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A SKATING SONG.

VOL. I.

Skate, skate, skate, Early aad late, While the ice is sparkling and strong; And the air is gay, In its winter array, As in summer with flower and song: With the laugh, and the shout, And the dazzling quick rout, And the musical click of the skate.

Skate, skate, skate, Keep your knees straight, And your arms from a windmill sprawl; For the "outer roll," And the firm "cross roll" Strike out, with no fear of a fall; With the head quite upright, And with grace and delight, And the rhythmical glide of the skate.

Skate, skate, skate, The "figure eight," And the "figure three" in both ways; And the "double three," Back and forward free, And "loop" in its serpentine maze; With the laugh and the shout, And the dazzling quick rout, And the musical click of the skate. -Laura Sanford, in Independent.

WINNIE'S FORTUNE.

The handsome dining-room in the Mayberry mansion was all a-glitter with floods of gaslight and the genial glow of the fire-for Mr. Josiah Mayberry was a very "queer man," according to his wife's opinion, and this fancy of his to have nasty, ashy fires all over the splendid good girl !- why not ?' man-ion before the weather became cold 'enough was one of his "eccentric freaks," was the only answer of which Mrs. May-Mrs. Mayberry called it, with a curl of berry was capable. her lip, a toss of the head and a smile, "almost of contempt, directed at the hale, honest-faced old gentleman who had

Did you see little Jimmy Hurd's eyes for a week. "I was speaking of the young woman who" Mrs. Mayberry was icily severe, but sweet grace. her husband cut it short. "So you were-pretty little thing as ever I saw. A ladylike, graceful little girl, with eyes beautiful enough to excuse the boy for admiring her." "The boy. You seem to have forgot-ten your son is twenty-three-old enough

necessary attention, indeed."

tentions.

gether briskly.

to fall in love with and marry even a poor, unknown girl you were quite quixotic enough to invite to your table.' "Twenty-three? So he is. And if he wants to marry a beggar, and she is a A little gasp of horror and dismay

"Granopa!"

berry paid more devoted attention than it's safe and sound in hard cash in good even his father had asked and expected. hands-a couple of millions. I deter-Of course it was a grand success-all ex-cepting the cold hauteur on Mrs. May-herself, and to learn the value of money berry's aristocratic face, and that was a before she had the handling of her forfailure, because no one took the least tune. She has no idea she's an heiressnotice of it, so much more powerful my heiress. Sounds like a story out of were the influences of Mr. Mayberry's a book, eh, Mayberry? Well, will you and Ernest's courteous, gentlemanly at- shake hands on it and call it a bargain?"

Mr. Mayberry took the little dried-up hand almost reverentially, his voice "I only hope you are satisfied," Mrs. Josiah said, with what was meant to be hoarse and thick with emotion. withering sarcasm, after the last guest withering sarcasm, after the last guest "Wilmington, God will reward you had gone, and she stood a moment before for this. May He, a thousandfold!" the fire; "I only hope you are satisfied-particularly with the attention Ernest Wilmington winked away a suspicious

moisture on his eyelashes. "You see it all comes of that dinner, paid to that young woman-very unold fellow. You acted like a charitable Mr. Mayberry rubbed his hands togentleman, and between us we'll make the boy and Winnie as happy as they de-

"Satisfied? Yes, thankful to God I serve, eh?" had in my power to make them forget their poverty, if for only a little hour. And even Mrs. Mayberry admits that it was a good thing that her husband glisten when Ernest gave him the second gave that dinner, and when she expects triangle of pie? Bless the youngsters' to see Mrs, Ernest Mayberry an honored hearts," they won't want anything to eat guest at her board she candidly feels that she owes every atom of her splendor and luxury to the violet-eyed, charming

Calming Waves With Oil.

girl who wears her own honors with such

When hydrographic students first suggested to skippers who had sailed the seas for years that pouring oil on the troubled waters might save both vessel and cargo, the proposition was laughed to scorn. The wise old heads knew bet-Some of the younger skippers ter. thought the scheme might be worth trying, and so put the theory to the test They found it to work exceedingly well, so well, indeed, that in port here they told their brother masters of their suc-Stories of vessels having Leen cess. saved by the method were told at frequent intervals in the South street resorts, and were received with much of

Winnie's voice was so low that Mr. the doubting Thomas spirit. Finally married her for her pretty face ten years Wilmington only just heard it, and when what were looked upon as yarns took on ago, when he was an immensely rich he looked up he saw the girl's crimson a color of verity with a vengeance, and widower, with his handsome half-grown cheeks and her lovely drooping face. even the oldest of the skippers began to

The hair cutting was done in the king's chapel by the family priest, after which the little lady was bathed in holy A LAND OF FESTIVITIES.

roman.

MERRY-MAKING IN SIAM, HOME OF THE WHITE ELEPHANT.

Celebrating the Religious New Year observed New Years, such as the bothin March-Superstitions and Cu-

ing of the priests by the king and the rious Customs of the People. bathing of his majesty by the princes of the minor principalities, the offering of special obligations to Buddha by the The Siamese, the people of that wondrous country of perpetual summer-the land of the lotus and the white king for the welfare of his people dur-ing the new year, and the building of elephant-are pre-eminently a race of holiday keepers, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. new temples to his honor. Whatever can

be done to propitiate their deity is at-And, not content with innumerable religious and civic festivals throughout tempted, and every pleasure of which the people can conceive is indulged in the year, they must have, not one, but by them during this the greatest festival of the year. two New Year's-days-one the beginning of the civil, the other the beginning of the religious year, each of which

is celebrated with great pomp and with a total surrender of business for pleasure for a period of from four to eight days.

They have two eras, the religious and the civil, the latter dating from the nowhere else at the present day, it being ascension to the throne of a renowned the opinion of well-informed Europeans, monarch, named Somdetch Para Rooang, who have viewed these treasures, that exactly 1,244 years ago. They also have two cycles, one within the other, the greater being twelve years in duration and the lesser ten. Each year in each

cycle has its own specific name, such as obtained after a long and minute inspecthe year of the Rat, Cow, Tiger, Rabbit, tion and valuation by experts; but Great Dragon, Lesser Dregon, Horse, roughly estimated, it is probable that Great Dragon, Lesser Dregon, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Cock, Dog and Hog.

The Siamese "Choola Sakarat," or religious New Year, generally falls on the coined gold, costly objets de vertu, fine day after the first full moon in the month porcelain and glassware, old weapons of March. The Bramin astrologer, whose and armor, tableware and ornaments of sole duty it is to point out the aspect of exquisite Persian and Hindu workmanthe sun, moon and stars, heralds the approaching full moon by setting in motion all the multitudinous gongs and temple ried off from Delhi 150 years ago) is alone bells in the city far and near. The peo-ple who are always ready, waiting for number of the large, rough and uncut this signal, have generally finished their jewels have been broken out and stolen. business for the year; debts have been It is an incongruous place, this museum. paid off, accounts closed, merchandise There you will see vases of agate or gold disposed of, and all actual traffic of buy- and lapis lazuli, said to be worth millions; ing and selling suspended three days and alongside of them empty per ume previous to the expected event. The an- bottles of European make, with gaudy nouncement made by the many-tongued labels, that can be had at wholesale for

PRINTING PAPER MONEY.

water and "clad in more gorgeous rai-ment than ever before," proclaimed a N INDUSTRY MONOPOLIZED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

Great Heaps of Paper Turned Into Many other rites and ceremonies are Currency at the Bureau of En-

graving and Printing-These checks with which the Government surrounds the making of paper

money begin at one end of the line at the paper mill, where the distinctive paper on which notes of revenue stamps are printed, and at the other end in the

engraving room, where skilled engravers are engaged working out designs upon plates of steel. Every scrap of the blank paper has to be accounted for, and it is guarded as jealously as though it already had the seal of the Treasury on it. This

The Shah's Great Wealth.

What he terms' his museum is a curious place. It contains a profusion of costly articles and objects of art such as exist their money value is perhaps twenty-fold that of the contents of the so-called green vaults at Dresden. It is impossible to give exact figures, for they could only be there is more than \$100,000,000 worth of jewelry, precious stones, coined and un-

every evening.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

NO. 20.

Forty-five years ago there was not a postage stamp in the United States.

Mrs. Holloway Evans, of Marion county, S. C., has given birth to five children inside of one year.

Andrew Sisson, of Swan Creek, Ill,, while digging a well found at a depth of forty feet a petrified orange.

A Petersburg, Va., patriarch, seventy-five years of age, is now reveling in his eighth wife, and is the happy father of thirty-six children.

A Nevada ranchman, to protect his cattle from the effects of blizzards, has painted them all with a mixture of tar, red clay and linseed oil.

Adelina Patti has a small silver basin paper is kept in the paper room of the Treasury, and is issued in quantities as required by the force under Mr. E. O. Graves, the Chief of the Bureau of Enand a big white sponge, which is set on the outside of the bedroom window to catch dew. It is with this heaven distilled water that the diva bathes her eyes

graving and Printing. The little bits of stcal_on which the engravers work are The largest book ever bound is owned also carefully guarded. An official of by Queen Victoria, and measures eigh-the Treasury Department receives them teen inches across the back and weighs from the engravers every wening and thirty pounds. It contains the jubilee locks them in strong vat The next addresses of congratulation from memmorning they are taken out again and bers of the Primrose League.

the engravers resume their work upon The Jewellers' Weekly says that persons them. In these vaults-there are two of who wear glass eyes and can afford it have them-the Treasury Department has one for the day and another for the night, thousands of plates and steel rolls, used because the pupil of the natural eye is in printing money and stamps of various smaller by day than by night, and the kinds. The vaults are, for convenience glass eye that will match during business sake, located in the Engraving and hours does not look natural by gas light. Printing building, but they are not under the supervision of that bureau. When In China the bricklayers, plasterers, carpenters and tinsmiths form lines on the bureau needs a plate out of the coleither aide of the public square and wait until they are wanted. The master_ lection, it borrows it from the Treasury Department and has to give a receipt builder comes along and puts a chalk mark upon those whose services he defor it. The plates required for use are borrowed every morning and returned sires. They follow him and go to work.

The least sign of discontent calls for the head of the kicker. All are glad to see It is in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing that the paper, the engraving, and the ink come together, and with the it fall into the basket, for it gives a place for one more to work. aid of manual skill and mechanical ap-

Near Danbury, in North Carolina, pliances are transmuted into the dollars that the American people are commonly stands a log house built by its present presented as struggling for with much occupant forty-five years ago. When he

son for a not undesirable encumbrance. They were sitting around the hand- something?"

tion-these three Mayberrys, father, son pleasure on her face-a frown she had can't you tell what it is?" barely power to restrain from degenerating into a verbal expression of anger his. while the servants were in waiting, and He reached up his hand and caressed owners has been called to it, and they have which, as the door finally closed on them, the other one. leaving the little party alone, burst forth impetuously:

tions you have made, and to think there among them, and such a horrid lot of do love him. you know." people as you have named !"

Mr. Mayberry sipped his wine content- are after, eh?" edly

"I told you, didn't I, Marguerite, that question. it was my intention to give an old-fashmean, to whom it will, indeed, be caus. laughing and patting his cheek. the people to whom a luxurious dinner is an a doi it. And a so the guests on my list himself. Shall I go, Winnie?" It was the "young man himself." not a 'common,' vu gar person among man. the ten names on that paper."

father's views.

ing.

were times when he suffered no appeal are beggars." from his decision. And this was one those times.

"We will have dinner orderel for 12 and braveness nothing could daunt. o'clock, as it used to be when I was a boy. We will have roast turkey with own checks paling. cranberry sauce, and mashed potatoes and turnips, boiled onions and celery, I can wait, too. and all on the table at once. For dessert, pie and cheese and nothing more. most shut behind the heavy, frowning bly used the strangest mixture yet re-Lorton, or will you attend to it?"

Mrs. Mayberry twisted her diamond rings almost roughly.

capable of to be forced to sit at a table hobble up to the office and see your fa- Times. with such people as the Hurds and the ther; he and I were boys together; a Masons, and that Thyrzra Green and her word of sympathy won't come amiss from lame brother, and that little old Wil- me."

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earns enough as daily governess to sup- friend. them out of their appetites."

And Mr. Mayberry dismissed the sub- less array of papers.

"Yes, Winnie. You want to tell me believe in the oil story. The result of this has been that there some table, discussing their seven o'clock She went up behind him and leaned is not a week passes, in fact hardly a

dinner, with the solemn butler and his her hot check caressingly against his, her day, but the master of some vessel drops subordinate in silent, obsequious atten- sweet, low voice whispering her answer: into the United States Hydrographic "Grandpa, I want to tell you some- Bureau and informs Lieut. Cottman or and the haughty, well dressed lady who thing. I-Mr. May-we-Ernest has some of his staff of the benefits he has was wearing a decided frown of dis- asked-he wants me to-oh, grandpa, derived during the stormy weather which now prevails from the use of oil. So He felt her cheek grow hotter against efficacious has it proved in a number of instances that the attention of ship

fitted up their craft with special fixtures

"Yes, I can tell, dear. Ernest has for the purpose of fighting huge waves shown his uncommon good sense by with oil. The British steamship Kate "I declare, Mr. Mayberry, it is too wanting you for his wife. So this is Fawcett is one of these. Tanks are bad! I have gone over the list of invita- what come of that dinner, ch, Winnie?" | fitted upon deck for the special purpose "And may I tell him you are willing, of carrying oil, and from them pipes lead is not one-no, not one-of our set perfectly willing, grandpa? Because I through the ship's side just above the water line. In case the waves became "And you're sure it isn't his money you particularly threatening Capt. Young has the stopcocks in the pipes opened and She did not take umbrage at the sharp lets out a bit of oil. He has found the

plan to work extremely well, and when "I am at least sure it is not my money running finds it necessary to send out ioned dinner! And by that I meant, and he is after, grandpa," she returned, but one gallon in four hours. He uses linseed or varnish oil. The British for thankfulness. As to making a grand "Yes, you are at least sure of that; steamship Earnwell is similarly fitted, fuss, and seeing around our table only there. I hear the young man coming and its officers have found that the

being 'horrid' and 'common,' you are trouble and distress on his face as he In cases where vessels are not specially mistaken, my dear. None of them have came straight up to Winnie and took fitted for fighting mountains of water a worse failing than poverty. There is her hand, then turned to the old gentle- with oil, skippers sling over the bows bags filled with coarse heavy oil, which

"Until an hour ago I thought this oozes through the coarse material of Mr. Mayberry's good old face lighted would be the proudest, happiest hour of which the bags are made, and has a up warmly as he spoke, and Ernest my life, sir, for I should have asked you wonderfully calming effect on old Nep-Mayberry's handsome face reflected the to give me Winnie for my wife. Instead, tune. The only trouble in these cases, satisfaction and pride he felt in his I must be content to tell you how dearly say the skippers, is that the oil is apt to I love her, and how patiently and hard | clog up the canvas of the bags and so | Mrs. Mayberry flushed, but said noth- I will work for her to give her the home prevent perfect percolation. This Capt. which she deserves-because, Mr. Wil- Lord of the American steamship Ad-She knew from experience that, kind mington, this morning the house of May- vance found out when he was caught in and indulgent as her husband was, there berry & Thurston failed and both families a severe storm between St. Thomas and the Barbadoes last month. So he rigged

His hand-ome face was pale, but his up a lig water filter over the weather eves were bright with a determination board, and treated the waves which threatened to engulf his vessel to a copi-Winnie smiled back upon him, her jous bath of oil, and so kept the cross seas from washing over the deck of his

"Never mind, Ernest, on my account. steamer. Most any kind of oil seems to do the work required, but Capt. Peters, Old Mr. Wilmington's eyes were al- of the British steamship Lyon, has proba-

Marguerite, shall I give the order to foreheard, and a quizzical look was on ported, one of cod liver oil and linseed his shrewd old face as he listened. oil, both of which he happened to have "Gone up, ch? Well, that's too bad. a big consignment of in his cargo. A

You stay here and tell Winnie I am just co. ple of gallons of fish oil, says Capt. "Oh, don't ask me to give such an in- as willing she shall be your wife when Shultz, saved the schooner W. H. Jones" same or ler to him. I have no wish to you want her, as if nothing had hap- from losing a single stick of logwood appear as a laughing stock before my pened, because I believe you can earn from his deck cargo, while he was tryservants, Mr. Mayberry. It will be as bread and butter for both of you, and my ing to weather a gale off Hatteras during severe a strain on my cudurance as I am Winnie is a contented little girl. I'll his last trip to this port .- New York

A New Yorker prizes highest among mington and his granddaughter, And off he strode, leaving the lovers the stores for the winter the stock of alone, getting over the distance in a re- h'ckory nuts that are sent to him from Mr. Mayberry interrupted her gently: markable time, and presenting his the trees he climbed as a boy. For more "Old Mr. Wilmington was a friend of wrinkled, weather-beaten old face in years than he cares to admit it has been

mine long before he went to India. Mayberry & Thurston's private office, nis unshakable conviction that no other Since he came home with his son's infant' where Mr. Mayberry sat alone, with rigid nuts in the world can app oach them in daughter and I ved in such obscurity- face and keen, troubled eyes that never- richness and flavor. But in the warm, comfortable, although plain, for Winnie theless lighted at the sight of his old dry closet of his flat, they do not keep

until holiday time. Indeed, they were port them both cheaply-I regard him as "I'm glad to see you, Wilmington. a source of deep disappointment to him more worthy than ever. Ernest, my boy, Sit down. The sight of a man who has some time earlier in the season. He had I shall call upon you to help entertain not come to reproach me is a comfort." produced some before a visitor, to whom our guests, and especially at table, for I But Mr. Wilmington did not sit down. he had bragged in advance of their shall have no servants about to scare He crossed the room to the table at quality, only to be chagrined by finding which Mr. Mayberry sat among a hope- them hard, dry and tasteless. His dis-

instruments is received by the vast popu- about five cents apiece. You will see lation that inhabits the valley watered priceless mosaics and exquisitely painted

by the beautiful Menam river with fear cups and cans and vases, which were and trembling, for they firmly believe presented by some European potentate; that this is the witching hour when the and side by side with them you will very atmosphere of the world is alive notice horrible daubs, veritable 10-cent with gods, demons, genii and hobgob- chromos, picked up the Lord knows how lins, and forthwith the anxious and su- and where. You will perceive glass perstitious people hasten to frustrate cases filled with huge heaps of rubies, their evil designs. They bind unspun diamonds, emeralds, sapphires, turquoises, cotton thread, consecrated by the priest, garnets, topazes, beryls, of all sizes and round their doors and windows, as the kinds, cut and uncut; and cheek by jowl sacred thread is supposed to prove an with these your eyes wil see cheap music effectual barrier in keeping out the boxes, Jew's harps and squeaky hand-

malicious spirits. This done they place organs. by the doors of their houses and huts a The Shah must also be in a condition to platter containing a pig's head and a "bull" the market on pearls, for here is, bottle of arrack, as a conciliatory repast for instance, a big glass case, twenty for the wondering ghosts that may de- four inches long by eighteen inches wide sire to regale themselves during the and high, that is more than half-filled night; after which the whole city, like with beautiful pearls (mostly from the the snail, draws in its horns and no con- Persian Gulf fisheries) of all sizes and sideration will tempt a mortal soul to degrees of loveliness. In a separate long venture out of it until sunrise the next case the orders and decorations of the Shah, coming from nearly every country

At sunset every family offers to his in the world, are kept on exhibition; but own household genii an oblation of the crown jewels are in a litt'e box that candles, perfumed tapers and roasted is always locked and for which the Shah ri e. As for the royal palace, 7,000 balls himself forever, waking or sleeping, of unspun cotton, of seven fibres, conse- carries the keys. The contents of this box crated by twenty-seven priests, are and of the several vaults where he keeps recled round and round the walls, and his piles on piles of bright, shining, unfrom sunset until dawn a terrific and used money, he never allows others to continuous cannonading is heard from view, although the mu cum may be all the forts of the city to rout the evil visited once a year by the European spirits that infest the departing year. diplomatists and the friends that they

Eut, once this dreadful night is passed, vouch for. - Comopolitan. the terror-stricken inhabitants, with a long-drawn sigh of relief, prepare to A Wouder Bird. welcome the new year. Dre-sed in I had not been many minutes on the many-colored silks, they repair first to key before I discovered a large snowthe temples to offer praise and thankswhite bird nestling on the ground under giving for their deliverance and to make a spray of Rhacichallis. Its wings were handsome gifts to the priests, and not barred with jet black; its bill was until they have propitiated Buddha and bright yellow, and tapered to a spear-Buddha's earthly representatives do they like point, which forbade too close think of their own merrymaking.

familiarity. This proved to be the yellow-billed tropic bird (Phæton flavi-Now the holiday is begun, and for days every one surrenders himself or rostris), and we afterward caught several herself to dancing, singing, frequenting in our hand, taking them from the pest. the theatre and other public p aces of When held up by the wings they strike amusements, and to every conceivable lustily with their bills and utter a pecukind of out-of-door sports. Boat racing liarly shrill cry. The tropic bird iays a is a favorite amusement at all times, and single egg on the ground beneath rocks at the New Year festivities the great or bushes. It is about the size and make races of the year are won and lost. of the hen's, and is finely sprinkled Their racing boats are long, light canoes, with reddish-brown, so as to appear of and manned by from fifty to 100 paddles, an almost uniform tint. One of these they fly through the water with incredibirds, which my companion shot and ble speed. By night the river, upon slightly wounded, flew a short distance and in which the majority of the inhabitand then alighted on the water. As we ants of the capital spend the greater part sailed toward it, first one and then anof their time, is one mass of fire. The other bird came and hovered over it as pyrotechnic display on the Menam river if urging it to take flight, which it presat the Siamese New Year's festivities is ently did, and with its attendants soon probably unequaled the world over. passed out of sight. These birds resem-Snakes, dragons, fish of all kinds, birds ble the gulls in many points, but are an 1 beasts and all animate creatures are distinguished from other sea fowl by manufactured by this clever people, and two long streamers in the tail, which go whizzing through the water, leaving wave behind them as they fly .- Popular only a trail of light behind, while the Science Monthly.

set pieces upon the banks represent the taking and burning of the cities of their enemies, and the glorification of their sovereign and their Buddha.

All Siamese birthdays are celebrated ing about stock farms," said John Mackey, the California horseman, in the St. at New Years, and at this time the curious custom of "hair cutting" is ob. James Hotel the other evening. "There's served. When a boy reaches the age of ex-Gov. Stanford's farm in San Mateo eleven or fifteen, and a girl that of nine County as an example. He had 348 or thirteen, they are considered no onger trotters and thoroughbreds on his farm children. Up to this time a tuft of hair when I left, and of the lot 285 were is allowed to grow just above the fore- trotting-bred brood mares. He runs to head, and is always dressed with great trotters and has been wonderfully suctress was so evident that the visitor sug. care. It is twisted into a graceful knot cessful at it. New Yorkers think of the

first built the fire on the new hearth he avidity.

Up in the third story is the room where vowed it should never go out, and it has the paper is received. A portion of the not. Meantime the owner has not slept room is divided from the rest by a high from home a single night; has never iron net-work railing. Clerks are busy at desks and a number of young women are there rapidly counting sheets of paper. Just as the reporter enters two large cases are rolled in on trucks. These contain paper, for which a requisi- The discovery of silk is attributed to tion had been made on the Treasury. one of the wives of the Emperor of China, The requisition, written on blanks pre- | Hoang-ti, who reigned about 2,000 years pared for the purpose, contained many before the Christian era, and since that items, each stating the number of sheets time a special spot has been allotted in wanted and what they were wanted for. | the gardens of the Chinese royal palace The sheets are counted and a careful re- to the cultivation of the mulberry tree cord made of the whole transaction. The |-called in Chinese the "golden tree"paper is then moistened by being piled and to the keeping of silk-worms. The in stacks with alternate layers of wet first silk dress in history was made, not cloths. From this division of the bureau for a so rereign nor a pretty woman, but the paper is issued to the plate printers, for the monster in human shape, Heliowho make requisition for it as required gabalus. by them. Each plate printer has a young

How the Money Cam's Back.

woman as a helper. The helper comes for the paper, signs a receipt for it, and | The bank note or treasury note that has to certify that she has received the goes forth from the bureau of engraving required number of sheets. She has to and printing, looking so bright and count the sheets in order to certify to this, | handsome, comes back in time, perhaps and the plate printer has to certify that he ragged, dirty, and torn, like some old witnessed the count. So it is known tramp, to end its career there. Every exa tly how many sheets each printer day or two one will see a closed van, has in his possession, and he has to ac- looking like a big safe on wheels, drawn count before leaving the building for through the streets from the Treasury every one. If for any reason he leaves Department to the bureau, attended the building before his day's work_is usually by three or four men. This condone he has to get a pass-card with a tains the old paper money that has come formidable array of signatures on it, be-fore it will be honored at the door. This is taken to a room in the rear of the card has blank spaces in which are filled byreau of engraving and printing. In in numbers showing the amount of paper the floor of this room are two circular taken out, the amount of work done, and hdles, about two feet in diameter. the number of sheets returned. It has Looking down one of these holes into to be signed by the clerk of the wetting the dark depths below one can see a part division, by an examining clerk, and by of the surface of a huge iron eylinder. The cylinder can be opened by means of others who verify the figures.

When the day's work is done the a round lid or cover. When the old printer returns his plate to the custodian, money is brought in it is dumped down who has a desk in one corner of the a funnel into one of these cylinders. A room. In the morning when the printer | committee, comprising representatives gets a plate he gives a check bearing his of the different branches of the Treasury number. The custodian has a rack of Department interested, besides one replittle hooks on which he hangs these resentative, in theory at least, of the checks. When the printer returns the general public, gravely watches the plate the check is returned to him and he operation. When all the money has gives the custodian the keys of his press, been dumped and mixed with the chemiwhich is hung on the hook in place of cals used in the process of maceration, the check. Thus by glancing at the the cylinder lid is closed and locked rack the custodian can at once tell what with several padlocks. Each member printers have not returned their plates. | of the committee takes the key of one of Among the improvements Mr. Graves, the padlocks. The cylinder is then set the chief of the bureau, is introducing to revolving, and turns and turns until is the lighting of the press room with the committeemen come the next day incandescent electric lights. Although and open the lid. If they find that the the building is well provided with win- mass has been reduced to a pulp and lost dows, the printers at work at a distance all semblance and trace of its original from the windows find the light insufii- character the cylinder is emptied. If cient on days when the sun is obscured. the maceration is not completed the Gas lights are objectionable on account of cylinder is set in motion again. From the intolerable heat made in connection 800 to 1,200 pounds of old notes, aggrewith the gas heaters.

From the press-room the work goes a cylinder at a time, and what would down to the examining-room on the floor | constitute a princely fortune is churned below. Here the sheets are subjected to away into nothing but a pulpy mass a series of counts and examinations. in a night .- Washington Star. The first examiners throw out every sheet in which they discover any imperfection. These sejected sheets are again examined by another set of examiners, who retain all the sheets that will pass tily clean and handsomely decorated with a liberal inspection or that can be made presentable by a little touching up. The we had nuts, citron, birds nest pudsheets, when they come to this division, ding, and some other preparations mysare still damp, and after the first count terious and awful. There was one dish

gating millions of dollars, are placed in

A Chinese Restaurant.

The pagan restaurant where we ch and but did not inebriate our e ves was daingold work and flowers. Besides our tea they are turned over to a man in charge of each kind, out of which all partook

Making Old Hickory Nuts Fresh.

ject by arising from the table.

"Would I like to go ? Oh, grandpa, I should! Will we go, do you think ?" marry him?" The little, wizened old man looked fondly at her over his steel-rimmed then the gloom returned glasses.

fine folk, I hear, for all I can remember above, ch, Mayberry?" when Joe was a boy together with myself. Fine folk, Winnie, and you think nothing. I don't know that I really care Portraits on American Currency. we'd better go ?"

"I would like to go, grandpa. I terrible thing to happen to him at the son; \$5, Jackson; \$10, Webster; \$20, don't have any recreations-I don't want very beginning of his career." don't have any recreations—I don't want don't want many, for I think contented honest labor Mr. Wilmington smiled gleefully. is the grandest thing in the world, and "Good. Neither do I care for myself, De Witt Clinton; \$5,000, Madison; \$10,the best discipline—but, somehow, I can't tell why, but I do want to go. I J can wear my black cashmere, and you'll wonder if I am crazy, but I'll agree to Hancock; \$10, Robert Morris, Thomas

two-and two to whom Ernest May-

"There is no use wasting words. May- gested an experiment. Some whole nuts and held together with a long gold or thoroughbred horse as the great animal berry, at a time like this. Did you were soaked for half an hour in hot jeweled pin. At the base of this knot is of the stock farm, but the trotter is in know your son has asked my Winnie to water, and cracked as soon as they were dry enough to crack well. The result ers. The ceremonies of hair cutting often breeder the handsomest returns after Mr. Mayberry's face lighted a second, was a surprise and delight to the host.

The kernels were found swelled fat and "If my son had a fortune at his com- smooth until they again filled the shells,

"So you'd like to accept Mr. May- mand, as I thought he had yesterday at and the flavor and freshness had come berry's invitation to dinner, ch, Winnie ? this time, I would say, 'God speed you back to them so fully that he was able to You wouldn't be ashamed of your old. in your wooing of Winnie Wilmington.' say again: "There never were any other able age. fashioned grandfather, eh, among the As it is—for the girl's sake. I disprove." nuts like those on the big trees back of fine folk of the family? Remarkably "So you haven't a dollar over and the old farm house at home."—New York So you haven't a dollar over and the old farm house at home."—New York

Sun. "There will be nothing-less than

so much for myself, but Ernest-it is a One dollar, Washington; \$2, Jeffer-

Hamilton; \$50, Franklin; \$100, Lin-coln; \$500, General Mansfield; \$1,000,

"I made a fortune out in India, and son,

entire country assembled at the capital opinion of these California horsemen, and to witness the services. Plays and pan- can easily be had from \$200 to \$300 .-

tomimes, operas and balls were given the New Yor's Times. people for a week; the country was in a state of excessive exhilaration. On the

Paper "Window Glass." last day a procession of Siamese, Malays, Paper "window glass" is now said to Chinese, Peguans, Burmese, Laos, Karens be an assured fact. As described: "A and Japanese filed past the king and his window pane is made of white paper, lovely daughter, seated upon a throne of manufactured from cotton or linen, and I can wear my black cashmere, and you'll be so proud of me." "Proud of you, indeed, my child, no matter what you wear. Yes, we'll go." And thus it happened that among the ten guests that sat down at Josiah May-berry's hospitable, overflowing board, that cold, blue-skied day, Winnie Wil-mungton and the little old man were. two-and two to whom Ernest May.

of the drying racks. Each package has harmoniously with little two-pronged worn a wreath of fragrant white flow- reality the fellow who brings to the through whose hands it has passed, the initial made with a red pencil of the perlast five or six days. It is the "coming all." Horses who can trot in 2:25 out son who calls out to another person keepout party" of the boy or girl, and there- there, says this excellent authority, are after they are not permitted to mingle plenty as three-minute horses in this city, with the other sex as children, but are and the price asked for the former there If this initial is not on the package the considered to have arrived at a marriage- is about the same as can be readily obrack man will not receive it. This is a tained for the latter here. A 3 or 4 yearare rolled into a drying-room, an apartment where the temperature is kept at 160 degrees by means of steam coils. The sheets remain here over night, un-

der lock and key, and closely guarded. The next day they are brought out again and again counted. Up to this time the where you are when the marriage cerework of each printer is kept by itself. mony is performed. A young runaway Now the packages, having been ex-amined, are broken up and re-sorted into church, but the herses took freight and new packages of the required number. The sheets are rumpled and crinkly from the effects of moistening. To cure this they are subjected to hydraulic pressure, and come out as smooth as silk. From this examining division the formed in the horses took freight and the sleigh stuck in a snowbank. They were tied right there and then. The next thing will be a marriage on a toboggan slide, with minister, bride and groom traveling at the rate of a this examining division the Treasury and mile a minute. There is nothing like bank notes, four on a sheet, go to a room novelty in this world, and if an attack where women are operating machines of rheumatism is thrown in, why, the that trim the edges or margins of the interest of the occasion is vastly insheet. - Washington Star.

to have on it, in addition to the name of brass forks. We, of course, bought the the printer and the various counters dishes from which we ate, and caused a great deal of gayety among the heathen by refusing to take new ones in place of them. We also have each the autograph ing the books the name of the printer of mine host Yum-Hum-Rum-I don't and the number of sheets in the package. of mine nost 1 unte recall it, but anything believe I can quite recall it, but anything will do, for I don't believe he can remember such an outlandish name himprecaution to make sure that the printer self. They could not understand much receives proper credit for his work. of what we said, but I can't look down When the drying racks are filled they on the pagans on that account, for it was just that much more that we made out from them. - Overland.

They Were Married.

creased. - New York Herald.

A Great Slock Farm.

"You people in the East know noth-