Very Few Antiques Found in the Auction Rooms Are Genuine.

A well-known curio expert states that there are factories in Europe for the manufacture of all kinds of works of art that are likely to attract the collector. Modern articles of china are sta ped with old marks so cleverly that even experts have been de peived. Arms and armor are treated with acids which eat away the metal. thus producing the same effects as the ravages of time. Carved ivories are stained with oils to make them yellow, and are subjected to heat to make them crack. Pieces of furniture have holes drilled to represent the worm holes, and so on, until there will in time be very little in the way of curios, which are in themselves really curious. Paris is one of the strong-

ious curio makers haunt out-of-the-way auction rooms, where amateurs look in with the idea that nobody but themselves can know of the room in question. The sale takes place and they come away with a gem, so they think, and are perfectly happy until undeceived. There has, curiously enough, in this connection, lately been discovered a disease which eats away bronze and gives it a sign of antiquity. All objects of antiquity fabricated from metallic copper and its important alloy, made by adding tin in certain proportions, are liable to be attacked by this destructive corroding affection. Skilled artists of these forged antiquities are known to inoculate their reproductions with spots of bronze disease.

#### WILLING TO TELL.

Sometimes it is a pleasure to answer questions, even if the questioner may put them in an unpleasant way:

What do you do for a living? asked a lawyer, frowning horribly at a hatchet-faced young man who was undergoing cross-examination.

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## A Good Story.

A story is going the rounds at the expense of one of the best known men of this place. We shall not mention his name, but you know him. Of rather determined mien, he has of late been showing signs of mental agitation. He wears a full beard, but a few days since his wife, much to her alarm, found him sharpening a razor. She thought his mind was unhinged and she went into hysterics. Explanations followed and it was found that life had for him still some charm. He intended to use the razor upon painful corns. A friend who had used Putnam's Corn Extractor with success advised its use, with the following results: Man quite happy, wife ditto, razor sent away. Use Putman's Corn Extractor.

### GRACIE AND THE MOON.

Little Gracie sat out on the porch the other evening, looking thoughtful-ly away to the westward, where the new moon formed a thin, pale crescent in the sky.

What are you thinking about, dear?

her mamma asked.

Grace turned suddenly, as if she had just been aroused from an interesting dream, and said, pointing toward the

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MAN'S INCONSISTENCY.

You are the apple of my eye, my dear, he said.
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curious. Paris is one of the strongholds of this class of forgers, while in Hungary there is a factory where Dreaden china is imitated in a fair manner. There is, however, one safe way, and that is to buy through reputable dealers. Forgeries in all works of art very rarely get into the dealers' hands. As a rule they are sent to auction rooms.

Many amateurs have an idea that they may pick up a priceless work of art or a curio for a mere song. That is the chance for the forgers. They know all this and work accordingly, and thus the amateur is deceived. The spurious curio makers haunt out-of-the-way auction rooms, where amateurs look in with the idea that nobody but themselves can know of the room in question. The sale takes place and they descriptive pamphlets. TOURS IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

#### A MOURNING CEREMONY.

descriptive pamphlets.

A lady in deep mourning some time ago called upon the proprietor of a Sydney, New South Wales, waxworks show and asked to be allowed every Sunday morning to place a white shirt on the figure of her husband. Her request was granted, and for close on six months she never missed a Sunday. Then the visits ceased, and no more was seen of the eccentric visitor until one day the waxworks man was standing at his door, when she came along in gay apparel and explained that, as she had married again Hubby No. 2 objected to the eccentric caremony over jected to the eccentric ceremony over No. 1.

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