dream.
To get such visions at will the Arabs make by look hard at a spot of ink placed in the im of his hand and surrounded by lines, meanls, and names of saints or angels. In the of a particular kind is burned, invocated the saints of the control of the saints of the control attered, but all these solemnities are en scene, and, except so far as they boy with a sense of a solemn and help to concentrate his kittenish his task, they have no effect in enable ions in the blot of ink. The systems in the olde of ma. Alle superfluous. I am acquainted the, in place of crystal gazing in jug of water, merely looks hard the palm of your hand. She is and the astrological nonsense connected hese natural depressions and elevations, erely fixes her gaze on the palm till it es from her conscious view and pictures ee. I had only one chance of an with this lady, previously s , and the picture represented me n a kind of coach house taking off the oof waders in which I had been fish terproof waders in which I had been fish , for a year I could not remember to have seen of my waders in any such place as that sarrhed, but quite hatly a memory of doing not not be banks of the Kennet in the May fly seen came back to me. That was not a sixing experiment, but it illustrates the kind picture which some people can get by aring at anything you please, so long as it that kind of point of gaze to which they are customed. The old magicians and the Arabs not seen to know what is essential and what not seem to know what is essential and what not in their complicated ceremonials. They sons of the moon or aspect ose certain seasons of the moon or aspects to stars; they prefer very young gazers if the young are apt either to see or to asy see things), they think highly of one about to be mothers as gazers, and servers they assume of theolergy of Bishop Creightons which was they are some of theolergy of Bishop Creightons as they are as keen as they on westmenties and they are as one of the control of the servers of th people can see curious pictures when fix their eyes on a glass ball, a spot of r what they please. Most people cannot , and therefore do not believe that any

Pliny tells us that in his time the Egyptian Finy tells us that in his time the Egyptians seed vessels of stained silver, blackened probly, when they consulted their god, the dog number promising the gods a good dinner at he same time, as we learn from Graco-Egyptan papers. The gods and the dog had nothing of owith the matter; all depended on the azer, who could see, or wowed that he could see, or had been seen to "The Arabian Nights," had yees a human figure in the stone of a might supper his each case. In "The Arabian Nights," lady sees a human figure in the stone of a might supper his case of Arabian rights, and proper his control of the ring," as in this see of Arabian ring. Persian rovels tell or irror of arkened with ink, and Leo Africanus from the control of the pound, the idea being to obscure the narial relieutre quality of mirrors or of water. Most of us, in making experiments, see only or own nows reflected.

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ne, the translator of the Arabian Nights
''Manners and Customs of the Modern

tians,'' is the author who is usually re d as the earliest modern writer on Egyp siad heard recent tales of the magic mirror in kigp pt, and was ever seger to investigate the laste. He could have done so at Abbotsford as easily as in Egypt; under the Eddons as readily as under the Fyramids. But he thought, like other people, that there was something peoulia in this Egyptian magic, though he had wright, of the same phenomena precisely in "My Ann Margaret's Mirror" in Scotland, and of the mirror vision of fair Geraldine shown to Surrey in England. It is always the same story.

EGYPTIAN WIZARDRY.

BY ANDREW LANG.

Moses, we know, was learned in all the shape of a small learned, looking like a moothed lump of semi-transparent crystal. In such stone, which certainly do not follow between the staple of it: all sorts of beings with the staple of it: all sorts of the staple of it: all sorts of beings with the staple of it: all sorts of the abundantly erudite. That the Arabs of old, a leask Walton, believed in what is called being the second of the seco

experiences."

The Arab sold "the secret" (that is, the formulæ written on the boy's hand) for thirty piastres to de Laborde. A couple of squares, one within the other; a round blot of ink in the centre, and some numerals, amounting to 15 in whatever line you add them up, are all the thirty piastres worth. The reader may have them without extra charge.

The incantations are not given, but they do not count. De Laborde tried the experiment on a boy next day "with much success, and all the emotion which the git of 50 extrange a power could excite." He made experiments as conclusive on board ship and at Cairo and Alexandria. There are many formule more elaborate than that of de Laborde, but the one thing essential is the garing point, the blot of ink in the centre of the palm or if the square of paper, and even that, though useful, is not absolutely essential. (The Morning Post.)

UNITED STATES AND CHINA

China threatens to boycott all American oods. Unless the United States Government modifies its policy of excluding Chinese from its territory Chinese merchants will refuse to buy from America, whose trade with China is second only to that of Great Britain. This boycott of American goods will be to the advantage of Great Britain and Japan.

EXCELLENT GERMANY!

Life in Germany has little resemblance to life in England. Germany is not a country that exists for the amusement of wrangling political parties, and the fate of its boys does not depend on the whims of a beautiful talker like Mr. Balfour, or even of a man of settled but ancient principles like Sir Henry Camp-bell Bannerman. In Germany the business of the Government is to do the best for the nation, not according to the country of snekers with not according to the popularity of speakers with their own faction, but according to knowledge —"Morning Post."

THE MARRIAGE OF OXFORD DONS

St. John's College, Oxford, has been amend-ing its rules as regards the marring of its Fellows. Under the old regime a man elected to an official fellowship forfeited it if he mar-ried within seven years of his election, as it was considered essential that four at least of the official Fellows should reside in college. Bus effect this term of probation was passed be

THE SMITHS AND THEIR RIVALS

England. It is always the same story. An actrainal black fellow, a wirrenum, or maginary and the Parasis directory that of Martinet and the Parasis directory that of Martinet agreal initiation and education. The elders upon the words and education. The elders upon the words, however, Smith is the wordt subject of the Egyptian enchanters.

THE SUDAN AND ABYSSINIAN RAILWAYS.

The negotiations which have centred round the proposal for the extension of the Dibbout-Harrar railway to Addis Abes, the southern capital of Abyssinia, have been conducted primarily with a view to the preservation of the independence of that country, a matter of great concern to the rules of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. Under the powerful away of the present Negos, Menelik II, that independence is assured, but hitherto the death of the Negus has been followed almost invariably by Negus has been followed almost invariably by such a crisis recurring. Great Britan, in its frontier arrangements with Menelik, has shown the utmost frendiliness towards Abyssinis, and is a strong supporter of its independence. The other Powers are now equally ready to give assurances of their wish to preserve the existing condition of affairs, and, largely as a result of the cordial understanding between France and England, a question which has vexed the French Chambers considerably is on the point reaching a satisfactory settlement. The Abysinians will be left to work out their own political future.

In the commercial development of the country France will reap the reward of its enterprise in having been the first to give terprise in having been me for the country France will reap the reward of its enterprise in having been the first to give terprise in the commercial of the property of the country of the coun

Somaliand to Harrar. The railway, if built, would be a strong competitor with the Dipotati line, and one would probably rain the other; for at present there is no likelihood of sufficient trade to make two lines pay. Beyond Harrar the existing Fraucho-wared and dovernment-a-basised line will be continued to Adis Abelse, a distance of some 250 miles. The engineering difficulties in running a line across the Abyssinian highlands are considerable, and it is anticipated that three years will be taken to build the line, which will be "internationalised" by the employment of British and Italian as well as French capital in its construction. in its construction.

This line, it is hoped, will be linked event

ually with the Sudan railways. As long ago as May, 1902, Great Britain obtained the consent of the Negus Menelik to allow the construction of the Negus Menelik to allow the construction through Abyssinian territory, of a railway to connect the Sudan with Uganda. Such a railway will take several years to complete, but the first section is likely to be put in hand directly on the completion of the Berber-Suskin line, which is expected to be open for traffic next year. The Sudan-Uganda line will start from Khartoum and descend the valley of the Blue Nike, along one of the most fertile districts in the Sudan, a potentially great wheat and cotton-growing region. The Blue Nike being only navigable for a few months of the year, the development of this province is greatly only navigable for a few months of the year the development of this province is great retarded, and the construction of a railway retarded, and the construction of a railway as far as Roseire, 426 miles from Khartoum, has already obtained Lord Cromer's approval. Nothing further has been electied upon, and Roseires is 800 miles from the terminus of the Uganda Railway on Victoria Nyanza. It is, however, not more than 400 miles from Addis Abebs. Between the two places is the district of Beni Shangul (just within the Abyssinian frontier) which is known to be rich in gold, though in the absence of easy means of com-munication mining is impossible. In view of the future industrial development, both of the Sodan and Egypt, the Newgu give bis is consent. Sudan and Egypt, the Negus gives his consent to the extension of the Abyssinian lines to the Sudan and Egypt, the Negus gives in a consort to the extension of the Abyssinian lines to th Nile, and it will form an important link in th Cape-to Cairo scheme.

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THE IDEAL HUSBAND

Lady St. Helier writes on the "Ideal Hunband" in the June number of "Leisure Hour." The real ideal hunband, her ladyship says, should be a busy man, and one whose day is very full. Men are not happy without pleuty of work; and a man who has no cuttle for his energy elsewhere bestows it on his household, with generally unfavourable results. Small household concerns are not a mans's business, and nothing is more irritating than the perpetual interference of a theorist in the small matters of life. In pleuty of occupation is the real secret of happiness, but the woman unastes on the task the smaller share in the wider and more engressing life of the man she lives with.

In the wider lives that women now lead, it appears he if little of the hartichips and inequalities of which they complained had survived, and in the generous acceptance of that new position by me lies the fundamental reason for the happiness which we believe

reason for the happiness which we believe exists in England in as great a measure as

reason for the happiness which we believe exists in England in as great a measure as anywhere.

The ideal husband, continues Lady St. Helier, if he is a sensible one, will not forget the small signs of affection which constitute such a real joy in the lives of many women. Many a married life has been weeked by the neglect of these small attentions so dear to the heart of women, but to which men pay so little heed and attach so little value. It is not that the sense of affection on the hasband's part has diminished, but the fulness of his life and his business occupations absorb his thoughts, and the wine should content herself with such ovidences of tenderness as he, harassed and busy, can find time to bestow, and the value of which is no less than the absonce of these little courtesies on the heaband's part betokens the departure of the heat of the should be a stronger and safer than the absence of these little courtesies on the heaband's part betokens the departure of affection; for the real affection, which his the only sure foundation on which happy married life is built, remains, and is stronger and safer than the more demonstrative love of youth. The real friendship which grows up between the property of the sentiment, romance, and passion have disappeared, the realities remain on which real and lasting happiness depends.

JAPANESE IN AMERICA

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Labour unions in Californis greatly resent the immigration of Japanese into the United States, and have formed an anti-Japanese league to fight what is termed the "Sellow Peril." At a mass meeting in San Francisco a speaker declared that California "was confronted with the greatest monster that has ever threatened to invade her abores—the confronted with the greatest monster that has ever threatened to invade her abores—the confronted with the greatest monster that has ever threatened to invade her abores—the confronted with the greatest monster in the confronted with the greatest monster in the confronted with the greatest monster in the confronted with t

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