ary and Habits of the People Who.

war between King Humbert of and King Menelek of Abyssinia, in time, prove a political shibbo-n spite of the fact that diplomats' in spice of the fact that diplomate's are too busy with other matters to give it the attention it deserves. will come a time when European will find themselves ed with this most serious queswhich may threaten to shake Euan diplomacy to its foundation. that he had loo yssinia has an area of more than himself, dying 60 square miles, with more than might admire. population. Its coast runs parwith that of Arabia, along the Red Its capital is Gondar. The pres-ruler is King Menelek, formerly of Shon, who, after the death of John, united the two kingdoms

forest, which have neither seen

ented

nians are mentioned in the book lings as having invaded Palestine an army of 100,000 soldiers and ighting chariots, under their king. h during the reign of Asa. King

ral Gordon, whose acquaintance at the home of the late Law e Oliphant, told me, writes a con-nor to The Chicago Record, that opinion Abyssinia was the cra-Egyptian civilization, as Abyshad, by virtue of its religion, a r knowledge of the Cosmos than Egypt. Taking into account the hat the whole Soudan, including tum, where the same famous Gen-ell, was under the Abyssinian rule derstood how Abyssinian culture hed into the hermit kingdom of

he middle ages the King of Abyswas appealed to by the Patriarchs pastantinople to make war with wish kingdom of Jemen, and the inians crossed the Red Sea, wipnen out of existence. The de of the country began when it was ed into two kingdoms governed by biefs under a feudal system.

people of Abyssinia are of a hish color stout and warlike. They be regarded as the missing link the negro and the Caucasian cen the negro and the Caucasian, lave the physical strength of the k and the common sense of the c. Their women might be called countries of Africa, but should they their habit of besmearing their with butter they would be re-"new women" of Africa. religion is, in outside appearance, and Uncistianity as it was before schism; in fact, it is a mixture of mism. Judaism and Christianity. family and some of the chiefs that they are the descendants of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. shound the the queen of sucon. go as this may sound, it finds a mation in the Talmud, which so wets a passage in the Kings. King of Abyssinia boasts of the ith a material sounds.

title negus negista, which means

that had left her years before, and the mountain regions who are lively called Palashes, which people from Palestine." These are divided into two bodies—the half the priests. They are the and the priests. They are the on designated as a guard of honor Sheba when she reher native land of Abyssina limit of his oath and returned.

limit of his oath and returned.

"His escapade was almost equal to the story of Rip Van Winkle, and hes One two books of aloses and the book of Joshua, all of which are tannaharit tonging. It is possible here might be found among them signal Scripture text as it existed.

Right of and Abyseins. It happ that the English Society for the that the taggins Society for the Con-resiston of the Jews sent some mission-stress under the head of Dr. Stern to convert those Jews. The latter com-plained to the Negus, the famous Theo-dore. The King summoned the mis-sionaries and asked them what the sionaries and asked them what they

were doing in his land. They appealed to him as a Christian king to allow them to convert the Jews to their faith, which they said was also the faith of the King. The Negus asked, "Are There many Jews in England?" "Yes," they replied. "Well." said he, "go back, and after you have converted the English-Jews come back and convert mine."

The missionaries did not heed the Negus' advice, and they were chained and thrown into prison. England, of course, declared war. When the Negus saw that he had lost the last battle he shot himself, dying like a hero whom anyone

When Theodore died England estab-lished his son John as Negus. The country was then ruled by John, and the Kingdom of Shoa was governed by the rival Negus. Menelik. The only-nation they hate is the Arab, and the John, united the two kinguous role sceptre. The country is very recent war between them, with the cotton, coffee and tobacco can be used at a more profitable rate than the stand of virgin land, as well as torious over both foes. In forest, which have neither seen of the country can produce more

have not the axe. The montains, the The country can produce more than all of England's proper and the former kingdom of other colonies combined." Perhaps it is this gold, which Russia believes to be student's are inclined to the behat Abyssinia is the Ophir of Scriptian of friendship between the countries.

the country has a glorious past, and the in song and folklore. In the penetrate the interior. Their colony on the land is called Kush or the coast of Massowa is a failure from the larger term meaning seven the beginning. It serves as a good raiding place for the Negus, who from time to time makes a raid upon it.

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The future will probably bring the Negus more into prominence than he has ever been. Dr. Cyrus Adler, of the Smithsonian Institution, is preparing to make an exploration of Abyssinia, and, as he understands the language, rich discovering arms. discoveries are expected.

RETURNED WITH THE BARK.

It Took Bill Bassett Several Years to de His Wife's Errand.

"Speaking of eccentric characters," said Representative Anderson, of Ten-nessee, "the most eccentric character I ever heard of was Bill Bassett, a mountaineer who lived several years ago down in my district.

__Bill lived with his wife and two small children—a boy and a girl—in a cabin in one of the mountain coves of while not what might be called strained, were not marked with any de-gree of felicity. Bill's wife were strong-minded strong-minded, hard-working woman, and did not like his tendency to stop work for three or four days out of the work for three or four days out or the week to hunt and fish. He never quarreled, and went about silently, doing his wife's bidding, thus preventing any chance of a row. They were very most of poor, and Bill had to carry most of the wood on his shoulder, as he was

not able to have a horse and wagon.

"Bill was pouting in the chimney corner one day, and his wife asked him to to the woods for an armful of bark to make coals for baking bread. The pater familias without a word left the

house in the direction of the woods. "He didn't come back that night, and the next day parties of men hunted the possess a very rich literature, a int of their ancient civilization in the Amaharit language. The is family and some of the chiefs months into years, but Bill did not come back. No trace of him could be found or any evidence of his fate. His wife believed him dead, but she never married again, and was sorryt she had been so strict with him.

iftle negus negista, which means of Kings. The King is said to sather royal seal of King Solomon, which he seals his decrees. The although he has a fine capital, ways on the move, holding his and executing justice while transfar to make coals. The daughter was sent to the woods for it. She had the manner in which Alfred the the manner in which Alfred the father, entered with his arms full of conducted his affairs, with the bark. This he dumped upon the hearth fed himself with the learned of in the old place with as little emotion as if he had been gone only an hour into the hearth of the whole the Abwestmen King has as if he had been gone only an hour ine, while the Abyssinian King has
s forty thousand soldiers who
with him through the country
ayment to the soldiery is in rice
ther cereals. The coin in use is
d Maria Theresa dollar.

There we peculiar tribes of Jews
in the mountain regions who are

over several States, and finally settled down in the lumber business in Arkar sas, where he had at last reached the

given him a name over the country. He lived happily with his wife after that, and when she wanted any wood he told the hired man to hook up the

horses and haul.it.

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"As long as he lived, however, he any rabbinical have.

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OF TODAY

Cecil Shedes has the powerful jaw and the strong teeth that belong to men of his type. So great has been the luck of this man that South Africans some

times get him to bite expenses for luck.

A young Englishmen during a recent evening in Bohemia produced the tre ditional crooked sixpence from his pocket and told how Cecil Rhodes had bitten it. The possessor would not part with it for many times its value. Ex body laughed at the superstition, but, as it turned out, nearly every man present had some such fetich. Neither he of the crooked sixpence nor any of his companions quite believed in the efficacy of his charm, but each liked to daily with the superstition. One of the company carried an old George III. penny to jingle with the loose change in his pocket. Another, opening a little cigarette case, showed a bit of rattlesnake skin, supposed to exercise a subtle influence upon poker hands

It was a cosmopolitan little company of decidedly modern quality, sufficient ly skeptical about many things that most good persons believe, but a majority of its members carried charms to bring good lück. If every such company could be induced to make a show of pocket pieces and a frank avowal of superstitions lightly held. but not quite disregarded, the showing would rather astonish folks that be-lieve this a skeptical age. The late English hangman, Marwood, made a pretty penny by selling bits of rope with uncanny histories.

The ceral beads brought home from

Enrope as presents to children are really designed to keep off evil spirits. The branches of the coral are supposed, like the horns of a horseshoe, to ward off ill luck. Amber beads are worn by many excellent persons to keep off erysipelas. There must be a good many New Yorkers carrying the rab-bit's foot. A young woman was seen not very long ago to stoop down on a wet and muddy day, pick up a horse-shoe from the pavement of Fifth ave-nue, and tuck it away under her waterproof. None of the great ocean liners sails from this port on Friday. The crescents of gold and ivory worn on the watch chain by many persons are amu-lets to keep off evil spirits. Here again is the horn or prong, as in the horse This crescent is one of the com monest forms for the so-called watch

The old superstition that a band about the arm gives strength is still prevalent among some New Yorkers. Rings made of several metals and designed to keep off rheumatism are sold by many New York jewelers. In spite of the fact that the Thirteen Club has flourished for many years, few hostesses in any part of the town would care to head a table of thirteen persons, for while the hostess might be indifferent to the superstition she could by no means be so sure that every one of her guests would be as free from its tyranny. Tenement houses in all parts of the city where tenement houses are found have horse-shoes over their doors, and there is an East Side house where the deor-knock. East Side house where the door-knocker is made of two horseshoes, one fixed to the door, the other hinged to the first.

A Light in His Pocket.

A number of electric lamps of various sizes and shapes have been patented and are constructed by an trical engineer in Vienna. These lamps come in the shape of bottles, clocks, opera glasses.in fact, any desired shape, but are all constructed after the same

The neck of this bottle contains a small battery, in which-three pairs of platinum and zinc elements of the smallest possible size are concealed. smanest possession size are concerned. This battery has a six-volt tension and furnishes a current of from four to five amphere intensity. A minute incandescent lamp is connected with the poles of the batter, and protected by a knob of cut glass, the lower part of which is silvered and acts us a reflector. which is silvered and acts as a reflector The body of the bottle contains the reservoir, in which a fluid, which is furnished by the inventor of the apparatus, is kept. When the light is to used the top containing the batter screwed off, and the bottle is filled.

A Dog Shopkeeper

August Abert, a baker doing business in New Orleans, La., owns an intelli-gent dog. Fifine, that keeps his master's shop for him. Abert has a little bake-room behind the shop, and as he always gives his personal attention to the oven, Fifine proves invaluable in waiting on the customers. The dog carries strapped about her neck a little bank whose slot is arranged to receive nothing more nor less than a nickel.

The customer may help himself to a

loaf from the counter, but woe betide one who tries to depart without depositing the requisite nickel in Filine's bank. If more than one loaf is taken, an equal number of deposits must be made in the bank, or Fifine will know the reason why. She knows very well how to use her teeth in case of necessi-ty, though she is usually as mild as a lamb, and quite a favorite with her customers, but if her master should be needed, she has only to pull the bellrope which communicates with the bake-room, and he is on the spot.

Acres Control

was a severe rainstorm blow-city east from Salt Lake the ing oriectly east from Sait Lake the night of January 2. After the storm it was discovered that everything for niles directly east of Ogden, Utah, was thickly covered with what was supposed to be ice, but afterwards thought to be an alkali. The substance was analyzed and found to be arrest. thought to be an alkali. The substance was analyzed and found to be pure salt. There is a thick covering of salt on all telegraph lines, poles and cross arms.—('hicago Inter Ocean.

Death Caused By a Comedy.

Grimaldi has been eclipsed by a comedian in one of the vandeville shows at Chicago. Ill., who so excited the "risibles" of one of his auditors that the man actually laughed himself to death. The make up and countenance of the actor started an outburst of laughter from the unfortmate man before a world-had hear snoken.

an outcourst of laughter from the unfort-unate man before a word had been spoken. Every act and word but served to in-crease the merriment of the provincial, which presently culminated in the rupture of a blood vessel, and the man bled to death before relief could be had,

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