

SCOTIAN FARMER TELLS HE REGAINED HEALTH.

ered From Acute Rheumatism General Debility—Scarcely Able to Lightest Work.

Acadian, Workville, N.S.

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RED WITH DIAMONDS.

Countess de Castellane, in Paris, has a tea gown with diamonds. Think of it!

Worth has just shown many novelties. The robe is of heliotrope velvet crinkled to the latest fashion...

READING THE FUTURE

...exclaimed his indignant as a ashamed of you! Refusing to neighbor enough oats for...

The Wedding Day

Marriage being a sort of grand characteristic in the history of men and women, it is not strange that differences of climate, of nationality, of country, or even of surroundings, should make differences in the ceremony...

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pursued by the friends of the bride, also with their weapons drawn, parrying and fencing and shouting as though the battle were real instead of fictitious...

Ceremonies that indicate the subjection of the bride are common. In Java, as a part of the wedding service, the bride washes the feet of the groom...

Among the Indians inhabiting the western shore of Vancouver's Island there is a curious custom known as demanding the bride. "The suitor is escorted by a great number of his friends in some thirty or forty canoes...

The Karens of Burmah have their marriages at funeral feasts. When a man of the village dies the body is buried temporarily until arrangements can be made for a number of marriages...

The Hindoo ceremony is exceedingly long and tedious, lasting sometimes during many days. The following condensed account of it is presented by a writer on Oriental topics...



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in opposite directions; and on the wedding day Brahmans arrange themselves on a raised platform, surrounded by jars of water, the two largest being placed by the lovers, and prayers are offered up to bring down the deity into one of them.

In Sumatra there are three kinds of matrimony, the first, in which the man buys the woman the second in which Add the Wedding Day

In China, overtures to the marriage are begun by the "go-between" or matchmaker, who presents to the members of the bride's family an account of the bridegroom, and a copy of his "eight characters," the symbols denoting his birth and the supposed turning points in his life.

Marriage among the ancient Hebrews was a notable affair. The feast lasted for seven days if the bride were a maid, for three, if a widow, and on the last day of the festivities the bride was conducted to the home of the groom by a large party with music and rejoicings.

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ed and taken from their hands, and greetings complete the ceremony. Among the Illyrians the guests attend the ceremony armed to the teeth, and the festivities continue during several days. Each guest is furnished, if possible, with a separate room, in which is placed a tub with water for her abutions. Presents to the bride and groom are left in the tub upon the departure of the guests, and when the party assemble in the yard in front of the house for purpose of taking their leave, the bride throws a specially prepared cake over her husband's house, and the higher she throws the further the cake goes the greater is supposed to be her future happiness.

Marriage among our Saxon forefathers was quite a formal performance, and attended by many technical proceedings. The consent of the man's parents or woman's guardian, was necessary. After this was obtained the lover paid the mede, or price demanded for her; for among the Saxons the lover was forced to pay for his bride instead of receiving a dowry with her, so as Wood says, it was quite an advantage for a father to have the spindle side of his family more numerous than the spear side.

In Wales there formerly was an important functionary at weddings known as the bidder. The bidder was commonly an old man of the neighborhood well versed in local affairs and a passable rhymster, who was sent out a few days before the wedding to bid for presents.

ABOUT SPANISH WOMEN.

I am not going to hoist the banner of the intellectual superiority of the woman, or proclaim even the equality of the sexes in that respect, says Lenora de Belmont, in the Revista Contemporanea. We are bound to acknowledge that there have at all times been women who were superior to most men, but we must also confess that very few have reached the position attained by the most eminent men in science, literature or art—and even those few have only followed in the wake of man.

Regarded as incapable of performing work requiring intelligence and independent action, the Spanish woman is brought up with the idea that frivolity is one of her most powerful attractions and that ignorance and absolute dependence are the qualities necessary for those who aspire to be model wives and good mothers. Yet, if it be a woman's mission to share the life and labors of a man and make him happy; if she be the one called upon to give to the children that primary education upon which depends the future of the rising generation—which means the future of society in general—then is it not a mistake to make it difficult for her to fulfill the important duty confided to her? Yet this is the mistake we are now committing by limiting her scope. Woman is now, as in ancient times a mere object of recreation for man, because they have nothing else in common.

In Spain the movement awakes little interest. Our women who are equal to men in intelligence if in nothing else, think very little about the present and future lot of their sex, and, in spite of the fact that there are far more women than men, seek no other solution of the problem of life than marriage. The noble work of their sisters in other lands for the common cause never provokes a word of sympathy.

WILLING.

No, madam, said Meandering Mike, I'm sorry to hear ag'n my principles. I can't split no wood. Well, she answered, there will be a load of coal here this afternoon and—I'm sorry ag'in, but I can't carry no coal. But I'll tell you what I will do. I'll compromise. Ef you've got a gas stove, I'll turn on the gas fur ye.