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Passing us occasionally, going to Jerusalem with butter and eggs and little jars of leben that showed their thick, creamy throats as they were held up to us, were small companies of women in single file. As one blue procession went by the leader called to us: "Why should you ride and we walk? Why is your lot better than ours?" Given the opportunity for leisurely argument, we could not by any philosophy have made satisfactory answer. We could only admit the fact as they saw it and reognize the universal world plaint of discontent.

They carry themselves, these won en, like figures on an antique frieze. As they stride along, holding in sure bal-ance on their heads their jars and baskets of homely produce, they tread the stony paths with the grace and large-ness of action that we of the occident have grown to regard as belonging only to the age of Praxiteles. The men are also admirable in the

simplicity of their gestures, the big lines of their attitudes, the swing of their draperies. I saw a youth fling his mantle over his shoulder and fold it about him exactly in the manner of the classic Greek sculptural in his finely unconscious pose. God save the day when these sons of Canaan clothe their limbs in our ungainly garments!

#### OPEN AIR TREATMENT.

Reasons For Its Good Results In Cases of Consumption.

ment for consumptives may be briefly summarized: The patient exposed continuously to fresh air gains in appetite, assimilates his food better, sleeps more soundly and awakens more refreshed. Free exposure to air is the best antipyretic. Sweating at night, formerly so common a symptom, usually ceases. Colds are practically unknown among patients leading an open air life. Secondary infection, on account of the comparative freedom of the air from micro organisms, is much less likely to occur. Tolerance of out side air is very quickly established, and no one who has tried the open air life will willingly go back to the former conditions of stuffiness. I have never seen any one made worse by exposure to fresh air. Even during a thick London fog patients get on better lying in bed on a balcony or in rooms with windows wide open and a good fire burning than when attempts are made to shut out the fog by keeping the windows shut.—Dr. H. W. G. Mackenzie

#### RELIGIOUS TATTOOING.

A Custom That Is In Vogue In One Part of Italy.

In the "vanity" section of a museum at Florence there is an interesting col-lection of blocks used for what is called "religious tattooing" among Italian peasants of the district inclosed between the Abruzzi, Umbria and the Adriatic. Peasants in these parts at work with

shirt sleeves rolled up display a Christian symbol of some sort or a text tattooed in blue ink on their brown skin. This has been imprinted on the occasion of some special festival.

A wooden block is pressed upon the tightly drawn skin to mark the outlines of the design. This is then punc-tured, and a blue ink is rubbed into the wounds, which usually heal in about twenty-four hours. The custom, which is essentially Christian, is in commemoration of the branding of St. Francis, who founded a monastery close to Loretto.—London Telegraph.

The Gentleman.

"The true gentleman," said Cardinal Newman, "carefully avoids whatever may cause a jar or joit in the minds of those with whom he is cast-all clashing of opinion, all collision of feeling-his great concern being to make every one at his ease and at home. He guards against unreasonable allusions or topics which may irritate. He never speaks of himself except when compelled, never defends himself by a mere renion, all collision of feeling never defends himself by a mere re-tort. He is scrupulous in imputing mo-tives to those who interfere with him and interprets everything for the best. He is never mean or little in his dis-putes, hever takes an unfair advantage, never mistakes personalities or sharp sayings for arguments."

Their Only Chance.

A party of soldiers was taken to the shooting range for the first time.

The men first fired at a target 500 yards away, and not one hit it. They were next tried at a target 200 yards away, and still every one missed. They were at last tried at one just 100 yards away, but no one hit it.

"Attention!" thundered the drill sergeant. "Fix bayonets! Charge! It's your only chance!"

Need Never Reproach Himself.
"What word did her father send after he had found out about your elope-

ment?"

"Oh, he wrote me a very kind letter, saying he was glad we'd taken that course, as it relieved him of the necessity of giving his consent and having it on his mind all the rest of his life."

"Have you congratulated our hostess on her birthday?"
"No." answered Miss Cayenne; "I have condoled with her."

Mrs. Knicker-Does your cook know her place? Mrs. Bocker-That's just the trouble; she knows any number of them.-Harper's Bazar.

### ORIENTAL PEOPLE.

of the Women and Classic Drapery of the Men.

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"Do you know this seed?" Meissonier inquired.

The gardener carefully scrutinized

the grains. "Why not?" he said at last. "They

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The Crop That Was Raised by Meis-soniet's Clever Gardener.

Meissonier, like many other celebri-ties, had a passon for gardening. His

gardener, an accomplished botanist

knew to perfection the seeds of every plant, and his master had often tried

in vain to throw him off his guard.

"This time I have him," the artist re

marked to a party of friends at the

dinner table. And he showed them a packet containing the dried roe of a

herring. He then sent for the garden-

are the seeds of the 'Polpus finsamus,' a very rare tropical plant."

"How long will they be coming up?" Meissonier asked, with a chuckle of sup

pressed exultation.
"About a fortnight," was the reply. Two weeks later the guests were again assembled at Meissonier's table, and after dinner the gardener was an

"M. Meissonier," the man said, "the seed has just come up."
"Ah, you surprise me!" the artist exclaimed as he rose and led the way

into the garden to examine the botan ical phenomenon.

The gardener lifted a glass shade and disclosed to view a small bed with three rows of pickled herrings' heads peeping out of the earth. Everybody laughed. Meissonier dismissed th gardener on the spot, but took him on

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as it is written. You will be looked on as a freak or a foreigner, but esk for Wunneri'l, and you will be seek on your way rejoicing. One may hapropared to find that Belvoir is pronounced Beaver, but who is to know that Aspatria in Cumberland to only recognized leastly. is only recognized locally as Spett-ry? You may ask the native the nearest way to Aspatria till you are black in the face, and he will store blankly at you for your pains; but breathe the word Spethry and you will get your direction quickly enough.

enough.
Little Urswick is a place unknown to thousands of Lancashte
folk who are familiar enough with
the village of that name; but call it Lilosick and their faces will brightand their faces will bright-en at once with intelligence. Ponte-fract is not unrecognizable to the southerner even as Pomfret; but why should Keighley be known locally as Keethley and not as Keeley, which

nopoly of odd pronunciations. Go to Devonshire and ask for Brithembot-tom; the odds are you will be told there is no such place. Brimbottom they know right well, and that is the place you really want. Thurles combe, by a similar or worse perversion, becomes Drizzlecum, which version, becomes Prizzlecum, which may, or may not, be a tribute to the dampness of its climate. There is in Gloucestershire a village called Churcadown, which for some inexplicable reason is always spoken locally as Chosen. The good people of Churchdown appreciate the joke as much as anybody, and tell you how, when the trains were asked to

while the educated man has long been reconciled to call Greenwich "Grinnidge," there are many who still persist (and they are right, though it sounds strange to the ear) in pronouncing the name as it is smalled

Chemondiston, in Suffolk, has been cut down to the more convenient Chimston; and Sandiacre, a smalt fown in Derbyshire, is Senjilker to those who know what they ought to say. Welsh names are a source of unfailing confusion to the Englishman, whose tongue refuses point blank to grapple with them; and yet some of them at least have been made simple enough, such as Rhidbaxton, in Pembrokeshire, which as Ribson is simplicity itself. In Hertfordshire the formidable Sawbridgeworth has been reduced to the handy compass of Sapser; but what shall we say of Woodmancote, which to the good people of Gloucestershire is often known as Uddenmukat? Chelmondiston, in Suffolk, has been

Martin Harvey's Joke.

Martin Harvey, the young English actor who vaulted into fame by his impersonation of Sydney Carton in "The Only Way," is an ardent devotee of Henry Irving, but he carefully eschews the mannerisms of that great English tragedian. Outside of his work as a member of the theatrical profession Mr. Harvey's chief hobby is painting and sketching. He is considered a clever painter and also has some knowledge of sculpture. He is very fond of dogs and rarely is without one of his pets beside him when off the stage. When in London Mr. Harvey lives in a beautiful house in St. John's Wood. His holidays he spends at the seaside. During one of his visits to the ocean he boarded at a small hotel, where he did not fare to his liking. On going away he took his revenge on the landlady in a fashion of his own. His hostess as he was leaving asked him to write in her testimonial book. He complied. His entry comprised just four words—"I quote the raven." As the landlady had never read Edgar Allan Poe's poem, she was not "on," as we say in America. But guests who followed Harvey were.

Capt. Ian Hegg.

An interesting figure in the group of young officers decorated for brilliant service with the Argunga expedition on the Niger last year, says. The Star, is Capt. Ian Graham Hogg of the 4th Hussars, who has been on special work in Southern Nigeria for some time. This promising officer is the second son of the late Mr. Quintin Hogg, and his gallantry won him troop rank in the Boer war four years ago, when he was only 25. In the Cape he showed his faculty for organizing, and was for some time commandant at Wellington, while in the hot fields where his duty led him he earned four clasps for his medal.

"Why do you need a horn?" asked the wagon. "I have no use for one." "Yes," replied the automobile, "but then you have a tongue."

why, for instance, in the name of all that's reasonable should he have to say Amesbury when we write and mean Almondesbury; and, when we are in Lancashire, inquire the way to Oost'n when it is Ulverstone was want? These are mysteries which are wet even revealed over revealed to the same of the

want? These are mysteries which are not even revealed, one would think, unto babes, and which certainly make the upgrown man feel foolish.

If you chance to be in Suffolk, and want to find your way to Waldring-field, near Ipswich, you must avoid at any cost pronouncing the wor'd as it is written. You will be looked on as a freek or a foreigneed but see

is the obvious rendering?

But the north country has no mo-

how, when the trains were asked to stop there, some one said, "Make thy Chosen people joyful."

Congresbury, in Somersetshire, is known far and wide as Coomsbury, and—shades of our Norman anvestors!—Hurstmoncaaux in Sussex has long degenerated into Horsemounces. St. Osyth is a name that ought not to present any lingual difficulty, but its favorite form in the district seems to be Toosy; and, while the educated man has long

we give you a bright, cheerful service,



LONDON AT PRAYER. A Light in the Darkness of Cities Is the

Church Army. To the first sixpenny issue of The

To the first sixpenny issue of The Pall Mall Magazine—the January number—Mr. Charles Morley contributes a description of a service in the Church Army, at St. Mary-at-Hill, Tower, says The Pall Mall Gazette. "No one," he says, "understands better than Mr. Carlile, the head of the army, the wisdom of Bunyan's words. Was not the immortal tinker also represented with tickling the

also reproached with tickling the groundlings with his exciting stories of angels and devils, of glimmering opal palaces and flaming pits? He moved easily in the old pulpit, as though he was in a room, and, his eyes, roving about the church, talked in familiar strains for a few minutes. It was evident that he was on easy terms with his flock; and if he had nodded to some particular friend and asked if he had got a job yet; or congratulated some female member in his congregation on the healthy appearance of her baby, I should not

have been in the least surprised.

"Now, brethren, we are going to have a collection, and I hope we get more than we did last Sunday night -£2 3s 1d was the sum and I am responsible for £11 every week. I have to find it somewhere. I don't get the money; the organist don't get it-he plays for nothing-and lots of good fellows come and help, all for

love, too.'
"The bags are going their course, but they are discreet and close-mouthed, so that the left hand knoweth not what the right hand

'I know many of you are poor, and if I find a few buttons, I under They are well meant, aren't

"Laughs and titters here and there. "But if you can give us anything, do—that's all. And you need not stop at a button. An old coat, an old pair of toots, an old hat, a necktie, or a shirt-we shall not be too proud to take them. There's many a proud to take them. There's many a poor fellow that can't get work because he doesn't look respectable. Oh! I know they won't go into the bag—bring 'em round to the vestry—we'll take them in.'

"The bags are still passing from hand to hand in that stealthy hunt-the-slipner manner, which always."

the-slipper manner which always marks this interesting ceremony—in-evitable in all religious services as

the common fly.
"'Now, I am glad to see so many of you here to-night. But I want more. Oh! we will find room for

"Women, bring the men; men, the missus and the kids. Come, come-

with pictures and music, ceremony. Then his voice changed from easy jocularity to sterner and even angry accents—'surely it is better here than in the vile pubs—the curse of this country! You all know what the drink brings men and women to-ay, and even the children know, too, as well."

British Oratorical Slips.

Mr. Balfour, in a recent speech, spoke of "an empty theatre of unsympathetic auditors." Lord Curzon has remarked that "though not out of the wood we have a good ship." Sir William Hart Dyke has told how. Sir William Hart Dyke has told how. Mr. Lowther "has caught a big fish in his net—and went to the top of the tree for it." Mr. Asquith has lately remarked that "redistribution is a thorny subject, which requires delicate handling or it will tread on some people's toes."

Mr. Brodrick told the Commons, says The London Daily Graphic, that "among the many jarriag notes heard in this House on military affairs this subject at least must be regarded as an oasis." But, General

garded as an oasis." But, General Buller evidently thinks there is little to be gained by so-called army reform for he declares that "the army is honeycombed with cliques, and kisses go by favor in this web of ax-grind-

In the debate on the London education bill Mr. Walter Long said: "We are told that by such legislation the heart of the country has been shakem to its very foundations." Before Mr. Winston Churchill opposed the pre-sent Government he, at a meeting of the Bow and Bromley Conservative Association, commended certain ut-tificances of Lord Rosebery, but said Sir Henry Campbell-Banarman "had Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman "had sat so long on the fence that the iron had entered into his soul.'

A financial minister has assured the Commons that "the steps of the Government would go hand in hand with the interests of the manufacturer." It was in the Lords that the Government was warned that the constitutional rights of the people were being "trampled upon by the mailed hand of authority."

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It was the late Sir George Campbell who said, "the pale face of the British soldier is the backbone of the British Empire," and who said certain abuses in India were but "a mere flea bite in the occan" as compared with others he could name. It was another friend of India who said: "Tass the measure and the barren wells will become fertile vallers." It wells will become fertile valleys." was a loyal member who said:
"When I go wrong I look round and
see our chief leading and I soon get
right again."

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