Pera's Beggars.

Several beggars in Pera own a large amount of property. One well known man has houses worth ten thousand liras, and yet is to be seen begging in filthy rags. A poor governess, who was very charitable, used to give him a piastre twice a week. One day the missed a lira (pound) and thought she must have given it to the beggar by mistake. He had gone home for the day, so she followed him to his house on the Taxime. He received her graciously, looking like a pasha at least in his magnificent robes. "I never like to lose a good client," he said, and sent for his bag of takings; "If there is a lira here we shall find it." Sure enough, the lira shall find it." Sure enough, the lira was there. "Take it," he continued, and the poor girl, full of thanks, was burrying away when the beggar stopped "Wait a moment; you haven't given me the plastre."

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"Did you understand whom I meant," the emperor asked, "in addressing you sailors about the foreign foe?" Recruit-"Yes, Russians."

The emperor-"And enemies at home?

Recruit-"Prussians, your majesty.

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Travelers' Tales.

A Chinese Funeral. A well-conducted Chinese funeral is the most gorgeous sight in Asia. At the front of the funeral procession walk the noisy, musicless musiclans, Then come men bearing the insignia of the dignity of the dead, if he had any. Next come more men, carrying figures of animals, idols, umbrellas and blue and white streamers. After them come men carrying pans of perfume. Just before the coffin walk bonzes, Chinese priests. Over the coffin a canopy is usually carried. The casket is borne by about a score of men. Immediately behind the coffin walk the children of the deceased. The cldest son comes first. He is dressed in canvas, and leans heavily upon a stout stick. He is supposed to be too exhausted by grief and fasting to walk without the aid of the staff. The other children and relatives follow this chief mourner. They are clothed in white linen garments. The women are carried in chairs. They sob and wail at intervals and in unison. When the burying place is reached the bonzes begin chanting a mass for the dead, and the coffin is put into the tomb. A large oblong white marble table is placed before the tomb. On the middle of it is set a censer and two vases and two candlesticks, all of as exquisite workmanship as possible. Then they have a paper cremation. Paper figures of men, horses, garments and a score of other things are burned. They are supposed to undergo a material resurrection, and to be useful to the dead in the Chinese heaven. The tomb is sealed up or closed, and an entertainment concludes the ceremony at the grave.

Priests of the Himalayas.

This decidedly effective group was photographed near Darjeeling. The holy men know nothing of Drury Lane pantomime, though their highly original costumes irresistibly suggest that gorgeous pageant. They are the priests who minister unto the hardy hill-men. Fortunately for their wearers, the masks are not for every-day use; this is evidenced by the more ordinary head-gear held by the pastor on the extreme right. These dignitaries have, as it were, merely assumed for the occasion their episcopal robes.

In a Chinese House. The windows of Chinese houses belonging to the wealthy classes are

made of oiled paper or semi-transparent oyster shell, artistically wrought in a variety of fantastic patterns; as may be imagined, these give very little light and no ventilation, consequently the house during the day is dark and dull, but at night when the numberless picturesque lanterns are lighted, the scene is most beautiful. Round lanterns hang from the center and other points of the ceiling; some with flat backs are fastened to the wall, and others are set upright on tables and stands. The prettiest and most expensive are made of white silk or gauze, delicately painted in a variety of colors, red-the symbol of joy-predominating. There are octagonal lanterns fancifully painted, with red silk tassels hanging from each corner; mechanically contrived lanterns, which the heat sets in motion, beautifully carved horn lanterns, and some of basket work and bamboo. The rooms are separated one from another by carved wooden scroll work, which is most ornamental and gives a very rich and handsome appearance to the interior. This carving is sometimes gilded and sometimes polished; again the wood is left in a state of nature and given only a coating of wax. The Chinese are as fond as the French of mirrors; large and small ones are scattered about and cheval glasses placed in positions to give an idea of grandeur and extent. The doors of a Celestial home, instead of following a monotonously rectangular form, like those of the western world, are sometimes round or leafshaped, or semi-circular apertures. The round doors are regarded as a symbol of the sun. Another doorway will perhaps resemble a flower, illuminated by a window so constructed as to enhance the conceit, octangular doors are used in the gardens which separate one court from another, and again doors shaped like fans, leaves, scrolls and fruit are seen. Unlike the Japanese, the Chinese have been accustomed to the use of chairs for centuries. According to western ideas, the Chinese chairs are models of discomfort, for they are made of a pattern which prevailed in England in the days of Queen Elizabeth or Queen Anne: tall, straight of back, and inordinately angular. The most comfortable chair to be found has an adjustable back, and is filled with reversible

A Novel Currency.

cushions, but this is a modern inven-

tion. When visitors are expected, or

on the celebration of an anniversary,

strips of red cloth are thrown over the

low couches and squares of the same

material cover the seats of the chairs.

In an interesting article in Cassier's Magazine for October, by F. S. Prentiss, he gives this account of a curious currency in use in Mongolia and Siberia. "The tea business," writes Mr. Prentiss, "seemed to be in the hands of the Russians. They have here tat Foo Choo, China) two large factories for making tea-cakes. The tea is ground fine, almost to a powder, and then, by powerful hydraulic presses, is forced into blocks that are so hard that it is impossible to break them without a blow with a hammer. These are sent north through the great Chinese wall into Mongolia and Siberia, and pass current as money. In many localities it is the only currency used. As the that taste so had that a man gets well 5,833 patents, either of machines or spe-

same to an ounce, but as the money circulates around, however, pieces are chopped off to replenish the tea-pots, and the blocks depreciate in value in proportion to the chunks taken."

THE LOSS FROM BAD BALLOTS

The Necessity for Using the Greatest Precaution in Voting. The "Red Book," or official legislative manual for 1896, compiled and published by Gen. Palmer, secretary of state, pursuant to law, contains tables of the returns of election of November, 1895, which make a partial, and only a partial exhibit of alleged "defective" ballots thrown out by the poll canvassers. The total number of electors thus reported disfranchised in the state as a consequence of the confusion and confounding of the blanket ballot, or "Australian" system of voting, reaches the enormous number of 13,936! And that probably is not half the total! It is a well-known fact that in some of the districts of this city and county the inspectors at many of the polls construed the law as not requiring them to make report of "defective" ballots. Of the 140 election districts of the county no returns of such ballots are made from ninety-one, as the tables of the "Red Book" show. And yet 670 are ac-Chautauqua county, knowledged. which contains the cities of Dunkirk and Jamestown, make no return. Chemung, containing the city of Elmira, reports 2; Hamilton, none; Jefferson, with the city of Watertown, only 70; Kings, containing all the city of Brooklyn, the second county and city of the state, where it is known that the number of defective ballots rejected was relatively greater than in New York, none. The aggregate vote of Kings, practically a part of New York, returned as counted, is 168,007. The aggregate vote of New York returned as counted is 261,540. Yet New York acknowledges 10,265 ballots as "defective, etc.," and rejected. By rule of proportion Kings county must have had 6,620. Orange county, containing the cities of Newburg and Middletown, makes no report. Orleans, with numerous large villages, only 5; Richmond, only 3; Schenectady, with the city of Schenectady, none; Ulster, with the city of Kingston, none; Westchester, with the cities of Yonkers and Mt. Vernon, which have the Myers ballot machine, reports one defective and rejected vote, which must have been at the poll of one of the towns using the blanket bal-

Trouble With a Cash Register.

There were three in one party and two in the other. They were standing before the white-aproned dispenser of refreshments, and one of the three invited the entire party to have something. The dispenser dealt out the order of the three, took the dollar offered in payment and handed back 35 cents in change. The other two, standing a short distance away, were not served, as there was a mistake on the part of the cashler. The bill amounted to less than a quarter, according to the refreshments served the three. The host examined his coin and then looked surprised and grieved.

"I gave you a dollar," he said. "Was it a dollar? How much change did 1 give you?"

"Thirty-five cents."

"Well, I will have to wait until somebody buys I don't dare to open the register, as there's no false balance on it. Every time I open it it means a purchase charged to me. Sorry, but we'll have to walt."

The man to whom the change was coming stood by and waited until a cash purchase was made before he could get his money. He was the only one in the party who did not enjoy the situation. He remarked gloomily that he never had much use for cash registers anyway.-Chicago Chronicle.

The Ways of at Ant.

It has long been recognized that the ant is a very intelligent insect, and

leads a very complicated social life. There are classes among them-plutocrats, laborers and criminals. The author of a recent work on entomology notes the curious habit of one species of the ant of "turning some of their fellows into animated honey pots." Instead of placing honey in a comb as the bees do, the ant selects a certain number of workers, and disgorges the honey obtained from the eucalypti, on which it is deposited by coccidae and other insects, into the throats of their victims. The process being continually repeated, causes the stomachs of these workers to be distended to an enormous size. This extraordinary habit was first discovered in the case of certain ants in Mexico, and subsequently shown to prevail in Colorado It has been found to exist in Australia also, and Mr Frogart describes and figures these ants of the genus camponotus that pursue this remarkable practice. The ants containing honey

Great Alligators.

are favorite food with the natives.

Alligators were formerly one of the chief animal life tenants of Red River and the bayous of Louisiana, where, before steamboat navigation came to interrupt them, they could be seen by hundreds huddled together on the banks or massed on the floating or stationary logs-especially of Red River -waking the solitudes of the forest with their buil-like bellowing. Their length was generally between eight and twelve feet, although they sometimes grew to be twenty feet long. Their hides were once used extensively for the making of shoes, but the leather, not proving of sufficiently close texture to keep water out, shoemaking from this material was abandoned.

There are some kinds of medicine blocks leave Foo Choo they weigh the at the very thought of taking them.

POWERLESS TO COMBAT SIN. Education and Cu ture Have but Multi-

plied Man's Devices for Evil. "Men seek to make excuse for sin," writes Dwight L. Moody in the initial discourse to "Mr. Moody's Bible Class" in the Ladies' Home Journal. "They call it by other names and try to explain away its power or cover up its hideousness. They tell us that it is merely ignorance, which culture will eradicate; that in each and every man there is good, and that with culture and education this will be developed.

* * Antiquity has proved that edication and culture are powerless to combat natural sin. They seem to have out multiplied the ingenuities and devices of man's evil passions. The corrupt and degenerate days of cultured Rome, even during her proud 'Golden Age' of wealth, of literature, of beauty and philosophy, have left to us monuments of her obscenity and vice. The wisdom of Greece and the learning of Egypt never saved their subjects from the corruption of sin. The Epistles of St. Paul to the churches of Asia Minor are a sufficient commentary upon the efficacy of their boasted refinement in the development of noble and pure lives. Nor have we to go into ancient history for a vindication of the awful truth of a fallen nature. Do our own times offer no illustration of inherent sin? Does not the presence of sin, often the most vile and dark in its offices, reveal itself in lives which from earliest infancy have been surrounded by only that which was pure and good? Are our convicts made solely from those who have not had advantages?

TWO VIEWS ON PENSIONS.

Not Many Rich in Our Wars, Writes ex-

President Harrison. "There may be fair differences of opinion as to the extent and conditions of pension relief, but there is no room for doubt as to pensions," writes ex-President Harrison in the Ladies' Home Journal-"This Country of Ours" article, "Eleven dollars a month for war service implies, at least, relief in case of wounds or sickness for the soldier, and that the public will care for his widow and minor children. When the law of pillage prevailed it was otherwise; and when our rich men take to fighting our wars we can abolish the pension system, but thus far it is as historically true of the armies that won our independence, delivered us from the Indians and the British, and saved the nation in the great civil war, as of the Kingdom of Heaven: 'Not many rich.'

"There are two views of the pension question-one from the 'Little Round Top' at Gettysburg, looking out over a field sown thickly with the dead, and around upon bloody, blackened and maimed men cheering the shot-torn banner of their country; the other from an office desk on a busy street, or from an endowed chair in a university, lookinly only upon a statistical table."

He Had the Ozone in His Pocket.

"A misunderstanding as to the meaning of a word sometimes leads to peculiar situations," said the Rev. A. L. Smith, of Chicago, at the Arlington. "In company with several other ministers I was riding in a stage or hack, which served the purpose of a stage, en route to a camp meeting. The road wound among the mountains and the air was delightful, while the scenery was almost sublime. I was invigorated as though by a powerful tonic and several times remarked upon the ozone in the air. After one of these observations the driver stopped the horses and, beckoning to me slyly, climbed from the seat. Wondering what he could want I followed him and soon we were behind a large tree, out of view of the wagon. 'Parson,' said the driver, 'I couldn't bear to see you suffer. The ozone you smelled was in my pocket.' With these words he drew forth a large bottle of whisky which he offered to me. It took several minutes to convince him that it was not whisky I had referred to as ozone."-Washington Star.

Contagious Yawning. Two young men boarded an Oldtown trolley car one afternoon this week to settle a very peculiar wager, the one having bet the other a \$5 silver certificate that he would make six people out of ten yawn anywhere without saying a word. A well-filled car was selected for the purpose. The young man who had proposed the wager had not taken his seat many minutes when he opened his mouth and gave a fearful yawn. He speedily followed it by another, and then awaited results. A moment later a middle-aged lady promptly put her hand up to her mouth to smother a cavernous yawn. Almost everybody in the car after that seemed in a desperate hurry to follow the lady's lead. Out of the nineteen people in the car there were fourteen who were seized by the affliction.-Bangor News.

Two Disagreeable Characters. "I don't know anything more disa-

greeable than a man who will not do what he can.'

"Oh, he is not in it with the fellow who insists on doing what he can't." -Truth

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> He Didn't Want Them. Agnes Strickland once urged Mr. Donne to introduce her to George Bor-

row, author of "The Romany Rye." Borrow, who was in the room at the time, offered some objection, but was at length prevailed upon to accept the introduction. The authoress commenced the conversation by an enthusiastic enlogy of his works and concluded by asking his permission to send him a copy of her "Queens of Eng-land." "For God's sake, don't madam, should not know what to do with them," exclaimed Borrow.

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