SOME CURIOUS THINGS.

ODD AND BEAUTIFUL OBJECTS FOUND IN THE FAR EAST.

The Forest Dweller's Method of Starting Fires-Cumbersome "Coins" of the Dyak Peoples-Many and Interesting Kinds of

The forest dwelling peoples of the fur-ther east have an odd instrument for making fire. Very seldom, so far as we observed, do they employ the proverbial method of "rubbing" two sticks-which is not rubbing at all. Near the coast every man carries a bit of pitcher in the siri bex or bamboo slung at his waist, a chip of a plate, English or Dutch, and a handful of dry fungus. Holding this tinder under his thumb upon the fragment of earthenware, he strikes the side of the siri box sharply, and it takes fire. But this method can only be used by tribes which have such communication with the foreigner as supplies them with European goods. The inland peoples use a more singular process. They carry a short cylinder of lead, hollowed roughly to a cuplike form at one end, which fits a joint of bamboo. Placing this cylinder in the palm of the left hand, they fill the cup with tinder, adjust the bamboo over it, strike sharply, remove the covering as quickly, and the tinder is alight. Observers who take a narrow view have declared that the earliest art practiced by human beings after they escape from mere barbarism is pottery. These races have long passed that stage, but we do not recall any evidence that they use the art. The fact is that, in countries which produce the bamboo, earthenware is make charms and fetiches of dried clay. MEASURING VALUES.

But in Borneo the Dyak peoples have a class of foreign earthenware singularly interesting. As Malays employ brass guns for their currency, so the Dyaks employ antique vases. In neither instance do the actual "coins" pass from hand to hand, since by brass gun a Malay signifies a cannon, twenty feet long, perhaps, and a Dyak signifies a vessel eighteen inches high or more. These things are measures of value, divided into imaginary fractions. There are three varieties of this earthenwarethe gusi, which represents about £500 sterling, the naga and rusa, much less valuable. The first is certainly Chinese, and the last probably, but perhaps they never came from the continent. At some date unknown the north of Borneo was occupied by a Chinese colony which

It is a wise fool who knows enough to keep it to himself. Best place to hole the world's fair -right around the waist.

Woman are rarely great inventers, though they are often the first to discover new wrinkles.

"I swear by those tall elms in yonder park --- " he commenced, but she interrupted him. "Swear not by them," she said im-

plaringly. "Why not?"

"Because those trees are slippery elms," she said, simply.

That Little Tickling

In your throat, which makes you cough once in a while and keeps you constantly clearing your throat, arises from catarrh is a constitutional disease the ordinary cough medicines all fail to hit the spot. What you need is a constitutional remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla. Many people who have taken this medicine for scrofula, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, and other troubles, have been surrised that it should cure this troublesom cough. But to know the actual cause of the cough is to solve the mystery Many cases of consumption can be traced back to the neglect of some such slight affection as this. Consumption can be controlled in its early stages, and the effect of Hood's Sursaparilla in purifying the blood, build-ing up the general health, and expelling ne scrofulous taint which is the cause of eatarrh and consumption, has restored to perfect health many persons on whom this lreaded disease seemed to have a firm hold.

No Bunko.

It having been rumored that rominent Detroiter had been bunk oed out of \$400 in New York City, a riend called upon him and told him vhat was said and asked him if there as any truth in the report.

"Not an iota, sir !" was the indiant response.

"It's singular how the report started."

"So it is, and if I could trace it back I'd make the liar eat his words."

"I thought it was odd." "So it is. The only thing I can think of to give rise to such a story is that I met a young man in New York who said he had drawn two



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ured on the other side of the world.

WONDERFUL BEADS.

The Aggry and the Popo beads, which serve for jewels in West Africa, are glass resembling earthenware of unknown manufacture, of immemorial antiquity. and beyond modern skill to counterfeit. Most European nations, probably, have tried their hand at imitating the Aggry bead. The shrewdest chemists and the cleverest artificers of Venice and Birmingham have done their best; the potters of England, France and Germany have exhausted their resources, but in vain. It does not seem such a difficult enterprise, however. The beads are irregular in shape and size; many have been sawn in two. They have an opaque ground-ochre yellow in the most valuable species-but so various that this point gives no trouble. A rough ornament of circles in another hue runs through the material from side to side or end to end. Here, again, imitation seems easy, to the craftsmen of Venice in particular; but appearances are deceptive, evidently. The Popo bead, less valuable, but valuable enough, is blue glass, transparent, but so manufactured that it shows a dull yellow against the light. These things are all found in the earth; but, so far as can be ascertained, they never turn up in company with bones or other signs of burial, which, to our mind, is the most curious fact of all. That they are ancient Egyptian is a certainty. Many hundreds, if not thousands, were

taken in the sack of the palace at Coomassie, strung, in general, upon that very pretty cord which we mentioned, with gold nuggets beaten flat, and cubes of coral and tufts of colored silk interspersed. Very handsome they looked, no doubt, upon the smooth brown skin of the royal dames. A pretty bracelet from Coomassie is made of triangular pieces cut from the rib of a shell, snow white, strung in groups alternately with these small flattened nuggets. But the curiosities saved in that loot bear only a miserable proportion to those which men of taste admired in the palace and the big houses of the caboceers. But one stool was carried away—as a memorial for the Princess of Wales—among the hundreds adorned with silver which lay in all directions. Very charming were many of artist seemed to de-

fered me one of them if I would go tickets and drew a waterbury watch, but I was never lucky in such things. The idea that I could be taken in by such a bunko man ! I'd like to get my hands on some of those fellows who starts such lying reports !"-Detroit Free Press.

A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. .Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were unmote antiquity; both peoples had great settlements in the island at some time dermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and

We secured no samples of these curi- first dose that she slept all night and with ons things, for reasons that have been one bottle has been miraculously cured.suggested. But the recollection calls to Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus mind some extraordinary objects of the write W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. same class, in a sense, which are treas- C. Get a free trial bottle at Dr. W. .M Fowlkes & Co.'s drug store.

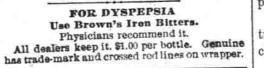
> We have received a somewhat remarkable pamphlet on the production of artificial coffee, and also some equally remarkable samples of the imitation article. The pamphlet bears the name of Mr. Paul Gassen, Cologne, who describes himself as a "specialist for alimentary produce." This artificial coffee is said to be "in imitation of the natural bean," but after an examination of the samples, we are bound to say that there is very little resemblance, either in aroma or appearance, between the product of Mr. Gassen and the original article. It is stated that this article is "in its composition free from ingredients of a strong or disagreeable smell, or of a sticky nature;" and it is further advanced that "an addition of from 16 to 20 per cent. of our artificial coffee to a good quality of genuine coffee cannot be detected."-London Grocer.

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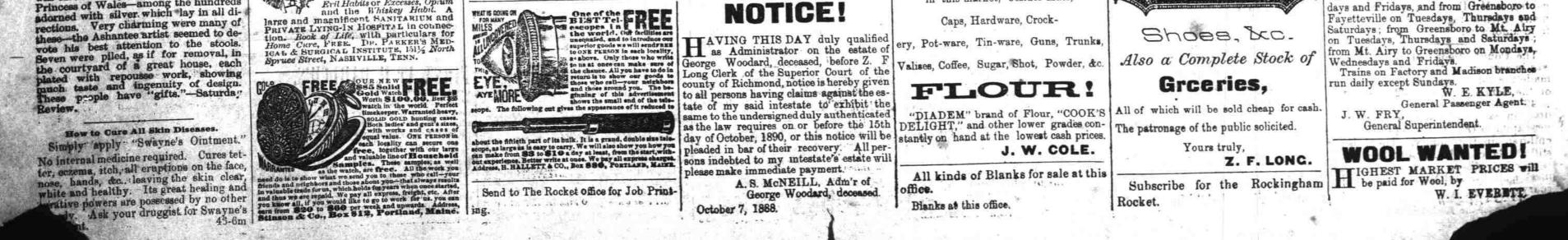
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