (Charles II.) and the the young men, the children, the young Duke of York set out for Newmarket women, the matrons and the people of by 3 in the morning to see some foot the lower orders. The most prominent object in the parade was a ship propelled by hidden machinery and bearing at its masthead the sacred banner

A Crazy Idea.

"Haven't are ever thought of going Sauntering Sam.

"Yes'm," replied the veteran tramp. 'I thought of it once, but I was deeleeryus at de time."-Cleveland Plain

Schiller's Liking For Apples. One habit of Schiller's was a passion for the smell of an apple. He used to cut an apple into quarters and

Another Victim of His Curiosity. He-At what age do you think a girl think of setting the day before next October, George, when I shall be just

The Change of a Word.

"You wouldn't think there'd be enough difference between the definite much, would you?" said a woman who writes for a living. "I made a lifelong enemy of a woman once just by writing 'the' where I meant 'a.' It was an account of her wedding I was doing. I said something about the ceremony being performed at the home of the ways carried with them fire from the bride's aunt, and then I added that spent thirty years in service-ten in friends of the family.' The bride never got over that 'the' in front of few. It happened five years ago, and when my name is mentioned she still froths at the mouth."-Washington Post.

Nearing a Crisis.

Jackson (whose financial credit is gone)-I tell you, Witherbee, we are on the verge of a financial panic. Witherbee-Pshaw! What makes you think that? Jackson (confidentially)-Well, sir, Bagley and Roberts used to lend me small sums a year ago, but when I go to them nowadays for five or ten pounds they tell me frankly that they haven't got it. Bagley and Roberts are two of our best business men, too. I tell you, sir, we're going to have a panic.-London Express.

Indifference.

Indifference may not wreck the man's life at any one turn, but it will destroy him with a kind of dry rot in the long run. To keep your mind already made up is to be dull and fossillferous; not to be able to make it up year. Write for free specimen copy. tally afflicted the saner they become, at all is to be watery and supine .- Address but of course the difficulty lies in pro- Bliss Carman's "Friendship of Art."

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