### BREAD AND BRIDES.

THE PARTS VIANDS PLAY IN MAR-RIAGE CEREMONIES.

Sweetheart Cakes of a Dutch Damsel - Egyptian Bridegrooms Must Work For Their Supper-Wine In China-Married by Candy.

The important part which different viands play in marriage ceremonies

makes rather an interesting story. For example, the Swedish bride fills her pocket with bread, which she dispenses to every one she meets on her way to church, every piece she gives away averting, as she believes, a misfortune.

On the threshold of her new home a bride in Servia is presented with a plate of bonbons, one of which she and the bridegroom share between them, the divided bonbon signifying that no bitterness shall divide them. A sieve of wheat corn is also given to the bride. Of this she takes three handfuls, throws it over her head, emptying the sieve upon the ground. The scattered corn denotes that the bride brings joy and prosperity into her new home. The bride is still outside the door, nor can she enter until she has placed two loaves of bread beneath her arms and taken a bottle of wine into her hands. With these emblems she at length crosses the threshold of her future home. At the first meal of the newly married pair bread and wine must be taken by both to denote that thenceforward all they have shall be equally divided between them and that their married life shall be passed in unity and fidelity.

A Russian wooing culminates in the betrothal feast, at which the bride elect in return for a long tress of hair which she has given to the bridegroom receives bread and salt and an almond

In Holland if a young man is in love with a girl and wishes to ask her hand in marriage he buys a small sweet cake and, wrapping it up in soft paper, proceeds to the house of his inamorata. He is ushered into the midst of the family circle. Without a word he walks up to the young lady and lays the cake on the table before her. The rest of the family affect not to notice anything unusual and continue their work or their reading. The young man turns aside and talks to the father or mother on some very ordinary subject, keeping his eyes eagerly fixed on the girl while he is conversing. If she accepts his offer, she takes up the cake and eats it. If she is a coquettish damsel, she tortures the young man by turning it over and playing with it before she decides to taste it and then enraptures him by eating it to the last crumb. If, on the other hand, she the table. The young man takes up the cake and, with a "Vaarvoal byza men," leaves the house. The matter is then kept a profound secret by both families, and the outer world never hears of it. In place of a wedding cake in Holland wedding candies are given -"bruid zuikers" they are called. They are passed around by children and are served in flower trimmed bas-

Bride pudding is the name of the piece de resistance served at a Norse peasant wedding. This is not brought on the table until the last day of the festivities, three or five days being given up to feasting and merrymaking. The appearance of the bride pudding is the signal of dismissal, and at the close of the feast the guests say farewell, presenting at the same time their gifts, which consist of cash. This the bride receives, the bridegroom presenting each donor with a glass of wine.

Partaking of two tiny glasses of wine is all the ceremony necessary to make a marriage in some Chinese provinces, provided a quantity of fireworks are set off. These are to wake the "great joss" from his sleep that he may wit-

ness the ceremony.

At a Hebrew wedding man and wife sip from one cup of wine, symbolizing participation in the joys and pain of earthly life. The emptied goblet is placed on the floor and crushed into a thousand pieces by the bridegroom, who thus shows that he will put his foot on all evils that may enter the

family circle. At an Egyptian wedding feast meat is not eaten because of the belief that it would lead to future bickerings between them. Eggs, fruits and sweets are served. The first meal in the new house cannot be touched until, after every device known to the bridegroom, the bride has been at last induced to speak. Once she utters a word, he claps his hands, and supper is brought to

Married by candy is the plan in Burma. Of all marriage rites this takes the palm for conciseness and sweet simplicity. Here the dusky lady takes the initiative. Seeing a youth who pleases her, she offers him a sweet, If he accepts her proposal, he promptly eats the token of affection, and they are thereby made man and wife. In the act of eating alone this most prim-Itive rite consists. If the youth be not favorably disposed, he remarks with all gallantry that that particular candy is not to his taste, and the matter is ended. In Mandalay three weeks after a marriage kinsmen bring the bridegroom a bowl of rice, a vessel of wine and a fowl, much of which collation is

sacrificed to the spirits of ancestors. A Bagoda bride-in the Philippinestf she be good looking and the daughter of a warrior, is sold by her father for about \$30, which sum is not given in noney, but in vegetables and chickens. One way of estimating such things is at the price of a brass gong. Such a gong is worth thirty silver dollars, and it is a valuable maiden indeed who will bring two brass gongs.



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#### THAMESVILLE

April 7 .- C. H. Massey, of Chat am, was in town to-day.
Miss Buller spent Sunday

Ridgetown friends Mrs. W. M. Drader, of Chatham, the guest of Mrs. E. Eastman. Miss Verrinder entertains a large number of young people this even-

Geo. Proper and family are moving to Sombra to-day, where Mr. Proper is going into the hotel business.

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The opening up of the Highlands of Ontario, Canada, and the beautiful Muskoka Lake region, has been a veritable labor of love to the advertising department of the Grand Trunk railway and the coming summer promises such an influx of American tourists as will amply justify the outlay in hotel accommodation which has been recently made. The "Royal Muskoka," in fact, promises to become to Canada, in summer, what the "Royal Ponciwishes to have nothing more to do ana" is to Florida, in the winter with her admirer, she puts it back on | months, the fashionable resort of the continent, where the romantic and the beautiful can be enjoyed with all the luxury and comfort of the most mods ern hotel life. The "Royal Muskoka" which has been built at a cost of one hundred and fifty thousand dollar's, very much resembles the architecture of the famous Flagler hotels, soft grey stucco walls, timbered across under its red-tiled roof, with deep, cool verandahs, commanding views of the surrounding lakes and islands. It has accommodation for 400 guests and is the finest summer hotel in Canada. will be o ened on June 16th. For all information as to rates, routes, etc., and illustrated descriptive literature, apply to G. T. Bell, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Grand Trunk Railway System, Montreal, Canada.

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# Kidney Troubles of Women.

Dr. Pitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets the Most Successful Treatment of Kidney Ailments That Cause Women Untold Suffering.

There are so many women suffering from backache, headache, dragging pain in the loins, and weary, worn-out feelings, who attribute all their troubles to some form of "female complaint." Nine cases

burst of plant

growth, when both cultivated

park and wood-land glen invite

our attention

anew to the

marvels of the

foral world.

Our old pagen

ancestors were

as observant of

DA AS We Are

and at about

which we cele-

brate the resurrection they held a joy-

ful festival in honor of the deity who

personified the opening of the spring.
The early church, with its habit of

adopting as many of the popular religious rites as possible into the new

faith, found it an easy matter to trans form the feast of the earth's awaken

ing from the sleep of winter to the re-

folding that Christ should initiate the

resurrection of the souls of men from

Before the Christian era throughout

Europe blossoms bore the names of the pagan deities, but with the revolution

of religious ideas the plants had to be rechristened and the legends attached

to them reconstructed to conform to

but few were named for Christ or any

member of the trinity. We still have

Christ's thorn, which is supposed to

have furnished the material for the

Upon the Saviour's mother a wealth

of flowers were bestowed. The plants

coming to us with the prefix "lady,"

THE ANGEL GAVE ABEL THREE SEEDS

as lady's slipper and lady's tresses

were "Our Lady's" before abbreviated

by time. "Our Lady's thistle received its

name from a legend connected with the

flight of the holy family from Bethle-

hem. As Mary nursed the Infant by

the roadside a few drops of milk fell

on a plant at her feet, and the leaves

retain to this day the vouchers for the story. The virgin's bower, marigold, maiden's hair and all like titles were

originally named for the Virgin Mary.

fore the crucifixion was pure white,

with upturned cup. It stood proudly

erect during the suffering until dark-

ness enshrouded the earth, and it saw

that all nature but itself was grieving.

Then it bent low its head and donned

garments of mourning and began to

weep. Still it hangs its head in som-

ber attire and still each petal sheds a

The veronica gets its name from a

resemblance to the imprint of Christ's

features left on St. Veronica's hand-

kerchief when she pressed from out

the throng and wiped the perspiration

It has never been decided what tree

or trees furnished wood for the cross.

Bede says the cypress, the cedar, the

pine and the box, but St. Chrysostom

quotes from Isalah lx, 13, "The glory

of Lebanon (cedar) shall come unto

thee, the fir tree, the pine tree and the

box together to beautify the place of my sanctuary." The four woods are

ters of the globe over which the in-

fluence of the cross shall finally extend.

There is an old English legend carry-

ing the cross back to the days of our

first parents. Adam sent Abel to an

angel to petition him to show them the

path back to the garden of Eden. The

angel gave Abel three seeds and direct-

ed him to plant them, saying that from

their trunks would spring the path to

paradise. The seeds were planted, and

one tree at least was flourishing at the

time Solomon erected his temple. This

tree was cut down to furnish a ridge-

pole, but after it was brought in it was found to be too short. Then it was

cast aside and lay waste by the pool of

Bethesda until it was taken to form

the cross, which, according to Chris-

tianity, will guide us to the paradise

lost to us by the weakness of the first

idered symbolic of the four quar-

from the Redeemer's brow.

pearly tear.

The fritillaria, or checkered lily, be-

the new faith.

Perhaps from a feeling of reveren

the sleep of the grave.

crown of torture.



and the poisons which these organs r bould filter out of the blood are carculating through the system and making havoe with the health.

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AS A LAST RESORT.

Mrs. May Goddard, 332 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, whose portrait appears on the opposite column, speaks in the follow-ing terms. ing terms: "After enjoying the most perfect health

for many years it was a sore trial for me to realize that my health was failing. I had, in the first place, acute pains in the small of my back, and was losing flesh rapidly. Then other complications arose, which so weakened me that it was only which so weakened me that it was only with the greatest amount of determination that I could attend to my work. I tried a number of remedies and consulted several physicians without obtaining more than temporary relief, and as a last resort I thought I would try Dr. Pitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets. Their beneficial action was almost instantaneous, and the results highly gratifying. The pain in my back disappeared in a short time, and my general health improved greatly. I am now feeling fine, and am glad to have this opportunity of expressing my appreciation opportunity of expressing my appreciation of so valuable a remedy."

BACKACHE AND HEADACHE.

Mrs. A. Craigie, Lighthouse Street, Goderich, Ont., relates her experience: Goderich, Ont., relates her experience:

"For some time I suffered with a good deal of backache and kidney trouble, and with a severe headache which continued to grow worse. I heard of the many cures Dr. Pitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets were making and determined to try them I procured a bottle from our druggist, Mr. P. M. Dunham, and they acted splendidly, P. M. Dunham, and they acted spiendidly, stopping the backache and headache and curing the kidney complaint. I strongly recommend these Tablets to any one suffering as I did."

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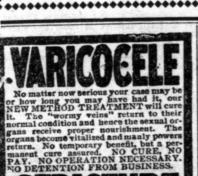
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