The Wonderful Tricks Which Are Performed by Hindoo Magicians.

The last issue of the Journal of the Anthropological Society of Bombay contains a curious paper by Mr. Rehatsek on twenty of the branches of Eastern magic, all of which are in vogue at the present time. The first of these is the " Arcana of letters and of names, "by which letters and figures are combined into magic squares, incantations, &z. These derive their power from the " arbitrary use of them made by the spirits governing the natural world, in such a way that the ninety nine beautiful names of God, and other divine words, formed of letters containing the Arcana, which pass into material substances, intercede." The magician, of course, is the sole interpreter of the uses and significances of the combinations. Alchemy comes next, and is followed by astrology, the most popular of all the Eastern occult sciences. It is practised on all occasions, to discover thefts, to foretell the result of a journey, the future of an infant, & z. Another popular practice is soothsaying from the sacred books by opening one at random and placing the finger on a line. This is almost the only one of the sciences which costs nothing and which every one can practise.

The selection of days is a subordinate branch of astrology, and is employed to ascertain what days are lucky or unlucky for the commencement of certain enterprises, the wearing of new clothes, and the like. Divination and the interpretation of dreams are common everywhere. Summoning and sabjugating demons is the most fearful of | Drawing the Line at "Rid-Hidded" Beaux the magical sciences. There are two kinds -one dangerous, and embracing unlawful magic, the other religious, and consisting mainly in confining demons in flame, so that they are compelled to obey the commands of the magician. Geomancy is practised by means of dots made with a pencil and arranged in complicated combinations so that

they answer questions. The art of invisibility appears to be only known by name to Mr. Rehatsek, for he does not describe it. Jefr is a science which is known only to one family; it is defined as "the general science concerning the Tables of the Eternal Decree and of Predestination,' and enables adepts to know all that has happened, is happening or will happen in the most remote future. Palmistry, phylacteries, physiognomies and prayers explain themselves; phantasms is the name given to the art of producing images in the air by incantations, aided usually by drugs and fumigations; while predicting from the past is exercised by studying the occult analogies between the past and future. Sorcery is the term applied to all the phenomena produced by magicians, and popularly attributed to supernatural powers. It is divided into lawful or divine and satanic or black magic, the latter owing its power to evil spirits. The last of the magical sciences is soothsaying from trembling, by which the future is known from the involuntary movements of the body, a particular star controlling each particular part of the human frame.

### Do not be Afraid to Ask.

Many a young Christian-even if no longer actually young in years-needs spiritual advice occasionally, and is reluctant to ask for it, says the "Congregationalist." The minister is friendly, and undoubtedly would be glad to give the desired aid, but he is believed to be much engrossed with his spiritual duties, or in meeting the pressing wants of others. The older Church members are also very kind and cordial. But some of them are constituted so differently by nature, or ere situated in life so differently, that they hardly can be expected to enter | tendency, act promptly. Go to your druginto the case understandingly; and the others are as busy as the pastor, and are supposed to be in the habit of referring inflammation of the delicate lung-tissues. It ienced but anxious Christian hesitates, delays, and finally goes without the help he needs; and either he gets into trouble which he might have been shown how to avoid, or else he escapes it by his own endeavors, but at the cost of very wearying and unnecessary anxiety and labor. If you are in his case, do not be afraid to ask for the help which you desire. Do not delay, but apply for it at once. Either the pastor or some other Christian friend, whom you know to possess good sense and experience, will give it to you gladly. The interview will be enjoyable and it will be worth more than you expect of it. The help that you especially see I will be given you, if possible, and also relations of a more or less confidential character and thoroughly desightful and useful nature will be established between you and the friend whom you accost. A mutual interest in each other's religious history and welfare will be created, which will continue and will be full of blessing.

### Large Barometers.

The mercury barometer, with a tube about three feet long, was devised by Torricelli about 1643. In Pascal's experiments directly afterward, various liquids were tried in tubes of different lengths and sizes, the chief of these barometers being mounted at Rouen in 1646, and having a tube 46 feet long filled with a mixture of water and wine. Notwithstanding their delicacy, few of these large instruments have been made on account of the difficulty of construction. Among the more important are the water barometer of the London Royal Society, mounted by Prof. Daniell in 1830; the glycerine barometer at Kew observatory, mounted in 1870; and the glycerine barometer of Mr. Zophar Mills. mounted in his house in New York in 1886. A barometer just placed in St. James' Tower, Paris, has a tube 411 feet long and 1 inch in diameter, and is filled with water covered with a layer of oil to prevent evaporation.

### An Exchange of Remarks.

"I wonder why the gas doesn't go out," he said significantly as he edged a little closer on the sofa.

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Her eyes they are the bluest, They'd shame the very sky; Her cheeks are wind-blown roses Through which the June winds sigh ; Her hair is tangled sunbeams, Her mouth too sweet by half. And I would give the world to-night To hear my baby's laugh.

Last night I dreamed I saw her ; Her face was radiant, fair, But when I tried to clasp her She vanished into air; Her laugh was just as merry As from her lips it fell, But alas her golden ringlets Were crowned with asphodel.

I know 'twas but a vision, A freak of fancy's flight, My babe in peace reposes By its mother's side to-night. But drearily moans the night-wind, Dismally falls the rain, I would give the world to kiss My baby's cheek again.

EUGENE CLAY FERGUSON.

Maid-" Oi kim ter give yees warnin,' mim : Ol'm gointer lava yees this day week." Mistress-- Why, what's the matter,

Maid-"Ther cook has a new beau, mim." Mistress-" I cannot see why you should leave me on that account."

Maid-" Oi don't like him, mim." Mistress-"Why not? What has he said?" Maid-"Nawthin, mim; but he's bad

Mistress-"Bad luck !" Maid-Yis, mim, ; he's rid-hidded an' that cork-eyed he can see in both his ears ter wunst.

### A Dish of New P's.

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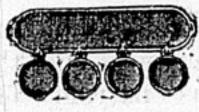
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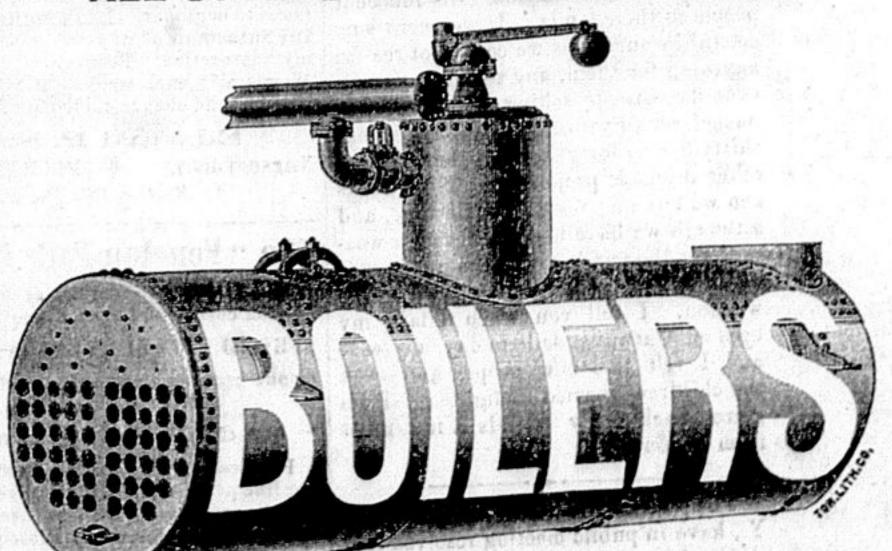
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