

YOUNG FOLKS.

Midgott. They said me a "Midgott," but when I am old, I shall find it out. I shall find it out, I shall find it out.

A DREAM COME TRUE.

BY ADELAIDE G. MARCHANT. "Mamma, did you ever have a dream that came true?" asked Florence, looking up from her book.

lothes. I was thinking just before I went to sleep how thin his was for this cold weather, and she sighed, thinking of the rheumatism, which often prevented the husband and father from working for them.

A DUFFERIN CO. MIRACLE.

Ernest Duke's Great Peril and Wonderful Escape.

How His Life Was Saved After His Condition Had Been Declared Hopeless by Three Doctors—An Interesting Narrative Given to a Past Reporter by the Boy's Mother and Other Witnesses.

Dufferin Post, Orangeville. The great Edmund Burke once exclaimed in a moment of sadness and despair that the age of chivalry was gone forever, and every side of us hear it remarked that the days of miracles are a part of the dim, superstitious and romantic past.

AN OLD SOABELOW.

Canadian Revenue Cutters on the Great Lakes—Editorial From the Buffalo Commercial.

The Buffalo Commercial the other day had the following editorial: The Commercial is not in the least impressed by the perennial "soabes" about the defenceless condition of the lake region.

The fact that the Dominion Government has constructed three revenue cutters for service on the lakes to match those that have been put in commission to protect the fisheries, and afford no ground whatever for these childish sensational articles on the subject.

In defiance of the treaty of 1817, the British Government is building, arming, and equipping a fleet of cruisers for service on the great lakes capable of reducing every lake city from Kingston to Duluth to subjection or ashes within a very few days.

There is nothing in it at all. The alleged reason for these "naval preparations" is the armament of annexation sentiment in the Dominion.

On the little vine-clad porch of the old house the two sat silent, as they had been long far away across the fields.

Here and there a cricket chirped its vesper hymn, and in the old tree beyond the road a nesting fowl at intervals croaked contentedly.

It was a time when hearts may beat in harmony and souls in wordless measures make music to each other.

The man moved his chair a little closer. "Well," he said, "can you give me a chew of tobacco?"

And the other man, in the soft, sweet hush of the evening time, went down in his pocket for the plug.

When Mr. Smith returned home what was more natural than that he should have a fishing story to tell?

Mr. Smith, as became a dutiful spouse, was all attention.

To relieve the monotony of a wait for a train, he began, "I went fishing: Shortly before the train I was so fortunate as to hook an enormous bass. The fellow rushed to and fro, and in my anxiety to capture him, I nearly upset the boat. Finally he rose to the surface near the boat.

But how was it you knew the fish weighed five pounds and six ounces?" asked Mrs. Smith as a troubled look overspread her face.

"Because he had scales on his back," was the reply.

A Newfoundland dog went over the American Falls at Niagara and came up alive. He was rescued, but could wag his tail. He was rescued after he had dragged himself on some rocks.

boards at Mr. Duke's, entered the house. It was the dinner hour, and the reporter expected that Ernest would turn up, and save him a visit to the school.

The reporter was full of thought as he hastened to the school to interview the little fellow who may be said to have heard the summons of death, and to have been saved from an early grave by Dr. Williams' wonderful Pink Pills.

Mr. Duke's neighbors, and found them all of one opinion. This was that his son would now be sleeping in the silent churchyard had it not been for the timely use of Pink Pills.

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AUSTRIAN BRUTES SENTENCED.

Father and Son Die for Murdering the Wife and Mother.

A Vienna despatch says:—The peasant death by the presiding judge of the Criminal Court in Wiener Neustadt. During the trial, which began on Wednesday morning, it was shown that the father, with the assistance of his son, murdered the mother of the family because she considered her a useless charge on the property; also that Theresa, the daughter, was guilty to the plot. She was sentenced to six years' imprisonment.

Mr. Collins, who is wanted by the Paris police to answer for his part in the Panama Canal frauds, came to this city about a week ago and is at the Hotel Imperial. The Paris police have warned the Vienna police that he should be detained. The department here, however, has refused to arrest him.

The Water-Wheel at Night.

For years the question as to whether water-wheels ran faster at night than during the day has been catalogued among the things which no man can find out. Surely are so geared as to be affected by the varying fullness and speed of the current in which they are set.

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SANICHAH, A WOLF BOY.

ROMULUS AND REMUS OTRIVALLED AND OUTDONE.

A Human Babe, Lost in India's Woods is suckled by a She-Wolf—Now Under a Minister's Care With Signs of a Drawing Intellect.

A recent mail from Secundra, Northern India, includes a letter from the Rev. A. H. Wright, superintendent of the orphanage at that place. Mr. Wright has under his charge at this institution Sanichar, the noted "wolf boy" of India, over whose history wise men have profoundly pondered. The reverend gentleman's last letter contains some very interesting information about Sanichar, the results of whose early associations have caused them much anxiety.

Sanichar is the child of human parents, lost in his babyhood and nurtured by a female wolf. He was first seen by a party of hunters who were in pursuit of a wolf in the unfrequented jungles of Bulandshaha. They came upon him suddenly while he was sunning himself upon a rock near a cave. The strange little creature, with a face covered with matted hair, naturally amazed them.

A closer survey showed him to be a child about five years old. Instantly he had taken fright, scampering off on all fours after the flying wolf. Both sought shelter in the cave. Being afraid to penetrate into what they knew to be the lair of a wild beast, the men decided to report the occurrence to the magistrate of the district, who immediately gave directions that a fire be built at the mouth of the cave and the inmates smoked out.

This was done with good effect. Presently a large female wolf made a dash for liberty, scattering the burning embers in every direction. She was closely followed by the boy on all fours, as the hunters had first observed him. He got over the ground with astonishing swiftness and was captured with great difficulty. He bit and scratched with the ferocity of a wild animal, which he was in all respects except his human form. He had lost all the attributes of his race, could not stand erect and did not possess the power of speech. A subsequent acquaintance proved that he had only the appetite of an animal.

He would tear raw meat to pieces and gnaw bones as ravenously as any beast. He lapped water in the same manner. At first he was put in an enclosure, like any dangerous creature. Here he lay curled up in a corner all day, but as soon as night came he began to crawl around, seeking freedom and gnawing whatever came in his way. The magistrate who received him applied, after an interval of a few weeks, to the English missionaries to relieve him of his charge, which they did.

Sanichar happened to arrive at the orphanage of Secundra on a Saturday, and from this circumstance he was named Sanichar, the native name for the day. His benefactors now devoted themselves to humanizing him, but for a long time their efforts were without success. The clothes they put upon him he would tear into shreds and fling from him.

He persisted in eating his food from the floor, picking it up with his mouth, and viciously resented all attempts to make him sit up and use his fingers. But by and by his intelligence dawned. He submitted to wearing clothes and learned to walk erect and eat like a human being. He became very docile and obedient, and as he grew older seemed to understand all that was said, but made no attempt to acquire speech himself. He lost all desire for uncooked food as well as all disposition to escape. He has been taught to do a little work, but never has learned to like it.

Sanichar is not considered an idiot by those who have him in charge, although his forehead is very low and his eyes retain their wild and restless look. Being brought up amidst religious surroundings, it has been a matter of interest to learn what comprehension he has of a hereafter.

That he thinks and reasons is evidenced by his actions after the death of one who had shown him kindness and to whom he was much attached. At the funeral, as the body was lowered into the grave, he gazed beseechingly at the mourners as if he would wring from them some understanding as to what it all meant. By signs they tried to make him understand something of the mystery of death and future life. They were afterwards satisfied that he comprehended, because when sick himself he lay down and feigned death a moment, then pointed to the earth as his grave and moved his hands heavenward.

He is strong in his personal likes and dislikes and can easily make himself understood if he is hungry or wants a cigar, of which he is very fond. Sanichar has now outgrown his boyhood and is supposed to be more than twenty years of age. He is 6 feet 2 inches in height and is naturally very awkward in his gait. He has a peculiar manner of lifting his feet when walking, and swings and jerks his arms as if he depended upon them to assist him in locomotion.

It is much to be regretted that, with his gradually expanding intellect, he has never learned to speak. That he received rough treatment from his brute companion is demonstrated by the scars on his body, as well as two marks on his face which were evidently severe bites.

SUCKLED BY A WOLF.

The theory as to how he came into the possession of the wolf is best told in the words of the Rev. A. H. Wright himself. In the letter before referred to he says:—"The only theory which can account for this freak of nature is that a wolf carried him away when sleeping in the open air during the hot weather. Its maternal instincts—perhaps it had lost its own offspring—did the rest. There are many here who remember his being brought in, and the wild, untamable character of Sanichar at first."

And now the question arises, had he never been rescued from his wolf associates would he have remained entirely upon the level of the wild beast of the forest? His tendencies were undoubtedly all that way when he was captured, and for a long time he chafed savagely against his state of bondage. Freedom and the depth of the jungle were all he sought, and human presence was hateful to him.

The scientists have here a field for investigation, but the "wolf boy" lives on, oblivious of his remarkable personality and unable to comprehend the interest strangers evince in him. Another of the clergymen interested in his welfare writes of him:

"I think visitors are at first disappointed in him, having expected to find him

bearing a greater resemblance to the lower creation than he really does. In fact, people who visit him for the first time expect to see a wolf who spent his early years among boys, rather than a boy whose infancy was spent among wolves. * * * I saw him immediately after he had been received into the orphanage, and I have seen him many times since. I have found him very intelligent. By the use of signs I can get him to do almost anything. I wish—stand, walk, run and—what is often a difficult matter among those who have been cradled and trained—I can get him to keep perfectly still in front of my camera."

The future of this modern Romulus can only be conjectured. He himself is entirely satisfied with the present, and seems to have no thought beyond. (From the St. Louis (Mo.) Post-Dispatch.)

CHINESE ECONOMY.

The Cunning Artists Resort to Many Methods in Order to Fill Their Purses.

Nothing is wasted in China. The stones of various fruits and the shells of nuts are dried and carved into ornaments of the most graceful kind. Among the stones used are olive, plum, peach, laichu and cherry, and of shells the walnut and cocoonat. The stones are selected with care; each must exceed a certain standard of size, proportion, hardness and weight. They are dried slowly and at such a heat as not to crack or sprout, and are then ready for the carver. The designer marks a rough outline of the future group or picture and hands it over to his apprentices. These work with great rapidity and soon block out the design, cutting through the hard ligneous tissue, and then extract the kernel. A second treatment now takes place to dry the interior of the stone, as well as to prevent the fine lining of the interior from undergoing decomposition. This completed, the designer sketches a second outline, and also indicates by his pencil or brush where the surface is to be lowered, made into leaf work or arabesque, or be cut altogether away.

The work is performed by the subordinates as at first. The designer then does the finishing touches, after which the assistants clean, polish, and oil or wax the perfect carving. The stones are sold in this shape to quite a large extent, but more largely in other forms. Among these may be mentioned buttons, watch charms, sleeve links, earrings and brooches, and, when strung together, bracelets, anklets, necklaces, watch chains, rosaries, and official ornaments.

The price of a stone varies greatly with the workmanship and the fame of the carver. Some may be bought as low as ten cents a piece, while others command as high as \$2 and \$3 each. The average price is thirty cents a stone. The carvings display great variety and beauty. One class is composed of birds, reptiles and higher animals. The dragon, griffin, stork, snake, horse, lion, tiger, camel, elephant and bull are favorite figures. A canon in Chinese carving is to reproduce only these animals which have been deified, and the ten mentioned are about the only ones which have enjoyed divine honors. A third class, and by far the most interesting, comprises groups of human figures representing scenes in history, poetry, mythology and the drama. The workmanship is often so fine as to be microscopic in its delicacy. In fact, the finishing touches are made by the artist while using a magnifying glass of at least fifty diameters. On stones not over an inch in length it is not uncommon to find eight, nine and ten characters in different attitudes and costumes.—[Washington cor. Boston Transcript.]

Teeth Mutilation.

Dr. Magitot, of Paris, has published an interesting account of the mutilation of the teeth practiced by various savage tribes. One variety, which is chiefly met with on the coasts of Africa and the west coast of New Guinea, consists of the breaking of a portion of the incisor by means of a knife and a piece of wood, and is performed between the ages of twenty and twenty-five. The custom of extracting the two central incisors is found in both hemispheres. According to Zeret, it has been practiced in Peru from time immemorial, where it is inflicted on conquered tribes as a sign of slavery. In Africa it has been observed on the Congo, among the Hottentots and the Batoxas. The mutilation by filing has for its exclusive center the Malayan Archipelago, whence it has spread to the adjoining islands. It is a religious act, which is celebrated with great festivities at the age of puberty, but this only by the Mohammedans. The degree and character of this filing vary with the habits of family or caste. The operation is performed by an expert, the Tukang pangur (filer), by means of a chisel, three bricks, two files, a small saw, and a pair of cutting nippers, the instruments being rubbed with arsenic and lemon juice before being used.

It is the fashion among some tribes on the Senegal River to extract the upper temporary incisors in girls when quite young and to manipulate the chin, so that it is drawn forward and the lower incisors are made to protrude so as to overlap the upper lip, thus producing an artificial prognathism. In Indo-China and Japan a girl on her marriage paints her teeth with a black varnish. However, as this operation requires time and money, it is only practiced by the wealthy class. Livingstone reported that among the Kafirs a child whose upper teeth erupted before the lower ones was regarded as a monster and killed. On the Upper Nile the negroes have their upper incisors extracted, in order to avoid being sold as slaves, because of the loss of value brought about by this mutilation. Among the Eskimans, as described by the Abbe Peritat, in some regions there exists a custom of transversely cutting off the upper incisors, the object of this being, according to local tradition, to prevent the human chin looking like that of a dog.—[Lancet.]

Personals.

Samuel J. Randall left less than \$1,000 worth of this world's goods, but he will take up a great deal more room in the history of the United States than Jay Gould with his many millions.

Katherine E. Conway, recently appointed one of the Prison Commissioners of Massachusetts, is one of the editors of the Boston Pilot. She is a small woman with dark complexion, eyes, and hair, and is very animated in conversation.

Kate Field's Washington throws cold water on the hopes of those who expect great things from being permitted to enter the government service. Miss Field says the opportunities for advancement are worse than none, and that the longer a man stays in it the less fit is he for anything else.

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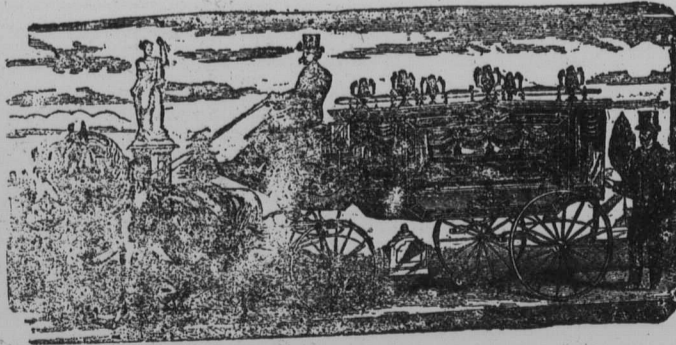
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A PECULIAR PEOPLE

WITH VERY CURIOUS IDEAS OF A FUTURE STATE.

Superstitions and Legends of the Natives of Greenland—Beliefs Regarding Creation—Manners and Ways That Were Held Objectionable by the Creator.

Besides Ewafki, of South Greenland, the natives of that section have another evil spirit whom they designate Tivigtuk. This Tivigtuk appears to correspond closely with the devils spoken of in the Scriptures who entered the herd of swine and sent them plunging into the sea. Every now and then a native, when he has a more than usually serious altercation with family or friends, instead of fighting runs away to the mountains, where he lives a hermit life and sulks. Then those at the settlement mourn and declare that the man has Tivigtuk in him. Then they hunt him up, and if they find the recluse, force him home, where he is watched over until the bad humor passes away, on which his friends rejoice, and say that the Tivigtuk has become Senepa or dead in him.

In some of their superstitions the South Greenland natives arrange poetical in thought; as, for example, in regard to the aurora borealis, in which they claim that the waving shafts of light are the spirits of the dead Eskimos engaged in kicking phantom walrus skulls across the heavens in a spiritual football.

It is curious that these far northern people, both in South and North Greenland, have the same idea of a future state as the American Indians, founded, doubtless, on the same character of their struggle for animal existence. Like the Indian, the Eskimos believe the spirits of their deceased friends and relatives go to a great place of hunting; but instead of to a vast prairie over which buffalo and deer range in vast herds, as held by the former, the "huskies" spirit hies him to a broad sea in which are countless seals, walrus and Polar bears, and in the shores of which are tuctu, or reindeer, in quality beyond extermination.

Besides these legends, the Peary party came across one in the north regarding creation, which should afford special food for thought for the anthropologists. According to this legend the first man fashioned was white, and while not exactly ebullient, or crazy, his mental balance was of such a low order and his manners and ways so objectionable that his creator was disgusted with his first attempt, and made another, which gave satisfaction in every way. This other and perfect specimen of manhood was an Eskimo. If the belief of some anthropologists that the Eskimos are the remains of the cave dwellers of the stone age, this legend is remarkable as perhaps being the possible origin of similar legends of other nations. If, on the other hand, as seems more reasonable, from their color, facial outlines, and peculiar shape and set of their eyes, that this strange people are of mongolian origin, the story is still remarkable as having been retained through all their wanderings from Asia through America to their present ice-bound home, the tale losing only the intermediate race creations.—V. A. E. Neehan, in Independent.

Monday More Unlucky Than Friday.

Many years ago, when sailing ships were the only means of communication between the different countries, superstition was more rife among sailors than at the present time. These absurd fancies were not confined to Jack alone. Harper's Young People says they were shared in to a greater or less extent by shipmasters and owners. Friday was considered a day of evil, and the most malignant results were supposed to attend a voyage commenced on this day of the week. In those times he would have indeed been a reckless skipper who would have attempted to sail on this ill-omened day, for the crew would have broken out in open rebellion rather than lift the anchor from the bottom or cast off shore moorings. Since the advent of steam many of these prejudices have become as derelict as the ships on which they were once entertained.

A true story is told of a skeptical Massachusetts captain who, away back in the early years of the republic, determined to exhibit the fallacy of this particular superstition. He contracted on a certain Friday for the building of a ship, and it was arranged that the keel of this vessel was laid on Friday, that she was launched on a Friday, named Friday, commenced loading on a Friday, and hauled into the stream on the same day of the week. To add to the possibilities of disaster, a negro cook named Friday was engaged; and thus fully freighted with the sinister name, the Friday sailed on a Friday, bound to a port in the West Indies. From that day to this no tidings of the ill-conditioned craft have been received. But those of us who like Friday for various reasons, but chiefly because it leads up to Saturday, upon which days schools are closed, will be pleased to hear that, as Monday, the day schools open again. A German statistician, feeling that Friday had been a much-maligned day, determined to make a scientific investigation of the matter, and has found that it is not Friday, but Monday, that is the most unfortunate of the week-days. According to his investigations 16.74 per cent. of all accidents occur on Monday, 15.51 per cent. on Tuesday, 16.31 per cent. on Wednesday, 15.47 per cent. on Thursday, 16.38 per cent. on Friday, 16.38 per cent. on Saturday, and only 2.69 per cent. on Sunday.

Female Sanitary Engineer.

A woman sanitary engineer has been chosen to represent the English women at the congress of hygiene. She is a woman of versatile genius, a possessor of certificates for art, music, hygiene, divinity, physiology and sanitary science. She visits professionally slaughter-houses, workshops and dairies, and understands all about the laying of drains, water mains, connections and so forth.

An Engineering Feat.

A Scotch engineer is said to have solved the problem of making the mill run with the water that has passed. It is reported by a Glasgow paper that a resident engineer has devised an arrangement by which all the steam used by an engine is returned to the boiler. As a result it is said that as much energy can be gotten out of one ton of coal as is now secured by the consumption of seven tons.

COPPER CAN BE TEMPERED.

A Canadian Blacksmith Rediscovered a Lost Art.

A poor French-Canadian blacksmith named Ferdinand Allard, of Levis, opposite Quebec, has discovered the secret of the lost art of hardening copper so that edged tools of that metal will equal the best steel, and copper plates will turn any ball. The announcement of the discovery, though involving results of the greatest economic importance, attracted, as often happens in such cases, little or no local notice, but outside of his own country Allard's invention promises to be eagerly seized upon. It was brought to the attention of Major-General Herbert, the commander of the Canadian militia, and the cutting tools made by Allard were submitted to his inspection and to that of engineers named by him. All of the examiners expressed their surprise at the wonderful edge and hardness that had been attained. It was the general's suggestion, made with an eye to the possibility of the discovery's being utilized for the arming of British war vessels, that the inventor prepare a sheet of his hardened copper, 1 1/2 of a line in thickness, to be tested under the direction of the lords of the admiralty. Private reports from England state that the experiments in the royal dockyards have proved eminently successful, though nothing official upon the subject has yet been communicated to Allard. At a preliminary trial of similar sheets at the rifle ranges, the bullet, fired from a distance of forty yards, was shattered into a thousand fragments by its first impact with the hardened copper. On the second trial the missile, striking the plate more fairly, was completely flattened, but remained embedded in the plate, which it merely dented slightly, without cracking it in any way. Allard's friends declare that all the tests so far made have proved most satisfactory, and that the inventor, among other things, has made by his process a copper razor equal in edge and temper to the best article of the famous Rodgers manufacture.

The story of how Allard came to rediscover the art which was known to the ancients, and especially to the old pyramid-builders of Egypt, reads like a romance. Thirty-three years ago, when working at his trade in the United States, he heard a comrade in the same shop say that the man who could rediscover the lost secret of tempering copper would make a fortune. Ever afterward this saying haunted his mind, and for over thirty years he sought the secret in vain. He made thousands of experiments which ended only in failure and disappointment. A hundred times he vowed that if the next trial failed he would abandon the search, which was wasting his limited means and proving seemingly a veritable will-o'-the-wisp for him. At last he fully decided to make one more trial, and if that failed to give the whole thing up forever. A new combination had occurred to his mind and success crowned his efforts.

One-Piece Barrels.

A German has patented a process for making barrels without staves. The trunk of a tree is sawed into lengths to the size of the barrel required, and the chunks are placed in a boiler and boiled for a few hours. It is believed that if a current of electricity be passed through the boiler a chemical action is generated that softens the wood for working. After the boiling the bark is stripped from the chunks. In front of a cutting tool the chunks are held by forks in a manner similar to that in which a piece of wood is held in a lathe. The chunk revolves rapidly against the edge of a fixed broad blade that cuts a continuous sheet of soft wood of any desired thickness. The strip passes to a flat table, where it is cut transversely into lengths of the required size. One machine cuts grooves for the head and the bottom, and another cuts V-shaped slots out of the edges. Then the pieces are bent into cylinders and hooped. Moisture is extracted by a drying apparatus.

Wonder Workers.

An English mint possesses an electrically operated machine for counting coins. There is a tree in Jamaica known as the life tree on account of its leaves growing even after being severed from the plant; only by fire can it be entirely destroyed.

The Russian physician who proposes to cure neuralgic pains by throwing a beam of electric light from an arc lamp on the part affected is entitled to a respectful hearing. It will be a long time before we exhaust the uses of this mystic agent.

A French manufacturer makes minute electric lamps about the size of a pea for the use of photographers in the dark room. They are intended to be mounted in the middle of a pair of spectacles or on the frame without the glasses, the lamp being shielded by a reflector. The battery is made up of accumulator cells.

A Substitute for Asbestos.

A new material, not unlike asbestos in its properties, has been discovered in immense deposits in the United States of Columbia. It is stated to be the color of amber, perfectly transparent, and incombustible. Experiments made at Bogota indicate that it will be of great value for fireproof and waterproof roofing tiles, and for suits for firemen. A white varnish can be extracted from it. The substance has been named butcara manquina, and it is expected to prove of greater importance than asbestos.

The Earth's Population.

The latest estimates make the total population of the earth 1,440,000,000. It is also set down that the languages spoken now number 3,000. The Lutheran Kirchenzeitung states that the Bible is now accessible to fully two-thirds of the human race. It is true that the Scriptures have been translated into not more than 187 languages, but those are the dominating tongues of the world, and through them Christianity reaches the bulk of mankind—or may do so. England and America are immeasurably ahead in the production of translators and translations.

Cloth from Wood.

A German chemist has patented a method for the isolation of the fibers of wood so that they can be spun and made into yarns capable of being woven. The wood is first cut into thin strips, which are repeatedly passed between roughened rollers, so that they are bent and cracked in many places. After thorough treatment in this manner the mass is finally changed into a fibrous substance, the fibres being very delicate and soft, and yet strong. It is said that the material can be spun like cotton, and takes colors very well.

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