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TAT HILE General Howe, with his , to do it. At last it occurred to me that British army, held possession I might go to Frankford for some flour, Washington, with the few half-starved troops under his immediate command. gave it. Then I told William and my was encamped at a place called White | family that I would go alone to Frank-Marsh, a few miles distant from the city, an incident occurred, which, prised them and caused much remonthough seemingly trifling in itself, may have had an important bearing upon the destiny of the whole country.

Lieutenant Colonel Craig, commanding a detachment of light horse, was ordered to approach the enemy's lines, and hover near them, in the capacity of videttes, to pick up any intelligence that might be of value to the army. While engaged in this important duty one cold, raw day in December, an orderly called his attention to a woman who was coming up the road.

The officer watched her as she ascended the hill, and when he perceived, by her stopping and looking frightened, that she had discovered his command. he rode forward and called out, in reassuring tone:

"Advance, madam-you have nothing to fear from true soldiers!"

The lady, who was well wrapped up in plain, warm garments, with a hood that quite concealed her features at a short distance, now came forward, without hesitation, to meet the colonel. as if satisfied from his language and appearance she had nothing to fear. al, turned deadly pale, and almost When near enough for him to distin- fainted with terror; but fortunately the guish the features that were turned full upon him, he exclaimed, in a tone of surprise:

"Mrs. Darrah, as I live! Why, what on earth can have brought you, all with a firm step, nor showed any signs alone and unprotected, into this dan- of trembling when she saw him lock gerous locality?"

"Thee knows, friend," she replied, in the Quaker style, "I have a son in the American army-who is, like thyself, an officer under George Washingtonand a mother's heart yearns toward her life were at stake! Who was the last offspring, even though he has departed from the ways of his fathers." "You were going then to seek him?"

* "I was; but perhaps thee would carry a message for me, and let me turn back to the city?" said the lady, but still with a cautious, hesitating air.

"It will afford me great pleasure to oblige Lydia Darrah in any way!" bowed the gallant colonel.

"Thank thee, friend-thee is very kind. If thee will dismount then and walk with me a little way I think I will tell thee what I have to say, which is a secret I would not like to have any other persons hear."

to his men, gave his horse in charge of self knocked three times at your door

of Philadelphia, and General if the map Howe would give me a pass out of town. I went over to him and he ford for the flour, which greatly surstrance. But I did go alone, and thee sees, friend, how much I have since strayed from the mill."

> In due time Lydia Darrah returned home with her flour, secretly trembling at all she had done, and the fear of discovery. The night following she lay awake and heard the heavy, solemin tramp, tramp, tramp, of the British troops, as they marched past her window, and on out of the city, to surprise, defeat and capture the army for whose success she had not only often prayed. but had so lately periled more than life. When, a few days after, these same troops returned, Lydia Darrah dared not ask the question she was the most anxious to have answered, lest her emotions might betray her. Soon after the adjutant general called upon her and said:

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"Madam, will you do me the favor to enter my room, that I may ask you a few Important questions?"

Lydia Darrah, belleving her secret discovered, either by chance or betrayofficer took no notice of her emotions, and soon recovering herself she determined to boldly brave out the worst. She therefore went to his apartment the door.

"Now, madam," he said, with stern and stately dignity, as he handed her a seat and took another facing her, "I beg you will answer me truly, as if your person up of your family on the last night I was closeted in this room with a brother officer?"

"Myself," was the firm and quiet reply of Lydia Darrah.

"Are you certain, madam?" "Quite-for thee requested me to send

all the family to bed by S o'clock, and I did so, myself going last."

"You would be willing to swear to this, madam?"

"We Friends never swear," returned the other, with dignity; "but thee has my word for the fact."

"Well," returned the officer, with an air of chagrin, "I do not understand lt. The colonel assented, and, riding back You, I know, were asleep, for I my-

CHINESE CHARACTERISTICS. Strange Ideas of Leonomy, Politeness

und Gratitude. The spirit of economy in the Chinese race transcends all that can be lungined. The smallest particle of matter is utilized. The old, cast-off account book of the merchant is cut into pieces. and oiled to serve instead of glass in windows or lanterns. A coolle who has a six hours' march with a heavy burden will return to his point of departure without having broken his fast, in order to save the two cents his breakfast would have cost away from home. Nothing is more curious than to see them eat, although, with their famous chop-sticks, they do not perform all the wonderful feats generally sup-

posed. They put their food in bowls or saucers and with the chopsticks they raise the pieces of meat or lish to the mouth with sufficient grace. Each | cut from union made bread. has a bowl of rice, which he holds near his lips, and with the aid of the pick up with their chopsticks the grains of rice that fall on the ground. The children are taught this art from their

earliest years; nothing must be lost, not even the smallest grain. Europeans regard politeness as an expression of those qualities of the heart which render the person who desires to be polite agreeable to those with whom he is thrown. The Chinese look upon the matter from an entirely different standpoint. The same sentiment which accords importance to the preservation of dignity regulates his actions as regards politeness. Here is an example of their politeness. A Chinese arrayed in his most beautiful costume, who presented himself at a house, disturbed a rat which was enjoying himself in a jar of oll. The rat in his flight overturned the jar upon the visitor, whose dress was ruined. While the unfortunate visitor was still pale with rage his host entered the apartment, and after the usual salutation the visitor explained his misadventure: "As I entered your honorable apartment, I had the misfortune to alarm your honorable rat, which, in taking flight, overturned your honorable jar of oil upon my miserable and insignificant clothing, which explains the contemptible condition in which you find me in your honorable presence."

To determine your conduct when a Chinese offers you a present is the most difficult thing in the world. Cer- of many millions of public works. tain things are not offered to be accepted, and others may not be refused peremptorily In a general manner, nevertheless, one may accept, understanding perfectly that the gift must be returned a hundredfold .- St. Louis Republic.

OMENS OF ROYAL DEATHS.

When Bells Ring Thirteen and Phan-



Reports from across the water indicate that the industrial depression in Europe continues to spread.

Only one-tenth of the wage carners of the United States are organized. The nine-tenths have earned millions of dol- inws: lars annually on account of the activity of union men.

In Winnipeg the Journeyman Bakers' Union is booming its label by offering cured, as the doctor's medicine did not seem prizes for handing in the largest numbet of labels, each of which must be

The third biennial report of the New Hampshire bureau of labor gives tig chopsticks he pushes the contents into | ures to show that the average wages of his mouth. It is curious to see them | the 73.845 employes of industries covered was \$354:42, or about \$6.85 a Week.

At Brussels, the capital of Belgium the proprietor of a printing office, who discharged nine of his employes because they refused to leave their union on his demand, was fined in court to the extent of 200 francs and ordered to pay damages, to his printers in the amount of 1,900 francs.

The native employes on the only railstrike some weeks ago. Capt. Cunmingham of Newcastle, Pa., who had charge of the road during the strike, writes that the natives were receiving \$25 per month and struck for higher are paid \$125 in gold per month.

Members of the various building fessor severely; "that's an invalid crafts report the most active season in excuse."-Chicago Tribune. the skilled trades in Chicago since the World's Fair year. In many lines all the members of their respective trades are employed, and the prospects for the immediate future are assuring. The building permits run from \$3,000,-000 to \$5,000,000 per month, with an unusual feature of much labor being employed to dismantle what would be regarded as fine buildings to make room for more costly structures. Estimates for completed buildings for the

year range from \$30,000,000 to \$40. 000,000, in addition to the construction

A CHINESE WEDDING.

Everything Connected with the Ceremonies Is blocked in Red.

The Chinese place a significance upon every color, and in connection with a wedding red obtains a deeprooted, mysterious importance, the next bridal color in value being gold. At a betrothal the bridegroom-elect sends his sweetheart a pair of brace lets fastened together with a piece of red ribbon or cord. The bride and bridegroom drain two wine cups at the wedding, which are also connected by a red cord. In Northern China the attendants wear a tall felt hat, and each hat has a red feather stuck up right in it. The attendants also carry the wedding presents. A sedan chair bears the bride herself. In South China a sedan most wonderfully gilded is used by the wealthy classes, and it is decorated with what appears at first sight to be brilliant inlaid stones, but which are in reality the glossy feathers of the king-fisher. A handsome cloth of glowing red with trimmed border is also thrown over the chair. In the case of the poorer classes red is also the prevailing bridal color, and a chair of ordinary carved wood, painted a bright red, is used. Above the door of the chair a kind of charm is placarded or hung upon a red cloth. The chair itself is sent by the bridegroom, accompanied by what corresponds to our best man. This functionary brings with him a letter written in yellow or gold upon red paper, praying the lady to enter and take her place. Men dressed all in red, and carrying red parcels containing the presents, fall into the procession. Other bearers carry boards and banners, inscribed in golden letters upon a red ground. These banners tell the pedigree of both parother attendants, with long poles on which are hung very handsome lanterns. The bridal vell is of bright crimson hue, and her dress regal gold and scarlet.-Wide World.

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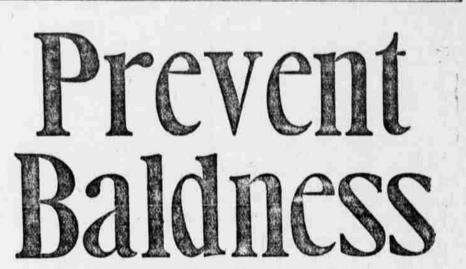
Cleveland Plain Dealer: ""They say the hay crop this year will be immense,"

"How about the gasoline crop?" "The what."

"Hang it, man. didn't you known 1 had bought an automobile?"

She Couldn't.

Denver Times: "Just walk this way, madame" said the clerk, who was bow-legged. what he is going to be, but what he is that counts. "I'm-er-1'm very much afraid, sir, I can't" blushingly replied his fair customer, who wasn't.



road in the Philippines indulged in a we would therefore caution all people Not Satisfactory. "No," said the "Color, "I haven't voted yet, and I am not going to vote. wages. The strikers' places were filled I am not feeling well today. Isn't by discharged American soldiers, who that a valid excuse?" "Not at all," responded the pro-

one of them and ordered them to keep in sight of him; but not to approach near enough to overhear an ordinary conversation. He then returned to the lady and they began their walk down the road, in an opposite direction to that which she had come. For a short time she maintained a deep silence, with her face averted, and, as the officer fan- pared to give us battle; and disappointcled, with her whole frame trembling ed and chagrined, we have all marched with secret emotion.

"Friend Craig," she at length began, with something like a sigh, and speaking in the rapid, earnest manner of one communicating some startling fact, "thee must hasten at once to George Washington and tell him thee has certain information that, on to-morrow night, a large body of British soldiers will secretly march out of the city for the purpose of surprising and capturing him and all of his men. Not to mystify thee, friend, and that thee may attach all due importance to this information, 1 will now inform thee that I, Lydia Darrah, overheard an order read between two high officers to the effect of what I have stated. Thee must also know that the man called General Howe has come to abide in the house opposite my husband's, and that for some reason, to us unknown, two men. one of whom is supposed to be called the adjutant general, have come over to William Darrah's several times, and held private conferences in one of the back rooms of our dwelling. Last night these two men came again and one of them told me he wanted all my family to go to bed early, and that when they should get ready to leave, which might be late, they would call me to let them out.

"Well, Friend Craig, I sent the whole family early to bed, as requested to do, but I myself felt very anxious to know what was going on of so much importance, and so I did what I never did before-took off my shoes, walked on tiptoe to the door of the room where these men were, put my ear to the key-hole. and listened, and heard what I have informed thee of."

"God bless you, Lydia Darrah, for a noble woman!" said the colonel, with excited warmth: "perhaps you have saved our country-who knows? For had this plan succeeded, which we will now defeat, and General Washington been taken prisoner, I much fear our cause would have been hopeless."

"I will make haste to finish my story, for thee must ride fast to George Washington. After hearing what I have said, I stole back to my room, trembling at the importance of what I had heard. When the men, soon after, knocked on my door for me to get up and let them out, I pretended to be asleep, and they had to knock three times. Then I came out, rubbing my eyes, and saw them off. But I slept none that night, for thinking what I ought to do; and I did not dare to tell my husband for fear the secret might get out. I wanted to get the information to George Washington, vented to save the women labor, until and save a great many lives, but for some time I could not see my way clear | will not wear out.

before I could rouse you. We that night laid a plan to attack and capture General Washington and his army; but by some means, unknown to me, he got news of our design, and has frustrated our purpose. When we arrived before his camp we found all his cannon mounted, and his whole command preback like a parcel of fools! That is all. madam!" concluded the officer, rising, unlocking the door, and bowing out the mistress of the dwelling.

Lydia Darcah retired with feelings of relief better imagined than described. Who shall say how much the subsequent dwellers in this land of freedom have owed and still owe to the cunning and heroism of this noble womau?-New York Ledger.

Obeying Orders.

Gen. Harney was an officer of the old school, a strict disciplinarian who took no excuses for hesitation in obeying orders. When he was on his way to Mexico, when the United States was at war with that country, he engaged teams to transport the baggage, and placed in charge of them a Texan named Carter. The streams were all up, and Carter had much trouble, but whenever he tried to modify the general's requirements he was cut short with the admonition, "All you've got to do is to obey orders."

Says Noah Smithwick, in his recollections called "The Evolution of a State" They camped one night near the Nue ces river, which Carter found to be impassable. He said nothing about it to the general, and the next morning the order was given to move on. Carter started with the wagon train and halted at the river, which was absolute ly impassable. Harney came bluster ing up.

"Didn't you know that river was up?" he demanded.

"Yes, sir," meekly replied the wagon master

"Why didn't you tell me?"

"You di in't ask me, sir. You said my business was to obey orders. You ordered me to liltch up and move on. and I did it."

"You did quite right, sir. Turn round and drive back to camp." If the general had been "done" he was not going to show it.

The Main Thing. "I hear you have been selected to deliver the valedictory at your commence ment."

"Yes," replied the fair graduate-tobe, "and it's just worrying me sick. I don't know what style to adopt."

"Why, there's only one style about a valedictory address. I should-" "Silly! I'm speaking of my gown."-Philadelphia Press.

Men can't impress the women with statistics showing what men have insome one invents a boy's stocking that

hips Appear. A grewsome story came from London

of the appearance of the "phantom barge of the Thames" for three successive nights preceding the death of the queen. This phantom barge of the Thames appears when a member of the royal family is about to die, just as the celebrated "white lady of the Hohenzollerns" gives warning of the death of a monarch of that family. And when this phantom barge appears gliding through the low-lying shadows and night mists of the river the great clock of Westminster, Big Ben, gives thirteen strokes at midnight instead of his ordinary dozen. Just now any number of Thames watermen can be found who say they have seen the phantom barge and heard Big Ben strike his ominous number.

There are well-authenticated Instances of Big Ben having struck thirteen at midnight. Once a soldier on sentry duty at Windsor was charged with having slept on post and was sentenced to be shot, runs a story in the Portsmouth Times. It was charged that he was asleep there at midnight of a certain night. His defense was that he was not asleep and that he had heard Big Ben in London strike thirteen at the moment he was charged with having been sleeping on duty. It was proved that on that night Big Ben had struck thirteen and had been heard in Windsor. The man was pardoned. This is a recorded case, but ties. Behind the bearers come the the record does not say that any catastrophe happened to the royal family the next day.

It is said that the phantom barge appeared on the Thames at midnight and Big Ben struck thirteen on the night before the death of the prince consort and that the same things happened the night preceding the death of the Princess Alice and of the Duke of Clarence. When the phantom barge appeared on Jan. 13, 1892, the night before the death of the Duke of Clarence, another boat, pulled by four men, gave chase. The phantom boat glided swiftly toward the terrace of the House of Commons and vanished. The pursuing boat dashed against the stone embankment and was wrecked.

A warning which applies to the death of sovereigns only is the fall of one of the stones at Stonehedge, the great Druid relic on Salisbury Plain, A stone certainly did fall there on the night of the death of the late queen.

American Apples Abroad. American apples have already, in a large measure, conquered the markets of England and Germany.

The women claim that the men can never find anything that is lost about a house; how about finding the tacks?

Some people say that strawberries, like some people, have been cultivated too much.

The worst misfortune of a farmer is to have no sons.

Stones in Codfish.

Among the curious things connected with the codfish is the frequency of large stones being found in the stomarch. These are of various sizes; some times in a large fish weighing many pounds. It is a popular belief among fishermen that these are taken just before a storm for the purpose of anchoring themselves during the expected swells of the sea. This supposition is corroborated by the fact that all the fish taken before a storm agree in this pecultarity, whereas at ordinary time nothing of the kind can be detected.

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