

Division of Sects.

Not counting the 150 separate and independent congregations having no denominational creed or connection, there are 143 distinct bodies of Christians in the United States. These all stand aloof from one another for various reasons, real or imaginary. As some one has rather humorously expressed it, a person who wants to join the Church may "be six kinds of an Adventist, seven kinds of a Catholic, twelve kinds of a Mennonite, twelve kinds of a Presbyterian, thirteen kinds of a Baptist, sixteen kinds of a Lutheran, seventeen kinds of a Methodist, two or more kinds of an Episcopalian.—New York World.

The Fickle Negro.

In Georgia the negroes out-marry the whites, some of them marrying two or three times a year. A negro will quit his wife in Atlanta and go up to Marietta and get another one and call for his license and get married and stick until she quits him or he gets tired of her, and then he skips over to Rome or somewhere and tries it again.

That Tell-Tale Beard.

For forty years the principal of a young lady's school in Copenhagen has been respected as a lady. Lately "she" became very rude to one of her pupils and was arrested. After two days' incarceration it was noticed that "she" needed shaving. Then it became manifest that the principal was really a man.

Her Honored Guest.

"It has long been a maxim of mine," laughed a man the other day, "that a guest should always be honored by some betterment of the home table, no matter how trifling, and last summer my theory was put in practice—at my own expense. I went to drink tea with a dear old lady who lives alone in a little village that was my old home. She was delighted to see me, and as we sat down to supper ordered a pretty china cup and saucer which had been sent to her the Christmas before, brought from its place of honor on the parlor whatnot for my especial service and delectation. She gave me an excellent cup of coffee in it, but I was a little surprised when I drained the last drop to discover that a sediment remained, composed of several buttons, two or three hooks and eyes, and two black pins and a white one—evidently the accumulation of thrifty pickings from the floor since Christmas, which had escaped her failing sight in her haste to compliment me."

Japanese Girls.

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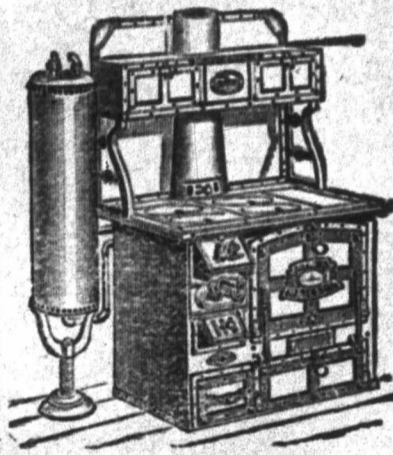
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