TIS USELESS TO REGRET.

There's many & plan that comes naught,

There's many a light gone out, and disappointments, griefs and cares. Have hedged us round about. and many a sad mistake we've made Throughout our lives, and yet We've done the very best we could, Tis useless to regret.

for out of evil good has come, And out of darkness light, all wrongdoings in this world Some day will be set right. and though we have not reached the height

Attained by others, yet "e've done the best we could, my dear; Tis useless to regret.

We've tried to live like honest folks, To do our duty well, lainst evil things to take our stand, In goodness to excel. o judge yourself not harshly, dear, Nor at misfortune fret, We've done the best we could, and so 'Tis useless to regret. -London Tit-Bits.

CHEWED REDHOT CHARCOAL

a Arab Accomplished This Feat Without Burning His Mouth.

coal, was brought. Seating himself on of Egypt the chief butler and baker the floor in front of this, the Arab pick- dreamed -dreams wherein seven fat dout with a pair of iron pinchers a big oxen and seven lean oxen, seven ears imp, which he broke into small frag- of full corn and seven ears of mildewments, one of which he put into his ed corn played a prominent part and mouth. Swaying his body to and fro, foreboded the 14 years of plenty and of attering a series of semisuppressed famine that were in store for the Land roans, he munched the hot charcoal of the Two Crowns, even the land of the etween his teeth. When he had re- house of bondage, the land of Egypt. nined it nearly a minute, he spat it out | Every seventh day the law was read nd took up another piece. The opera- to the wandering children of Israel, and on appeared to cause him great pain. Jericho, the strong city, fell, wall and le rolled his eyes wildly, and at times tower, when seven men had paced the saliva dripped from the corners of around it for seven days. is mouth.

ons to human suffering, but Mahmoud glories of gold and cedar wood, turkey was so much upset that he got up quoise and terebinth. There were sevand went out of the room. The prince, en lamps in the tabernacle, and the 100, was visibly affected. To me the golden candlestick had seven erformance apprared a mere piece of branches. ulgar trickery. By practice a man aight easily retain a small piece of hot times in the river Jordan before the harcoal between his teeth in such a healing water cleansed him of his lep-Tesh.

A MYSTICAL NUMBER. OMNIPRESENT SEEMS TO BE THE

FATEFUL SEVEN.

From the Biblical Story of the Creation Down It Plays a Mighty Part In Folklore, Tradition, Superstition and History.

> Clean birds by sevens, Unclean by twos, The dove in the heavens Is the one that I choose.

But not only do the bird auguries go by sevens; the number plays a mighty part in folklore, tradition and history. Six days made the world, and God rested on the seventh day and hallowed it. In the seventh month Noah's

ark touched the ground; in seven days a dove was sent out on the face of the waters: Abraham pleaded with God seven times for Sodom's sake before God smote the city of wickedness to

her undoing. Seven days Jacob mourned for Joseph and would not be comforted; seven years and seven Jacob served for A small brazier, full of redhot char- Rachel, and in Joseph's governorship

Solomon was seven years building Persians are said to be utterly cal- the splendid temple, with all its

Naaman washed himself seven

planets and the seven colors.

guised in the kitchens of the palace, or

and her lover, who has drunk of the

water of forgetfulness. The seven

sleepers are famous, and the number

folk medicine. Water taken from sev-

aspen put under the patient's pillow

seven leaves of ivy will bring a care-

seven mistletoe berries put in a bag of

however far you walk.

cure the jaundice, and seven twigs of

sun, and so on.

When the Arab had crushed some Saviour hung for seven hours, and an recommend the defendant's lawyer, ing. Mrs. Crewe often met the sup-

[I was very assidnous in recording his convern.-Boswell.] What Johnson said! How talk would wane, How mute would every man remain When he, with utterance loud and slow, Some truth would teach, some moral show! His weighty words—a ponderons train— Exploring freely thought's domain With vigorons wit and wisdom plain,

DR. JOHNSON'S CONVERSATION.

And none would dare to question low What Johnson said. But "Goldy," of distinction vain, Might interrupt in random strain, While "Bozzy" listened all aglow, Resolved his journal soon should know,

To all mankind's enduring gain, What Johnson said. -Dora Cave in Gentleman's Magazine.

FINED FOR WINNING A CASE. It Was Not Considered Proper to Defend a Horse Thief.

"When I graduated from the law school," said the old lawyer, with a reminiscent smile, "I took Horace Geneley's advice and went west. I located in a little town that then was on the frontier and waited with the confi-

dence of youth for clients. "Before I had fairly opened my office was retained to defend a man for stealing a horse. This elated me very much, for I was not aware at the time that the case had been refused by all

the other lawyers in town, as defending a horse thief was not a thing to be desired if a man valued his life. "The case came to trial before an old

judge and a jury composed of bewhiskered ranchers. There was no doubt that the man was guilty, but he had a was my duty to make the best possible use of them. They were all willing to swear that the defendant was 40 miles away from the spot when the horse

was stolen, and the prosecution was unable to break down their testimony. prepare their verdict.

"They were back in five minutes, and lady at play, and, being obliged to the old judge asked them if they had | leave town suddenly, gave Mr. Fox the succeeded in arriving at a verdict. "We hev,' answered the foreman, as apologize to her for his not having GROCERS

manner that it should not scorch his rosy. The Apocalypse is full of the he shifted the gun he carried on his paid the debt of honor in person. Fox mystic number, and on the cross our hip. 'We find the defendant not guilty lost every shilling of it before morn-

S. S. S. GOES A very remarkable occurrence has been brought to my potice. Early last week a well known lady, who shall be called Jones, dreamed a ridiculous dream, as inconsequential as most dreams are. Mrs. Jones dreamed that a dog of hers had died and that she received an

official communication ordering her either to cremate the remains or to her self skin the animal and throw the body into the river. Mrs. Jones chose the latter alternative, but having half skinned the body and becoming tired threw it as it was into the water. The dog disappeared for an instant and then reappeared on the surface alive, and swimming across to the opposite bank trotted off, evidently in great suffering. There ends the dream.

A Case of Confused Telepathy.

The next morning the postman brought several letters. The first one was addressed to Lewis Jones, Esq., -there being no such person-and ran as follows: "Sir, your dog crossed the river last night on to my property, but being very severely injured it was found necessary to kill it. Should you wish to have the collar, which bears your name and address, I shall be happy to send it to you."

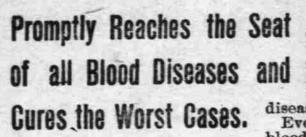
No dog belonging to Mrs. Jones had died nor had she lost one .- London Truth.

Famous Old Gamblers.

In the latest history of gambling in England, just published, there are some astonishing revelations as to the amount of money won and lost by men number of friends who were willing to and women whose names are as faswear to anything, and I thought it | miliar as household words early in the present century. There are records of £200,000 having been lost at a sitting. and the loss of £50,000 appears to have

been a very common occurrence. A gambling story is told of Charles James Fox that rather reflects on his I saw that I was going to free my honor. He was one of the ardent adclient, so it was with a satisfied air mirers of Mrs. Crewe, a noted beauty that I saw the jury leaving the room to of her day, and it is related that a gentleman lost a considerable sum to this

money to pay her, begging him to



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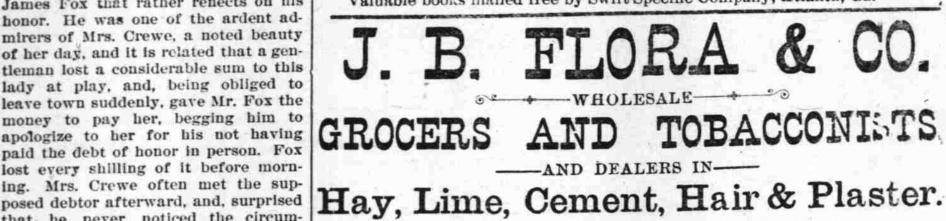
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ive or six pieces we begged him to top. He rose and seated himself on the livan, remarking that there was no wason for any anxiety; that the operaon was quite a simple one and could se learned in a few weeks by any novice. Despite his placidity, I suspected that his tongue and lips were burned. I was therefore surprised to see him wallow a few minutes afterward a up of hot coffee and smoke a cigaotte, apparently without any inconentence.-Gentleman's Magazine.

Laughter as a Cure For Worry.

"Nearly every woman is a miser of follity. Men are willing to catch pleasure as it flics, but women must have everything just so before they can abandon themselves to enjoyment, and then they are usually too tired to take t," said a lecturer to an audience of women. "It's a disease, but fortunate-'y not incurable. Women say it is easy to talk this way, but that one can't be laughing when one is hurried and worried. All I can say is that you might be as hurried, but you wouldn't be as worried if you did laugh. I happened once to speak of my husband to a little girl, and she said:

" "Why, I didn't think you were married.'

" 'Why?' I asked. "'Oh, cause'-" 'Cause why?' " 'Cause you laugh so much.'

"Wasn't that a commentary on mat-"imony?"-Chicago Times-Herald.

un the Verge.

He considered it a parental duty to the forsaken princess tries to climb the see that his daughter kept only the glass mountain which lies between her very best marriageable company. "Mary," said her father, "you have been going with that Mitchell fellow for more than a year now. This courtship must come to a termination." "Oh, pa, how cap you talk so? He en streams where cresses grow will

is, oh, so sweet and nice." "Ah!" And the fond father arched his eyebrows. "Sweet and nice, ch? will recover him from paralysis, and

Has he proposed?" "Well, pa, not exactly." And the less lover back to your side and keep girl hung her head and fingered the him there, and seven corns of wheat, drapery of her dress. "He hasn't ex- | eaten fasting, will heal you of the fallactly proposed; but, then, last evening, ing sickness, which is epilepsy, and when we were out walking, we passed by a nice little house, and he said, red silk and hung round your neck will "That's the kind of cottage I am going protect you from sunstroke and elf bolt to live in some day,' and I said 'Yes,' and preserve your feet from blisters, and then he glanced at me_and squeezed my hand. Then, just as we got by, I glanced back at the cottage, and-and I squeezed his hand, pa."

"Oh, ah, I see! Well, we'll try him keep the evil eye off children, accordanother week or two."-London Tit-Bits.

When a builder wants to put up a permanent structure, he looks well to the foundation. He digs deep and lays the stones with exactness and precision. He "trues" and "plumbs" and "levels." A

owin to his youth an innocence, to the from the cross our Saviour spoke sevn.ercy of the court.' en times.

The seventh son of a seventh son is judge fined me \$500 and suspended a born doctor, according to Irish belief, but he must never take money for the sentence long enough for me to get out cures he achieves, and to insure re- of town. It wasn't law, but I didn't covery he should be sought before sun- stop to argue the matter."-Chicago Inrise or after sunset on Friday. "It is ter Ocean.

manifest by experience that the sev-A GREAT WRESTLER. enth male childe, by just order (never a wench being born between), doth His Encounter With the Czar and heal only with touching, through a His Ignoble Reward. natural gift, the king's evil; which is

One of the stories of Peter the Great a speciall gifte of God, given to kinges which are current at the court of St. and queenes, as daily experience doth Petersburg is of the great czar's wreswitnesse." There were seven wise tling match with a young dragoon. men and seven wonders of the world; Once in the imperial palace-so the while the ancients not only noted the story goes-Peter was at table with importance of seven as an astronoma great many princes and noblemen, ical period, but also connected the sevand soldiers were posted within the en metals then known with the seven hall. The czar was in a joyous mood, and, rising, called out to the company: Thus copper belonged to Venus, and "Listen, princes and boyars! Is there the color green; lead to Saturn, and among you one who will wrestle with the color blue; gold and yellow to the

the czar?" There was no reply, and the czar repeated the challenge. The seven days of the week are con-No prince or nobleman dared to nected with the seven pleiades, of wrestle with his sovereign. But all at whom the seventh is a lost star, and once a young dragoon stepped out the seventh wave of a series is full of from the ranks of the soldiers on danger to ships, as every seventh year guard. "Listen, Orthodox czar," he is to man. For seven years the missaid. "I will wrestle with thee!" chievous sprite, Friar Rush, lived with "Well, young dragoon," said Peter, "I the Seeland monks, begulling the time will wrestle with thee, but on these by cutting oak cudgels, which, when conditions: If thou throwest me, I will struck on the ground, turned into solpardon thee; but, if thou art thrown, diers armed cap-a-pie, and for seven thou shalt be beheaded. Wilt thou years Prince Charming looks for his lost bride, or Cap-o'-Rushes works dis-

wrestle on those conditions?" "I will, great czar," said the soldier. Lect. The figure can be preserved beyond They closed, and presently the soldier with his left arm threw the czar and with his right he prevented him from falling to the ground. The sovereign was clearly beaten. The czar offered the soldier whatever reward he should seven even comes into the employ of claim, and he ignobly claimed the privilege of drinking free, as long as he lived, in all the inns belonging to

> tory does not say. Odd Names of Maryland Farms. The curious names given to tracts of land by the owners in olden times are illustrated in a conveyance encountered by a clerk in the record office recently while engaged in reorganizing the indexes. The deed in question is recorded in Liber W. G., No. 60, folio 57. It was executed in 1790 and con-

the crown. What became of him his-

veyed from Joshua Stevenson to Rich-It is not spring until you can put ard Gettings five tracts of land in Balyour foot on seven daisies at one and timore county, the consideration being the same time, and seven hairs will £200. The name of each tract and its dimensions are as follows: My Sweet ing to an old Indian superstition, only Girl, My Friend and Pitcher, 62 acres; the hairs, to be of any avail, must be Here Is Life Without Care and Love plucked from the tall of an elephant-Without Fear, 41¼ acres; The Unexa difficult, a delicate and even a danpected Discovery, 262 acres; Hug Me Snug, 15 acres, and Stevenson's Cow she emerges from the ordeal without danger. gerous proceeding. At 7 years old all cats become possessed of witch's pow-Pasture, With Little I am Content, 22 The little one, too, shows the effects of ers, and woe betide those who ill use teres.-Baltimore Sun.

that he never noticed the circum-"While I was gasping for breath the stances, at length delicately hinted the

matter to him. "Bless me!" said he. "I paid the money to Mr. Fox three months ago."

"Oh, did you, sir?" said Mrs. Crewe good naturedly. "Then, probably, he paid me, and I forgot it."-Boston Herald.

Local Prejudice.

"Benjamin Franklin sleeps in Philadelphia." remarked the reverent tour ist.

"Well," answered the New York salesman with the plaid clothes, "what else is there for a man to do in Philadelphia ?"-Washington Star.

The Impossible In Society. "They are impossible persons!" "Yes?

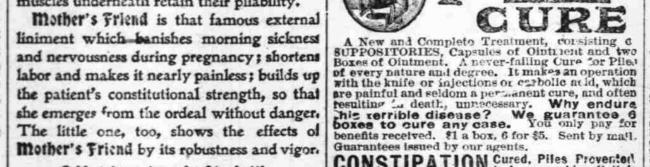
"Yes, they have no ancestry whatver!"-Detroit Journal.

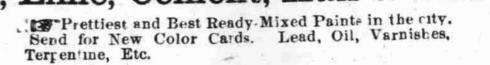
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