RABELAIS CLUB WAS POPULAT. Of English Dining Organizations Americans Liked This the Lest.

Probably of all the English dining flubs, that most hospitable to America rans was the Rabelias, which was Sounded more than a quarter of a cea tury ago, which nourished for pertaps ten years and which has been sefunct for now nearly 15 years, says Brander Matthews in Putnam's. It thad among its organizers the late. tord Houghton, that stanch friend of the union through all the uncertain teurs of the civil war, and Sir Walter Sexant, always untiring in his efforts to assure the solidarity of the Englishspeaking peoples. Among the origiand members when the Rabelais gave its dinner in 1879 were Charles Godtrey Leland, Bret Harte and Henry James, all then residents in England. Lougfellow, Lowell and Holmes were elected to the club in 1880. Afterward wiher Americans were added to the FOR-E. A. Abbey, Lawrence Barrett, John Hay, W. D. Howells, Clarence King and the present writer. Of all These, the one who took the most active part in the earliest days of the right's existence was Leland, the author of "Hans Breitmann."

This dinner of the Rabelais club to Dr. Holmes in 1886, arranged long be-Tore he left his beloved Boston, whose bard he was and whose titles to glory he was ever glad to proclaim—this Camer was the largest ever given by ble club and it was perhaps its last effort to establish itself solidly. Other dinners there were from time to time within the next two or three years: and then there were no more, and the Rabelais club ceased to be. It had FUR its course, and it came to an untimely end at last, for some reason not easy to ascertain.

TOOK ALL INDUCEMENT AWAY.

Admiral's Proviso Would Have Rendered Shore Leave Valueless.

Admiral Coghlan, as every one knows, sprang into fame as an after dinner speaker through his recital of "Mich der Kaiser," at a dinner given By the Chion League club in 1809. Littly the admiral cared about the divionable eth that followed. Admiral Corbles is a stout man of medium beight, grayleh hair, large nose, and twinking little eyes. He is always zmiling, good humored, and easy to appreach. Though polished by conmad with men of many minds, he is istill an old sea dog, and his after dinmer yarns retain much of the flavor of malt water.

"i never know what I am going to way when I start out," says the admittal. "I just get on my feet and trust to the Lord, like the sailor who Mar's to low out into a narbor on a dark, toggy night and trusts to the good Lord to help him find his ship

Ore of the admiral's favorite stories to about a former ba'sun of his who when allowed to go lashore. He was carried aboard so many times in a helpless condition Akat Admiral Coghlan finally decided to make him stay on board. Some mime after, the ship made a European port after a long voyage and all the grow, except the bibulous one, was ziven shore leave. The latter moped around looking so sorrowful that BuxBy Admiral Coghlan relented, and anid: "Jim, if I let you off this time will you promise me not to get drank?" Thereupon the reply was: Thanks fer yer kindness, Cap, but what's the use goin' ashore?"-Bobemian Magazine.

Exonerated.

Mr. Gayboy, when I went into a evowded car the other evening you appeared to be deeply absorbed in a mewspaper, and I had to accept a sent effered me by an entire stranger. You didn't see me, of course. O, no!" "My dear Miss Pinnie, when a

pretty girl enters 2 car where I am sitting I never rise and offer her my sont I always know that a lot of grounger fellows will do it at ouce and won't be necessary on my part."

"O, well, Mr. Gayboy, there was no harm done-and I have no doubt you really were too busy with your newspaper to see me. I was just joking."

Senators Who Had Been Governors. Of the 89 senators sworn in and perving, 22, or nearly one-fourth, have officiated as governors of their states. Ten of the 22 are Republican and 12 P - Democrats. The senatorial delegations from Ackansas, Louisiana, Ter. messee and Vorment have been our thie, executives of their respective states. Twelve are from the southern states and comprise nearly one-half of the south's representation in the senate. Four are from the cast four from the middle wast and existions the western states.

All Her Doing. "Your hubband," said Giddle, "appears to be a man of great self-car-

Yes," replied Mrs Peckhain, "he "Nes." "I suppose," Gaddie weat on, "he simberited that quanty from his father.

"No," she replied significantly, "it's m virtue he acquired since his niar-

..... In 1910.

Visitor-Tell your mistress I am Maid--Yes, ma'am, she'll be down in a few minutes, ma'am.

Visitor-is she up in the nursery? .Maid-No, ma'am, she is up in a bulkon.

DIDN'T TAKE ANY MORE NOTES.

Colored Preacher's Experience Had Taught Him to Prefer Cash.

A northern minister, who was spending the winter in the south for the benefit of his health and at the same time pursning with accustomed vigor the work of his church among the whites of the Piedmont section of upper Carolina, devoted much of his spare time to the study of conditions among the colored people. It was in a prosperous rural community, where the two races are about numerically equal, that this incident occurred.

One morning while driving along the public road the minister met a negro preacher of the neighborhood, of whom he had seen but little, but whose confidence he had apparently already won. The negro was what is commonly called a "locus" preacher. The conversation, at first varied with comments upon the little things of common interest, naturally drifted to the subject of religion.

"Now, tell me something of your work," asked the minister. "Do you take notes for your sermons?"

"Wa-al, no," admitted the brother in black cautiously. "I useter be guiky of dat, fo' a fact, but I'se refawined by 'sperionee. Since I come to know dese niggers at dere rale wuth. I 'quires de cash. Notes is no goodroun' heah."-Baltimore American.

MARK TWAIN AS A FINANCIER.

Humorist Earned \$3 in Transaction, and Then Was Bunkoed.

Mark Twain blossomed out with a new dog's tale at the weekly banquet of the Pleiades club at the Lafavette-Brevoort. The theme of the humorist was: "How It Pays to Be Honest-When It Doesn't Hurt Yourself." He said he was starving with a chap named Davis, in Washington, in the latter 60s and Davis told Twain to go out and rummage for \$3 for Scotch

whisky, while he'd stay home. Twain said he walked into a botel and came on the prettiest dog he had ever seen in the lobby.

Gen. Nolson A. Miles came in with three months' salary. Miles saw Twain fondling the dog, and offered Twain \$10 for the animal.

"I haven't any right to sell this dog for \$10," answered the humorist, "but if you'll give me \$3 you can take the pup away."

Miles paid the \$3 and took it away. The real owner rushed in.

"I'll find your dog for \$3," said Twain. The owner agreed. Twain walked upstairs, told Miles the situation, and got the dog back by paying \$3, then received \$3 for restoring it to the owner. He took three quarts back home to Davis, who drank it all and Isnored Twain. New York Sin.

Tragedy of an Opera. Guglielmo Goggi, a musical student, aged 20 years, committed suicide in Rome under particularly dramatic circumstances.

He had been engaged in composing an opera, and his figuree, a beautiful girl of 18 years, was writing the libretto. She had frequently told him that she felt too weak to go on with it, but he urged her to try to finish a work which, he said, would revolutionize the artistic world.

A week ago the opera was completed, but the girl had meanwhile become dangerously ill.

The young lover was seized with remorse, for he realized that he had brought on the illness by making his fiancee work so hard.

He rushed to her bedside, and after tearing the opera into shreds he haplored her forgiveness. He then opened the window and threw himself to the street below.

The girl died an hour later.-London Express.

Lescons in Laughter. "I often think," said a teacher of singing, "that vocal training might

profitably include lessons in laughing. "Most people would be the better for it, for, consider, how rare is a really musical laugh. Some people who can sing well laugh harshly when they laugh at all, for laughter of any kind is rarer than it should be.

"To he popular you must be cheerful, and the most popular people are the joyla) ones-those who can dispel a cold, artificial social atmosphere by a ringing and musical 'Ho! ha! Training in taughter would mean the banishment of the inane giggle, the anitgree, and the grin. We should either smile or lauth melodiously, for no matter what the natural tone of this laugh may be it can be trained in into a thing of beauty,"

Art in an Elevator. of just love to be east extending its Influence to the masses," remarked the cynical young woman. "There's that elevator man in the building I just left. He werrs a gray livery and his cap has a straight black leather visor. Now, there is an art gallery on the top floor of the building, and he cas heard so much, probably, about the harmony of colors that he has allowed the dust to gather on the visor of his cap just to have it harmonize with the test of his clothes."

Hard Thrust. "We come to your city and write un your manners and customs," scoffed the haughty New Yorker. "Why don't some of your brains come to Gotham and write up our manners and customs?"

"We might write up your customs." replied the Chicago man, indelicately, "but we'd have a hard time finding your manners."

DOUBTFUL OF THE GUARANTEE.

Specific Clause Caused Increase in Price of Cloth.

The Arabs, and, indeed, all Moslems, have the practice of re-enforcing promises by adding to their word of honor the Arabic phrase, Inshallah-"please God." How much meaning it conveys in some lands of the east is told in the pages of "In Moorish Captivity."

The plous proviso is a very useful formula to the Moors, and is frequently used in making promises that they have no intention whatever of keeping, as they can then take refuge behind the Almighty when they are taxed with their breach of faith.

There is a story told of a man who kept a shop in Gibraltar, and who knew the ways of the Moor. To him one day came one of the faithful, who was desirous of buying some cloth. On being informed that the price was two dollars a yard, payment in 60 days, he replied:

"All right. I will take so much and will pay you in 60 days, Inshallah." "No," said the vender, "the price is two dollars, payment in 60 days. For 60 days, Inshallah, the price is two dellars and a half."-Youth's Com-

MUSICIANS OF TENDER YEARS.

panion.

Many "Youthful Prodigles" in the World of Melody.

Like so many of the world's great composers. Sir Edward Elgar was a "youthful prodigy" of exceptional gifts. as was proved by a recent performance of a suite composed by him at the immature age of 12. But even Sir Edward was probably not as prececious as one of his English predecessors, Samuel Wesley, who in his eighth year heard a regimental band play a march which he had composed for it. At 11 Franz Schubert had aiready placed several songs, string quartettes and piano pieces to his credit. Handel's first attempts at composition were made at eight, and Vieuxtemps, who began to scrape the strings of a tiny fiddle at two, is said to have been even more precocious. Sir Charles Halle was only four years old when he played in public a sonata expressly composed for bim; Light was a public performer at nine, Chopin and Rubenstein at eight, Lady Halle and Joachim at seven, and at five Mozart composed a piece of music almost too difficult for his father to play.

Women's Rights in Brazil. "The curse of Brazil lies in the great illiteracy of its men and women," declared Edward B. Norris, an Englishman who has been many years a resident of Rio Janeiro.

"According to the official government figures the illiteracy is 80 per cent. Certainly a country where only one man in five can read and write and only one woman in 20 has cause to blush at the ignorance of its neople. A country of enormous area, yet with a population of only 16,000,000. Brazil is sadly handicapped by lack of modern enterprise and an ealightened citizenship. One of the most discouraging features of the country is the low esteem in which woman is held. A great many Brazilian girls marry by the time they are 12 years old and are grandmothers long before they are 30. Woman is regarded as a chattel, and in many a household of the republic never opens her mouth except at the bidding of her husband."

Cotton as a Food.

Absorbent cotton is practically pure cellulose and can be easily converted into a grape-sugar by the action of sulphuric acid: Cellulose and starch are identical in fermula to the chemist. When we have learned to actually and cheaply transform cellulose into starch, says Red Cross Notes, absorbent cotton will become a source of food, and the struggle for existence for want of feed will be at an end. When bread and cakes are made from absorbent cotton there will be no more "corners" in wheat, no famines, and no high-prized food.

Looking for the Angel. A new city settlement worker was going the rounds of her district one bright spring morning. In a crowded tenement some fire or six little children gazed inquiringly at her as she entered. "Well, well, children," she said, "I never saw so many soiled faces in my life. Why don't you use some shap and water?". "We are waiting for the angel, mum." replied Tionmy Tuff. "What angel?" asked the young woman. "Why, do lady dat come free here lest week and give one of de kids a nickel to wash his

The Brain After Fifty. The brain usually stops growing at about 50 and from 60 to 70 it is more likely to decrease. It has been related by Canon MacColl that Mr. Gladstone's head was constantly outgrowing his bats. As late as the Midlothian campaign, when he was nearly 70, be was obliged to have his head remeasured for this reason. Canon Mac-Coll's conclusion that this continual growth of brain contributed to Mr. Gladstone's perennial youthfulness appears not unwarranted.

- A Little Vague. "Is it far from here to the next town?" asked a tourist of a man he met on a rural road. "Well, it ain't so very fer, nor it

am't so very nigh, an' yit it ain't as night as might he if it wa'n't so fer as it is. Still, it'd be ferther if it wan't so nigh, so I reckon one might say that it is betwirt an' between for an' nigh."--Lippincott's.

MISSING LINK IN ARGENTINA. Vertebrae Classed as Oldest Human

Remains Found in the New World.

The oldest human remains on the American continent have been discovered in the Argentine republic. Some four or five years ago a vertebra was dug up in the neighborhood of Monte Hermoso and deposited in the museum of La Plata. There it attracted the attention of the director, a German. Herr Lehmann-Nitsche. He recognized it as having strong resemblances to a human cervical or neck vertebra and also some relation to the bones of the higher ares, without exactly corresponding with either.

Then be compared it with some other bones in the collection, and the result of his study was the hypothesis of a new type, neither human nor ape, but related to both. The curve of the spine indicated by the bones suggosted an animal that walked upright, but the size and formation of the bones made it clear that the head they supported was small and light. with very small brain capacity.

The remains resemble certain bones of a primitive race of men found in Java more closely than any other nonhuman or near human specimens. They represent altogether the oldest type of humanity, if human they are, ever found in the western continent.

HAVE KEEN EYE FOR BEAUTY.

Instinct of Design Seems Planted in the Japanese.

When a Japanese cannot mold the shape of an object, when he cannot redeem it by a design, when, in fact, he has no control over its creation at all, but it is placed in his hands as it is, finished, says the author of "Kakemono," he will still contrive to add beauty to it merely by arrangement.

"I first noticed this en board the steamer going out," says Mr. Edwards. "where the Japanese 'boy' arranged the extra blanket on the berth in a new design each day. He folded it into lotus leaves and chrysanthemums. into half-opened fans and half-shut buds. He had one wonderful arrancement which, being pairlotic, was more often repeated than the rest. The blankets of the steamship com-Lany had at top and bottom two wavy red lines on a white ground. By some wonderful twist of his fingers the boy would fold that blanket into the rising sun, with the four red lines coming out of it like blood-red rays. He did it so perfectly that I recognized the flag of Japan the moment i saw it."-Youth's Companion.

Art in Spanish Bank Notes. To baffie the counterfeiters, who are both numerous and cunning in Madrid. the Bank of Spain has pursued the policy of changing its notes with great equency and retiring each issue as

fast as possible. The bank has now determined on a new plan. It has placed an order for a series of notes with an English concern, and it will rely for safety upon a special color process. In addition the notes are to present pictures of well-known buildings in Sugin, executed with a perfection that will defy

counterfeiting. "The pictures are to be so beautiful that amateurs will be tempted to frame them," says one Spanish newspaper. "Hardly," rejoins another, "the cost of the set will be 1,675 pesetas, you see." To the Spanish mind \$355.50 is a great deal of money.

Revived in His Coffin. A strenge case of revivingation was that of John Adams of Del Rio, East Tennessee. Adams is a mining ongineer and one morning he was found in bed apparently dead. A physician said it was a case of heart failure. The body was made ready for interment and relatives and friends in Philodelphia were no ided. A check was received from Philadelphia in payment of the undertaker's bill, but the undertaker doclined to accept anything save the hard cash. This caused further delay. and while waiting the coming of the money by express the eyes of the "corpse" opened, there was a yewn and there likewise was a sudden dis-. appearance of the undertaker and others from the room. Mr. Adams re-

covered and is still affive. Living Up to His Name. A teacher in a mission school in Boston had among her pupils a colored boy named Ralph Waldo Emerson Longfellow. As he was absent one Sunday she asked the class if any one, knew the reason for his absence.

"I recken I do," said one small seri ous-looking boy.

"What is the reason, Johnnie?" "I guess he's home writing poetry," responded the boy, with a delighted chuckle.--Youth's Companion.

Ita Lasting Effect. "Repaling, did you ever convert anybody to your way of thinking by your

street-cora m aratery?" "I know of one, anyhow, and it made a changed man of him." "What is he doing now" "He's in the income asylum, Rug-

of the truth was too much for his modernized intellect."-Chicago Tribune. The Ideal Wife.

gles; in the incane asylum. A glimpse

"What is your idea of an ideal "One who will could the min's, do the washing, look after the furnace, make

"And what?" ""Keep herself tooking as young and as beautiful as an actress who pulls down \$100 a week in vaudeville."

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COUNTRY'S NEEDS SET FORTH

Wall Street Journal Advocates Raturn to Old Conditions.

The following editorial from the Wall Street Journal is somewhat remarkable, appearing in a purely financial paper, and is certainly worthy of serious consideration:

"What America needs is a revival of piety, the kind mother and father used to have--piety that counted it good business to stop for daily family prayer before breakfast, right in the middle of harvest, that quit field work a half hour early Thursday night so as to get the chores done and go to prayer meeting; that borrowed money to pay the preacher's salary and prayed fervently in secret for the salvation of the rich man who looked with scorn on such unbusinesslike behavior. That's what we need now to clean this country of the filth of graft, and of greed, petty and big; of worship of fine horses and big lands and high office and grand social functions. What is this thing we are worshiping but a vain repetition of what decayed nations fell down and worshiped just before their light went out? Read the history of Rome in decay and you will find luxury there that could law a big dollar over our little doughnut that looks so large to us. Great wealth never made a nution substantial nor honorable. There is nothing on earth that looks good that is so dangerous for a man or nation to handle as quick, easy, big money. If you do resist its deadly influences the chances are that it will get your son. It takes greater and finer hereism to dare to be poor in America than to capture a battery in Manchuria."

ELECTRIC CORN POPPER HERE.

Very Different from the Old Time Kind You Held Over a Fire.

The old fashioned wire corn popper In which you bob corn over a glowing hre, is familiar enough, but a novelty is the electric corn popper: in which you pop corn by electricity.

The electric corn popper consists of an aluminum basin with flaring sides, to which is fitted a dome shaped cover of wire gauze: this cover to keep the corn from popping out as it pors. and also to enable one to see how the popping is getting on. To the under side of the basin is permanently attached a resistance coll in which heat is produced when the electric current is turned on.

In one side of the popper are two plug holes. Into these holes you insert the two plugs at one end of a Sexible electric wire, the other end of which you screw into the noarest and most convenient electric light

seriet. As everybody knows, in popping corn in a wire popuer you have to keep the popper moving as you hold it over the fire to keep the corn from burning; to permit keeping it agitated to the same end, the electric popper, which is used on a stand or table, is mounted on wheels.

Didn't See the Joke. A certain cerate was of a painfully nervous temperament, and in conseon nee was constantly making awkward remarks--intended //as compli-

menta-to the bishop and others. Having distinguished himself in an musical degree during a gathering of clergy to an afternoon tea in the bishop's palace, he mas taken to task for his failings by a senior curate, who was one of his companions on the

"Look here," said Eruce, the senior deckledly, "you are a donkey. Why can't you keep quiet instead of making your asinine remarks? I am speak mir to you now as a brother."

Loud laughter interrupted him at this point, and for the moment he did not see the joke.—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

Muscular Energy in Sugar.

Mon performing hard manual labor have a natural taste for sweets. as they supply a great amount of muscular energy, says "What to Eat." They are equally beneficial to persons exposed to severe cold. In the lumber camps and mines of Canada and the colder sections of the United States workmen consume large quantitles of sugar in the form of molasses. Tea and coffee are often sweetened with molasses and in some places it is added to almost every article of food. The same is more or less true in the logging districts of the south, where molasses and rice, mixed regardier, have become almost a staple

Where Politeness Doesn't Pay. BaFrench and German bits," said a hatter, "only hast half as long as ours. Il isa't the poor quality of the hats but the fine quality of the manners

that causes this. "Lifting the hat in salutation is the hardest work that falls on the headpiece, and the French and Germans iii; it to men and women equally, thus giving it twice as much labor as we do. Naturally, then, it wears out twice as quickly. It goes in the brim in no

time over the water."

the attenuated caller.

Outside of His Practice. "All that is the matter with you, sir." said the emineut physician, after a thorough examination, "is lack of nutrition. You don't eat enough." "I cat all I can hold, doctor," said

"Then you need to have your capacity enlarged, and that's a case for u surgeon. Five dollars, please. Good Laorning."

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WHERE AUBURN LOCKS ACOUND.

Found in Great Numbers in Northeastern Part of Scotland.

Red hair is found in distinct excess north of the Grampians, and ospecially in the northeast of Scotland. A scientist who has made the question of pigmentation a special study, and has just been helped to conclude a color survey of the school children-over 60,000-of Scotland, announced this

as one of his results. In most European countries, he said, there is a distinct predominance of one type over the others. In north Germany and Sweden it is the blonds type: in Italy the brunette. No such predominance is found in Scotland. Dark hair and fair are present in equal preportions. The dominant color among Scottish children is brown, and it has to be shown how far brown

is really a blend of fair and dur. The proportion of red hair throughout the country is a little over 5 per cent.-high compared with the continent. One cannot overlook the reference of Tacitus to the red haired Caledonians. Some curious facts brought to light suggest that red hair is not entirely or strictly a racial trait. It may have some peculiar physiological if not pathological con-

USED HIS STORED KNOWLEDGE.

When High School Learning Came in Handy to Business Man.

"I used for the first time to-day something I learned 15 years ago, said a writer in the Milwaukee Sentinel. "It was the application of a principle in geometry in relation to the inscribing of a hexagon in a circle, which I learned when at the high school. I had an order placed for some imborets (that is flower stands) given me and the party that gave me the order wants the tops 16 inches across. Well, that was easy enough to fill, but beside that the siles were to be hexagonal, so I had to sit down and figure out how much five eighths inch wood would have to be leveled off to have the parts fit exactly. Here is where I used my geometry.

"Daniel Webster, is quoted as saying that he once used a fact which had Inin dormant for 14 years, so I have hilo beaten by a year.

"You often hear people say 'What is the use of learning this?' seeing no use for it at the time, but things which at the time seem most impracticable are often later of use. That is one of the complaints in our public schools, but as in my case it may some day prove of use."

Funny Stories Cured Him.

"Having veinly tried many and various remedies to restore to health a husiness man whom I know and who had fallen into a morbid condition owing to years of overwork, a famous Bultimore physician at last persuaded his patient to take a course of funny storics, one at each meal, with au extra two at dinner," says a corresrendent. "The patient, a solemn and gloomy fellow, at first rehelled, but finally falling in with the idea adopted the course recommended and was in the end restored to health, the effect of laughter being entirely to change his mental and bodily condition Laughter, in fact, is one of the cheapest and most effective of medicines. breaking up stagnation of mind and body and sending a healthy vibration through one's system. There is very little the matter with the man who

can enjoy a hearty laugh " When Like Cures Like.

"If you want to be forever cured of smoking cigarettes," said the woman who is, "have a cigarette flend visit you for a couple of weeks. I inherited one recently. Now she is gone. I breathe again. She was like a little chitaney, smoking, smoking, day and night. I would wake at the sound of the scratcking of a match, then smell the smoke. I shudder at the smell of the smoke. I used to come in out of the fresh air and find the flat filled. with smoke and the smell of it. I would throw up every window. I telt like throwing her out of one of them. sitting there with the flendish cigasetre between her tooth, smoking. smoking, smoking. Not any more cigarettes for me, I can tell you. I am cured."-New York Press.

Curious Cyclone in Japan. In a bulletin printed in Japan Prof. Omori reports a regular phenomenon which attended the passage of a cyclone near Tokio. There was a tilting of the earth's surface in one direction as the storm approached and in the other direction after it had gone, Both movements, registered at the professor's spismolygi al observatory, indicated a sinking of the earth where the atmospheric pressure was lowest. The expert accounts for it by supposing that suction at the storm center raised the level of the adjacent sea, and thus imposed an abnormal burden on the bottom of the ocean.

Parents Held Responsible.

New York has adopted very stringent rules for the preservation of the health of school children, one of the latest developments being the rule that parents who do not teco their children in good health shall be prosecuted. This seems a little autocratic at first glance, but those who have studied the subject will readily understand that it is only common justice. as many parents are uttorly indifferent. as to the health of their children, exposing them unnecessarily, clothing them inadequately and not providing good food for them, even when their

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS consider et l'emplace et l'ann mon in l'ent de lace le manifolte effe lens les aventages exceptiones, Prix de l'abondement me l'agre à l'estiment et l'estim