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in many towns of China one may treet and "while he waits." Native

heir efforts with the needle being for he most part confined to "runnin Other branches of needlework are tically unknown to them. As a conse quence their efforts are better appreciated by native workmen than by foreign travelers.

They are never short of patrons among the former, for these are often natives of other districts and, having come to the city to engage in business. have no one to mend a rent for them Their wives being left at home, they are gind to avail themselves of the services of the street needlewomen. For this class of customers the skill of the itinerant sewing women answers every purpose,

Generally speaking, these women are wives of boatmen and laborers who live in the bouseboats which line the creeks of many Chinese cities and towns, and their needles are a great help toward the solution of the problem of maintenance in a crowded city Charlotte Corday. Madame came to or town.-Washington Star

ELECTRIC LIGHTED MINES.

Where Modern Methods Have Driven Out the Safety Lamp.

In some of the more progressive and larger mines, the miner's lamp has become a thing of the past. In its stead the dark passages and work chambers are illuminated by electricity. mines are wired and lighted with all the luxurious effectiveness of the mod ern home. Besides making their un derground employment less oppressive to the miners, the illuminated mine offers considerable advantage in the way of better work and less exposure to danger

With motor operated coal cars, a tele phone system and instruments for the detection of gas danger, the up to date mine is decidedly a more pleasurable place to work in than of old. In order to make the lighting more thorough the walls of the permanent passages. of the offices, of the entries and, where mules are used, of the mule stables are frequently whitewashed Only tungsten filament lamps are used Weather proof enameled réflectors are employed for the distribution of light

The problem of lighting the mines. however, is difficult, presenting all the conditions which the illuminating en gineer tooks upon with disfavor-low black ceilings, black walls, dust, smoke and dampness.-Chicago News.

Baseball Slang Beaten.

Baseball fans are slangy in their baseball talk. Their slang is pictur esque and finely descriptive, but for real unadulterated slang you must give the trapshooters the palm. Listen to this from a well known gunner:

"Yes, sir, I toed the firing line, put the iron to my shoulder, drew a hum dinger from the box and killed it. The second saucer was a lazy boy, flying straight away, but I went to sleep and the pigeon pested in the grass The next mud pie sailed to left quarter, but the old pea shooter simply knocked the fuzz off. The fourth dicky bird was smothered as soon as it was hatched. Then a cripple fluttered out and died. Next came a right whe ing streaker, and I pulverized it."

tarmer engaged Pat to mow small field of bay, and on giving bim new scythe told him it was such a good one that he need only put the point of it in the hay and it would cut by itself Pat set off to his work, and about mid day, when the farmer came to see how Pat was getting on, he found him sit ting in a corner of the field with one end of the scythe in the hay. This so enraged the farmer that he went for Pat, who, on seeing him. immediately

"Keep back, keep back! Ye don't know the minute she's going to start!" -Exchange.

United States Laws.

An act when passed by both houser of congress and signed by the presi dent becomes a law. If at any time thereafter questions of its constitution ality arise the matter is settled by the supreme court. The court has more than once declared acts of congress unconstitutional, as, for instance, the "civil rights" bill.-New York Ameri-

After the Assay. "I understand you got several bun

dred wedding gifts." "We did. At first I thought I'd have to hire a safe deposit vault, but after going over the stuff we simply stored 'em in a barrel in the cellar."-Louisville Courier-Journal

HISTORY IN WAX FIGURES.

treet Sewers In China Mend Torn London's Famous Tussaud Show, With a Word About Its Founder.

nd Roberts. Each stays as long ant, and five generations have assed before the figure of this revol tionary. The most notorious leader of the French revolution are there, a course the exhibition was trans ferred from Paris to London over 100

It was in 1802 that madame came to London, having lived in Paris through the whole of the French revolution Frequently had her art been requisi tioned to mold the bend of some sanguinary monster or other, Robespierre, Danton and Marat among the number. The cast of the last mentioned of this by Mme. Tussaud at the scene of his murder, and later she made a cast of the once beautiful face of his assassing London alone, leaving her husband, Francois Tussaud, in Paris. After nearly half a century of peaceful and prosperous years in England, she died in 1850, in her ninety-first year.-John Theodore Tussaud in London Strand

THE LACE OF VENICE.

An Ancient Industry That Was Revived by Queen Margherita.

The lace of Venice has been celebrat ed for many centuries. It was made originally by nuns within the walls of convents for ecclesiastical garments Then, with the fall of the Venetian republic, the convents were closed and the ince industry ceased to exist for an entire century.

In 1870 the Princess Margherita, afterward queen of Italy, took measures to revive it, especially as a means of providing employment for Venetian women. At present there are several schools, subsidized by the government.

The pupils are women of all ages. plump, square cushion in her lap. On this cushion is pinned a strip of paper marked with the pattern to be follow ed, and into this pattern the nimble fingered worker sticks glass beaded pins, about which she twists her threads. From twenty to fifty shuttles depend from all sides of the cushi and these are thrown across and back with the rapidity of a typist handlin the keys of her machin

The process looks so simple that looks like play, but the lace produced represents thousands of dollars. The simple laces grow rapidly under the dexterous fingers of the women, but the exquisite rose point and other simi lar sorts are evolved much more slow ly.-Harper's Weekly

Tantalizing Ownership.

in a French village a citizen had upon his land a part of an old building containing two very beautiful win dows. He was in debt and sembar russed and eagerly closed with the of fer of a rich archaeologist, who bought Thereupon the government in spector, bearing of the bargain, rived just in time to stop the masons from dislodging the windows. "You cannot," he said to the villager, "sell antiquities, my man." "But, excellen cy, I have used the money and paid my creditors." The villager was in despair, but the official was untouch ed. "That's all right? he said. "The money is safe. The windows are no longer yours. But the buyer can't move a stone of them. He can, however, come with a camp stool and sit down and fook at his property as much

Lady Russell in her volume "Swat lowfield and its Owners' points out that in 1820 the Berkshire estate came into the hands of Sir Henry Russell who had been a friend of Dr. Johnson It was at Russell's table that one day the doctor maintained that "no man loved labor, no man would work if he could help it." Reynolds objected and gave Pope for instance. But Pope's inspiration, said the floctor, "was the love of fame and not the love of in bor. Leander swam the Hellespont but that doesn't prove that he loved swimming."

"So he took you out motor riding the other evening?" "Yes, what of it?"

"I think so. I know that every time spoke to him the motor tried to climb a tree or jump a fence,"-Stray Stories

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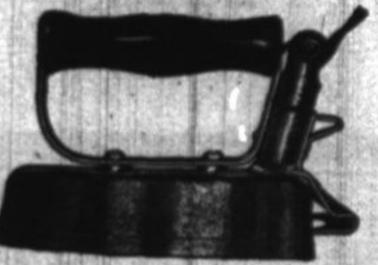
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