How the Sloux Brave Wins a Wife.

There are two characteristic methods of Sioux courtship commonly practiced, though it must be admitted that with the gradual education of the young men and women in toned. the schools, there is an apparent tendency to ape the ways of their white brothers and eisters, and to consume the fuel of their parents in the pursuance of their love-making; but with those from whose natures it seems impossible to eradicate the traits of their forefathers, the customs followed by sheir ancestors are still comme il faut, and

to these they stubbornly adhere. Ration day is seized upon by these "true Indians" for love-making, and the sport of it is as heartily enjoyed by the old as by the young. When a brave finds upon the agency grounds the maiden of his choice, he manifests his preference for her by taking the blanket from his shoulders and stretching it out before him, rushing at her with the intention of throwing it over her head and shoulders. If the brave doesn't succeed in capturing the girl at the first attempt he tries again, and persists in his efforts until he is satisfied by her actions that his snit is not approved. If his advances are favored the maiden, after a brief period of coquetry, allows the blanket to settle over her head, and thus enveloped she listens as well as she can to a verbal accounting of his deeds of prowess as a hunter, of his possessions in ponies and skins, and to the low chanting of a song in which he pledges his love eternally.

THE SIGN OF FAVOR.

etill willing to become his squaw, she tells | that they seem smitten of a palsy. him so. The blanket is removed from her shoulders, and together they go to the maiden's parents, or, if they are dead, to her nearest relative, to whom they declare their | not in mere substitutes of this kind that we | desire. The match is speedily sanctioned, must hope to find domestic safety. There of three military and three technical exand when they leave the agency the bride is no fear of the human race perishing of carries on her shoulders a portion of her cold yet awhile, so long as the tides rise husband's rations.

winning a wife than in the custom of woo- conservation of energy tells us that the board in London or at Bombay, Calcutta, or ing with the aid of a flute. Such a court- natural tendency of all forms of energy is Allahabad. As a guarantee of good faith ship as this must be carried on in the spring to become that particular kind of energy on the part of the competitor as regards eswhen the sap is running in the trees, for only | which we know as heat; and it is upon this | timated cost, he will, if recommended for a at that time can the wooer make his tune- fact that our future heating systems must ful instrument.

sult piece of work. A section of willow or done upon our globe is directly traceable to the same proportion of the other half as any other wood with a smooth bark is the berign influence of the sun. Hitherto represents the proportion by which he may chosen. It must be about fifteen inches long our chief source of energy, as well as of and half an inch in diameter. With a smooth artificial heat, has been the stores of coal in the cart. It is left to the jury to ascertain stick this piece of wood is vigorously rubbed | which are actually packed away the sun- | by tender in the open market, or by such until the bark has been loosened on the wood. | beams of past ages, ready to be liberated on It is then twisted off. A row of holes is cut our hearths and to move our steam engines. through the bark, and it is, when completed, | They are giving out; and all we need to do exactly like a fife, though less thrilling in | is to begin to utilise the vast amount of en-

night for his love-making. When the condi- One of the simplest forms in which we tions are favorable he locates himself a see this energy doing work around us is which make the use of interchangeable short distance from the tepee in which the in the raising up of water by evaporaobject of his affection is sleeping and blows | tion from the oceans. This water comes an impromptu composition.

the attention of the people in the village, drawing it up to the clouds. From time who gather around the ardent swain and immemorial water-wheels have driven corn indulge in good natured badinage at his | mills ; it seems that in the immediate future expense. If he is a true lover and a desirable | they will have to do all the work of the man for a husband he will continue his world besides lighting and heating our playing, indifferent to the presence of his houses. This can be effected by means tormentors.

WHERE PAPA COMES IN.

The test sometimes lasts two hours before the father of the maiden who is thus being wooed issues from the tepee and ascertains who the serenader is. He reports to his Aaughter, and, it she approves the suitor, she goes forth to meet him and leads him to her tepee for the sanction of her parents. If she doesn't approve the man she tells her father to dismiss him, which he does, and the unsuccessful lover disconsolately pockets his flute and leaves, followed by the jeers of the crowd.

. It not infrequently occurs that the lovemaker is unable to keep his temper while the crowd is rallying him. He sometimes even throws down his flute and attacks his persecutors. Such a manifestation is considered an evidence of bad taste and indicating a defect in the wooer's character. It is useless for the unfortunate fellow to press his suit further after such a breach of etiquette.

Sioux parents of a marriageable daughter use a good deal of diplomacy in disposing of her hand in marriage. They are always ambitious to find a husband who has considerable wealth, for according to tribal law, they are entitled to a certain portion of the possessions of the son in-law. It sometimes happens that the hand of the same maiden is sought by several braves. When this is the case, the will of the father rises superior to that of the daughter, and she is compelled to consider his choice, which he does not make until he has excited a lively bidding among them for his daughter's favors. Needless to say, she usually goes to the man who has the greatest amount of property to share with her father.

under it. Our lunatic asylums are filling upon it, or the peasant kneeling in up at a frightful rate; women, who should be plump and rosy, are pale and emaciated; school children, instead of being joyous, active, vigorous, are debilitated, overworked and unhappy; business men have become engines of perpetual worry and victims of insomnia; social life has become a nerve disordering whirl of excitement; New England graveyards. I remember one cities are clamorous with the distractions which ran like this; of railroads, traffic, manufacture, and all bustling affairs that destroy repose and murder quiet. Everything is at high pressure. Headlong, mad activity has become the law of circumstances. Health, peace, happiness, and the prospect of a serene old age are bartered at ruinous rates of discount for swift coming fortune. Society seems to be keeping pace to a sort of devil's tattoo, and out of all this reckless squandering of vital energies something with the dreadful name, neurasthenia, has come upon mankind, a name under which are classified an endless array of nervous ills proceeding from all sorts of causes and terminating in premature death, insanity, paralysis, anything, everything that is frightful to contemplate. The fact is this age is the most extraordinary erraticism. We weary with earth before we have fairly fundamentally are in sympathy with us in will mail TRIAL BOTTLE anugly tucked in ed and fast asleep. We crousers have become burnooses ; hats, tur- Toronto.

of themselves. We eat the wrong things zation has been left behind, and in five and at the wrong times. We smoke to excess, little hours, hardly more than one might we drink to excess. We spend too much pass at an opera, our ship has borne us backenough exercise to keep the muscles in good turies. It is dreamy, weird, fantastic, and order, the limbs strong, the nerves well the doctor even thought he smelled brim-

should not do, and very little that we been requested upon the programme to fancy should. Yet the good natured doctor says a lapse of five years between the acts, and we need not despair if we will let drugs we have accomplished it, but never have alone and learn to behave ourselves. The we experienced the sensation of so suddenly things to do are simple enough ; take reg- parting with five centuries. There is ular and sufficient sleep; eat simple and much, of course, to remind us nutritive food; breathe in plenty of fresh, our epoch-the villas, the flags, the pure air; do lots of outdoor exercise, hoe steamer, ourselves-but it is far too little to in the garden if you have one, or use a disturb the illusion-we and the rest are gymnasim, home made or public; do not merely anachronisms, incongruous and out be indiscreet in the use of cold water; some of place. The city is an absurd relic of people suffer more harm than others derive mediaval life, and it is difficult to take it even if it takes all your time to cultivate day life, but little changed from what it patience; let your mind be engaged with was one thousand jears ago -for notwithwholesome thoughts, and keep it from fret- standing its close proximity to the advancting; and, again, beware of drugs. And ing civilization of Europe, with the indolent then this good doctor says : "The cure of contentment of the degenerate Moslem-it even serious cases may be hoped for by fol- has not only declined to be influenced therelowing the hints we have given above; a by, but, from a total lack of any native incorresponding right application of nature's clination to keep abreast of the world, it healing factors may bring about speedy has failed even to hold its own, and is to-day cures, even in apparently hopeless cases." This advice to healthy living is excellent, several centuries ago. It is truly a Rip we doubt not, and worthy to be observed; Van Winkle .- [Alfred Jerome Weston, in at the same time our German savant is in- the February Scribner. clined a little to exaggerate the conditions. Is it not a comparatively small part of the general population that is riding pneumatic tires to destruction? Men and women who are worth much in the world are not going If, after listening to this, the maiden is insane very fast nor are they so nervous

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When our coal does finally give out, it is and fall and water continues to run down the estimated price in pounds sterling or There is less romance in this method of hill. The great modern discovery of the be based. It is no exaggeration to say that The manufacture of a flute is not a diffi- almost all the work of any kind which is ergy which the sun daily sends to us in the is the production of a design, accompanied The brave invariably chooses a pleasant present by way of the luminiferous ether. in all cases by a working model, for a milion his bark flute a weird chant, probably down as rain and forms our rivers; and in and models should reach the secretary to returning to the level from which it started | the government of India, Military Depart-Of course the sound of the flute attracts it can do as much work as the sun did in of that useful servant of man, electricity, which enables us to transport power to any extent over a wire. Until this was possible the waterfalls were nearly useless; people could not take them into their cotton mills or kitchens. Professor Forbes was describing the works now in progress at Niagara the other day. When completed they will be able to distribute nearly half a million horse-power among the factories within a radius of 20 miles. The same principle can be applied to all our waterfalls; the tides, according to Professor Tait's pet idea, can also be utilised, and until the sun gives out we need not be afraid of any failure of heat or other forms of energy.

The Tragic Side of Aipine Life.

These heavy crosses, each covered with a narrow, pointed roof and decorated with a rude picture, standing beside the path, or on the bridge, or near the mill-what do they mean? They mark the place where a human life has been lost, or where some poor reasant has been delivered from a great peril and has set up a memorial of his gratitude. They tell of the danger that lurks on the steep slopes of grass where the mowers have to go down with ropes around their waists, and in the beds of the streams where the floods sweep through in the spring, and in the forests where the great trees fall and crush men like flies, and on the icy bridges where a slip is fatal, and on the high passes where the winter snowstorm blinds the eyes and benumbs the limbs of the traveller, and under the cliffs from which avalanches slide and rocks roll. They show you men and women falling from wagons and swept away by waters and overwhelmed in landslips. In the corner of the picture you may see a peasant with the black cross above his head-that means his harvest-field under an inky-black cloud; or a landford beside his inn in flames; or a mother praying beside her sick children; and above appears an angel, or a saint, or the Virgin with her Child. Read the inscriptions, too, in their quaint German. Some of them are as humorus as the epitaphs in Here lies Elias Queer, Killed in his sixtieth year; Scarce had he seen the light of day When a waggon wheel crushed his life away.

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bother about matters we should let take care | bans; enlightenment, darkness. Civiliime in bad air. We don't do quartet ward along the path of time as many censtone and suggested that "his majesty" had In short we are doing everything we been shifting the scenes. Often have we benefit from cold water baths; be patient, seriously. It must be, in its homely everyfar to leeward of the position it occupied

A Chance for Inventors.

The government of India is offering a number of prizes for the best designs or models of a cart suitable for military requirements, to wit, a mule cart for the transport use of the British army in India. The prizes offered are five in number, and are respectively \$3,750, \$2,500, \$1,875, \$1,250, \$625, or \$10,000 in all. Industries says: The award will be intrusted to a jury consisting perts. The question of cost being of the highest importance, the designs should give rupees of a single cart delivered free on premium, receive, in the first instance, only one-half of such premium immediately on its award. He will, however, only receive have under-estimated the actual cost of other means as it considers suitable, the cost of the cart to the government, and to make its award accordingly. The object desired to be attained by this competition tary transport cart adapted to conditions metal parts for all important portions of the cart absolutely indispensable. The designs ment, Calcutta, not later than June 30,

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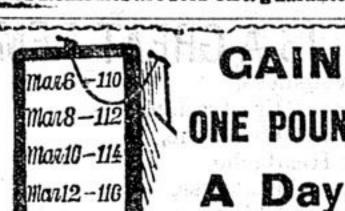
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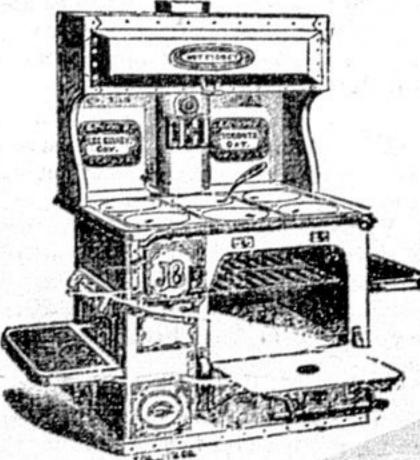
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