## POOR DOCUMENT

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## 'Best Man' Is of Scotch Origin

Bridegroom's Cnerous Duties in Olden Times --- He Gave the

Bride Away and Passed the Cake and Cups.

It may be a surprise to some people to know, says the London Globe, that the phrase "best man"—the bridegroom's nearest attendant—is of Scottish origin. In the North, also, the principal bridesmaid used to be called the "best maid." Neither expression has much to recommend it. It is a great pity, indeed, that "best man," inelegant and in itself meaningless phrase, should have so completely ousted from our common, everyday speech the good old English name of "brideman" or "bridesman." Another old name is "groomsman" and in days gone by the bridegroom was attended, not by one friend, but by several, who were known as the bridemen or groomsmen.

The term "best man" came into use, presumably, to indicate the one of these who took the lead in performing their various duties and was in closest the various duties and was

tent had been received. He also expressed his opinion of the "mental capacity" of the Washington officials, whom, he said, "have required five years to get through their heads a principle which any schoolboy could understand." The ground upon which the patent had so long been refused, Dr. Wood says, was that the process was not feasible.

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They Owe Their Naval Fighting Ability to This British Sailors Instruction.

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BEAVER FLOUR

It is a blend of Ontario Fall When Manitoba Spring Wheat turned into

either bread or pastry.

A correspondent of a British journal discussing Japan's success says: "Her navy is of British origin and growth. Most of her battleships were designed by Englishmen and built in British shipyards. To a British admiral may be directly traced the schooling in naval tactics the result of which now astonishes the world and has humiliated Russia. Thirty-one years ago Admiral Sir Archibald Douglas, now stationed at Halifax, then a commander in the British navy, accepted an invitation from the Japanese government to visit Japan and take charge of the Imperial Naval College just founded. He remained three years at his post, during which time there passed under his hands most of the men who have within the last three months raised their country to the rank of a

these who took the lead in performing their various duties and was in closest attandance on the bridegroum. In recent years the custom of having groomsmem has been costomally revived, but it has not become general, at a fashonable weddings other with the leady must be given away by her the bridegroum was supported by fewer than nine groomsmem. At a transhonable weddings other with the leady must be given away by here the bridegroum was supported by fewer than nine groomsmem. At at the present time such man, not are those attendant friends of much use, as in the days of old, The grunner of the bridearna was the degree, whose duty it was to bring to the bride to the bridegroum. In most of the bride when a considered pure of the bride was an essential to fee carpture, and wherever considered pure of the bride grooms and the limit and office of capturing the lady and performed the office of capturing the lady

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Lafayette McLawa. This is diverting both by reason of the lively plot and brilliant treatment: a rushing romance filled with gallantry, love, and life at a quick pace. The characters seem to possess in themselves a magnetism that cannot be resisted, so when at last they attain happiness the reader feels like patting himself on the back and taking credit for their share of blissfulness. Following the novelette there are nine stories of varying lengths and subjects: Elizabeth Duer contributes a most engaging one called "The Court of Pan," so named because of the lovers meeting beside a fountain dedicated to the ged Pan. The divorce question threatens to separate them, but Providence intervenes and all is well. Edward Boltwood's story, "The Lazzaparoola," is the very cleverest and most amusing cow-boy episode which has appeared in print. He has a touch that never falls of its mark. A good summer story by Cyrus Townsend Brady, entitled "The Baby Goes A-Fishing," is suspected of being a bit of personal reminiscence. Bertha H. Lippincott, the author of "Chevrons," writes an entertaining tale of the right man at the wrong dinner-table, and an out-of-the-common point is made by the debutants winning out with a rival widow. Something new about the finding of "Moses" is told by Elia Middleton Tybout under the title of "Moses, Jr." It is bright and humorous. A sweet background for the liveriller themes is a story by Mabel Nelson liter themes is a story by Mabel Nelson principle which may be enclosely outile the parts of the pixte, which are understand. The process of the pixte, which are all the portions of the pixte, which will be colors appear for the pixte pixte. The pixte all the portions of the pixte, all the pixte pixte and pixted pix

THE SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE.

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A FAIR SQUARE

Holiday? Did it hamper you any last summer? Cannot you do your shopping before

Saturday noon? If merchants agree, is it not a fair pro-

position? Other cities have it, cannot we enjoy the

The leading business houses have agreed

to give it; should not the others? Only eight Saturday afternoons are asked;

is that too many? Are the clerks at all inconsiderate in their

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Think this over and help the movement with your early

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WHEN HE DONNED HIS STRAW

The Conductor-Aren't you crowding mated the season a little?

One of two girls three seats down on straw hat is along in July—July."

There had been three warm days in succession—not merely temperate days, but really warm ones. So Hockleben thought he might safely permit himself to wear his straw hat. He had bought it rather late last year, and it was in good condition without being too aggressively new in appearance. It seemed that it might be worn without exiting any comment. "Why should it excite comment?" asked Hockleben.

One of two girls three seats down on the dislemment of the aisle—Tee-hee! The girl with her—Tee-hee-hee! A little boy, accompanied by his mother—Oh, look at the man in the straw hat!

A cabman to the cabman behind him —I guess he's just in from Noo Orleans.

The elevator boy—Ain't you rushin' the season a little with that hat?

Partner—Say, you dught to have given me in this way without the season on the days in the other side of the aisle—Tee-hee!

A little maid of seven summers had been busy for an hour dressing and undressing her pretty doll, but, tiring at last, she sat with folded hands gaze at