

'SOLID GOLD' IN LAW.

Meaning of a Puzzling Term—Protection Against "Phoney" Jewelry.

The term "solid gold" has been the cause of much discussion on the part of manufacturers of gold articles and of much misapprehension on the part of the public for some time past, and the recent law fixing the commercial definition of the phrase is welcomed on all sides.

PASSING THE RUSSIAN CUSTOMS.

Many Officials and Porters to Examine Baggage—Getting Passports.

The ordeal of the Russian customs can only be described as fearful and wonderful from any point of view. A score of officials and twice as many special porters, writes a correspondent of the London Evening Standard went systematically through every piece of baggage, large or small, of every passenger.

MANUFACTURING VENEER

An Exceptionally Interesting Industry in Lumber Centers.

How veneer is manufactured is a mystery to the majority of people. The industry is not only one of the chief occupations of Mattoon, Wis., but an exceptionally interesting one also.

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PRESENTATION TO THE KING.

Explanation Why This Honor Is so Eagerly Sought.

The average American finds it difficult to understand why there should be such a keen desire on the part of English people to be presented at Court. To the uninitiated, the mere honor or pleasure—however you may like to regard it—of making a curtsy to the King and Queen in the ballroom of Buckingham Palace scarcely compensates one for the expense and trouble involved.

A HUSTLING COTTON TREE.

One Grew 7 Feet in a Month—Another 15 Feet in Three Months.

For general hustle in getting up in the world the Caravonica cotton tree is a wonder, says Woodruff. So at least one would suppose from the reports of its growth that arrive from what may fairly be assumed as authoritative sources of information.

Was It Aluminum.

An Incident in Roman history, well authenticated, would seem to indicate that aluminum, instead of being new, may be only another new discovery of an old process.

It is related by Pliny that during the reign of the Emperor Tiberius a certain worker in metals appeared at the palace, and showed a beautiful cup made of a brilliant white metal that shone like silver. In presenting it to the Emperor, the artificer purposely dropped it. The goblet was so bruised by the fall that it seemed hopelessly injured, but the workman took his hammer, and in the presence of the court speedily repaired the damage. It was evident that the metal was not silver, although almost as brilliant as it was more durable and much lighter.

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To Starch Napkins. A good laundress never allows her napkins to be too stiff. They are glossy and just stiff enough, and this is how it is done; after washing them she dries them, in the air if possible.

Things Under Lock and Key

"Those are diaries," said the smith, "that I am going to put locks and keys on. They belong to a rich old maid. She fills two volumes of that size annually, and along in November the two volumes for the coming year are sent to me. I have made all her diaries lock fast since '82."

Rapid Rise to Fame.

Ben Vanasek, who five years ago sold newspapers on the streets of Milwaukee and played a cornet in a newsboy's band, has been awarded the grand prize for cornet playing by the National Conservatory of Music at Paris.

Approaching the Czar.

Supposing one of the Czar's Ministers demands an extra interview and it does not please his Majesty to grant it, Peter Katoff, valet and trusted friend of three successive Russian Emperors, is sent to announce the fact that his Majesty is tired.

Sultan's Ragged Soldiers.

The Sultan's army suggests a regular country circus. Every Friday one may see a sample of these monkeylike soldiers at the parade of the Selamlis which takes place on the Kasbah square at 11 a. m. A battalion marches past in double column and salutes the Governor, who goes from his palace to the mosque.

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