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Blackburn has been re-elected sen-ator by the Kentucky legislature.

The postal telegraph company paid \$600 this week to its men in Law-

W. A. Quayle graduated from Baldwin University a few years ago, and now succeeds Dr. Gobin as President of that institution.

Senator Brown of Georgia has not put in an appearance at Washington this session. His health is poor and he will not be able to do much work this season.

The Kausas City News says the grip has taken hold of the Topeka street car men. It would be a good thing if it could get a good hold on the Kansas City cable line.

An official decree just promulgated in Brazil proclaims the separation of church and state, guarantees religious liberty and equality, and con-tinues the life stipends granted under

The Union Pacific is building a round house, side tracks, coal chutes, and terminal facilities at Junction

the monarchy.

face. Successive strata develop different colors, beginning with a mottled gray and running through a bluish, pink, blue, red and clear white.

The scurrilous attack of Judge Foster upon Maj. Hudson, of the Capital, is condemned by all respectable citizens. That a judge, living upon the government pap, should attack a journal respected by everybody, and take the position he loes upon the temperance question, repeats the old story that this soul-destroying liquor business, besides all the other crimes it commits, "stains the judicial

The Topeka Capital in its account of the State Bar Association meeting says: "The closing address was by Judge Solon O. Thacher, of Lawrence, who was one of the first district judges of Kansas. He spoke extemporaneously and delighted the audience with many interesting recollections of the early days When referring to the members of the bar who were practicing in those days he spoke particularly of Jim Lane, who he said was three-fourths politician and one-fourth lawyer, and a very poor lawyer at that. Speaking of the adoption of the constitution he said to Judge S. A. Kingman was due more than to any one else the credit for engrafting the homestead clause in our constitution."

There is every reason to fear that the mind of the ex-emperor of Brazil has given way under the great strain upon it resulting from the death of the empress. He has fits of hysteria ever since that sad event. Whe, the body of the ex-empress was taken in state to the Lapa church Dom Pedro was not among the mourners. Everybody remarked it, but few guessed the reason, namely, that the mind of Dom Pedro had ly, that the mind of Dom Pedro had given way. He sat half-smiling all day on his couch, muttering to himself and counting foolishly on his lingers. It is inferred from the wasiveness of the doctors that the ase of the old man is an extremely ritical one. It is certainly a very

Mark Twain's income is \$80,000 a year. Prince Bismark is said to have the desire to write a play before he dies.

The Marquis of Lorne has made his first essay as a novelist in "A Canadian Love Story."

Ex-Governor N. G. Ordway of Dakota is at Warner, N. H., suffering severely with the influenza.

Alexander Hamilton, grandson of the Hamilton of history, himself a noted lawyer, has just died.

President Gilman of Johns Hopkins University is in Spain looking up American antiquities at Seville.

Justice Brewer was banquated at Leavenworth, Kansas, Dec. 30. At his request no wine was served.

The Western Union Telegraph building of St. Louis was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given to Bishop Phelan of Pittsburg a fine replica of the San Sisto Madonna executed by the court painter of Saxony, Herr Schles

The Douglas County Mills are shipping a quantity of flour to Old Mexico, via the Mexican Central railway.

The Governor of South Carolina con dems the recent lynching of eight colored men in the strongest language, and offers \$200 for the apprehension and conviction of each and every one con-nected with the act.

ond terminal facilities at Junction City, consolidating at that point the ends of division now located at Wamego and Brookville.

A farmer living in the southern part of Douglas county has discovered a Antidote to the poison of Malaria, which has had an immense sale, although until recently it has not been about thirty feet in thickness, and about twenty-five feet below the surface. Successive strata develop different colors, beginning with a mottled gray and running through a mottled gray and running through a mottled gray and running through a Dr. A. T. SHALLENBERGER.

Dr. A. T. SHALLENBERGER, Rochester Pa

Lawrence.

W H Werst of Ogden, Utah, and Miss Helene Melchoir were married at the St John's church at 11 o'clock last Tuesday.

Geo. Shearer, an old and well-to-do citmen of Lawrence, died at his home last

F iday night.

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The postal telegraph cable company have been notified to remove their office from the Eldridge house block. The Western Union hold a lease With exclusive privileges of the block.

For some time there has been a difficulty between the Water Works company of this city and the bond holders. At the May term of the district court of this county a receiver was appointed. A sale of the stock has been ordered and Messrs. George Innes, R. R. Clark and O. E. Learnard appointed appraisers. The board met last Monday evening and appraised the property at \$82,000. The plant here has been unprofitable and the company has lost a large amount of money. money.

A Chance to Make Money.

A Chance to Make Money.

Mr. EDITOR:

I bought one of Griffith's machines for plating with gold, silver or nickel, and it works to perfection. No sooner did people hear of it than I had more spoons, knives, forks and jewelry than I could plate in a month. The first week I cleared \$31.30, the first month \$167.85 and I think by July first I will have \$1,000 cash and give my farm considerable attention too. My daughter made \$27.40 in four days. Any person can get one of these machines by sending \$3 to W H Griffith & Co., Zanesville, O., or can obtain circulars by addressing them. You can learn to use the machine in one hour. As this is my first lucky streak, I give my experience, hoping others may be benefited as much as I have been.

Yours truly,

M. A. MOREHEAD, Richmond, Ind.

M. A. MOREHEAD, Richmond, Ind. La grippe: Have you got it?

The grippe has its grip on many of our citizens.

A number have been on the sick ist this week.

## 1889. THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS.

A Journal of Home and Husbandry.

Twenty-first year.

The Spirit of Kansas has for over Twenty years stood independently for the Home and the Farm. For years it was known as the official organ of the Patrons of Husbandry while they were learning the les-

son of organization, and laying the foundation for greater reforms that were to follow. THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS is more than gratified with the work of the late St. Louis Convention. For a score years its present management has been engaged in just the work along the line laid down in its platform. Recognizing the injustice of our laws in regard to women, and the disastrous effects of the liquor traffic upon

the industries of the nation and the happiness of the people, we have held that no real progress could be made in labor and industrial reform, that did not recognize the relation of one to the other. We therefore believe there is reason to expect the best results from the position now taken by the National Alliance upon the situ-

Upon all the great questions of our modern civilization the Convention seemed inspired with unusual wisdom. How refreshing those clear-cut declarations relating to the great principles underlying the common welfare of a free and enlightened people! How free from any apparent cant or hypocrisy! How striking when placed alongside the stale and meaningless platitudes of the every day political platform!

Such a ringing declaration ought to call together the clans of the nation, and become the war cry of the toiler on the farm and the workman in the shop. The world moves gloriously on.

No puling faction was there. No sore, disappointed political hacks gave expression to those sentiments. No hidden, selfish purpose stares out between the lines. It was an earnest protest against great and growing wrongs. It was a protest as startling as that which went up from Runnymede, as full of meaning as that which

rang out of Independence Hall. This move the Spirit of Kansas hails with delight. It will lend to it a most hearty support, urging that manimity of effort and that unselfish devotion to a great principle, without which it will not fully triumph. The Spirit of Kansas will not aim to be an organ of the Alliance, the grange, the suffragists, the prohibi-

tionists, nor of any labor union. While it will favor the principle of all these, it will act from a stand point of independence, giving more attention to general principle than to details, as becomes necessary in an organ of

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## SORGHUM

A LITTLE book that every farmer ought to have is the "Sorghum Hand Book" for 1890, which may be had free, by addressing The Blymyer Iron Works Co., of Clucinnati, O. Sorghum is a very valuable crop for syrup-making, feed and fodder, and this pamphlet gives full information about the different species, best modes of cultivation, etc. Send and get it and read it.

"The snow, the snow; the beautiful

The jingle of the sleigh bells has been heard this week.

The Peter's pence for 1889 yielded to the pope \$30,000 less than in 1888. Balmy, southern breezes. The ice men are becoming anxious.

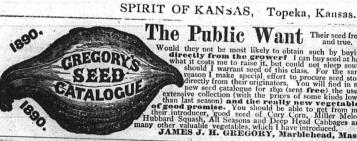
La grippe has a grip on about haif

Boys, quit shooting quails or you will get in trouble!

Where flush times the presflush times the presidential elect to bring?

The boys and girls , lots of fun on the ice this w been having

THE Russian influenza is called "! grippe,"but sneezyernozoff would be much more appropriate, considering the place of its origin and its chief



The Public Want Their seed fresh and true. Would they not be most likely to obtain such by buying directly from the grower? I can buy seed at half what it costs make should I warrensie it, but could not sleep sound should I warrensie it, but could not sleep sound should I warrensie it, but could not sleep sound should I warrensie it, but could not sleep sound should I warrensie it, or you will find in my new seed catalogue for its for sent will find in my extensive collection (with the prices of some kinds we were tables of good promise. You should be able to get from me, than last season) and the really new veretables of good promise. You should be able to get from me, then introducer, good seed of Cory Corn, Miller Melon, bhard Squash, All Scasons and Deep Head Cabbages and other valuable vegetables, which I have introduced.

JAMES J. H. GKEGORY, Marblehead, Mass,

POSITIVELY THE FIRST AND OMLY FILLED-GOLD Engine-Case American Movement Watch EVER SOLD FOR \$8.75. NARRANTED

A meeting of the Douglas county farmers' union was held Tuesday Delegates from all the alliances in the county were present. The session was secret but it is nuderstood that the object of the meeting was to form plans for the coming campaign and also to make arrangements for handling the stock and grain of the county.

Seme little interest is manifested her cover the announcement of the K. C. W. & N. W. railroad that the passenger rates will be reduced to 2 cents per mile and that "thousand-mile" tickets will be sold for \$15. It is given out that the company makes this cut providing a right of way into the Union depot at Kansas City is not granted before January 18.

The ice men are beginning to be un-

MY BED.

Oh, downy bed, with snowy spread, And pillows of pure white, How fondly I to thee draw nigh, When comes the solemn nigh!

Then worn by care, oh, couch most rare!

Between the sheets I creep.

And from my woes seek sweet repose
In quiet, holy sleep.

When drives the rain against the pane, And nipping is the air, The covering o'er my form I draw, And nestle snugly there,

And then I think of those who sink, Neglected and alone, Their clothes in shreds, 'neath their heads No pillow save a stone.

Ah, then to me, when poverty Seems doubly to affright, A prayer I breathe, "Oh, God. relieve The wretched poor to-night!"

#### CHOST OF VALLEYTHORPE

"Well, I think it's a pretty good sale," said Mr. Moneypenny, rubbing his hands. "Very good considering the dull state of the real estate market and the bad condition that Valleythorpe has fallen into."

"Have you sold it?" said Diana Dart suddenly dropping her needles and

turning pale.
"Yes, I've sold it," said Mr. Money

panny, "for \$18,000.
"But it was mine," said Diana.
"Old Mr. Thorpe gave it to my mother in reward for the care she took of him in his last days."

"Yes, I know-I know," said Mr. Moneypenny, soothingly, as if he were speaking to a fractious child. But, you see, you can't prove it. There ain to papers later than the old will of 1880, and that leaves everything to Rufus Milner. And it ain't yours or his'n now. It's Chartley Fountaine's.

"I hate Chartley Fountaine," said Diana, with an oblique flash out of her

superb Andalusian eyes. "He is al-ways crossing my path."

"Oh, come, now, don't be unreasonable," said Mr. Moneypenny. "Fontaine's a good a fellow as ever was. It "Fonain't no ways to his discredit that he knows a bargain when he sees it."

Diana Dart made no reply. She went on sewing with a dark frown outlining her level black brows.

Mr. Moneypenny furtively observed

her as he ate his dinner.
"I'm almost sorry," thought he,
"that Mrs. Moneypenny hired that girl to sew for her by the month. She's right smart with the needle to be sure; but she's got that gypsy way with her that nobody ever knows what she'll do or say next. Anyhow, I'll be glad when her time's up.

'Diana!" The sun had just disappeared behind the purple spurs of the Berkshire hills. Diana, at last released from the drudgery of the needle, was standing under the fragrant silver-green blossoms of the grape vines, watching the slender curve of the new moon above her head. She started at the sound of Chartley Fontaine's voice. What is it?"

want to speak to you, Diana." "You can't have anything to say to

"But I have. A great deal. I've

bought the old place, Diana!"
"You have bought it—yes. But who had any right to sell it to you? Mine by inheritance from my mother. "It shall be yours, Diana, if you will

marry me!" he pleaded. won't marry any man who is an

imposter!" Chartley Fontain winced a little at

this extremely plain speech.
"If I had not become the purchaser, Diana," said he, "some one else would. And it was for you, dear!"

Diana imprisoned her red lips firmly between her white teeth.

"I decline altogether to receive it," said she. "What! receive my own at the hands of any man alive? I've too much pride for that. It is mine! It was my mother's before me."
"You cannot prove it," he urged.

"Truth ought to need no proofs.
"There is no use in talking," said
"There is no use in talking," what Fontaine, a little impatiently. "Wha I want to know is will you marry me?" "No," Diana promptly answered.
"Not as a portionless begger."
"Diana!"

"I mean it," said she; and so they parted—certainly not enemies, but not

quite friends.

Charley Fontain took possession of the old Valleythrope mansion with a deal less pride and happiness than he had expected and, instead of the beauhad expected and, instead of the beau-tiful young wife upon whose presence fie had counted, old Aunt Valencia came to keep house for him—a fantast-ic wincing little personage, with a 17-year-old head upon a 70-year-old pair of shoulders, a combination which is by no means so rare in this world as one would think. She was at once rheu-matic and romatic, sensible and super-

Such dear old place, Chart!" said she, as she followed her nephew through the halls and corridors, her skirts held daintily up, her eye-glassed orbs glancing here and there like those

of an elderly sparrow.

'Only a little stuffy though, isn't it?
By the way, what's this story that
very respectable woman, the houseteeper, tells me about a counterclaim
set up by one Miss Dart to this proper-

Chartley listlessly explained the com-

What nonsense," chirped Aunt Va

She believes firmly in it," said her

But she can't prove it!"

'No. She has only had her mother's rd for it, and Mrs. Dart wasn't algether right in her head at the time her death. It is more than likely

that the whole thing was a delusion or

"What nonsense!" again repeated AuntValencia. "Chart., dear, did you ever hear that this house was—haunt-

'No. aunt." "It's the very place for a ghost," twittered the sparrow-like old lady. "This delightful corridor here, with the suspicious stains on the staircase that lovely vestibule with the colored glass skylight! And oh, Chart., look out of this window. Do you see those white mists floating up from the laburum walk down there? Exactly like gliding, formless ghosts. Cook tells me they come up every right. me they come up every night, from that very spot where the sun goes down. Do you think, Chart, that a murder could possibly have been committed there?"

"I think," Chartley Fontaine absent-

ly answered, "that the drainage of the place must be horribly bad, and we shall all have malaria unless I teleshall all have graph to Sutton to send up some drain tiles at once."

"But the place is full of such delicious tall fern and water lilies," pleaded Aunt Valencia.

"Hang the ferns and water lilies," said her nephew. "You'll have to content yourself with in-door ghosts, aunt, I can't stand a low pool like that under my very windows."

Aunt Valencia sighed, but Chartley was inexorable, and within a week the

plumber's men were at work, hounding he white, floating mist-specters from their fragrant fastnesses with no more romantic implements than pick-axes and drain tiles. She and her nephew had come down to superintend the operations one evening, when a laborer came toward them, touching his frowsy

"Please, zur," said he, "'ere's what

"Hease, zur, saan ne, ere s what I found under the roots o' tnat big willer tree. It's zum zort of a box." "The ghost!" whispered Aunt Valen-cia, giving her nephew's arm an excruciating pinch. "Open it, Chart-do! See, it's almost rusted through!"

It was a box of papers, mildewed, time-stained, saturated through and through with an earthly smell—old love letters addressed to Emily Sea cliff, afterward Emily Dart, the mothe of Diana; apparently valueless receipts and memorandums; a few manuscript poems; a soiled glove and a French bon-bon case, into which was crumple up an oblong piece of legal paper—a deed of gift from old James Thorpe to Emily Dart, and her heirs and assigns forever, of Valleythorpe and all its

Chartley turned to Aunt Valencia with vividly scintilating eyes and pale cheeks.

"Aunt," he said, "you were right. It was a ghost, and it has rendered up its message from the spirit land. In one of her troubled brain-fits, Mrs. Dart must have hidden away these papers and forgotten to disclose their whereabouts to any living soul. Diana was right, also. Valleythrope is hers, and I have no more title to it than yonder farm-boy in the high-road!"
"And Rufus Milner, of whom you

bought it?" gasped the old lady.
"He had no right to sell what wa not his. This deed of gift is dated seven years later than the will under which he inherited the place. He will have to refund me the purchase money

"And that black-eyed, solemn-faced girl at old Moneypenny's is the heiress of Valleythorpe?"
"Undoubtedly."
"How delicated the purchase money of course."

"How delightfully romantic!" lispe

Diana Dart was feeding the little yellow gostings in the early sunshine of the morrow morning at the back kitchen door of the Moneypenny farmhouse when Chartley Fontaine came along the winding footpath. She look-

ed up with a sudden start,
"You have something to tell me,"
she cried: "I see it in your eyes."
"Yes," said he. "Will you have it

all at once? You are an heiress—I am to be turned out of Valleythrope. And then he related all the particu-

'Am I to go?" said he, quietly Diana's shadowy, black-lashed eyes followed the little goslings as they vanished like balls of downy gold into the tall southern-wood bushes along

the picket fence.
"No," said she. "Why should you go? Valleythrope is your own.'
"No, Diana; it is yours."

What is mine is yours also," murmured Diana in a still lower voice, "if—if you will take it."

Diana my own darling! But you would not take it from me." "But," whispered Diana, "can't you see that this is quite different?" And she burst into a shower of hap-

py tears, with her face hidden against his breast. "I do love you," she sobbed, "I de love you! And I have loved you all along, only—only I was too proud to

So Mr. Fontaine staid on at Valley-thrope after all, and Aunt Valencia persists to this day that there was a genuine ghost in the laburnum walk.
"And it has never come back, poor thing," said she, "because it has delivits message from the other

"Because I have had the swampy hole thoroughly drained," said Fon-taine, the iconoclast.

"All the same," chirps Aunt Valen-cia, "you must own that the whole occurrence is delightfully romanic."

On the Limited.

She: "Who is that meek, dejected looking man in uniform? He can't be one of the company's officials?" He:
"Yes, he is a Pullman porter, but he has just discovered that there is a base ball reporter on the train."

#### ORDEALS OF BIG-BOYS.

There are Youths Whose Lives are Made Miserable.

Tortures Which Attend a Young Man's First Visit to a Barber Shop for a Shave-Other Mean Things He Meets When Leaving His Teens.

You people who think life is all a dream of bliss to a youth of eighteen are much mistaken. The individual who treads the path which separates happy youth from established manhood has more kinds of trouble than an elevator boy. He knows he isn't an infant and yet he knows he dare not assert a claim to man's imperial estate. He is constantly getting in the way of grown people, and recoils from their assault in fear and trembling, only to be shocked into imbecility by the small boy whose well-contained nerves feel no modest fancies. He would gladly give two years of his life for any im-aginable consideration, but finds years a drug on the market, and can struggle along through this painful transition period until Father Time shall kindly make a man of him. He puts on a new suit of clothes and ven-tures forth into the free air, sweating his fears through every pore, selects the most unfrequented ways and runs in speechless embarrassment right into the presence of some dainty maiden who might sit as a painter's model of composure.

How he longs for the years when he can be a calm young man with a mustache, to stand even before grown girls and bandy repartee without being hampered by that ossified intelligence, and with the marvelous fortune to so acquit himself that they shall admire

Speaking of beards-how eagerly he scans the advertisements of a drug warranted to produce a fine beard in five days. How often he buys it and tries it! How bitter his disppointment when the same old chin comes up as naked as an egg from every new application! How miserly he saves his few dimes and buys a shaving outfit of an unpleasant clerk, who can wear pomade on his lip adornment, and how clumsily he attempts his first shave. Oh, how he longs for a mustache! But dull razors that he cannot sharpen drive him at last to the awful resolve for an assault on the

How a boy suffers when he goes for his first shave. The stillest hour of the afternoon is taken—when no one is likely to be in the shop—but the un-happy panter after age walks past a dozen places because they hold too many witnesses. He enters one at last in sheerest desperation, sweeps a a frightened glance about, and half expects to hear them shout: "Goin' to git his first shave—ha! ha!" and then he breaks for the first chair.

"Shave?" asks the barber, with a pretense of respect, while the youth knows all hands have quit their occupations to see him. He wriggles farther back in the chair, fuming and boiling because his courage will not come, till the barber says again, more

sternly this time—"shave?"
"No, hair cut," gasps the victim, and his chance is gone. He knows as well as the terrible man who is making merry with him that the hair doesn't need cutting. But the deepest depth trouble comes when he reflects he only brought money enough for a shave! However will he get out of this scrape?

These things may look like folly to bearded men who have outgrown all boyish foolishness and these men may suggest the use of a little common sense as an excellent preventive as well as cure for this unwelcome affliction. But common sense is just what the victim cannot command. To the large majority of maturing youths some morbid crosslight falls upon the scene, and he loses the hold on things of even balance. Little by little fate mitigates his sentence, until with man handle years and preside stream the hood's years and pressing cares the nerves are forced in conduits and kept in strict control. The budding youth in strict control. The budding youth has passed to soberer maturity, and finds his only recompense of distant pain by watching here and there another victim in the toils of time.

#### Personal Servitude.

The domestic servant is going because the domestic spirit of the age, which is naturally more intense in this country than any other, has rendered and is every year still further render-ing the relation of peasonal servitude unpopular. Domestic service implies a sacrifice of personal dignity in the relation of the employer, which at the present day in this country is required of no other class of workers and would be endured by

Too Much on Bappart.

"I am very sorry, but I cannot employ you," said the owner of a dairy to a sturdy 6-footer, with a voice like booma sturdy 6-footer, with a voice like booming thunder, who had applied to him for a 'job.' "But," insisted the applicant, "I know all about the work—I'm an expert milker—" "Can't help it," interrupted the dairyman, "Your voice would curd le the milk." That settled it.

Startling News.

"Any startling news in the paper this morning, Mr. Homerun?" asked his wife at the breakfast table. "Start-ling? Well, I should say so!" ex-claimed her husband excitedly. "Here is an article headed Mulvey Signs with the Brotherhood." THE GRAMMATICAL BOY.

Bill Nye Draws a Lesson from the School Reader.

Sometimes a sad, homesick feeling comes over me, when I compare the prevailing style of anecdote and school literature with the old Mc-Guffey brand, so well-known thirty years ago. To-day our juvenile literature, it seems to me, is so transparent, so easy to understand, that I am not surprised to learn that the rising generation shows signs of lawnesness.

Boys to-day do not use the respect ful language and large, luxuriant words that they did when Mr. Mc-Guffey used to stand around and report their conversation for his justly celebrated school reader. It is disagreeable to think of, but it is none the less true, and for one I think we

I ask the careful student of school literature to compare the following selection, which I have written myself with great care, and arranged with special reference to the matter of special reference to the matter of choice and difficult words, with the flippant and common-place terms used in the average school book of to-day: One day as George Pillgarlic was go

ing to his tasks, and while passing through the wood, he spied a tall man approaching in an opposite direction along the highway.

"Ah!" thought George, in a very low, mellow tone of voice, "whom have

we here?" "Good morning, my fine fellow,

exclaimed the stranger, pleasantly. "Do you reside in this locality?" "Indeed I do, "retorted George, cheerfully, doffing his cap. "In yonder cottage, near the glen, my widowed mother and her thirteen children dwell with

"And is your father dead?" exclaimed the man, with a rising inflection.

"Extremely so," murmured the lad, "and oh, sir, that is why my poor mother is a widow."

"And how did your papa die?" asked the man, as he thoughtfully stood on the other foot a while.

"Alas, sir," said George, as a large, hot tear stole down his pale cheek and fell with a loud report on the warty supposed his tere foot the the warty surface of his bare foot, was lost at sea in a bitter gale. The good ship foundered two years ago last Christmas, and father was founder ed at the same time. No one knew of the loss of the ship and that the crew was drowned until the next spring, and then it was too late."

"And what is your age, my fine felquoth the stranger. "If I live till next October," said the

boy in a declamatory tone of voice suitable for a Second Reader, "I will be 9 years of age.

"And who provides for your mother and her large family of children?" queried the man.
"Indeed I do, sir;" replied George

"Indeed I do, sir;" replied George in a shrill tone. "I toil, oh, so hard, sir, for we are very, very poor, and since my elder sister. Ann, was married and brought her husband home to live with us, I have to toil more assiduously than herenofore." uously than herevofore.'

"And by what means do you obtain a livelihood?" exclaimed the man, in slowly measured and grammatical

"By digging wells, kind sir," by digging wells, kind sir," replied George, picking up a tired and as he spoke and stroking it on the back; "I have a good education, and so I am able to dig wells as well as a man. I do this day-times and take in washing at night. In this way I am enabled barely to maintain our family in a precarious manner; but, oh, sir, should my other sisters marry. I fear that some of my brothers-in-law would have to suffer.

"And do you not fear the deadly fire-damp?" asked the stranger in an earnest tone.

"Not by a damp sight," answered George, with a low gurgling laugh,

for he was a great wag.
"You are indeed a brave lad," exclaimed the stranger, as he repressed a smile. "And do you not at times

a smile. "And do you not at times become very weary and wish for other ways of passing your time?"
"Indeed I do, sir," said the lad "I would fain run and romp and be gay like other boys, but I must engage in constant manual exercise or we would have no bread to eat, and I have not seen a pie since papa perished in the moist and moaning sea."
"And what if I were to tell you that

your papa did not perish at sea, but was saved from a humid grave?" ask-

was saved from a huma graver asa-ed the stranger in pleasing tones.

"Ah, sir." exclaimed George, in a genteel manner, again doffing his cap,
"I am too polite to tell you what I would say, and besides, sir, you are

much larger than I am."

"But, my brave lad," said the man in low, musical tones, "do you not know me, Georgie? Oh, George!"

"I must say," replied George, "that you have the advantage of me. Whilst I may have met you before, I cannot at this moment place you, sir."

"My son! oh, my son!" murmured the man, at the same time taking a large strawberry mark out of his

large strawberry mark out of value and showing it to the lad. valise and showing it to the lad. "Do you not recognize your parent on your lather's side? When our good ship went to the bottom, all perished save me. I swam several miles through the billows, and at last, utterly exhausted, gave up all hope of life. Suddenly I stepped on something hard. It was the United States." BILL NYE.

It takes so little to make a child happy that it is a pity, in a world full of sunshine and pleasant things, that there should be any wistful faces, empty hands, or lonely young hearts.

#### WINGED MISSILES.

Cleveland, O., is to have a permanent lectrical exhibition.

Thirty thousand tons of coal per day is displaced by natural gas.

Jay Gould predicts that 1890 will be booming year to railroads,

Engineers are now laying out a line of railroad in the Congo region of Africa. The Chinese Government will soon be

able to send ironclads to New York harbor. A tunnel is to be built under Lake Erie at Cleveland; it will be 73% feet in diameter. Mexico is coming up; banks are starting, crops are good, foreign commerce is increas

ing.
The Shenango Valley iron men propose to combine and erect an immense steel mill.

Reading has a silent barber who has large number of customers. He is deaf and dumb.

Aspring of petroleum discovered in the Wisconsin iron range has been tested and proved genuine.

A railroad is projected by the Russian government through Siberia. It will be 4,000 miles long. Railroad companies are ordering all the

reight cars they can get car-builders to take contracts for. Money and taste csn make an impression.

Vice President Morton is the best dressed man in Washington. Some Lynn boot and shoe manufacturers

are looking up sites in Norfolk, Va., and elsewhere in the south Mechanical engineers are trying to solve

the problem of reducing cost of steam engine work 26 per cent. Cathedral glass is to be made at Findlay,

Ohio, A large glass factory is to be removed to Sheffleld, Ala. The Czar has learned a diversion that

will save him from ennui. He has become interested in American poker. The coal miners in the anthracite region

are unable to get ahead. There are more diggers than there is work for. There are some drugs which are said to be worth \$2,000 a bottle, and the druggists say they don't make much on them either.

The King of Siam is a very enterprising man and doesn't care for expenses. He has just taken unto himself twenty new wives.

The National Wool Growers have effeceed the strongest possible organization, and now feel that their industry cannot be damaged.

Gounod has promised to write a mass for the opening of the new organ at St. Peter's Four thousand singers will take part in the ceremonies. Margaret Deland has not been so great a

success in her picture as in her novel, "John Ward, Preacher," which has reached its fiftieth thousand. A highly electrical young man in Alliance, Ohio, has only to rub his fingers,

when small coin and other metallic valuables stick to them as if by magic. Down in Georgia cotton mill operatives

do eleven hours' work; as it requires one hour per day longer to do a day's work there than it does in Northern mills. A plague of monkeys afflicts Tanjore, in Southern India. The creatures de so much

mischief than an official monkey catcher receives a rupee for each monkey captured. Somebody figures out that 3,000,000 people walk about London's streets daily, and that in so doing they wear away a ton of leather particles from their boots and

Robert Conner has on his farm at Tarrytown and in his city stables in New York nearly sixty of the notable turf performers of their day and for which he paid nearly A Chambersburg, Pa., youth thought he

ought to try some of his girl's cooking be-fore marriage. He ate a dinner which she prepared with her own hands and hasn't been to see her since. The business interest of the country are not suffering. Every branch of trade and manufacture is booming; yet there are tens of thousands who are barely able to

live on their low wages. Talmage is not wiser than his generation. In Pompeii he paid \$10 a piece for medal-lions. His wife has informed him that the same articles could be bought at the curios in Brooklyn for 25 cents aniece.

To be a Hoosier these days is an honor. In population and wealth Indiana claims to be the sixth state in the union and the first in educational facilities. Of course officially speaking the state leads all others.

A family at West Bethel. Me., consists of a couple of eighty-five and eighty years of age respectively, who live alone and do most their work. But they do not lack for music or excitement—they keep fifteen pet

Thirteen mills are turning out 150 tons of wood pulp daily. It requires machinery of 15,000 horse power to run these mills. When all the wood pulp mills now building are completed, 1,000 cords of wood will be turn-

ed into paper daily. Within the next ten years some of the within the next ten years some of the grandest pieces of engineering ever conceived will be started. Bridges will be commenced which if talked of now would be regarded as chimerical. Houses 15 to 30 stories high will be built.

In discussing lager beer a German critic insists that there is in the German vocabulary no such word as lager, which he believes to be purely a Viennese expression. There is also very little lager about a great deal of beer that is put out.

Soap bubbles blown with newly generated hydrogen gas have been found to act as electrical condensers, the liquid of which, when broken, exhibited a negative charge. It is suggested that this fact explains the so-called fire balls sometimes seen during

A peculiarly shaped rock was picked up by workmen on the foundation of a building near Morgantown, W. Va. It almest ex-actly resembles a moccasined foot, and for a time it was supposed to be the petrified pedal extremity of some giant Indian who chased buffalces and tomahawked his ene-

#### FOR THE FARMER.

Hints for the Progressive Farmer and Stock Raiser

The Necessity of Changing Seed-A Good Road is Money Saved—Points About Good Milk -- Protect Farm Implements -- Some Household Recipes of Value.

Changing Seed.

A neighbor called on business the other day and chancing to see some sample ears of corn in our window expressed his desire to examine them, which was gladly granted. We had sold him several bushels of fair seed three years previously. He wanted to buy some fresh seed for he said corn run out when planted on the same land continuously and a change of seed was essential.

I tried to explain to him that while it may be true that change of seed was beneficial, and there seemed to be some evidence to that effect, that the principal reason for the benefit he derived from buying fresh seed was that he bought of some one who took more pains in selecting seed than he did. In support of his opinion he said he always took pains in selecting his seed and that in harvesting five thousand bushels of corn whenever he came to a particularly good ear he put it aside for seed. Still his seed ran out.

There happened to be five ears in the window. Three were good specimens—considerably above the average. Two were conspicuously inferior; so much so, it seems to me, as to be apparent to the mere novice. Nevertheless, he chose one of the latter as what he considered the best ear in the lot. Is there any wonder his seed ran out? Such a selection of seed corn would ruin any variety we have on the farm in three years and we grow some standard varieties.

During the last ten years about a dozen different varieties have been tested annually, and no varity has been found to take the place of one which has been grown as a field crop contin-uously during that time, and it is believed to be better now than form-

Undoubtedly a farmer had better buy an already improved variety than to try to improve an inferior one; but having a good variety, he may, by careful selection, retain its good qualities and even improve them.

It is in accordance with all that is known in the animal kingdom, to suppose that the continued growth and selection of a variety in a given locality will better adapt it to that locality. provided that the locality is favorable to the production of said variety. -T.

A Good Road. A good road is always to be desired, and is a source of comfort and convenience to every traveler. Good roads attract population, as well as good schools and churches. Good roads improve the value of property, so that it is said that a farm lying five miles from market connected by a bad road is of less value than an equally good farm lying ten miles away from market and connected by a good road. A larger load can be drawn by one horse over a good rold than by two over a bad one. Good roads encourage the greater exchange of products and commodities between one section and another. Good roads mean for you and me better business. Good roads en-courage riding, driving and sale of our vehicles, while bad roads mean less business for you and for me, for where the roads are bad the truffic must of necessity be much less. As a nation we are a remankably patient and an easy-going people, considering the enterprise and business activity for which we are noted the world over and rather too apt to fall into the way of doing things as a matter of course. As a result of this, very strenuous and continuous efforts are frequently necessary to bring about the farthest reaching and most desirable reforms. From a business point of view, we can not afford to neglect any opportunity to help along the present movement. Fifty years ago there was some excuse for bad roads, for our country was poor. Now it is rich there is no ex-

The Viscosity of Milk.

The viscosity, or sticky property, of milk has been an interesting study of late years by dairymen. The degree of viscosity in milk is a sure test of its purity and qu lity. An unque viscosity in butter is a sign of adulteration or counterfeit. In making butter it is found that the less glutinous the milk is, the better it is for butter. A number of experi-ments have been made on New York dairy farms, which have lead to some practical discoveries.

The more vis ous, or sticky the cream is, the harder it will be to churn. By mixing a little gelatine or other sticky substance with cream, it can be mixed up and beaten without any danger of making butter. In the same way if the cream is very viscous it will be hard work to make butter, and very little will be made even after it comes. Cream that is it comes. Cream that is very sticky should be removed from the milk, and thoroughly mixed with water, until it is thinned down. It will then yield butter very quickly, and, it is believed a larger quantity. Butter that is made from non-viscous cream will keep much better than that made from vis-

Petroleum for Wo d Work, If a farmer buys a barrel of crude petroleum and uses it freely on his implements he will save its cost every year—provided he is what is called an

"average" farmer whose tool shed is co-extensive with his farm.

Crude petroleum is easily applied and is cheap; mine cost 8½ cents per gallon—and it will penetrate wood deeper than the heavier linseed oil; its uses on the farm are almost number. uses on the farm are almost numberless. It can be used in the hen-house to kill lice; on pigs and other animals for the same purpose; on dogs to kill fleas; on plow moldboards to keep heas; on plow moldoards to keep them from rusting; on gate hinges to prevent wear and squeaking; on news to prevent decay; on siding to peccede and save paint and on any kind of exposed wood work. It is always ready for use and its cheapness will cause it is best and riber a preventive oil. to be used where a more expensive oil or a paint would not be. I believe if the rims of wagon wheels are kept filled with crude petroleum they will never decay and the tires will not need setting nearly so often.

Mule's Shoulders.

Unless care is taken there is considable danger of getting the shoulders sore, and if they once get galled it is difficult to cure them. It will be a much better plan to take considerable pains to keep them well, than to risk One of the first items is to see that the harness is properly fitted; each horse should have a collar fitted to him, and then adjust the harness to fit the collar as perfectly as possible. The same harness should then be kept without changing. It is very important with the teams that are kept steadily at work to have the harness fit well Keep the collar clean. They should be cleaned off in the morning and at It will pay to remove the har ness and collars at noon.

Grape Vines on Heavy Solls.

The old idea that grapes thrive best on light land is mainly due to the fact that such soils are naturally dry. While heavy clay is not best for the grape, it is no insuperable obstacle to success in vinevarding, provided it is thoroughly underdrained. In fact, grape-gnowing is possible under a wider range of conditions and soils than it is the case with any other crop. The one thing that grape roots cannot abide in stagnant water. No matter if this dries out in mid summer it is then past the power of the vine to regain lost time. Land thoroughly drained to the depth of three feet warms more quickly in spring, and makes a difference in temperature of a good thing, in a consent war. makes a difference in temperature of five to ten degrees or more at the time when the vine most needs warmth.

Farm Notes.

The best w y to get rid of willows or other trees liable to sprout from the stump is to girdle them and let them stand until they cease to produce leaves. By this plan all trouble with sprouts will be avoided,

When breeding any class of stock a selection of the breed is the most important requiste. Some breeds de-mand better management than others, and a mistake in selecting the breed may entail a loss,

Experiments show that any portion of the seed from an ear of corn may be used for planting, and that there is no advantage possessed by the butt seed over the tip seed, nor is the middle seed better than that from the butts or

the stock the male should always be pure breed. When a graded male is as it passes through pure breed. When a graded male is used the tendency is to retard improvement. It requires but two or three seasons to effect remarked improvement on the farm stock if careful concavalry and artilery. sideration be given the selection of

Rye straw, unbroken, sells better in market than that which is broken; but for bedding, on the farm, it is better to cut it, as it can then be easier handled when added to the manure heap. The fineness of all material entering into the manure heap is important, as it promotes more rapid decomposition and saves labor in handling the manure in the spring. According to Sir J. B. Lawes, an

acre of barley absorbs 547 tons of water a day. This appears enormous. But if we could see the amount of moisture that daily and hourly arises from the field and forest, it would as tonish us until we got familiar with it. The water is thrown off by the tree and plant, but the fertilizing material which it held it solution remains to nourish them and promote their

The Household.

POP OVERS—One egg beaten thoroughly, one cupful of milk, one and one-fourth cupfuls of sifted flour, and a little salt. Bake in gem pans in a very quick oven about forty minutes. Sour Milk Biscurr-One quart of

Sour Milk biscorr—one quart of flour, two cups of sour milk, two level tablespoonfuls of land. Mix with a spoon as bread dough, only not so stiff. Roll out about an inch thick; cut, and bake in a moderate oven. EGGLESS CORN BREAD-One pint

each of wheat flour and Indian meal. three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one-half cup of butter, one pint of sweet milk, one-half teaspoonful of salt. Bake in a well-greased baking

GRAHAM BREAD-With one quart of warm water and one cup of yeast make a stiff batter with Graham flour; let rise, and add a half cup of brown sug-ar and one teaspoonful of soda; mold into loaves with wheat flour, let rise and bake in a slow oven.

OATMEAL MUFFINS-One and one-Oatmeal MUFFINS—One and one-fourth cups of oatmeal, one cup of flour, one-half cup of brown sugar, one-half cup of butter worked into the sugar, one egg, a small cup of milk, a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in less than a half cup of molasses, one egg, a little nutmen. POPULARITY OF HEARTS.

ointers on a Game Which Bids Fair to Be All the Rage.

"Hearts," the little game that was introduced into high society a few years ago, is likely to become as much the rage, according to the New York Sun, as progressive euchre has been Sun, as progressive euchre has been for a season or two past. The game seems to be all right, and fully as pleasant as the older one of euchre, not to speak of its being easier for a greenhorn to pick up. There were always one or two at a progressive euchre party who did not know the game, and hadn't more than begun to earn it when the bell rang for the last round. This greatly interfered with the celerity of play that was essential to make a progressive euchre sential to make a progressive euchre party lively, and was a constant annoyance to good players. There will be no such troubles with hearts, for its rules are so simple that any one with any knowledge at all of cards can pick them up in a few minutes. At the same time there is room in the game for the exercise of the faculties of memory and judgement essential to a good whist player. The more one knows about it the better one plays, but to be able to play well enough keep up with the procession and avoid delaying the game it is not essential to have expert knowledge.

There are four players in each game, but no partners, a fact that simplifies it greatly. The full pack of fifty-two cards (no joker) is dealt at once, and the cards rank from ace, high, to deuce, low. The deal is determined by throwing a card to each player, the lowest dealing. The player at the dealer's left leads, and the others play in rotation, following suit if they can, throwing away if they have none of the suit led. The highest card of the suit led takes the trick, and the win-ner of one trick leads for the next,

The object of each player is to avoid taking any trick that has a heart in it, and, of course, to compel some one else to take tricks into which hearts have been thrown. The result is a sort of reversal of whist, with hearts perpetually trumps. Of course the highest cards are the most dangerous, play, because then one can avoid having to follow suit, perhaps, and have a chance to throw away a heart, and in various other matters the rules and customs that have become instinct with whist players are reversed in hearts.

#### SCIENCE NOTES.

In a recent trial with armor plates of English and French make, held in Holland, the former came out victori-

There is said to be a spot in Siberia about thirty miles square where the ground has not thawed out for the last hundred years, and where it is frozen to a depth of sixty feet.

A Nuremburg manufacturer bas invented peucils in blue, black and brown, for writing on the human skin. When crossing for improvement of the stock the male chemical demonstrations.

A shell, making a prodigious noise the air, not un-

For a cement for fastening wood to stone, melt together four pints of pitch and one pint of wax, and add four parts of pounded brickdust or chalk. It must be warmed before using and applied thinly to the surfaces to be

A mortar which, it is claimed will stand in all sorts of weather, is made of one bushel of unslaked lime and three bushels of sharp san l, to which is added one pound of alum mixed with one pint of linseed oil. The alum will counteract the action of frost on the mortar.

A company has just started in New York city for supplying cold air to the butchers of Washington Market. The supply is regulated by a clock. The The air is cooled by the ammonia system, and its temperature enables the butchers to dispense with the ice into which they formerly put their meat.

Some one asks what is the difference between electricity generated by chemical process and that generated by friction, magnets and otherwise? The answer given is that the difference consists in tension or potential; frictional electricity has very high tension compared with that generated by a

In the present phonograph, a stylus for impressing the wax is attached to the center of the vibrating diaphragm. The new improvement of G. Bettini is to extend little rods from the stylus to several parts of the diaphragm. In this way greater exactness of tone and speech is obtained, so the inventor claims, and much superior results.

By the exercise of a little care and the adoption of a few simple rules a great deal of rheumatism could be pre-vented. Abstemious living, free exer-cise, frequent bathing to keep the skin active, a liberal use of fruits, and the active, a liberal use of fruits, and the drinking of water in large quantities are sure preventives. Water disolves and washes waste matter out of the system, and its use is estential where there is any impairment in the action of the kidneys, bowels or skin. By the application of this simple treatment and ordinary care immuity from rheumatism can be obtained. WITHOUT A SOUL.

Glorious Government as Our

The United States of America as a debtor is the most unconscionable scoundrel on the earth, writes Col. Van Horn, the veteran editor of the Kansas City Journal, in a Washington letter. A claim against the government is like an ancient case in chancery -and much of the importunity of congressmen is from people, poor, in distress, want and poverty, to whom the government has honestly been in debt for a generation. I would like to see a president and a congress elected on the direct issue of paying the honest debts of the nation. Then, how to pay, instead of how not to pay, would become for once the public policy.

know men in congress who have made a national reputation as economic statesmen, because of their long and pertinacious objecting to the payment of money, in whose shoes I would not stand in the hereafter for all the honors ever heaped upon them or their kind since the nation was founded—nor would I sleep with the conscience they ought to have for all the honors a generation of kindreds souls could bestow. And nine times in ten this affected zeal for the public treasury, that sends scores and hundreds to suicide, crime or paupers' graves, is the merest studied demagogism. I know there are fradulent claims before congress and it goes with proverbial unanimity that they are more apt to be paid than the honest ones-for they can be prosecuted on contingent fees, while honest debts cannot afford to pay—but even these pretexts ought not to be regarded so as to control the policy of con-gress. If the people of the United States could for a moment see and realize the terrible wrongs perpetrated by the men they send to congress, they would vote money enough to pay the claims en masse, rather than see and know the suffering, the wrong and the in amous cruelty perpetrated against legitimate creditors of the government. I know one case of a man who was an inmate of the house I make my home here, who literally starved to death a little more than a year ago, an accomplished man, a scholar any a gentleman, to whom the government owed an adjudicated claim of \$70,000, money advanced on its own authority out of his own pocket, because he could not get congress to appropriate the money to pay it. And this case, infamous as it was, is only a sample of scores and hundreds of others. I have said that as a debtor the United States is the most infamous scoundrel on earth—and don't such a case as this, as far as it goes, sustain the allegation?

He Shouted for the Wrong Man.

The Fayetteville centennial celebration of the last month was one of the most notable events of recent years in North Carolina, says the Washington Post. The Marine band was there. The principal orator was Senator Ran-

A score of prominent men sat on the platform, including Senator Vance and Ransom, a majority of the congressional delegation, and other distinguished citizens. Gov. Daniel Fowle made the introductions. He is a very deliberate and impressive speaker. Walking to and impressive speaker. Walking to the front he said in his most deliberate

and impressive manner:
"Fellow-Citizens: There is upon this platform to-day. A citizen of North Carolina. Whose name is a household word from the sea to the mountains. Learned, patriotic, and eloquent. He has the honor. resent the state of North Carolina. As one of her two representatives. In the senate of the United States. I have the distinguished honor of pre-

senting to you the——"

Just then an enthusiast in the front row jumped up, shook his hat wildly, and yelled at the top of his voice: "Hurrah for Zeb Vance!"

The crowd caught it up with a will and cheered him to the echo. -Hon. Senator Ransom," contin-

ued Gov. Fowle, competing his sen-tence. Then Senator Ransom got up, pulled down his cuffs, walked forward, bowed, and made his speech.

That evening one of Zeb Vance's admirers took the enthusiastic shouter nto town and bought him a new suit of clothes.

Clean in the Faith.

"Yas, sah, Mr. George," said an old

"Whar—whar—whut, sah? doan' I go w sh merse'f?" "Yes, and put on a clean shirt. "Yes, and put on a clean are as dirty as you can be."

are as dirty as you can be."

"Oh, now, yere, I ain't talkin' 'bout
dat sorter keepin' clean. I wuz talkin'
'bout keepin' clean in de faif, sah—in
de faif. I ain't got no time ter fool
erlong wid de waters o' dis yere life.
What I mean is ter keep yer sperit
clean, washed in de dewdrops o' de
new Jerusalem; means, ez I tell you,
'at was mus' keep clean in de fai sah dat we mus' keep clean in de fai, sah —keep clean in de faif.!!—Arkansaw

And He Didn't. Some men are disastrously super-

stitious, says the Burlington Free Press. A Burlington swain came to the determination to propose on a cer-tain evening. Entering the parlor in considerable trepidation, he picked up a book and glanced at the title page. It is a copy of "Don't." He didn't, and on the very next afternoon his girl consented to be Mrs. Somebody TALK OF THE DAY.

The natives of Alaska are a cold and distant people.

Alack aday! The only hippopotamuslet we ever had is dead. He - "Wilt thou mine become?"

She — "Imbibest thou rum?"
Masticates thou gum?" Xmas.—"And why do they spell it Xmas, papap" "Becaust, my son, it has so many ten-der recollections."

A salutation of the period—First clubman (aged 17)—"Hello, me boy!" Second Clubman (aged 60)—"Hello,

Some men work harder to avoid pay-ing an honest debt than they would have to work to earn the money to pay it with.

The elevator boy has a life that is full of ups and downs; yet when he isat the end of his rope he can always raise something.

First Small Boy—"We had a fire at our house last night." Second Small Boy—"That so?"—F. S. B.—"Yes. Pafired sister's beau."

No one is so much likely to be aston-ished by the wonders of photographic science as the young amateur looking at his first negative. "Don't you look back on the palmy

days of your youth with regret?"
"No. Mine were not so palmy as they were slippery and strappy-" "What is the use o' that girl bang-in' away on the piano, Maria?" "Prac-

tice, John. Practice makes perfect."
"Perfect what—pandemonium?"

Foodlebhoy—"Not at home! Why, I told her I'd call this afternoon." Footman—"Yes, sir; so she told me when she gave me the message."

Hotel to porter (to gentleman in washroom)—"Is yo' a guest eb de hotel, sir?" Gentleman (paying \$5 a day)—"Guest? No; I'm a victim."

Amy-"What an absurd habit that is of young Dalley's—always sucking his cane." Suste—"I think it is a good plan. It keeps him from talking, you know."

Definite. - Mr. Stayathome - "What are you going to do with the shears.

John?" John (just from England)— "Hi'm goin' to trim the hedge of the edge, sir.

She—'Oh, see that scarecrow out there in the field!' He—'That isn't a scare crow." 'It must be; see how motionless it is." 'That's the hired man at work,"

Resident (to organ grinder)—if you'll stop playing 'White Wings' PR give you five cents." Organ Grinder—"Sweet Voilets,' five cents; 'White Wings,' ten centa."

What They Missed.—Mrs. Sowders -"Burglars broke into the church last night and took everything." Rev. Snowden (absent minded) "Did they take a collection?"

He misunderstood.—Mr. Waverly West—"Show me to my berth, porter."
Mr. Pullman C. Porter—"Upper tea, sah." Mr. Waverly West—"Oh, yes! I'm one of the forundred."

The dozen or so young ladies who form a society and "resolve never to marry," are the first in the town to corral husbands. This is what makes such societies so popular-and numer-

Yabsley—"Did I understand you to say that Mudge went insane when Miss Filip refused him?" Wickwire—"I don't know what you understood me to say. What I said was that he went away mad." Bonhomie. - Uncle Henley (who has

been introduced to the Duchess of Sockmock, and is staggered for some-thing to say)—'Proud ter see yer. How'd yer leave his nibs, th' d-d-drake p'' Balm.-Papa (After the sennce in

the woodshed)—"Do you know that it pains me more than it does you to have to whip you?" The Terror—No, papa; Ididn't know it; but now that you've told me I feel better." A proof of everything—"I suppose you are ready to substantiate any statement your paper makes?" said an angry-looking caller to the editor. "Oh, yes; we have the compositors prove everything that is set up."

Circumstances Alter Cases. - Moneybags (to Hopeful)—"See here, you scamp! you'll have to cut down your college expenses. Now, when I was a boy—" Hopeful—"That's all right; I have a rich father and you hadn't.

"Yas, sah, Mr. George," said an old ruly his own: Hollis Holworthy—negro, "we got ter keep clean; we got "Alas, how unfortunate Tom Guzzler" has been of late! He has but one thing hope o' de salwation."

"Why, then, don't you go and wash yourself?"

"Whar—whar—whut, sah? W'y

And They Flew .- "Lover-"Come. have plenty of them. "Charlie, dear, let us fly." Sweethesrt — "We have no wings." "I cun furnish wings that will help us." "Where are they?" "Oh, Uncle Sam's golden eagles; aud I have plenty of them. "Charlie, dear, let us fly."

Diamonds have advanced 10 per cent. in price during the past six months, and the dealers in these precious stones say a further advance is at hand. In that case it looks as if you might have to buy your wife a calen-dar tor Christmas.

Overheard on the street cars-(O. the way to Sunday school)....'Mamma, you havn't give me my five cents yet to send to the heathen." "I have just given it to the heathen myself.

Tommy. That conductor charged me full fare for you." Belinda—"I see that Clara has taken to sending liberal donations to the he pitals and asylums." Annabel—"Y you see she has everything she coposibly want, she has not a wingratified, so she is going in for sedenial and giving to the poor."

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Jack Frost nipped the ice famine in the bud.

The Life of Abraham Lincoln in the Century will end with one more

It requires a good deal of running to Washington to keep the Lawrence postoffice on the track. The Rock Island declines to transport dead bodies. They must be carried by express companies. Other

roads are requiring the same Five agricultural conventions, the state bar association, and a meeting of the Horse Police society occupied the people of Topeka during the week

Coon-hunting has grown popular since the president went out to try it, and like him, most of our amateur hunters are as likely to mistake a pig

Mr. J. R. Burton, who has sena-torial aspirations, writes a three column letter to show that he had no connection with the alleged Insurance corruption, and succeeds in proving that he will be be a safe man for the people to let alone

Governor Hill, in his message, speaks at length on the Australian ballot. He says: "There is a general belief among many that the adoption of the Australian ballot would tend to a freer expression of the political preferences of the voters than our present system."

The people will want a better explanation from J. R. Burton and Bill Hackney than they give in explanation of their course in the last legislature. It seems they admit the receiving of money, but say it was for attorneys fees. In that case it will be well to see that attorneys are not sent to the legislature at all.

The Emporia Republican says: leading attorneys of Kansas, all sections of the state being representation, but it dosen't show up on the ed. It was one of the finest gatherings map; to get to that good land of bliss, we must get our wings fixed to flap. We should all try, of course, to meet there, and let nothing our footsteps beguile; but as Kansas is healthy and fair, we prefer to remain

E. E. Fuller, president of the Quenemo Mill company, claims to have a Stradivarius violin made in He says he captured it in the south during the war. The instru-ment bears this inscription: "Antonius Stradivarius Oremonensis Faciebat Anno 1725." This inscription is still plainly visible, although musty with age. If this is true the violin is worth a small fortune.

THE appointment of Miss Sarah A. Brown, of Lawrence, to the position of matron in Haskell Institute lately vacated by Mrs. D. C. Haskell, is one which reflects great credit on the present Indian department. Miss Brown is a daughter of the Rev. John S. Brown, who for more than a quarter of a century has been one of the leading Unitarian preachers in Kansas, identified always with the best thought and best work of the state. Miss Brown is also a sister of Ex-Congressman William Brown and a sister-in-law of State Senator F. E. Gillette. She has taught successfully for years, and has been superin-tendent of schools in Douglas county Mer broad culture. her sound judg-ment and her skill in affairs render her thoroughly competent for the position, while her rare qualities as a noble woman and a true friend will insure the approval of all acquaintanes who learn of her appointment.-State Journal.

The teachers of Jackson county on their return from Topeka after the capture of the flag, were met at the depot in Holton by the Third Regi-ment band and a large company of citizens. From the depot they were scorted to the court house; here the nesting was called to order. Colonel loach was elected chairman and Miss Sue Hoaglin secretary. Rev. Rice, petter of the M. E church, was called upon to address the audience, He dwelt upon the importance of the public schools, spoke of the success of the country in the contest for the lag as giving a new impulse to the ational work in this county, and the pride of Jackson county in her chools. He also dwelt upon the hought that the public schools and ersities are mutually dependent a each other. President Hoenl, of the Campbell university, exed his delight at living in the lower state where "December is leasant as May," and where the leasant as noted for sobriety and

say when I was chosen on two different occasions to the United States Senate my elections did not cost me a penny, not even a drink of whiskey," remarked "the old Bandan-na." Allen G. Thurman, in the course of an hour's chat with a correspond-ent. Judge Thurman has not been near the Neil House during the sena torial campaign. He declines to talk about local or state issues at present, and those who know him best respect his desire to remain silent on these topics. He belongs to a class of Ohio democrats that is rapidly disappearing. There are aside from him no more of those sturdy, self-reliant men of the Ewing stripe. He does not even mingle with the visiting statesmen, although every week day finds the judge at his office on High street. The inclemency of the weather does not keep him from attending to the business of his clients. He walked down town yesterday in the midst of a raging wind and rain storm and a raging wind and rain storm, and worked several hours in collating the authorities bearing on a knotty law

Old Allen Thurman Talks.

COLUMBUS, O. Jan. 7 .- "I can truly

are as acute as when he led the democratic side of the senate of the United States. He analyzes all propositions laid before him with the The extraordinary feature of the annual meeting of the Kansas state bar association which convened Tuesday evening at the senate chamber, was the presence of the three judges of the first supreme court of Kansas It was remarkable, indeed, that these three distinguished gentlemen, after having been separated nearly thirty

His mind and his preceptive faculties

Kansas General Thomas Ewing, the first chief justice, came from New York city by special invitation from the bar association, and delivered the principal address of the evening. It was his first visit to Kansas in twenty years. Hon. S. A. Kingman, of Toperate and Hon. S. D. Peilar of Can becomes less startling. peka, and Hon. L. D. Bailey, of Garden City, who were associates of Judge Ewing on the supreme bench, were also in attendance. The meeting brought together over 200 of the

It is said that Topeka has a new paper, a resubmission organ. If so it has failed to create a single ruffle

many visitors who were not members

of the bar.

There can be no doubt but the present Congress is entirely subservient to the ring masters of Wall street

James R. Harrah, the newly appointed marshal for the western district of Pennsylvania, was one of the famous 306 who stood by General Grant in the Chicago convention of

Senator Ingalls is preparing a speech on the southern question, which he proposes to deliver in the senate next Monday. The speech will deal with federal elections, negro outrages and general abuses of the suffrage in the south.

A number of state papers are coming out in favor of a reduction of official salaries. This much is due to the influence of the Farmers' Alliance, and there is to be a good deal more of it. Public office does not want to be made a place to get rich

Of course there is to be a business reaction. The country could not get along with the screws turned down always. After the producers,—the farmers, mechanics, and merchants have been squeezed until they have no more blood to lose, they must be allowed to recuperate until they are in condition to be tapped once more. Then they will be asked to be thankful for their great prosperity. This is the way the capital interest manages to do things, and the modern politician is always ready to do its bidding. Common people ought to be thankful that they have masters who are so generous.

Judge Guthrie decided in the case of Hass vs. the A. T. & S. F. R. R. Co., that the clerk of the court had no right to issue a summons where a legal deposit had not been placed with the clerk; that a promise to pay, or a deposit of a less amount than fifteen dollars, was not a legal deposit; that it had to be either a cash deposit of fifteen dollars, a bond for costs or a power of deposit. costs, or a poverty affidavit. He de-clared that the clerk could not waive as statutory provision in reference to the amount deposited, and that he would set aside service of summons upon application of the defendant in every case that the statute had not been complied with La Grippe.

Foreign names are almost without ex-ception objectionable, but no name can be too foreign to indicate his disease, be too foreign to indicate his disease, that now seems to be visiting all countries. Its origin is said to be in the barracks at St. Petersburg, and sixty thousand persons were taken down by it. It was no respecter of persons and czar and serf suffered alike. Then it visited Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Spain and France, and now has come to America. It is not the rheumatism, malaria or influenza, but it is like each and all. It commences usually by cold chilis creeping down the spine, with feverishness, saxiety, headaone, acute pains in the back and limbs, nauwea, faintness, loss of appetite, almost constant sneezing and coughing.

tite, almost constant sneezing and coughing.

Of itself, it is doubtful if it has ever been fatal, but it is apt to lead to a complication in disease, which makes it necessary to be extremely careful in treating it. Recovery is hastened by keeping closely in bed a day for a day or two. And indeed this is really enforced upon the patient, as the genuine grip usually holds a patient in his bed. Many fancy they have the disease, who, under other circumstance, would term their trouble only a severe cold or acute rhuematism. Others are so ill that they are powerless point. The judge suffers a good deal from rheumatism, and does not walk without some physical discomfort.

others are so ill that they are powerless to leave their beds and suffer acute pains. When steady, clear, cold weather comes the disease will doubtless disappear. Meanwhile it behooves all to exercise their common sense in avoiding, or preventing, or curing "La Grippe."

The funeral of ex-Empress Theresa cool deliberation that years ago gave him a reputation second to no one on was removed to the Lapa Church, of Brazil, took place at Oporto Jan. 3, where the services were conducted by Cardinal Neto, Patriarch of Lisbon. All the Brazilian imperial family were present except Dom Pedro, who was too ill to attend the funeral, and his mental condition gives rise to serious apprehension.

With regard to the proposed World's Electrical Exposition, to be years, should meet once more and appear before the legal profession of Kansas General Thomas Ewing, lettrician, warns his fellow countrymen that Germany cannot now compete with America in the number of new electrical inventions, and advises

> A New York capitalist predicts that this is to be one of the most prosperous years ever known, one indication being the low price of corn so that farmers burn it for fuel. This shows the kind of glasses the fellow looks through. If they could get their corn, and flour and beef, and pork, their wool and their cotton, their lumper and their iron, giving nothing to the labor that produces it, there would be still greater prosperity for the capitalist, but how about the farmer and mechanic?

> At the meeting of the state bar association Tuesday evening, Judge Bailey late of Lawrence, made a humorous address after the quite lengthy one by Judge Ewing. We take this from the Capital:

The other member of the first supreme court, Judge L. D. Bailey, now engaged in farming near Garden City, was next introduced and enthusiastically applauded as he advanced upon the platform. He is now quite infirm, being the oldest of the three judges, yet spoke very clearly and made a brief address. The judge re-ferred in a humorous vein to his. career as an agriculturist which provoked frequent and hearty bursts of laughter from the audience. He said that after leaving the supreme bench he turned his leaving the supreme bench he turned his attention to farming, first locating upon the banks of the Wakarusa; he then retired to Garden City and settled in a desert which far surpassed that in which St. John wandered so long. He took one of Uncle Sam's claims, which he has ever since held. "I love to tell my friends," said the judge, "that in my old age without a nickel to back me, I have earned that bounty of Uncle Sam and it is still unadorned with a mortgage and will so remain to the last day of my life."

Gladstone attained his eightieth birth-day Dec. 29. He is in the best of health and almost boyish in his manifestations of joy over the scores of birthday presents and hundreds of letters and telegrams received by him, from all parts of the

world. The National University of Chicago proposes to erect a \$50,000 library, mu-seum and lecture hall to be devoted parproposes to erect a \$50,000 library, museum and lecture hall to be devoted particularly to free lectures on political economy to workingmen, and to inaugurate in this country the University Extension system of Great Britian, bringing the University to the people. \$25,000 are already subscribed, but subscription to the remaining stock at \$10,00 a share are solicited from the benevolent, payments of 10 per cent. to be made annually. One of the trustees of this fund is S. A. Kean, Banker, of Chicago and New York. Address: 147 Throop Street.

The fear of diseased meat is justly great and the statement made in a telegram from Chicago is listened to with a shudder. It is said that a lot of 109 cattle said to be lumpy jawed arrived at the stock yards on Friday, Dec. 27. They were driven the whole length of one division and placed in covered pens. Many of them were marked with the official "tag" of the State Live Stock Commission, indicating them to be afflicted with lumpy jaw. The odor coming from the pens was sickening in the extreme. An officer of the Humane Society was notified and ordered them enot at once. Much indignation is felt regarding it and there will be an investi-The fear of diseased meat is justly

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Judge O'Brien, of New York, has given udgment in favor of George C. Rice in his fight with the Standard Oil trust.

his fight with the Standard Oil trust.

Some months ago Mr. Rice purchased in open market five Standard Oil trust certificates. He also received an additional share as a stock dividend on his five shares. The certificates remained in the name of the person from whom Mr. Rice purchased them, and notwithstanding repeated efforts to have them transferred to his name on the books, the trust refused to comply with his demands. Then he began suit in the supreme court against John D Rockefeller and other trustees of the trust, to compet them to transfer the certificates to him on their books, and also to pay the dividends to him and accord him all legal rights as a certificate holder.

The suit came to trial six weeks ago, and the defense was that Rice had not established his title to the certificates and

and the defense was that Rice had not established his title to the certificates and that the plaintiff was hostile to the defendants, having purchased the certificates for the purpose of harassing and annoying the trust; that Rice had instituted several suits to annoy defendants and that he had offered to drop proceedings if the trust paid him \$550,000 for his oil refinery at Marietta, O.

Plaintiff denied that he brought action to harass the trust, but admits that he

to harass the trust, but admits that he did institute action in the west against certain railroad companies for unjust discrimination in favor of the Standard

oil company, and the trust in the matter of freight rates.

Judge O'Brien in giving judgment in favor of Mr. Rice says he has established his right to become a transferee under his right to become a transferee under the trust agreement. As to the suits against the railroads and others, the judge holds they were justified by the unjust discrimination in freight. At any rate, Judge O'Brien says in sub-stance that even if these suits were un-justifiable, that fact should not have been put forth as a reason to deprive the plaintiff of his rights.

Frank Mahon was killed in St. Louis on Tuesday, while repairing an electric wire.

Mrs. Hannah Southworth, the slay-Tombs last Tuesday evening.

It is reported that as "an act of humiliation," the actress, Mary Anderson, "recently went down on her knees and scrubbed the floor of a con-

Kansans invoke their Prohibition law to prevent punch being served at a banquet, but they didn't object when President Harrison put their Brower on the Supreme Bench.

The Dowager Empress of Germany died on Tuesday. She was born September 10, 1811, and was married to King William I June 11, 1829. She was the mother of Emperor Frederick and grandmother of King William II, the present ruler of Germany.

MISS CALDWELL is going to take Prince MURAT at her own price. American heiresses can all get job lot noblemen on the same terms, if they only have the spunk to do it.

THE spruce gum supply of Northern Maine is giving out, which fact would be a blessing to a long-suffering public, if Yankee invention had not been so prolific in production of other chewing gums. Nineteen kinds are made on one street in Ruston in Buston.

A man who has practiced medicine for 40 years, ought to know galt from sugar; read what he says:

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 10, 1887.

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GENERAL OFFICE: 25: BROADWAY, N. Y.



"Resubmission freth" is what one paper calls it.

The influenza seems to have its grip upon all nations.

J. Lee Knight, of Topeka, is appointed receiver of public moneys. Topeka police court imposed \$956 fines in December and collected \$607

The meat consumed at the state

charitable institutions is brought from Kansas City. The cold wave struck pretty hard for a miid winter, on Sunday, and

stayed over a day or two. The Topeka sewer contractors have made an assignment, claiming \$187, 629 due them from the city.

About forty dosen members of the State Dairy association put in an appearance at the convention on Monday.

Topeka's Horse Police society held its first annual meeting this week. During the last month it recovered three horses and one thief.

State treasurer J. W. Hamilton has been appointed general live stock agent of the Santa Fe railroad compahy, and will hang to both offices.

Four young burglars who have been breaking into North Topeka grocery stores, were, on Monday, sent to the penitentiary for four to seven years, each.

St. Louis sends a committee to Washington to look after its interest in the World's fair, and this, when they might go a-fishing with some hope of success.

Barlow Lippincott, son of ex Chancellor Lippincott of the university, has been appointed assistant typographer in the United States geologi cal aurvey. The appointment is made as a reward for meritorious work. Young Lippincott is a graduate from the civil engineering de partment of the university.

Some of the carrion crow-politicians believed they smelled an office carcass when they heard that State Treasurer Hamilton had been appointed to a fat place with the Santa Fe, and they prepared to swoop down upon it. Imagine the croaking that was done when they learned that Hamilton was too much of a politician, not to get all he could and to hang to all he gets hold of.

The Armour Packing company have put a new car on the road and are selling meat at prices that threaten to ruin every butcher that kills his own meat. This is done by beating the farmer out of his profits. The beef combine prevents any profit in raising cattle, and while it gives us cheap meat now, it will result in a meat famine hereafter, unless something is done to destroy the menopo-

At Rossville Sunday night, W. C. Sherman, thinking to relieve colored woman who is employed to attend to the church, attempted to extinguish the lights. One lamp had been carelessly put into the harp and the lock that holds it in place had not been fastened. The lamp fell, saturating Mr. Sherman with oil, which at once took fire. Fortunately his overcoat only had caught and this he hastly throw off and attempted. this he hastily threw off and attempted to smother the flames which now seriously threatened to destroy the church. The bell was rung and many came in response, but before they arrived the flames were dying out, as the oil had about burned off the hard wood floor. One seat was badly burned and the floor badly scorched. Mr. Sherman's other clothes, especially pants, were thoroughly saturated with oil, and were had they taken fire, the result would certainly have been very serious. Had the colored woman attempted to put out the light she would likely have met with a like accident, and have been badly burned.

Gen. Thomas Ewing, who has not visited Kansas for twenty years, is now visiting the state. He was the first chief-justice of the state supreme court, and came to attend the state supreme court, and came
to attend the state bar meeting. He says
it is very gratifying to him to find such
a wonderful state. "Why, when I lived
here," said Gen. Ewing, "we thought that
Fort Riley was as far west as it would
eyer be possible to go, and when Colonel
Phillips told us he was going to build a
town at Salina, we laughed at him."
Then the judge chatted about his first
court in Kansas. "We held our court in
a small building down on Kansas avenue.
Our business was very light; we soon
cleared up the docket and usually were
able to hand down a decision ten or twelve
days after the argument was heard. The
reporter of our court is now one of your
most distinguished citizens, Senator Preston B. Plumb, who was then quite a young
man, and afterwards entered my regiment. At that time I was a resident of
Leayenworth, and I well remember David
J. Brewer, who was then a bashful young
lawyer practicing in the Leavenworth
courts. Since then he has climbed to the
topmost round of the ladder. Kansas
should certainly feel proud of the honor
that was accorded her when one of her
sons was selected for this important position." to attend the state bar meeting. He says

For Friends of Popular Education. CHICAGO, 1889.

To the Editor:

The proposition to raise funds for the erection of a Library and Museum building, which should also answer as a lecture hall in developing our University extension system, and for free popular courses of lectures on the science and political and social subjects, more especially the relations of capital and labor for the working men of this city, may be truly considered a spontaneous tribute of public favor (coming as it did without solicitation) and a legitimate outgrowth of our success. Urged by numerous letters of the most commendatory kind, whose writers request the privilege of contributing to such a fund, and suggest that there are in the land many business men and other generous persons, both of wealth and of moderate means, who would gladly contribute to this worthy object, if they only knew of it, the Board of Directors of the National University have decided to establish such a fund and have directed the Chancellor to acquaint the public with this fact and whatever bears upon it. The fund will be altogether \$100,000, of which \$25,000 have already been secured, the Chancellor of the University pledging five thousand dollars (\$5,000) cash and the Secretary of the Board Five Hundred dollars.

To each subscriber of \$10,00 or more a

To each subscriber of \$10.00 or more a handsome certificate (suitable for framing) of one or more shares of stock in this fund is issued, on receipt of the cash this fund is issued, on receipt of the case payment of ten per cent (\$1.00) per share, required by the State of Illinois. Only ten per cent a year need he paid thereafter. All subscribers will be published. ten per cent a year need be paid thereafter. All subscribers will be published as "Donors," (unless otherwise requested), in the National Magazine. Those who subscribe for five or more shares will receive the title of "Benefactor." A handsome testimonial on parchment will be issued to all who subscribe for ten or more shares. Those who take one hundred shares will have their names blazoned on tablets on the walls of the new edifice. One half of the fund will be devoted to the building, one-half to a permanent endowment to maintain the library and museum. Like all the objects of this University, the object is to benefit the poor youth of our land and to elevate the masses hitherto neglected by our higher institutions. As sood as \$50,000 are subscribed, the building will be begun. As the University cannot incur debts, this cannot be done before. Il-nee I appeal to the friends of popular education to contribute soon to this worthy cause, much or little as they can The trustees of this special fund will all be prominent citizens. including Mc.

The trustees of this special fund wind all be prominent citizens, including Mr. S. A. Kean & Co., Bankers of Chicago and New York, who will sign all certificates

of stock.
In the hope of advancing our common cause of popular education, I am fraternally yours,
Chancellor of the National University,
147 Throop Street, Chicago, Ill.

D. J. Brewer was sworn in justice of the United States supreme court on Monday.

Sunday evening O'Toole's livery barn in Emporia, and a residence adjoining were lost by fire.

A forward Atchison lad, aged 15, shot himself in the heart because a 13 year old girl liked another fellow bet-

Hiawatha lost its principal hotel by fire Monday morning. Several persons narrowly escaped and some were badly wounded. Loss \$20,000.

The Mormons of Idaho object to the admission of that territory as a state under the constitution that does not recognize Mormons as citizens.

Thomas Ewing, jr., first chiefjustice of Kansas, now a successful New York lawyer, was at the meeting of the Kansas bar association this

I. L. Baker, of Willow Springs, once a candidate for county commissioner of Douglas county, 64 years old, advertised for a wife, and found one in a 16 year old girl of Pennsylvania. The marriage set the neighbors all agog.

Meissonier, the famous artist, is suffering from the grippe.

The New Year was ushered in at Duquion, Ill., by an electrical storm of unprecedented violence.

Prince Bismarck is constantly improy-ing his estates and adding to the income which he receives from them. Prof. Woodward declares that in about

two thousand two hundred years the rock over which the waters plunge at Niagara will be all worn away.

Count Tolstoi, in his apparent resolu-tion to live among and like common peu-ple, manages to get a good deal of com-fort, not to say luxury, out of it.

#### CATARRH,

Catarrhal Deafness-Hay Fever. A NEW HOME TREATMENT.

Sufferers are not generally aware that these diseases are contagious, or that they are due to the presence of living parasites in the lining membrane of the nese and eustachian tubes. Miscroscopic research, however, has proved this to be a fact, and the result of this discovery is that a simple remedy has been formulated whereby catarrh, catarrhal deafness and hay fever are permanently cured in from one to three simple applications made at home by the patient once in two weeks.

N. B.—This treatment is not a snuff or an ointment; both have been discarded by reputable physicians as injurious. A pamphlet explaining this new treatment is sent on receipt of three cents in stamps to pay postage, by A. H. Dixon & Son, 337 and 339 West King Street, Toronto, Canada—Christian Advocate. Sufferers are not generally aware that

afferers from Catarrhal troubles

The Sunflower State. Wellington has a skating rink.

Kansas is shipping horses to Tennes There was a fall of 45 degrees in the

thermometer last Sunday. Some 200 citizens of Ottawa are suffering with the influenza.

A new packing house is being com-pleted in Haistead with a capacity of 300

To light or not to light is the question agitating the minds of the citizens of Great Bend. Senator Ingalis left Atchison for Washington with his family Sunday

night. Buffalo Jones of Garden City has pur-chased another herd of buffalosiat a cos-

of \$26,000. The Salvation Army has brought suit aganst the Wichita Journal for \$40,000 for alleged libelous articles concerning that organization.

An Atchison woman applying for a divorce set forth in her petition that a fortune teller had revealed to her that her husband loved another.

It is currently rumored that Hon. Dick Walker, United States marshal stationed at Topaka, will resign shortly and go to railroad building in Utah.

A Kansas exchange, published in the Arkansas valley, pertinently remarks that if vegetables were sold by weight it would take a fortune to buy out a Kansas 'truck patch." The police of Wichita are doing a "land

The police of wichita are doing a "land office business" with the jointists. Seventy-nine have been brought in and each fined all the way from \$25 to \$100, according to the gravity of the offense. The police of Leavenworth recently seized a wagon load of beer in North Leavenworth, which they emptied into the gutter. The beer belonged to a Still-

ingston, Mo., liquor dealer. Mr. Bush of Cawker City recently transferred carp from an original point to a new one. Some over a year ago he put fifteen carp in the original pond, and there are now thousands of fish there weighing from one to three pounds.

Charles S. Gleed, one of the principal regents of the state university is credited with saying: "There is not an atom of evidence to show that the anti-saloon laws of Kansas ever drove a desirable citizen away from the state or kept a desirable citizen out."

The printers of Atchison will give a The printers of Atchison will give a ball on the evening of January 16, the proceeds of which will go to the fund for the erection of a home for old and disabled printers at Colorado Springs. The citizens of that place recently donated eighty acres of land to the home, and a \$20,000 building will be erected.

#### The State.

Castor beans are a profitable crop in Rice county. A wolf hunt at Garnett resulted in

the capture of one wolf and fifty jack The Pittsburg Smelter is the very

appropriate name of a new daily published in Pittsburg.

A plan is on foot in Beloit to sink shaft with the hope of striking salt, coal, gas, gold or silver.

Attorney General Kellog alleges that the prohibitory law is being well enforced throughout Kansas. Ex-Gov. Glick is growing tired

feeding short horns and wants to go to the legislature next year. It is an established fact that Larned has the best potter's clay in the country and an inexhaustible

Four thousand Utah sheep are being fed at Downs. They will require 15,000 bushels of corn, 2,000 bushels

of oats and 300 tons of hay. T C Tipton, a Girard farmer, re cently threshed the crop of German millet raised from sixteen acres of ground and secured 553 bushels of

The Eldorado Times says the fish ers of that town have been catching huge strings of shining black base and abbreviated croppies in the Wal-

The death sentence of Dan Lemon of Wichita has been commuted to life imprisonment. When he was in-formed of the fact he danced with

Riley county's defaulting treasurer.

Fortner, writes a long letter to the Manhattan Nationalist full of self condemnation and self justification. W. W. Cook, an expert, who was sent to Medicine Lodge to investi-gate the manufacture of beet sugar,

makes a very encouraging report to Secretary Rusk and deems the enterprise a profitable one. The Santa Fe army at Topeka begin work at 8:30, take an hour and a half for noon and quit at 6:30. Pres-

ident Manvel is a terror to the boys. Sam Sketce, a laborer, found dead along the Missouri Pacific track at Wichita. Supposed knocked off a passing train

Governor Humphrey has offered a reward of \$250 for Harry McAleer, charged with murder of Frank Evans in Brown county the 22nd of Decem-

The farmers along the line of the Missouri & Kansas Telephone company in Brown county are incensed against that company for cutting down trees that came in their way. Some very fine trees have been des-

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The Peabody Medical Institute and
Its Quarter Century's Work.
One of the self-evident propositions regarding most, if not all, human institutions, is that their survival indicates their fitness to exist. In other words, when an institution best serves some good it is apt to live while such a purpose is to be, or should be served. To combat the ordinary ills to which the flesh is heir, we have good physicians by the thousand and hospitials by the hundred; but there are aliments of so subtle a nature, many of which infest society like a dry rot, that require special skill and care in their treatment, that the specialist alone—and he must be, a man of rare qualifications—can best treat them. Of such aliments those which have their origin in disorders of the nervous syster, are usually the most difficult to deal with, or to treat successfully. Their origin may be remote to the eye of the ordinary practitioner, while to the eye of the specialist it may be plainly indicated by the nature of the mauifestations. At any rate, they are always more or less difficult of treatment, requiring peculiar methods and patient and perserving attention on the part of the medical man. To treat such nervous maiadies was the object of the founder of the Peabody Medical Institute, when, some 25 years ago, he established it at No. 4 Bulfinch street, Boston, where it is located to this day, and where it will, no doubt, continue for many years to come, it being an established fact in the history of medical institutions that where they are eminently useful to humanity they become permanent. Its mission being largely philanthropic, it was named after that eminent a merican philanthropic. become permanent. Its mission being largely philanthropic, it was named after that eminent American philanthropist, the late George Peabody, whose benefi-cence gladdens and will continue to glad-den thousands of his fellow-beings on both den thousands of his fellow-beings on both sides of the Atlantic for ages to come. It has had a wonderful history of success, has this Peabody Medical Institute, and it has extended its usefulness not only throughout the length and breadth of the supervises of Energy this land, but in the countries of Europe and Asia. So systematic are the methods pursued in the conduct of the business pertaining to this institution that it can treat by letter at any distance the most obstinate cases of diseases which come within the scope of its treatment. The Peabody Medical Institute, also, has

The Peabody Medical Institute, also, has done a vast amount of philanthropic work in its publications, which, while being standard medical works, are yet written for the purpose of bringing about that most necessary condition of self-knowledge that is embodied in the motto, "Know Thyself." Indeed, there is no estimating the value of such publications, written as these are for popular comprehension, for they desseminate the information that is most essential to the man or woman who would lead a moral, sober or woman who would lead a moral, sober and virtuous life.

and virtuous life.

Filling such a useful sphere in the education and enlightenment of the world, and in "ministering to the mind diseased," as well as to the body, as is the case in most nervous diseases, it is not to be wondered at that the Peabody Medical Institute lives and thrives, but the wonder would be that it should not live and extend its influence in behalf of suffering humanity.-Boston, Mass., Herald.

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### Books and Magazines.

The National Magazine for January announces two new and valuable departments—"Biblical Literature" and "Pedagogy"—with Rev. J. C. Quinn, Ph. D., and J. S. Mills, A. M., President of Western College, as editors. Agricultural readers will be especially interested in the new "Institute of Agriculture," described in this number—a part of the University Extension System of the National University of Chicago, whose non resident, or correspo. Idence undergraduate and post-graduate courses have met with such favor. Other articles are by Prof. E. A. Birge, of the University of Wisconsin, and eminent specialists. Published at 147 Throop street, Chicago, III. Subscription, \$1.00 per year. Sample copy, 10 cents. Three cash prizes of fifty dollars each for the best essays on "Our Common Schools," "Study of the Bible." How to Keep Young Men on the Farm, are announced.

The January Eclectic, the first number of Vol. 50, New Series, has discarded its old cover and comes to us in a new garb. old cover and comes to us in a new garb. The title-page is strong, neat and attractive, and the table of contents is conveniently printed on it. The steel engraving opening the new volume is a picture of "Pisa, Italy." The opening article is Robert Giffen's discussion of Monometallism and the Silver Problem. Lady Gaskell is the contributor of a very sensible and suggestive paper on the Lady Gaskell is the contributor of a very sensible and suggestive paper on the woman question, under the title of "Women of To-day." Mrs Leckey furnishes "The Gardens of Pompeii," recreating delightfui scenes in a dead city. An article on "Rabies," by Louis Pasteur, will surely be read with interest. Professor A. H. Sayes is the author of an excellent. surely be read with interest. Professor A. H. Sayce is the author of an excellent paper on "Ancient Arabia," and Sir Morell Mackenzie an article on "The Dreadful Revival of Leprosy." Other interesting articles will also attract the reader. E. R. Pelton, 25 Bond Street, New York. \$5 per year; trial subscription for 3 months, \$1.

#### Lots of Pictures for Ten Cents.

One of the social leaders of St. Louis society, Mrs. Mortimer Taylor, is pictured society, Mrs. Mortimer Taylor, is pictured in Frank Leshe's Illustrated Newspaper this week. The paper is crowded full of excellent illustrations, including a full-page picture of the late Henry W. Grady, one of New-Year scenes in New York, a New-Year's Call at Sea, the Land Boom in Alabama, foreign events of interest, and a four-page supplement illustrating St. Louis and the leading financial institutions of the West. The leading editorial contribution is from the pen of the Hon. Albert D. Shaw, and is on "Sneering at Subsidies."

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son who takes the paper regularly from th , whether directed to his name or whethe boriber or not, is responsible for the pay, ir's have decided that refusing to tal

In our time there is a strange want of discrimination between the artistic and the brutal use of what are called forbidden things, as literary materials.

It is not "looking backward" the people of this country need so much as looking forward, although, possibly, the hindsight may help the foresight.

A SOCIAL authority declares that a man can afford to dress badly if he is a genius or a chump. But if he isn't one or the other of these two things he must toe the mark of fashionable convention.

A WEEKLY paper proposes to inform fathers and mothers how to develop the powers of a backward boy, but what parents are more interested in is how to throttle the powers of the forward lad.

As our thoughts follow close in the dawn we are impressed with the sameness of the human lot, which never alters in the main heading of its history-hunger and labor, seed time and harvest, love and death.

A NEW process for burning coal without smoke has lately been discovered. It consists in sprinkling water containing a special preparation of resin over the coal, and the result is that there is no smoke, and the glow is as intense as coke.

THE bloody Apaches, now supposed to be prisoners at Mt. Vernon barracks under guard of United States soldiers. continue to stab and steal and gamble and get drunk and lead a licentious life just as they did while roaming the wilds of Arizona unrestrained.

IMITATION is the sincerest flattery. It is said that at least six novels by popular writers of fiction are to be written this year, based, like "Ben Hur" on scenes and incidents in the Bible. Joshua, David, St. John, St. Paul and other Bible worthies are to figure in these novels.

No man or woman now living will ever date a document without using the figure 9. It now stands on the extreme right, 1889. Next year it will be in the third place, where it will remain ten years. It will then move up to the second place. 1900, and there it will rest 100 years.

OTHER things being equal, if a man wishes a thorough education he must begin by going through a college course, though it is true that many of the best educated minds have never received a collegiate or university training. But they have spent in study the time such a course would re-

One of the superstitions is that the brought down with me. I proceeded to senators take snuff, but the fact is that nail up a small shelf at one side of the ONE of the superstitions is that the few of them use tobacco in this form. When they do the government furnishes it. They get it from two little black boxes on either side of the president's platform. The boxes are fastened firmly in niches between the wall pillars.

THE trouble in this country is that we have too many colleges, and many young men are induced to attend them who might better be devoting the years to preparation for employments for which a collegiate education is not necessary or even desirable, and for which alone their aptitudes and capacities fit them.

PLANS for giving England and France better means of communication than by water have always been impeded by England's jealous regard for its insular situation. This sentiment now shows itself in opposition to the bridge which engineers of both nations propose to build across the English Channel.

WHILE the slave trade in Africa has never been more active than at present, the destination of this human property has long been a mystery. Where and into what countries the thousands taken out of Africa were sold was a source of wonder. A Turkish gentleman, writing to the London News, reveals the fact that Constantinople is the great slave market of the

THE true test of morality in literature is its effect upon the mind of the reader, and by the test every book should be judged. The real question is not whether all the incidents recorded in the story are incidents to be approved. or whether all the characers have acted as a high morality dictates, but whether, on the whole, the tendency of the book is to make the reader love vice or leathe it

#### ALL UNDER THE WATER.

Diving Expert Fuller's Novel Exploit Under Water.

He Was the First Man to Dive Into the Sea, Catch a Fish and Clean and Cook it Before Coming to the Surface.

"I believe," said George W. Fuller, the veteran diving expert, in conversation with a reporter for the Boston Globe, "that I was the first man to ever catch a fish, dress it and cook it, all under water, and then bring it to the surface in a perfectly palatable and appetizing shape."
"How did you come to do that?" questioned the writer.

"It was this way,' replied Mr. Fuller, sitting back in his chair and half closing his eyes, as if to recall all the circumstances of this most curious the distribution of the control of the circumstances."

of diving experiments. "You see, I had been talking with some of the boys, telling them about what I could do, and all that, and, if I remember in the I was a support of the boys." rightly, I made the assertion that I could catch a fish, dress it, cook it under water and bring it up to the surface in good shape for eating without wetting it a particle. Of course everybody was incredulous, and one man, who was even more incredulous than the rest, offered to bet me \$100 that I could not do it. Of course I felt that I could, and although it looks strange to you now you can see how it was done after I have finished my story. As I thought I had a pretty sure show of winning, and the man seemed anxious to bet I put up my story. money, and when asked when I wanted the affair to come off I set a day about a week ahead, as I had some prepara-tions to make. The date was agreeable to all parties concerned, and other things were talked of. So the days went by until I only had a couple more to wait for the trial. Then, taking two of my men, I got a boat and went quite a distance out into the harbor, stopping over a place where I thought I should be able to catch a fish easily. I had brought a weighted barrel along with me and my diving suit. The barrel we then proceeded to sink, having the open side downward. Putting on my suit I went to the bottom and securely fastened the barrel to some rocks with ropes to make sure that it would neither rise to the surface nor float away. Mind you, I had the bar-rel raised about three feet from the bottom, and at this time as matter of course, it was filled with water. After I had secured it I stooped down and crawled up into it, standing erect upon the bottom. When I crawled in the barrel was full of water, but as I stayed under there minute after minute the water began to be driven out little by little, this being caused by the air

was out.
'Then I unscrewed my hemlet and stood in the air under the barrel. it was being fed constantly from the pump above, the water lowered until there was not a drop in the barrel, and I was standing in only three feet of water. I had one of my patent lanterns with me, so I could see what I was doing, and taking a hammer, nails and a small board, which I had barrel of the height so that when my lantern was set upon it it would be convenient for me to look down on top This done, I put on my hemlet got out from under the barrel and went up to the surface once more. All my arrangements were completed, and all to do now was to wait patiently

which was issuing from my escape valve rising to the top of the barrel,

and not being able to go any farther it,

as a matter of course. kept forcing the

water down. Soon my head was en-tirely out of water, and soon my chest

for the day of the trial to come off.
"It dawned at last, bright and clear, and a considerable party of gentlemen embarked with us to either see this, as they supposed, great feat performed or to see me fail in my attempt to make good my assertion. I impressed it upon the mind of the party who had bet against me that to perform the feat it was very essential that I should go under water at a place where I could be reasonably sure of catching i fish, and he left it with me to select the place. Of course I steered for the spot where I had the barrel anchored, and, stopping near where I thought it would be, I put on my suit and pre-pared for the descent. I took with me my lantern, a small stew pan, pepper, salt, etc., and my fish-hook.

"By the way, you never saw a man catch fish under water, did you? Well, it is quite a simple operation. You don't really use and hook at all, but a long line with a big sail needle on the When you are on the bottom and see a fish, good care must be taken to get behind him. Then cutiously edging up to him, you make a quick jab with the needle, and if you are a good shot your fish is caught. Then all you have to do is to push him up on the string, which must of course, be knotted on the end, and you are ready for another one. It was one of these needles that I had, and I was very successful in not, having to occupy much time in catching my fish, for I had scarcely struck bottom and got my heavings. had scarcely struck bottom and got my bearings when I saw one directly ahead of me, and I succeeded in getting him impaled upon my needle in short order. Then I crawled under the barrel, and setting my lantern on the shelf waited for the water to lower. I had not long to wate however. had not long to wait, however. and soon my helmet was hanging on a nail which I had hammered into the side of the barrel for that purpose, and I was busily cleaning the fish with my jackknife, which I forgot to mention I

brought with me for that purpose. This done, I unscrewed the top of the lantern, which, as you know, is quite a large one and has a big flame. This lantern is fed by a small air pipe from above, the same as a human being is, and as I could live and breath freely under the beauty of course the lantern. under the barrel, of course the lantern could burn brightly, too. Placing the pan which fitted exactly into the top of the lantern over the flame, I put the fish in it and he was soon frying away at a great rate, while I made him pal-atable with salt and pepper. "After it was well fried I shut off

"After it was well fried I shut on the blaze in the lamp and screwed on the cover, leaving the stewpan and the fish inside, where they were sure to keep perfectly dry. Then, putting on my helmet, I got out from under the barrel and gave the signal to be pulled up. I had been gone only a few minutes and the people thought as a matter of course that I had come up to matter of course that I had come up to matter of course that I had come up to say that I could not catch the fish, never dreaming that I had caught it, dressed it and cooked it all ready. They were very much surprised when, on taking off the lamp, I showed them the fish steaming hot and well cooked. Of course, like all other tricks, it's easy after one knows how to do it, but I made a little money being the first to think of it. first to think of it.

What You See in the Shooting Star. A small body, perhaps as large as a paving stone or larger, more often perhaps not so large as a marble, is moving round the sun. Just as a mighty planet revolves in an eclipse, so this small object will move round and round in an eclipse, with the sun in a focus. There are at the pres-ent moment inconceivable myriads of such meteors moving in this manner. They are too small and too distant for our telescopes, and we can never see them except under extraordinary circumstances. At the time we see the meteor it is usually moving with enornous velocity, so that it often traverses a distance of more than twenty miles in a second of time. Such a velocity is almost impossible near the earth's surface; the resistance of the air would

prevent it. Aloft, in the emptiness of space, there is no air to resist the meteor. It must have been moving round and round the sun for thousands, perhaps millions of years, without let or hindrance; but the supreme moment arrives and the meteor perishes in a streak of splendor. In the course of its wanderings the body comes near the earth, and within a few hundred miles of its surface, of course, begins to encounter the upper surface of the atmosphere with which the earth is inclosed. To a body moving with the appalling velocity of a meteora plunge into the atmosphere is usually As the meteor rushes through the atmosphere the friction of the air warms its surface; it becomes red hot, then white hot, and is finally driven off into vapor with a brilliant light, while we on earth, 100 or 200 miles below, exclaim, "Oh, look there is a shooting star."—Albany Journal.

Ah! hope was high, when youth was nigh, And golden it painted the coming years, But the years have flown, and all alone I weep in sadness with bitter tears.

And still I think, though I fain would shrink
From memories that haunt me, so false
and fair,
As I dream of the past, while the wintry

blast Of age creeps over my snowy hair. For youth has fled, and hope is dead, So I wait with tears, through lonely years. For another morn that shall set me free.

Rapidity of Movements.

The writing of shorthand has often dignity. been mentioned as a wonderful instance of the way in which varied faculties of the mind and body can be brought into play at the same moment, but M. Fere, in his work on the relations of sensation and movement, and kindred topics, shows that the playing of the piano, as an illustration of physical and mental rapidity and versa-tility, is still more remarkable. A pianist in playing a presto of Mendels-sohn, played 5,595 notes in four minutes and three seconds. The striking of each of these notes involved at least two movements of the finger, and possibly more, and the movements of the wrists, elbows and arms can scarcely be less than one movement for each As twenty-four notes played each second, and each involves three movements, the result would be seventy-two voluntary movements per second. Again, the place, the force, the time and the dur tion of each of these movements was controlled. All these motor reactions were conditioned on a knowledge of the position of each finger of each hand before it was moved, while moving it, as well as of the auditory effect in force and pitch, all of which involves at least equally rapid sensory transmissions. If to do this we add the work of the memory in placing the notes in their proper position, as well as the fact that the per-former participates at the same time tion, as well as the fact that the in the emotions the selection describes, and feels the strength and weakness of the performance, we arrive at a truly bewildering network of afferent and efferent impulses, coursing along at inconceivably rapid rates.

Some Are Tust Way. Mr. Lamb, of Portland, On., was walking out for his health, when a man asked him the price of mutton. Mr Lamb sheepishly repaired to the courts, began a suit for slander, and the result was that he pulled \$600 worth of wool from his traducer's wallet. Lamb chops are now a rare dish in Portland. A CLEVER SWINDLER.

A Man Who Makes Money by Picking Up Crusts in the Streets

There was a usual crowd of ladies shopping on Fourteenth street recently. A slender man about 35 years old. with an uncertain blond beard, and wearing blue overalls and a well-worn coat, walked rapidly down the street. Directly in front of two handsomely dressed ladies, who were walking slowly, he stopped, stooped over and picked np a crust of bread, With an apparently shamefaced air he took a bite of the crust and placed the remainder in his pocket. Then, he started away. At first the ladies were too shocked to speak. Then one of

we want to talk to you."

He paused as if undecided what to do. Then he shuffled back to them with downcast head.

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"My poor man," said one of the ladies, pityingly "are you so hungry as that? What was it you picked up?

The man turned his head away and said nothing. While the ladies were fumbling with their purses he drew forth the crust of bread.

"Yes, I am hungry," he admitted, "and so are my wife and babies. I can't get work anywhere, and I can-

Instantly the two purses flew open and two dollars were placed in his hand. He didn't seem to want to take the money, but the ladies prevailed upon him. Other ladies came up and were told the story. When the man went away he had over \$5.

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"Great Cæsar's ghost!" he ejucula-ted to a companion. "Did you see that? That fellow who got the money? It's the cleverest scheme that I've seen for a year. It's a new one to me. The fellow carries a crust of bread, and when he sees a benevolent-looking lady he drops it surruptitously and picks it up conspicuously. And he works it like an artist. I'm going to watch him for a while."

The well-dressed man followed the

clever swindler for an hour. In that time the man made over \$10. Then he seemed to be satisfied with his day's work and made his way to a Bowery saloon.—N. Y. Press.

THE WOMEN'S HUNT.

They Put On Men's Clothes in Order to Chase Away Evil Spirits. A curious custom is that called the women's hunt, which prevails among some of the aboriginal tribes of Chota Fagpore, India. It is observed whenever any calamity falls upon the community-such as, perhaps, a visitation

The women put on men's clothes, take up arms and go a-hunting—not in the jungles, but in the nearest village east of them. They chase pigs and fowls, take on their own everything they kill, and levy blackmail from the heads of the villages for the purchase of liquor, or else they allow themselves to be bought off for a small sum of money and a pig. Toward evening the hunting party retire to a streum, cook and eat their meal, drink their liquor and then return home, having acquitted themselves during the day in a thoroughly masculine and boisterous manner

Then the village that has been visited goes on a similar excursion to the village east of it, and so on to the eastern border of the district. this series of excursions it is supposed that the evil spirit is safely conducted out of the district without offending its

Curing a Hiccough.

Mr. Smithin had heard that a sure cure for a hiccough was a severe fright. One evening, smoking at his fireside after supper, he was taken with a hiccough, which continued in spite of all his efforts to check it. Presently he got up suddenly from his chair and called out in alarm to

Mrs. Smithin:
"I've lost my watch! I've löst my

watch!" Mrs. Smithin hastened into the

"John Smithin!" she said, "what do you mean? Why, you hain't done any such thing. Here's your watch all right in your vest pocket."
"Don't you think I know that," said

Mr. Smithin. "I was just giving my-self a severe fright, you know, to stop the hiccoughs.'

A Sentence That Was Never Finished

"It was seven years ago," said C. R. H. Davis to a St. Louis Republican man, "that I saw justice turn from tragedy to farce in a twinkling. It was in one of those pine board court-houses of the mining regions that I, as foreman of a jury, led my colleagues out, and with long face pronounced the verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree upon the prisoner. Then I sat down, my chair tilted againt the window, and listened to the stern decree of the court: "To hang by the neck until d—" Just then three pals of the condemned man walkel in with neck until d — Just then three pals of the condemned man walked in with loaded guns, and the sentence was never finished. I dropped back through the window, 'the court followed, and the prisoner never has been seen to this day."

She Was Darning.

"Whose stockings are you mending. love!" asked Gazzam of his wife. "It's none of your darn business," she re-plied, sweetly.

CHEWING-GUM.

How It is Made in the United

The sum paid out for chewing-gum is estimated to be close on to \$3,000,000 per annum. In fact it is natural for people of all races and conditions to work their jaws. The only reason that civilization discouraged the practice until recent years, is because the proper article had all along been wanting.

The Mexican Indians used to carry a The Mexican Indians used to carry a knot of gum from the chicle-zapote tree with them when they went out on the plains. It served to keep their throats from becoming parched if they got in need of water and could get none. Other tribes chewed cool leaves at times with the same object. of warmer climes chewed herbs and plants, tobacco leaf being the hot favorite.

The material substance of manufactured gum is spruce that comes from New England; paraffine, which is the residue of crude petroleum in process of refining; but the thing most used by the leading manufacturers is the Mexlean product that is drawn from the "chicle zapote." This runs from the tree like sap. and it has for many years been the custom of the natives to confine it in stone jars after being drawn. There it is heated until it coagulates.

It is this article that caused the boom for chewing-gum, because it has been decreed, particularly free from deleterious properties. It is curious how it came to be introduced. It happened in this way:

Just after the war, a merchant from Mexico came to New York with a lot. of the native products of this country. He hoped that Yankee brains and ingenuity would find a profitable way of utilizing them.

Among his collection was a lump of the coagulated substance taken from chicle zapote tree. That fell into the hands of Adams, the present gum manufacturer. He was looking about for some way of making a fortune. It struck him that the substance might be used in place of gutta percha or soft rubber, and with that idea experiments were made on it for two or three

years without result. A good deal of the useless stock was left and the owner was at a loss to know what to do with it. One day he broke off a bit and began chewing it. It was pleasant to the taste. The idea struck him that he would manufacture

the article into chewing-gum. A lot of it was sent to a prominent chewing-gum manufacturer to be tested, but he returned it as no good for the purpose.

Not believing this the prompter himself manufactured the stuff into gum and sold it on a small scale to dealers. It went like hot cakes. Adams thought that a pretty good business and he went into it. Now his factory building is six stories high and he employs 250 men. The gum from the Mexican tree finds its way into all the factories in the country. Two million pounds or more is imported here every year.

The preparation of this and other

material ingredients of chewing-gum is simple. It is first heated until it becomes pliable or juicy. Then it is washed and the stray foreign particles taken from it. Then it is worked up like dough. The ingredients that may be mixed in are the essence of barley, sugar and flavoring extracts. Improvised machinery does most of the work.

Gum-chewing is beneficial to the stomach, according to recent theories. It opens the salivary glands, thus caus-ing an abnormal production and flow material aid to the discharge of green and starchy foods. Nature created it for that purpose. Hasty eating prevents a sufficient quantity of it from as-similating with the food. People who eat in haste can repent at leisure by chewing gum.

A Golden Lamp Worth \$70,000.

The interior of the grand cathedral in the City of Mexico is, even at the present day, after having been successively plundered, most magnificent. It contains five naves, six altars and fourteen chapels, which contain the bones of some of the viceroys and departed great men of Mexico. The Glory of the Capola, Virgin and reverse points were pointed says the New York saints were painted, says the New York Journal, by celebrated artists. . A bal-ustrade surrounds the choir, of a metal so rich that an offer to replace it with one of equal weight in solid silver was refused. This weighs 26 tons, and came from China in the old days of Spanish dominion, when the ricaly-freighted g lleons of Spain sent their Vera Cruz on the way to the mother country. The high altar was the richest in the world, and yet retains much of its original glory. It contained candlesticks of gold so heavy that a single one was more than a man could lift, chalices, cruets and pyxes of gold encrusted with precious metal, studded with emeralds, amethysts, rubies and sapphires. The statue of the Assumption (now missing) was of gold ornamented with diamonds, and is said to have cost \$1,000,000, writes a correspondent. There was a golden lamp, valued at \$70,000, wich it cost at one time \$1,000 to clean, but according to a French writer—and the joke is his— the liberal troops cleaned it for nothing, and it has not been seen since.

A Waste of Power.

A fly-wheel weighing forty tons burst in a Pittsburg factory the other dy, with the intention of killing 300 men, but when the damages were figured up it was found that only one man had been hit, and he supposed that it was a chip flung at him by a

#### CRIME AS A PROFESSION

A Brooklyn Police Superintendent's Expert Observations.

He Classifies Crime-Forgery Ranks First, Burglary Next in the Gradation of Wickedness—The Desperate Chances Men Take for Money.

"It is a curious and suggestive fact," said Superintendent Campbell, of Rrooklyn, while talking to a reporter of the Eagle; "It is a curious and sugrestive fact that crime is graded by by the amount of money it can prooure. Thus forgery, in which by a few strokes of the pen a man may ob-tain a fortune, is counted first and highest, of course, not considering

Next comes burglary, where, with greater trouble and risk, a fortune may still be procured in a few hours. And

Of late years burglary has ceased to be a crime, and has now become, as it were, a business, a profession requiring nerve, skill and system. Considered as a business, it requires a number of teels, or at least a considerable number of variations upon a few implements. implements. Now, I've got specimens of a good many burglars' tools here, all of which were taken away from oriminals caught operating in this city. I've a few minutes to spare, and it will be of interest to you to look hem over.

"This," the Superintendent explaind, bringing into sight a two feet in length iron instrument, which looked like an enlarged ordinary tack-lifter, is the burglar's characteristic implement; without it he is lost; with it he feels 'at home' almost any-where. It is that famous instrument, a jimmy. There are two varieties of this tool in There are two varieties of this tool in ordinary burglarious operations. The small jimmy, which is used in what the burglar facetiously styles 'light household work,' such as bursting open bureau drawers and the like. The other, of which this is a sample, is used for 'heavier work.'

"This is a drill, another favorite tool with burglars," the Chief went on, picking up what might have been taken by the uninitiated for a mamment, edd.

by the uninitiated for a mammoth cold chisel.

"Here's a wedge." This time the "Here's a wedge." This time the Superintendent singled out an ordinary wedge-shaped piece of mahogany. "This is greatly in use by burglars. It is in fact a peculiarly characteristic burglar's tool. In their slang it is called an 'alderman.' It is used to pry epea doors, or rather to prepare the way for other tools to pry. The 'alderman' is generally the first tool inserted by a burglar under a door when he 'sizes it up.' by increasing the size of the wedge, till finally the door is at his mercy. Why such an insize of the wedge, till finally the door is at his mercy. Why such an insignificant but dangerous tool as this should be called an 'alderman' perhaps not even a thief could tell. Next we have here a sledge-hammer. This forms an important, though a simple item of a burglar's kit. And here's wo styles of that terrible weapon, a billy.'" One of the latter appeared o be a dimutive policeman's club, and other a long, slender canvas bag of not, with a cord handle attached.

The slung shet," the Chief remarked, The slung shet," the Chief remarked, olding up what looked like the butt ad of a horse-whip, or loaded cane, "conended by a leather cord, "con-utes an interesting share to burglar's outfit, and enables valuable member of society defend his precious life if atacked in the regular discharge of his profession. The brass knuckles rther contribute to the same desiraend. Worn over the hand, these ificial knuckles furnish a terrible apon in a hand to hand encounter, eleton keys form a most important to fa burglar's stock in trade, me of these are single and others ome of these are single and others to double. They are used a great sal by that branch of criminals known that the sale by that branch of criminals known that the sale of burglars.

Here's a pair of nippers—simple, ornary looking things, aren't they? It the sale of these nippers on the sale of these nippers on the sale of these nippers.

side of door the key may be ned on sinside. Given these tools," Superintendent

bell continued, returning them fully to their place of safe keeping, efully to their place of safe keeping, and a little pewder, possibly pluck, ience and no principle, and a burghas all he needs to make or take a nune—if he can only first find it, ere is this recommendation about a glar's professional career; he takes chances at huge gains. True he is death if detected in his operations, has a certainty of a heavy sentence. has a certainty of a heavy sentence ptured, but he argues on the other , he may ia one night capture the ts of a whole lifetime of toil.

ntinuing, the experienced head of brooklyn Police Force said that, des and professions, so other trades and professions, so relary, the work was systematized divided, and much was done anything appeared to have been plished. Burglaries, like camplished. Burglaries, like camples, had to be planned before they be exceuted. One set of men a thinking, while another set did

orking.

ang of burglars, like a company ors, have their advance agent—
i who goes before them, prosthe place where the robbery is committed and prepares the way a working force of the gang. cout or advance agent, is always clever man and generally possessation and appearance and social tes. He will, if occasion refit, assume the guise of a laborobtain employment about the or he will become a menial, or body, or do anything which complish his purpose. If a bank

in a city like Brooklyn or New York is to be entered, the advance agent may assume the guise of a diamond broker, or a manufacturing jeweler, or a deal-er in feathers, or in trunks, so as to occupy, under an ordinary pretext, room or rooms in the bank building. or near it, so as to gain the necessary points of information.

#### A CATASTROPHE.

But It Was Averted by a Wonder-

ful Pet Kitten. As the train was about to pull out of the Broad street station, says a writer in the Philadelphia Inquirer, I recognized an old friend in the engineer. He nodded to me and I jumped into the cab. Dick and I shook hands and he introduced me to his fireman, a young fellow with large, truthful, honest eyes, and the most innocent looking face I ever saw. Perched on the seat was a huge black cat, ugly, scraggy, and with a ground plan of fur that looked like a railroad map, it was so plowed and cut up. Naturally I noticed the cat and asked

what it was doing there.
"That's a wonderful cat," said the youthful fireman, "and thereby hangs a tale. Do you want it?"

"Well, about a week ago we-Dick and me—were making the run between Philadelphia and Trenton. It was a dirty, black night—cold and a driving and we were that is, Dick wasrain, and we were—that is, Dick was—behind time, and we were—that is, Dick was—making her hum for all she was worth. We—that is, Dick—had a clear track and the right of way. A few feet shead of the pilot it was black as nothing. We were driving into chaos at the rate of sixty miles an hour. I could not help thinking that if we ran into enthing read. ing that if we ran into anything we'd know more about the other world than was ever written in books, and I said a little prayer that I had learned in Sunday school. The prayer didn't seem to do me much good, and I asked Dick if it was necessary to run so fast. Dick gave me a look of mild contempt, and then I got on my digni-ty and felt as if I'd rather like to to the solution of the state of the strike something just to change that look of Dick's to one of surprise. This was wicked, I knew, but I couldn't help it.

"Suddenly there was an awful crash directly in front of me, a splintering of glass in the cab window, and this cat came tumbling in. My heart got right up in my throat and I thought I'd choke. I saw Dick turn pale, and, terrified as I was, I remember being glad at it. He didn't lose his head, though—Dick never does—but re-versed the machine, and when the train stopped we—that is, Dick—got out to investigate. And what do you think? There was a rail misplaced within a dozen feet of the place where we had stopped. The flagman at the switch had seen it and had stationed himself up the track to signal us. had a pet cat, which followed him wherever he went. The cat was with him, as usual. When he heard us thundering down upon him his lantern went out. He laid it down to re-light it. A gust of wind caught it and it rolled down the embarkment. was a state of things. The flagman was quick to act, however, and grab-bing his faithful cat by the tail he hurled it at the cab as we rattled by. Here is the cat that saved onr train.

Didn't you, Danger?"

The cat humped its back in recognition, and I looked at the frank, innocent face of the boy. He returned the look with wide-open, truthful eyes.
"Shades of Mount Vernon! What a

liar that fellow is," said Dick to me in a whisper. "He has the reputation of being the biggest liar on the road. He'd finish first in a race with Tom Ochiltree. That cat story is his latest 'saved the train' business. I saw him fish shat cat out of the ditch a few days

A Fleeting Fancy. I met her where the sea waves sigh

One golden, perfect day in June; The hours went all too quickly by For hearts so perfectly in tune

This was the face of which I dreamed, But ne'er had looked upon before; A glimpse of paradise it seemed, That summer day upon the shore.

I wildly lavished all my gold
That I might faintly thus express
The love I dared not yet unfold—
The thoughts I hoped to soon express.

And when the hour came to leave, I asked with my most fetching smile: "Are you engaged for Wednesday eve?" "Yes, sir; I'm married all the while."

Depth of the Ocean.

The greatest known depth of the ocean is midway between the Island of Tristan d'Acunha and the mouth of the Rio de la Plata. The bottom was there reached at a depth of 40,236 feet, or 83 miles, exceeding by more than 17,000 feet the height of Mount Everett, the loftiest mountain in the world. In the north Atlantic Ocean, south of Newfoundland, soundings have been made to a depth of 4,580 fathoms, or 27,480 feet, while depths exceeding 34,000, or 64 miles, are reported each. 000, or 61 miles, are reported south of the Bermuda Islands. The average depth of the Pacific Ocean, between Japan and California, is a little over 2,000 fathoms; between Chila and New Zealand 1,500 fathoms. The average depth of all the ocean is from 2,000 to 2,500 fathoms.—Exchange.

The fountain of content must spring up in the mind; and he who has so little knowledge of human nature as to seel happiness by changing anything but his own disposition, will waste his life in fruitless efforts and multiply the griefs which he purposes to remove.

#### DEATH IN DIPHTHERIA.

It is Certain that no Infallible Remedy is Known.

The Best Physicians Agree that Pure Air Good Diet and Vigorous Health Are the Only Absolute Preventives—Some Approv ed Receipts.

There is no infallible cure for diphtheria. Once the dread disease fastens on a child the probabilities are all against recovery. In its earlier stages and milder forms the disease may often be successfully combated if right methods be employed. In a disease which always develops a certain form and, with very rare exceptions, is only fatal where the false membrane has gained a foothold, it would seem that somewhere in the roalm of remedies existed a specific which, itself unchanging, would successfully combat that unvarying symptom; But in fact no two cases of dipntheria are alike. A difference in heredity, some variance in the condition of the blood in a paritcular patient, any one of a thousand influences of diet, hygiene, temperature, all combine to isolate each case and make it a thing to be studied by itself, to be treated in a way different from any other, and with the chances of recovery either more or less than in other instances. Prevention is possible; cure is more nearly impossible than in almost any other disease known to

medical science. Diphtheria usually attacks children from two to ten years of age. It is almost invariably accompanied by sore throat, directly following which one and sometimes two formations of a and sometimes two formations of a foreign and vicious growth appear. These are of a grayish-yellow appearance, and at the beginning are no larger than a barley grain. They usually grow very rapidly, spreading over the back of the throat and formng a false membrane which strangles the patient. In some cases this development is very rapid, death following the first appearance of the fungus by only a few hours. In others it is of the patient. In some cases this develonly a few hours. In others it is of more slow progress, reaching into days. Twelve days is the usual course of the disease, and though it may vary be low it will seldom go above that.

Diphtheria, however, is in many cases fatal even before a single trace of the false membrane can be seen. The poison of the disease kills before it spreads its ghastly warning. Aside from the precautions as to dry and wholesome air, vigorous strength and wholesome air, vigorous strength and cleanliness, a gargle of any antiseptic agent should be frequently used to pre-vent the raw surfaces of any portion of the throat from inviting a growth of the throat from inviting a growin of the false membrane, the fungus that comes so swiftly, and so stubbornly de-fies removal. For this growth will take root wherever scarified flesh prefungus that sents a surface—the nostrils, the lips, may be overrun, as well as the portions of the throat and tongue where the growth is usually seen. For this purpose, says a writer in the Chicago Herald, an antiseptic gargle is invaluable. Even so common a gargle as vinegar and water is often used with good effect, not to cure, but to prevent the inception of the disease. Chloride of iron is an excellent remedy, both as a gargle and as a remedy to be taken internally, for it not only prevents an exposed surface, but invigorates the system so that affections of all kinds are less liable to find lodging place.

A gargle of one drop of carbolic acid to ninety-nine drops of water, used every hour, is recommended. A sat-urated solution of chlorate of potash, used as a gargle, is well known of as a preventive; although the carbolic acid seems to have the preference with the medical fraternity. The most important thing, then, to be said of diphtheria is that it should be prevented; that this can best be done by securing pure, fresh day air at a temperature. fresh, dry air at a temperature of from 70 to 75 degrees; that children should 70 to 75 degrees; that children should be kept in vigorous health by regular diet on nutritious food, and that sore throat should be guarded against by examinations and occasional gargles to keep the exposed surfaces in a healthy condition. All this done the chances of contracting the dread disease are reduced to a minimum.

As to remedies, their name is liegion but that which may do the effective work in one case is likely to be the very thing to avoid in another; as soon as the first symptoms of diph-theria are evident a physician should be summoned, disease so dangerous, so insidious in its approach and so rapid in its development should never be consigned to experiments, but that the tendency of mankind to prescribe in all cases should be curbed, and a physician-the nearest one, summoned

once.
As to remedies: A Chicago physician, who has lost few cases of this disease, recommends the tincture of iron. One drop in a teacup of water is recommended for an infant of one year, if any cases appear in such tender years. The dose should be increased one drop with each year. The solution should be used as a gargle, and once an hour a teaspoonful should also be swallowed. Quinine is nearly always recommended a teaspoonful should also be swallowed. Quinine is nearly always recommended by physicians because of its tonic effects, for diphtheria is one of the most exhaustive of vital forces of any disease known. When physicians cannot at once be summoned let warm flannel clothes be used to wrap the throat, to protect it from changes of temperature. When the disease is well started physicians rely on quinine and alcoholic stimulants largely, to keep up vitality while the disease is wasting its immediately dangerous powers.

NUNS WITH SHAVED HEADS. A Curious Temple in Japan—Dec orated With Hairpins.

On a hill back of the main temple is an octagonal temple that is the most curious one I have seen in Japan, and that satisfies one's love of the novel, strange and picturesque in such edifices. The place is filled and covered with votive offerings from those who have been restored to health or had

prayers answered.
The outside is half nailed over with little six inch square boards, on which are painted the suffering pilgrims who have been cured, and a ledge is heaped high with awls, which the deaf offer up when their hearing is re-

Locks of hair, short swords and devices in coins are hung up as offerings of gratitude on the doors. Inside there is a circular altar containing old stat-ues and sacred images, and its base is plated with sword-hilts, short swords and round metal mirrors, until not a

bit of the woodwork can be seen. Helmets and bits of armor are put wherever possible, and the long shell harpins of Japanese women have been woven with silk cords into curtains or screens between the posts supporting the dome roof.

All around the walls and over the rafters, as far up into the darkness as one can see, the walls are covered with short swords ranged closely side by side, by overlapping metal mirrors, sword hilts, bows and arrows, coins and curious weapons and pieces of ar-

This litle temple is such an extra-ordinary curio itself, and its contents so unique, that its loss by fire would seem to be more than that of any other building at Horiuji, writes a correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Near it is a nunnery, where a family of women, with shining, shaved heads and wearing the same gowns and garments as priests have their altars and images, daily services, and lead the same life in every way as the priests.

#### HE DECLINED THE OFFER.

The Funny Mistake Resulting fron an Old Slaves Ignorance.

At the close of the war there was many a poor, ignorant negro who, finding himself "lord of himself, that heritage of woe," knew not where to turn nor to whom to look for aid, says the Philadelphia Times. Many there were who continued as hands in the employ of their former owners, but there were others, a more adventurous set, who struck out for themselves in various directions, some to attain success, but some alas, to fail.

Among the class who deemed it advisable to seek "fresh fields and pastures new" was old Uncle Jake, quite a character in his way. He took a journey of some twenty or thirty miles to hire himself and family upon Mr. Jones' farm. The old way and Mr. Jones' farm. The old man made a quick trip of it and was soon back upon the old place again.

Well, I done come back, old marser," he said.

"What is the matter, Jake?" in-juired the judge. "I thought you were going to work for Jones?" "No, sir; yer see me an' him couldn' t come ter terms. He offered to lemme work er piece er his land, an' me have no mor'n er fo'th er the crap, but I wouldn't work for nobody for such er little bit es thet. Ef he'd er gimme er fi'th I'd er took it."

Stanley a Woman-Hater. Mr. Henry M. Stanley is a woman hater. A letter has been unearthed from the explorer in which he gives his views on love and ladies geneally. The following is not complimentary to the fair sex: "Poets and woman appear to me to be so soft, so very unlike (at least what I have seen) the rude type of mankind, that one soon feels when talking to them that he must soften his speech and drawl, or affect a singular articulation, lest offense be taken where none was intended. Hence men are seldom sincere to women or poets. Have you ever thought of how you looked when speaking to a woman? If my recollection serve me right, I have seen you talk with such an affected softness I cannot compare the manner of it to anything better than that of a strong man handling a baby—tenderly, gingerly. So! But my pen is carrying me away, I wished to say, my dear friend, that I am absolotely uncomfortable when speaking to a woman, unless she is such a rare one that the unless she is such a rare one that she will let me hear some common sense. The fact is, I can't talk to women. In their presence I am just as much of hypocrite as any other man, and it galls me that I must act, and be affected, and parody myself for no earthly reason, but because I think, with other men, that to speak or act other-wisewould not be appreciated."

Witty and Righteens.

It is related of an old-time Bath school boy that after the master had given bim a good flogging the younggiven bim a good flogging the youngster said to the teacher in a melancholy
and serious tone of voice; "I thank
you, sir." "Thank me! What are
you thanking me for, you young
rascal?" replied old Master Whetstone.
"I thought you did it for my good,
sir," replied Joshua. The tone, manner and the words made the school
roar, while the stern old pedagogue
could take no exception to the retort,
and had to acknowledge its righteousness as well as its wit.—Lewiston Journal. THE AFRICAN IN AFRICA.

He is Not Always a Barbarian, but Is Often Semi-Civilized "Many people," said Dr. T. H. Eddy

to a reporter of the St. Louis Republic, "think the African in Africa is a barbarian, but while some of them are, the majority of them are as far from being so. Stanley in his travels visited the very worst classes on the Congo. They are no criterions of the Mahometan negroes, but quite the contrary. Africa. contains 130,000,000 negro inhabitants outside of the Moors and people of Arabic descent. When I say negroes I mean natives with woolly hair. Woolly hair is characteristic of the negro, but the flat nose and thick lips are only peculiar to them. One of the finest nations of Africa is the Foulah, which number about 30 000 000 souls and live. ber about 30,000,000 souls, and live back of Senegambia, occupying a country 1,000 miles north to south and 1,500 east to west. These people are all Mahometans and write their own language in Arabic observations. language in Arabic characters, also speaking, reading and writing Arabic. They are black with woolly hair, but have thin, prominent noses and very thin lips. No traveler has ever been in their country since 1780, and what I know of them I have learned from Foulahs, whom I have met on the coast. They make their own guns and gunpowder, and as fine leather work as I ever saw. I have known English officers to pay as high as \$90 for a pair of boots made by them, and they were very beautiful, being buttoned to above the knee with silver buttons. In their cities they build houses two and three stories high of adobe and frame. They are governed by a sultan and each man is entitled to four wives. Their costumes are similar to the Turks. Within their nation they have very large cities, but as they will not allow strangers within the borders all that can be learned of them is from such members of the country as make visits to the coast and elsewhere. On one occasion a French army of 700 French and 2,500 mixed soldiers with officers attempted to invade the Foulah country and got 147 miles. Only seventeen succeeded in getting back.

"These people make pilgrimages to Mecca, a distance of 6,800 miles, to pay their respects to the great shrine of the Mahametons.

"The most beautiful race negroes are the Jaloff, from which the beautiful negroes of Lousiana were

beautiful negroes of Lousiana were brought.

"In Africa polygamy is the rule, and the proportion of females born is two and one-half to one of the males. I knew one African—Ben Manna, king of the eastern Veys—who had 238 wives, 584 children and 1,860 slaves, and every one of his children resemble. and every one of his children resemble him to such an extent that you could not fail to recognize them after once seeing the father.

"The white man cannot exist in Africa. He will not multiply, and degenerates under the climate. Again, the country is so densely populated that there is no room for immigration, yet the soil is so fertile that it can accommodate for more people the commodate far more people than America. The natives are too powerful to be conquered, and even if this were done the result would not be worth the effort.

"The Congo country is not, comparatively, a new country, nor is there much trade there. The Niger Valley. however, which is the best in Africa, is 2,600 miles long, very rich, and has a trade amounting to \$40,000,000 a

'Liberia is a terrible country. Sierra Leone is known as the White Man's Grave, and Cape Palmas as the country where white women weep.
No beasts of burden can live there, not even a mule. All die of malaria. The English army lost 1,600 men there in three months. And while natives thrive and multiply, while everthing produces two crops a year and hens lay two eggs a day, foreigners die and children are never born to them."

A Colored "Gemman" Seeks Advice

The arduous labors which his candidacy for the speakership entailed upon the Hon. "Joe" Cannon, writes a Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune, did not prevent that genial gentleman from being frequently "reminded of a little story" whenever a congenial group of visitors thronged his rooms at the Shoreham. Here is Joe's latest, and he tells it to illustrate the rapid degree by which a certain colored friend of his, whom he calls Cæsar Smith, is arriving at the technical distinctions of securities. Cæsar Smith applied one day to Mr. Cannon for advice.

Cannon for advice.

"Mistah Cannon," asked Cæsar,
"would you lend Cuff Jones \$40 if you
was me?"

"What security can he offer?" in-

quired Cannon.
"A morgidge."

"A morgage? Why, what has he got to mortgage?"
"Dat's what bodders me, Mistah Cannon. I know he don't own nuffin but the duds on his back."
"Well, then, how can he give you a

mortgage?"

"Dat's de queshun. Mistah Cannon.
No, he can't do it, and I'se made up
my mind dat he can't have de money
unless he gives me his note of hand!"

What You Escaped.

If you were a subscriber to a Halifax aper you would be expected to believe that a diamond ring lost by a young lady who was out sailing in 1882 was found in the stomach of a codfish caught 400 miles away this last October. Consider that you have had a sarrow escape. THE PIG IN GOOD SOCIETY.

How Ilis Skin Will Be Used in Covering Books of Every Description.

Fashion touches almost every manufacture nowadays and has a great influence over stationers' novelties, gift books, and souvenirs. F. E. Hofely of a large New York firm is at the Palmer house, and shows some of the novelties that will be the rage this year in his line that embraces so many pretty

The wallowing hog in his native element is not a general object of admira-tion among the women. But when his pigship is dead and his skin has been carefully dressed and finished in the highest skill of the tanner's and bookbinder's art, the dainty fingers can handle, with great pleasure, a gift book or souvenir that is clad in this new cover, which will be all the rage this sea on. Pigskin has been used in pocket-books and such objects for two or three years, but this is the first attempt to bind dainty books with it.
The skin is of delicate touch and embosses handsomel. As prayer-books and kindred literature are pr nted largely at Oxford, England, it is gener-

largely at Oxford, England, it is generally a year after new bindings come into vogue that they cover such books, so it will probable be a twelve month before his pigship gets into church.

But by those with exquisite designs and a long purse the crushed levant leather will be in demand. Seal has held sway as the finest leather, but the new manufacture will supersode it. new manufacture will supersede it. Crushed levant is the skin of the walrus and the finest spec mens of seal-skin treated by an elaborate process. Ticknor used the levant last year in a few copies of gift books, which he sold at \$25 each. An ordinary volume of poetry in the levant will cost from \$10

Modocrome lithography will enter into souvenirs more than ever. This process, only three years old, consists of manifold impressions of tints of the same color with a completely shaded illustration is produced. It differs from color lithography in that it uses only tints of the same color, while the latter uses different colors. Combinations of olograph (which resembles oil painting) and monocrome lathography are the latter than the colors. phy are the latest for souvenirs and illustrated poems. Longfellow's 'Village Blacksmath' is thus eleborately Illustrated in this new combination. The monocrome work is onle done in Nuremberg, B varia which Costell & Co. of London controls. Oxid zed silver ornaments and titles is also a new lashion. Celluloid and bronze have been used, but only recently has the latter been brought into vogue.—Chi-

The Problem of Electrical Executions. As the time approaches for the going into effect of the law passed in the state of New York for the electrical execution of criminals, the advisibility of this mode of execution is again be ing discussed, and experiments on liv ing subjects have been undertaken to test the new method of punishment. That electricity, when properly applied for the purpose, will cause death has been established beyond a doubt, but it has been recently pointed out again that there is some probability of the victim being only (appropriate description). victim being only temporardy deprived of the signs of life, and thus meeting a more terrible fate later on. It is, therefore, suggested that, to prevent any possible burial alive, a postmortem examination be made. This somewhat novel question introduces another factor of uncertainty, for a case might thus arrive in which death might due to the postmortem instead of the electric shock, supposing the latter to have only stunned the victim for a greater or less time. Regarding also the question of spilling blood at electrical executions, a recent experiment at Mr. Edison's laboratory, where a dog was killed by electricity, shows that under certa n circumstances, too high electro-motive force for example, may be drawn from the victim by the burst-

ing of a blood vessel.

While we believe that executions by electricity can be made as painless as by any other method, it is to be regretted, in some respects, that it has been chosen to re-place the office of the hangman, if it is to be attended by grim and ghastly incidents or accessor es. That may meet the views of those who wish to make executions horrible, but we sincerely trust that electricity is free from such recom mendations. - Electric World.

#### The City of Quito.

If it were not for the climate, Quite would be in the midst of a perpetual pestilence; but notwithstanding the prevailing filthiness, there is very little sickness, and pulmonary diseases are unknown. Mountain fever, produced by cold and a torpid liver, is the commonest type of disease. The population of the city, however, is graduall decreasing, and is said to be now about sixty thousand. There were five hundred thousand people at Quito when the Spaniards came, and a hundred years ago the population was reckoned at double what it is now. Half the houses in the town are empty, and to see a new family moving in would be a sensation. Most of the finest residences are locked and barred, and have remained so for years. The owners are usually political exiles who are living elsewhere, and can pather are living elsewhere, and can neither sell nor rent their property. Political revolutions are so common, and their results are always so disastrous to the unsuccessful, that there is a constant stream of fugitives leaving the State.

—Unrite, in the American Magazine.

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