Some Queer Characteristics of the Abyssinians.

The recent murder near the sources of the Blue Nile M. Dubois Desaulle, a French ce spondent accompanying the McMii : expedition, has turned the eyes of the world toward half-Christian, half-pagan Abyssinia, by some of whose people the murder was committed. The McMillan expedition is to learn how much of the Blue Nile is navigable, so that, with the opening of the British built canal around the Second Cataract of the Nile in Egypt, the rich agricultural and mineral products of central Abyssinia may be floated down to the Mediterranean. As the head of the expedition is a St. Louis man, and his present position is not without grave danger, Washington, as well as Paris, is interested.

The disastrou defeat of Italy some time ago at the hands of King Menelik has warned Caucasian nations that the Abyssinian is not o be trifled with.



Dwelling on a broad table land some 6,000 feet above the Red Sea, which lies to the eastward, and possessing a country as large as the States of New York and California combined, the Abyssinan invading foe. Normally a coward, our own way of doing and I do not he can be aroused to a high pitch of ferocity, and fights with much the same frenzy as his Mahometan neighbor on the seacoast, the Somaliman.

Diplomacy, therefore, is often far more potent in vanquishing the Abyssinian than gunpowder. He is supremely volatile. Quick to anger, he is quicker to forgive and forget. Catch him in the right mood, and one may bend him to his will. This mercurial temperament crops out in a hundred various ways. In birth, marriage, and even death, the Abyssinian betrays his fickle nature.

A husband who can afford the experse is thus continually adding to his household of wives. As soon as his favorite begins to pall on him he deposes her for another. The new wife rules the house, dictates orders to the other wives, who, strange as it may seem, obey her without open remonstrance. If any of the former favorites ever cared for their lord they soon cease to be jealous of his affections. They know, too, that the time will surely come when they will be turned out into the streets to look for another master.

The custom of discarding wives at and this crown forms where warmth random has practically destroyed the Abyssinian's idea of morality. Though devout in observing the mere forms of Christianity, in fasting nearly twothirds of the year, yet his social life is



A WEDDING IN ABYSSINIA, AFRICA.

deeply debased. Chastity is said to be practically unknown. The word fraterinity does not belong to the language. Avarice is one of the besetting sins of Abyssinia, and the saying is a common one even among his own race: "If he can't get more, an Abyssinian will sell his soul for a farthing."

is so irresistible to the native women | senger, baggage, express, parlor, sleep- | be dependent upon a slow rad rare that they hesitate at nothing to gain | ing and mail cars. The cost of a such coveted trinkets. A man will ask standard freight car is \$750 with a stranger not only for money but the wooden underwork, and \$1,000 for cloak on his back or the shoes on his steel underframe. The standard car feet. When a child is born, and is thirty-six feet long, eight by eight ket at good prices a great number of stretches out its tiny hand, its mother and one-half inside measure. The caboasts to her neighbors that it is al. pacity is from 60,000 to 100,000 pounds. | to-day. There will soon arise, in conready asking for a present. One chief. The life is from ten to twelve years. sequence, an irresistible demand for after coveting almost everything valu- The cost of a standard locomotive is better roads. able in his province, and obtaining the \$10,000 to \$12,000; weight on wheels, most that he wanted by command or 120,000 pounds; tank capacity 6,000 seizure, died with these words on his gallens, and coal bin ten to twenty

"Bury me near the track of the great caravan, so my spirit can make the merchants pay me toll."

The Abyssinian's pleasure in gloating over his treasures is almost as intense as his desire to possess them. It is for this reason that he must see and fondle a gift, on receiving one. When ligions. There are 300,000,000 followa chief is presented by his subjects ers of Confucius, 214,000,000 Brahwith sheep, goats, swine or cows, the mins, 120,000,000 Buddhists. For evanimals are always brought into his ery thousand persons they are 316 round mud house, so that he can pat Christians, 7 Israelites, 114 Mahometheir sides and admire them. It mat- tans and 528 followers of other reters little how much the beasts may ligions. defile his abode. The Abyssinian prac-

tically has little love for cleanliness. And thus the subjects of Menelik, despite the aspirations of this monarch himself to learn and introduce into his kingdom western ideas and customs, live in indescribable squalor. In the morning an Abyssinian will rub his eves with a dry cloth, and then labo iously "do up his hair" in which he takes an inordinate pride. It grows so schemer, but a financier.

luxuriantly that he is able to sleep on a wooden pillow with perfect serenity. After untangling a few of its snarls he soaks the mop with melted butter and then combs it into fantastic shapes. In his love for a change he seeks to arrange his locks a new way every morn-

Next to his boast that he can be the worst enemy, the Abyssinian warrior claims he is at times the most hospitable friend. Besides spreading a table for his guests, this African host in Abyssinia, and so the diners squat "Maids of Paradise." on the grass-covered floor, with the table just high enough to be free of their knees. The host rolls up a ball of dough, dips it in some honey, and then pushes it into the distended mouth of his chief guest. Often the ball is too large, and in this case the host literally jams the morsel down the banqueter's throat. He then feeds the other guests the same way, and then all feed one another.

It is the custom among Caucasian nations for the rich to dress their servants in fine liveries. The Abyssinian, on the contrary, has his servants go entirely without clothes. In this fashion they wait on the table, tend the door, drive their master's carriage, and romance laid in Chicago, dealing with perform other menial duties. The custom is said to have originated from the many murders of masters by servants; and naturally this simple style of uniform prevents the conceatment of dangerous weapons.

ANIMAL FARMING IN THE WEST. Alfalfa and Blue Grass the Best Foods

in the Corn Belt. The corn belt contains conditions for animal farming found nowhere else, says a writer in the National Stockman. But the farmer turning his face toward animal farming as his entire business is confronted by many ob-

One of our best backers is plenty of hesitate to say that we are far from perfection in many of our efforts, but still keep pressing onward with our face toward the front. We use our table land only for corn and it lacks underdraining, although it has fairly very little. The field is planted to corn every year and sown to rye every fall and is nearly or quite covered with manure each year, with eight many years to a three-crop rotation of corn, wheat and clover. The wire grass had obtained control of it when I obtained possession, ten years ago. When the ground is plenty dry, we put all available force on the field and try to plow it twelve inches deep and thoroughly cover everything; drag it once and plant immediately, giving it 100 pounds 16 per cent acid phosphate. We like to furrow quite deep, cover for moisture, only putting the compressing wheel on the row. Now let it alone until the crown is formed by the roots starting from the sides of the stalks, because all below this dies

and moisture invites. If we plant near the surface we have our corn on the top of the crown. If we fill the furrow before it crowns at the bottom of the furrow unless you which it is subjected. cover too deeply. If you have never studied this part of corn culture, ex- FUTURE OF THE AUTOMOBILE. amine for yourself this summer and you will be surprised to see how many stalks when pulled up show an inch or two between the crown and the old grain. This shows plainly that there was too much dirt on it when crowning. It was covered too deep or the dirt put to it too small. It is my opinion this is the most frequent error the farmers of heavy soils make in

corn culture and it is a bad one.

Uncle Sam's Locomotives. in the United States. The Penn vania road builds 100 locomotives The fascination of jewelry and beads | year. There are probably 200,600 j.a. tons capacity.

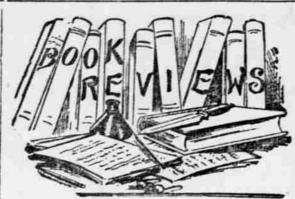
Religious Statistics.

According to the lastest statistics, the population of the world is 1,544,-510,000. Of these 534,940,000 are Christians, 10.800,000 Israelites, 175,-290,000 Mohametans, and the remaining 823,420,000 bel ng to other re-

Clinging to Hope. "Have you anything laid up for a

rainy day?" "Indeed I have." answered the new congressmen. "I have a trunk full of undelivered speeches to fall back on in case I ever want to Alibuster."--Washington Star.

If you like any one, he is not a



Robert W. Chambers treats an epigoes so far as to feed the banqueters sode of the Franco-Prussian war in with his own hand. There are no chairs his new novel, the title of which is

> A very interesting feature of Frank R. Stockton's The Captain's Toll Gate, is the memorial sketch of the author written by Mrs. Stockton.

> Dr. George C. Lorimer, the wellknown Boston clergyman, formerly of Chicago, has written a novel. It is called The Master of Millions. Henry Frowde, of the Oxford Uni-

versity press, is about to publish another series of "Studies in Dante," by Dr. E. Moore, the well-known English Dante scholar.

It is rather a discouraging view of a large city's local politics that is given by Elliott Flower in The Spoilsman, present day political life in that city.

An anonymous book soon to be published under the title of "The Trutk About an Author" is expected to give an amusing account of actual experiences in literary and newspaper offices and of novel-writing.

Captain Hobson's sister, Anne Hobson, is a novelist. She has recently written a story, In Old Alabama, lineation of negro character and life ig and that none of the pins show. a small Southern town.

Every one is familiar in a general way with the remarkable story of Miss Helen Keller. This story she has told herself in detail, in a volume entitled The Story of My Life, which is pubfan has great natural advantages over feed and as corn is king we will tell lished by Messrs. Doubleday, Page & Company.

The Neale Publishing Company announces that its editorial and publication departments will be transferred from Washington to New York in order to provide additional facilities gold surface drainage, yet washes for the rapid growth and expansion of its business.

It is safe to say that all persons who have read the recent autobiography of "Charles Eliot, Landscape Artist," will cords of fresh barn (not barnyard) be keenly interested in the projected manure an acre. The soil is a very bridge and path, dedicated to his memheavy oak soil and has been farmed ory, to encircle the summit of Great Blue hill near Boston.

Miss Florence Warden, author of is the only woman guide in the huntthat novel which once had such an ing forests of Maine. She earns a extraordinary vogue, "The House on the Marsh," has written a new story, entitled, "The Misrule of Three." It relates mainly to the love adventures of three young Londoners.

Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler's new novel, "Place and Power," will be published in a large illustrated American edition by D. Appleton & Company. Miss Fowler, it will be recalled, is the author of "Concerning Isabel Carnaby" and "The Farringdons," which have been very popular in this country as well as in England.

Comparisons are being drawn between Miss Overton's new novel, "Anne Carmel," and "The Mill on the and the ground is cold and damp it Floss." In each book a brother and crowns near the surface and the root sister form the central characters and below dies or grows no more and the absorb the interest. "Anne Carmel" corn is on top of the ground again; differs from George Eliot's novel in but if the crown is well formed before that the affection of Jean Carmel for filling the furrows you have the crown Anne survives the severest test to

Some of the Changed Conditions Its Use Will Bring About. The automobile is no longer an ex-

eriment, and motoring is no longer a pastime or a luxury, says World's Work.

What is the probable influence of the automobile upon contemporary life? Every car owner has at once a vastly increased radius of movement.

The old coaching roads and coaching inns will once more be thronged with There are fully 500,000 locomotives travelers. We shall know the land we live in-its rural interests, its beauties, its antiquities. The man who has business in the town will ue leager service of trains. Therefore, thoasands of the town dwellers of to-day will be the country dwellers of tomorrow. This will bring into the marcountry places unletable and unsalable

One great organization alone-the greatest of all-the railways, will suffer from the coming of the motor. The motor will rob them of passenger traffic, of the transport of mails except for long distances, of the carrying of light goods and light agricultural produce, and will prevent them from opening up new districts, which will be served by light lines and motor ve hicles as to-day in America by the trol ley. To some extent the injury will be mitigated by the motor bringing to them agricultural produce fram wider areas than can produce it profitably to cart to the rail; and, of course. the motor engine or rapid succession of motor carriages, as already planner in France and Australia, will replace the steam locomotiv for suburban and light fast traffic. But on the whole the stage coach will be avenged upon the railway by the motor.

A Variation. "Heartless girl! The old story of the moth and the flame!" "Except that it's only the moth's

Detroit Free Press.



Stylish Women.

The woman who looks well, no mat- the flowers you like best? Probably ter what she may be wearing, is the your masculine mind hasn't grasped fortunate woman who knows how to the fact that that is a clear sign sho put her clothes on, and how to wear wants to please you, and we don't them after she has them on. Some trouble to please those we don't like. women have an indescribable way of | Does she hear everything you say. pensive the gown may be.

ened, after which the skirt should be clasp and not draw it away? well drawn down in the front, and if | Does she let you crush her prettiest culty whatever to keep her skirt at the tume? Then, indeed, she likes you. proper angle.

and smoothed about the hips the bodwell pulled down in the back before housewife engaged in her ordinary dustarting to hook it, and if the collar is the answer would be wrong. which is said to be a creditable de- pinned on, be sure it is pinned evenly,

A small hand-glass is all that is needand neatly fastened

Then there is the hat. Always be angle. Some women have an irresistwell to copy.

can only be done by standing and kitchen keeping, faces daily: walking properly.

an not to stand and walk properly. Many women, when told to straighten up and stand properly, have a ridiculous way of drawing up their shoulders and throwing them back, fondly imagining that they have straightened up.

Maine's Woman Guide. Mrs. J. S. Freese, of Riverton, Me.,

> splendid income by showing sportsmen the favorite haunts of game, and carries her capacity to pilot parties through the labyrinthian depths of her native

commonwealth. Mrs. Freese is the wife of a Riverton blacksmith. It was not financial stress

MRS. J. S. FREESE. that drove her to her unusual line of work, for her husband is sufficiently well fixed to keep her in comfort. But Mrs. Freese from her earliest childhood days had a great love for nature and for adventure. As a guide she has an opportunity to grat-

She is now 27 years old and has lived all her life in the vicinity of her present home. She knows every foot of the ground for miles around. Either alone or charged with the responsibility of guiding a party she is fearless, and hunts with a courage and coolness that would not have disgraced Diana of legend.

Need e Work Notes. Spanish embroidery, notable for heavy raised effects, is popular.

Monogarms and crests, beautifully embroidered, mark the finest household linen.

Breakfast, luncheon, carving and tray cloths are made of butcher's linen, Labrador thousand-mile coast line. with simple hem-stitched hems.

furnishings.

For pin cushlons any one who likes odd little things will be delighted with has a strange taste in pets. At Blenthe little quaker ladies in bonnet and heim she has set up a menagerie in gray gown.

bedspread one naturally turns to embroidery and heavy hand-made laces, with heavy linens for the foundation. rooms. Baroness de Rothschild is an-Sofa cushions and chair covers are other devotee of this fancy, and it is now made in the old-fashioned crossstitch work on canvas, with shaded

purchased in the shops. For fancy work, such as occupies odd jewelry. An apt student of arts many a woman during odd hours. come gay crepe de chine ribbons, with broad stripes displaying pompadour cious stones for materials. flower patterns which are uesful.

woels. These covers, started, can be

How a Girl Shows Affection.

You may know if a girl likes you by he way she behaves when you meet her. Don't be taken in by the mere down the front of her dress almost to fact that she changes color. Girls do that from a thousand different causes. and there is no reason why she should be in love with you merely because she blushes.

But there will come a look of pleasure into her face. Her eyes will brighten, and her lips will smile, no matter or more young women form the brihow hard she tries to conceal it. If she looks downcast and sad when you captain. They drill with the town brisay good-bye, you may hope.

wonder how it is that she so con- with the jumping sheet.—Tit-Bits.

stantly wears your favorite color or

putting on their clothes that makes even when you are speaking to somethem look hideous, no matter how ex- one else? Does she find it impossible to look happy when you talk so much It isn't always the expensively gown- to other people, and don't devote youred women who look the most stylish. | self to her? Does her voice sound In putting on a skirt for the first sweeter when she addresses you than time it is always well to examine it in ordinary conversation? And when first and see if all the hooks are in the you dare to hold her hand a moment proper place, and when it is on to be longer than strict conventionality desure that every hook is properly fast- | mands, does she let it linger in your

it won't stay down without pinning, ball gown unrebuked, and give you a the best plan is to pin it. If a woman | flower from those she is wearing. stands properly she will have no diffi- though it spoils the effect of her cos-

After the skirt is properly adjusted Dangers of Woman With the Dishrag. If most persons were asked which is ice comes in for consideration. Have the more dangerous occupation, that of it well set around the armholes and a soldier in battle or of the average

Though startling, it is true that the death rate of the patient domestic drudge is greater than that of the soled to ascertain whether it is properly der. So says Doctor Dickinson of Chicago, who has investigated.

At the battle of Santiago 100,000 solsure and have it set on at a becoming | diers were engaged and 300 were killed -a death rate of three-tenths of 1 per ible way of setting on their hats that cent. The death rate of the woman their less fortunate sisters would do who keeps house is considerably higher. These are some of the dangers ates on each side. Take them off, After properly putting on a dress the which the woman who is engaged in Iress them on a hot dish, pouring a next essential is to wear it well. That the slavish task of housekeeping and gill of maitre d'hotel butter over, and

Death by scalding, by gasoline or gas The way corsets are made nowadays explosions, by falling down dark stairleaves positively no excuse for a wom- ways, by heat prostration, by disease contracted through bad sewerage and unsan tary kitchens, by exhaustion and unending drudgery, by suicide induced by the hopelessness of the daily routine. These are not fanciful dantality.

And, strangely enough, these dangers follow largely in the wake of the effort of modern invention to lighten the toil of the domestic drudge. Labor-saving devices have increased the risk.

The mothers of the race are being slaughtered by the progress of civilization. Especially is this true of the socall d middle class wives and wives of workingmen.

These facts reverse the popular idea, which is that the husband goes out into the world to face its toils and dangers, leaving the wife at home sheltered from harm.

Let the world forget awhile the sorrows of "the man with the hoe" and contemplate the fate of the woman with the dishrag.

The patient household toiler faces a constant menace to mental and physical health. Is it any wonder she sometimes despairs? You will find an answer in the insane hospitals and the morgues-frightful figures.



Sarah Bernahrdt will soon be 59 years old.

Ada Cawardine, a graduate of London training school for nurses, is in charge of the only hospital on the

Miss Agnes M. Clarke, whose astro-Chinese and Japanese embroideries nomical writings have made her faon satin are among the loveliest for mous, is a native of Ireland, and says screens and other more or less useful that her passion for the stars dates dipped in prepared chalk. Never put from earliest childhood.

The young Duchess of Marlborough | paint. It injures delicate colors. which are two ostriches, several eagles rubbing with sait or powdered bith-When one desires a really artistic and vultures and an ibis.

numbers of butterflies in her drawing pan that is stained or burnt. said to be quite a craze among Parisian women at present.

A Chicago girl, Miss Elinor C. Clapp. has won reputation as a designer of and crafts, she creates distinctive effects with metals and the semi-pre-

Mrs. S. Van Rensselaer Cruger has a long teakwood chain, which she frequently wears. This string of beads. each one of which is almost as large as a twenty-five-cent piece, hangs her knees.

The town of Armidale, New South Wales, has a woman's fire brigade that has earned distinction in numerous encounters with the flames. A dozen

A Fire Brigade of Women.

gade, electing one of their number as gade appliances, and are capable of Did you ever feel her hand tremble | endering assistance to the male firein yours? It doesn't tremble if she men when necessary. They are expert money that is burned in this ease." | doesn't like you. Did you ever happen in rescue work with the life-line and



Pickled Plums. Wipe the plums and prick each in several places to prevent bursting. To seven pounds of fruit allow three younds of sugar, three pints of vinegar, a tablespoonful each of ground sinnamon, mace and all spice and a teaspoonful, each of cloves and celery seed, all well mixed and tied up in iny bags of thin muslin. Put the sugar, vinegar and spices in the kettle to boil and when this sirup is scalding hot add the plums and stir until tenler. Remove them to heated jars, take the spice bags from the sirup and fill the jars to overflowing with he boiling sirup.

Egg Jelly.

Required: twelve ounces of loaf sugar, four lemons, one pint of water or nore, two ounces of gelatine and four ggs. Rub the rind off the lemons with umps of sugar. Squeeze the juice nto a basin, measure it, and add mough water to make one quart. Put t in a saucepan with the sugar and relatine; stir over a fire until the gelaine is melted. Beat up the eggs. Cool the juice, etc., till well off boiling point, pour in the eggs. Then stir over the fire till nearly boiling; it must not juite boil or the eggs will curdle.

Broiled Frogs.

Select eighteen or twenty good-sized, ine, fresh frogs, pare off the feet neaty, then lay the frogs on a dish, and your two tablespoonfuls of sweet of over, season with a pinch of salt and a pinch of pepper, and squeeze in the luice of a fresh lemon. Roll them around several times in their seasonng, then place them nicely on the proiler, and broil them for four mintend to the table.

To Kill the Carpet Bugs.

To exterminate carpet bugs take three ounces of common salt, one sunce of alum, one ounce of chloride of zinc. Make a solution with two quarts of water and let it stand one night in a covered vessel. Next morning pour gers. Each of them has its frightful the liquid off the drugs. Dilute with statistics of death-an alarming mor- two quarts of water and sprinkle the edges of the carpet for a distance of ten or twelve inches from the wall. The bugs will leave and the carpet will not be injured.

To Preserve Pears.

Choose small pears, not too ripe, peel overnight to insure a good color, and leave the stalks on. To every peck of pears allow six pounds of leaf sugar, the juice and rind of two lemons, the latter chopped very fine. Boil all together gently until the pears are quite tender. Two hours is generally long enough. Let the syrup boil a little longer than the pears; then pour it over the fruit in the jars and tie down while hot.

Home-Made Potte ! Meat.

Cut two pounds of shin beef, one pound of lean ham, free from all fat, into small pieces, and mince through a mincing machine; then put into a stewpan; cover with water, and let it stew very gently until quite soft and puips. When done, stir the meat and gravy together, with a seasoning of pepper salt and a little mace, then let it cont and stiffen, when it will be ready for use. Palatable either for breakfast or tea.

Royal Lemon Sauce.

In a granite saucepan mix half a up of sugar, a level tablespoonful of ornstarch, a fourth of a cup of seeded raisins, a tablespoonful of shredded citron, and a dozen blanched and chopped almonds. Add gradually one and a quarter cups of boiling water and boil for five minutes, stirring constantfy; then stir in a little of the grated rind and the juice of half a lemon .-Good Housekeeping.

Finger Marks on Paint. Finger marks on paint can be removed by rubbing with a lamp clo.b soda in the water you use for washing

Stains on China. S ains on china can be removed by brick. These remedies can also be The Countess de Nabac breeds great used for cleaning an enameled sauce

> Suggestions for the Housewife. To make beets peel easily plunge in cold water as soon as they are boi ed. If one desires eggs to keep well, place them upright; otherwise the yolks will

cling to the shell and spoil. The heat of an oven is right for bread or cake if a piece of paper put in o it quickly turns a dark yellow. It is said that a pinch of salipeter added to the water in which cut flow

ers stand will make them keep fresh much longer than otherwise. To remove stains of paint or varnist use a fluid composed of five parts at cohol, three parts ammonia and one-

quarter benzine. Do not use near light ed gas or lamp. To open oyster shells easily just place the oysters on the warm kitchen stove for a second, then insert the knife between the thin portion of the

shell and it will open easily. Br nze may be renovated and recolored thus: Mix one part of murlitie acid and two parts of water. Free the erticle from all grease and dust and

apply the mixture with a cloth. When iry, polish with sweet oil.