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ave you n lationery, nvitations, PETER THE GREAT.

History Shows That the Old Ruler of

Years ago, when a low standard of morals prevailed, the epithet "great" was bestowed upon any nenarch who won battles and enlarged the territory and resources of his kingdom. It mattered little then to the historian what might be a king's private character, provided he made his nation formidable by its brute strength and full treasury. Even if he was a bad man they eulogized him as a great ruler. Peter I. of Russia is called Peter the Great because he transformed barbarous into a semibarbarous nation. But no one can now read the following summary of his character without a feeling of disgust. Voltaire, in his "Philosophical Dictionary," says that "Peter was half hero and half tiger." Macaulay de-clares that "to the end of his life he lived in his palace like a hog in a sty, and when he was entertained by other sovereigns never failed to leave unequivocal proof that a savage had been there."

Peter, when the fit was on him, literally caned everybody-from his cook to his counselor, from the meanest peasant to the highest noble sparing neither age nor sex. of scales that will weigh a seven-He would get up from the table and flog the host who was enter- These are employed for weighing taining him. He would stand at the door of the senate house and flog each senator that went in Le-fort was an intimate and trusted friend, yet on slight provocation he was knocked down and brutally kicked by his imperial master. But all this flogging was in the way of recreation. When Peter "meant business" it was a more serious matter. Incredible as it may seem, it is nevertheless well authenticated that one of his own sisters—it is said more than one-received 100 be of use. It is a mere cobweb-like strokes of the whip on her back in

the presence of the whole court. In 1713 Alexis, his only son who outlived infancy, was for some offense of no great seriousness sev-eral times tortured in the presence of the diabolical father and in the end died either from the effect of the torture or by assassination. For sympathizing with Alexis the Prin-the light. The tiny tray of the scale cess Golitsyn, the bosom compan-ion of the Empress Catherine, was publicly whipped by soldiers. For the same reason the brother of his first wife, Eudoxia whom he had thrown into prison was testured and then torn in pieces on the wheel. Nothing ever told of Nero is more horribly grotesque than this, yet this man, or monster rather, is paraded before the world as Peter the Great.

Ambergris.

tery surrounding the origin of am-bergrie, that most valuable substance, but now it is pretty generally agreed that it is nothing more or less than a "morbid secretion" due to a disease of the liver of the sporm whale. The whales which yield ambergris are invariably sickly and emaciated animals.

In ancient times this substance was known as "amber," a name also applied subsequently to the fossil gum now commonly so called. In order to distinguish between the two one was called amber gris (gray) and the other amber jaune (yellow). So, we perceive, the word "ambergris" means simply gray am-ber. As in the case of the fossil gum, pieces of it were found from time to time on the shores of the see, where they had been cast up by

Accounts of early writers show that squirrels must formerly have that squirrels must formerly facts
been amazingly numerous. Godman says that the gray coats were a
fearful scourge to colonial farmers
and that Pennsylvania paid £8,000
in bounties for their scalps in 1749
alone. This means the destruction
of £50,000 within a comparatively mall district. In the early days of companies from morning till night, tying as to which band should home the greatest number of ophies. The quantities thus killed a almost incredible now.

Mary milked the cow?"

Pupil—Cow is a noun, femining gender, singular number, third person, and stands for Mary.

He of the Board—Stands for

WEIGHING A SUNBEAM.

cale Beam So Delicate a Ray of Light

Will Affect It. Measuring the distances of stars planets seems wonderful enough, but weighing them appears at first thought an impossibility. But all this has been accomplished and more too. The refinements of mechanical science have brought about great changes in weighing methods. Everything is weighed today. The architect before putting up his thirty or forty story build ing calculates to a ton the total weight of the whole mass. The bridge builder works out in advance the weight of his suspension bridge and then calculates the stresses and margin of load capacity it can safey carry. The marine architect must alculate to a nicety the weight and water displacement of his iron ships long before the keel is laid. An error of a few tons might easily make the ship a failure.

But all these weighing achieve ments are simple and crude compared to the work of weighing sunbeam, a ray of light or some in visible gas. Scales have been con-structed for this purpose which are little short of magical. At University college, London, there is a pair thousand-millionth of an ounce. invisible gases and even sunbeams and rays of light. It seems impossible that a ray of light should have weight, but these sensitive scales will demonstrate it.

The scales are kept in a small underground chamber made of metal. and the room is always in semidarkness, for the light and the heat caused by it affect the delicate beam. The scale beam is only a few inches long and is made of silica, as glass is too sensitive to heat to machine, and when one enters the scale room the alteration in the temperature causes the beam to move. The operator must wait for an hour in total darkness and silence to make a reading of the scale. Even when the electric bulb is turned on the sensitive scale feels the vibration of the air caused by contains a glass tube, and into this some imprisoned gas is placed for weighing. In spite of the delicacy of the scale and its wonderful balance, the gas weighs so little that to the eye no motion of the beam is visible, but a ray of light is focused upon a mirror and thence upon a graduated scale six feet away. The weight of the tube of gas is recorded on this scale and the magnified result easily read. The record may show only one seven-thousand-millionth of an ounce, the total weight bert Walsh in Washington Star.

Missed Them Well. There are always two ways of telling the truth. The man who told the king that he would outlive all his subjects understood human nature far more than the man who was put to death for declaring to the same monarch that all his sub jects would die before him. The gamekeeper in Francis Pigon "Odds and Ends" also had the gift of presenting the pleasantest side of

A certain noble lord was a very had shot. One day, after a partic larly discouraging exhibition of his bungling, he said to the keeper:

"Now, my man, tell me the truth Did you ever see any one who shot as badly as I do?"

"Oh, yes, my lord," returned the keeper. "Twe seen worse shots than your lordship. Your lordship misses the birds so clean."—Youth's Companion.

The Low C. Lancastrians, as the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield recalls in "The Parson's Pleasance," are very keen on choir singing. "A doctor in the duchy was driving over a bridge that spanned a deep brook and saw a man standing up to his waist in the water. Whatever are you doing there, John?" he shouted to the man. 'Ah, weel, doctor, you see, I've got to sing bass in 'Andel's "Messish," and I never can get down to that lower C unless I' got a cold, so I'm catching one."

"Is the editor in?" asked the man with the unbarbered hair and shiny coat as he fished a roll of pa-"No," replied the office boy.

has just gone out."
This is the third time I've called to see him," growled the

"I don't know," answered the o "but I guess he must have been born under a lucky star."-Chicag

astrology "one of the most ancient forms of superstition." Chaldeans, Egyptians, Hindus and Chinese were given to it. The Jews became addicted to it after the captivity. It spread into the west and into Rome at about the beginning of the Christian era. Astrologers played an im-portant part at Rome, where they were called Chaldeans and "mathe maticians." Although they were often banished by the senate and the emperors on pain of death and were otherwise persecuted, they contin-ued to hold their ground. Even Ptolemy the astronomer did not escape the infection, which in his time had been universal.

ASTROLOGY.

Superstition.

Astrology means the "science of the stars." The encyclopedia call

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One of the Most Ancient Forms

Mohammedanism was well adapt ed to astrology, and the Arabs cul-tivated the "science" with great ardor from the seventh to the thirteenth century. Some of the early Christian fathers argued against astrology in its earlier form and others received it modified to some

Probably the palmiest days of astrology were the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. At two of the oldest universities in Europe chairs were founded for its teaching-at Bologna and at Padua. No prince's court was complete without its astrologer. After the renaissance the study of astrology was vigorously opposed, though for centuries many men continued to believe in it among whom, at least to a certain extent, was Napoleon. The merciless ridicule of Swift had much to do with its discredit in England.

Drum Tap Messages Writing from German Africa, a European tourist says: "We found here in the dense forest, among peo-ple who know nothing of modern scientific discoveries, a good and practical wireless telephone. The natives have for purposes of cere-mony, peaceful and warlike, drums of various dimensions, made of wood, and these, when beaten, emit sounds of about an octave in range. Aside from the ceremonies, the drums are used also as means of communication, and the manner of striking, the number of strokes, the pauses, etc., make up words and sentences which are readily under-stood for miles around. We had proof of it one day. Our caravan was ready to start when our head servant stopped suddenly in his work, listened in ently and then gave unmistakable signs of pleas-

Here is Tennyson's own account to Mr. James Knowles, editor of the Nineteenth Century, of how he was offered and accepted the laureate-ship: "The night before I was asked to take the laureateship, which was offered to me through Prince Albert's liking for my In Memoriam, dreamed he came to me and kissed me on the cheek. I said in my dream, Very kind, but very Ger-man. In the morning the letter about the laureateship was brought to me and laid upon my bed. I thought about it through the day, but could not make up my mi whether to take it or refuse it, and at the last I wrote two letters, one accepting and one declining, and threw them on the table and settled to decide which I would send after my dinner and bottle of port."

Curious and quaint beliefs still prevail in some parts of England concerning St. John's eve. Lassies still place their shoes before retiring for the night at right angles

Hoping this night my true love to see I place my shoes in the form of a T. dreams. Formerly supper was hat the future husband would enter by the open door. There is, too, a prevalent idea that especially for-tunate are the children born on St. John's eve, the rhyme running: Under the stars on the ere of St. . Looky the bube that those stars of

Train yourself to keep your trou-

Antiquity of Shorthand.

GRAHAM, N. C., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1910.

Shorthand is apt to be looked upon as an essentially modern art. The cessors of Pitman-Byrom in the eighteenth century. Mason in the seventeruth-are dim and distant figure beyond which it seems useless to ven ture. Cicero dietafed his orations to his freedman, T. Tuilius Tire, and was inconsolable when temporarily depriv-ed of his services. He complained in letter to a friend that, while "Tire takes down whole phrases in a fesigns, Spintharus this provisional sub stituter only writes to spilobles." W need not, however, suppose that the "notae Tironinae" were actually in vented by the freedman in question As M. Guepia points out, the Roman created very few of the arts of peace contenting themselves, as a rule, by however, indicates the banks of the Nile as the cradie of the art.—I. P. a London Weekly.

A Benevolent Censor. A trio of young ladies spent some weeks last year at an out of the way village in the mountain region. They found the village postmisser a quain old character, whose ways were as ortginal as they were startling, so that the daily trip to the postoffice became A real event.
"Is there any mail for us, major?"
usked one of the young ladies as she
appeared at the window one morning

"No; they sin't a thing for you all this mawnin', Miss Mary," was the re-ply. "They wasn't nothin' come for you but a letter that looked like advertisin', an' so I opened it, and sure enough it was just some advertisement about somethin' or other, and I says to myself, says I. Now, Miss Mary don't want to tote such stuff as that home with her, and so I throwed it is the waste box."-Youth's Companion.

Not all dismonds are what they cutting of diamonds the rough crys- absolutely and in every respect. use, either with brilliants or with colored stones, enables manufacturers to produce articles which readily take the public fancy.

box of sawdust is a convenien thing to have at hand in the house-hold. It can be used in so many gave unmistakable signs of pleasure. We learned there that the indistinct sounds conveyed to him the news that a boy had been bern to his brother in a neighboring viller of the state always look.

Shaken up with a little was tone accordingly, the cal Republican political poli and heated and sprinkled over grease spots in carpets, etc., it re-moves these marks better than alrandas, outhouses, etc., will aid greatly in cleaning these floors. Fi-nally, if cracks in stained or paint-ed woodwork are to be puttled, a little sawdust mixed with the putty will make it take the stain or pain as it would not by itself.—New York Tribune.

The Politics of Pie.

bariotte Observer.

It may be observed that in readmitting after a blacklist certain Republican Congressmen to the patronage privilege none of the three North Carolina Republican Congressmen was involved, though the Republicans of their State had against the Taft administration ground of complaint greatly transcending any which insurgent State could show. They not only had before them the spectacle of violated pledges to the county at large but peculiar and bitter grievances of their own. Besides expressing his very low opinion of North Carolina Republicans in the most public and pointed manner, Mr. Taft has made it possible for Democrats to say with perfect truth that he turned down every one of the present Republican candidates for the State Supreme Court as fit for a Federal district judgeship and appointed a straightout Democrat instead. None the less, Mr. Taft pauper laborers, who are coming being the appointive power, all over here. Forty-six per cent of three North Carolina Republican Congressmen clave to him inseparably. They clave also to Cannonism and whatever else the

This conduct might not be such very great cause of just reproach to the Republican party of North Carolina if the Congressmen had tals are first examined, and as far as possible they are chipped into ahape by tiny wedges before being actually cut and polished on the revolving wheel. The various flakes thus chipped off are themselves cut and polished to the best advantage to form "rose" diamonds, while the bulk of the crystal is cut into a "brilliant." Obviously, then, roses are cheaper and also less bright than brilliants, but their jadicious use, either with brilliants or with creat or small, easy of attainment. All important controversies essentirely. Of such North Carolina Republicans as do not hold this attitude we gladly make exception. But it is to those hungry hosts, who do, giving the party a tone accordingly, that the practical Republican politicians of the

appointive power named.

The terrible results of the Friday Saturday and Sunday forest fires are beginning to be realized by the disheartened and homeless

Beaudette were brought here today. There was not a particle of clothing left on any of them save parts of shoes. The bodies had the appearance of baving been baked in a red hot oven Searching parties were organized today and went south to relieve suffering and to pick up the dead.

In some instances houses near town are filled with refugees who are without food. Many settlers got into the rapid river and saved hemselves by wading in the water, although the'r faces were blistered by the heat.

Wild animals raced wildly about the edge of the fire and then, and plunged in the deep and wide Canada and safety. They followed human flight; and cattle likewise, released by their owners at the approach of flames, fled to lafety. Accompanying the horses to Hot Springs, Ark., Sunday were hundreds of deers, caribou and nearly every stop, about 50 and moose, and in truth the cattle in number, talked to the folks lay down with the bears, wild cat nd timber wolves and with no mger from them. They were

of this country was there such a herd of wild animals as passed before the eyes of the human refugee. Not one of them was hot are molested.

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the population of Rhode Island is foreign born.

Forced To Leave Home.

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> A case of cholers developed Sunday in the steerage of the Hamburg-American liner Moltke, which has been detained at quarcholers carrier since Monday of last week. Another cholers patient from the Moltke is under treatment at Swinburne island. This makes three cases of cholera which have actually reached the port of New York.

> > "It Beats All."

M. Stockwell, Hannibal, Mo. "I In the Superior Court— Tar for the first time, To say I J. Harvey White am pleased does not half express my feeling. It beats all the remedies I ever used. I had contract in bed, having a terrible headache thousands.

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