

HOMELY WOMEN'S ARMS.

Are as a Rule Symmetrical and Beautiful in Every Country Under the Sun.

It has been frequently remarked by those who have had the opportunity for observation... that women who are plain of feature are usually endowed with rarely beautiful arms.

Young men of Morocco judge whether a girl is charming or not by looking at her arm and hand. Her face they seldom see, so jealously is it guarded by the robe which covers the head like a hood.

Whether arms are displayed or not, it is with arms, shoulders and hands we gesticulate most freely and frequently, and firmness and strength in the upper arm and suppleness and ease in the lower arm are important matters of grace.

Arms may be well rounded and not uncromely, and yet have no delicacy of modeling. They are not expressive, or rather, they do not possess refinement.

SPOONING AT SEA.

Snow, Hail and Wind Fall to Drive Lovelick Couples from Their Cozy Corners on Deck.

Spooning to right of them, spooning to left of them, sailed the five brides-elect. And the whole ship rose up, manifested its disapproval in glances that were intended to burn, and made remarks—that were lost on the wide Atlantic, relates a New York exchange.

"I never saw anything like it," said a woman passenger on the pier. "There goes one now—that little creature with the blue eyes. She has been kissed 4,000 times since she left Liverpool. It's a shame. There were five of them, and not one of them had a chapiron—except one—and she was seasick all the way over."

"Snow, hail, and a gale that almost blew the smokestack out of the Oceanic could not drive those lovesick couples from their cozy corners on the deck. Protests were made to the officers, but the modest little creatures gazed wistfully at the green sea—and kept on spooning. There was spooning for breakfast, spooning for lunch and spooning for supper.

Absolutely Safe Light. Prof. Hans Mollath, of Prague, has reported to the Vienna Academy of Sciences the discovery of a lamp lighted by means of bacteria, which he claims will give a powerful light and be free from danger.

DEFENSIBLE SWEARING.

Some Kinds That May Not Be Considered as Indicators of a Profane Spirit.

According to the Anti-Profanity League, the habit of swearing is "the national evil." Undoubtedly the use of profanity is extremely prevalent, a person needs merely to keep his ears open on the street to learn this.

As for the Anti-Profanity League, the purpose of the organization is certainly worthy, but somehow the Settler cannot develop a high degree of enthusiasm in such a cause.

MINIATURE LOCOMOTIVES.

Diminutive Engines Run by Compressed Air in Use in Milwaukee.

Two miniature railroads, fully equipped for the business required of them, are in operation in Milwaukee, says the Wisconsin. The line at the gas works is a novelty in many ways, one of the most interesting features being that the locomotives are run by compressed air.

Unlike many miniature locomotives, those at the gas works are driven in exactly the same manner as a steam locomotive. The power is transmitted to the drive wheels directly from the cylinder by means of the usual driving rods.

Why Poles Are Not Germanized.

The official mind in Prussia seems to be gradually coming to the recognition that the policy pursued hitherto with regard to the Germanization of the Polish provinces has been as futile as it is costly. What happens in Polish Silesia seemingly somewhat as follows.

EXPLOSIVE LIGHTNING.

The Kind That is Responsible for Most of the Damage Done by Electric Disturbances.

The following particulars of the circumstances attending a lightning flash are perhaps worth recording, says a scientific paper:

A cedar tree (deodar) 50 feet high stood at a distance considerably less than its own height from a house at Englefield Green. The lady of the house was sitting watching the storm, but in such a position that she could not see the cedar, but could see a large part of an Araucaria (the common "monkey puzzle") just outside her window, and only 30 or 40 feet from the cedar.

The cedar tree was in vigorous growth, full of sap, and well above its immediate surroundings, but there were elms and a lime tree of greater height within 50 yards of it.

The movement and the "fire" in the branches of the Araucaria seems to me to suggest an electrostatic effect—a side splash, rather than the mere reflection of the flash which struck the cedar. Could the beating down of the branches be explained as the result of the sudden pulse in the air?

AMONG TITANIC BUTTES.

Excessive Heights of Naked Rock That Cleave the Sky in Utah Valley of Wonders.

Words fail to express the sensations inspired by these excessive heights of naked rock, says Scribner's. The river constantly forms an appropriate foreground, and at length as we near the upper end of this particular division one of the most complete pictures of the whole valley unfolds before us.

Coming out of the head of the great ravine as upon the floor of another story, the magnificent series of pyramids on the left disclose their full majesty; the little river no longer frets amidst boulders, but glides with a concentrated intensity. To the west opens a deep alcove, adding to form here a huge amphitheater.

Traced to Its Source.

In his hours of relaxation Mr. Jones is fond of wondering about the source of the familiar sayings he comes upon in his evening paper. "I wonder," he began, musingly, one rainy night, "where it is the source of that happens?"

MILITARY SPIES IN EUROPE.

How the Different Governments Ascertain the Secret Workings of the Rival Powers.

In their anxiety to learn military secrets of other countries every civilized power of Europe employs spies. They may be military or naval attaches, duly accredited to an embassy, or secret agents, who are sent to reside or travel in those districts from which information is required by the intelligence department.

The work of the first class is not unimportant, but it is risky, says the Philadelphia Press. The officer may not overstep the bounds of common honesty, and rarely, if ever, attempts to achieve anything secretly.

For instance, some years ago two British officers created considerable annoyance in Russia by their persistence in hanging about the district in which the autumn maneuvers were to take place.

Each country has its own peculiar sphere of interest to which it devotes its greatest attention. Great Britain has so many that, properly speaking, it has none. But India is always alarmed as to Russia, and agents—British and native—of the India department are very busy seeking particulars likely to be of service when we have to defend an empire which already, in the military sense, extends from Aden to Hong-Kong.

Most of the Indian agents in Russia are officers of the Indian army, but needless to state, they do not travel as such. Some affect to be tourists of an innocent but inquiring turn of mind; some go as commercial travelers; some lean to religious propaganda, while others collect curiosities.

These agents have been so energetic and so prolific in their disguises that in the south of Russia the bonafide commercial traveler excites suspicion. The Russians now insist upon all "commercials" being licensed and taxed, moreover, the intelligence department has found the orders for goods obtained by its travelers somewhat embarrassing.

As a buying agent the spy has also worked well. No Briton can now go across the Caspian to purchase skins any more than to sell hardware, or even just to amuse himself, without his letters being opened and the company he keeps carefully noted.

Elsewhere than in Central Asia the inquisitive foreigner is likely to be detained as a suspect if found near a dockyard, arsenal, fortress, masked battery or military undertaking of any kind. The real tourist may excite suspicion, and no doubt many of the people arrested are innocent, but occasionally a spy is captured, and usually, of course, liberated after inquiries.

The polite way is to offer him a guard, or helpmate, or companion. The spy is then shown what he must see, and as soon as he has seen and reported the various military dispositions are changed so that the information he obtains is worse than useless, being actually misleading.

St. Martin, when he dived his cape with a beggar at the gate of Amiens, gave also two words to the English language. The oratory in which this term cape was preserved as a sacred banner acquired the name of "chappelle"—from the French "chape"—custodian being termed "chaplain"; and thus the English words "chapel" and "chaplains" are derived.

WINTER FISHING-OFF SHORE.

Keeping the Market supplied in Ice Work, But the Hardy Men Stand It All Right.

"I should think your hands would freeze, fishing in weather like this," the South street stroller said, speaking from the straggle of the wharf to a fisherman standing on the deck of a handsomely modeled fishing schooner lying alongside in Fulton Market slip, says the New York Sun.

"Oh, my, no," said the fisherman, "we look out for that all right." "The fisherman may sit all day in winter in a dory on the open sea, with the wind a-blowing and the spray a-flying and still manage to keep his hands warm. He wears mittens when he's fishing.

"Sometimes he wears two pairs, a pair of thin woolen mittens with a pair of rubber mittens over them, to keep his hands dry, but oftener, I guess, he wears only one, a pair of good Cape Ann, fine, thick woolen mittens.

"Why he does, of course. On a windy day with the spirit flying freely he gets on a regular coat of ice, mail-smooth plates of it which he skins across the chest, where he doesn't bend his body, and crunchy streaks of ice like hinges in the places where he does bend. If he wears a beard it gets filled and covered with ice, so that he seems to have a beard of ice.

"Well, I suppose you might call it so, but the fisherman stands it all right as long as he's got a plank under him to stand on."

TAXED FOR GREEK NAVY.

Part of Colony in Chicago Objects to Oppressive Levy by Its Church.

A novel aftermath of the Turkish-Greek war is revealed in connection with hearings on an application for an injunction in the superior court of Cook county, Ill., recently made.

The question at issue, states a Chicago report, is whether a church tax, to be levied to the aid of the navy maintained by Greece to oppose the expansion of the Turks, can legally be deducted from Chicago members of Greek associations incorporated under the laws of Illinois.

Reek the Japanese.

The standard of a really fine article is its lastingness. If you love your possessions more and more each year, they must be good, but if you soon outgrow them, they were never worth the loving. If these young people are obliged to buy china for everyday use, let me beg them to try the Japanese shops.

No Hurry.

Teas—He proposed to me to-day, and he was so impatient. He wanted me to marry him right away. But I was not to be hurried.

Yes—So you put him off, eh? "Yes, indeed. I told him he'd have to wait until to-morrow."—Philadelphia Press.

KNEEL OF THE TRAMP.

Charity Organizations and Bureaus May Combine to Put Them to Rest.

Several different forces, commercial, charitable and municipal, have combined to wage a war of extermination against tramps. To that end a conference was recently held in Philadelphia, reports the Brooklyn Eagle. Representatives of the United Charity Organization societies and of the great railroads of the country met there and outlined a plan of campaign which should rid the country of the long-standing reproach of mendicancy and trampdom.

So the tramp is sounding. Men tramps, women tramps, girl tramps and boy tramps are to go, never to return. System and cooperative governmental science is to make an end of the "wags" and the "pater men," the "laytons" and "panhandlers," the "poppers," "throwouts" and "blockers." The railroads, acting in conjunction with the mendicancy police forces in the cities, which are under the control of the organized charity associations, are going to close the lines of communication. Tramps will not be able to move about. They will be kept under the eye and control of the charity organization societies and the police in the big cities. As they drift in from the smaller towns and the "roads," where they have been begging and plying, insulting and frightening women and children, and committing all sorts of small crimes and depredations, they will be gathered up by the police and the charity society organization working together.

Remarkable Missile.

The Austrian torpedo factory, at Piuma, has produced a slender missile, 23 feet in length, which can be discharged accurately a distance of 3,500 yards.