

BOLKSONE OF THE STARS.

Unlacky Boroscopes. The Edds says that originally all the cars were sparks of fire from Muspells-Adoller Rem of folklore ascribes continental peasantry, who speak of "the A Man Eater with 149 Known

In the case and importance is attached to sale appearance of the phooting stars, in by cone years so much superstitious awe

also call it "the authorance of shooting 12; October, 12; November, 10; December, " "The chemical analysis," writes 19 1892—January, 14; February, 21; March, to these sixty were children under ten pacular materia which envelopes the eggs d the from! It was also a widespread nodon that shooting stars predicted atmontheric disturbances a piece of weath-

New York and other important places in the course of years the colonies. In 1753 Benjamin Franklin have because associated with the stars was appointed deputy postmaster general in his "Northern Mythology," who says: system was greatly improved. The first Old make and managers, according to the mail coach ran once a week between Phila-North Filians, are curiously employed delphia, a stage wagon starting from each After death. As soon as the sun is sunk city Monday morning and reaching its below the horizon the old maids must cut destination by Saturday night. In 1759 the stars out of it, which the old bachelors constitution of the United States conferred during the night must blow up in the east, upon congress the exclusive control of old pattering merrily along on their woodgoing all the time up or down a ladder." postal matters for all the states. The post- en clogs, flowers in their hair, and carry-And then if course there was the favoroffice department was one of the first or
ing fat, jolly, dark eyed babies on their
the astrological doctrine which asserted ganized, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, from backs in a fold of their "kimono," as the the mandant events are more or less in- which we quote. Lucrett by the stars. Hence it was said than a shild bern under the sign of the hea would be courageous, but one born

seried to a ridiculous height in his day. The Little Finger of Statesmen.

length and importance of this Brown, says. Mrs. St. Hill, 'is probably the most important sign in a statesman's hand. I think there is no great need to make the there in importance in the there is no great need to make the there is in importance in the there is no seed the there is no seed to the the there is no seed to the the there is no seed to the the there is no seed to the the there is no seed to the there is n it may be said without hesitation that in importance in any line of life-without a long and straight little finger. By this we discover the ability of our subject-not the amount of talent—that is dependent on the length and direction of the head line-

but the power to use it.

The type of finger, whether spatulate, nointed or very rarely square, only caused the capacity to be directed into very different channels; with the long, spatulate litbein that flew about the sir at random the finger the management of business will the gods assigned them seats and or- result, while the long pointed denotes tack and the management of people." This inturn to trimming of the deed is the finger of "wheedle," The old the and affirms that they are like saying 'to turn people around your little there is "Nostar so bright but saying "to turn people around jour saying to turn people around jour saying "to turn people around jour saying to turn people around tring itself somewhere," with which may and in the case of the long pointed Mer-

A Man Eater with 149 Known Victims. The panther has always been distinguished for its cunning and bloodthirsty ferocity; and unrivaled in these respects h the record of the "Arani Lalger man Tax reside to them that on seeing them per- enter" killed this year in India. This ani-To the generous girl, says Grimm, who victims near villages, concealed in a tree, and was eventually killed after consider-able difficulty by a party of sportamen-beating with a line of eighteen elephants. is talling is tulfilled." In Corn- It took, however, several shots to kill him, well dies in a curious piece of folklore and he received eight wounds bel to sucrelating to shooting stars. It seems that a cumbing. Some idea may be formed of muchaginous substance is found on the the taste for human blood exhibited by damp ground near the granite quarries of this reline scourge. In 1890 be killed eight Penryn which is often very phosphorescent people; during 1891 and 1892 he was resultat night The country people regard this ed with the following: 1801-January: \$: 15 the latter of execting stars.

February, 2; March, 6; April, 1; May, 7;

It is section that the Beiglan peasants June, 6; July, 7; August, 14; September,

The First United States Postsilies. In the English colonies, which afterward became the United States, a postal system was projected as early as 1692, but owing to the thinness of the population it was not organized until 1710. By act of par-liament chief offices were established in

The Big Trees of California. In order to put a stop to the destruction under the crab would not go forth well in of the gigantic trees of California, which the whereas another born under the wa- have for the past few years been recklesely Shakespeare makes frequent allusion to of the interior has given negice that there has did nece of superstition, which was shall be no further entries of any lands upon which the sequoia gigantea is growing. It is estimated that many of these trees are thousands of years old, and that the palmistry who has examined it takes a thousand years for one to reach Mr. Gladstone's hand reports it as artistic maturity. They are therefore not merely ally beautiful, and showing wonderful to be regarded as so much timber, and conscity by the length of "the finger of those that are left should be carefully pre-Acres 1. that finger being, in plain Eng. served as one of the finest natural treasures in the fourth, or little finger. "The of our country.



IN JAPAN.

"The Land of the Rising Sun." "The Land

of Flowers," a Real Fairyland. Let us step upon the "wishing carpet" of imagination and for a little while transport ourselves there. We will walk in the streets of fragile houses, made of thick, tough paper stretched on a frame of polished woodwork and carpeted with soft white matting; peer into the queer little shops where everything that is sold is so tiny, except the giant shrimps and radishes, and nod and smile to the pretty, laughing girls in the teahouses, with their black hair elaborately arranged and ruck full of gay hairpins, and who in return bow till their brown foreheads touch the floor.

In the streets are the "jinrikshas" that take the place of cabe, only they are drawn by men, not horses, and among the crowd of people and jinrikshas run the delight-



ful chillren, who are treated with great consideration by every one and play about in the busiest streets, never receiving even a push or harsh word. What strange little figures they are! As soon as they reach the age of three they are dressed just like grownup people; they share all there parents' pursuits, either of business or of pleasure—children of five or six years wide sleeved, flowing robe is called.

Like their elders, even among the lowest class of coolies, on meeting an acquaintance they rafute him profoundly, bending gracefully almost to the ground. It is funny to see the children's quaint, grave, yet joyous manner as they softly exclaim, "Ohayo" or "Sayoriara" ("Welcome," or "I hope to ism, still in use on both sides of the Atlansee you soon again"), and in the evening tic, is a survival of a respectable English "O yasumi nasai" ("Condescend to take word. It is found occasionally in the

bahitikiti repum'). The children's games are graceful, but ample in literature is probably the followwould seem rather quiet and formal to ing, from Thomas Drant's translation of American young folks. One game is played Horace (1567): at the street corners in Tokio (the Japanese capital), in which a lot of tiny, black pated children stand in a ring and swing their MATO BURNIE OUR TEST OUT WATO BUG

theremyers. They intend to imitate the opening and closing of flawers, expending the circle at the word "opened" and contracting them at the word "shut," singing a happy listle song all the while:

> Openedi Openedi Which is the flower has opened? This later feeler line opened. You throught so, but now it is shut.

Which is the flavor that's shut?
'Tis the lotus flower that's folded. You thought so, but now it expands.

-Sir Edwin Arnold's "Seas and Lands." Some one has said that in all the Japaness games she has watched she has never cages, each with a canary bird in it. Imseen or heard an angry look or cross word mediately every one of the 5.040 birds or seen the children tease and quarrel among themselves. Every one is gentle plort to outsing his neighbor. They and friendly in the "Land of the Rising The children keep and carefully feed

large grasshoppers in cages made of split bamboo, and carp, so tame that they will garden pools. In one place the Japanese the birds grain and water, and the opbirds, fishror tortoises and setting them free day. into the woods or water. In the picture yeu see two Japanese girls putting some ittle creatures back into their native element, and a man who has just bought two birds from their peasant captor is letting them go from the bamboo cage to fly back to the flowery forest.

Ride sad Seek "There's a baby moon tonight." Cries out Flore in tones of glor. "It gives such a pretty light! Tim and Tiny, come and see!



Though it lives so far away. Tiny, do you think it knows We were naughty girls today?"

Tipy's cheeks grow rosy red. Then she cries triumphantly-Bending low her golden headshy moon, 'on tan't find mel'

"To Cotton To."

"To cotton to," meaning to like, to take to, to agree with, is often looked upon as a vulgarism, sometimes even as a modern Americanism. Bartlett includes it in his dictionary. But this common colloquialword. It is found occasionally in the

So feyneth he; things true and false So always mingleth he. That first with midst, and midst with last,

ELLI CHEST --

Thousands of Mirate Silds When the North German Lloyd steamer Herrmann unloaded on Saturday twenty large bundles shrouded in white gioth were carefully lifted from the hold and placed on the dock. From each bundle came a chorns of angry twitterings and chirpings and much fluttering of wings. The bundles were loaded on a truck and were taken to the store of a bird fancier in William street. There they were unloaded and the cloths removed. Each bundle contained 252 little wooden bird stretched his little yellow throat in an caroled and trilled as merrily as if they were looking out on green heath and a blue sky instead of a muddy highway half obscured by a drive of wet snow. feed from the hand, are kept in many of the Three men undertook the task of giving

> The canaries are of three grades the \$2,50 birds, the \$5 birds, and the \$10 birds. The ordinary birds are worth \$2.50. A large fine bird, or one of particularly handsome coloring, brings twice that price, while a distinguished vocalist will bring \$10. All the birds are males and singers. They come from Germany, where they are bred in large numbers. It is probable that all of the 5.000 birds will be sold within a few week more than 10,000 of these birds New York Sun.

> > A Kapparoo Boxer.

An exhibition of boxing of an unusual character has been secured by the management of the Royal aquarium. Professor Landerman, an Australian pugilist, will box a Kangaroo seven feet high. It is said that the kangaree boxes scientifically and hits harder than the ordinary pugilist. The exhibition appears to have been given in Melbourne and Sydney—the combatants being so severely mauled that some were in hospi- emperor and empress have accepted an tal for months afterward. Professor invitation to the festivities.—San Fran-Landerman and the kangareo came over cisco Argonant. from Australia in the Ormuz.

John L. Sullivan, although challenged, refused to fight, and Mme, Sarah Bernhardt was so amused and taken with the exhibition at the Criterion, Sydney, as to offer £1,000 for the animal.—Lon-

Advice to the Office Seekers.

We see no impropriety in making ap- delphia Record. plications for office on the part of all who desire it, but we believe there is a possibility of the thing being overdone. applications.

Elizabethan writers, but the earliest ex- tration he dispensed the public patronage through the members of the senate and the house.

by the delegation to congress, and we do phia Times.

letter of amilication for public office.-Atlanta Constitution

not think that he will ever see or means

A Grewsome Relic. The scaffold upon which John Brown was hanged in Harper Ferry has arrived at Washington for shipment to the World's fair. The timbers are in a a plain, substantial affair, which would the fight ended. There was no referee and attract little attention apart from its history. The timbers are evidently pine, although they have been painted over at some later period to preserve them. The two uprights are big beams six inches square, and the crossbar is in proportion. Even the screws with which it was put together have been preserved. have a custom of buying small captive eration consumed the major part of a John Brown was hanged on Dec. 2. 1859. -Boston Journal.

Wanted to See His Wife.

Alliterative Rufus Reed is in the Cumberland county jail, and how he happened to be there is funny enough. Rufus' wife, Lizzie Reed, was arrested and sent to jail on Tuesday for drunkenness. Rufus endured the cruel separation for a few days, then filled up and went down to the jail to see Lizzie. He created a great scene at the jail and weeks. This is the busy time in the after a mighty struggle was jammed into canary market, and within the past a cell. He was brought before the police UNISTMAS court the next day in a battered conhave arrived classed as live stock .- | dition, and will get out of jail at about the time that Lizzie comes forth.—Lewiston Journal.

> They Desire No Presents. The king of Italy has issued a proclamation, stating that it is the wish of the queen and himself that no money For introduction, quarts, 80 cents; pints 45c. should be spent on presents for them in O her brands of CALIFORNIA WINES honor of their silver wedding day, but 35c, per Bottle. We bottle only the oldest that any money collected should be and best. MATTHEWS & SERVIS. devoted to charity. The king and queen will celebrate their silver wedding on April 22, 1893. The German

Eighty Elopes with Fifteen. Ezekiel Morrow, eighty years old, passed through Evergreen, Ala., with a girl of fifteen he claims as his wife. They were eloping, they said, from his home near here to Texas because Mr. Morrow's children and grandchildren objected to the marriage.—Cor. Phila-

A Strange Wild Animal. A queer wild animal was killed in an None of these petitions will be consid- Indiana town a short time ago. Acered until after March 4. Therefore cording to reports, it seemed to be a cross there is plenty of time in which to make between a badger and a ground hog, with a white face, powerful legs and During Mr. Cleveland's last adminis- claws, and a long pointed nose.

An Echo of the Football Season. There is one doctor in Philadelphia If he pursues his former policy he will, who has on his list thirty cases of injury as a general thing, appoint to office from at football, and they are nearly all cases this state such men as are recommended requiring surgical treatment.—Philadel-

Pell Fifteen Stories. CHICAGO, Dec. M.—Charles Chanter, a botanisk, who was sugaged in the horticultural department at the Water fair, met a horrible death in the Masonic temple. He fell from the fifteenth story to the basement, his body being mangled almost beyond recognition.

McAuliffe Untboxes Myer. the World's fair. The timbers are in a CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Billy Myer and Jack good state of preservation, though they McAuliffe boxed six rounds at the Second have served the purposes of a porch to regiment armory. McAuliffe showed his the residence of a son of the man who superiority in every round, and had his built the scaffold. The gallows itself is antagonist completely at his mercy when

no decision.

THE HARVEST OF THE SEA.

The deep see lies dreaming by the shore And up the rugged grassy steep The fisher folk-bring home once more Their harvest gathered from the deep. Like ripened plains at summer tide. Their corn fields are the waters wise.

For wife and home and nestling child, They travail on the trackless sea. The smile that is at parting smiled May be a life's last memory The accents of a farewell word May be the latest ever heard.

When on the new of life I sail. With weary longings and regret, If all my countless efforts fail I must not fail to cast my net. Waiting till One perchance comes nigh To show me where the fishes lie. -Arthur L. Salmon in Good Words.

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