Mme. de Sevigne's are always cheering, for she possessed the rare art of giving a touch of sincere coloring to her correspondence, whatever the sub-

Honore Balzac's letters to Mme. de Hanska before his marriage with that lady, are all that is pure, refined and eyes twice daily with cold water. delightful.

But not one of those had, even in the style of the epistolary literature of the age, whilst a small volume of the age, consisting of five love lef-back toward engine; it is more agree-182 pages, consisting of five love letters, written by an unknown woman able and safer. remote province of Portugal nearly three centuries ago, and entitled sim-ply "Lettres Portuguese," suddenly

complex emotions of their hearts with with warmth. complex insipidity and with an elaborate effort at rhetoric which was at once wearisome and irritating. It inonce wearisome and irritating. It in-deed seemed, as Talleyrand, expressed ed with little danger to the vision. it, that words were used to disguise eir feelings rather than express

A short preface to the "Lettres Portuguese" which were published in Paris states that they were written to a "gentleman of quality" who was soldiering in Portugal, of whose name the publisher was ignorant.

Edition after edition of this curious little book was called for. Its success was immediate and unprecedented. Countless repetitions of the text and numerous translations appeared.

numerous translations appeared. Hosts of imitations flooded the book stores, but the genuine letters held

own.
o was the woman? How came it that any man who received such let-ters could have allowed mortal eye other than his own to rest on them? All that the letters told was that he name of the writer was Marianna,

the name of the writer was Marianna, that she was a nun, that her convent windows overlooked the plains of Martell, that she had loved and lost.

So direct and so eloquent in their classic simplicity were the expressions of a forsaken woman that the eyes of the world at once opened to its own deficiency, and from the day of the appearance of the Portuguese letters began to express themselves. the appearance of the Portuguese letters began to express themselves in simple direct and sincere language. The letters are valuable as a revelation of the heart, pure and simple. They contain no incident, no attempt at rhetoric, but are simply the successive appeals of an unhappy woman who repeats her protestations of love without any effort at sensation or effect. Whilst she clamors at the door for mercy, she is fully conscious that the impassioned incident of her life is closed forever, but she is absolutely powerless to moderate her

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ad indeed I am feverishly jealous of hatever may give you happiness and all that may touch your heart and ease your taste in France. I do not now why I write to you, I see well nough that you will only pity me,

know why I write to you. I see well enough that you will only pity me, but I do not wish your pity."

She recognized fully the hopelessness of her lot, but write she must. In the fourth letter she says:

"Dora Brites has been persecuting me for the last few days to leave my room, fancying it would amuse me. She took me for a tour on the balcony from which one has a view of Martoli, but once there a cruel memory surged me and kept me company for the rest of the day.

Whatever is done to solace me, and augments my sufferings, and in the remedies, therefore, I find infinite reasons why I shoull be miserable. I have often seen

you pass this spot and I was on that balcomy on the fatal day when I first began to feel symptoms of my ill-starred passion. I fancied that you did not know me. I persuaded myself that you had noticed me amongst all the ladies that were with me. Your air charmed me and I fancied that you were pleased that I should admire." It was many years before the clew given by the allusion to the plains of Martoli brought forth even a part, of the romantle history of the immortal letters which were to create such a Sensation and exercise such an extraordinary influence in their way. At length St. Simon and Duclos, the French philosopher, informed the world that the personage to whom the letters were addressed was the farquis de Chantilly, a brave soldier, and afterward Marshal of France, and external finded ink, stating that the line of itself.

Lord Chesterfield's famous epistles to his son, are more creditable to his head than to his heart; polished man of the world though he was, his teachings show him to have been but a sorry gentleman.

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CARE OF THE EYES.

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brilliant light. Do not depend on your judgment in selecting spectacles.

Up to forty years of age, bathe th

When the eyes are tired, rest them by looking at objects from a distance. remote degree, any influence over when mentally or physically depressed.

Old persons should avoid reading immured in an obscure convent in a Old persons should avoid reading in the Japanese army, and a number remote province of Portugal reading much by artificial light; be guarded as of the common soldiers. to diet, and avoid sitting up late at

revolutionized the art of letter writing and became a model for the whole of Europe.

In the seventeenth century the style

Avoid stimulants and drugs which affect the nervous system, especially when they are known to exert an injurious influence.

After fifty years of age bathe the avoiding and evanings with water

of correspondence in France and England was laborious, affected, finical
and illusive. Women expressed the cold water, that will make them glow

Out of Sight,

An English cotton buyer in Memphis was talking with the clerk of one of the hotels the other day when a commercial traveler came up. "How you feeling, Bill?" said the clerk as he extended his hand. "Oh. I'm just out of sight," replied the drummer.

After the commercial man had been assigned his room the Englishman turned to the clerk and inquired what he meant by "out of sight." The clerk explained that he meant he was feeling fine, and the Englishman recorded

it in his little book.

The next morning when he same down to breakfast the clerk, following his usual custom, asked how he felt. The Englishman thought it a good time to try some of his newly learned slang and, with the air of one who has solv-

Scimitar. Motion and Color.

A LONG REACH. Bixby called me a liar last night. Did you knock him down? I struck at him, but my blow fell

Couldn't reach him, eh?

Nop. It was over the long phone. It was over the long distance

A SUBSTITUTE

The Moke.—Why do they put such dot of stuff on bills of fare? The Man—So that you'll eat less ou know Bacon says, Reading mak-

HIGH ANGLE FIRE

High angle fire is that from guns at ell elevations beyond 15 degrees.

was built at the desire and expense of the Pope. Frederick the Great built a church in memory of one of his favorite war horses killed in a battle with the Russians. The church stands near Posen on the eastern border, constructed of white stone which time has failed to deteriorate, and is one of the finest ecclesiastical buildings in Prussia. The Japs erected a monument in Korea after the Chini-Japanese war of 1895, in honor of their horses killed during the campaign. The cost of the monument was what is equivalent to \$30,000 in our money, vas contributed by all the officers

War horses have frequently been War horses have frequently been honored with monuments, but, so far as known, there is only one that can claim the honor of having a city founded to its memory. When Alexander the Great took the field against King Phorus, an Indian Monarch of considerable power, he had his favorite charger, Bucephala, killed under him at the battle of Hydaspes. He conquered his foes, and on the spot where the gallant animal was slain founded Bucephalus, which grew to be one of the most densely populated cities in India.

ed a difficult problem, replied, "Oh, than Bulgaria. Every young peasant you kaun't see me at all!"—Memphis wishes to marry as early as possible, the vibrations of the atmosphere necessary to produce color sensations are seasour yes are affected 482,000,000 times in a second; of yellowness, 540,000,000, and of violet, 707,000,000. So that the seven hued rainbow, whose firm and subtle flame is reared out of drops of water that are ever shifting in a subtle flame is reared out of drops of water that are ever shifting in the substance of the subject of matrimony at all, provided he obtained her release; whilst another equally anxious to be inform nor any special accomplishments. She will forget herself in the interest in other when these rules are carbonic out, and it is this self-forgetfuling in time to come she obtained her liberty. Naturally to all these strange and absurd requests the prison regulations.

A "wife purchase" varies from the human eye in a manner so nstounding that the strongest mind might stagger beneath the awful reveal lation.—London Opinion.

The fumigating properties of substance in dividual wanted to know if she would marry him, provided he obtained her release; whilst another requally anxious to be inform nor any special accomplishments. She will forge herself in dividual wanted to know if she would marry him, provided he obtained her release; whilst another equally anxious to be inform nor any special accomplishments. She will forge herself in the in others when these rules are carbonic out, and it is this self-forgetfuling in time to come she obtained water that unfortunate woman dontemplated matrimony at all, providing in time to come she obtained whether the unfortunate woman dontemplated matrimony at all, providing in time to come she obtained whether the unfortunate woman dontemplated matrimony at all, providing in time to come she obtained whether the unfortunate woman dontemplated matrimony at all, providing in time to come she obtained whether the unfortunate woman dontemplated matrimony at all, providing in time to come she obtained whether the unfortunate woman the whether the unfortunate woman dontemplated matrimony at a

betrothal.

During the week preceding the day set for the wedding the house for the young couple is furnished by the bride's parents. Then her home is cleaned and whitewashed and every bride's parents. Then her home is cleaned and whitewashed and every hidden store brought out for decoration. Cakes are made and sent around as invitation cards, requesting the recipient to come to the wedding on Sunday, the invariable wedding on Sunday, the invariable wedding on Sunday, the invariable wedding on Friday by the feminine part of the community. On the following day two of the bride's come to he well on the principal room on Friday by the feminine part of the community. On the following day two of the bride's come to he her the following day two of the bride's come to he her the following day two of the bride's come to help her dress ner hair, plaiting it in minute braids, not to be undone until it after the ceremony. Then the

village maids come with gifts of sweets and flowers and all sit down on the floor to a dinner of vegetables.

On Sunday the bride is seated in state in all her gorgeous apparel and with a spangled red veil over her face, to be seen of all the village folk. She wears all the ornaments given her by her fiance and as many more as she possesses. The religious ceremony is that of the Greek and may take place in the church or in the home of the bridegroom's father. After its performance the party returns to the home of the bride's parents, where the wedding feast is held. Singing and dancing follow until time to escort the bride to her new home.

Think I'll have a tender meal," So round the fence she crept, creen the fine of the fine

When the notorious Charles Peace was lying under sentence of death at "What do you want round here?" Armies gaol he received several re- said she; quests from morbid-minded persons of the form his autograph, one gentleman stating that he had collected the signstating that he had collected the sign-atures of celebrated criminals for Quick! let me hear what you've to many years, and that he desired to add Peace's penmanship to his list, says an English paper. The convict's reply was characteristic, and was to the effect that the only autograph he would furnish would take I know what was your wicked wish! the form of an indorsement, on a cheque in favour of himself, though, "But you a lesson I will teach in view of his approaching end, the value of the cheque would seem to

approached by a firm of enterprising sum of money, which they explained could be settled on his wife or other relatives, provided he would finish an autobiography of himself, including and developed A full clear.

The English are examples of inner harmony, and taste, when they really do excell in dress. When you are fatigued lies are followed and developed A full clear. an autobiography of himself, including guage. The voice should be carefully in dress. When you are fatigued not in all the most exciting features of trained and developed. A full, clear, down, not on a pillow, but perfectly flexible voice is one of the surest inflat, pull a shawl over your feet and disations of good breeding. his career. The gentlemen concerned, however, received the request with derision, and sent a message to the publishers declining the offer in terms which, to say the least of them, terms which, to say the least of them, are an year and yet a great bore.

Second—Remember that one may be witty without being popular, voluble without being agreeable, a great talker and yet a great bore. were more profane than literary.

It will, perhaps, be hardly credited,

Third—Be sincere. One who habitus screen before the window.

be one of the most densely populated cities in India.

Strathfieldsaye in Hampshire, the residence of the Duke of Wellington, was bestowed upon the Iron Duke in recognition of his brilliant services to the nation. Here it was that "Copenhagen," the war horse which carried the great Duke throughout the battle of Waterloo, to say nothing of many minor victories, lived in peaceful retirement till 1836. In that year the historic charger died of old age, and was buried with full military honors in the grounds. So grieved

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FIRM AS A ROCK.

REQUESTS TO CRIMINALS.

Before Their Death Many of Them Receive Peculiar offers.

When the receiver Checker Peculiar Many of Them Receive Peculiar offers.

When the receiver Checker Peculiar Death And Biddy, too, was there!

And wicked Kitty stood and quaked At Biddy's awful stare.

publishers, who offered him a large FOR WOULD-BE POPULAR GIRLS. sum of money, which they explained First—Remember that a good voice quarters, but its truth is known to those who know the world. The Eng.

Young Folks.

KITTY'S MISTAKE.

"Dear me! what can I hear," says Kit,
"A little sound of 'cheep, cheep, cheep!"
"Is chickens young and tender; So round the fence I'll creep, creep, creep, No doubt Old Biddy's fast asleep, So she no help can render."
"I think I'll have a tender meal," So round the fence she crept, crept, crept, And Biddy, too, was there! And wicked Kitty stood and quaked At Biddy's awful stare.

"What do you want round here?"
"Our winter everyday shoes were deather, laced and with copper toes our west heavy kid, also laced. Our head-gear was cheeked ging-ham and checked calico sun-bonnet stimes "slat" bonnets, with strips of pasteboard inserted in the crown—hon-est bonnets, with long capes.
"In winter we wore hoods. Mills and I thought we were indeed 'fixed' when we donned our Sunday hoods here of red zephyr, shading to pales they had even shaded rib, for for drawstrings, and mine of dark blue shading to pale. They had even shaded rib, bon for drawstrings, and were too sacredly precious for school. For that or dinary wear we had home-made worshoods.

"What do you want round here?"

HEALTH.

TO RESTORE BEAUTY.

When you are tired you are ug and the proper thing to do is to g into retreat. An Englishwom whose daughter is the reigning belle says: "The first thing that a profes sional beauty must learn is never to let the world see her except at he very best, neither tired nor nervor nor unbecomingly dressed. It just look sallow or sunburnt, or have in fluenza, stay at home, but don't los have been problematical.

An American criminal who some time since expiated a life of fraud and bloodshed on the scaffold was

An Extra with wings out your reputation as a beauty by ven turing out. It is best to burn up a good dress if you can't dye it or give and bloodshed on the scaffold was

but when

THE ASSASSIN VACHER,
who murdered several helpless women
in a French village, was on his trial,
he received various requests from ladies, some of them moving in good
circles, for locks of his hair. As, however, this wretch's locks were sparse
in the extreme, he was unable to comply with the extraordinary and mor-

ever, this wretch's locks were sparse in the devertoo, to say nothing of many minor victories, lived in peaceful retirement till 18.6. In that year the historic charger died of old age, and was buried with full military honors in the grounds. So grieved was the Duke at its decease that he ordered a handsome musoleau to put up, and the tree in the corrected a handsome musoleau to put up, and the tree in the factor of the law. Thus when Henry Fauntles, to attract sightseers than either the magnificent grounds or spacious mansion.

MARRIAGES IN BULGARIA.

There are few places within the limits of semi-civilization that boast than Bulgaria. Every young peasant was being interesting marriage customs whan Bulgaria. Every young peasant was been interesting marriage customs when it is on the subject of penmanship. To address such requests to manny as early as possible, as he is of little importance in the community until he has a wife. But he is not in danger of forming an alliance in opposition to his parents' wishes as his earnings belong to them were the interesting marriage belong to them with the law this community until he has a wife. But he is not in danger of forming an alliance in opposition to his parents' wishes as his earnings belong to them were the popularity.

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