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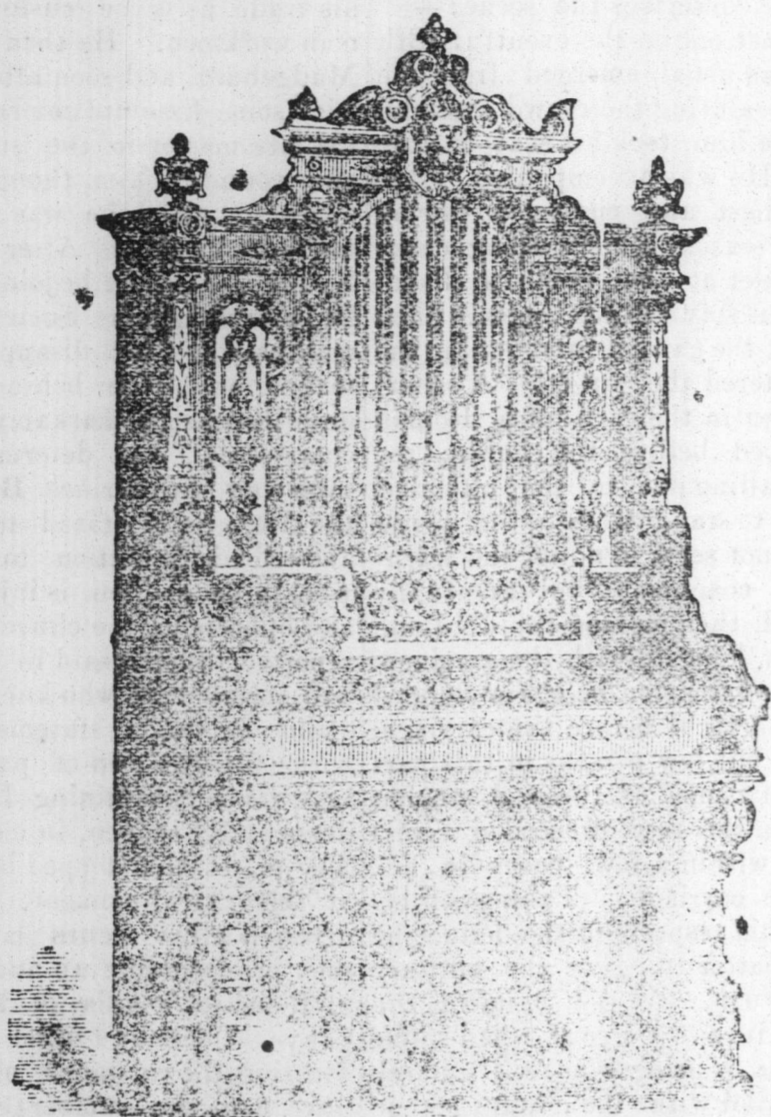
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July 16

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GEORGE CARSON.

May

THE SCIENCE OF KISSING.

An American editor thus discourses on this interesting topic: "People will kiss; yet not one in a hundred knows how to extract bliss from lovely lips, any more than they know how to make diamonds out of charcoal. And yet it is easy, at least for us. First know whom you are going to kiss. Don't make a mistake, although a mistake may be good. Don't jump up like a trout for a fly, and smack a woman on the neck, or the ear, or the corner of her forehead, or on the end of her nose. The gentleman should be a little the taller. He should have a clean face, a kind eye, and a mouth full of expression. Don't kiss everybody. Don't sit down to it; stand us. Need not be anxious about getting in a crowd. Two persons are plenty to corner, and catch a kiss; more persons would spoil the sport. Take the left hand of the lady in your right. Let your hat go to any place out of the way; throw the left hand gently over the shoulder of the lady, and let it fall down the right side. Do not be in a hurry; draw her gently, lovingly, to your heart. Her head will fall gently on your shoulder and a handsome shoulder strap it makes. Do not be in a hurry. Her left hand is in your right; let there be an impression to that, not like the grip of a vice but a gentle clasp full of electricity thought and respect. Do not be in a hurry. Her head lies carelessly on your shoulder. You are heart to heart. Look down into her half open eyes. Gently yet manfully press her to your bosom. Stand firm. Be brave, but don't be in a hurry. Her lips are almost open. Lean slightly forward with your head to the body. Take good aim; the lips meet; the eyes close; the heart opens; the soul rides the storms, troubles and sorrows of life (don't be in a hurry) heaven opens before you; the world shoots under your feet, as a meteor flashes across the evening sky (don't be afraid); the heart forgets its bitterness, and the art of kissing is learnt. No fusts, no noise, no fluttering and squirming like hook-impaired worms. Kissing don't hurt; nor does it require an act of Parliament to make it legal.

THE SYRIAN SPONGE FISHERIES.

Some interesting information respecting the Syrian sponge fisheries is given by Vice-Consul Jago (Beyrout) in his commercial report for 1873, just issued. The total value of the sponge fished on the Coast of Syria is from £20,000 to £25,000. The production is however, falling off through excessive fishing and the consequent exhaustion of the fishery grounds. About 250 to 300 boats are at present employed in this industry on the coast of Syria, manned by about 1500 men. In some cases the men own their own boats but generally they are hired for the season, which extends from June to the middle of October. No wages are paid the remuneration consists in an equal share of the produce of the fishing. The profits of a good diver reach as high as £40 a season. Diving is practised from a very early age up to 40 years beyond which few are able to continue the pursuit. It does not appear however that the practice has any tendency to shorten life, although as the diver approaches 40 he is less about to compete with his younger and more vigorous brother. The time during which a Syrian diver can remain under water depends, of course, on his age and training. Sixty seconds is reckoned good work but the rare instances of men who are able to stay under eighty seconds. The men on the coast however make extraordinary statements as to the length of time their best hands are able to remain under water, and gravely assert that eight or ten minutes are not impossibilities. The manner of diving is as follows:—The diver—naked of course—with an open net around his waist for the reception of his prizes, seizes with both hands on oblong white stone, to which is attached a rope and plunges overboard. On arriving at the bottom the stone is deposited at his feet, and keeping hold of the rope with one hand, the diver grasps and tears off the sponges within his reach which he deposits in his net. He then by a series of jerks to the rope gives the signal to those above, and is drawn up. No knife spear or instrument of any kind is used. The Syrian diver, unlike his Greek competitor, never uses the diving dress, having an antipathy to it on the score of its legal tendency to produce paralysis of the limbs. Two or three fatal accidents annually occur, mainly among the skillful and daring. The diver will quit his hold of the rope and wander some distance to secure a prize and on returning to regain the rope will miss the spot and be unable to find it. He then attempts to rise unassisted and, being ignorant of the exact direction often strikes out diagonally, and is drowned before he can reach the surface. Other accidents again happen from jagged or pointed rocks, which besides sometimes pointing

