Some Fine Homes Chairs and Ta bles Are Entirely Unknown -- The Guests at Dinner Squat on the Floor -The Beauty of the Women and Their Beautiful Surroundings -- A Description in Verse. _

The Japanese home has been well described as a sort of dolly's house magnified to a thousand diameters.

All wood and wicker and white pa-

Almost every house in Japan, how-Almost every house in Japan, now-ever humble, has agarden. Some of these gardens are very beautiful, with huge leaved palms, shady ma-ples, bending bamboos and bright colored shrubs and flowers. Bum-blebees, broad-winged butterflies, half-tamed crows and sweet humming brinds enliven the scene.

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The entrance hall is a platform raised a couple of feet above the ground. Here the foreigner removes his boots and the Japanese his sandals. The divisions of the rooms Indeed, they all seemed to us like are sliding panels, ingeniously are stranged in the grooves to inclose a space at the pleasure of the house robe, with immense sleeves that hang

the guests during the dinner hour or immediately after. While you are sipping your tea, perhaps, you hear a flap of bare feet on the polished stairs. It is the geisha or dancer. She twines herself round the corner, and at the threshold falls upon her hands and knees and hows her head to the floor in salutation to the to the floor in salutation to the

to the floor in salutation to the guests.

Japanese dancing is chiefly posturing, with special attention to the management of the fan. The dancer interweaves her paces with but slight grace. Her steps are made upon the flat of the foot, the toes not being used more than in walking. Still, in the undulations of the body, the serpentine movements of the hands and arms, and in her complete pantomimic skill, the Japanese danseuse shows marvelous agility and skill.

The Japanese lady is a dream. Even

A JAPANESE VILLA IN THE EARLY MORNING.

holder. A large room can therefore be converted into a number of smaller rooms, and, as almost by magic touch, the room in which you have been sitting becomes divided into a number of sleeping chambers. Chairs and tables are almost unknown. The posture of repose is a "squat." At mealtimes you squat anywhere and your food is placed before you. When you are tired you throw yourself anywhere on the floor, with no fear of, spoiling your white clothes. When evening comes you do not seek your chamber, but simply make it by sliding the wall round the spot you have chosen for your slumbers. In the morning you take a bath, and when you return bed and bedroom alike have disappended. The panels have been removed. The bath is a great institution in Japan. A great big tub of water, with a stovepipe running up inside of it filled with redhot charcoal. There you sit until the pores are opened, and the cold douche follows. They usually begin with a dish of soup and another of fish brought in upon a lacquer tray. You drink the soup out of a bowl, and eat the fish with your chosen for four places.

languer tray. You drink the soup out of a bowl, and eat the fish with your chopsticks. After the dish comes another lacquer dish with four or five heaps of food. A small bird or wild fowl, some rousted chestnuts. a few boiled lily roots, and some stewed seaweed. Wine is always



GOING TO MAKE A CALL

served with a good Japanese dinner, and the waiting girls take care that your cup is full. Still the dishes come in. Raw fish, green salads and the waiting girls take care that your cup is full. Still the distancement. Raw hish, green salads and sweet sauce. When you have well esten and drunk to the full, then tea is served with small cakes, and the Japanese pipe follows. The Japanese householder is a social being. The festive meal is not properly to a the Japanese parameter is a social penny, anese householder is a social penny. The festive meal is prolonged by a thousand jokes, roars of merry laughthousand orders conversation.

PARTELLY

ding day and shaved her eyebrows when the first baby was born are past, except, perhaps in the lower classes in remote country districts.

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"In Japan marriage is purely a civil contract, without religious or official ceremonies. Monogamy has been the law of Japan from very ancient times. It is true that concubinage exists, but a legalized system of polygamy has never been adopted. Divorce is less common in Japan than it is in Chicago, and what is unusual in Oriental countries, a wife may sue for a divorce from her husband.

"The Japanese wife is singularly faithful in her conjugal relations. The key to her character is found in the word 'obedience.' Ages ago Confucius declared obedience to be the rule of life; if a daughter, to her father; if a wife, to her husband; if a widow, to her eldest son. Under such a condition of things love matches are almost unknown. But the Japanese wife learns to love.''

Mr. Newman says that "the original Japanese belle was a girl with a white face, a long slender throat and neck, a narrow chest, small limbs and small hands and feet.' But Mr. McClatchie has translated the description of Ludy Kokonoya, an ideal Japanese beauty, at follows:

Her flaure so trim.

As the willow tree's bough is as graceful

Her figure so trim
As the willow tree's bough is as graceful
and slim:
Her complexion's as white as Fujl's hoar
mask peak
Neath the snows of midwinter
damask has church

danary, her cheek.

With a dear little nose,
And two eyes black as sloes,
And a pair of ripe lips which, when parted, discluse
Pently teeth—her fine eyebrows obliquety
are set.

are set
(In Japan that's a beauty)—her imir's
dark as jet
And is coiled in thick masses on top of her In the houses of the wealthy the And is colled in thick masses on top of her girl musicians and dancers entertain: In a wonderful chignon blg as a plate.

(There are eight styles of chignon, just here I may tell
My fair readers, as known to the Japaness belle).
Then, to leighten the beauty bestowed ou
her partie, she's called in the assistfor rice powder to render more dazzlingly
fair

Her face, hands, neck and chin-cherry oil for her hair— out a soupcen of rouge to embellish her

lip.
And a host of cosmetics my memory that slip. omplete the fair picture of bright Add to all this the charm of her elegant dress:

dress:

Satin, crepe and brocade
Here contribute their aid
For the long, flowing garments in which
she's arrayed,
Which hangs losse from her shoulders, in
faucitul-fold.
All embroidered with storks and plump
blossoms in gold:
Next. a broad velvet girdle encircles her
waist.
Tied behind in a huge bow: her feet are
incased

incused
in small spotters white stockings, which
timidly peep
From beneath her red jupon's elaborate
sweep:
And a hairp'n of tortoise shell, dainty to On her brow place a circlet of gilt filigree.

The Making of Thieves.

There has surely been of late a very great and significant increase in the number of child criminals that are brought to our Police Courts. There are more of them, and they the number of child criminals that are brought to our Police Courts. There are more of them, and they are much younger than they used to be, and they are wastly tougher. Their manner shows plainly that the street has been their teacher and that they have been apt pupils. Its method is simple, and varies only in the opportunities offered. To begin with the boy idler in the street during school hours is there in defiance of law, whether the fault is his own or not, and he knows it. He is in the attitude of opposition, the normal attitude of the street. The policeman is his enemy, and the policeman stands for the established order of things. Thus the groundwork is laid for whatever miscief comes along. It—is not long in coming rarely longer than the dinner-hour of the first day. The boy is hungry. He wants something to eat. A boy's hunger is not like a man's, which can be appeased with promises. He wants something at once. Is he playing hooky, he does not want to go home to get it. Anyway, there is no need to do so. The street can show him an easier way. A grocer's stand is handy, or a piewagon. Better still, a soda-water wagon; the bottle is worth so much cash at the junk-shop. The driver's back is turned, the boy "swipes" one. It is not a very great crime, but it is the stepping stone to many greater. A horse-blanket or a copper-bottomed boiler may be the next thing. It is the first step that costs an effort, and that not a very great one, with the clamor of a hungry stomach to drown the warning voice within him that whispers of the police man and the lock-up. The friends he with the clamor of a hungry stomach to drown the warning voice within him that whispers of the police man and the lock-up. The friends he makes in the street soon help him to contempt for the one and a secret pride in the other.

Slept and Died in a Coffin.

An interesting and original person named Vaszary Kovacs, died in Hun-gary on Wednesday. He had been a Honved in 1848, and then became a popular comic actor. When too old to go on the boards he discovered a strange occupation, which harmonized with the hobbies he entertained all his life. For a small fee he carized with the hobbies he entertained all his life. For a small fee he carried the wooden cross customary in Hungary in all the funeral processions of the capital. The last time he was noticed in this part which (our correspondent says) he played like a true actor, was at Kossuth's funeral. With his snow-white beard and flowing white hair, the wooden cross in his right hand, and the left. On his sword, he was a conspicuous and dramatic figure. For the last twenty years of his life he slept in his coffin, which, with his own hand, he had painted in the national colors of Hungary. He died in the coffin, and his last wish was that the lid should be merely nailed down over him, and that no one should touch his dead body.—[London News.

Popularity of Science. As scientific research has so much to do with our daily life, our comforts, our health and happiness, as contributing so beneficently to our commercial profit and safety, it is not at all surprising that, not only the scientist, but the "average man," is constantly on the alert for everything pertaining to scientific affairs. It is not a surprising that the number of science schools in England has nearly doubled in the past ten years; the number of pupils has also more than doubled, and the payments to science schools on the results of the examinations have increased by more than \$30,000 since last year. This country being more progressive than England, there has doubtless been a much greater advance. In fact, technical, industrial and manual training schools have been opened in every important city, and the demand for such practical education is constitution. As scientific research has so much

Better to leave the sayages to be slaughtered by other sayages than to oppress them under the clock of civ-litzation and of humane dealings. The natives do not want our administration. They have only goats and bananas to offer for the flimsy calico from India or America, or for the istration. from India or America, or for the beads from Birmingham, which now reach them from the Congo.

Every caravan which goes up the country consists mainly of slaves; owned by Zanzibari dealers. The greater the amount of traffic, the greater are the profits of the Congoslavers. The slave lives on an average only eleven years, and the waste of human life, which amounts to 500,000 souls for every 50,000 brought to the coast, barely suffices to supply the 200,000 porters annually engaged and the slave labor of the coast plantations.—{Edinburgh Review.

The attempts to manufacture sugar artificially for commercial purposes are exciting interest among French are exciting interest, among. French scientists. According to the Paris Revue Industrielle there is a process being tried in France for making sugar synthetically by means of illuminating gas. The gas enters a box in which there is a porous partition, upon which the platinum has been denosited in a finely divided state. deposited in a finely divided state.
The platinum brings the atoms of the gas with those of vapor into closer contact, condensation occurs and new combination is formed. Commercial sugar, it is claimed, is the result at a cost far less than that of cane or best sugar. cane or beet sugar.

The Talisman of Happiness.

There are probably very few people who know what true happiness really is, for most of us taste so little really is, for most of us taste so little of it that we hardly know its composition. Many of us think we are happy when we are the most wretched beings alive. Some are happy in the poorest surroundings, bowed down by cares and griefs that others would stagger under, and one wonders how they get along with their harden. stagger under, and one wonders now they get along with their burdens. Inquiry and investigation will show a contented mind, perhaps, that knows no better, but that is contented—and that word, "contentment," contains the secret tallsman of nurs happings; it this modal of pure happiness [Detroit Free Press. happiness in this world.

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Hard Times.

It is not meely the fact that a million men are said to be out of work with consequent loss of time, place and money, that makes the times seem so tough, but there are other aggravations superadded, growing the control of the willful, neglect of so many, that make the times seem hard, indeed, It better times were at hundred good places open to all that are now idle, there are thousands who would betotally unfit to go to work by reason of the neglect of some infirmity which totally unfits them to accept a profesered chance. What better opportunity challed the control of the neglect of some infirmity which totally unfits them to accept a profesered chance. What better opportunity challed the control of the neglect of some infirmity which form the control of the neglect some stage of the physical conditions and the control of the c Hard Times.

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en so great that it is being gen-nily adopted in France and Ger-sier, where public subscriptions are been opened, so as to place the ring fluid, which is necessarily exre within reach of the poor as as the rich.

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hours later. In cases, therefore, hours later. In cases, therefore, there the ravages of the poison are to advanced the serum is mon-effective. Neither has it any influence upon of the maintenance with the raise of the complicated, such as meastle, broncho-pneumonia, etc. But it is accrtain cure for cases of diptherapper and imples it where it is the contraction of the cases sateriam cure for cases of dipension in time, and will thus be the means of preserving many a little life which the methods hitherto employed would fell to care.

fail to save. Experiments have shown that horses furnish the best and largest Experiments have shown that borses furnish the best and largest quantities of scrum. The blood is tapped from the jugular and fursilises a scrum of perfect limpidity. The operation causes no pain whatever to the horse, and is performed once amonth, when about four quarts of blood are procured, the loss of which does not weaken the animal excessively. The horses operated sauch does not weaken the animal recessively. The horses operated upon in l'aris are young and per-ledly healthy animals, but are mostly unfit for harnessing, owing to delects in the legs.

The treatment of a case of diphetherin requires 6ths.

The treatment of a case of dipheheria requires fifty centilitres of serum, which is injected by means of a small syringe fitted with a needle at the point. The operation is so simple that in case of necessity any person could attempt it. The liquid causes a swelling about the size of a Salnut, which, however, subsides in ten minutes, and the patient experiences no pain beyond the prick of the needle.

ROMANCE FROM NICARAGUA. low an American Saved a Girl and Then Married Her.

A very romantic wedding was solemnized at Bluefields, in Nica-tagua, recently in which a St. Louis boy widely known in the bost circles

by widely known in the legst circles in the town. Louis D. Pengnet. was farried to a young lady whose life and whose sister's life he had gallanly protected during the worst time in the recent revolution in Niparagua, ays the St. Louis Globe Democrat. Mr. Pengnet went to Bluefields ome time previous to the uprising, and was engaged in business for St. Louis houses through custles isthmus. When the brought came in and the deters select the comme on the comme of the comme