

"Why did you leave your last place?" "Well, I couldn't get along wid de boss and he wouldn't git out!"

RINGWORM SPREAD ON FACE

Campbell, Va .-- "I have been troubled with ringworm on the right side of my face for six or eight years. It began with just very small pimples in spots and continued to spread more every year until it covered the right side of my face. It was red, rough and in circles, and itched and burned very much. It was sore when I scratched my face and it worried me so much I couldn't keep from scratching. It looked very bad; I would hate to go out while it was on my face. Every one noticed it and some would ask what it was.

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Test Far Beneath His Capacity. The young son of a lawyer who lives out south has just made his first appearance at kindergarten. The other day his teacher asked the children to look over the room and any who could count, to rise and tell her the number of children in the room. The young south sider arose, and looking about over the heads, remarked with great aplomb:

I can't count these children, "Huh! because I can count to a hundred, and there ain't that many here."---Kansas City Star.

Sacrifice Made for Dress.

Using the Los Angeles fashion show for his text, Dr. Alfred Jones, a distingaished nerve specialist of London, now visiting the California city, made the assertion that "dress is causing the ruination of more lives in Ameri-ca than malignant disease." He said the intense competition among American women of all classes to keep up the pace set by fashion was nerveracking and nerve-destroying.

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flame of war that is blazing across the Balkan penin from sula Danube to the Adriatic will end the Ottoman empire or mend it is a question that is

troubling all Europe. Just at present it looks as if the continuance of the war rests largely with one man-J. Pierpont Morgan.

Turkey wants to borrow \$50,000,-Turkey has been negotiating 000. with the Morgan interests for the last two months. The ostensible object of the loan was to bring about peace between Italy and Turkey and to rehabilitate the latter country and open up its rich possibilities for commercial development. Neither Mr. Morgan nor any other of the world's money kings, however, is likely to care about lending these millions to Turkey so she may prosecute even a defensive war against her hostile neighbors. Therefore, if the Turkish loan is made, there is little doubt it will be conditional on peace being re stored

This outbreak in the Balkans has been brewing for a great many years In fact, there has been no time in the last few centuries when the situation in the Balkans could have been de scribed as peaceful. The little states that hitherto merely have been pawns in the diplomatic game of the great powers at last have taken the bit in their teeth and may upset the equilib rium of Europe before they are check ed. Nothing but the absolute back down of Turkey will bring peace quickly. This may be expected if Mr Morgan and the other great money kings, who are the real rulers of nations, refuse to make loans unless peace is declared.

War Situation Now.

Meanwhile the Balkan states and Greece are at war with Turkey. They all have been fairly aching for such a chance as this, and every one of these small countries is more than eager to seize what advantage it can out of the present chaos of the Turkish empire The political divisions of the peninsu la known as the Balkan states are four in number. North of the Danube lies Roumania, whose independence from Turkey was confirmed by the Berlin congress in 1878. Immediately south, on the other bank of the Dan ube is Bulgaria, the key to the Bal kans, and the most formidable of the states. West of Bulgaria is Servia. which occupies an important strategic

Whether the jonce belonged to her, but which lately have fallen to the Italians.

Bulgaria Ranks High.

The most 'Important of the Balkan states is Bulgaria. Prince Ferdinand was crowned as its czar October 5 1908. Bulgaria was conquered by the Turks in 1396 and for nearly 500 years remained a part of the Ottoman em pire. It was constituted semi-independent by the Berlin treaty in 1878. One of the hopes of the Bulgarians is to restore that country to its greatness of centuries ago and to include with in its boundaries all of Macedonia. In Macedonia dwell Mahometans and Christians. These always are ready fly at each other's throats. The Christians are divided into Greeks, Servians and Bulgars. These three nationalities hate each other fully as much as all of them hate the Turk. Servia was conquered by the Turks in 1389, ceded to Austria in 1718 and retaken by Turkey in 1839. In 1903 it was the scene of the cold-blooded assassination of King Alexander and his queen, whose reign was stained by so much vice and crime that the other rulers of Europe refused to receive

them. Montenegro is an independent prin cipality whose inhabitants are hardy mountaineers. They are descended from Servians who, in the fourteenth century, fied to those mountains and established their independence there maintaining it against all the attacks of the Turks.

Geographical Situation.

The Balkan peninsula, generally speaking, is a difficult country for an army to invade and an easy one for troops to act on the defensive in. It is traversed by two great mountain systems, the Balkans on the northeast and the Dinaris Alps on the west The Balkans begin at the great gorge of the Danube-the Iron Gates, as they are called. At this point Hungary, Roumania and Servia meet. Through the Iron Gates of the Danube have passed the armies of many great commanders. The nations of Europe and Asia have passed back and forth from prehistoric times in their peaceful migrations or those of conquest. As result there is the greatest mixture of peoples and races in that region of anywhere on earth.

The Balkan range runs southward through eastern Servia, then curves eastward, passing through the center of Bulgaria to the Black sea, It is from 12 to 30 miles wide. On the south side it is very precipitous, but slopes gently on the north. It forms a vast natural barrier and is crossed by more than 30 passes. The mos famous of these is Shipka pass, where during the war between Russia and Turkey in 1877 a desperate battle was fought. The Russians, with 7,500 men, held the pass for three days against A little later, in mid-30,000 Turks. winter 60.000 Russians advanced upon the Turks and drove them out of the The Russians lost nearly 6,000 pass. men in this battle in the deep snow and the Turkish troops suffered almost as heavily.

most limits and became a terror to Christendom under Suleiman II., who ruled between 1520 and 1566. He captured Belgrade, the key of Hungary; Rhodes fell into his hands, and in 1526 the central portion of Hungary became a Turkish province. The northern march of the Turks halted only in sight of the walls of Vienna. In the same period the sultan won possession of Algeria and the north coast of Africa, to the east, and made himself master of the Mediterranean. Before the close of the sixteenth century many of the Ionian islands became Turkish possessions, and it was not until 1571 that Europe learned in the battle of Lepanto that the Turk was not invincible.

Seems End of Turkish Rule.

The decline of Turkey began in the seventeenth century, and proceeded more rapidly in the eighteenth. Russia and Austria won back province after province, and toward the close of the eighteenth century Turkey seemed on the point of vanishing as a nation. There were civil wars, as well as wars with other European countries, but Turkey survived them all. Its territorial possessions have continued to shrink until they are what they are today. Doubtless whatever the outcome of the present war in the Balkans, Turkey's boundary will be reduced still further. Indeed, the Turk never was nearer being driven out of Europe than he is today

STRENGTH OF MOTHER LOVE

Stork or Lark Willingly Give Lives to Save the Young Birds From Danger.

So strong is the mother leve developed in the stork and the lark that it amounts to a heroic passion. The stork, which spends the winter in Egypt and the summer in northern and western Europe, likes to build its nest on the top of some steep gable roof. Such a nest is often a real nuisance to man. It is from three to five yards in diameter. It swarms with lizards frogs, toads and other disagreeable creatures. It becomes in course of time so heavy that it will break the roof if not artificially propped up from below. Nevertheless, for various supersti

tious reasons the stork is not only welcome, but even courted by the European peasants, and it cannot be denied that the respect with which the bird is regarded is to some extent deserved.

If the house takes fire and the young storks happen to be of an age at which they cannot be saved by being taken away from the nest the stork mother does not abandon them. Standing erect in the nest, flapping her wings to waft away the smoke and the flames, and crying out now and then, she remains with her young perishing with them.

The skylark, which builds its nest in the meadows, runs away from it when frightened. She proceeds for four or five yards under the clover and rises perpendicularly in the air. pouring forth her song in its wildest strains in order to divert the in truder's attention. But the peasant boy knows that so long as she remains hanging at the same point in the air he is still four or five vards from the nest, and he uses the direction of her movements and the ring of her song to ascertain the exact spot

If it chances that the young larks are just about to break through the shell of the eggs, at which time mother instinct is at its height, it is said that at the very moment when "the nest is touched the little bird will actually attack the intruder .-Harper's Weekly.



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position on the Danube and commands the main line of railway from western Europe to Constantinople. Servia was created an independent kingdom by the treaty of Berlin.

> Southwest of Servia is the principality of Montenegro. To the west, at about the head of the Adriatic and be tween the River Drave and the coast. are the territories kknown as Bosnia and Herzegovina. These first were placed by agreement under the gov ernmental supervision of Austria and later were annexed by that empire They are destined to play an import ant part in any conflict, because Austria will not permit herself to be deprived of them without a struggle The population of these two Austrian states is about equally divided be tween Moslems and Christians.

Religion Divides Peoples.

All these states were once a part of the great Ottoman empire that at one time reached almost to the gates of Vienna. The root of the trouble which has culminated in the present out break is that the boundary lines that were drawn to form these states were made by diplomacy and the expediency of statecraft, and in no case included all the peoples that belonged to the different nationalities that made up their population. Many hundreds of thousands of Bulgarians, Servians and so on are still under Turkish rule.

The Balkan states desire to collec all those of their own nationality and faith within their own borders and to leave none subject to the sultan. This can be done only by extending their own boundaries far into the Turkish empire. The present war is a racial and religious one, with, of course, the idea also of getting considerable material benefit through conquest.

On the south there are other harried people-the Greek races-who have been struggling for years to escape from the Moslem rule. Greece also has an aspiration to annex Crete and many the islands of the Aegean which

The Turks still quote the old saying of Mahomet II. to the Venetian republic, when the flag of Islam was the most feared banner of Europe: "We Ottomans came to Europe against all Christendom, and it will take all Christendom to put us out."

Turkish History,

The Turks first appeared in European history in the middle of the fourteenth century. They were driven by the Mongols from Central Asia to An menia. They extended their domain gradually westward into Asia Minor, and about this time began to be known as Osmanlis, from their first sultan. Osman. This name afterward was corrupted to Ottoman.

Osman's son made his capital at Bursa, opopsite Constantinople, and his son gained a foothold in Europe in 1358. Murad I. established the capital of his empire at Adrianople 30 years later. He defeated the Servians and the allies at the great battle of Kossovo in 1389, and himself perished on the field. In the following decade the Turks subdued Wallachia, Bulgaria, Thessaly and Macedonia, and annihilated the combined hosts of Hungary and Poland

The Ottoman empire reached its ut-



What Ailed Him.

There is a veteran actor in New York who suffers from some digestive affection that, after a heavy meal, causes him to make mysterious, muffled. far-away sighing and moaning

sounds, down deep in his chest. He was playing cards at the Lambs' club one evening when an especially severe attack of this malady came on him. Ben Hapgood Burt, the song writer, who had strolled in, was standing behind the sufferer's chair, listening with unfeigned interest to the rumbling manifestations which seemed to proceed from nowhere in particular. Just as he located their source the person respon-

sible for them spoke. "I don't know what's the matter with me-really, I don't," he lamented. "Old man." said Burt, instantly, "I you're haunted!"-Saturday know: Evening Post.

Back Bedroom Canaries.

The canaries for which Norwich is famous seem to have fared better than some of the inhabitants in the recent floods. One old breeder was asked about his stock and said they were safe. They lived in the back bedroom of his house by the river. The water filled the lower rooms

breast high, but he was not going to abandon his precious birds to starve "So," he said simply, "I waded in aft er them and struggled up the stairs with their food, and, bless you, they was singing grand." This custom of breeding the canaries in the back bed rooms has saved hundreds of choice birds from destruction.-Manchester

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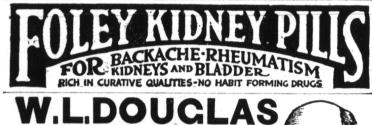
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