OUR HISTORY IS MASCULINE Hard and Uncolored Is the Chronicle

of the Events Connected. with America. Our history is hard and mascu-

line; colored with few purple lights; toolittle related to our tenderer sentiments and deeper pasthe Atlantic. Fairer companies and won't be borrowing." have stood about more stately of Hungary to take up their spirit; swords for her child, Marie Antoi

moods, was not yet fully revealed have that they may want." to his fellows. It was the emancipator only that had fallen, the emphatic answer. "We'll have to leader and shepherd of men. Out-lend it if they come and ask, but fringe of European life.

True, Lincoln also leads us back to the princes whose peer he was, to pursue the subject, but she was but we can pass from his death queen of her own realm, and at six bed with no irreverence, no sense o'clock she sent a dozen hot bis of shock or change, to look out, in cuits down to the newcomers by the plain light of day, upon the her younger brother, Will, with whole wide field of work and strife her compliments and a friendly and progress which was always in greeting. A courteous word of his thought, and glimpse the atti- thanks was returned, and then a tude and state of the republic week passed before anything fur when his summons passed, like an ther was heard from the new ar angelus, across the continent.

LACE-BARK TREES ARE FEW

But Half a Dozen of This Species Now Exist-Reason for So Naming.

There are in all about half a so called because the inner bark "Permit me to introduce myself as yields a natural lace in a readymade sheet form, which can be made up in serviceable articles of apparel. Only four of these curious species of trees are of much practical value. Tourists who have stopped at Hawaii or Samoa may recall the lace-bark clothing of the natives-clothing of a neat brown color when new, of remarkable strength and of a fragrant odor, like freshly cured tobacco leaf. The native tapa cloth, as it is called, is made from the bark of the brusonetia papirifera, but it is not usually included among the real lace-bark trees.

In its natural state the real lacebark is of a delicate cream-white tint. It is probably a kind of fibrous pith. When the outer bark is removed it can be unfolded and unwound in one seamless piece, bered with a wife," Orrin replied, having a surface of a little more than a square yard. Washing and sun bleaching give it a dazzling white appearance. The fabric is airily light. It is used in the West Indies for mant@las, cravats, collars, cuifs, window curtains-in a word, for every purpose that or dinary lace is used. In making up shawls, veils and the like it is customary to piece two sheets of lacebark together. Delicate and apparently weak as it is in single mesh, a bit of lace-bark, if rolled into a thin string, will all but resist human strength to break it.

Despite its practical use there is no essential demand for lace bark. It has been used by the natives for hundreds of years and yet this day. A few specimens of lace bark articles exist in different countries of Europe. These were made hundreds of years ago, yet. although their age is considera ble, they are said to be in a good state of preservation.

Nothing Left.

A political reformer is a politi cian who has managed to get himself disliked by the machine. - Chicago Daily News.

A FAIR EXCHANGE

BY MILFORD W. FOSHAY.

"Two loads of furniture and farming tools went down the south road this forenoon," Elva told her brother at noon.

"Did, eh? I suppose it was the sions. When older peoples have belongings of the new people paused, as we did then, they have on the Hinckley place," Orrin relooked upon far different scenes, sponded. "Well, all I hope is that says William Garrott Brown, in they have everything they need.

Elva Morrison saw the loads figures of triumph or of traged, pass at about ten o'clock, followed than that America and the world by a buggy in which were two now gazed upon. The common women, one elderly and the other chamber, the gaunt, pale presi of something near her own age. dent, the strong, bearded counsel. The outfit looked prepossessing, ors at his bedside-this was un, and she hoped their nearest neigh like the scenes which European bors would prove companionable peoples have fixed in their mem- she was so lonely keeping house ories. Charles I, and Mary Stuart for her two brothers in this new on their scaffolds, the barons and region. Hence, she resented the the king at Runnymede, Maria attitude taken by her brother Or Theresa appealing to the nobles rin, and replied to him with some

"When people are settling, is nette and Mirabeau, and many an often happens that they cannot other pageant of human love and put their hands on an article they sacrifice are treasured up by other need very much, and it is of great people as we have treasured up assistance to borrow it for a few this crude, unlackeyed martyr hours or days. I'm sure we would have appreciated such a privilege Even the great personality of when we first came to this lone Lincoln, now potent in so many in some place. I think it would be dividual lives, intimate and famil neighborly to send Will down and iar of so many of our hidden offer them the use of anything we

"Indeed, I shall not," was the wardly at least his experience was not without. Of course it would limited as theirs was. Dying in have been handy for us to borrow the midst of multitudes, master of when we first came, but there armies and of navies, he was still wasn't anybody to borrow from, of the frontier; as, indeed, all our and we got along. They can do American life was still, in a sense, the same. I shall soon let them only the frontier and western know that I expect a fair exchange for anything I lend."

> Elva knew that it was of no use rivals.

At the end of that time, early in the day, a stalwart young man of twenty-four or five entered the Morrison yard and walked to the barn where Orrin was harnessing his horse.

"Good-morning," the stranger dozen lace bark trees in the world, said, in a pleasant, frank way. Edward Fuller, who has bought the place to the south. You are Mr. Morrison, I infer?"

"Yes," Orrin answered, extending a hand in a manner that did not show any especial satisfaction in making the acquaint ance. "I am afraid," he continued, "that you will find this a lone ly district."

"Oh, I expect to be too busy to be lonesome," Edward replied. genially, ignoring the offish manner. "Besides, we know we have pleasant neighbors, as that pan of warm biscuits your wife sent certainly testify. We were hungry and not very well prepared for cooking that evening, and you ought to have seen them disap-

"I don't happen to be encumin the way of an explanation, "and biscuts. She is more inclined to shops. This remark does not ap within the mud-daub nursery. do that sort of thing than I am."

Edward felt that his neighbor was deliberately warning him not to expect much friendliness. He had come to ask for the loan of a bolt, but because of the reception so far accorded him was on the point of turning away abruptly ductions of Chinese boots and sallies forth to seize the intruder, without making the request, when Elva suddenly stepped round the corner of the house, where she had been working in a flower bed. Sho with Chinese at the treaty ports. turns upon the spider, seizes and did not hear the men talking, and was not aware that they were in the yard. She was, therefore, altogether surprised, and stopped at their unexpected presence, won by a woman. It was a com in Heaven," observed the Pohick is comparatively little known to while a pretty blush spread over petitive appointment and the lady philosopher, as he kicked the groher face.

the scene, "this is Mr. Fuller, who of competing with men. A short has bought the Hinckley place."

"We are very glad to welcome no fewer than 15 women employed new neighbors," she said, as Ed- as secretaries in the central ofward lifted his hat, "for people fices. There is a great outery are scarce in this region. I hope against the minister's manifest your-your family will like it partiality for women clerks in his here,"

CIVILITIES AT THE FRONT, SOME RICH ARE SLOW PAY

sians Agree to Suspend Fight That All May Feast.

A Japanese officer serving on the Shaho has a strange and inter- often scandalously slow in paying esting story to tell of intercourse their bills. I recall one instance and civilities between the two where the wife of a multi-million

conveying to the Russians news of of a bill amounting to over \$20. teers were invited to carry the let- trousseau, and this bill was not ters. Two non-commissioned of-paidformore than a year after the ficers and two privates undertook ceremony, and only then because the task. They rode out toward a resourceful collector "held up" the enemy's lines with the inten- the multimillionaire himself in the sians, instead of depositing them in Success. at some midway point, as had been however, great danger that this new method might be fatal to the little party.

But they code off stoutly to with in a thousand meters of the ene my's outpost, waving white handkerchiefs. The itussians did not tire, and the Japanese went steadily on. When they were only about 30 or 40 yards away, a party of Russians lay down in fir ing positions, but still the ser geants and soldiers rode on, energetically waving their white flags. Presently the Russians motioned them to lay down their arms, thinking they had come to surrender. The Japanese, however, regardless of risk, pushed on to within hand-shaking distance. Then the Russians saw that they carried several bottles of wine and boxes of eigars. On the latter was inscribed in big letters: "Tomorrow will be your Christmas day. We shall not attack if you do not. Drink and smoke to your heart's content and have a good time."

Atfirst the Russians did not wish to accept the presents, but when they read the hearty sentences written on the boxes in their own language, they were much overcome, and there ensued an exchange of the friendliest greet

Then the visitors handed in their letters and spoke of the fall of Port Arthur, the news of which was received with profound discouragement. "There is no further object in the war," said the Russian soldiers. Eager questions were asked about Gen. Stoessel, and the men were much intersted to hear he shortly would be on his way home. The Japanese then presented the Russians with some pictorial post cards showing how well Russian prisoners were treated in Japan.

Finally the four men rode away in safety with the rousing cheers of the grateful enemy ringing in their ears.

THE BOOTMAKER IN CHINA

Common People Very Rarely Wear This Sort of Footwear-Customs in the North.

Boots are only worn in China a shoe, while coolies and the realm begin. For within this cylpoorest classes have to content it was my sister Elva who sent the are never exposed for sale in proceeds to capture and entomb and Germany, and found favor filament from wings and feet, Then she settled down and ruffled

Woman's Progress in Roumania. The post of official shorthand writer in the Roumanian parliament has for the first time been time ago the finance minister had department.

On Christmas Day Japanese and Rus- Notorious Fact Declares Writer That Many in Society Haggle Over Their Bills.

It is notorious that the rich are aire (she was afterward divorced), The Japanese being desirous of took no notice, month after month. the fall of Port Arthur, volun- 900 for her daughter's wedding tion or delivering the letters di street one day, and finally got his rectly into the hands of the Rus | check, declares Cleveland Moffett,

I have been told of reveral rich the custom bitherto. There was, women in the smart set, two of them very rich, who are wont to haggle over pric a in the shops as if they were in genteel poverty. one of these ladies, whose showy Newport fetes are widely proclaimed, tried on a certain occasion, to "beat down" an estimate for candle shades, favors, etc., that she wanted in a hurry for a dinner dance, and, having failed inhereffort, she finally exclaimed: "Why, you oughtn't to charge me a cent for these things! Think of the advertising you can get out of it! If you treat me right I'll see that your place is mentioned by all the reporters!"

And another, whose husband is one of the richest men in the world, actually wept before a done in the open season for game, Fifth avenue dressmaker in her pleadings for a reduction of \$15 on has not the right to kill game at the price of a certain garment that she simply had to have but could not afford, she declared, out of the small allowance made her by her

When I was in Newport last summer people were laughing a the latest petty economy of this same husband, who is certainly one of the "closest" of our idle millionaires. He had heard of a new aluminum paint, warranted to keep shiny without much rubbing, and he had forthwith given orders that the brasses on his beautifu! yacht be smeared over with this paint so that it might reduce his pay roll by the wages of two sailors previously needed to clean these brasses! This gentleman's income must be at least \$4,000,

WASP BECOMES A HUNTER.

Intelligent Insect Proves a Veritable Octopus in Preying on Its Fellows.

When summer warmth has awakened the maternal instincts of the insect world, the muddauber wasp may be seen gathering mortar at the margin of stream, pool or puddle, writes C. H. McCook, in Harper's Magazine. Filling her mandibles, which serve as both spade and hod, she bears the load of mud to some rough surface, rock or wall, or board or beam. She spreads and shapes her mortar, until, after many visby officials, servants, soldiers, its to the mud-bed, she has built a sailors, and special hob-nailed tubular cell about an inch long boots, occasionally in wet weath | and three-eighths of an inch wide. er, by the common people. The Then her huntress instinct awakuniversal form of foot-covering is ens and her raids upon the spider inder the mother mason will put a themselves with straw or leather single egg. In the course of time sandals, or go barefoot. Women's this will hatch into a ravenous shoes are made at home and, ex larva, whose natural food is livcept in isolated cases in Shanghai, ing spiders; and these the mother ply to the peculiar form of shoe On this errand she may be seen worn by Manchu women, which is hawking over the near cobwebs of baby until it made me shudder. It perched on a sort of small stilt. In various sorts, venturing within looked like the murder of infants. the north, during the winter the meshed and beaded snares But they were not mangled and months, the ordinary boot or shoe that prove fatal to most incomers, is often wadded or lined with and sometimes even to herself. sheepskin, and of late years repro | If the occupant, expectant of prev. shoes in india rubber have been it finds itself a captive, not a capimported from the United States for. The wasp shakes the silken

It's Not Unlikely.

thrusts it therein.

Houston Post.

"Some marriages may be made applicant beat all her male rivals. cery cat off the cracker box, "but "Elva," her brother said, to re Since the new government took up ez I glance around the ranks of lieve her embarrassment, but the reins women have made great sassiety it occurs to me that the wishing she had not come upon strides in Roumania in the matter devil manufactures quite a few." -Chicago Sun.

Her Tender Heart.

"Why do you suppose a woman usually cries at her wedding?" "Out of sympathy, probably, for he men she could not marry."---

INDIANS KILLING OFF GAME

Right to Hunt on Reservations Often Abused by the Red Warriors.

Sportsmen returning from Lunting in the vicinity of northern Minnesota Indian reservations ell in the Duluth Herald of the only on the theory that the Indiboth on and off their reserves. The should be so. They claim to have positive proof from the settlers to the effect that the redmen have overstepped their bounds in the over the snewy barnyard. hunting of deer and moose.

that occasions a great deal of cated. Laws governing the Indians in this respect are little to derstood by the whites in general, but they are such that the con viction of any of these wards of the government for breaking there is made extremely difficult, if not impossible. After taking his lands from

him, or most of them, it would il! become the government if it did not allow the Indian the privilege of hunting at all seasons when wild game is eatable. This privilege is accorded him, but only on the reservations. He is not sup and some so read the law that he any time unless hunting in the reservation.

fuse to testify against him, especially in affairs of this kind.

As a general thing the warden pays little or no attention to such joyed Farmer Glover's bounty. violations and lets the Indian When spring opened the kindhunter do as he will. Even when hearted protector met them only the hunter knows a game warden in the fields and woods; but whenis in his vicinity he can usually ever bob-white's musical call contrive to bring down his game and get it into the reservation be-

fore being detected. BIRD BABIES' FEEDING TIME

How Wee Humming Birds Are Given Food by Fond Mother, Who Is Only Protection.

"When I first crawled in among the bushes close to the nest, the little mother darted at me and to stare me out of countenance. to foot twice, then she seemed convinced that I was harmless, says William Lovell Finley, in the Country Calendar. She whirled and sat on the nest edge. The bantlings opened wide their hunher neck and drew her dagger-like bill straight up above the nest She plunged it down the baby's throat to the hilt, and started a series of gestures that seemed fashioned to punctuate him to the toes. Then she stabbed the other bloody; they were getting a square meal after the usual humming-bird method of regurgitation. Then ran out their slender tongues to lick the honey from their lips. How they liked it up her breast feathers to let her stings it, bears it to her cell, and babies cuddle close to her naked bosom. Occasionally she reached under to caress them with whis perings of mother love."

Choice of Evils.

"Ethel, I wish you wouldn't ge torian tones: out and play golf so much with that young Phoozle."

that he'd come here and talk it all baptism yo' shall be lost ad inthe time."-Chicago Tribune.

There's a Distinction.

The difference between a politician and a statesman is about the same as the difference between a 'sport" and a sportsman .- Chicago Record-Herald.

AID TO FRIENDLY QUAILS.

How Farmer Glover Fed a Flock Day After Day for Six Weeks-Never Frightened Them.

One cold morning Farmer Glover stood in the rear of the barn, fork in hand, looking out scarcity of game in certain sec. over the fields, says St. Nicholas. tions which can be accounted for Snowstorm had followed snowstorm, until the stone walls were ans have been killing the animals so covered that the farm seemed during the fall and early summer, like a great field, with here and there a small grove to break the city men are indignant that this monotony. The cattle had been fed and each animal was munching contentedly at the pile of hav in the sunshine, scattering chaff

Suddenly, from the light woods This Indian proposition is one near the barn, came a startled "Bob-white!" Immediately there worry where reservations are to was an answering call from the woods across the fields, and then another and another, and soon a flock of about 20 quail alighted on the ground, two or three roads from where Mr. Glover stood, and began picking up the seeds from the hay which the cattle had strewn over the snow. They scratched about like a flock of hens, and apparently quite as much at home, and chippered away while they worked, after the fashion of tree sparrows in the weeds down by the brook.

Farmer Glover was careful not to frighten his woodland guests, posed to hunt at all in the outside and the next morning he put out forests unless such hunting is wheat for them and threw handfuls of chaff in the hay which the cattle had left. The flock returned again and again, until feeding the quails became as much a part of the day's routine as looking The Indians know the law and after the hens and turkeys. One are careful to see that they are cold morning, after they had eatnot caught breaking it, though in en, the kind hearted farmer found many instances they live so far the whole flock huddled together from a game warden that they under the hay, apparently enjoyhave become careless and open ing the warmth. Strange to say, violations are said to be frequent. they never come for food when it But even in cases of this kind it is snows or rains. When they have no easy matter to secure a convic. breakfasted, unless frightened, tion, for, even though the proper they usually walk away to their man be arrested, it is difficult to favorite haunts in the grove get proof against him. The red across the fields. They never men are careful to protect one of alight on the trees, but occasiontheir own number and stolidly re. ally perch on the rail fence. Once or twice, when no one was in sight, they came near the house

For six weeks the quails encomes over the summer meadows it brings pleasant memories of those winter breakfasts in the snowy barnyard.

NEGRO PASTOR LIKED LATIN

"Aqua Fortis" Used by Colored Parson in Baptism of Several Brethren.

Mose, a Florida negro, adds to his income as guide to sportsmen poised a foot from my nose, as if by ministering to the spiritual needs of a colored congregation She looked me all over from head of Baptists. He prides himself on his education and on his eloquent oratorical powers, and he never misses an opportunity of impressing his hearers into believing that he is a great Latin scholar, says the Catholic Standard and gry mouths. She spread her tail Times. One evening at a fisherlike a flicker, and braced herself man's camp he listened intently against the nest side. She craned to some sportsmen who were discussing the proper pronunciation of certain Latin words and phrases

"Please, suh," he finally ventured to ask, "what an de propah meaning of that wo'd 'aqua?' " .

"Aqua means water," he was answered.

"And what am 'fortis?' "

"Fortis means strong."

"Yes, suh. Thank yo', suh," he replied, edging away after making a polite bow to his informant and then to the camp in general.

The following Sunday Mose presided at a baptizing, and, as usual, electrified his audience with a roaring, eloquent sermon, freely interspersed with Latin (?) words. At last, with a dramatic sweep of his arms toward the river, where a few believers were soon to be immersed, he cried out in sten-

"Quo Vadis, mah bredern and sistahs? I says onto yo' unless yo "Why, mamma, if I didn't do be 'marged in de aqua fortis of finitum fo' ebah."

Brandy Furnished.

In the Belgian parliament, when a member is making a long speech, brandy and water is supplied him at the expense of the government.