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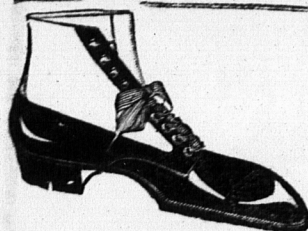
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**A Custom That is Growing in Berkshire,
Where They Have Their Annual
Kissing Day—Maidens Offer
Their Lips.**

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The charming
country town of Hungerford, in
Berkshire, has an annual kissing day
each April, when it celebrates its
floodtide festival. Then certain duly
appointed officials hold a court, col-
lect the tithes and claim a kiss from
the women of each house they have
to visit during the ceremony. The
two fortunate officials thus appoint-
ed are known as "tutty men," or
tittle men, and usually there is no
small competition for the honor
among the eligibles of Hungerford.
The custom is hundreds of years old
and neither husband or wife, as a
rule, objects to the advent of the
tutty men, with the inevitable re-
sult.

Once every five years the good
town of Newcastle-on-Tyne has been
in the habit of holding a festival
known as "barge day," on which
day the mayor and corporation go
down the river in a fine state barge
to claim the rights of the town to
certain dues at an appointed spot.
Then the procession returns up the
river to a well-known stone, where
the mayor selects any woman he
likes from the large crowd generally
there and kisses her before the as-
sembled company—and, let it be
said softly, before the good mayor
ess herself. His worship then gives
the favored woman a sovereign as a
present, while the mayores, to show
that there is no ill-feeling, adds
a gift of her own, such as a satchel,
purse or other appropriate article.

Not only is it the duty of the
chooses mayor to do the kissing in
this fashion, but the appointed
sheriff, not willing to be left out in
the cold on such occasions, also duly
carries out a similar privilege. He
chooses another lady, and after salu-
tating her gravely—or otherwise—he
also hands to her a useful present.
This curious ceremony, which is sup-
posed to take place quinquennially,
was last performed, I believe, in the
year 1901. But, of course, it always
rests with the mayor for the time
being whether it shall be performed.
When the pretty Thames town of
Maidenhead takes it into its head to

have a "beating of the bounds" the
steward appointed for that purpose
is always accompanied by a large
crowd of curious people. These help
him, or think they do, when he has
to climb over houses which stand in
his path or to get through windows
under which the bounds pass. Also
when the party meets any man by
chance during its progress it pro-
ceeds gravely to "bump" that in-
dividual; but if the person met
should be a lady she is given the
choice as to whether she will be
"bumped" or kissed.

Nor is England the only one with
such compulsory kissing ceremonies.
Halmagen, in Austria, has an annual
fair on St. Theodore's day, at
which every man present has the
right to claim one lady and to kiss
her without her having any right to
object. This strange custom is the
outcome of a raid which was once
made on the town by Turkish Bri-
gands, who carried off all the wo-
men as captives. But a band of men
travelling in the district chanced to
meet the captors and forced them to
give up their victims, who were then
singly escorted to their homes and
friends. In grateful remembrance of
the day the maidens of Halmagen
annually offer their lips modestly
and freely to the strangers who fre-
quent the town during the fair of
St. Theodore.

CHARITABLE GIFTS OF YEAR ENORMOUS

The Total Amount Given, In
One Way Or Another, In
the year 1907.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The chari-
table work of the year 1907 for the
United States alone are estimated to
have reached \$120,000,000, grouped as
follows: For education, \$61,737,277;
for galleries, museums, etc., \$22,161,
779; miscellaneous charities, \$15,186,
309; hospitals, homes and asylums,
\$7,382,509; churches, Young Men's
Christian Associations, and home mis-
sions, \$6,265,000; libraries, \$2,132,000.
About one-fifth of the whole amount
has been given by women. Mrs.
Russell Sage leading with \$13,830,000.
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VANCOUVER WHITES ARMING AGAINST JAPS

Labor Council Asks Police to
Search Oriental Houses
for Arms

VANCOUVER, Jan. 6.—Owing to
troubles with the Japs in Vancouver
the whites are arming. A meeting of
the trades and labor council was
held last night, when members pro-
posed that the police be instructed
to go through houses and search
all Japs for arms. Two or three
members expressed their intention
of arming themselves.
Reports says a small steamer is
chartered to leave Honolulu next
week with 150 Japs for Vancouver,
and that the Canadian-Australian
liners have passages booked, for
steerage, for six months ahead by
Japs in Honolulu at the rate of fifty
cents each ship. Charters are also be-
ing arranged for two more vessels
to bring full loads early in February.

MILLIONS OF FRENCH MONEY THAT IS LOST

Coins Valued at Over Billion
Dollars disappear from
Circulation.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—According to sta-
tistics, the French people in the last
century or so have made away with
\$1,658,600,000 in actual specie, and
no one knows where it has gone. It
is calculated that the total amount
should have been put out into
circulation in 1906 was \$3,056,600,000.
The oldest gold pieces now current
in France date back to 1803 and the
silver to 1852. In the circulation
full account has been taken of all the
money withdrawn by the mint. All
allowances made, it has been found
that the above figure is that of the
currency which should have been ex-
tant in France last year.

Accidents, fires, shipwrecks, the
indemnity paid to Germany after the
year 1871, account for a portion
of gold, silver and bronze, but the
remainder disappeared? Exports of
coin are, roughly speaking, compen-
sated by imports of foreign money.
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000,000 in cash hoarded up secretly
somewhere, for which the statistics
cannot account?

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