DEATH OF CHEVALIER BAYARD.

When Bayard, knight of stainless renown,
With French's shattered legions fronted Spain,
Bella's Alpine ramparts removed,
And at his mortal wound he thinks
He feels his soldiers' breath on cheek
Stanching the devil's tempest of fire
How long, where, before James is weak,
He still stayed into the foe.

Pioneer knights and warriors bound and
Lancerdine, press around the spot,
"Oh, have mail fair knight of France,
"Have hands been taken our stain nor blight?"
"God is his shield!" more Bayard gasped,
"Hence, footsteps to their cradle back,
My last farewell fear to my King,
Here, the foe's on your track!"

As, onward rush the coming lines,
He wipe blood-dyed weak sword, our
Lies prostrate, and the sons of Spain
Dash quickly to the fray
Forward the Bible flashes bright,
To Bayard's dazed eyes lost and clear,
But were, toward their spring, such brave
Knight,
From Bella, who Bayard drew near.

The crimson red Pennon was
His shrine, since to cold and low,
"Oh, I would give my life to have's blood
To save my noble lord"
Sadly the Italian Bayard spoke,
"Oh, drive of knighthood, send to dwell
In glow the rose, Dark, dark the hour
That ever was dying at my side"

Bayard's was face alone deeply red,
Beneath his helmet's sun-ray pierce,
"Bear, ay, my lord, to heaven, for you,
Hence to far Italian home of dawn,
Or have called Lord to pass
Lord to my King, to dwell back
Know ye for the mother and
When called the country found his soul."
—Mary A. Bradford in New York Ledger.

The Vagrant Dog.

Anybody who has lived in a small town knows the vagabond street dog. Nobody seems to know how he disposes of himself at night; but during the day he lives on friendly terms with most of the errand boys and other frequenters of the streets. His tail has a wag of recognition for every familiar face, and he will even stake up to a stranger now and again with an artful simulation of sudden and overpowering affection. But if you attempt to detain him for from his habitual haunts the vagrant nature asserts itself, and after another bit of excellent acting in the shape of feigned reluctance to say good-by to true friendly back to his favorite resort.

Such dogs are commonly ill fed in more senses than one. They have no doubt lost their primitive savageness. They assume a friendly aspect toward men in general, but they have no heart, and prefer the streets to the woods simply because they offer a more tempting hunting ground.—Cosmopolitan Magazine.

How One Term Originated.

Back during the time of Queen Elizabeth an act of parliament was passed prohibiting the exportation of wool. This product was one of the great sources of the national wealth of England at that time, and, in accordance with the economic notions of the age, the authorities attempted to keep it in the country, imagining that if it went abroad, even though something more valuable or desirable were exchanged for it, that the country would be the poorer.

In order to hold the importance of this commodity before the minds of the national legislators, wool cushions were placed in the house of lords, where the judges sat. Hence, the lord chancellor, who presides over the house of lords, "sits on the woolsack." The woolsack, according to a printed description which we have seen, is a "large square bag of wool, without back or arms, and covered with red cloth."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

What Hands Show.

It is conceded by all that no two pairs of hands are exactly alike. It is also conceded that a hand may half-betray strength or weakness, beauty or plainness, sensibility or brutality, and vigorous or poor health. It is furthermore conceded that the hands of artists and musicians commonly have long and flexible fingers, while the fingers of artisans and farmers are shorter and thicker. A muscular hand, with a vigorous grip, with few short lines, with the lines prominent, belongs evidently to a healthy subject; to one a flabby, shiny hand, with a feeble grip, with numerous short, pale lines, to a nervous subject.—D. D. Bidwell in New York Ledger.

A Crack in a Piece of Metal.

A crack in a piece of metal is prevented from extending further by the well known means of drilling a hole where the root ends; but when the hole is not bored on just that spot the crack is apt to continue beyond the hole. Revue Industrielle recommends moistening the cracked surface with petroleum, then wiping it and then immediately rubbing it with chalk. The oil has penetrated into the crack cracks, and thus indicates with precision where the crack stops.

A Tramp on the Washing Question.

"If your appearance is any indication I think I may be justified in assuming that you are opposed to washing," ventured Mr. Hungry Higgins' hostess.

"Washin'," answered Mr. Higgins after a moment of mental abstraction, during which he absently tried to blow the foam off his cup of cold coffee—"washin', ma'am, is a mighty good thing to support a family on, but it seems to worry out a woman's temper. In fact, that's how I came to go on the road."—Indianapolis Journal.

Sneezing.

For this affection, which is so often provokingly obstinate, close the ears with the tips of the fingers, exert a certain pressure thereon, and at the same time drink in small draughts any sort of a liquid offered by another person, and the sneeze will cease instantaneously.

Well to Know.

Not all may know that a hot iron—poker, if nothing better—run around window glass will loosen the putty, when it may be easily scraped and the broken pane removed. The new pane may be inserted, putty neatly and carefully laid on, and the work is done. This may be convenient to know when one becomes the family "handy man," or one's own, as is sometimes the case.—Good Housekeeping.

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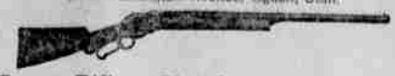

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