WORK IN IRON.

Remarkable Skill of the Japanese in Manipulating the Metal.

The Japanese have excelled all other people in the manipulation of iron. As an extraordinary example of the pains taken in iron working there may be here mentioned a knife handle (kodzuka) in which a horse is represented seen from behind, on a surface not three-quarters of an inch wide, the whole being not two inches in height. The foreshortening of this figure is simply marvelous, and there is nothing in it except a dot of gold for the eye of the horse. The workmanship is of great skill and grace.

A striking Chinese piece is a bronze vase of very graceful shape, with eight deep swells outward. On two opposing swells curious catlike animals, with manes and exaggerated tails, serve for handles. The vase is set upon teak bases. A square firepot, whose cover has been lost, has rich designs on the sides. A little yellow bronze has a peculiarly handsome design in the open work cover and the sides of a cone-shaped fruit and leaves like the bay tree. There is a teapot in Shibuichi which is full of effective grace.

An incense burner, which rests on a beautiful teak base in the shape of a leaf, is adorned on top with a creature which is something like a dog, but has hoofs and a head that look like an alligator's. The Japanese artists just let their fancies work when it came to details, and many of the most attractive pieces in the Smith collection seem to testify chiefly to the freakish fancy of the artist, although, without knowing to the bottom the mingled theogony of Japan and all its legends, one cannot surely express an opinion in these matters.

A number of figures of much interest are also included. One of them is undoubtedly of Hindoo origin, representing some personage of the Hindoo pantheon. There is a figure half reclining on the right arm, the left arm resting on the left knee, and a curious, half-mocking expression in the open mouth. This is in very dark bronze, the effect of age. A very odd bit in very rich yellow bronze shows a grotesque person, bent on his left knee, endeavoring with much strain to lift upon his shoulders a heavily-laden sack which lies behind him.

The expression on his face is funny in a notable degree. His mouth, is wide open, showing his teeth, his eyes are fairly starting out, his bushy eyebrows and chin tuft, which forms his only whiskers, are all alike contributive to the humoristic effect. Another of these little figures is the god "Bushmon," in light bronze of a brassy tinge; he is all wrapped in a mantle thrown over his head, his wide open mouth, his furzy eyebrows, his wrinkled countenance, combine to show him a very wise individual.

But the most curious of all is a fat-faced fellow with both hands propped under his chin, who is simply tied in a blanket done in a double knot on his back. He is a riddle of which we do not possess the solution. A small but interesting bit is evidently a perfect likeness of the Hindoo yogi or mendicant magician; his lean legs, his meagre frame, whose ribs can be counted, and the whole physiognomy are unmistakable. It is probably not only a Hindoo subject, but a specimen of Indian bronze work. It is not finished in the same exquisite way that the Japanese bronzes are, nor does it resemble the Chinese work in this line.

EGYPT'S POTTERY INDUSTRY.

What They Produce in Ceramics and Articles du Luxe.

Some very interesting particulars respecting the home industries of Egypt are given in a recent report which the Austrian consul at Cairo made to his government. The greater part of the goods manufactured find a sale principally among tourists and foreigners visiting the country.

Speaking generally the Egyptian industries of to-day may be divided into three groups: The minor or "house" industry, agriculture and the factory industry. Of the first group one of the oldest is the ceramic industry, which is carried on in pottery works on the riversides in Cairo, Alexandria and Rosetta. The chief articles of this class produced are the porous bottle-shaped vessels and bulging refrigerators known by the name of Alkarazas, as well as filters known as Sir, the latter chiefly made at Keneh. The finer classes of goods, such as ornamental vases, lamps and ornamental articles generally, come from Assiout and Upper Egypt.

Cicero is the chief centre of the metal industry. Articles of gold and silver are manufactured in small quantities indeed and chiefly for the peasant population and tourists. They consist chiefly of massive silver rings for decorating the arms and ankles, twisted bands, chains and filigree work of fine gold and silver. There are several lapidaries in Cairo and Alexandria, chiefly engaged in cutting turquoises.

The wood industry, besides employing a large number of joiners engaged in producing ordinary European furniture, includes also some establishments in Cairo and Alexandria, where art furniture in the Arabian style is turned out. This mainly consists in wall screens, presses, chairs, fauteuils, small tables, so-called Koran stands, mirror and picture frames, pier tables, etc., generally inlaid with mother-of-pearl, bone or metal.

The principal purchasers of these articles, too, are foreigners, either settled in or journeying through the country. Assiout does an export trade in articles of ebony of finer workmanship, inlaid with ivory.

Lightning and Trees.

Dr. D. Jonesco has compiled statistics concerning trees which are struck by lightning, and arrives at some interesting conclusions, which are given in the last issue of The Electrical World. It has been supposed for a long time that certain kinds of trees are particularly subject to destruction by lightning, while others are quite free from danger. Among the first is the oak, and among the latter the laurel. An investigation of this statement led that writer to the following conclusions: "At very high potential electrical discharges all kinds of trees may be subject to destruction from lightning. Trees containing oils are less subject to be struck, those containing very much oil being protected the most. Lightning appears to prefer those trees which contain oil to a slight degree, only in summer. The quantity of water contained in the tree has no effect on their liability to being struck. Dead limbs of trees of those containing starch, as well as of those containing oil, are particularly subject to being struck. Cambium, bark and leaves do not alter the conductivity of trees. The nature of the soil has no connection with the frequency of destruction of the trees by lightning."

Mr. W. Thayer, Wright, P.Q., had Dyspepsia for 20 years. Tried many remedies and doctors, but got no relief. His appetite was very poor, had a distressing pain in his side and stomach and gradual wasting away of flesh, when he heard of and immediately commenced taking Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery. The pains have left, and he rejoices in the enjoyment of excellent health, in fact he is quite a new man.

An Insurance Case.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The New York Life Insurance Company and William H. Beers, ex-president of the company, have settled their differences. By the terms of the compromise Mr. Beers has agreed to abandon his litigation to force the company to pay him the $37,500 yearly premium voted to him by the Board of Trustees when he resigned the presidency of the company on Feb. 9, 1892, and to make no further claims under that agreement. In return the company agrees to pay him $1250 a month, but this arrangement may be terminated at the will of the company or of Mr. Beers.

SOON TO BE COMMENCED.

The Nipissing & James Bay Railway—Election of Directors.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Nipissing & James Bay Railway was held at their head office, Union Station, yesterday.

The following gentlemen were elected directors of the company for the ensuing year: Messrs. W. B. McMurrich, Q.C., E. Wragge, C. J. Campbell, William Hendrie, A. Nairn, John Bell, Q.C., D. Girouard, A. Desjardins and the Hon. Frank Smith.

At a meeting held immediately after the shareholders' meeting, Mr. W. B. McMurrich was elected President of the company and Mr. E. Wragge vice-president.

It is hoped that work on the line will be proceeded with this coming season.

MOOSE VERY SCARCE.

Promiscuous Slaughter in Past Years Has Depleted Their Numbers.

A gentleman who recently arrived from Fisher River on Lake Winnipeg states that moose, the favorite large game of the early months of winter, was scarcer than he had seen for many years. He accounts for it by the fact that Indians have been indulging in promiscuous slaughter of the noble animals, and very soon, like the buffalo, this animal will become extinct, unless vigorous measures are taken to stop the wilful and needless killing them off. The Indians shoot the animals for the hides, leaving fine carcases to freeze, then thaw and decay in the woods. In past winters where individual Indians had shot fifty and sixty moose, this year not more than five or six have fallen.

Grocer Copland's Troubles.

The creditors of James F. Copland met yesterday afternoon in the office of Mulvey & McBready. Mr. Copland made an offer, which will be further considered at a meeting to be held Monday. The meeting passed a resolution pledging those present not to furnish any information to the press.

Brynes & Co., millinery, of Campbellford, have assigned to Thomas McEvoy.

W. A. Caseman, grocer, of Cardinal, has assigned to C. P. Glassford.

George Williams, general store, of Manotick, is offering to compromise at 50 cents on the dollar.

T. Caster & Co., general store, of Port Stanley, has assigned to C. B. Armstrong.

Griffin & Co., general merchants, of Ridgetown, have assigned to John Lennox of Hamilton.

An East End Grocer's Troubles.

A meeting of the creditors of H. W. McCulloch was held yesterday afternoon in the office of Richard Tew. McCulloch has been getting behind for some time. Lately his creditors have been pushing him rather closely. About a week ago he sold out his grocery business at Sackville-street and Wilton-avenue to a Mrs. Gray, and now he is asking his creditors to accept 50c on the dollar. This those present at yesterday's meeting practically agreed to accept. The liabilities are $2200 and assets $1700.

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N. & N. W.	7.30	4.10	10.15	8.10
T., G. & B.	6.50	4.30	10.45	8.50
Midland	7.00	3.35	12.30 p.m.	9.30
C.V.R.	6.30	4.00	11.15	9.35
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
G. W. R.	6.15	12.00 n.	9.00	2.00
		2.00		7.00
		4.00	10.30	8.30
		10.00		
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
U.S.N.Y.	6.15	12.00 n.	9.00	5.45
		4.00	10.30	11 p.m.
		10.00		
U.S. Western States	6.15	10.00	9.00	7.30
	12.00 n.			

English mails close on Mondays at 10 p.m. and on Thursdays at 7.15 and 10 p.m. The following are the dates of English mails for January: 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 26, 30.

N.B.—There are Branch Postoffices in every part of the city. Residents of each district should transact their Savings Bank and Money Order business at the Local Office nearest to their residence, taking care to notify their correspondents to make orders payable at such Branch Postoffice.

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