What did the Indians eat? Gabriel Thomas writing in 1696 tells up that they live chiefly on Maze or Indian Corn roasted in Ashes sometimes beatiem boy I'd with Water, called Hominie. They have cakes, not unpleasant; also Beans and Pease, which nourish much, But the Woods and Rivers afford them their provision; they eat morning and exening, their Seats and Tables on the ground." Mr. C. C. Abbott tells in Travels in a Tree-Top" of other vegetable foods known to the Indians; the roots of the golden club, arrowless mad ground nut, besides various ber-Derries and nuts.

It is well known, says Youth's Commanion, that extensive orchards were planted by these people. It may be mdded that, in all probability, the tubers of that noble plant, the lotus, were meed as food.

It is clear that the Delawares were ment-eaters. It needs but little digging on any village site to prove this, and from a single fireplace deep down in the soil have been taken bones of the elk, deer, bear, beaver, raccoon, musk-

wat and gray squirrel. The remains of deer were largely in excess, and as this statement holds good of every village site of the Indians, doubtless they depended more Eargely upon the deer than upon all

If individual tastes varied as they do among us, we have certainly sufficient wariety here to have met every fancy.

THE AMERICAN GIRL. The Is Adaptable to an Astonishing Degree and Is Unharmed by

Self-Consciousness.

The American girl is admired and Tiked at home and abroad, because she is the happiest, healthiest and friendliest of girls. Usually unharmed by any self-consciousness, she is not apologetic and morbidly sensitive, as are many girls brought up in the close, conventional air of European civilizastion. She likes the world, and is alive to everything beautiful and good in existence. She is easily pleased, and her unstudied, fresh enjoyment of simple pleasures gives happiness to everyone around her by its simple, wholesome expression through her face, fig-

wre and voice, says Woman's Home

Companion.

American girls, when you study them critically, are not more beautiful than English or French girls, but somebow an American girl always contrives to make a pretty picture of herself, and neither she nor anyone else can explain how she does it. She is adaptable to an astonishing degree, and she can dress for a walk, an outdoor game, a dinner or a ball so as to make the impression that in each particular garb she is at her best. This power to change her appearance so as to look almost like another person is one of the American girl's chief charms, and she owes it to her keen appreciation of the people and circumstances around her. She has imagination and and uition, and a genius for fitting her-:aself to the hour.

WASH THE BANK NOTES.

Breasury Official Advises Bankers to Clean Them with Somp and Water. ,

"If the bankers of the country only knew the great difference a litthe soap and water makes in a dirty hank note there would be more clean money in circulation," said a treasvery official recently. "If you have mever seen the operation, just spread soiled note out upon a marble slab and use a small brush that has been well soaped, and go to work scrubbing, lightly, of course. But a few strokes is necessary to secure a clean mote. I give my personal attention to all the paper money brought into my household, and I tell you I feel repaid for the little work it causes.

"I can see every reason why there should be a person employed in the banking houses for this particular duty," continued the official, accordime to the New York Mail and Express. "Certainly the neglect in doing so gives ample cause for complaints from the patrons concerning the dirty, oily notes that are too freequently handed to them. They may be full of germs, which, of course, mre dangerous; and this risk could the easily eliminated by the simple mase of soap and water."

AMMONIA FOR BURGLARS.

A Brooklyn Drugglat's Encounter Suggests a Weapon Which Becomes Popular.

A druggist in Brooklyn was held up Tin his store and happened to have a glass of ammonia on the counter, which he dashed into the visitor's face, and the fellow ran, smashing through a glass door, doing himself great mischief. He had a companion so amazed he hesitated when a second glass of the elixir hit him squarely in the nose with another dose of the aromatic Maid and paralyzed him with pain and "Legror on the spot, so that he was taken a helpless prisoner. The druggist advertised bottles of liquid fire prepared for burglars, and the medkeine became fashionable, says a recent report. The holdfast robbers were for awhile discouraged. The burglar bomb ought to be prepared. for action by an enterprising firm, the Bottles of assorted sizes and used acwording to directions, which might be blown into the glass. The banks sshould be equipped with the bomb. They are at short range much more certain to go to the right spot than cristol shots.

LIKE MODERN HOTELS.

Parisians Have Changed Their Methods of Dining-Restaurants No Longer Popular.

The closing of the famous Maison Doree at Paris recalls the fact that, while in London the fashion of dining at restaurants is on the increase, the tendency in the French capital is toward the development of the attractions of public hotels and private mansions. The miles of magnificent new houses in the Passy quarter and around the avenues branching away, from the Place de l'Etoile, all possessing fine kitchens, are occupied by wealthy people, whose chefs in every case could, and probably do, serve up dinners fully equal to anything ever provided in a boulevard restaurant at fancy prices. This is for the resident, but visitors to Paris now find in the modern hotels all their most luxurious tastes and inclinations gratified, so that it is no longer necessary, as heretofore, to leave one's hotel and seek out a restaurant. Enormous prices man have been paid for dinners in former times, but the guests were limited in number, and the restaurants also. To-day a vastly larger sum is spent in Paris, on good cooking, and better value given, while the clever caterers have multiplied in all directions.

FIRED AT HIS REFLECTION.

Utah Miner on His Way East for First Time Creates Pante in Pullman Car Barber Shop.

A Utah miner created a sensation on Union Pacific train No. 2 the other night shortly after leaving Sidney, Wyo. In conversation with passengers he said he lived 116 miles from the nearest railroad, and had not seen a train of cars for 12 years. He was en route east to visit relatives, whom he had not seen since childhood. He had made a fortune in mining in Utah, he said, and he proposed to have a hot time in the east.

The Utah man partook freely of champagne and other beverages during the trip, and felt fine. Shortly after leaving Sidney he went into the buffet car to get shaved. Getting into the chair he looked at his reflection in the mirror a moment and then drew a six-shooter and fired two shots at

. The bullets went through the side of the car and did no further damage. The passengers were badly frightened, for they feared they were in the presence of a madman. When asked why he fired the shots, the Utahan replied that he was "just thinking." He had between \$1,000 and \$2,000 in bills on his person.

POPULAR GIRL TURNS JOKE.

Young Woman Finds Beaux Had Bet as to Which Would Be Her Escort and Invites All.

Seven carriages drove up to the home of Miss Carrie Borger at 1243 Madison avenue, New York city, at seven o'clock the other night and a young man hopped out of each, prepared to take Miss Borger to the theater. Each young man had received this note from her:

"I have two tickets for the theater on Saturday evening. I would like you to be a brother to me and act as my escort. Please do not tell any of the boys."

Each young man was nonplused when he saw six others at the house. Then Miss Borger explained. She had heard that the young men had made a bet among themselves as to which one would first have the honor of taking her to a theater in 1903.

Miss Borger decided to outwit them and take them all to a theater herself. She had a big automobile waiting, and, with some girl companions, they went to a Harlem theater. After the theater there was a supper at Miss Borger's house.

TO PATROL ATLANTIC COAST.

One of the Most Important Developments of New System of Naval Mobilization.

One of the most important developments of the new system of naval mobilization adopted by the navy department is the establishment of a coast division of the north Atlantic squadron. Its duty will be to patrol the Atlantic coast. Rear Admiral J. H. Sands, now in command of the League island navy yard, will be given the command, with the battleship Texas as his flagship, the squadron including the monitors Puritan, Amphitrite, Miantonomah, Terror, Arkansas and the monitors Nevada and Florida as soon as they are commissioned, together with the torpedoboat destroyers Decatur and Chauncey, half a dozen torpedo-boats comprising a torpedo-boat flotilla and the submarine Holland and submarines Adder and Moccasin when they are commissioned.

Fewer Deaths from Cancer. Statistics printed by the London county council of the mortality from cancer in London during 1902 show that there was a slight decrease in the death rate, the percentage being .93 per 1,000, as compared with .95 in the previous year. The proportion, however, has been more than doubled within 50 years, the rate between 1851 and 1860 being .42. Even in the year 1891 it was only .78. Comparatively few cases were fatal before the year 1855. The heaviest

A Long Stairway. The stairway leading to the tower of the Philadelphia city hail contains: 598 steps and is said to be the tallest continuous stairway in the world.

mortality was between 1855 and 1865.

DIDN'T OBSERVE THE SIGN.

Parachute Performer Lands in a Farmer's Pond and Is Called Down for It.

"Last fall I was billed to appear at a small country fair," said the parachute jumper, with an amused smile. "When I cut loose from the big bag I saw I was directly over a small pond. I paid no attention to it at that time. for it is possible to steer a parachute more or less bl slightly tipping it. But this time for some reason or other the parachute refused to answer, with the result that I came down in the middle of the pond. Just before I struck I noticed an old man by the side of the pond jumping around in an excited way, and yelling something to me that I did not catch, for I was busily engaged in wondering how deep that pond was.

"Well, I soon found out, for I went into the water kerplunk. It was over my head, and while I am a god swimmer, the parchute fell down upon me, with the result that I had the struggle of my life to escape from the situation. But finally I manged to reach the edge of the pond, where I fell down

completely exhausted from my effort. "While I lay there covered with mudand wondering if I hadn't better give up the business before I was killed," continued the balloonist, according to the Detroit Free Press, "the old man, who had been yelling at me all the time I had been struggling in the water, came up to where I lay gasping. Shaping his fist in my face, he shouted; "'Gol dern yer ugly picture! Didn't

in This Pond?" " EAGLE DROWNED BY A FISH.

ye see that sign: "No Bathing Allowed

The Bird Undertook to Carry Off a Big Muskallonge and Both Perished.

A colony of American eagles has made its home along the shores of Chautauqua lake for many years. A story is told of one of these birds that is truly remarkable, says the Buffalo Courier. The eagle was gracefully soaring

over the lake whereit suddenly darted with lightning gapidity toward the water, catching in its talons a muskallonge two feet or more in length, and weighing probably ten pounds. There was a clash and a splashing of fins and feathers, but slowly the bird rose in the air with its captive dangling and wriggling below. When at a height of about 1:000 feet the bird, still clinging to the fish, began to sink slowly toward the lake again, gaining speed as it descended and finally fell with a splash in the water. Later the bird and fish were found together dead.

The fish had evidently been too heavy for the eagle to carry, but its claws were so firmly imbedded in the flesh that it could not release its hold, and as its strength gave way it sank into the water whence it had sought its prey and was drowned.

SOME THOUGHTFUL SUICIDES.

ber of Unfortunates on the Eve of Killing Themselves.

A grocer's assistant who committed suicide the other day left a note inside the house to say, "I am hanging outside." The Liverpool Daily Post gives some other notable instances of bulls made by intending suicides. An Irishman who drowned himself left the message, "This is an accident," on a piece of paper in his hat to spare his friends' feelings, and only this summer a young gentleman in Shropshire. before attempting suicide, wrote an anonymous letter to his mother breaking the news of the accidental death of her son-which, as a matter of fact, did not come off.

With similar forethought a provincial bank manager on his deathbed was said lately to have dictated a telegram to headquarters saying: "Greatly regret to inform you that I died this morning of pneumonia.—(Signed) pp. Thomas Brown." An Irishman once confessed that he had contemplated suicide by hanging himself on a willow tree overhanging a river near his potato patch, but had given up the idea from fear lest the cord should break and he should be drowned.

Telegraphic Postage.

The idea that a letter placed in a suitable receptacle could be conveyed by electricity at a rate well-nigh comparable to that of the express trains seems to have struck an Italian experimenter, Piscicelli by name, says the London Chronicle. The nearest approach to the system is that of "telepherage," but here the rate of progression is, of course, relatively slow. In the case of the Piscicelli system it is intended that the letters should be conveyed in boxes composed along wires arranged on the overhead system analogous to that seen in the tramways of many towns. Experiments are to be made with the system between Rome and Naples, but there are so many very obvious difficulties in the way of the scheme becoming generally useful that we may await the results of these experiments before hailing the invention as a benefit to mankind at

Talk and Print.

English is particularly prolific in slang, perhaps because it has lost the capacity to make compounds, says the London Acadamy. Cast your net in any sea of talk and you will bring up words that have not yet been clothed in calf, and, indeed, are scarcely respectable; but they may yet found families. It was, we believe, a bus driver who with a side shout christened the central London railway as the "two-penny tube."

BONAPARTES DYING OUT.

Only Three of the Historic Name Now Living in Europe-The Americas Branch.

The head of the house of Bonaparte, Prince Napoleon Victor Jerome Frederic, entered upon his forty-first year a few days ago, and his brother, Prince Napoleon Louis Joseph Jerome, was 38 years old about the same time, when he received his promotion in the Russian army.

It is only 19 years since the elder branch of the Bourbon family died out. leaving the headship of the house of France to the usurping house of Orleans. This now legitimate family will save France from any lack of pretenders for many years to come.

The two Bonapartes above mentioned are middle-aged bachelors. Their cousin, Prince Roland, is 44 years of age and a widower, with one daughter.

The London Daily Chronicle, considering these facts, makes the statement that these three "are the only living men who bear the historic name of Bonaparte, so that it is not impossible that a second line of French pretenders

may become extinct ere long." How about the American Bonapartes? asks the New York Times. While there is no living Bonaparte descended from the great founder of the family it will be a great many years before the descendants of his father and mother die out. The Baltimore Bonapartes have never figured as pretenders to the throne. They have remained an American family, while the other branches have continued French, but no reference to the family as a whole would be complete which ignored them.

AS TO GERMAN AFFABILITY.

Brusque Manners and Short Speech Find Scant Tolerance in the Fatherland.

"Hearty greetings to the Frau Dr. F- from the Frau Prof. W-, who hopes that the gracious Fran Doctor and her family are all well, and would the gracious Frau Doctor kindly tell the Frau Professor how many pounds of goose feathers go to a pair of pillows?"

Something after this stately fashion does a housemaid in Germany who prides herself on her good manners deliver a message from her mistress. This stilted language takes time, but short speech and a brusque manner find scant tolerance in the fatherland, says Rachael Carew, in the Pilgrim.

The street car conductor knows this. and he civilly touches his hat as he asks his fare, and if, perchance, you have given him a penny over the amount, he will set you down at your station with a friendly adjeu!

Enter any little knick-knack shop to buy perhaps a paper of needles, and a pleasant smile and good-day will greet you from the busy employes. However triffing your purchase, the honor of your gracious paironage is begged for a future occasion, and exeryone in the shop is for the moment vour obedient servant

CREATION OF A NEW HEN.

What the Chicken Fancier Has to Do to Obtain the Best Results in His Line.

The successful fancier breeds for beauty and utility combined. If he desires to create a new strain he must be an imaginative soul, says Leslie's Monthly. He must erect in his mind's eye an ideal fowl, and then persevere in his endeavor to produce one like it. He jots down a description of his visionary bird from beak to toenail. If he prefers to go by the standard, he will find that very exacting; every detail is looked to scrupulously; length and color of comb, arch of neck, length and style of tail, depth of breast. length and color of legs, design and color of plumage, etc. Having decided upon an ideal, he mates his birds and starts his strain, picking from each brood the most perfect specimens and gradually working toward this ideal through generation after generation. It is a sort of partnership arrangement with Providence; the fancier attends to the mating, and sees that they are properly cared for, while Providence does the rest.

KAISER WILHELM'S MUFF.

It is Called a "Jagd." and Is Considered Essential by German Sportamen.

Many people have asked the question as to the meaning and necessity of the kaiser's muff which appears in the pictures of the emperor in hunting

A Berlin newspaper is authority for the statement that the muff is neither an affectation nor intended to conceal a crippled hand, but is called the "Jagd," and is a very essential part of a German hunter's equipment, says the New York Journal.

Hunting parties break up at about one or two in the morning in the late autumn and wait at certain points of the forests until the game, usually deer, pass on their way to the drinking grounds.

As the German autumn nights are bitterly cold, a protection for the hands must be provided-hence a muff. This article is usually made of bear's fur, or any other very warm skin, has a rather flat'shape, enabling the hands to be pulled out at once, so as to be free for action when the moment comes.

Mont Pelee's New Cone. Within a month the new cone formed recently in the crater of Mount Pelee, Martinique, has in-And now "the tube" is literary. creased about 330 feet in height.

ALL FROGS GOOD TO EAT.

There Seems to Be No Special Variety for Esting, But the Tonds Are Barred.

The demand for frogs is great. It has increased with the years until now at almost every banquet of importance the dainty is on the menu. All of the larger dining-places use from six to ten dozen per day. Of these creatures, which according to a scientific paper, are waiting to be classified by law as to whether they are fish or animalsiust as women had to wait for centuries to find out whether or not they had souls—there seems to be no especial variety for eating, says a San Francisco exchange. They are caught anywhere, and, as a small boy said: "All frogs are good to eat if they are not toads."

Boys and girls with nets much like those used in catching butterflies, only much stronger, can be seen making for the small streams and ponds that spot the fields about San Francisco. The average small boy is an expert in catching, killing and dressing the palatable creatures. It is no unusual sight to see away off in the field from the car line a jolly little bonfire around which a few sturdy young sons of America are busy preparing a feast. They broil the tender white flesh, which they sprinkle with salt, and baste with a bit of butter, carried perhaps in a cinnamon can in a pocket along with fishhooks, keys, marbles and string. The frogs may not be served on silver shells; they may be garnished only with a spray of fresh watercress, but I wager they are enjoyed as much by the youngsters, who are their own chefs and waiters, as a similar dish otherwise cooked and served would be by grown-up bewhiskered epicures.

WOMEN IN JOURNALISM.

They Start In on Small Pay and Have to Work Very Hard to Gain Advancement.

Said a clever woman, whose signature is seen daily in one of New York's leading papers: "When I came to this city I did general housework in journalism. That is why I am a housekeeper-in-chief to-day. You've got to serub floors before you can become superintendent of scrubbers. In plain English, I slaved to gain my present position. I posed models for illustrations, and, if the models failed, I posed myself. When anyone disappointed the editor, I was behind the door ready to pop out and step into the breach. When people talk of my weekly salary in three figures as if it were a gift of the gods. I long to tell them of the days when a trn-dollar assignment

meant my earnings for two weeks." At a recent gathering of women who held editorial positions it was found that nearly every one in the rom had started at a salary of ten dollars or less a week, says Woman's Home Companion. One had been obliged to work a month for nothing, just to convince the editor that a woman reporter recognized a news item as quickly as did a man.

A MIGHTY AUTOCRAT.

The Power of the Tear of All the Russian All-Prevailing in His Wide Domain.

No one can grasp the fundamental state of things in Russia without realizing that there the will of the czar is as the will of God. His land and his subjects are his, to dispose of as he may. In a Russian battle, not so long ago, the artillery, imperatively needed in front, was stopped by a deep ditch. The soldiers flung themselves in until the ditch was full, and the artillery galloped over their bodies, says Youth's Companion.

In the world of business it is quite the same. A Russian administrator was discussing with Sir Henry Norman the military capabilities of the Trans-Siberian railway, and Norman

"There wouldn't be rolling stock enough to convey masses of troops in a short time."

"Every engine and carriage in Russia would be put there if necessary," was the answer. "But that would disorganize the

whole commerce of the country, and bring tens of thousands to ruin." "You don't understand," said the

official. "If the czar gave the word to take every railway carriage in Russia, and run it across the Siberian railway and throw it into the China sea at the end, who should prevent him?"

Mice in Her Had. A New York street car incident a

few days ago should furnish a dreadful warning to women who wear last year's hats. A tolerably young and charming woman boarded a suburban car on the other side of the river. and after having seated herself discovered that her hat was alive. The next instant saw the millinery on the floor and the woman standing on the floor with skirts lifted rather indocorously high. Four mice scampered around the floor of the car in great consternation at having been dispossessed of their tenement. After the mice were killed the woman explained that the hat was an old one which she had not worn for a year.

Musical Ballot Box.

A French genius has invented a novelty in the form of a musical box. This instrument plays popular tunes at intervals for the amusement of electors while the polls are open, who will thus be persuaded not to neglect to vote. When the hundredth paper has been dropped in the instrument will play a certain tune. The twohundredth will start a second and different melody, and so on,

THE FLOWER OF THE ORIENT.

Courtesy and Astentiveness of the Japanese Among Themselves

It is still true that westward the course of empire takes its way, but any one who disdains the teachings of the east must be a superficial student of human life and manners, says -Youth's Companion.

A company of Japanese, a baron and baroness with their suite, have been visiting the United States for the study of certain commercial contions. As they sailed away on a great ocean-liner they showed to marked advantage among the throng of American and English tourists. .

They were short, swarthy, plain of feature, as we count plainness, save for one extremely pretty young woman. But they had the manners of great nobles. They were gentle of bearing considerate of the claims and the pleasures of others, low-voiced, unconscious -- or seemingly unconscious-of rude stares or noisy comment.

Their courtesy among themselves was beautiful to watch. It was noticeable that the radiant girl was not more devotedly attended by the men than were the middle-aged women, who had no slightest pretension to beauty.

Among the crowd of loud-speaking. pushing, self-satisfied dwellers in this western hemisphere this little group of easterners were like some white, still bloom of one of their own exquisitely blossoming treesthe final product of ages on ages of the cultivation that forgets nothing, omits nothing that may enhance the charm of social life and intercourse.

METEORS MAY END WORLD.

There Are Many Traveling Through Space at Rate of Hundred Miles a Second.

The earth is moving around the sun at the velocity of 1- miles a second, while the sun, with all its attendant planets, is being hurried on toward the great fiery constellation of Hercules at a far greater velocity. The very fact that small meteors exist proves the possibility of the existence in space of meteors of inconceivable magnitude-even great, black, dead worlds may lie in our path, like breakers in the path of a ship.

Fifty miles a second is not an unusual velocity for heavenly hodies, and some are known to move at a speed even in excess of 100 miles a second-500 times the speed of a rifle ball. Small meteorites, which reach the earth at a velocity of from 20 to 30 miles a second, are instantly consumed by the friction generated with the atmosphere. Large meteors, however, occasionally reach the earth, escaping destruction from their size, but are found to have their surfaces fused from heat generated by the passage through the atmosphere.

Although it is not probable, says the Pittsburg Gazette, still it that the earth may some time encounter such a shower of small meteors. perhaps in the form of a comet, that the heat of combustion from friction with our atmosphere and the poison- I ous gases thereby generated might destroy all terrestrial life.

GREAT WEALTH OF BASLE.

-Swine City in the Richest of Its Sine in Europe If Not in the World.

The richest city in Europe and probably in the world is Basel -or Basie. as it used to appear in the school geographies-in Switzerland. The returns published by the tax administrator show the assessed valuation is more than \$110,000,000 and the total population is 124,000, an average of more than \$1,400 for each man, woman and children the city. The assessed valuation of Basel equals the total revenue of the 85,000 houses and buildings in Paris, says the New York World.

Of the 124,000 inhabitants of Basel, there are 150 who are rated as millionaires. Inasmuch as the amount is reckoned in France this means that the wealth of these 150 persons exceeds \$200,000. There are 173 who have between \$100,000 and \$200,000; 170 who have \$100,000 and 895 have from \$20,000 to \$100,000. Within 15 : years the wealth of Basel has increased \$60,000,000, and the population has almost doubled, which is a most remarkable showing for a town that is 1,500 years old. It has always been famous. It was the important stronghold of Helvetius in the eleventh century, and Erasmus died there in the sixteenth century.

Mexican Military Critica. Critics within and without the Mexican army must henceforth be care-

ful about the remarks regarding the military establishment of that country. The penal code has lately been so amended that it will cover all such! criticisms in the broadest possible manner, under the head of "insults, defamation and calumny," and the lightest penalty inflicted for such offense is two months in prison. This new law is especially directed against the newspapers, which have lately been sharply criticizing the conduct. of military affairs in the neighboring republic.

Refreshment for Speaker. It is a custom in the Belgian parlia-

ment, when a member is making a long speech, to be supplied with brandy as a beverage, at the expense of the government.

No Whistling in Buenos Ayres. Any person caught whistling in the streets of Buenos Ayres is liable to be arrested. The police alone have the right to whistle.

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