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These monsters are found imbedded in the coral rock, a singular frill of lightly colored flesh only appearing above the surface. This habit has been the cause of a number of accidents. in the coral rock, a singular frill of lightly colored flesh only appearing above the surface. This habit has been the cause of a number of accidents to natives as well as white men. The locality where they are found is frequented by collectors of marine curiosities, who send the shells, sen fans, and, corals to America and Europe, where they are distributed to the curiosity dealers all over the world. In search

the number of lines if it is a poem-at the right hand top of the first page.

Don't overlook the focts that most of

They don't hunger for more letters than they get. Most of them gave up watching for the postman long ago.

script, unless you are famous enough, or independent enough, to be able to dictate your own terms.

CAUSES OF SUICIDES IN FRANCE.

Statistics of suicide, alluded to by the Statistics of suicide. alluded to by the London Standard's Paris correspondent, shows that during the last four years 26,000 persons have in France put an end to their own lives, in Italy, with a population almost equal to that of France, the number of suicides during the same period does not exceed 8,000. In seeking the reasons for this great difference the well-known Parisian journalist, M. Henri Fouquier, explains that in Italy the Roman Catholic religion is still strongly rooted in the population and that it acts as a deterreligion is still strongly rooted in the population and that it acts as a deterrent against self-destruction. Formerly, in Italy the body of a suicide was dragged through the streets and then exhibited on a gibbet. Moreover, if Italy is not so rich a country as France, poverty there is less severely telt and more easy to bear than in France, thanks to the Italian sunshine and blue sky. It is estimated that perhaps a quarter of the population of Naples, for instance, live in a state of poverty which could not be borne by a workman in Paris, or in the towns of the north of France. In addition to this, mendicity is not, in Italy, regarded as either shameful or humiliating. Therefore, notwithstanding the extreme poverty prevailing in Italy, M. Fouquier is not astonished that it should lead but few persons to commit lation and that it acts as a deter-

Fouquier is not astonished that it should lead but few persons to commit suicide. M. Fouquier points out that in Italy self-destruction is in most cases the denouement of a love drama, whereas in France, out of an average of 6,500 suicides a year, there are not more than about 300 that can be classed as suicides of passion. In France money, or rather the lack of it, is the cause of self-destruction. M. Fouquier considers that some 2,000 suicides a year may be due to insanity; but he points out that it is now demonstrated by the statistics that in France if 4,000 persons a year, that is to say,

corals to America and Europe, where they are distributed to the curiosity dealers all over the world. In searching for shells the collectors wade along the shallow lagoons or reefs, fellowed by a flat-bottomed boat, into which they toss their various finds.

On one occasion an experienced man was hunting for shells without a boat, having merely a native net threwn overhis shoulders. Seeing what he thought was a large sea anemone of beautiful tints, he struck it with his foot, and in an instant was thrown upon his face, screaming with agony. The seeming anemone was a giant shell that, startled at the sudden attack, had closed its hugh valve and held the collector a prisoner as firmly asthough he had been clasped by a vice; in fact, the shells cut through skin and bone.

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The unfortunate man was some distance from help, and as he had started at low tide the treacherous waters were rising. For an hour the victim underwont untold agonies of pain and apprehension, fearing that the tide would rise above his lips. Struggles were useless, and he heroically waited until a canoe came in sight, when he signaled the occupants, who, after much difficulty, feleased him, the animal having to be killed by severing the great muscles that held the shells together.

A number of such instances are on record and large sharks have been caught by the shells in the same way. Some natives at the New Hebrides Islands, seeing an unusual commotion some distance from shore, went out and found a 10-foot shark beating the water, hurling itself this way and that, as though held by some enemy. Approaching, they found that the big fish was held firmly by the tail, the lobe of which had touched the fleshy portion of the shell, and been caught.

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number of words in the manuscript—or rumber of words in the manuscript—or "John Wicliffe was a highwayman in Hampshire, and conspired against the royal family, who sent out troops against him, but wherever they sent by the trustees of the British museum

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The Writer.

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WHAT IS AGATE ?

Agate is a variegated chalcedony, a variety of quartz, often containing oxygon and silicon, oxide of iron, clay or disseminated.

"Krustallos," meaning ice. The pure specimens when finely cut and polished

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A fine specimen may be seen in the cathedral of Notre Dame in Montreal, and another in the church of St. Sulpice in Paris. The natives employ them as water vessels, and a circular piece of the white shell, highly polished and worn upon the forehead, is considered an insignia of rank.—Prof. Holden in Northwestern Christian Advocate.

DON'TS FOR WRITERS.

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Don't overlook the focts that most of the manuscripts submitted to editors nowadays are typewritten, and thac unless your handwriting is particularly legible, your manuscript needs to be typewritten also, to stand an even chance of success.

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All agates take a high polish. Those most used for jewelry are cpruelian, onyx, moss agate, emerald agate and tigereye (crocidolite). Carnelian is of a beautiful red color, varying from a light to a dark shade, alternated with white, gray and bluish lines, producing that rice effect, for which jewelry cut of carnelian is noted. Onyx marked much like carnelian, only the colors are a deep black to brown, alternated with white and light brown lines.

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shart. The explaintion gives at the foot of the relight hoist shaft, that which balances the hoist, weighed 500 pounds, had bee ed and fallen from the thir rectly upon the head of the in the cellar. The left side head was crushed in as if the falling weight and glane it struck him. The dead be tovered by Harry P. Hya Pickering was notified, but an inquest was unnecessary. It transpired after the young Wells carried an \$33,000 on his life. Of the policies were in the Mutua ance Co. of New York, of the remaining \$5000 was policy in the Mutual Accidion, a local company.

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