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A score, or a hundred, or a thencand workers are engaged on some
big piece of work. A worker ant
comes in from a foraging expedition.

Here, Polly, she says, to one of
the miners or masons, "let me take
a turn at that while you rest awhile."

The resting one ask for food, and
the newcomer at once shares what
she has gathered on her journey.
Some others come along and notice
that the resting worker has become
solled with labor. They immediately
set to work to clean and refresh her
by washing and brushing. Nobody
tells or saks them to do it; they
merely see that it requires doing,
and at once set about their self-imposed task.

Burting some extensive mining opmeritons a stone is dislodged from the
roof and falls upon a worker, injuring har so that she can scarcely crawl.
Severar rush to, her aid, and bear
her hurts may be properly tended.

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with distinct form and habits So important are they in the scheme of nature that they have brought about numerous modificathought about numerous modifica-tions of plant life — many flowers have had to invent hair fences to prevent the ants from stealing nectar intended as a bribe for the pollen-earrying bees; other plants have produced glands, from which a sweet tiguid flows, to induce the ants to part of their leaves and stems and destroy caterpillars and other nuis-ances.

patrol their leaves and stems and destroy caterpillars and other nuisances.

They have also set up alliances with various small creatures for nuitual benefit. Some, like the green-fly, supply them with sweet food (all ants have a "swe tooth"); others, like certain beetles, become their domestic pets; others are scavengers, encouraged or tolerated in their nests because of their usefulness from a sanitary point of view.

Their findustry in construction shows a considerable amount of varied ingenuity. Some are miners in the earth, and tunnel wonderful galleries of great extent, whilst others tunnel in wood. Some construct papier-mache nests on the boughs of trees and pens for their domestic insects, whilst some, instead of inhoring in these ways, frankly avail themselves of the provision made for them by plants.

There are ants that store grain; ants that grow mushrooms, and prepare suitable beds for their growth; ants that there dairies; ants that are mere nomad freebooters, sallying on eating all other insects in their thousands, and killing and eating all other insects in their

mere noman freebooters, sallying orth in their thousands, and killing and eating all other insects in their path, possessing no city of their own, but camping temporarily where their march of plage and conquest has brought them.

When Brides Must Weep. The wedding day in most countries is the bride's day, says Tit-Rits. It is her part to look happy, however long a face the groom may pull. Only in Lithuania is it a day of estentations gloom for her when, after being led through the tighted church by two young men followed by her bridge-maids, the takes her stand in front of the sitar, to be joined by the groom also accompanied by several young men.

groom, also accommanted by several young men. Behind the wedding party come the two mothers. While the priest performs the ceremony the bride must ween incessantly. If she is usable to hide her real jubilation and cannot squeeze out a tear, she is considered fully of a serious breach of etimuits and the commony is rendered more interesting by a vigorous scoulding administered by the two mothers. Thus the maiden is expected to anow the boom she is conterpring upon mere man by becoming his wite.

wite.
This same attitude towards the Lithuanian woman is proved by all the customs of the little Baltie state that has declared itself a republic. It is shown, for instance, in old photographs. In these the woman is not standing with her hands on the shoulder of her seated lord, like our own photographs of a former period, but throned in state, with her husband and sons standing gallantly beside her.

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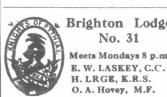
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