BY

Observant Man Explains Average Stenographic Force.

Generally Selected as the Result of the Boss' Early Experience-Wife Sometimes an Influence.

"How do you account for the fact that in some offices all the stenographers are fut, in other offices all the stenographers are thin, and in still other offices are medium sized?" demanded the loquacious commuter, the New York Sun states.

"They aren't," replied the sleepy commuter crossly. "In offices I know there are thick, thin and medium stenographers all together."

"No, you're wrong, old man," commented the loquacious commuter cheerfully. "I've given this matter my serious attention for some time. The offices where stenographers are of mixed sizes are the exception. In nine offices out of ten you'll find the stenographers all run true to formwhether the form is light, heavy or me-

"It's the same way with coloring, in some of the offices all stenographers are dark and in other offices all, or almost all, of the stenographers have medium coloring."

"Well, what's the answer?" sighed the sleepy commuter, resigning himself to instructions.

"My opinion is." explained the loquacious commuter happily, "that it's all due to the proprietor's early experience.

"When he began business and was only able to employ one stenographer, he happened to draw a plump one. She proved amiable, reliable, and just what he wanted, and without realizing it, he stored away in the back of his mind the experience that fat stenographers are desirable. When engaging stenographers ever since he has always leaned to this type. He may have had many good stenographers who were plump, but in a big office the work goes on in such a way that this would scarcely come to his attention. Quite unconsciously he continues to cling to the type he first savored."

"But suppose the plump stenographer whom he first employed proved a total loss?" questioned the sleepy commuter.

"That's just where it is!" said the loquacious commuter, happily. "In the event you speak of he would naturally store away in his inner conraphers and in his selection would go to the other extreme-he would want the thinnest stenographer obtainable."

"but as a matter of fact, it isn't the boss who selects the stenographers, it's the office manager."

The loquacious commuter looked decideally crestfallen and the sleepy commuter would have scored an unmixed triumph if a commuting friend had not joined them as they disembarked.

"Say, have you been in Bill Jones' office recently?" asked the commuting friend. "He's got the greatest line of lady help that ever I saw-every one of 'em as round as a barrel. You see, Bill's wife is a heavyweight, and she won't stand for a girl in the office who tips the scale at less than 180."

Strange Tribal Legend.

From the Navajo country, embraeing the adjoining corners of Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico, there has recently been smuggled one of the rarest patterns of Indian blankets that has been permitted to fall into the hands of white men. The pattern, described and illustrated in Popular Mechanics Magazine, is known as the "Yebitsai dancers," and involves a tribal tradition about which the Navajos are decidedly uncommunicative. The word "smuggled" is used advisedly, for the blanket was removed with extreme secrecy, inasmuch as knowledge by the Indians of its removal probably would have resulted in unpleasantness, to say the

Collectors of Indian curios, who have inspected the blanket assert that they have never seen another of the same pattern, although it has been understood that one of a similar type was obtained some years ago and sent to the Smithsonian Institution.

Fierce.

Gus, the eccentric little colored boy. was the pick of the school. In fact. every one from the professors on down picked on him. One afternoon he stayed to make up some chemistry work. Laboriously he worked, between interruptions-they were many. for as each of the boys passed, he bestowed a friendly, forcible slap on the shoulder or made some remark.

Gus stood it for awhile. The climax came when some one, in passing, tweaked his ear. 'Say," he said fiercely, "there's only two tough guys in this town and I'm both of them." He turned to find himself face to face with his instructor.

Hard Water Softened by Peat.

Hard water can be softened by merely pouring it through a bed of raw neat, the softening being caused by the formation of insoluble calcium and magnesium salts by reaction with acids that are normal constitutents of the peat, and all the hardness is taken out of the water in passing through it. It is thought that if this process could be profitably adopted the result would be quite an achievement, as an economical outlet for peat would thus be found .- Popular Mechanics Magazina

TRACE WITH THE FAR EAST

Writer Points Out How It May Be Developed Almost Beyond the Imagination.

say that opportunities in China are make. native city. I said to him:

here by increasing the purchasing pow- girl, Becky was. More than that. She

them eight cents a day. I said:

twelve men into a factory and you will was, at such moments. increase their purchasing power. They merce of your country."

if they could earn more they would her eyes used to shine very pretty not go barefooted. Each one of them when I hove in signt. Well, I was

been too poor to buy.

Employed as Method of Recognition in Days When Learning Was in Its Infancy.

origin, which has been passed down my condescension. for the centuries unchanged, except for | I met Becky again vesterday, for the a slight alteration in its spelling, had first time in years. Old Abe has run in the earliest time, before surnames that second-hand shoestring of his in-

sciousness a distrust of plump stenog- feudal times, after the Roman era, ever saw in a fancy grocery. The sleepy commuter smiled irritat- in warfare or in tournaments. The a difference just a few scads make!iest knights had no crest. Later, Chicago Daily News. "That's a queer theory," he remarked, when the knights in a family multiplied, crests on the top of the helmets were adopted to distinguish those who hence was termed "coat of arms."

Odd African Bush Tribe.

The strangest people in the world, according to Mrs. Harry Kaigh Eustral southwest Africa.

camel.

spent 12 years in Africa shooting big first finger. game with camera and gun. She is preparing for her ninth expedition. and is in New York after a visit to San Francisco.

fignate when you get to understand crossing a bridge, says the Sun, of that them, and make good pets.

Home Hunters Take All Except Ghost.

talked in muffled tones of spirits and denly drawn up to the curb. have the place redecorated and to in- a gun to be thrust at them.

breathlessiy: "Is it true that someone ring." has taken the house?"

"Ne, sir, not yet," replied the care "Acute Stomach Trouble" Not Fatal. taker, 'but they've taken the fixtures. piping and doorknobs. Perhaps they'll come back for the house."

The Last Resort.

of Mr. Padgett and his whereabouts acute stomach trouble. Mr. Dorkin replied that "Jake" was en Harly's hill.

"But I thought-" understandingly, "an' he gets more in more muddleheaded all the time.
But what else could we do? We had to put him in as schoolmaster to keer

him off the town. "We ain't goin' to pauperize a man," he added, loftily, "if we can find any a wireless receiver that can be worn thin for him to do."-Pittsburgh Dis like a finger ring, with an umbrella as an hour and which pack 15,000 an

"SCADS" MAKE A DIFFERENCE | 10

Romanticists May Deny It, but Aven age Man Beyond Middle Age Knews It to Be a Fact.

Someone-Raymond Hitchcock, J Some people say the Chinese are think-used to sing a little song about so poor that it will be difficult to in- the difference just a few hours makes crease their trade with us, writes Rob- He might have gone a little farther. ert Dollar in the Nation's Business. I What a difference just a few dollars

greater than in any other country, and | Rebecca Colt-it is Cole, now. I will illustrate how this trace can though it used to be something else be enlarged with a conversation I once when Old Abe opened his boots, bottles had with a Chinese on a street in his and iron emporium in our back alley-Rebecca and I used to be good "We are going to increase trade friends. She was a tarnation pretty was a ripping, raving, tearing beauty "But," said he, "it cannot be done." She didn't have the clothes, then. The At that oment a wagon lead of most you could say for them was that lumber from my lumber yard came they were clean. The girls in our along; it was being pulled by thirteen town were just finding out that hair men. It was in the winter and snow could be marcelled, waved and whatlay on the ground, but those men notted by hired help. Their mothers were all barefooted. I was paying had always washed their own hair and sat on the back porch until it dried "You take those thirteen men off Becky had to wash her own and fluff that wagon, put a horse there with it around with her hands until it could one man to drive and put the other be put up. Entrancingly pretty, Becky

I was in love with her, of course. will buy more and develop the com- But my mother savaged me whenever the fact came to her attention. Becky I asked him how many persons in was pretty, she admitted, but that was China were going barefooted, and he about all that could be said of her, replied that there must be 100,000.000 and she was handicapped by that anyway, if not more. I told him that boots, bottles, and old iron ancestry. they were going barefooted from ne- Becky was sort of in love with me, I cessity and not from choice and that think. Just propinquity, probably, but wanted to buy a pair of shoes and chased away from the paternal hamlet stockings. Maybe a shoe manufactur- for one reason and another, and when er will read this. What would it mean I got back the old man had moved to to him to supply 100,000,200 people? a better street, and mother rode down And bear in mind that shoes are to market in a glass-inclosed car that not the only necessities that these had a sort of family likeness to a 100,000,000 people are doing without hearse, and the town newspaper printed for the simple reason that they have my picture, as the son of the wellknown and popular, etc.

So I sort of looked down on Becky. ORIGIN OF COATS OF ARMS When we met we were both embarrassed. We could not get back to the frank camaraderie of our youth. That infernal boots, bottles and old iron skeleton rattled its dry bones in our ears. I walked down Main street with Almost every name of European Becky one day, but I was conscious of

were used, and when language was un- to a large and odorous tannery. He developed and few could read or write, will always be Old Abe, essentially a totem or seal, which represented it. bootsy, bottley, and old irony, but nev-The totem was used as a seal. All ertheless rich. Becky has married a persons of property had a seal, and rising young millionaire. They have when knighthood was introduced in more bottles in their cellar than I

the device of the seal was painted on Becky condescended to me. Nothing the knight's shield, and he was known nasty. But she was conscious of her thereby when the helmet was closed social superiority. Ain't it funny what'

Wedding Rings.

It was once an old English wedding bore similar arms on their shields. custom for the bridegroom at the cere-Crests represented the Christian name, mony to present the bride with a purse the arms the surname. The arms were of money as well as a ring. This apoften printed or embroidered on the pears in the words of the ceremony as knight's mantel and horse blanket, and, given in an old edition of the prayer book:

> "With this ring I thee wed, This gold and silver I give thee."

The ring was the sign that the wife tace, who is here on her way to Eng- was entrusted with her husband's land and Africa, are the women of a property; specially valuable posses bush tribe in the Gordonia desert, cen- sions were delivered into her care. She was responsible for them. Wed-These women, she says, have devel- ding rings were often used as seals, oped glands in the back in which they and with them the fastenings of housestore water, like camels. When they hold treasurers were stamped. Roman drink a great deal of water, the glands | rings were iron seal rings, and it was make them appear deformed. After a common for a man to give his wife few days in the desert, with little or two of them-one, of gold, to wear no water, their reserve supply is ab- outside the house for show and one. sorbed and they look normal. They of iron, for ever, day use. The tradican go without water longer than a tion of the "fourth finger of the left hand with the vein leading directly to Mrs. Eustace, whose husband is a the heart" seems to have an ancient big game hunter, is English, and has origin, the thumb being reckoned as

Once Was Enough.

There's one taxicab driver in New York who has an inordinate fear of She says snakes are really affect highwaymen, especially when, he's city. He takes ingenious precautions to foil holdup men.

Following a dance recently a couple It was a haunted house in a gossipy, entered a taxicab. They were about to neighborhood, relates the New York drive over a lonely stretch of Wash-Herald. Residents assembled daily and ington bridge when the cab was sud-

queer noises. With such advance ad- The driver sprang from his seat vertising the real estate agent found it and pulled open the door. The girl difficult to get a "prospect" near the clutched her escort's arm, both gaphouse. As a last resort he decided to ing nervously at the driver, expecting

stail new electric fixtures and plumb- "I wuz held up on this very bridge once," the driver gasped, "and I don't The work had scarcely been com- expect it to happen agin if I car help pleted when the agent heard a "live it. I'm tellin' you folks now that all one" had visited the property. Rush I've got is \$3.85, an imitation gold ing off the caretaker he inquired watch and this here phoney diamond

Pretty nearly every week we see in

the paper that the Hon, Mr. So and So, while making an after-dinner speech, was seized with "acute stom ach trouble," was taken to his hotel In answer to the returned summer and soon died. That is never true. Nocisiter's questions as to the welfare body was ever killed by an attack of

There was long standing organic teaching at the little red schoolhouse disease in some other organ of his body. The sick organ is probably his heart, the next chance is his kidneys "Well, he is," admitted Mr. Dorkin and the third chance his brain .- Dr. R. C. Cabet in "A Layman's Handbook of Medicine."

Wireless Set in Matchbox.

Two new inventions are a wireless receiving station in a match box, and

Valley of the Rio Grande Famous for Its Early Crops.

River Also a Landmark in Expeditions of Spanish Explorers-Heard Shot Like That at Concord.

"The Rio Grande, flowing between Texas and Mexico, which has been giving an all too realistic imitation of the Mississippi on a rampage, is normally so shallow and sluggish that imthe simple and informal procedure of wading in," says a bulletin from the the country's latest flood region.

"It is hard," continues the bulletin, "for the Mexico-bound traveler to realize under normal conditions that stream that in Spanish means 'The Great River.' But once a year, at least,

fully lives up to its name. "The loam banks of the lower Rio Grande and its broad, fertile valley, covered with a heavy growth of the thorny mesquite-half shrub and halftree-was long considered a wilderness and given over to deer, wild pigs. appetite and how to baffle it. armadillos and jackrabbits. Then came ranchmen to graze great herds of beef cattle among the feathery sea of green. Large areas somewhat removed from the river are still given over to cattle raising.

"But near the stream pumping stations and irrigation canals have come into existence in recent years, and each spring and summer thousands of carloads of watermelons, cantaloupes, onions, cabbage, and other vegetables stream north from the region to help feed the more northern portions of the country. For this region, near the warm Gulf of Mexico and barely outside the tropics, competes with Florida and the Imperial valley in producing early crops.

"Still more recently another development has taken place which promises to make the Rio Grande a second San Joequin valley. Between a million and a wilf and two million citrus fruit tites have been planted, and in the winter of 1921-'22 the first carloads of oranges and grapefruit were shipped out.

"Historically, the Rio Grande has held a prominent place. It was one of the chief landmarks in the famous expeditions of the Spanish explorers who pushed up into Texas and on to New Mexico and California' four centuries ago. Later it became a sort of south-Massachusetts in April, 1775, was heard round the world, a shot fired on the banks of the lower Rio Grande on another April morning seventy-one years later by Gen. Zachary Taylor's soldlers might be said to have been heard over an area of half a million square miles. That area was added to the United States as a result of the shot; for it brought on the Mexican war which resulted in the annexation of what is now California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and parts of New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming. In addition, this skirmish near the mouth of the Rio Grande led to the confirmation of the annexation of Texas which had brought an additional quarter million

square miles under the America, flag. "Part of the region lately inundated was known to thousands of doughboys during the mobilization along the Mexican border, shortly before the United States entered the World war. Port Isabel, almost at the mouth of the Rio Grande, came into newspaper fame in the fall of 1920, when Senator Harding, having just finished the strenuous campaign which took him to the White Herse, went there for big game fishing."

The Bloom of Summer.

There is a slight but perceptible color in the atmosphere of summer. It is not visible close at hand, nor always where the light falls strongest. and if looked at too long it sometimes fades away. But over gorse and heath. in the warm hollows of wheat fields. and round about the rising ground there is something more than air alone. It is not mist, nor the hazy vapour of autumn, nor the blue tints that come over distant hills and woods. As there is a bloom upon peach and grape, so this is the bloom of summer. The air is ripe and rich, full of the emanations, the perfume from corn and flower and leafy tree. In strictness, of course, the term will not be accurate, yet by what other word can this appearance in the atmosphere be described but as a bloom?-Richard Jefferies.

Easily Computed.

The simple one had just bought his first motor bike and set off on a grand tour in the country. The first night, after a fairly safe ride all day, he put up at a country hotel, putting his motor bike in the stable. Next morning, before leaving, when

paying his bill, he inquired the charge for the garaging. "Well," said the landlord, "it's rather difficult to say, as I usually charge \$1

for a horse per night. "That's all right." said the simple one. "My bike's two and one-half horse power. Here's \$2.50,"

Quick Cigarette Production. Machines are now it use which make cigarettes at the rate of 50,000

ALL ACCORDING TO NATURE COMFORTABLE SUM IN SIGHT

Law Seemingly Implanted by a Supreme Intelligence.

Strange things happen in the jungles. Carveth Wells, explorer and lecturer, tells about the hornbills, long-tailed birds so big they often measure five feet from tail tip to beak. In Malay jungles Wells saw, the male hornbill during the mating season drive the female into a hollow tree, then wall up the opening with mud. This protects Mamma Hornbill against enemies. She stays in her jail until eggs are laid and hatched migration agents and customs officers Then pa lets her out. Meantime he are kept busy 'shooing' back Mexicans | has fed her through a small opening who would enter the United States by left in the mud. He gathers the food by using his saw-toothed beak to cut fruits and flowers from their stalks Washington headquarters of the Na- Maybe that's where man originally tional Geographic society in regard to got his idea for the saw, now used

to cut boards. Not necessary to go as far as Malaysia. In Canada, when timber wolves mate, Mrs. Wolf hunts a cavern with a the ribbon of water meandering roof that slopes downward to meet through a broad bed of sand is the the floor in a V-shape. She pushes her young far back in the V. This is to keep Pa Wolf from eating his family. and sometimes often, the Rio Grande Mother Wolf can get at the babies easily, with her small body. Pa Wolf, having a larger body, cannot wedge himself in far enough to reach them. Wise nature that makes Mother Wolf smaller than pa. Wise Mother Wolf that knows, in advance, her husband's

Seals swim north to rookeries or breeding grounds. The male seals go first, house hunting. After they have located good homes, near plentiful food supply, messengers swim back

to summon the cow seals. In the baby ward of a hospital you see infants, each in his own bed, all very orderly. Mother Bee does the same, builds an apartment house of cells with wax walls. In each cell one egg is laid and one individual raised. Wasps have the same system, manufacturing in their bodies the paper with which they make the cells, Ants build their nurseries in the earth me \$1,000,000." . or rotted trees, with many bedrooms, also corridors through which Mother Ant dashes about, peering into each room to see that baby is O. K., then

on to the next. You cannot explain these peculiar things in nature, any more than you can explain why a male peacock always has four wives, never more, never less. All forms of life seem to revolve around the function of having children. Considering the intricacies and far-sightedness of what we call nature it is bewildering how any man can fail to believe that a Supreme Intelligence is behind it all.

To Explore the Sahara.

Under Rothschild auspices, a zooof the Sahara desert, a region which is practically unmapped zoologically, the Living Age states.

At its head is Capt. Angus Buchanan a zoological explorer of great skill and experience. The expedition has dolly is in bed with you." been sent to find and collect birds. animals and plants wherever it is able to penetrate, to look for any traces of Roman or other classical civilization in the central Sahara, and to I secure camera and motion-picture records of the habits, customs and general mode of life of the inhabitants of the country.

The expedition, with its camel caravan, is now heading for the desert north of Nigeria. Communications are necessarily very irregular, for there are only five main roads across the desert, some of which have never yet been traveled by Europeans. Once Captain Buchanan leaves the French post of Agades there may be no news from him for months.

Copper and Health.

The use of copper sulphate for the disinfection of reservoirs and the destruction of algae and noxious germs in water has led to much discussion of the old idea that copper is dangerous to health. An official of the Department of Agriculture maintains that a change has come over scientific opinion on this subject. Strange as it may seem, he says, there is not an authentic case of copper poisoning on record, either in this country of abroad, and he adds that toxicologists and physiologists who have sufficiently studied the subject agree that copper. in the amount used for purification of water, is harmless. On account of the many defects in the practical use of filtration plants, he regards purifica tion of water supplies by copper as a preferable method, or, at least, as & safe auxiliary .- Washington Star.

American Rainfall

A vivid picture of the amount of rain that falls upon the United States is given by a Washington scientist. I is equivalent to ten Mississippi rivers flowing constantly. Otherwise meas ured, it equals 30 inches of water for the entire area, making a total golume of 152,000,000,000,000 cubic feet. But this is only half the amount that would be necessary to maintain the full productivity of the soil of the whole country. One-third of this amount runs down to the sea in rivers The problem for engineers to solve is the utilization to the utmost of the supply that nature furnishes .- Exchange.

Wanted to Know.

"Mamma, what's in the package?" "While at the butcher's, dear, I got

some lights for the cat." "Mamma, if I ate lights could I se in the dark like Kitty?"-Boston

Animals and Birds Universally Obey, North Carolina Man Has Valid Claim Against the Government for Million Dollars Cash.

> A novel document, upon which is based a claim on the federal government for approximately \$1,000,000. principal and accrued interest on a deposit made in the United States treasury in Philadelphia in 1795, is in possession of Major J. L. White, a retired physician of Rowan county. North Carolina.

The document consists of an inscription on a copper plate bequeathing to the finder of the plate the initial deposit and accrued interest.

Major White, who served in the war between the states as the youngest major in the Confederate army, says he found the plate in a cave in North Carolina while taking refuge from a storm.

The circular sheet of hammered copper has the following inscription: "As I came from the old country I deposited \$9,000 (nine thousand dol-

lars) in the United States treasury. in Philadelphia, in 1795. I donate this money to the finder of this plate, as I am wounded and bound to die.-H. A. Barkley." Major White says he found the

plate in 1914 and went to the North American bank in Philadelphia, which took over the affairs of the United States treasury about 1812, where, he said, he was shown the treasury record where one H. A. Barkley had made deposit as specified on the plate. The president of the bank told him the interest and principal would

amount to approximately \$1 but advised him to delay efforts to get possession of the money owing to unsettled conditions attendant upon the World war, which had already begun. He says he showed the plate to William G. McAdoo, then secretary of against the govern ent.

"I don't need the money now," says Major White, "but it is a comfortable in some other countries, by exhibiting feeling to know that Uncle Sam owes the mechanical processes of makeup

Solid Comfort.

Little Florence had been tucked in bed shortly after the Woman called, and her mother seated herself comfortably in a chair by the grate and remarked, "Now we can have a good, old-timey gossip."

Just then there came a call from the bedroom "Mamma!"

"I'll go." said daddy, and for a few minutes they heard him talking sooth-

the cry, "Mamma!"

logical expedition, composed of one and she went quietly into the darkened company enters the nome. Englishman and one Scotchman, is room and spoke to the huddled little

"I'm afraid in the dark" sniffed the child.

then a louder sniff that ended in a it. The language which the Americawail: "I want someone else besides | men use may be hard and perverse, yet

cago Journal. Knew How to Play It.

An Indiana man who for several years has been in touch with life in the settlement districts in New York city tells of an incident indicative of the people of that quarter of the city. This man was administering to several settlement boys a psychological the "army alpha" test. It is the test, ing an authority on his own country. which was used in the United States army during the war.

The examination includes a great Americamen becoming Chinamen? many questions and statements containing several suggested answers, the test being to see whether the one taking the examination can select the proper answer.

Included in the list was this statement: "Seven-up is a game that is played with (cards), dice, (dominees), (horseshoes), (baseballs)." The object of the test was to see whether the boy could choose the correct phrase.

One lad gave the following answer: "Seven-up is a game that is played with dice," showing, no dorbt that his mind was bent or seeing the lucky seven appear up first of all.

Members of League of Mations. The following countries are mem-

bers of the League of Nations: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, British Empire, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslevakia, Denmark, Esthonia, Flaland, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honuania, Luxemburg, Netherlands, New | a planned head came down." Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Persia, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Salvador, Serb-Croat-Slovene State, Siam, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Identifying Her.

A neighbor next door wears knickers and these are a source of interest to little Donald:

One day the youngster came in with some candy and I asked him where he got it. He answered: "From the lady next door." "Well," said I, "that was nice of

"Oh, not that next door lady," said

Donald, "the other one," and then forgetting her name, he continced, 'you know, Mrs. Pants."-Chicago Tribune.

MAN TO BE ENVIED

Follower of Confucius Has Many Advantages.

Both at Home and Abroad, Writer Points Out, He is Favored Over Other Nationalities.

Wherever the Chinaman may beand he is found in every part of the world-he has certain advantages which, for instance, the Americaman or Englandman does not have. Let us first mention the advantages of being a Chinaman in his homeland, Chaing Chaolin writes in the New York Evening Post. For one thing, he never has to be bored by political speeches. Chinese politicians hardly make any speeches; the few speeches they make are more refreshing and more revealing, for they tell in a few phrases the full tragedy of the politician. For example, a Chinese politician is likely to begin his remarks, be they oral or written, in some such way as this: "I, unworthy Chenling, who have neither upheld the honor of my illustrious ancestors nor met the expectations of the honorable people of this land, who am without both ability and learning-" How much more educative political meetings in America would be if tradition compelled the speakers to make such frank revelations about themselves!

Another of the inestimable advantages of being a Chinaman in his homeland is the careful way in which the illusion of life's drama is maintained for him. This drama, as is commonly known, has only two actors-man and woman. And the elementary requirement of any drama is that the mechanics of it should be hidden, that the treasury, who, he declared, assured the property man should not get on him it was a perfectly valid claim the stage when the curtain is still up. Now in China, the heroine of life's drama never spoils the show, as is done right on the stage; she would never think of powdering her nose in a restaurant scene, nor would she interrupt the action to puff out her curls whenever the exigencies of the drama should require that she take off her hat These are trifles, but then the illusion is thin enough as it is.

Another advantage which the Chinaman shares, with the Chinawoman, in a country where marriages are always romantic and must always remain romantic, acting romantically toward the ingly to the fretful child. He returned husband or the wife is a part of good smiling proudly. "She'll be quiet now, manners. In China romance may or I guess. I put her doll in bed with may not co-exist with marriage; if it does, well and good. The Chinaman The chat was resumed. Again came and the Chinawoman are under no circumstances compelled to recall the "Let me go," pleaded the Woman, expressions of endearment as soon as. Americaman and the Americawoman forcing its way deep into the heart heap on the bed, "What's the matter, shared this advantage how much suffering could be spared!

Abroad, as at home being a Chinaman has advantages. Let it suffice to "But there's nothing to be afraid of. | mention the general advantage of be-God is watching over you and your ing a Chinaman in America. We are anxious to tell this advantage be-There was silence for a minute, cause we have enormously profited by God and my dolly in bed with me, I a Chinaman, by making the subject agree-sometimes disagree-with the want someone with skin on !"-Chipredicate in three successive sentences, acquires instantly the reputation of speaking excellent English. Again, every Chinaman in America who can make any kind of speech or write any kind of composition becomes immediately an authority on China. The thirty American intellectuals, in view of the many criticisms they have suffered, must envy test, which is referred to generally as the ease of the Chinaman in becom-

> If life is so drab, so materialistic in America, mayn't the solution be in all

Monarch's Target Practice.

Interesting stories of the late King Buno of Swaziland are told in "Adventures in Swaziland." The author is Dr. Owen Rowe O'Neill, who in spite of his Irish name is a South African Boer. King Buno was a savage of the old school. He preferred the gin which he could drink to gold which he could only look at. He drank the gin all at once, as soon as he got it. On one occasion, when he had come into possession of a Mauser rifle and cartridges, he had his whole army paraded in front of him, and began a sort of shooting competition into the motionless ranks. The savage king slipped a clip into his Mauser, the metallic click intensified by the stlence. He raised the rifle, sighting down first one line of warriors and then the other. The next instant a shot rang out and a plured Swazi pitched forward and lay writhing in the simlight. "Four more shots rang duras, India, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lith- out, says Doctor O'Neill, "and at each

Keep Hands Off.

The love of the wood rose is rightfull: in all our hearts. That city motorcars can take city dwellers to it is a day is a boon that the genius of modern civilization has lately conferred and that is worth much, says the American Forestry Magazine. It is necessary that with privilege should go the power of self-restraint that teaches all not only to love beauty, but the others, as worthy, may equally enter it.

Baby Wanted It. "Now far is it to the moon, dad?"

"About 240,000 miles, so the astron omera tell us." We !, I'm afraid you'll have to take

a taxi baby wants it."