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Perhaps the one person in this city who s most deeply versed in the secret of pipe coloring is a woman, and it is needless to say that she nover took so inuch as a single whiff of smoke from a pipe in her life. Her interest in pipe coloring is purely professional and a very large proportion of the most beautiful pipes colored in Chi-cago during the last 20 years have passed through her hands, or, more properly, through her kettle, for she is a past master in the unique profession of meerschaum boiling. She has treated thousands o pipes for smokers of this city and has unadoubtedly done more to disseminate a gen-

eral knowledge of the difficult art of meer

schaum coloring than any other resident While it cannot be said that this woman "pipe doctor," as she is frequently called by her patrons, gives regular lessons or paid instruction, her advice is constantly only man, and he in turn was asked for a sought by the men who find that their story. pet pipes are not acquiring the rich hue which they desire, and her position may best be described as that of a "consulting colorist." Although she maintains a shop or office in Clark street and there conducts large business in the sale and repair of to Colorado to bunt for gold, these animals fine pipes, she does not venture to do her were quite numerous. I recall on one ocboiling in so public a place, as the process casion having a little adventure with is a secret one and is the evolution of lion that almost scared me out of my wits is a secret one and is the evolution of many years of patient study and experiment. The rudiments of her odd craft were learned in France, where she was born, but the formula for the boiling mixtures which she now uses bear little resemblance to those which she was originally taught. They are distinctively her

own, and she guards them with the most icalous care. "A great many young men," said this matronly woman whose life has been spent as we were climbing the hills the tracks of in studying pipes, "bring me meer-schaums which they have smoked for six or eight months and ask why the pipes nearer to our little home we lost the track have failed to acquire the dark coloring seen in the meerschaums of those who are window, which had been carefully closed veterans in the art. They inquire, in a on our departure for town, caused us to helpless sort of way, if I think boiling will | forgot all about the lion and its presence. improve the color or if the incerschaum is years. I always know that such customers are beginners and have never before attempted to color a pipe. They imagine smoking is the only essential process in pipe coloring and that boiling should be resorted to only when the meerschaum burns, becomes scratched or is of an inferior quality. This is an almost universal inistake among those who are inexperi-

enced in this smoker's diversion. "The fact is that the finest meerschaum ever imported into this country could not be given a perfect color without being bolled in oil at just the right stage in its development. Simply smoking it, no matter how great the care exercised to prevent burning or how rich and juley the obacco, would never in the world secure the desired result. It is in knowing just when the pipe is ripe for boiling that the judgment and skill which will make him envied by his less successful competitors, for there is a keen spirit of rivalry in this matter, particularly among young men of

the fashionable and student classes. "There are scores of veteran colorists who invariably smoke their meerschaums altogether too long before having them boiled. This is the universal tendency, and the number of men who have their pipes boiled at exactly the proper stage may almost be counted on the fingers of two hands. Of course it is absolutely impossible to make any hard and fast rules regulating the length of time that the pipe should be smoked before being sent to the kettle. Many things enter into that worth \$10 a suit, my hats had a secondonsideration, but chiefly the quality of | hand look when I bought them, my shirts the meerschaum. If the latter is very soft were not of fine linen, and I laced them at the pipe, in the hands of a steady smoker, will be ready for the oil in a week, while a hard pipe will require three weeks of almost constant smoking to make it 'ripo'

for its hot bath. "The standard of shading at which most smokers aim is a very dark brown, almost black, for the base of the bowl and the beginning of the stem and a rich cherry for the upper portion of the bowl. This gives | notice of its coming. I was out in fine a variety of shading. As the pipe is smoked after coming from the kettle the dark brown base and stem will gradually become charcoal black, while the cherry colored upper half of the bowl will acquire yellowish tinge." "Can you regulate the coloring by varia-

ions in your method of boiling?" this ex-"Certainly," was the prompt reply. 'The bath in my kettle is not plain oil by my means. It contains herbs and various other ingredients which, to a degree at time they wanted to call again in the least, regulate the color imparted to the meerschaum. But of course it would not do for me to go into particulars regarding my formula for boiling. That is my trade secret which has cost me years of experi-

menting. "The public in general has no idea of the pride which hundreds of men take in their handsomely colored meerschaums. Women in particular regard this penchant as the most foolish of all masculine weaknesses, but in spite of this sentiment the smokers still continue to make pets o their pipes and treat them as tenderly as the women do their poodles. One gentleman brought me an old blackened pipe of ordinary clay, with its stem broken off short. He had a handsome amber mouthpieco attached to it by means of a silver ferrule and paid the bill without a complaint. The pipe had become a companion to him, and the price of the finest meer-Echaum in the shop would not have tempted him to part with it."-Chicago Post.

Heartfelt. Lord Carrington, when governor New South Wales, made his first public appearance at the mayor's dinner at Sydney. Having committed a few words to paper, he delivered them in reply to the onst of his health, and then sat down, feeling very much satisfied with himself. Opposite to him there sat an M. P., who ad suffered long from the abundant elo-

quence of the new governor's predecessor. When Lord Carrington sat down, the man filled his glass to the brim and said, 'Thank the Lord, he can't speak."—San Francisco Argonaut. "What's your husband Mike doing now, Mrs. Murphyt "Runnin one av thim down town.

"No, sor. He's janitor."—Philadelphia

North American. Take Your Choice. According to "The American Primary Teacher," the following answers were recently given in a written examination to the question, "What Causes Rain?" "Faucet."

"What! Not superintendent?"

"God." "The ocean. "Henven." "Pipes from the ocean." "The sun gives it." "The sun gets it from the ocean." "At night the sun goes down and gets

THE TUFTED TITMOUSE. His coat is like a wintry sky

When once the sun has set, And in the west a single line Of red is smoldering yet. Above his black, courageous eye He wears his soldier's crest; No bitter, rude, nor screaming wind Can daunt his martial breast.

I met him in a leafy dell-A brook ran sweet and clear. As if he called from paradise, He shouted, "Here, here!" In busy thought the moments flew; I pondered, "Then so near?" Far o'er fi hill his voice replied,

In winter's frost we met again, When every leaf was sear.
"Where is your heavenly country now? He answered, "Here, here!"

-W. C. McClelland in St. Nicholas.

A CLOSE CALL

"Tis here, here, here!"

Tuck Between the Miners and the Mountain Lion. A number of sportsmen were recently talking over the good times they had had duck shooting last fall when the conversation turned on hunting big game in the west. Some thrilling adventure was related by every one in the group but an eld-

"I don't suppose," began the slient man, "that any of you young fellows ever ran across a mountain lion, as they are becoming rather scarce now in the west. But early in the fifties, when I first went With a partner I was working a claim in the inountains near Ouray, and one day before the very cold weather of the winter set in we both went to town to get some supplies, leaving our little cabin on the mountain side alone. "It came on to snow so hard soon after we arrived in Ouray that we did not get a

chance to return to our claim for three days. On our return journey we noticed of the animal, and the sight of an open "Well, I had reached the window and apartment when there came a terrible growl and the next instant a great yellow body sprang through the opening right on my back, its claws catching my buckskin coat and ripping it open to my waist, turning me completely over and into the snow. My partner took the dangerous situation in at a glance and whipped out his gun. Then the infernal lion turned on him, making a fearful leap in his direction. Before he could fire the infuriated beast was upon him, and, seizing him by the slack of his coat, shook him as though he were but a rat. I was on my feet by this time, and, drawing my revolver, I sneaked up and put a bulllet right through his head. The animal groaned and fell back dead and my partner drew his breath freely once more. It was a close call, but neither of us was hurt, and the lion's skin in another week was serving as a rug at the foot of my bunk."-Washington Star.

TOO FINE FOR THEM.

Why One Statesman Was Not Returned to His Seat In Congress. "I tell you, sir," said Blimins, in his most impressive way, "a man must be as wise as a serpent in order to succeed in politics, and he must be able to give the serpent a few points on wisdom if he happens to be an officeholder at the election of a rural constituency in the southwest. "I went down there to make a political career. I studied the customs of the people and humored them. My clothes weren't the throat instead of buttoning them. It pleased the folks. I had a loud, deep voice that could make the shingles rattle in any ordinary building, and I sailed rough shod

"They sent me to congress. While I was yet on my first term they sent a delegation raiment and a plug hat. I saw what looked like a lot of bushwhackers nearly a block away, but advancing upon me. I made a race up the stairway of a department store, took the elevator down again, skipped from the building to a side street, double quicked to my boarding house and was in my home clothes when the delegation arrived. I thought they looked askance at me, but also thought it might be that I was only indulging the natural fears of the guilty. After we had talked for a evening, but I pleaded an engagement with one of the members of the cabinet. They finally grow restless and wanted to go home. While I was at the cabinet officer's residence, I was called out to see a party of gentlemen. I responded in my full dress suit, heard some of the most unctuous profanity I ever listened to and was informed by the leader of the delegation that I'd 'never gitter congress ag'in as long as I lived.' He was right."-De-

troit Free Press. When We Were All Tenors. The primitive inhabitants of Europe were all tenors; their descendants of the present time are baritones and future generations will have semibass voices. The voice has a tendency to deepen with nge; the tenor of 20 becomes the baritons of 28 and the bass of 36. The inferior races have higher pitched voices than the more cultured; the negro has a higher voice than the white man. Among white races, the fair complexioned man has a higher voice than his darker skinned brother; the former is usually a baritone or a tenor, the latter a contralte

It is asserted that tenors are usually o slender build, whereas basses are stout, but there are too many exceptions to such a rule for it to be reliable. The same re mark applies to the statement that thoughtful men have deep toned voices and vice

The tones of a voice are perceptibly higher before than after a meal, for which rea son tenors are generally careful not to sing too soon after dinner.—Pearson's Weekly. Printing In the Dark. Sulphate of quinine has some very curl-

ous properties, one of them being its power to impress an image of itself on a sheet of sensitive paper in the dark. If a design to drawn or a sheet of raper with sulphate of quining, exposed for a few minutes to the sun, then placed on a sheet of sensitive paper, put in a book and left for a fow hours, a perfect image of the drawing will be found impressed on the sheet of paper. Writing may be copied on sensitive pape in this way, but it must be reversed, er the writing will be reversed on the sensitive paper. - Harper's Round Table.

Applicant (to matrimonial agent)-Can't you show mo the photograph of that Indy with \$100,000 who wants to get mar-Agent-Oh, now, with such a dowry as out a photograph.—Fliegende Blatter.

Unnecessary.

NEW BRITISH SHIPS.

The Diadem, whose launch has been briefly noted in the cable dispatches, is one of four vessels commonly known as the Niobo or Andromeda type, from which Great Britain hopes for good results. They are protected cruisers of 11,000 tons, or just one-half more than the Columbia and Minneapolis, our largest protected cruisers. But the admiralty has recently ordered a second quartet of improved Niobesnamely, the Argonaut of J. & G. Thomson, Clydebank; the Ariadne of the Fairfield company, Glasgow; the Amphitrite of the Naval Construction and Armaments company, Barrow-in-Furness; the Spartiate, to be built at some government dockyard, with Maudsley, Sons & Field's en gines. They are to have a length of 435

These ships are to have a forecastle and a boat deck, but no poop. They will carry sixteen 6 inch rapid fire guns, twelve heavy 12 pounders and two lighter ones, three 3 pounders, eight maxims and three torpedo tubes, of which the one at the stern is above water. The entire armament, it will be observed, consists of rapid fire guns. The protective deck is 4 inches

The chief difference between the Diadem, just launched, and the four new vessels apears to be in the machinery. The latter are to have two sets of four cylinder, triple expansion engines, two of the oylin der diameters being 34 inches and 551/4 inches and two 64 inches each, with a common 48 inch stroke. In order to economize space, instead of having the high pressure cylinder forward, the intermediate next and the low pressure aft, it is proposed to put a low pressure clyinder at each end. The engine will run at 120 revolutions instead of 110, as in the Diadem. and 18,000 indicated horsepower will be produced instead of 16,500, although the speed is only expected to increase from 2014 to 2034 knots. The Belleville boilers will also be modified a little, with a view

It does not appear that for so great a displacement these vessels have either re markable speed or remarkable gun power. Comparisons are not accurate unless the conditions under which forced draft is used are taken into account. But in gen inne he said that our ( only 5.870 tons displacement, developed on trial 17.313 indicated horsebower and reached 21,686 knots; that the Columbia of 7,375 tons, showed 18,509 horsepower and 22.8 knots, and that the Minneapolis, also of 7,375 tons, showed 20,863 horse power and 23.073 knots. With so many rapid fire guns the weight

of metal which the new British cruisers can throw within a given time is undoubt edly great, yet the armament contains no guns above the 6 inch caliber, whereas our Olympia carries four 8 inch guns, besides ten 5 inch. It may be added that three new cruisers of what is known as the improved Talbot type are, according to a recent decision of the admiralty, to be built at Portsmouth Developert and Chatham. They are to be 360 feet long, or 10 feet longer than the Talbot, 54 feet in breadth, and of about

6.000 tons in displacement. The aim will be to give them greater speed, a better batter and larger coal carrying capacity than the Talbot has. They will have the Belleville boilers and are to develop 10,000 horsepower, with 20 knots speed. Here also there is a falling short of what we get with the Olympia, of rather less displacement. The new vessels, however, are, according to the present programme, to have a wood and copper sheathing, which will enable them to go without docking longer than ours.—

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> "Interest of the children! Why, hers are playing in the street practically all the "Yes. Too bad, isn't it? But she can't ielp it. She says she can't afford a nurse, and so she has no one to leave them with while she attends the mothers' meetings And she would naturally feel that she was

How She Used Them. Chollie-Mand has to wear glasses. The coulist said she had been using her eyes loo much. Charlie-I should say so! You ought to have seen her at the dance the other night. She was just surrounded by men all the time.—Harper's Bazar.

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comical developments.—New York Trib-Eyeglasses. It is an odd fact, but one which is borne out by the testimony of the portion of the community best qualified to speak—the users of eyeglasses and spectacles-that the ordinary pocket handkerchief is not a satisfactory polisher of the glasses. Linen cloths are supposed to be useful in the butler's pantry for this very purpose—the polishing of glass. But the different temper of goblet glass from the vision crystal evidently demands a different treatment Cheesecloth, folded once or twice and stitched in a convenient size, is another useful fabric for this use, while a physician testifies in behalf of a bit of the antiseptic gauze of his profession, which in an emergency he experimented with very success fully and has since adopted. As all oculists urgo the necessity of keeping these aids to sight in a perfect condition it is well to know what method will tend to that end .- Now York Times.

children in the block." and kindergarten associations and makes a study of the development of infant minds neglecting her duty if she didn't learn all the could on such an important subject.' -Chicago Post.

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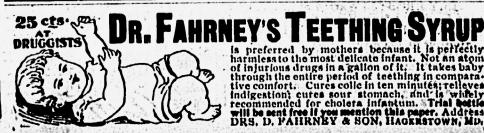
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