When Maria Starts the Fire At the unholy hour of four, the time when all the world should snore, I'm awakened by a slamming door, By my Maria.

She rises Phoenix-like from bed, puts on a rig to knock you dead, then in a moment she has fled To build the fire.

I hear a rumple and a roar, like wrecks upon a rockbound shore, then bang, down falls a ton or more Of coal for that d-d fire.

I hear a rattle, a roar, and slam, a mut-tered word that sounds like clam, she's wrestling with that fiendish pan Of ashes from the fire.

'fhen into the cold world she goes, and bumps against a wind that blows about her from those misfit clothes. O, my, that blasted fire!

The pan of ashes veers about, I hear a wild, blood-curdling shout, the contents have been emptied out On my Maria!

She rises in her fearful wrath and kicks the ashpan up the path; then comes the rest, the aftermath: She sails in on the fire.

She works an hour and maybe more; hear the contest through the door; hear her struggling o'er the floor; At last she builds the fire. Then when it blazes cheerfully, my dear

buckwheats hot for me, On that old kitchen fire. No sign of connect in her air, how calm how sweet beyond compare, is my

Maria steeps the tea, and cooks the

Maria, so dear, so fair, Who builds the kitchen fire. -New Haven Register.

### Samory

Of the half-dozen "black Napoleons" who have carved out empires for themselves in Africa, not the least interesting is the Almami Samodu-or Samory as he is called by the French- whose Sofas have at length come into conflict with a British force near to the northern boundary of our extended gold coast colony. Since he was driven westwards from the Niger sources by successive governors of the French Sudan, Samory has made the town of Bondugu his headquarters, and there was some rather wild talk at the time of our little war with Prempeh about an alliance between the Almami and his Majesty of Ashanti. As a matter of fact, Samory has always professed a great desire to establish friendly relations with the British government, and is believed to have more than once made overtures for placing himself under British protection-to the great annovance of our excellent French neighbors, who have not hesitated to assert that the arms and ammunition which enabled the Almami to maintain his fighting strength came from one or other of the British colonies on the

Samory is now probably about sixtyfive years of age, and his career has been full of adventure. A Soninke or Malinke by birth, he was as a young man made a prisoner of war and became the slave of a powerful marabout named Fode Mussa. Endowed with the aurora? "Through all the city," says more than ordinary intelligence, he the Book of Maccabees, "for the space of quickly gained great influence by the almost forty days, there were seen horsefervent sevotion to religious duties, men running in the air, in cloth of gold, and, on regaining his freedom, proclaimed a divine mission. His great physical strength, his resourcefulness and courage, marked him out, no less than his religious enthusiasm, as a leader of men, and it was not long before he was surrounded by a large following of devoted adherents and imposed his authority over a large tract

The limits of Samory's dominions have never been very clearly defined. Indeed, they have varied from year to year. Since the early eighties, when Samory first came into contact with the French, he has carried on intermittent warfare with the European invaders, occasionally making treaties when very hard pressed, only to break them when the next dry season came, and he had collected a fresh army. Several Europeans have visited Samory at one or another of his armed camps; and one of his sons visited Paris during an interval of peace. Recently, active hostilities with the French colonial forces have ceased, but this is due not to the exhaustion of the Almami so, much as to the weakness of the French, who have grown somewhat weary of pouring men and millions into the Sudan in an apparently interminable struggle with an opponent who is no sooner smashed and pulverized in one place than he turns up fresh and smiling in another. The whole of the Kong country, in the hinterland of the French colony of the Ivory coast, is now practically in Samory's hands, and he accordingly commands all the important trade routes into the interior.-London Saturday Review.

## Some Late New Things

To prevent the sparks from locomotives from setting fires a new device is formed of an inverted cone placed over the smokestack, ending in a bent tube, into which an enhaust steam pipe projects to put out the sparks as they

In a newly patented churn for buttermaking two hadf-round dashers are used, the handles being attached to eccentrics on a shaft set in a framwork over the churn, turned by a crank or power, the two dashers working alternately up and down.

To prevent bicycles from being stol-

from hotel washrooms a new patent has a wire loop set into the metal back | the sun, it is held to be, on the whole, as of the comb with both ends of the wire fastened inside the back to make a fastened inside the back to make a ra, it has long been known to be intimate-strong attachment for chain to which ly associated with the phenomena of terit is fastened.

A handy ladder recently patented has the rungs pivoted to the uprights at each end, the inside of one of the uprights being recessed to receive the rungs when the ladder is folded up for carrying, the ladder being fastened wire. Such magnetic storms are curiosly when open by an X brace.

For the purpose of bracing stove pipes and holding the sections together a rod is placed inside the pipe connected with an anchor inside the chimney, the other end of the rod projecting outside the pipe at the elbow and being fitted with a thumb nut to tighten the

A new patented stool which folds up has a metal band attached by a rivet to one of three uprights, which are fastened together at the center to open out and form three legs, the uper ends being recessed to hold the metal band, over which is stretched a piece of can-

vas to form the seat. ly patented has a roller at each end of the table to hold the ends of a roll of paper which passes over the top and is held in place for work without pins or paste by means of clamps at the ends, the table being fitted with all the latest drawing appliances.

Ave., Chicago, was all rull down, could not eat nor digest food, had a back-ache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and the odor will quickly evaporate. Benzine should be used only in daylight, as it is very inflammable, and must not be carried near an open fire or a light.—

New York Sun.

Continuing Good Work

One of it he most remarkable and one of the most useful women in the world is the Baroiness de Hirsch, widow of the late Baron Maurice de Hirsch whose name is held in loving memory not by his own scattered race alone but by the civilized warld.

No man who ever lived gave away as much maoney for charity, few who ever lived did as much good to their fellow men as Baron de Hirsch. His donations for the relief of persecuted and indigent Jews went far into the millions, but his charities were not confined to his own people. They extended to Christians and the afflicted of other faiths as well. He was a benefactor of mankind. While he was one of the greatest financial geniuses of the age it has been well said that moneymaking was a mere incident with him. His chief energies were devoted to spending his fortune properly. He was the chosen friend of princes and the honored guest of every aristocratic cir- But after the first flush of novelty has was how to aid the suffering and the afflicted of mankind.

In all his labors of love for humanity his wife was his constant counsellor, his untiring co-worker. She renounced many of the pleasures of society that she might aid her husband more effectually in carrying out his benevolent designs. When he died she devoted herself to the work which was dearest to his heart. She is the richest woman in the world and is using her wealth in a way that commands the admiration of men and must receive the approving smile of God. She is a woman of remarkable business ability and manages with great skill the vast estate left her by her late husband. Her charities are many. She was touched by the reports of the condition of the Russian Jews in on the east side of New York and has placed \$1,000,000 to be used for their temporary and permanent relief. The Baron de Hirsch fund is continually receiving from her magnificent contributions. The recent Paris charity bazaar was burned on the day after opened and consequently the receipts were not one-tenth what had been expected. Some one sent anonymously to the managers \$200,000 to make the receipts as great as they were last year. It is believed that this donation came from Baroness de Hirsch. It was like her to give the money so modestly. She has been annoyed frequently at the discovery of her good deeds. She is one of those noble natures which

And blush to find it fame' God bless this noble woman from whose home in far off Vienna influences for good and practical aid to the oppressed and stricken stream throughout this suffering world.-Atlanta Journal.

What Causes the Aurora Borealis?

If fire-balls were thought miraculous and portentious in days of yore, what interpretation must needs have been put upon that vastly more picturesque phenomenon armed with lances, like a band of soldiers; and troops of horsemen in array encountering and running one against another, with shaking of shields and multitudes of pikes, and drawing of swords, and casting of darts, and glittering of golden ornaments and harness." omens these, and hardly less ominous the aurora seemed to all succeeding generations that observed it down till well into the eighteenth century—as witness the popular excitement in England in 1716 over the brilliant aurora of that year, which became famous through Halley's

But after 1752, when Franklin dethroned the lightning, all spectacular meteors came to be regarded as natural phenomena, the aurora among the rest. Franklin explained the aurora-which was seen commonly enough in the eighteenth century, though only recorded once in the seventeenth-as due to the accummulation of electricity on the surface of polar snows, and its discharge to the equator through the upper atmosphere. Erasmus Darwin suggested that the luminosity might be due to the ignition ofhydrogen, which was supposed by many philosophers to form the upper atmosphere. Dalton, who first measured the height of the aurora, estimating it at about one hundred miles, thought the phenomenon due to magnetism acting on ferruginous particles in the air, and his explanation was perhaps the most popular one at the beginning of the century.

Since then a multitude of observers have studied the aurora, but the scientific grasp has found it as elusive in fact as it seems to casual observation, and its exact nature is as undertermined today as it was a hundred years ago. There has been no dearth of theories concerning it, however. Blot, who studied it in the Shetland Islands in 1817, thought it due to electrified ferruginous dust, the origin of which he ascribed to Iceland volcanoes. Much more recently the idea of ferrugi-nous particles has been revived, their presence being ascribed not to volcanoes, but to the meteorites constantly being dissipated in the atmosphere. Ferruginous dust, presumably of such origin, has been found on the polar snows, as well as on the snows of mountain-tops, but whether it could produce the phenomena of auroras is at least an open question. The prevailing theory of today is that the aurora is due to a current of electricity generated at the equator, and passing through upper regions of space, to enter earth at the magnetic poles-simply reversing the course which Franklin as-

The similarity of the auroral light to that generated in a vacuum bulb by the passage of electricity lends support to the long-standing supposition that the aurora To prevent bicycles from being stolis of electrical origin, but the subject still awaits complete elucidation. For once chamber on the back side of the head, even that mystery solver the spectroscope with a bolt turned by a key to fit a has been baffled, for the line it sifts from light, though thought by some astrono mers to be due to meteor swarms about

mysterious as the aurora itself. Whatever the exact nature of the aurorestrial magnetism. Whenever a brilliant aurora is visible, the world is sure to be visited with what Humboldt called a magnetic storm-a "storm" which manifests itself to human senses in no way whatsoever except by deflecting the magnetic needle and conjuring with the electric associated also with spots on the sunjust how no one has explained, though the fact itself is unquestioned. Sun-spots, too, seem directly linked with auroras, each of these phenomena passing through periods of greatest and least frequency in corresponding cycles of about eleven years duration.—Henry Smith Wil-liams, M. D., in Harpeqr's.

A Valuable Prescription. Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind. "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove A table for drawing purposes recent- Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could a longnecked can with this fluid and ap-

Colored Man in England

Somebody with a turn for the dramatic ought to put on the stage an epitome of land. If, as people saw it, the presentation appear funny, it would at least be true. If to others it was sad, it would Union, recently held in this city: still have the merit of uniqueness.

The American colored man here is a good deal like a boy just out of school. He feels his freedom and shows it ingeniously. When one has not been allowed to stick his nose inside the portal of the Hotel Waldorf in New York and is refused entertainment at the best hotelries of his nation's capital, to be welcomed at the Hotel Cecil in London is, perhaps, a little upsetting. After finding oneself excluded from the best restau-rants in America, or frowned upon in them, to be seated and smiled at by the obsequious manager of Frascatti's is something of a change

the waiters and flirt with the barmaids. he is not only allowed to be a free man but deemed to be a dignified one, he looks for higher game among the women and learns to browbeat his tradesmen. The middle and lower classes of the English place the colored man in a strangely dignified position. He is always supposed to have money, and his natural love and indulgence in good clothes bears out this preconceived idea of him. The people are therefore easily imposed upon. One fellow, whose story I know beyond a doubt of its certainty, who was living in elegant apartments and feeding upon the fat of the land, had, by his own confession, not a penny. He wore good clothes, a faultless "topper" and had given it out that the object of his visit to England was to investigate the markets and invest his money here. He was prevented week after week from paying his board by delays of remittances from his American agents. During the time of the sojourn of a dark potentate here, a handsome and

distinguished-looking American had an experience, which is much chuckled over when the elect are together. He is a man well known both in New York and Chicago, and in fact all over America. His fine presence and impressive manners give some color to the story which he tells of himself. He was standing on one of the refuges in the middle of a busy London street waiting for the stream of traffic to go by in order to cross, when he was suddenly espied by a policeman. Instantly the bobby drew himself erect, raised his hand and in a moment omnibuses, hansoms, bicycles and private carriages were stopped, and, with a military salute, the swelling bluecoat said; "Pass on, Prince." A characterisistic of many colored men

enough to hide one's nationality if one wants to, for in the English sense all are colored men. But I would have you colored men, Hindoos, Africans, Bardadoans, and all being mistaken for the say what you will, he is their superior, as even my brief experience here has shown me. But the pity of it is that he himself, with the record of such a noble struggle against terrible odds and such a grand achievement, should so often seek to creep it under the cloak of other nations. With this feeling I have neither sympathy nor patience. New York Tri-

The Growth of Language

No committee can tell whether a word it is wanted or not. Old-fashioned peopl will always tell you that a new word not wanted, and that there are plenty of exact equivalents for it already in the language. This seems conclusive, yet experience often proves they were wrong, and that there was a shade of meaning which they did not perceive, but which was nevertheless pressing eagerly for expression. Thousands of words which we now consider absolutely essential to the language were, when they were first introduced, described as quite unnecessary, and the mere surplusage of pedantry or affectation. Let any one turn to tha most humorous of Elizabethan plays, "The Poetaster," and read the scene which the poet (Marston is the subject of the satire) is given an emetic, and made to bring up all the new-fangled words which he has used in his works. The character who is watching the result keeps on calling out that such and such a monstosity "has newly come up." This was thought a brilliant piece of satire at the time, and yet now half the condemned words are admitted by all readers and writers. In truth there can be no censorship in literature. The only possible plan is to give every word its chance, and alsense that Dryden declared that he proposed new words, and if the public approved, "the bill passed," and the word became law. Instead of a writer being on the lookout to throttle and destroy any and every new word or phrase that may be suggested, it ought to be his business to encourage all true and fitting developments of his native tongue. Dryden, in the admirable passage from which we have quoted already, uses the memorable phrase, "I trade both with the living and the dead for the enrichment of our tongue."-London Spectator.

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Hints for the Household Two or three oyster shells thrown upon the fire with the coal will help to absorb any clinkers that may be gathering in

It is said that polishing silverware by rubbing it with oatmeal is a good plan. It is worth trying for it cannot harm and it may do good.

When using cabbage for green slaw, cut with a bolt turned by a key to fit a recess inside the head, when the front wheel is brought in a straight line with the frame.

To prevent the stealing of combs

has been baffled, for the line it sitts from the aurora is not matched by that of any is to be used and let it stand in ice water until the last moment; then drain it upon soft cloth to remove the water and pour a French dressing over it. If once the first begotter than the aurora is not matched by that of any is to be used and let it stand in ice water until the last moment; then drain it upon soft cloth to remove the water and pour a French dressing over it. If of the Kings of earth, the first begotter than the aurora is not matched by that of any is to be used and let it stand in ice water until the last moment; then drain it upon soft cloth to remove the water and pour a French dressing over it. If of the Kings of earth, the first begotter than the aurora is not matched by that of any is to be used and let it stand in ice water until the last moment; then drain it upon soft cloth to remove the water and pour a French dressing over it. If once the first begotter than the aurora is not matched by that of any is to be used and let it stand in ice water until the last moment; then drain it upon soft cloth to remove the water and pour a French dressing over it. If of the Kings of earth, the first begotter than the aurora is not matched by that of any is to be used and let it stand in ice water until the last moment; then drain it is to be used and let it stand in ice water until the last moment; then drain it is to be used and let it stand in ice water until the last moment; then drain it is to be used and let it stand in ice water until the last moment; then drain it is to be used and let it stand in ice water until the last moment; then drain it is to be used and let it stand in ice water until the last moment. it into ribbons an nou in this manner.

> A serviceable and practical cover for a dining room table when not in use is our race. We humbly pray in His made by purchasing an unbleached tablecloth of the required length, selecting a scroll of some large, effective pattern, and outlining this in wash silks, the colors to harmonize with the furnishings of the room. This cloth, besides being easily laundried, makes an attractive

To earn money for her Easter offering one girl filled the shells of English walnuts with wax and sold them for work baskets. A three-inch length of baby rib-bon fastened the two halves together at one end, and each half was filled with melted wax. The shells were pressed closely together at the end where the ribbons were pasted, and a space was left at the other end through which the thread could be drawn when the wax was needed. The ribbon loop served for fastening the shell to the side of a basket. One of these contrivances makes a pretty addition to one's useful articles.

Many a housewife is disheartened when she finds that the house into which she has just moved was inhabited before she arrived, and that already her nicely cleaned beds are being occupied. A sure death for such invaders is benzine. It will at once destroy all insect life, and does not injure carpets or furniture. Fill

Report of Committee on Resolutions, At the request of Miss Annie W. Armstrong, of Baltimore, the Messenger the character of the colored man in Eng- prints, with pleasure, the following resolutions, which were presented at the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary

Resolved, 1st. That we render thanks to Almighty God for the marvellous growth of the Woman's Missionary Union, for the progress of the past year, and for the harmony that has marked the present

2d. That we express entire satisfaction in, and gratitude to, the officers and the local board for their untiring labors and wise plan of work; and that to these latter we pledge our hearty support.

3d. That we are deeply sensible of the christian courtesy extended us by the First Presbyterian church in the use of

their beautiful building, made bright by the decoration of lovely flowers, and by There are many colored men here who tion, and of the large and elegant recepare too ignorant to take a right advant-age of their greater freedom. Their first idea of unrestrained manhood is to bully tality was expressed in exquisite music. tality was expressed in exquisite music. 4th. We thank the press of Wilmington for full reports and kindly notice; the cle of Europe, but his main thought worn off, when he begins to realize that ladies who furnished sweet music, both vocal and instrumental; the young lady aides for prompt and noiseless attention;

and to the sexton, whose efficient service left nothing to be desired. 5th. Our thanks are extended to the railroads for cheap rates, for kind attention and for elegant service. And to the committee of arrangements and citizens of the beautiful "City by the Sea" for unlimited and graceful hospitality.

6th. Having heard with pleasure that the colored Christians of Wilmington had voluntarily offered to contribute to the entertainment of the convention, we express to them our heartfelt gratification and thanks; thanks also to the colored sisters who attended our sessions-trusting that these evidences of good feeling on the part of our colored brethren may stimulate us to greater efforts on their

7th. That we thank the foreign, home and Sunday school boards for assistance and sympathy, and for their wise and helpful recommendations, and assure them of loyal and hearty co-operation, especially in the observance of the Christmas offering, weeks of prayer and self-denial and missionary day.

The Texas Lynching

Texas has a lynching bee which differs materially in various important particulars from similar occurrences recorded from time to time, and which, in the discrimination exercised by the mob, is a reflection upon the administration of justice in the Lone Star state that should be heeded.

Bill Jones, a white man, had been thrown into jail at Lindale, Smith county, on the charge of hiring a colored man named Jones to murder W. Rlley Stewart, here is their desire to get away from the a farmer and ex-county commissioner. fact that they are American negroes, and it is of the American negro I am speak- Jones dead. The negro who committed will be done in the courts, and which ren know that there are colored men and der it unnecessary to forestall the course of the law.

What a scathing indictment this in volves against the judicial tribunal of Smith county! It is, in fact, a declaration that a man who has money can escape punishment for any crime he may com

It means that juries may not be trusted to convict, and that judges are prone to be turned aside from their sworn duties by the jingle of coin. It is a broad charge of venality against those entrusted with the operation of the judicial machinery, and implies that the whole system is

Are lynchings elsewhere prompted by the same consideration? Their frequency suggests a want of confidence in court trials, which is lessening respect for order and which becomes a direct incentive to crime.

The remedy is not to be sought in the prosecution of lynchers, but in the removal of those conditions which make it possible for criminals to escape.-Baltimore Herald.

## The Disgrace of Trousers

A Paris woman petitions the authorities to allow women to wear trousers, so that in case of another fire their chances of escape may be equal to those of theme n. Many wearers of trousers at that calamitous fete are under the grave impeachment of having conducted themselves there like savages and monsters, making their own escape by trampling, and striking down the terrified and help'ess women around them. If the garment produces effect like this in times of panic on the sons of France, what might it not do to the daughters? The petitioner should low the fittest to survive. It was in this cling to her petticoats, and learn ways to make them incombustible, which is easy enough if she sets about it in the right way, Besides the immediate reproach which its Paris wearers have brought upon it, the assumption of the other garment involves much greater and more varied responsibilities than she imagines. It is also ridiculously ugly in the comparison, and that consideration ought to dispose of the question once for all, shutting off further debate upon it.—New York Tribune.

> Rev. Rr. Milburn, paid to Queen Vicmusical voice he prayed as follows: shrined her in the hearts and reverence

Beyond the Night.

The loyal heart that beat so true, Unchanged by earthly ills, Has reached the everlasting blue Of God's own hills.

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Dr. Milburn's Prayer for Victoria It was a beautiful and gracious trib-

ute which the chaplain of the senate, toria in his prayer yesterday morning, when the senate convened. In a rich, "O Thou who art the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we bless thee for the long and illustrious reign of thy servant, the gracious sovereign lady, Queen Victoria, whose conduct and character as daughter, wife, mother, as well as illustrious sovereign, have enof true-hearted men and women around the world. Endow her with peace, health, safety, and may her last days be her best and happiest. So endow and guide the councils of that realm and of our own beloved country that, ten from the dead, shall become the monarch of all hearts and all lives in acred name, amen.-Washington Post,

(In memory of Margaret J. Preston.) The lark-like voice that sang so long,: Through bitter days or bright, Has found the source of deathless song Beyond the night.

Twin miracles of love and law

The eyes by stress of time made dim (Death's mystic border passed,) -Wm. H. Hayne, in the Independent.

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