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WOMEN AS THIEVES.

A QUESTION NOW IN THE REALM OF SCIENTIFIC DISCUSSION,

Women Steal Much Less Frequently Than Men Do-Differences In the Impulses Which Actuate the Two-Frequently the Woman Steals Under a Man's Influence.

The British Medical Journal affirms that cases of stealing by women who are more or less kleptomaniacs have become deterrents, such as visible policemen in the shops which principally invite this kind of semidelirious action. Our contemporary, after reflection, however, dismisss this suggestion as impracticable, the shopkeeper who resorted to it being nearly certain to lose all custom, and we rather doubt, from the police records, whether the offense is increasing as much as the writer fancies. Every form of interesting crime seems to increase nowadays because it is more commented on. Women of a certain kind have always been addicted to shoplifting, and their inclination has always attracted attention, partly from its extreme inconvenience to shopkeepers, whose very business compels them to expose their goods to this risk, and partly, we imagine, because men are so accustomed to trust in the honesty of women that this particular aberration from their usual habits excites less opportunity of stealing than men, as way robbery or the work of the footpad, great quantities of ashes and other debris thing worth remembering is printed, or a copy of the baptismal register, which women, we notice, being rarely accused filled up the lake, burying the insects and can be without much trouble, there is lit- has not, I think, hitherto appeared in even of snatching jewels or purses from preserving them in fossil shape. Thus it the real need for much memorizing. The print: portance and of their own trustceship in these bugs of antiquity. Buried in the bled up and, at least in part, rubbish.

That is the universal opinion of the continent, where women are implicitly trusted with the till, and we notice that the practice is spreading here, so that charge less. There are ground beetles, water beeof the cash receipts of shops is becoming | tles, June bugs, blister beetles, snout bee- | confusion if the usual aid is suddenly withone of the most frequent of female employ- tles, with long noses; also dragon flies and drawn. Episcopal clergymen who have ments. If they would get up their arithmetic a little more perfectly and be a little less irritable when overhurried-men under such circumstances display a silent obstinacy rather than irritation-they might obtain a monopoly of this sort of work, greatly to their own relief, for the occupation suits them, and to that of the men, who suffer both in health and spirits from confinement in little glass boxes where they can hardly stretch themselves and from an occupation which, though most | collection of fossil jellyfishes. - Boston respectable, allows no scope for energy or | Transcript.

is true even of the street girls, who are so frequently charged with the offense. Women, in fact, steal much less frequently than

The fact, as contrasted with the other fact mentioned by our medical contemporary-viz, the addiction of some women to shoplifting-suggests an inquiry of some intellectual interest. Is it possible that the animus furendi, as the lawyers call it, the actual motive for stealing, differs in the sexes in kind as well as in degree? We have an idea that this may be true and that the woman's desire to thieve is excited by a wish to possess the visible article stolen, while the man's is aroused by a craving for the pleasures or the idleness which the article stolen will purchase. He seeks money, in fact, while she seeks things. Only an old and experienced receiver of stolen goods could answer the question with any exactness as regards the thieving classes, but among the educated

exceedingly strong in both sexes, as all men know who are familiar with ships, barracks, clubs or public schools, but it is not ungovernable—the belts of the soldiers govern it very effectually-and it is constantly pleaded where it does not exist. True madness which takes that form, though it exists, is rare and is usually ac-

companied by other recognizable signs. independent of their money value, to which there is nothing corresponding in the minds of males. There is something of the spirit of adventure in the effort as well as greed and something, too, of that overweening and indeed inexplicable idea of their own claim to the portable property they want, which is so frequently aprespectable.-London Standard

He Was English.

At a luncheon the girl with yellow hair and expressive eyes was asked to tell a tion .- Nature. story. Without a moment's hesitation, lifting her Irish eyes to the only man present and drooping them with the proper effect, she prefaced one thus: "I have told this simple tale to a lot of Englishmen, and it fell flat. Therefore you may know the irresistibility of its mirth"-and then she told a highly amusing incident. After the applause had subsided the yellow haired recounter lifted her eyes and limpidly looked at the only man present. Every one noticed that she turned pale and her smile vanished. Then every one looked at the only man. They understood. He is an Englishman.-New Orleans Times-Dem-

ocrat. Some interesting discoveries have recently been made about animal life on the Hawaiian Islands. It appears that all the land and fresh water shells are peculiar to the locality. Forty-seven out of the 78 species of birds and 700 out of the 1,000 species of insects do not exist in any other portion of the globe.

FOSSIL MINES.

the Treasures Therein. The pavements of cities are not infre quently veritable mines of fossils. Sla flags often contain the visible remains of marine whelks and ancient mollusks re lated to the modern pearly nautilus, etc The paleontologist, walk ig down Broad way in New York city, finds a whole story

Beientists Often Buy Stone Fences to Ger

book of antiquity in the sidewalk. Ir northern New York state the limestone fences are so full of fossils as to excite amazement. It is not an uncommon thing for a scientist in that part of the country might be expedient to employ special the purpose of knocking it to pieces and erabs. Such crustaceans are yielded in large quantities by the famous cement burning and grinding.

> rocks are mosquitoes and gnats in abundance, bees and wasps of many species, is accustomed to rely upon some outside ants of all sorts, saw flies, butterflies and moths. Of fossil beetles the variety is endcockroaches. It seems wonderful that read the serivces of the church for many things so fragile, so minute and so easily years are good examples of this. Most of destroyed should have been preserved in them confess to the worst of verbal memtion that the very hairs which fringe the whole susbtance of the ritual as well as wings of certain small varieties are visible they do their own names, they have grown today beneath the microscope. From the so used to reading it that the absence of remarkable deposit described comes the the familiar printed lines would drive greater part of the National Museum's col- words and ideas completely out of their lection of fossil insects, which, appropriate heads. Many of them are "slaves of the ly enough, is placed alongside of the new | book" down to the shortest portions of the

> > HARBOR DEFENSES.

The Modern Mortar Batteries and How They Are Operated. Charles Rawson Thurston, in St. Nich

olas, says of mortar batteries as a means of harbor defense: The mortar batteries usually mount 16 guns and are so arranged that the expleding of a mortar, or perhaps a shell from the enemy, can affect but four pieces, if as many as that. The batteries are made up of rided mortars. The placing of these batteries is an extensive and expensive under taking. The batteries when completed are capable of dropping upon a vessel some hundred pounds of iron or steel and explo-

The layout of a battery is such that, all 16 mortars being trained alike and primed. the pressing of one button will cause them all to fire at the same instant. They are planted some 20 feet below the surface in pits and are consequently quite concealed from the enemy. If smokeless powder should be used, as it probably would be. only an indistinguishable vapor would rise from the pits to betray the location of the battery. The enemy would hear a report. and, from he knew not where, the shells would rain down and pierce the decks. It

are greatly increased. against them with modern guns would completely demolish them.

The Polar Snow Cap of Mars.

We have received the following information from America: "A telegram received at Harvard observatory on Jan. 11 from Lowell observatory, now located near the elevated heights. Their broadening is then | Tribune. a natural result of the departing snow and indicates that the polar cap is at that time in a far advanced state of disintegra-The Art of Dress.

Some seasons ago a popular lecturer gowns "the color of your hair" an easy

at the club when his wife asked, "Did Mr. Lusk call?" "Not him. I bluffed him with a \$10-er -what was that, dear?"-Detroit Free

matter.

IT MUST BE TRAINED.

THE REASON WHY MEMORY IS SO OFTEN ACCUSED OF TREACHERY.

Clergymen's Dependence on the Text of the Service-Actors Anxious to Avoid Memorizing Whenever Possible - The Prompter In German Theaters.

brought against that convenient faculty known as memory is that it is treacherous. of late so numerous and so distressing that to buy a few rods of stone fence just for While pretending with every appearance of honesty to be its owner's faithful servant, getting out the fossils, which stand out in | it is merely awaiting a particularly awkbold relief, so as to attract attention. ward moment, say the critics, to betray Among the fossils are many kinds of cor- him ignominiously. It is unquestionably the late Mr. Robert Knight, the editor of als, numerous species of extinct mollusks true that modern memories, the best of and not a few "sea lilies" -animals coun- them, are degenerates when compared with terfeiting flowers in their appearance, the ancient ones. If the task of perpetuwhich lived on the bottom of the ocean, ating Homer's "Iliad" and "The Arabian when New York state was covered by the Nights' Entertainment" now depended sea. The rocks of the Helderberg moun- wholly upon some one's ability to memotains in Schoharie and Albany counties, rize those long productions, it is quite safe N. Y., are full of queer crustaceans, which | to assume that the next generation would were the ancestors of modern lobsters and hear them in an exceedingly abridged form.

cannot be laid altogether at the door of Colorado. Ancient streams poured into doubtedly be most convenient on many oca sense of surprise. Women have much | this lake, their waters carrying insects, | casions to recall things at will, without | which fell into them. There was a great any written assistance. But considering they could hardly take to burglary, high- volcanic eruption in the neighborhood, and the time in which we live, when everyother women, though they can approach happens that geologists nowadays dig out majority of people prefer to be dependent them so closely. They are, besides, we feel | the fossil insects with pickax and hammer. | upon books and notes rather than to contion of money less and the sense of its im- land in a lake, has been found a mine of of which is likely to be considerably jum- peace, born 18th July, 1811. S. It is a peculiar fact that a speaker who

aid to his memory, even though he may by much repetition, have learned the words by heart, is almost always thrown into service, not even venturing to recite the Lord's Prayer without the text at hand. Not infrequently this absolute dependence is the cause of odd delays and mistakes.

There is a certain clergyman who has, nowever, a precisely opposite method. For one thing he has memorized the marriage serivce so perfectly that he never refreshes his mind on any point by reading it, and, listened, upon what would happen if the minister's memory suddenly played him a

since they are required by the nature of | to application and to persistence. five or six miles away a shower of several; their work to memorize so much, actors would find the task an easy one in time, less of it. But this is not so. As a rule are few. To be the editor of a metropolithey never learn anything which there is a | tan daily is an achievement compared with are to be spoken behind the scenes or any- or being governor of a state is child's play. where out of sight of the audience, the ac-

member of her company under such cir- news. cumstances get the letter by heart, so that

like an exaggerated footlight, and its shape | there ready to do his best for his paper .serves to throw back the prompter's voice | New York Press. toward the people on the stage. Sitting City of Mexico, says that a rift has beer | here he reads the whole play through from observed since Jan. 7 in the north polar beginning to end, keeping just a line ahead cap of Mars in longitude 40." This rift of the actors. Such a process sounds as if is probably similar to those observed at it would be extremely confusing to every the opposition of 1894 in the southern cap. one in the play, but they have accustomed Professor W. H. Pickering, with a six inch | themselves to depend upon this support. telescope, found one on May 22, crossing | The rather low monotone in which the the cap from longitude 330 to 170. This prompter reads is not audible to the rest grew considerable in size, measurements of the house, except sometimes to those in there is a distinct pleasure in acquiring made on June 6 and 15 indicating a width the first row or in the stage boxes. At of 100 and 350 miles respectively. Mr. | the opera the prompter generally repeats Douglass also during the same month. the first words of each line of the air dur-Singers are as much averse as actors to

90. The sequence of phenomena observed learning what may just as well be read. seems to indicate that they are due to the M. Castelmary, who sang behind the lower levels at the poles being uncovered. scenes, the part of the dragon Fafner In this way, as the snow melts, the bare in "Siegfried," did so entirely from his ground is exposed, appearing dark in con- notes, and Miss Schilling, the voice of the parent even in women who are genuinely | trast to the snow still lying on the more | bird, follows the same method.—New York

> slight quantity of phosphorus to the other constituents of bronze produces great changes in the qualities, materially increasing the strength and ductility. A good alloy is produced by the combination of from .2 to .3 per cent of phosphorus with a mixture of copper and tin in the proportion of nine to one, but the amount of phosphorus varies in different qualities all the way from .03 to .8 per cent. In the process of manufacturing, phosphor tin, containing a definite known amount of the phosphorus, is added to copper-a phorus is very minute. The tensile of cast square inch.-New York Sun.

His Love. Billings-Come, now, do you really believe he married her for love! Holdman-To be sure. The kind of love that the Bible says is the root of all evil. -Boston Transcript.

THACKERAY'S BIRTHPLACE.

Failure of Efforts to Find the Exact House In India.

Sir William Hunter's book on "The Thackerays In India" calls out in The Athenæum from W. F. Prideau an interesting letter relative to the house in which the novelist was born and his ineffectual efforts to find it:

"The publication of Sir William Hunter's delightful book reminds me that about ten years ago, being then resident in Cal- thing early. We had to hustle, but we One of the accusations most frequently cutta, I made a vigorous effort to discover the house which had been honored by the birth of the greatest writer who has shed luster on the Anglo-Indian body, in view to a commemorative tablet being placed upon the building by public subscription. In this effort I was warmly seconded by The Statesman, who in the issue of that paper for Sept. 2, 1887, devoted a leader to the subject, and by several other friends. "Notwithstanding onr exertions we

failed to discover the house in question, the records neither of the secretariat nor o the municipality affording any clew. ascertained that the assessment papers of the house tax did not extend further back But the fault of its present weakness | than 1836, while the first Calcutta daily, the Calcutta Journal, was not established beds of Buffalo. From these is obtained memory itself. That is probably still capa- by J. Silk Buckingham till four years afta so called water limestone, which is con- | ble of performing vastly more than it ever | er Richmond Thackeray's death. My re verted into cement by a simple process of does at present, but, like all servants, it searches, however, enabled me to collect must be trained and then kept up to its | some interesting information in connection Once upon a time there was a shallow work. Whether on the whole this is worth with the novelist and his father, and

church, the old cathedral, and I give below " 'Date of Baptisms.-1812, January 3d.

sure, more honest. They feel the tempta- One little hill, which was formerly an is vert their heads into stererooms, the stock | B. S. Son, D. Daughter.-William Make-"'Name and Situation of Parents .-Richmond Thackeray, Esqr., of the Civil Service, and Anne his wife. "'By Whom and Where Baptized .- The

Revd. J. Ward, D. D. "Seeing that Richmond Thackeray ap parently held the appointment of judge of Midnapore at the date of his son's birth, and that a period of nearly six months elapsed between that date and the baptism. we are almost led to the conclusion that rocks for millions of years in such perfectories. Although they actually know the the boy was born not at Calcutta, but at Midnapore, and that his baptism was deferred until his father received his Alipore appointment. Tradition has, however, so persistently declared that the birth tool place in Calcutta that I do not feel venturesome enough to dispute it. It is quite possible that the records do not give the date on which the father's deputation to Midnapore ended."

THE NEWSPAPER BUSINESS

It Is Not a Bed of Roses For the Young Man Who Begins Reporting. I hate to see a bright young man enter the newspaper business if he can find any in fact, does not even have a book within | thing else to do. The calling of a reporter reach. This latter practice often appears | has its allurements, but they are overballike tempting fate to those who hear him, anced by its demands on him. To be and many a guest has speculated, as he successful reporter a man must be made of iron-he must have a constitution tough as sole leather, a heart of steel and a brain

Journalism is the hardest life a young man can lead, and always staring him in and would not object to a trifle more or | the face is the knowledge that the prizes possible chance for reading. If a few lines | which going to the United States senate I know smart men who have been re-

tor has a copy of them and saves himself | porters for 40 and 50 years and will rethe trouble of committing the passage to | main such till they die. If they had given memory. All stage letters read by actors | the same amount of application and attenare fully written out, and the player, in | tion to almost any other business, they spite of the number of times he has repeat- might now be independent. The average ed the words, could not do so without the reporter writes his life away making the paper before him to save his life. Reading | reputation of his paper. In impersonal with a view to remembering the exact journalism he is never heard of outside the words and reading without any such pur- office. In personal journalism he becomes pose are two entirely different operations. | an Ishmaelite. The world is against the Mrs. Kendal, however, does not believe reporter, and he is against the world in in the customary way of managing the let- | that he is constantly fighting to get what ter business. She insists upon having any | the world does not want him to have-

Traveling With Profit. Story of My Life:"

Gibson, the eminent English sculptor. used to relate with great gusto something which happened to him when he was traveling by diligence before the time of rail-

He had got as far as the Mont Cenis, and while crossing it entered into conversation with his fellow traveler, an Englishman, not an American. Gibson asked where he had been, and he mentioned several places and then said "There was one town I saw which thought curious, the name of which I cannot for the life of me remember, but know it began with an R." "Was it Ronciglione," said Gibson, "or

perhaps Radicofani?" thinking of all the It is found that the addition of a very unimportant places beginning with R. "No, no. It was a much shorter name, a one syllable name. I remember we entered it by a gate near a very big church with lots of pillars in front of it, and there

"Oh, yes, Rome! That was the name of the place."

which display any number of very rich, over the composition of the resulting alloy | ure to sight as well as taste when served beautiful materials, make the selection of even when the final percentage of phos- with cucumber and aspic jelly. Arrange the slices of tongue on a plat phosphor brense is from 17 to 22 tons per of a Maltese cross. On each piece lay neat-

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men do.

this is almost certainly the case. Educated men embezzle, forge and swindle often enough, and indeed it takes some education to be successful in those lines of villainy, but they are rarely convicted of shoplifting, while that is the special offense of educated women who take to this description of crime. The latter very rarely forge, which is remarkable, for, being ute Dress Shirts and Colored Shirts less controlled by commercial opinion. they undoubtedly attach less opprobrium to this form of crime than men do, while they are quite as competent to commit forgeries, but they take things out of shops. the reason being that the things attract them more than the abstract wish for money does. We do not mean that they are influenced by kleptomania more than men are. There is such an impulse, and it is

COAD BROS., But we fancy that with some women things without paying for them, in part

but three or four guns were fired, there might be some hope of escaping injury, but with 16 pieces carefully trained the chances of instant destruction of the ship But this is too close range to begin fightng, as the enemy's guns could long be

fore have swept all within sight along that had sought protection in the bay or harbor, and so coast defense guns are lo | tected. cated about the entrances to harbors and bays. These, too, are so arranged as to be hidden from the enemy, as it is no longer sufficient to build great granite walls. pierced by portholes and bristling with cannon. These offer too good a target to the enemy, and only a short period of fire

June 10, detected a second and third rift | ing the performance. the latter running from longitude 170 to

"the fine art of dress" gave this advice, 'Wear street gowns the color of your hair, house gowns the color of your eyes, and evening toilets the tint of your complexion." As the majority of women have either black, brown or gray hair the wisdom and taste of the advice is apparent as far as street dress is concerned. To dress well means to dress appropriately for each occasion, and the season's fresh goods, process which gives a fairly good control

Stopped the Bluff. Wildly was thinking of a late experience

"'Name and Age of the Baptized .- N.

in every part of his anatomy. He must On the stage a similar state of affairs | expect an up hill fight always, and must be may be found. It might be thought that | strong. He must devote himself to labor,

The day is coming when some bright in case the proper piece of paper should be | man will write a history of "the faithshore and done great damage to shipping lost any blank sheet might be instantly ful," and they will be the newspaper resubstituted and the difference never be de- porters. It has ever been a wonder to me that reporters are so faithful to their em-In a German theater, where it is usual ployers. I have never known a reporter to produce a large number of plays chang- to betray a trust. Out all day, out all ing the bill every two or three nights, the | night; ordered hither and thither in rain, work of the actors would be exceedingly | blizzard, fog and ice; filling up on "beef hard but for the extraordinary method of | and''-one meal at Delmonico's, the next prompting which is employed. Instead of at Oliver's; today reporting a sermon, to- kinds of Lumber and Shingles for standing in the wings and rendering his | morrow running down a murderer; in the services only on the rare occasions when afternoon interviewing a president, in the some actor forgets his lines, the prompter | evening writing up a fire; dancing at the sits in a hood, like that at the Metropolitan | Waldorf and identifying a corpse at the Opera House, directly in front of the mid- morgue - these and a thousand other dle of the stage. The hood looks somewhat | things call him to duty, and he is always

That "the dunce that goes to Rome" is not always the superior of "the dunce that stays at home" is shown by the following anecdote from Mr. A. J. C. Hare's "The

was a sort of square with two fountains.' "You cannot possibly mean Rome?"

Color Effects In Food.

Daintiness and an attention to color effects in serving food are what make the daily eating delicate feasting. Cold tongue at luncheon, for example, becomes a pleasly a slice of enoumber which has lain in a French dressing for 15 minutes and cover the cucumber with aspic. The combination produces tongue salad. The pink of the meat with the pale green of the vegetable and the amber of the jelly is thoroughly good to look upon.-New York