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## Hay-Making in Switzerland.

SWITZERLAND is chiefly a grazing and dairy country. Hence the people cure all the hay they can. They will climb, apparently inaccessible places for a scanty crop of hay which they will bring home on their heads as shown in the picture. It is remarkable how man or beast can keep foothold on many of the steep mountain sides.

### About Gloves.

THERE are some very curious circumstances attending the glove, independent of its relation to manufacturing industry. It has in various countries and at different periods been the pledge of friendship, of love and of safety, the symbol of hatred and defiance, of degradation and honour, the token of loyalty, the tenure by which estates have been, and are, held, and a customary offering on occasions both of sorrow and of joy.

The first law relating to this subject is dated in the year 720, when Charlemagne granted a right of hunting to the abbot and monks of Sithin for the purpose of procuring skins for making gloves and girdles. The first commercial notice of the glove-trade is dated about the year 1462, and two years afterward armorial bearings were granted to the glovers by Edward IV. At what prices gloves were valued in that reign does not appear.

The ceremonial use of the glove in matters of investiture and tenure is illustrated in many ways. We may take as an instance the investment in the family of Dymocke, of the manor of Scrivesley, under the condition of the head of the family acting as champion at the coronation of the English sovereign at Westminster, in which the glove plays a conspicuous part in the ceremony.

The glove has been deemed an emblem of firm



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possession. Thus the former kings of France used at their coronation to receive from the archbishop a pair of gloves, previously blessed, as an emblem of secure possession.

Both honour and degradation have been signified by the glove, according to the circumstances attending the particular occurrence. Challenge and defiance have been in various ages and countries conveyed by the glove. The presentation of gloves at weddings and funerals is another curious item in

the catalogue. The presentation of gloves as a gift, with or without money inserted in them, is another curious custom which has passed through many gradations of society. James II., when at Woodstock, received a pair of gloves as a gift from the university. A lady, a suitor in chancery, whose cause had been favourably decided by Sir Thomas Moore, presented him with a pair of gloves containing a sum of money. His remark was, "I accept the gloves—it would be against all good manners to refuse a lady's New Year's gift—but the lining you will be pleased to bestow elsewhere."—*Selected.*

### How Small Birds Cross the Ocean.

A GERMAN author, Adolf Ebelling, writing in the *Gartenlaube*, asserts that he found it currently believed at Cairo, that wagtails and other small birds cross from Europe to Nubia and Abyssinia on the backs of storks and cranes, and details the result of conversations which he had with several independent witnesses, all testifying to the same thing. He then proceeds:

"At supper, in the Hotel de Nile, I related the curious story to all present, but, naturally enough, found only unbelieving ears. The only one who did not laugh was the Privy-Councillor von Heuglin, the famous African traveller, and, excepting Brehm, the

most celebrated authority of our time on birds in Africa. On asking his opinion, he remarked: 'Let others laugh—they know nothing about it. I do not laugh, for the thing is well known to me. I should have made mention of it in my work, if I had had any personal proof to justify it. I consider the case probable, though I cannot give any warrant for it.'

"My discovery, if I may so call it," continues Herr Ebelling, I would have kept to myself—even