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ENGLISH LEGAL TERMS.

Use of Now Needless Synonyms is a Thirteenth Century Legacy. When the English courts of the thirteenth century desired to make known that a man had been murdered

they had to take into account the confusion of languages in England. Be cause every Englishman did not use the same word for "kill" it was necessary to rake the languages of Europe for synonyms in order that every wight in Albion, whatever his education or ancestry, might find at least one word which he understood. And lawyers today retain all these

Norman and Saxon synonyms. It is not enough that an indictment shall allege that a man was "unlawfully killed with a club," but that he was "unlawfully, feloniously, illegally, intentionally and diabolically kiled, slain. done to death, murdered, slaughtered and beaten till he was dead, with a blunt instrument, club, stick, bludgeon, billy, cane, staff, stave or cudgel. If the bludgeon is left out the accused is set free. It is also necessary to use the words "thereupon" and "aforesaid" at least seven times aplece or the indictment is faulty.

The effort to purge the law of medie val inequalities and outworn theories of justice is almost as difficult as to modernize its language.-Des Moines Register and Leader.

STORY OF THE MISTLETOE.

A Curious Plant With a Curious Way of Making a Living.

Very curious are the ways of the mistletoe. The story of how the mistletoe gets on the trees is a most interesting one. Covering the mistletoe twigs are pearly white berries. These come in the winter season, when food is comparatively scarce, and hence some birds eat them freely.

Now, when a robin eats a cherry he swallows simply the meat and flips the stone away. The seed of the mistletoe the bird cannot flip. It is sticky and holds to his bill. His only resource is to wipe it off, and he does so, leaving it sticking to the branches of the tree on which he is sitting at the time.

This seed sprouts after a time, and not finding earth-which, indeed, its ancestral habit has made it cease wanting-it sinks its roots into the bark pipes that barry the sap.

Now, the sap in the bark is the very richest in the tree, far richer than that in the wood, and the mistletoe gets from its bost the choicest of food. with a strange foresight it does not throw its leaves away, as do most parasites, but keeps them to use in winter, when the tree is leafless,

Peevisliness covers with its dark fog even the most distant herizon.-Rich-

MONEY AND THE HOME.

How One Family Solved the Difficult In the American Magazine a contrib-

utor tells how he and his wife have solved the problem of domestic ex-"When my wife and I were first mar-

ried," he says, "we experienced some difficulty in the handling of my salary. My wife would often want little things would besitate to ask me for the money, fearing that I would think them silly. Again, she would need clothes occasionally and w uld not wish to ask for them, believing that either I could not afford them or would think her extravagant. Often I would see things that I desired, but many times would not buy them because I could not afford to spend a like amount on her. "So we devised a method of dividing

the money. Upon receiving my salary twice a month I pay whatever housebold bills that are on hand, such as rent, coal, groceries, light, etc. The balance I divide, giving half to my wife and retaining the other half myself. Then we each pay half the daily incidental expenses of the hours, being very exact, even to the purchase of a reast cake. Personal expenses, such as clothes, car fares, etc., we each pay from our own halves. If we go out for a day's pleasure I pay the bills, and upon our return I figure what I have spent, and my wife pays me her half. Thus each of us has half my salary, each pays half of the household expenses, and each has half of the balance for his own use."

ANCIENT ROMANCE.

The book of Ruth is the greatest pas toral idyl in literature. It is founded according to the Christian Herald, or loving kindness, the loving kindness of the Monbites revealed to her family and the loving kindness of Boas, the wealthy Israelite, to Ruth, his kine woman. It also contains the germ of that great heartedness which is th center of the gospel of Christian love.

It is a book that opens with tears and famine and ends with the sound of wedding bells. The story turns upon the straightforwardness of Boaz, who showed kindness and manliness to Israel's foe, and in that kindness found ed a new house, the house of Jesse and David, the royal line that begat

Boaz is immortal among Bible heroes for his kindness, his plain, everyday generosity, his sense of protecton and girl, his dead kinsman's wife, orders to his reapers that they should allow her to glean even among the eartedness gained a wife and, more than that, made a place for himself in that immortal company which is renowned for naught but for being kind.

Saved by Her Voice.

When fraveling to Paris with so Grisi had a thrilling adventure. At small wayside station a man entered the carriage, and it soon became evi dent from his threatening gesture and eccentric behavior that he was dangerous lunatic. Though her panions were panic stricken. Mme Grisi retained complete presence of mind and with the utmost composure was quiet. His whole attention was riveted on that magnificent voice, and he remained the most appreciative of listeners until the train reached the next station, where he was secured. transpired subsequently that he was maniae with homicidal tendencies who had escaped from an asylum.

Born Lucky. First Coster-Well, poor old Bill'

Second Coster (scornfully)-Poor, indeed! Luckiest bloke in the market. Couldn't touch nuffink wifout it turned to money, Insured 'is 'ouse-burned in a month. Insured 'isself agin bacci dents-broke 'is harm first week. Job ed the Burial serciety last Toosday, and now 'e's 'opped it. I call it luck.' -London Tit-Bits.

Patience For twenty long years a West Virginia woman remained constant to her husband, who left his home on a jour ney and has only just returned. There was no mystery about his absence however. He came to Washington to

Sign Language. "I hate to gossip about people, and yet I don't like to go around in society

take out a patent.-Washington Her-

proper point, and you'll get along."---Louisville Courier-Journal.

Model Man. "Was your husband good to

eighteen bours a day fo' yeahs fo' dat man, an' be never once found fault of the tree and hunts there for the | wif a thing I did fo' him."-Detroit Free Press.

> Pecuntarily Speaking "You say that Jenkins owes ever thing he has to you." he has to me."-Boston Transcript,

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SAMOA JS CHANGING.

South Sea Islanders Reaching Out For Up to Date Things.

The natives of Samoa are exhibiting marked inclination to imitate European manners. The beautiful siapos. hallowed by age long usage, are disappearing more and more, their place being taken by imported cotton cloth. Women and girls like to put on greater

house and kitchen utensils have been began to sing. At once the maniae replaced by European articles of less worth. New foods are being introduced. Instead of tare, bananas and yams, the natives now eat rice, biscuits and bread and even drink coffee in the morning. The new foods, however, have but a limited number

The native buts were formerly covered with thatches of sugar cane. In sects have destroyed the sugar cane plantations and the natives now cover their dwellings with corrugated fron which gives them much less protection both against the sun during the day and against the cold at night. The Samoan house is disappearing, too, and its place is being taken by square buildings of American pine. The total native population of the

Samoan group is about 42,000. There are 1,500 whites and half castes,-New York Times.

TOOK THE ADVICE.

Then He Gave It a Practical Trial, and

Several years ago the president of one of the prominent railway corporations in America was making a stirring address to an audience of young men and dwelt with particular emphasis on the necessity of making a good.

"When you are looking for work," he said, "be careful that you are presentable. If you have only \$24 in the world spend \$20 for a suit of clothes \$3.50 for a pair of shoes, 50 cents for a hair cut and shave. Then walk up ! the job wherever it is and ask for it

This advice was greeted with great applause, and the railway president sat down amid a storm of cheers. The very next morning a dapper looking young fellow walked into the outer office of the orator and, handing a note to the clerk, said, "Please give this to the president." The note read as fol-

"I have paid \$20 for this suit of clothes, \$3.50 for a pair of shoes and 50 cents for a hair cut and a shave. I "Worse. He owes much more that have walked from Harlem, and I would like a job as conductor on your road." He got the job:

Thin, not that thy word and thine rhans must be right -Sophocles.



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