tral Mongolia.

TARTAR TOWN OFFERS MUCH NEW

Made Many Discoveries on the Site Chara-Djan-Dsum, who had an unconof Chara-Choto-Whole Library of Early Buddhist Literature.

ST. PETERSRURG, Feb NY.-Exploration attracts the Rusian mind rather from its historical than its geographical bearings. The exploring bent of the slav has turned always to where it might expect special field of search. Probably the most come only on two huge enakes. onel Peter Kasnutch Kozloff, leader of an lection of records, worked metals, sacred relics and implements of daily life from the buried city of Chara-Choto (the Black Fortreus), the capital of a powerful Mongelian nation overthrown centuries ago by the Chinese.

It is the fourth expedition to Mongolia equipped by Russian czars in the last forty vallsky. The party which has now had

"father," Lake Balkal, and thence to Ver- in the Si-Sya language. che-Udinsk, where Kosloff and Tchernoff went on by troika-the Russia three-horse frontier. They had a most hospitable reception from the Russian settlers there during the three weeks that it took them to prepare for a two year sojourn in the barren, sandy deserts of central Asia. On December 28, 1907, the long camel caravan of the expedition passed outside the czar's

At first they found themselves on Mongolian prairie, but were not long in coming upon a hilly country rich in plant and Lhassa, the physiognomy of the land prices. If no relief should be afforded in own home. underwent a sharp change; it lost its hilly the matter of steaks and chops by the nucharacter and its covering of vegetation; merous official investigations now under its population was more scarce, especially way, not to mention the effect of strikes south of the hills, which are the eastern and boycotts, solace may be found in the continuation of the Gobi-Altai range. They salmon. This noble fish, all ready to serve had reached the real Gobi desert, where when turned out of its native can and the only rare eminences were sand hillocks requiring only a drop of lemon jules to and boulders. These gradually declined develop its intimate flavor, is well and and left a sea of blown sand whose drift favorably known by the common people. was southerly. For islands it had mounds At its best it is a poem of the Pacific. sometimes 100 feet high.

the Nan-Schan mountains and flows north- tared in the same ruthless manner, but toforests. Kozloff halted his caravan and reliable part of the national food supply. dwelt at the monastery. Presents were

He gave the Russians a Torgout guide named Bata. Very soon they came on traces of an earlier land culture-millstones, the courses of water canals, and pieces of clay and porcelain vessels. There were grave memorials of as many as five stones plastered together with mud. Three miles from Chara-Choto Kozloff came on an old river bed with tree branches lying in it. the chief suburgan, or earth mound mauso-

As Kozloff advanced into the Chinese traditional daring, their rich clothing, their paimiest days." handsome, sturdy, well-saddled horses and Yet however poor the culture of the Mon- on the Columbia river so far below study of Tibstan sciences.

lake side. Beyond its high banks on the mal opening last November there were again for its main purpose.

Kozloff and his companions entered the Alsea, Nehalem and Nestucca rivers. excavation it had to be brought from a New York Tribune. distance. The absolute height of Chari-Choto was established at 2,700 feet and its geographical position at 41 degrees 45 minutes, 40 seconds, northern latitude and 101 degrees, 5 minutes, 1485 seconds, eastern

longitude from Greenwich. The excavations gave rich finds in books. manuscripts, metal and paper money. women's dress, household utenalls and trading wares and objects of Buddhist art. Ten cases, each a pood chirty-eight pounds), heavily filled with antiquies, were collected. The news of the actual discovery approximate date when Chari-Choto flour-

The torgouts of today say that their any man cestors when they first came to the country found the ruins in the same state that they are now. It was a town of Chinese type, its high mud walls facing the four points of the compass, built on an island-

EXPLORING A LONG DEAD CITY | like terrace, which the river Edsingol once flowed round on its north and south sides, but it now has diverted its course into the sait basin Chadan-Chotu. There is a sub-Colonel Kozloff's Two Years in Cen- urb town outside the eastern gate connected with the fortified town by earth bastions reaching to the gate.

Kozloff gathered from the Mongolians that Chara-Choto or Chara-Balschen, the Black City or Fortress, had its last ruler, the Batyr (Russian Bogatyr or hero) querable army with which he sought to teenth street. win the Chinese throne. But the Chinese army defeated him and shut him up in wells 800 feet deep without finding water. to unearth some human story of the past. breach in the walls, but was with his un-Russian travellers have made the vast conquerable army annihilated by the Chi-ancient plains of North China, of Mon-nese, who entered and destroyed the capgolia and the first nurseries of human so- tured city. But nobody has since found his

The Russian Orientalists, S. F. Oldencrowned last night by a reception here at burg. A. I. Ivanoff and W. L. Kotwitch fell in showers and the mighty, mysterious the Imperial Geographical society to Col- have declared that Chara-Choto was the residence capital of the Tangout empire. expedition that passed two years in central St-Sys, which existed from the eleventh to the thirteenth century. They pronuonced call the tales to them by their grandfathand has brought back a marvellous col- Kozloff's discoveries most valuable and ers of the year that the stars fell, but the Geographical society wrote, asking his Mrs. Svacina, in her remarkably well preto visit Chara-Choto again on his return served age, stands alone as one that can journey. He did so, and on May 22, 1909, recall the visit of the cornet as a matter began a month's excavations, helped by of personal observation. She saw the Mongolian laborers, whom Belth supplied comet, not as a child, but a person of maand who furnished the expedition daily turity. She, however, was not a sharer in with drinking water,

a quarter mile from the west wall of the goer and communicant for well near a pears. Colonel Kazloff's first effort dates city on the back of a dry riverbed and in century. Back in in those days as now back twenty-five years ago, when he went it they found an entire library of books, she had trust and faith. When the comet on the last journey of the immortal Pris- manuscripts and Buddish sacred pictures had passed with its train of stars. Bosuch success consisted, besides Kozloff, of statueties in metal and wood and cuts and caped from harm. Then, indeed, they were the Moscow geologist Tchernotf, the topos- models of tombs. This suburgan was thirty sure their prayers had been answered, and rapher Captain Napalkin, and ten soldiers- feet high, set on a pedestal with a vertical there were many who believed who had four Moscow grenadiers and six Trans- middle section and a conical, but much never believed before. Baikal cossacies. The caar paid the ex- damaged roof Inside this tomb, which was Mrs. Svacina cares not about comets and The exposition left Moscow in Novem- an upright base circular paling twenty life day is concerned. She spends her days in ber, 1907, traveling by the Kursk ratiroad size earth figures, their faces looking in- her home turning over the pages of her over the Russian plains and the Ural moun- ward, as Lamas read their holy books at Bible from Bohemla, which she has read tains, through the steppes and forests of religious service. Among the figures lay so very many times over that she has no Sheria to the River Angara and its a great number of books and manuscripts count of it. Martin Svacina, her husband,

ological material the Kozloff expedition home to go to live with her children, who went on by troiks—the Russia three-horse started on the home journey and reached are themselves gray-heads now. With sleigh-to Ryachta on the Russic-Chinese started on the home journey and reached are themselves gray-heads now. With the country had a room hands she cares for her home and entire collection will be handed over to takes pride in her housekeeping. the Asiatic and Ethnographic museum of not? She has been at it longer than most the Academy of Sciences.

# TRYING TO SAVE THE SALMON

Oregon Wakes Up and Begins Replenishing Streams Ravaged by Canneries.

an ode of Oregon, and an anthem of After enduring a terrific sandstorm the Alaska. Years of ruthless waste have diexpedition reached the River Edsingol, minished its numbers; it used to be as Cabalistic Charms Sought for All which draws its waters from the snow of plentiful as the buffalo, and was slaughward for 300 miles, parting into the two day state and federal authorities are conlakes Suchonor and Chaschunnor. On its serving the fish, encouraging by scientific lower banks Mongolian Torgouts have been methods its propagation, and they expect settled for 450 years and have reared dense that in a few years it will become a large, opened relations with the chief, Belieh, The state of Oregon has lately established a large central hatchery with a ca-

exchanged and the Torgout leader showed pacity of 60,000,000 eggs, and has cut dow friendliness to the explorer. Belieh gave the open season for catching salmon by for Kozloff permission to make excavations ty-seven days, including a month in spring on the site of the dead city of Chara-Choto and a twenty-four hour closed period from and to make the journey over his terri- Saturday night to Sunday night during the open season. The latter restrictions, operative in 1909, did not decrease the total yield for the catch on the Columbia River, but had the beneficial result desired, grounds on the headwaters.

Owing to the new laws, says H. C. Mc-Allister, master fish warden of the state, possessing supernatural powers. the number of eggs obtained at the hatchery on the McKenzie river, nearly three and the women cannot assign a proper rea-At the northwest corner of the city was hundred miles from the mouth of the Co- son for the sickness the man is called in lumbia, amounted to \$,515,500, as against or the child is brought to him. He mutters leum, inside the sand walls. At the south- 2,983,900, taken in 1908, "proving conclusively something in an unintelligible language for west corner was a dome crowned building that with fishing stopped and all classes a few minutes, rubs the child's forchead of gear out of the Columbia for a long with his hands, shakes his fist in the air enough period each year a sufficient quan- as if menacing someone and then informs Mongolian waste he found marked differ- tity of fish will get by and the river be the good woman that her child must get ences in the character of the peoples. In made to produce, by artificial propagation, well, for he has frightened the devil away. the north the nomads were proud of their the same amount of salmon it did in its

their horsemanship-above all of their his- established in Oregon were giving poor re- and for the honor that there is in the protoric past. Their recognized spiritual heir- suits on account of the pollution of streams arch, the Bogdo-Gegen (again born), was by power plants, irrigation ditches and upheld by the hereditary princess of Urga sawmills. These appurtenances of civiliand the lands around. In central Mongolia sation encroached on hatchery sites and the people fall away from this standard, caused the death of a majority of the and toward the south become more and young fry liberated. The last legislature more Chinese. They cease to adhere to therefore appropriated \$12,000 to establish the national life of their race kindred, a targe central hatchery at some point golians may seem to Europeans they re- power plants, ditches and sawmilts that tain their own writings, their printed laws the fry would have a chance to live and and interest in religious questions and the enter the great ocean for their mysterious quadrennial development. Tanner creek,

In March, 190s, Kozloff's caravan halted near Bonneville, was selected as the site. at Lake Sochanor, in the middle of the A hatchery 55 by 230 feet, equipped with readers or fortune tellers. Whether they Mongolian desert. Their approach to it 248 16-foot hatching troughs with an egg are always sincere about it or not, they was signalled by the sight on a fine spring capacity almost equal to the population of evening of a flock of birds flying over the the United States, was built. At the forfurther side lay the one time casts of 5,000,000 chinook salmon eggs and fry be-Boro-Obo, where are the remains of the ing cared for, all having been transferred ruined city of Erge-Chara-Baruck. Next from the hatcheries of the McKenzie, ers was not without interesting incidents. day they came on flights of herons, swans Clackamas, Salmon, Wallowa and Little Upon the advice of one who is thoroughly and guils. Gazelles and wild asses crossed White Salmon rivers. Nursery pends familiar with the East Side ways, the rethe track of the caravan. Among the for holding and feeding 10,000,000 young fish porter approached an old woman who was sedge by the lake a group of armed Tor- are connected with the central establish- selling candles on Hester street and asked gout tribesmen were guarding a herd of ment. Besides the numerous state hatch- her if she could not recommend him a man horses. After four days' rest on the south erics there is a United States government who could cure a child suffering from an of Lake Sochonor the caravan set out plant on Rogue river. In the present year evil eye. experimental work will be done on the

city by the west gate. It is built in a The salmon industry in Oregon is ex- "There is an old butcher there. He is an quadrangle a quarter of a mile wide, in- coeded only by the state's output of tim- expert at fighting the evil one. Tonight tersected by dirt covered streets, where ber and wheat. The amount invested in yet your child will begin to get better, I were the wreckage of mud houses, of tombs canneries and other outfit is \$5,000,000; la- assure you." and of brick foundationed juined temples bor gets \$2.500,000, and the annual revenue In the butcher shop was a young man of Water was not to be found and during the from the sale of salmon reaches \$4,000,000 - 25.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Even a mince ple may look innocent. The other fellow's cloud seldom looks Pawning a check suit is one way to the shop.

Never judge a man's importance by the self-concelt he has on tap.

of the fabulous ruined city and of the rich | When a man basn't any reputation left fight the evil one at a distance. manuscripts, was sent at once o st. Peters-burg to enable the experts to determine the

Sieer the average man up against a soda out with some one. Finally he handed the fountain and he'll complain that he isn't handkerchief back saying that the child chaser if you knew where he was?

The possum is almost valueless of the child chase if you knew where he was?

### Omaha Woman Saw Halley's Comet on Its Last Visit



HEN Halley's comet appears in the heavens it will be almost in the light of a familiar visitor to Mrs. Mary Svacina, who in her 101st year is enjoying life at her home, 1417 South Four-

Mrs. Syncins was past her twenty-fourth year and married back in the old Bohemian Chara-Choto. The besieged Mongollans dug home near Zuhorany when the comet swept within the view of earthly folk before. In Their chief then put his treasures, eighty those long, long ago days, the humble Bowagonloads of from twenty to thirty hemian folk knew little of the knowledge poods, into these dry wells. He killed his that the savants had stored up in their two wives and his son and daughter to universities. The comet was to them a save them from shame. Then he forced a message of various omens, probably the wrath of Gud.

Zuhorany was terrorstricken and the people fled to the churches to pray to the clety in cishimalayan Transcaucasia their hidden treasures. The latest searchers had saints that they be spared. There could be no other menning to them than that the world was to be destroyed when the stars

> Many of the old folk of Omaha can re the terror that struck the hearts of the The Russians opened a tomb that stood people. For has she not been a churchon lines, thin silk and parchment, besides hemia and all the world beside had es-

> about eighteen feet wide, were set around the matters about which the world of todied here thirty-five years ago. She has After storing all these priceless archae- been alone since, refusing to give up her women.

In Mrs. Syacina one sees that much the mistress of her home. She finds her way about the Bohemian settlement in which she lives with all the ease of any other resident. She calls at the home of too. There is a glimmer of hope ahead for the friends and visits her children, rather preanimal life. Behind Urga, the Mongolian American people deprived of meat by high fering, however, to welcome them to her

> believe her to be more than 75 years old. Her step is firm and her voice clear. She He is living at Scattle, Wash.

MRS. MARY SVACINA.

marked feminine desire to have one's own wears her spectacles to read, but at other Life was not always so pleasant for Mrs. way. And she has her way, too She is times looks at one with a clear eye. Diet Svacina as it is now. In her childhood fur bearing animals will decrease. When fallen asleep," reproved the mayor, "but

box fastened to the wall and suggested that

This One Meant Business.

was professional in every respect. His wife,

a plump woman, interrogated the visitor in

a manner which showed that she had been

accustomed to handle people. She wanted

to know whether it was a love affair that

the visitor came to seek help in, or whether

the visitor give something for charity.

is not a matter of much concern to Mrs. the government of Bohemia was oppressive in addition to this they are hunted so Jixo is equally to blame, for he is a god Svacina. She makes mye bread and beer to the Czechs, the strain which Mrs. Sva- strenuously by the trappers, their early bound to protect every one who trusts a part of most every meal and relishes it. cina represents. For three days out of extermination is inevitable. each week, she, with all the rest of the Mrs. Svacina reared eleven children of folk of her village, worked for the gov- that the State Game commission shall whom five are yet living. Peter, the baby ernment. It was a toll of labor, a taxof the family, 16 years old, runs a grocery ation in wages. She escaped it all by com- is, establish a closed season for them, but There is a remarkable degree of liveliness store on South Thirteenth street and Ja- ing to America. The Czechs started a such a regulation is inconceivable. The about Mrs. Svacina, despite her extreme cob, 63 years old, a retired grocery man, movement for a revolution and independ- rate are a public pest, dangerous to age. From her appearance one would not lives a few squares away. Martin, the ence, but the power of the Germanic ineldest son of the family, is 76 years old. fluence was too much. They stayed at

### would now get well in a short time, as EAST SIDE DEVIL CHASERS influence of the evil eye had been shattered. Asked whether he charged for his serv-

more.

there because of illness.

reunited with his wife.

swollen all of a sudden?

A girl of 18 sat there with a swollen arm.

could cure people of all sorts of ailments,

cabalistic prescriptions which he made

His charges? They were not exorbitant.

scribe. Yes, he used to write parchment

copies of the Bible for use in synagogues.

to come to him to ask all kinds of cures.

He effected cures at first merely as a

favor to his friends. Soon he began to

find that he had no time to work at his

trade. His house was always crowded,

so he gave up working and became a

People came to him not only from New

His methods? Oh, they came from ca-

a cure for all sorts of ailments and were

An East side physician was asked wheth-

"I should not be surprised. We have it

with them many of the mediaeval super

sillions. You give them a prescription,

them wear in the form of charms.

them a good big dowry.

to this man. " replied:

Kinds of Ills. ODD SURVIVAL OF SUPERSTITION

Atlments Ascribed to Evil Eye and Cured by "Hely Word"-Some Wonder Workers Work for

NEW YORK March 5 .- 'Over an the East Side hundreds of old men have earned reputations by their skill as soothsayers, devil chasers and wonder workers and are employed to break the spells cast upon children and otherwise undo the mischief which was to allow more of the parent the devil is held responsible for," said a fish to reach the hatcheries and spawning man who lives on the East Side. "Almost every block in the ghette has a man who is known to the women in that block as

"When a child gets sick all of a sudder "Some of these wonder workers take money for their work and charge as much It was found that the first hatcheries as a doctor would. Others do it for charity

> "There are thousands of women on the East Side who are regular visitors to these wonder workers, not only when they are sick, but also when they have any worry on their mind. Sometimes it is advice, but most often a charm that they receive for the quarter or half dollar which they pay

> The wonder workers have all the more influence since, unlike the devil chasers of clusively men and are not mediums, minding the devil not with black art of any kind, but with the 'holy word."

Sent to a Butcher. A search for some of these wonder work

"Go to the middle of the block," the woman said, pointing toward Ludiow street.

When asked where the old butcher was he surmised what the old man was healer of the sick and a peacemaker. wanted for and hastened to inform the visitor that he too could fight the evil York, but from other cities. one. The visitor insisted on seeing the old man and he was told to go to the rear of baltistic books. These books contained There in a room, which was partly a infallible. With this he pointed out some

living room and partly a storage room, of the books and the symbols in them. the man was found. lie was about 70 and sat near a window reading. When or it was true that doctors sent patients And some girls are known by the com-any they refuse to keep. informed what was wanted of him he ex-Any excuse would be all right if you child just then, but that if the visitor had New York people from some of the recould make people believe it. some object which the child were he could motest corners of Europe. They have A handkerchief was handed to him, the

name of the child and of the mother told, but they know beforehand that it won't A thought one cannot express without profanity would be just as well suppressed.

There is something wrong with the woman who prides herself on her lack of much to be seen except the feverish clutch—

words of the wonder worker.

become so valuable as to make they become so valuable as to make they ping of the animal profitable. There was not had such a sickness they were cured by ago the skin was worth only ear it ran up to 20 cents and occasionally. ing of the handkerchief. An occasional ing of the hands of the lands o stamped his feet as if he were having it and chase the devil out of them. Well, and \$2.50 each, ofter skins from \$15 to \$20 ple. If necessary, possibly with streets

# he had done his work thoroughly and the BIG HARVEST FOR TRAPPERS

Fashion.

LARGE INCOMES FOR POOR MEN Another of the wonder workers visited

> Millions of Muskrats Killed to Supply the Demand for Furs-Mink and Otter Skins Also

it was sickness. Sickness, she said, was the thing the man was especially skilful in. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 26.-The Lousiana But, of course, he could help in all sorts trapping season will be over on March 1 of difficulties, business as well as love and contrary to expectaations the fur crop troubles, and where husband and wife were of the state will be a good one and will separated, no matter how far apart, he leave probably a million and a half in the could always use a charm or a prayer hands of the trappers.

which would turn the husband's mind back | Half a dozen times in the last dozen to his home, to his wife and children once years it has looked as though they would spicuously in the market surplies. Comhave to work for a living instead of fol-There were nearly a dozen women wait- lowing the free and easy existence they ing in the room. They all drank in every lead in their huts and pirogues along the and help to swell the supply of Canadian word which the fat woman was saying. great sea marsh of Louisiana or the rivers, fur for which Americans compete. Others Hope seemed to rise in the eyes of even bayous and lakes which empty into the go abroad to London, Paris and Berlin. the most dejected of the women as they gulf. They are unfortunately exterminalistened. About half of the women came ters.

One woman, holding an emaciated baby the entire saurian tribe in Louisiana, conin her arms, explained that doctors could verting them into hand pags and satchels, not help him and she was advised to try until there were no alligators to kill. Then to supply the market with what is rethis man. Just then a man entered. He when fashion changed, they set in to kill received preference over all others and was the terms, egrets and other seabirds for admitted into the private office of the their feathers. In two years they exterwonder worker. The women evidently minated several species of these birds and knew the man and his mission, for they would have annihilated all of them had not the Audubon society intervened and sesoon began to guess that he would soon be cured the protection of the birds by state

When it looked like hard work with the She explained that "the man" could cure hos and the spade for the trappers, furs her arm much quicker than a doctor, for it came into fashion, and the arctic region was clearly a case of an evil eye; othernot being able to supply the demand, subwise why should a healthy arm become stitutes were sought for everywhere. To the surprise of everybody it was discov-After a long wait the visitor finally ered that Louisiana was a great fur progained admittance to the devil chaser. ducer. It contributed last year and will He was a man of 55, with a silk skull cap probably contribute this year more furs on his head and a flowing heard. He than any other state except the wilder explained that he was really modest about states of the far west, for it turned in for his work but that people insisted that he 1969 in a season of three menths somecould do wonders if he wanted to. Well, thing like 10,000,000 pelts. he was not sure he would care to actu-

Profits for the Trappers. ally perform miracles, but he certainly The business has assumed immense proportions. A number of dealers sprang up short of surgical operations. He used in New Orleans, and the trappers found the in wealth. Think of a trapper, living in a for the individual to follow. In fact he did not take money from the hut a negro would disown, who probably poor at all. Still he made a very nice never made \$200 a year before in his life, daughters married and gave every one of minks.

The profit came mainly because of the How long had he been in this business? great advance in prices. In the alluvial grounds for the children has met with a pieces of cotton cloth and see if he could About fifteen years. At first he was a parishes of Louisiana muskrats and minks have been accounted among the greatest pests of the state, costing it millions of Then people learned of his gifts and began dollars annually. Burrowing as they do in the ground and building living places in the levee with tunnels to the river and the dry land they are the frequent causes of crevices in the levee and overflows. These burrowing rodents with the king-

fisher and the crawfish are regarded with reason as the most dangerous enemies of the levee system. In some places, as at Bougere in Concordia parish their numbers are so great and the banks so riddled by their holes that levee construction there has been impossible. At times bounties have been offered for their heads, and at a recent session of the Louislana legislature alligators were placed under the protection of the game law on the ground that they defended the levees, owning to the large number of muskrats they ate-a statement which has never been sufficiently established.

Advance in Price of Pelts. The alligator protection is no longer necessary, as the fur of the muskrat has become so valuable as to make the trapyear it ran up to 30 cents and occasionally

The possum is almost valueless except Weekly.

as food, the skins bringing only 10 cents, As for the muskrate, although reported DETECTIVE OF OLD to be eaten by other states, even the negroes reject them in Louisiana because said to be sweet and tender and easily substituted for rabbit.

With the advance in price there was a rush for the muskrats. One million are said to have been killed in Plaquemine parish just below New Orleans, and some six million or more in the state. A clever Mayor of Yedo, Who Sentenced a God boy could easily make his \$5 a day at trapping and at a season when there is no other work to do, no other crops to raise. Along the Mississippi river, along the

gulf coast, particularly in Vermillion and Cameron parishes, the trappers were active floods in the streams drowned out immense god Jizo. solonies of them and there was a strong In this folk story of ancient Yedo the

and his peculiarities is able to trap them | ital. more easily than formerly. They have im- This O-oka received a salary of 10.00

Hard Season, Big Output. It has been rather a hard life this winter story: because there have been many severe "One day a servant employed by the lost in the storms.

course of improvements the number of "You are certainly to blame for having

In Plaquemine parish it is proposed place some protection around them, that the levee, and it is not to be thought of overflow will be endangered in order to put money into the pockets of the trapto cultivate the mink, to have mink farms and raise the animal for its fur. The the muskrats, which contribute the bulk ices, the man said no, but pointed to a tin Louisiana Profiting from a Whim of of the Louisiana pelts.

Audubon Society Aids.

Moreover, the Audubon society, while proiana coast, donated by the state and fed-extraordinary trial. Hundreds were spurred governments, on which it has sol trying to raise sea birds. In this it would be eminently successful but for the thousands of coons and muskrats which swim from the mainland to the islands during the laying and hatching seasons and destrey thousands of eggs and young birds.

The Louisiana furs are so widely distributed that they do not yet figure conparatively few go to New York or Boston; some are shipped to Canada and Chicago, a prayer to you, then fell asleep at your If they are ever worn in Louisiana it is as imported furs and certainly under another name than muskrut.

It seems odd, though, that a state regarded as sub-tropical should be helping garded as a product of the Arctic regions.

### MAKING THE CITY BEAUTIFUL States Urged to Set Examples for the Individuals to

Follow. In America we have been so careful of tive and jealous care of private interests plain thieves? They think this court is a has been carried to such a point that the penny show and they laugh at the court's most necessary improvements are delayed orders. Shut all the gates at once." or entirely defeated.

The time has come when the street sys- which he presented. tem of our overcrowded cities cries aloud | Before he would allow the 700 to go, how living from his practice and had four receiving \$5,000 or \$6,000 for muskrats and for readjustment. The demand for new ever, O-oka retired with the porter who parks and small open squares to provide had been robbed to an inner chamber and breathing spaces for the poor and play- he asked the porter to look over the 700 general acceptance. Well-planned schools identify any of them as having been once in arranged so that aunlight will cheer and the pack he had carried. Since every purify every room and corridor are now manufacturer of cotton cloth in Yedo al-Beautiful interiors harmoniously colored, searched the edges of the many strips of art, are willingly provided for our public He found that two of the pieces of cloth schools. But the pressing need of light brought to pay the mayor's fine bore the and air in our streets has not yet been stamp of his plundered pack. Instantly recognized. The streets that the pupils Mayor O-oka gave orders for the arrest of traverse, or the very streets upon which the two men who had brought this cloth, They may be disorderly, crowded, dark, cloth they had taken from the sleeping and dismal; we are not interested. This porter's pack was restored to him. inconsistency seems inexcusable.

entire city, by a scheme for the general the crowd which had attended the trial

Such a plan, intelligently conceived, would determine the position of great firmly in his seat of power. public buildings in relation to the rest of "You see these people in reality are 25 cents. This year it is 30 cents and the city, fix the widths of the main thoroughfares, and make them double or triabove and below the surface.-Harper's

of their musky odor, although the flesh is Folk Lore Story that Goes Back to Feudal Days.

PRACTICAL USE FOR THE I DEA

to Emprisonment Got Evidence that Led to the Arrest of Highway Robbers.

Somebody said recently that the detective ast year. Perhaps they were a little too story is as old as the pyramids and that active, for they killed off more than the some of the "Arabian Nights" forecasted year's crop of rats, and it was reported "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" and "A that the supply would be less this season Study in Scarlet" by a thousand years and than last. The big gulf hurricans of Sep- more; but no better proof of the catholictember 20, 1909, helped to cut down the ity of the detective story can be found than army of muskrais. The storm drove them that offered by feudal Japan, which proup from the gulf coast to dryer land, the duced the tale of the arrest of the stone

conviction that this year's yield would be hero detective moves with all the seeming indirection of Lecoq and Sherlock Holmes Perhaps its has been reduced, but not his marvels to perform. O-oks. was he, much. The animals multiply rapidly, the mayor of Yedo under the eighth shogon price of pelts has increased and the trap- and holder of the high justice and the low pers with better knowledge of the muskrat over all the merchants of Tokugawa's cap-

proved their methods. Instead of pirogues koku of rice and Mme. Y. Ozaki, who is many of them have gasolene launches, the wife of the present mayor of Toklo which carry them from one set of traps to (old Yedo renamed) and who is the chronanother, enabling them to harvest the crop | feler of the craft of O-oka in the Janan Megazine, says that the old corre carned his salary ten times over. Fire a the

storms. And the trappers, on the guif proprietor of a big store near Japan bridge coast at least, lead a very hard and ex- in Yedo was sent with a heavy pack of posed life, their huts being built on the valuable cotton goods on his back to a marsh of palmetto bushes. Several cases dyer in Honjo district. When the store's of freezing to death in the swamp have messenger reached Yokogawa street ha been reported and other lives have been was ready to seek rest. What more safe invitation could have offered than the little The pelts are brought to Ne worleans grove of trees set about the atons status weekly and Judging from these that have of the god Jizo, the patron saint of travarrived so far, the indications are that slers and defenseless women and children?

the fur crop of Louisiana will, in spite | The somnolent porter awake from a nap of the activity of the trappers last season to find that his employer's cotton had disand the big September storm, prove larger appeared. In great distress he went to than that of 1909 and several times the storekeeper and confessed that he had larger than that of any previous year. slept and that a robber had made off with None the less it is evident that the fur the goods during his slumber. The master crop of Louisiana is certain to decline would not believe his story, saying that it unless some way can be found of pro- would have been impossible for a robber tecting the fur bearing animals, particu- to make off with so large a bundle in larly the muskrais. The area of swamp broad daylight; unless the porter should and marsh in which these animals thrive pay for the lost goods he would have to is rapidly decreasing as the drainage go to prison, said the master. In despair work is extended, so that by the natural the porter took counsel of Mayor O-oka.

in him and in this instance he has betrayed you. Even though Jigo is a Buddha cannot pardon him for his neglect of duty. I will have him arrested and brought before me for trial."

O-oka gave immediate orders to his court officers to go and arrest the Jiso of that the safety of the alluvial lands from Yokogawa street and bring him before the mayor's seat for trial. Three of the officers departed on their mission. They pers. In St. John parish it is proposed first bound the arms of the stone god with coils of rope; then they tried to lift him from his firm pedestral into a cart. A experiment will be made, but of course great crowd assembled before the Jizo. on a small scale, and it is impossible with attracted by the unusual behavior of the court officers. When they were told that Jizo had to go before the mayor for trial, the citizens of Yokagawa street and the neighborhood of Honjo marvelled.

tecting the birds, has declared war on the much for the three court officers and lons of birds' eggs annually, and the so- they sought aid of those standing about. ciety has invited the co-operation of the They promised that in return for assisttrappers to get rid of these peats. The so- ance they would admit all volunteer clety owns nineteen islands off the Louis- workers into the court room to witness the by curiosity to lend a hand and when the apart bird reservations and on which it is stone god went through the streets strapped to a cart like any offender the crowd grew It fulled the great hall of tustice when Jizo was lifted in and proped up before the platform upon which sat the mayor. O-oka addressed the god in stern words.

"You are a negligent fool, O. Jizo!" exclaimed in a voice loud enough for all to hear. "You are supposed to protect every one who believes in you and who renders tribute, yet this trusting porter here made very feet and he was robbed while he slept. You wtand accused of being an accomplice in this robbery. Have you anything to say for yourself before I pass sen-

Mayor O-oka waited for a few moments as if expecting the stone lips of Jigo to open in reply, but when no answer was made by the god he passed sentence immediately. "Since you do not defend yourself I con

sider that you are guilty," said his honor, Therefore I will imprison you." At this remarkable spectacle of a mayor passing sentence upon a stone god there

was a titter of laughter. O-oka thundered in a voice of base: "Who are all these people standing about the individual that the community has here?" he inquired of his court officers. been allowed to suffer, and the conserva- "Are they accomplices of Jizo or only

The scared attendants hastened to shut However, we do not despair of our fu- the gates of the court room. Then Mayor ture. The love of beauty is growing rap- O-oka adjudged every man in the great idly, and while it was once thought to be crowd in contempt of court and fined the prerogative of the rich, it is now un- each of them one tan (a kimono longth) derstood to be the right of every citizen. of cotton cloth. The hundreds thus sud-The elevation of thought and mind that denly found in contempt were happy that comes with association and a belief in their punishment had been so light at least, beauty is apt to be disregarded in this and under honds they hurrled to their materialistic age. Art for the people must homes to bring back the cloth fine. Be be better than art by the people. I be- fore the day was done 700 pieces of cotton competition so great and prices so high lieve that it is incumbent upon the state cloth had been presented before the may that from their point of view they rolled to take the lead and provide examples or's court, the name of each culprit being set down upon the one tan of cotton clott

> erected, and nothing satisfies us ways marked the selvage of each strip with that falls short of the new standard, a little red trademark stamp the porte, with mural paintings in the assembly cloth for a stamp similar to that borns rooms, teaching the lessons of history and by the cloth which he had been robbeothe schoolhouses are built, are neglected, they confessed to the robbery and all of the

All the other pieces of cloth taken i Problems like these can only be solved toll by the mayor were restored to their by a consistently prepared plan for the owners and all but the two guilty ones of arrangement of streets and thoroughfares of Jiso were released. Then Jiso, the stone devised by men who do not believe that a god, was put on a cart, wreathed with the bridge may be independent of its ap-evergreen pine and the hamboo, symbols proaches, that a park needs no boule- of long life and prosperity, and he was vards to reach it, or that streets can ac- carried back to his pedestal in Yokogawa commodate an unlimited amount of truf- street at the head of a triumphal procession. Jizo had vine cated himself and Mayor O-oks, the wise, sat even the more

Mrs. Newwed-There can be no domestic happiness unless there are mutual con-cessions.

Mrs. Henpecque—Nonsense. My husband and I get along all right, and I make him make all the concessions. ess unless there are mutual