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who regarded their superstitions as knowledge. But with other progress came a more just conception of the batrachian's usefulness. It was discovered that he had no teeth, that he subsisted entirely upon the insect enemies of the garden, that instead of being spiteful he was shy and gentle, coming out mainly at night to do his foraging Enlightened gardeners began to welcome and protect him as a benefactor, heavy toll of fruit for his services.

ried and killed by the superstitious,

The toad propagates in the same way as the rrog, depositing its spawn being deposited in long, rope-like masses instead of in patches. After being thus deposited, the hatching 2s 6d when we returned at night. We process is the same as in the case of the frog, and the same is essentially shabby straw hats and as a pathetic true in the development of the tadpole into the perfect toad. As the spawn be seen about the first of June by the light lasted. million, and would soon overrun the land, were it not for the drying up of the ponds and the greediness with at the rear of the Elephant and Cas- head which the farm poultry and many of the Theater and during our stay we however, the embroy toad passes successfully into the mature state, he differs entirely from the frog in one differs entirely from the frog in one pitch we took about five shillings and particular-he is not amphibious, but then moved on down the New Kent

HEN MANURE.

An exchange says that an analysis of nen manure and well-rotted barnvard manure show that a ton of the hen manure contains more than eight themselves and gave us sixpence, a times as much potash and six times pathy as much nitrogen as the barn yard fairly profitable work we played outmanure. Omitting small fractions the side our first public house, and here, hen manure is a fertilizer with nearly as I believe is the custom, a tankard 2 1-2 per cent. phosphoric acid, two of ale was sent out to us. At another per cent., potash and 3 1-2 per cent. nitrogen, and should be worth as these at the bar asked him to have a drink. ton, as compared with the cost or raw materials to make a fertilizer of the

same strength. But we have heard farmers and gardeners' who had tried it assert that they wanted no more of it on their land. This may have been because it contained so much nitrogen of which their fields, long manured with horse manure, did not stand in need. It may have been because it was so dry that its strength was not imparted to the soil until the winter's rains had thoroughly soaked it or from its not

We have composted or mixed it with loam or sand, preferring the sand, and received good results from it in a garden on poor soil and as a topdressing on grass, and we have added it to the barnyard manure when it was thrown over in the spring, and thought the manure much richer for its use: and this also we have thought the best way to use the contents of vaults and cess itself with Cinderella parties. The Cinor ferment together, but not allowing ammonia to escape. We think the poultry keeper who has land in grass guests are bound to say "Good-night" Trappings are only worn on very great would be to avoid foreign intercourse." or in cultivation will find that the just at the stroke of midnight. That manure the hens make is of considerable importance as an addition to the income from them.

ORCHARD NOTES.

trees are two points in orchard cul- parture. ture that are closely related. Es- This Cinderella party owes its name pecially is this true in the case of the to the chief source of amusement- long to some one else, and he has to apple. Moisture, it has been found, is namely, the wooden shoe which is fur- try again. The ultimate selection is favorable to the development of the nished by the Oriental store, and which are a tangled mass of branches, they the Eastern woman in going to her are longer drying out, and not only bath. The shoes is sometimes highly shelter is given to the fungi, but their ornamented with painting, gilding, growth is encouraged and each tree etc., and the trick is to find a foot that becomes a distributing center of some will exactly fit its rather unusual prodisease. It is next to impossible to portions. The head of the tree should be open,

The time for pruning varies with the climate, variety of fruit, and the any time between the fall of the leaf in autumn and it reappearance in the spring. The peach is often pruned just before mid-summer; but most little peaches are large enough so they can know how many bid fair to come to maturity. In this way much of the work of thinning is avoided later committee. The amount to prune should be

are pruned too little than too much. to destroy. The prince and the slipper If limbs have to be taken off, the wax. By careful pruning and training a tree may be made to grow in any form desired. The lower limbs should be the longest and largest on the tree. The tendency of growth is toward the top. If any of the upper limbs outstrip the lower, they should be cut back.

If care is used in timely pruning and spraying a much higher grade of

UNRULY HOGS.

RANG on how to keep a roguish hog from hemp 18 years rooting gates open: "Fasten a ring in other manure.

you make a chain of rings nearly up to the ears. Then make a fork in the THE OLDEST AND MOST CURIOUS that he is flying under false colors. chain and put the last ring of each

even the largest hog. I have a low stanchion made in the manager my barn by sawing out a space large and one, that attracts all who are inrobin which seeks for insects among enough to work back and forth at top terested in heraldry, is, strange to top fix a drop lever with several notches to fit over the top of this scantling. Then fix a narrow shoot so you can force the hog to try to court for 150 years, but his jurisdiction get through the hole in the manager. You can fasten the hog securely here so he will be perfectly quiet, and you them good. To kill a toad was once can ring, blindfold or do anything else of heraldry is conducted nowadays on at a country inn during a bicycle tour.

> day to hear a hearldic case. The present College of Arms was built by Wren over two hundred years Two London Clerks Collect Over \$10 for ago. It is on the site of the Derby Of the financial possibilities of or- House, confiscated by Queen Mary The Marquis Ito Tells of Its Aspirations gan-grinding, as a means of livelihood when the Earl of Derby was attainted. Henry S. Penny, a clerk in the Bank- The legs of Man and the eagle's claw

story to a London Daily Mail repre- of the Stanleys. sentative. Mr Penny stated that, as The court is an interesting survival to the Choshu clan, one of the two the result of a wager made between of the old Doctors' Commons days. None great clans-the other was the Satsome fellow clerks and himself, he and but the doctors of civil law had the suma-concerned in the restoration of a friend, A. J. Southgate, of the De- right of audience there. Doctors' Comvonian Club, recently hired a piano or- mons itself has gone, but the Earl Margan from Charles Ricci, of 30 Warner shal's court remains—a quaint, pictur- having the brains, while the Satsumas street, Clerkenwell, and with a card esque chamber, decked with the arms bave the muscle. Ours, you may like bearing the words, "Kind friends, we of Charles II., the shields of successive to know, was the anti-foreign clan of are English clerks," played before ap- Earls Marshal, the banners borne at Japan, and it was our clan that fired preciative audiences in Old Kent road the coronation of George IV. and an- upon the American ships who tried to gardener's friend, for he exacts no and Peckham. "It was arranged," cient helmets brought from St. said Mr. Penny, "that we should meet George's Chapel. The Earl Marshal's Shimonseki about the year 1860. some of one parties to the wager with throne flanked with lesser seats for in the shallow ditches and puddles of the organ outside Jones & Higgins', the assessors, is beneath the royal rain water early in the spring. The Peckham, at 8.30 on the appointed day, arms. It is very solid, and, judging eggs differ from those of the frog When we hired the organ of Mr. Ricci from appearances, must be very un-

THE COLLEGE OF ARMS.

dressed ourselves in old clothes and appeal to the compassion of the pub- precedence and pedigree. It deteris usually placed in the first conven- lic, we had prepared a board, upon mines whether people have the right ient shallow water, which is apt to be which we stenciled the words, "Kind to use ancient arms or whether they some roadside ditch or rain puddle friends, we are English clerks, but shall have the grant of new ones. tadpoles ever reach perfect toaddom. at the last moment we determined to When a new sovereign comes to the In these little rain puddles they can keep the placard out of sight while day- throne it proclaims him in a tradition-"We began playing at half-past 2

The actual head is the Earl Marshal. the birds gobble them up. When, found the people of the tenements ex- who, together with the Lord Great ceedingly sympathetic. From this Chamberlain of England, is among the oldest of the officers of state. The present Duke of Norfolk is the Earl exclusively an air-breathing creature. road, where, faming in with a one- Marshal, like his forebears for two armed professional organist, we had tea hundred years past. At the time of and a haddock together. After the the Restoration Charles II. gave the mear we displayed our board and startoffice to the then Earl of Norwich and ed an entertainment outside a block his descendants forever, or, failing of superior tenements, at one of the them, to the descendants of his grandwindows of which two girls presented father, so that a Howard should be times as much phosphoric acid, four cup of tea each, and words of sym- Earl Marshal as long as the line lasted.

'After five hours of pretty hard and hotel Mr. Southgate went in to make a collection and a workman standing elements are figured about \$12.30 per Forgetting his role for the moment Rouge Croix, Blue Mantle, Rouge Mr Southgate replied that he would Dragon and Portcullis. have a whisky and soda, whereupon These names have nothing to do we went. We were in London about a the honest toiler said: "Ooyer gettin' with places. York herald has no year."

at? You ain't no bloomin' out o' different stands down the Old Kent with Ricci, we counted out the day's and Clarenceux for the South.

takings, and found that, all expenses WHEN IN FULL UNIFORM paid we had £2 1s 1 3-4d for eight hours' playing. What impressed me most was the

NEW CINDERELLA PARTIES. London society has been amusing ard, a loose shirtlike garment blazon- they had committed. Sir Rutherford derella party is not the usually accept- Mantle never wore a blue mantle, nor rosa. Well, we saw our chief and ed variety by that name where the did Rouge Croix ever carry a red cross. tried to show him how impossible it sort of entertainment has proved it- claims the style of the deceased. At young fellows loved their country self almost impossible except among the last two funerals of this character and their clan, they saw that Japan's the youngest set, for where guests do not arrive until the unholy hour eleven or thereabout it is hard to have The pruning and spraying of fruit a cast iron rule concerning their de- er he is in the proper position to bear Ito became the first Prime Minister

The mascuiine sex is not debarred spray such trees to advantage, as it is from this form of entertainment, as the as difficult for the remedies to gain an Committee of Arbitration and Final entrance, as it is for the light and air. Court of Appeal are formed of the male members of the entertainment, and on them devolves the tremendous tack of so that all parts may be reached easily deciding when fair ones disagree. The wooden shoe, so familiar to frequenters of Oriental bric-a-brac shops, is narrow and quite long, and the foot on which it is tried must not protrude object to be obtained. Trees that an infinitesimal portion of an inch over are perfectly hardy may be pruned at the edge. Opportunities for dainty foot gear, for limitless discussions and coquettish attitudes are innumerable, and are usually made the most of. On the hostess devolves the pleasure of growers do the work as soon as the providing a suitable gift for the fortunate possessor of the prize foot and the fortunate Cinderella gives the shoe as a souvenir to some member of the

Theer has always been a charm cided to bear the title of Lord Strathdetermined by circumstances; but we about the story of Cinderella which cona and Mount Royal of Glencoe. feel safe in saying that more trees no amount of matured intellect is able have formed the basis of many a girlish cut should be pared perfectly smooth dream, and society, always amiable to and covered with shellac or grafting pretty foibles has taken this fact into consideration, apparently, in providing the latest form of entertainment

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from the mountains of Puy in Auvergne enriches the soil of Limagne with phosphoric acid and potash. According to M. Nivois, Inspector General of Mines in France, it is owing to this naurtal fertilizer that the soil is so A correspondent gives the following rich. A field at Gerzat, Clermont-grandson one day if he is related to the Smythes, who are probably now in on how to keep a roguish hog from hemp 18 years running without any the peerage. He says he knows no-

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One of the oldest courts in England, say, the one in which the chief officer has not presided for over a century. The Earl Marshal has not sat in his remains, his court is swept and garnsible, but exceedingly unlikely, that

ruptcy Court, told an interesting in the court yard preserve the memory "Inouye and I have been linked togeth-

we paid 2s. 6d. as deposit and another comfortable.

matters concerning arms, honors, titles al manner. The college is a state department and the Queen is its nominal

The chapter of the college consists of three kings at arms, Garter, Clarenceux, and Norroy; six heralds, Chester, Lancaster, York, Somerset, Richmond and Windsor, and four pursuivants,

connection with Yorkshire, nor Rich- "And did you learn much navigation work; yore on the kid, you are.' With mond with Surrey. Generally the that time?" I asked. some difficulty he was mollified. Then, name of the office follows the title of "No," said Count Inouye, "not much; with varying fortune, we played at the king who created it. Clarenceux but we came to the conclusion that it perpetuates the memory of the Duke was all nonsense for Japan to keep road and at last reached Peckham, of Clarence, who had a fatal bath of foreigners at arm's length. where, at the appointed spot, we met Malmsey. Garter king is attached to "The shotguns were then in power in the others interested in the wager. the order of the Garter, and carries Japan," continued Marquis Ito, "and After that we set out for home. Hav- ensign to foreign courts. Norroy is they were making treaties with foreigning returned the organ and settled king at arms for the North of England ers. Our clan, however, was very anti-

these officers wear a scarlet coat, em-

presented by Norroy king. When a man desires arms for the or more they have never rested in first time they first ascertain wheth- their labors.

them. Then comes the selection of of Japan at the close of 1885. the arms. It frequently happens that the applicant desires arms which bea matter of arrangement, the object being to let the arms mean something In this connection there is much

carpenter as his supporters. Sometimes when a newly created peer selects the title he wishes to bear, he finds opposition springing up from unexpected sources, as was the case when Lord Strathcona received his honor. Having at the time just purchased an estate in Scotland, which included the historic valley of Glencoe, he decided to be known to posterity as Lord Glencoe. The patent was about to be made out when the lairds and chieftains of the Land o' Cakes, in a grocer's shop, rose to protest at the idea of a mere self-made man assuming the historic name of Glencoe. They made it so unpleasant for the new peer that he compromised, and de-

> WHAT IT COSTS. It costs between £70 and £80 for a grant of arms. To become a baronet it costs about £300; £500 to be an earl, and £700 to be a Duke. Of course, hundreds of people bear arms to which they have not the slightest right. In many cases, they do not know it. When one's father bears arms the son adopts them, without pausing to consider how they came into the family. It may that his grandfather, Smith, appropriated them because they belonged to somebody else named Smythe. The incident is forgotten. The grandon puts them on his spoons, his notepaper and his carriage door, and takes great pride in his ancestry.

Then, perhaps, a friend askes the thing about them, and his friend tells

anyhow. Are you sure you have any right to them?" Mr. Smith then goes to the College of Arms and discovers

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a new grant. The Earl Marshal has power to inhibit people from using spurious arms, but he does not exercise the power. It is usually found that the far of ridicule is a sufficiently potent weapon. And, speaking of titles, it is only in Scotland that a man can be "Lord" and his wife remain plain "Mrs." The stories arising from the fact that the the same name and style as before are East End Factory, Chatham, N. many and amusing. The most popular tells how a certain judicial light and ished daily, and, although the business his wife were refused accommodation They gave their names as Lord K. and Mrs. O., and the innkeeper promptly shut his door in their faces, with the His Grace may sit in court again some withering remark that his was a re-

MAKER OF THE NEW JAPAN.

and Relates a Funny Story. "You know," said the Marquise Ito, ÆTNA.

er from early life. We both belonged

"We Choshu men take the credit of force a way through the Straits of

"Well, our chief decided that Inouye and myself should go to England to learn navigation. We accordingly went to Nagasaki for the purpose of getting a passage to England. The only word Whether our patrons be RICH or of English we knew was 'navigation.' POOR we aim to please every

"We went into the office, and when time The College of Arms deals with all the man in charge asked what we wanted all we could say was 'navigation.' Everything seemed all right and away we went. But what was our surprise on finding that instead of being passengers we had been

SHIPPED AS SAILORS.

All through the voyage we had scrub decks and work like the others. The English sailors found out we had money and it was soon gambled away from us. Not all, for we kept \$2 11 carefully stowed away in an old stockng .for emergencies. "Well, at last we got to London, but nobody was there to meet us. The ship was tied up, everybody cleared off, and

something somehow, so we tossed up Paling who it should be. The lot fell on "Yes," said Count Inouye; "I was never more frightened than on that The present Duke succeeds from the dirty, wet night I set foot in London and started off with one of the dollars Matched Flooring to buy food. I found a baker's shop and pointed to a loaf of bread. Of course I Matched Sheathing could not speak, but I held out the dol lar to show my willingness to pay, and that Englishmen kept the dollar and gave me no change. Anyway, I got back Sawn Spruce Shingles, to Ito all right, and we ate that bread

cide that one of us must go and buy

friends, came to look for us, and away

like wolves. Next day some of our

foreign, and hearing it was getting

WE HURRIED BACK. broidered with gold, and the quantity We got to Yokohama just as a naval fact that most of the practical sym- of gold proclaims the rank. A pur- expedition was being sent against the pathy came from the poorer classes and suivant's coat is merely embroidered, Choshus by England, France, and Unitnot from people of our own station." while on the Earl Marshal's coat the ed States and Holland. We asked for scarlet can hardly be seen for the permission to go ahead of the expedigold, the cords, and the tassels. All tion to the Choshus and try to induce except the Earl Marshal wear a tab- our people to acknowledge the fault ed with the royal arms back and front Alcock, then Britain's representative and worn over the shoulders. Blue in Japan, sent us in the frigate Baroccasions, such as a coronation or a Of course the Choshus were cut state funeral, when Garter king pro- down. Dearly, however, as these two Garter king, owing to old age, was re- salvation lay in the adoption of Western civilization, and for thirty years

> A TRADE LOST TO WOMEN. In these days when women are gradually usurping men's places in nearly all trades and professions, it is reless false pride exhibited now than freshing to learn the fact that men formerly. A man whose grandfather are now paramount in a trade which made his money out of cotton some- used to belong entirely to womentimes does not object to have that that of glovemaking. This is due chiefbrought out on the arms. When Mr. ly to the introduction of machinery Cubitt, the contractor, became Lord used to-day for sewing and dressing Ashcombe, he was not too proud to the seams and to improved means for have granted to him a mason and a draughting patterns which were formerly of paper or wood. Glovemakers are divided into three classes. Those who seam the fingers and put in the thumbs are called the makers; those

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who hem the edges at the wrist wet-

ters, and those who embroider the back

pointers. The earnings of all classes

OVERSHOES FOR DOGS. Probably M. Vivier, the Parisian dog fully alive to the fact that the new tailor, is not sorry that there is a peer had started life as an errand boy fad for equipping pet dogs with overshoes. M. Vivier has a monopoly of the fashionable canine trade in Paris and says that it is harder to fit a blanket to a dog than a gown to a

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