

An advertisement that appeared one day in the Morning Post inform ed an interested world that Mrs Mandeville-Jones required a governess for her younger daughter, aged thirteen, with the mention of a salary identical with the wages that Mrs. Mandeville-Jones paid her under-housemaid.

Reggie Fulwarton, who knows everybody, spotted the advertisement at once, and, in the smoking room of the Hookah Club, called the attention of one of his pals to its seductive offers.

"What! You don't know Mrs. Mandeville-Jones? Why, old Jones was proprietor of some patent medicine or other. Regular old bounder And she's too awful for words! But he's safely planted underneath the daisies, while she's got a house in Berkeley Square and plenty of the needful! So there you are!"

"I see. Then it isn't going to be much of a picnic for the girl who un dertakes the 'Jane Eyre' job in her establishment, I take it?"

"She'd had a far better time as a lodging house slavey'"

Nevertheless Mrs. Mandeville-Jones had plenty of answers to her advertisement from applicants to possibly account for the curious undertake the education of Miss wording of the message As soon as Irene Mandeville-Jones at £18 a year.

Among the rest was a dark girl of about twenty, very simply dressed in mourning, whose appearance attracted the mamma of Miss Irene, because she looked meek and snubbable, and was neither too good looking nor too wel' dressed for a "governess person."

Mrs. Mandeville-Jones elicited the fact that her name was Una Ca rew; that her father, who had been rector of a remote Cornish village, had lately died, leaving her motheand herself very badly of and that she had decided to take a situation. as governess, while her mother went to live with her brother in the north of England, who could not take both of them in.

"And you have references?" inquired Mrs. Mandeville-Jones.

"I have a letter from Lady Chedgrave," said Una, timidly, handing it to the lady as she spoke.

"Lady Chedgrave!" said Mrs. Mandeville-Jones, suspiciously. "f thought the present earl was widower!"

"This is from the Dowager Lady Chedgrave," explained Una, hastily

who was writing letters in the club's) father. smoking room, overheard the follow-

the butler announced:

might say or do next.

"The Earl of Chedgrave'"

Now his lordship was a well-

"Una, my dear," he began,' "how

d'ye do? Come and kiss me' Lang-

"But, father, she has refused

"Refused you? Then, by gad, sii,

ing conversation: "Fact, I assure you, dear boy seriously to wonder whether by any chance she cared for some one ene Spend all my time makin' eyes at when the door was thrown open and her, don't you know; and don't get a

bit forrader!" Fulwarton looked up. "Oh, the 'Balmy Bounder' relating his conquests! Rough on the girl, anyway''' he said to himself.

"Why don't you try her with gloves?"

"Just what I did! Hanged if she didn't tell me she had plenty of her ley, you infernal young scoundrel, own, and didn't want any of mine'"

what are you doing here, sir? What's "Gad! You should have seen the way she blazed up! Thought she was going to hit me over the head that you are making an offer of marriage to Miss Carew? You dare to with her parasol! Hang it all, she needn't give herself such airs, if her tell me that to my very face?" name is Una Carew! She's only a governess, after all!"

At this last remark Reggie turned she is a sensible girl' She evidently round so suddenly that the whiskyknows you are a worthless young and-soda at his elbow went flying on to the floor, some of its contents her a year ago'" reaching the armchair which contained Mr. Mandeville-Jones. me then, too'"

"Hullo! Infernally clumsy of me!" said Reggie, without putting much apology into his voice Then, turning to the walter, he added "Just get a cloth and wipe this---

gentleman down, and then get me a foreign telegraph form'"

The telegram that Fulwarton wrote was addressed to Lord Lang ley at a hotel in Paris, and contained only two words "Wanted Run" The fact that Lord Langley had been Fulwarton's fag at Eton may Langley arrived in London he went straight to Fulwarton's chambers



ruin his prospects in the eyes of his

Odd Bits of Rock Which Puzzles the Lower Animals' Lives More Uniform Lord Langley was just beginning

Scientists.

A CURIOUS BOULDER.

In the mysterious Ice Age, when were brought from the regions of lives in being far more uniform known character, and the chief thing the St. Lawrence and the Great for which he was famous was that Lakes and left far from their place ages between infancy and senility Ohio and Mississippi Valleys.

One of these rocks, states an offi- age, unless killed by violence. cial of the Geological Survey, is parfool, or you would have proposed to position shows that it was of vol- among animals.

Empress Eugenie's Gift.

tle, which is delightfully situated on fool and the young fool Which will the shore of Lake Constance in the harp, Queen Hortense's harpslehord

> Origin of "Cub." Infant lions and bears are now

generally spoken of as "cubs," but tion of the English Bible from Wythe young of the lion or hear A only a young fox. But by Shakespeare's time it was possible to talk

"cub" to a young whale, now known change as a 'calf'' Panama's Death Rate. In 1882, the second year of the

tary precautions

An Optical Illusion. When anyone with normal eye- ferring leprosy bacilli

LONGEVITY OF WILD BEASTS.

Than Ours.

One of the Smithsonian scientists great glaciers advanced from the calls attention to the fact that the North over the northern part of the duration of the lives of the lower United States, many strange rocks animals differ from that of men's While human beings die at all

no one ever had any idea what he of origin, scattered among the hills among the lower animals, on the and plains of New England and the contrary, all individuals of the same species live to very nearly the same

Some examples of remarkable ticularly interesting and curious. It logevity among animals may be cited that? Do I understand you to say is not more than a foot and a half in For instance, there is the story of diameter, but it is plainly a relic of the elephant Ajax. which Alexander glacial times, and nobody can tell captured at his victory over Porus with certainty whence it came. The conqueror affixed an inscription There is no rock resembling it with- to the animal and set it at liberty in hundreds of miles The supposi- Three hundred and fifty years later tion is that the ice carried it from a Ajax is said to have been found still point north of Lake Huron to the living But little dependence can be place where is was found. Its com- placed on most stories of long life

Where to Live Long.

A German statistician has made a The Empress Eugenie has given to careful investigation to discover in the Swiss canton of Thurgau the which countries the greatest age is castle of Arenenberg, where Napo, attained The German empire, with earth at some past epoch in its his-Poor l'na was thoroughly puzzled leon III passed several years of his 55,000,000 population, has but sevyouth Queen Hortense, on the fail, ents-eight subjects who are more of the first Empire, fied to Switzer- ; than 100 years old France, with land, and in 1817 purchased the cas- [fewer than 40,000,000, has 213 persons who have passed their hundred birthday England has 146, Scotland 46, Denmark 2, Belgium 5, Sweden 10, and Norway, with 2,-600,000 inhabitants, 23 Switzerland does not boast a centenarlan, but Spain, with about 18,000,-(100 population has 410. The most and beside it will stand the drying aniaring figures come from that curboard, lined with some quickly troublesome and turbulent region known as the Balkan Peninsula and fed with a highly dessicated Servia has 573 persons who are air from which, almost in a momore than 100 years old Roumania ment, the bather will emerge dried, clif's time to 1611 gives "whelp" for 1 084, and Bulgaria 3,883 in other and with a skin gently stimulated. words, Bulgaria has a centenarian to and perhaps electrified, to clothe "cub' meant originally, in English, every 1000 inhabitants, and thus himself quickly and pass down the holds the international record for lift to his breakfast, which he will old people in 1892 alone there eat to the accompanie at of a sumof the "young suckling cubs" of a died in Bulgaria 350 persons who many of the morning s news read out she bear, and Waller even applied had exceeded the century $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{X}^{+}}$ for the benefit of the family, or

Increase of Leprosy.

Leprosy is increasing in both North and South America Colum-French occupancy of Panama, says bia where there were only 400 lepers excitement You were good enough Country Life in America, the death forty years ago, is said to have 40,rate was 112 per 1,000, and the 000 now, and many find their way French had a force of only 1,900 into the United States. Such a medimen In August, 1905, the second cal authority as Dr. Ashmead, who year of our occupancy, in a force of was formerly chief medical adviser 12,000 men there were eight deaths, to the Government of Japan, says whom hitherto you have intrusted or two-thirds of a man to every the increase is alarming When leprosy is brought into a new country it down from 112 to 5 by vigilant sani- | takes fifty years for the seeds to take root and it becomes epidemic after some 200 years It has been shown

Eggs a Hundred Years Old.

ago in Cirencester, Gloucesershire, a

the heart of the trunk The sap rings

elaused since the eggs were laid, and

it was obvious that the hollow had

closed automatically The eggs were

Supplied With Snuff.

London Express, that a generous

country supplies members of the

House of Commons with gratultous

snuff "Formerly," the Express says,

"snuff was described in the estimates

It is not generally known, says the

that mosquitos are active in traps-

Peculiar Combinations Produced by

ARTIFICIAL BUTTERFLIES.

Tampering With Nature. Recent experiments by Government scientists in the application of both heat and cold to the eggs, larvae and pupae of butterflies have produced some interesting results.

In this manner specimens of some varieties of butterflies, have been made to imitate, in color and form, other varieties found in nature. The application of heat causes a hastening of growth and development Variations of moisture and dryness also produce perceptible effects on the growth and markings of the insects.

The general result of the experiments goes to show that by the application of artificial condtions of temperature some of the natural forms peculiar to certain seasons or to certain localities may be imitated. and forms may also be produced that occur only in exceptional cases and from time to time in nature.

Moreover, through this method of cultivation forms of butterflies can be produced which do not at present occur in nature, but which, it is thought, may have existed upon the tor; or may be destined to appear through the gradual unfolding of natural processes in the future.

Baths of the Future.

"The bath of the next century," says T Baron Russell in his book, 'A Hundred Years Hence,' "will lave the body speedily with oxygenated water delivered with a force that will render rubbing unnecessary. moving arangement of soft brushes, whispered into his ears by a talking machine '

London's Police Service.

Sixty per cent of the London police are on the night service, which they prefer to day service because there is less to do. One of their main duties at night is to see that doors and windows are barred and to notify the occupants of houses when they are not Nearly 26,000 doors and windows have been found open by them in one year

Neptune an Animal Artist.

On the face of the Culver Cliffs at Sandawn, Isle of Wight, the action of the waves has formed the realistic

Langley pleaded his cause. to ask him what he meant by drag-

canic origin "But I did, sir, and she refused "Better and better! Hanged if 1

don't marry the girl myself' Una, my dear, will you marry me?" by this new aspect of the old man,

"Now, look here, my dear, you have got to choose between the old you have? Don't mind saying that castle are the Empress Josephine's you prefer to have me as a father-inlaw, if that's how you feel about it and a camp bedstead of Napoleon Langley, you idiot, why don't you III kiss the girl, while I do the heavy father in the background?"

When this had been duly carried out, Langley, who was still lost in astonishment, remarked, "But [] in former times the word "whelps" thought, sir, you always said I must would have been used. Every edimarry an heiress?"

'So I did Because I knew what an infernally obstinate young fool you were' But I meant you all along to marry Una So now it is all settled'''

thrown open, and this time Mrs. Mandeville-Jones stalked in, and at once began.

"Pardon me, madam, for interrupting you'" said his lordship, who

was now fairly bubbling over with to write to me about my son's movements. Allow me to say that my son is quite capable of taking care of himself And in the future he will have the assistance of the lady to the education of your doubtless 1,000 We have sent the death rate charming daughter'"

A Poet's Color Blindness, It is well known that the poet Whittler was color blind, and una-

At this point the door was again

"My dear Lord Chedgrave -"

but he went briskly on

She lives in our village and known me all my life!"

The handwriting of a dowager countess did not fail to impress Mrs. Jones's mind, and she decided to engage Miss Carew as the instructress of her beloved Irene, who was a finely developed specimen of the genus "spoiled child."

Una Carew, who had always been used to being petted and made much of at home, found her life in the Berkeley square mansion anything but a bed of roses. The ostentation and vulgarity of the whole establishment and its occupants jarred upon her.

But unfortunately there was an other thing which preyed upon her mind. Nearly a year before her father's death, Lord Langley, the eldest son of the Earl of Chedgrave, whom she had known ever since they were boy and girl together, had come to her and asked her to marry him.

Now it is not the easiest thing in the world for a girl to refuse the heir to an earldom, even when he has nothing beyond his prospective coronet to recommend him. But if she happens to regard him as the dearest boy in the whole universe, whom she has adored ever since she was in short frocks, it makes it unusually difficult for her to say "No" to his ardent pleading.

But Una knew what a hot-tempered and eccentric old man Lord Chedgrave was; and though he had always been extremely kind to her, she knew he would never dream of accepting her as a daughter-in-law.

And so she had told her ardent suitor that she would never marry him. In consequence he had gone off to the Rockies in search of the grizzly. But poor Una, having got rid of her lover, with feminine perversity longed for him to come back; and when she saw a paragraph stating that Lord Langley was bringing "home an American heiress as his bride she began to lie awake at might wondering why the universe not run on a totally different Tien.

One day there appeared a new misfortune. Irene announced that her brother Bertle, aged twenty-two. was coming back from a protracted tour of the continent. And he proved to be very much the sort of little bounder that she had expected What Una had not anticipated, however, was that, finding a "doosi! Dretty girl" established under the maternal roof, he felt it his duty to start "spooning."

Now Una Carew was by no means so deficient in spirit as Mrs. Jones had imagined; and when Mr. Bertie began paying her somewhat exaggerated attentions she had no hesitation in snubbing him heartily.

Bertle himself was surprised and discusted to find that a mere govters was not prepared to accept him quite at his own valuation; and took connel with a bosom friend | knew how, to plead his suit.

ging him away from the Gay City with such a peremptory wire

"First of all, old chap, about that American heiress whom we have seen darkly hinted at in various papers?"

"A mere figment of the fertile journalistic imagination' I hope to Heaven you haven't dragged me all this way merely to hear me denv such an obvious 'duck' as that!"

"Not exactly! The text question is- What about Una Carew?" "My dear Reggie, after her fath-

er's death she went away somewhere as a governess. But all my efforts to trace her have failed'"

"And you are still ?" "You infernal idiot! Of course,

am still as you gracefully put it Only, as you know, she refused me'" "All right. Supposing I could tell you where she is?"

"You don't really mean it, Reggie!'

"Well, look here. You know the Mandeville-Jones lot?"

"I've heard of them." "Very well. That's where Una Ca-

rew is doing the .'Jane Eyre' turn! And the 'Balmy Bounder' himself is trying to introduce a little sunshine into her existence!"

The next day when Lord Langley called in Berkeley square and asked to see Miss Carew, the pompous butler informed him that she was walking in Hyde Park with Miss Irene. He jumped into a hansom and dashed off to see if he could find her there, but not before his card had been secured by the butler, who in due course laid it before Mrs. Jones. Now it so happened that a friend of the latter had caught sight of Irene, in the park, and bore her off to tea.

leaving Una Carew with the afternoon to herself. By a singular coincidence Mr

Bertie Jones happened to come upon her in a solitary portion of the park. and seized the opportunity of being more than usually pressing in his at tentions. Things had actually got to the stage when Una had begun to raise her voice in alarm, when Mr. Bertie Jones suddenly found himself seated in a freshly watered flower bed, while a particularly athleticlooking young gentleman tucked Una's trembling arm in his and marched her off in another direction Exactly what they said to each other need not be gone into too particularly here, but when she went back, late in the afternoon, Una felt a little happier.

Mr. Bertle, as she expected, observed a discreet silence about the park episode. But Mrs. Jones, inspired by the sight of Lord Langley's card, wrote a letter to Lord Chedgrave's town address warning him of his son's foolish conduct.

The next morning Lord Langley in spite of the protests of the butler insisted on seeing Miss Carew. He then proceeded, as eloquently as he

But Una was still firm in her refinal, being couvinced that it would persture was only 60 degrees.

ole to distinguish red from green. and suitable olive tint, and wore it once He never wore it again, for his friends soon made him aware that it offended against the traditional quietness of costume enjoined alike by the habits of the Friends and by his own taste. The tie was of

flaming scarlet On another occasion, when he

found a little girl in distress on account of a new gown, made over from her elder sister's, which was not becoming to her coloring and complexion, he tried to console her "I wouldn't mind what a rude boy says about it, Mary," he said, kindly "Thee looks very well indeed in it -like an oread, Mary, dressed all in

green." Unfortunately, Mary was not

and her dress was red; that was the trouble. Once, on a day in mid-March

when out walking with a Friend, and deeply engaged in conversation, lism. Mr. Whittier approached too near for safety to a place where blasting was going on. The danger signal was shown, but neither Friend noticed it, until a workman, violently waving his arms and shouting leaped natural rate of increase, one pair of "I didn't see the flag at all," said Mr. Whittier's companion.

"I saw it," repoined the poet, with a twinkle in his eye, "but I thought it was in honor of St. Patrick---thee knows my defect. I can't tell Erin from explosions, except by the harp.'

Club for Deaf Women. One of the most curious clubs on

record has recently been formed by society women in Berlin. The principal condition of membership is that the applicant must be deaf. The club has over 100 members, who meet regularly once a week in handsomely furnished rooms in the Wilhelmstrasse, where they converse by thought he had a grievance to which means of ear trumpets and sign language, and drink tea.

Planting Trees in Japan. At the birth of a Japanese baby a tree is planted, which must remain untouched until the marriage-day of the child. Then the tree is cut down, not carry a compass. The district and a skilled cabinet maker trans- abounds with the nests of the magforms the wood into furniture. couple as the most beautiful of all south

Weeds From the Nile. Three British explorers have made important discoveries as to the utiliof the Nile, and are confident of reviving the old Egyptian papyrus industries.

the ornaments of the house.

Great heat is evolved by all the plants when flowering. Arums in particular have been noticed to rise to 121 degrees when the air tem-

sight stands at right angles to a rav He once bought himself a necktle of sunlight it is easy to see floating which he supposed to be of a modest dust particles which are not discoverable with the aid of the strongest microscope What is seen by the un- bird's nest containing four eggs was aided eve is not the particle of solid discovered enclosed in a hollow near matter, but the cone of light reflected from it and occupying a much showed that nearly a century has greater space

Distribution of Population.

globe, 558 live in Asia, 242 in Eu- | Tit-Bits rope, 111 in Africa, 32 in America, 5 in Oceanica and the polar regions, and only 2 in Australia Asia contains more than one half of the total population of the earth, and Europe nearly one-fourth Exchange.

Effects of Altitude.

How Flies Multiply.

According to French and Swiss as such, but to ward off the objecphysicians, it is dangerous for eldtion aroused by improving habits the dressed in green She was red haired erly and weak persons to visit the charge of £200 a year was mixed up higher altitudes of the Alps They or covered in the estimates as 'lamp assert that for such persons to do so oil."

is to invite cerebral apoplexy, cardiac lesions and pulmonary embol-Earth's Hottest Region.

The hottest region on the earth's surface is on the southwestern coast of Persia, on the border of the Per-In all the larvae of the common sian guif. For forty consecutive days fly came to maturity and nothing in the months of July and August happened to cut down the maximum the mercury has been known to stand above 100 degrees in the before them and warned them back. the insects might multiply to 100,- shade, night and day, and to run as 00^.000, according to eminent sci- high as 130 degrees in the after-

Making Space Pay.

The Japanese do not like to spare the square feet a fence would take up. If a border around a field is necessary it is made of mulberry trees. the leaves of which are good for silk worms. It is said that 19,000 acres. that would otherwise be taken up with fences are used in this manner.

The largest and costliest building thus far undertaken in New York, the city of immense structures, is the magnificent \$10,000,000 Episcopal cathedral of St. John the Divine, now being erected on Morningside Heights. This will be the greatest sacred edifice in America, and the fourth in importance in the world.

Varities of Mosquitoes.

About 300 apecies of mosquitoes have been described, and it is estimated that 200 more exist. Giles recognizes only \$6 species in the whole of North America, but Florida

A deaf and dumb person who is fairly expert at finger language can speak about forty-three words a minute. In the same space of time a person in possession of his speech will probably speak 150 words.

180,000 depositors possessed \$12.-000,000 in 167 savings banks. There are now 1,400,000 depositors posand yst the ventilation is said to be sessing \$160,000,000 in more than 300 savings hanks.

outline of a bull. The figure covers the whole depths of the cliff from In felling a large tree some days summit to shore, but the tail is abbreviated by an impertinent pathway Sandown is proud of the phenomenon, and says that it should be officially preserved

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When the Pope Receives, People who are received by the

Pole must appear in full evening Of every 1,000 inhabitants of the intact, but slightly faded London dress, although the hour is usually at 11 o'clock in the morning The outer office looss dire that of a good New York lawyer A pleasant young secretary in secular garb meets the visitors All is very simple, not in the least awe inspiring Visitors must kneel and kiss the Pope's hand.

The Queen's Household.

One point in the Queen of Spain's future life seems to have escaped general notice She will have to itve under the same roof as her motherin-law, her sister-in-law, her auntin-law, her husband's brother-in-law and the three children of the King's dead sister, the eldest of them being heir to the throne

Sporting Standard.

To Professor Charles Frederick Holder, sportsman, naturalist, angler and author, is due the credit for the organization of the famous Tuna Club of Santa Catalina, whose influence has been such that nowhere in the world does a higher standard of sport prevail than on the fishing grounds of Southern California.

How Kaffirs Spend.

The British Consul General at Lourenco Marques, in a report to the British Foreign Office on the value of the Kaffir trade, mentions that the Kaffirs of that colony employed in the Transvaal spend of the wages they bring back with them every year \$2,500,000 in drink, and there are only about 50.000 of them.

In the Paris Salon.

St. Louis is favored by a place in the Paris salon through the efforts of Gustav Wolff, known in St. Louis as a sign painter and bill poster, but in Paris recognized as an able painter of landscapes, whose genius has been rewarded by the admission of two of his landscapes in the present Paris salon.

Famous Family.

Practically every inhabgant of the county of Letcher, Ky., containing 15,000, is related directly or indirectly to one family. This family is named Webb, descended from the famous Daniel Boone, and it has been famous in the county affairs for more than one hundred years.

Built from a Tree.

Among the curiosities of church architecture in America may be mentioned the fact that in Santa Ross. Cal., is a church with a seating capacity of 200, which is built entirely of timber sawed out of a single redwood tree.

Cardinal Device and the

Taxes in London. The taxpayers of Eastern London are complaining bitterly of the rigor

of their assessment. The case is zation of reeds on the upper reaches cited of a man who had his assessment raised because he erected a cucumber frame in his back garden.

> Porous Glass in France. In porous glass, which is made in France, the holes are so small that neither dust nor draught can enter, excellent.

Ants Acts as a Compass. In the tropical northern territory

netic, or meridian, ant. The longer which is considered by the young axes of these point due north and

of South Australia travellers need

closely written pages.

adapted to the platforms and these

entific authorities, in a single half noon. year of warm weather. Trams as Water Carts. In Milan they water the streets from the electric tram cars. On these watering cars reservoirs have been

reservoirs are emptied as the car runs by means of perforated tubes placed fan shape at the front and A Lengthy Explanation.

back of the car. One of the Labor party's members

of the new House of Commons lately received from a constituent who the Government should give atten-

tion a letter of no less than 1,700

alone claims 22 species.

With Sign Language.

Banks in Switzerland. Fifty years ago, in Switzerland,

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