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How the two Houses of Parliament Chosen.-The Voting.

The prominent part taken by Japan in the Hawaiian question and the frequent mention of the Japanese Parliament have given rise to much inquiry as to the composition of that body and the Japanese election methods.

The latter are fashioned after those of the United States in many respects-the preliminary caucuses and conventious being like those held in this country, in most

The Japanese Parliament consists of a House of Representatives known as the Shingi-In and a House of Peers known as the Kizoku In. There are three hundred members in the lower house, who are elected for four years, and about two hundred members in the House of Peers whose term of office is seven years.

There is no positive number set for the memberahip of the upper house because there are many hereditary members, and their number may be augmented at any time by appointment at the hands of the Emperor. All marquises and dukes are members of the House of Peers by virtue of their titles; the members of the imperial household and imperial princes are also members of the House of Peers. Barons, counts and viscounts are eligible to election to the upper house, but none of these ranks may be represented by more than one-fifth of its total membership. In addition to these there are the various persons whom the Emperor rewards for distinguished services with a seat in the upper house.

The members who are elected are chosen from the largest taxpayers in the various districts. Fifteen men whose taxes amount to a certain sum a year are elected in each districts, and they elect one of their members. He must be at least thirty years old and may be a merchant, manufacturer or a member or one of the learned professions. The president and the vicepresident of the upper house are appointed by the Emperor.

Members of the lower house are all elected by popular vote. Every male of the age of twenty-five years who has lived one year or more in the district in which the election takes place may vote, provided he has paid at least 15 yen in direct taxes exclusive of what he paid in local taxes. When the voter is thirty years old he is also eligible to membership in the lower house without any further qualification. But a man who already holds an office in the judiciary, police or correction department, who has an office in the imperial household or is in any way connected with the custom house may not become a candidate for the House of Representatives.

When members are elected they come together and elect three of their number as worthy of the place of presiding officer; from these three the Emperor selects the president and vice-president of the body.

The lists of voters are made up by officers of the various districts, and are completed on or before April 20. From that time until July 1, when the elections take place, much active campaign work is done. The nominations are made in the various counties or districts, and on election day, the chief officer of the county takes charge of the voting in his district. The voting places are all in the Municipal Building, and are open on election day from 7 a. m. until 6. p. m. The voter presents himself at the inspector's desk, on which the balletboxes are placed, and, after writing his name, and opposite that the name of the person for whom he desires to vote, on a book kept for that purpose, he deposits his ballot. In cases where a voter cannot write, an officer may write for him, but the election books must show that such help had been extended to the voter.

Outside the building there are many men who yell and cheer for their candidate and button-hole the voters as they come to the voting places, and act in many respects like the crowd around a rural American election place. Those who compose the outside cheering and electioneering crowds are for the most part young men from the schools and colleges, and their influence with the voters is anxiously sought by the

After the polls are closed the county officers take charge of the boxes and place them under lock and key in the Municipal Building, where they remain until the next morning, when they are opened and examined by a Board of Inspectors, on whose report the candidates are declared elected. The next general election will take place in July 1898 .- New York Tribune.

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- A A foreign country, same

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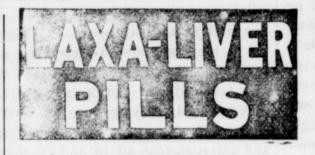
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ORIGIN OF THE BUCCANEERS. Peaceable Beef-Traders at First Until Persecuted by Spain.

Mr. Frank R. Stockton will contribute to the coming volume of St. Nicholas a series of sketches of 'The Buccaneers of Our coast.' In his first article, in the November St. Nicholas, Mr. Stockton

'The first pirates who made themselves known in American waters were the famous buccaneers. They began their career in a very commonplace and unobjectionable manner, and the name by which they were known had originally no piratical significance. It was derived from the French word boucanier, signifying 'a drier of beef.'

'Some of the West Indian Islands, especially San Domingo, were almost overrun with wild cattlle of various kinds; and this was owing to the fact that the Spaniards had killed off nearly all the natives, and so had left the interior of the islands to the herds of cattle, which had increased rapidly. There were a few settlements on the sea coast; but the Spaniards did not allow the inhabitants of these to trade with any nation but their own, and consequently the people were badly supplied with the necessities of life.

But the trading-vessels which sailed from Europe to that part of the Carribean Sea were manned by bold and daring sailors; and when they knew that San Dominggo contained an abundance of beef cattle, they did not hesitate to stop at the little seaports to replenish their stores. The natives of the islands were skilled in the art of proparing beef by smoking and drying it-very much in the same way in which our Indians prepare 'jerked meat' for winter use.

But so many vessels came to San Dom ingo for heef that there were not enough people on the island to do all the hunting and drying that was necessary; so these trading vessels frequently anchored in some quiet cove, and the crews went on shore and devoted themselves to securing a cargo of beef-not only enough for their own use, but for trading purposes; and thus they became known as 'beef-driers,' or bucca-

'When the Spaniards heard of this new industry which had arisen within the limits of their possesions, they pursued the vessels of the buccaneers wherever they were seen, and relentlessly destroyed them and their crews. But there were not enough Spanish vessels to put down the trade in dried beef; more European vessels generally English and French, stopped at San Domingo, and more bands of hunting sailors made their way into the interior. When these daring fellows knew that the Spaniards were determined that it should be broken up they armed themselves and their vessels so that they might be able to make a defense against the Spanish men-of-war.

'Thus gradually and almost imperceptibly a state of maritime warfare grew up in the waters of the West Indies between Spain and the beef-traders of other nations; and from being obliged to fight, the buccaneers became glad to fight, provided that it was Spain they fought. True to her policy of despotism and cruelty when deal ing with her American possessions, Spain waged a bitter and bloody war against the buccaneers who dared to interfere with the commercial relations between herself and her West India colonies; and in return the buccaneers were just as bitter and savage in their warfare against Spain. From defending themselves against Spainish attacks, they began to attack Spandiards whenever there was any chance of success, at first only upon the sea, but afterward on

The Stomach.

There is a wonderful sympathy between the stomach and all other parts of the body, but that between the stomach and the brain is so active and perfect that the most skilled physician is often greatly puzzled in trying to decide when one is ill whether the brain or stomach is really to blame. Nothing is more common, for example, than to meet a longstanding case of dyspepsia in which the prominent and almost the only symptom is a dull and fretting headache. While persons have suffered for many years from what they believed to be a grave organic disease of the stomach, and were themselves fully convinced that cancer at least was the cause of their suffering, it turned out that when a post-mortem examination was made that a healthier stomach than the average was found; but there were evidences of long standing and serious disease of the brain, in fact, sick headache is the result of eating too much and exercising too little. In the majority of cases its cause lies in the fact that the food last taken is so rich in quality or so excessive in quantity that the stomach cannot digest it. A simple diet on grains and ripe fruits with sufficient exercise in the open air to keep up a gentle perspiration, would speedily effect a cure. With some persons this headache comes on at regular intervals and is the stomach's signal of distress at having been imposed upon. To take two teaspoonsful of powdered charcoal in a glass half full of water will sometimes give relief, or a teaspoonful of mon juice fifteen minutes before each meal, and the same at bedtime.-New



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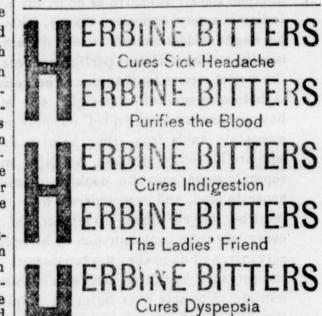
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