In the town of Fort Collins, Col., the effice placesmith has created a curious that very appropriate sign. In fact, it represents not only his industry, but tre many years in which he has been eprenged in it, says the Scientific Amer-

to either side of the entrance to the aber are pillars, which rise several feet above the roof. From a distance they resemble box trees with the branches electly cut, to give them an ornamental appearance. As a matter of fact, the relumns are composed of discarded terseshoes. As each is fully 20 feet in beight and five feet in diameter, a faint conception may be obtained of the immores number of shoes utilized in constructing them, for each column was built up by laying the shoes one upon the other with their flat sides in contact. Through the center of each column runs a wooden post, and the novel structure has been formed by wiring The shoes to it.

The construction of the sign was begun when the shop was opened for bustness. The columns have become too heavy to be increased in height, and are anchored by iron bands to the walls of the building.

#### POWER BEHIND THRONE.

#### Ming Edward's Elevation to the Throne as Viewed by a Canadian.

The Canadian election which returned Sir Wilfrid Laurier to power онly a day or two before Mr. Roosevelue sweeping victory in this country. brought to light a story, says Success Magazine, which shows that the North Carolina "cracker," who thought Grever Cleveland was still president. is not alone in the world.

Just before Canada's election day an old inhabitant appeared in the streets of Quebec, and, meeting a friend, fell to talking politics. In the course of conversation he chanced to refer to Victoria as still queen, whereupon he was informed that that great and good dy had been dead for something more than four years.

"Dead!" he exclaimed: "Victoria dead! Then who is it that now rules Eng-

"King Edward the Seventh," came the reply: "he was Albert Edward, the prince of Wales." The ancient one shook his head

wieely, and, for a few moments, stood in deep thought. "Great Scott!" he 前nally exclaimed; "he must have a bull with Laurier."

### RAISES SNAPPING TURTLES tiles Are Carefully Murtured for Market.

New Jersey boasts of the biggest snapper farm in the world, that grows the biggest anappers that ever pad-'died about in a muddy creek. The farm is at Tuckerton, says the Philavelphia North American.

in a shipment of snappers sent afrom the farm and received in this city recently were several that were as large as the top of a small tub, and that weighed considerably more than 50 pornds. They were consigned to a dealer at Front and Spruce streets, and he sold them all before noon. No other kind of flesh, fish or fowl is said to find so ready a market at this seawon as snappers.

The turtles are very carefully nursed at the farm where they are raised.

All are marked in infancy, and a record of their ages is kept. : Some chefs like yearling snappers. others prefer them two, three, or even five years old, while others like the tender young ones of about six or eight months. The yearlings are said to make the best soup, and a good big one will make enough of it to serve a banquet.

Tells Friends by Tap of Cane. The degree to which the remaining genses can be trained when the sight is lost was illustrated the other morning by two blind men, from the home at Thirty-sixth street and Lancaster avenue. The men came from opposite directions and as they approached each other a man standing on the corner was surprised to hear one of the blind men say: "Hello, Ed; what are you doing out this morning?" When the blind man was asked how he had known the other with a distance of five yards between them he answered: "By the sound of his cane, of course, I can tell at the distance of half a square the tap of the cane of any man in the home."-Philadelphia Record.

# Hot Air on Tombstones.

It has been said that the world would be a very different place if all men lived up to the epitaphs of their tombstones The same might be said if all political severnment followed the principles and advice laid down in speeches at political banquets. Such a high standard of publie morality as a good dinner on these special occasions seems to inspire would go far toward bringing about the po-Brical millenntam .- Baltimore Amer-

One Way of Paying a Debt.

In Penang recently a korrower wriggled out of his financial liabilities by everpowering the native usurer and clapping a padlock through the holes in his car. The Malay money lender could not return to his brethren with an ear descerated and sulfied by infidel hands. and so was forced to tear up the promissory note in exchange for the key to the lock.-Malay Times.

## ON THE ORIGIN OF SLANG. A Few Familier Expressions from

Which Some of It May Have Taken Bise. "Here's where I but! fa," said the

goat, making for the children, according to the New York Sun. "I'm getting it in the neck." grumbled the bull as Ursus gave him an other twist.

"Come off your perch," growled tabby, making another spring at the "I'm in the soup," gasped the oys-

ter, as he dropped to the bottom of the "You're a bird," said the fox, as he

gobbled up another hen. "Don't try to string me," said the rattler to the blackanake, coiling himself into a plumbing.

"It's a lead pipe cinch." said the rat, gnawing his way through another piece of pipe.

"I ve got the drop on you," shrieked the hawk, as he landed on another chicken.

"Things are coming my way," said the bear, dodging another bullet. "My goose is cooked," said the wild gander, dropping to the ground with a broken wing.

"Quit your kidding," exclaimed the fish, as the bait dropped into the wa-

"Those fellows are nutty." said the rabbit, pointing to the squirrel family eating lunch.

"Stuck again," cried the fly, alight ing on the sticky paper. "I can see my finish," murmured the lamb as he entered the slaughter pen.

# TEN YEARS WITHOUT SLEEP

Case of a Man That Has Excited Great Interest Among Medical Men.

The capacity of the great Napoleon for going without sleep is well known. but even he had to succumb at times to the need for rest. Indeed, says Cassell's Journal, it is a notorious fact that no human being can survive without occasional periods of sleep.

Nevertheless, there is living to-day a man of whom it is stated on good authority that he has not slept a minute for ten years, and yet retains his health and sanity unimpaired.

His story is that 12 years ago he was engaged in photographic work, to which he devoted himself with such zeal and enthusiasm that for several days and nights he took no rest. Then insomnia set in, and, becoming alarmed, he consulted physicians. Their advice, however, proved unavailing, and then came the discovery that the loss of sleep had produced no ill effects. His brain and nerves remained unaffected, his appetite good, and he was actually increasing ia weight.

Since then his case has excited great interest amongst medical men, several of whom have kept him under close observation. Yet he was never seen to sleep, and there seems no room to doubt his continuous wakefulness.

One can only conclude that he has periods of complete mental and budily inaction, which serve in place of actual

# POOR AND RICH MARRIAGES

#### The Views of a Thoughtful Mother Regarding the Advisability of Either.

"Do not think." said a thoughtful woman recently; relates Cassell's Journal "that the mother who seeks a wealthy suitor for her daughter is always prompted by sordid motives.

"Often she is governed by a mistaken mother love, a desire to save her girlfrom the cramping effects of a poverty which she herself may possibly have experienced.

"One could better understand a mother's ambition for her daughter to make a rich marriage if rich marriages were universally, or even generally, happy ones. Probably in the majority of cases where a girl is married to a rich man the union is far from an ideal one. Too often the man's money is his only attraction, and the girl is coerced into an alliance which she inwardly abhors. "Undoubtedly the best marriages are those where the couple have youth, health and good sense, and seek their fortune in company."

New Niagara in South America. Last week there returned from South America to New Orleans a party of explorers which included scientists from different institutions. With a score of natives they visited the Rio Leon territory, near the equator, and penetrated a part never before seen by white men. Among the discoveries was a wonderful cascade which rivals that of the Yosemite in height and Niagara in volume. It is crescent in form and has eight cataracts, divided from each other by islands smaller than those at Niagara. It is thought to be only a question of a lew years when these islands will be swept away and leave one vast cataract. -Philadelphia Ledger.

# Too Bisky.

Towns-I hear that new arcident insurance company has gone up. Browne-Yes, they couldn't begin to meet their obligations. You know they insured against matrimonial explosions.-Detroit Free Press.

#### Certainly Slow. "Didn't I tell you that Bill was too

alow to live?"

"Why, what's 'e bin and done now?" "He's gorn and got run over by a hearse!"-Chicago Journal.

Butter Busts of Authors. At a dinner lately given by an English novelist all the butter on the great table was in miniature busts of noted authors and immortals.

#### AILMENTS OF THE ANIMALS The Elephant, the Camel and Others in a Friendly Chat About Their Health.

Out of the corner of his shifty little eye the elephant watched the small boy who was trying to feed him a ping of tobacco, and then the circus pachyderm heaved a mournful sigh-

"What's the matter?" asked the camel in the next stall. "Some kid feed you an apple loaded with cayenno "Say, you'd grunt yourself," retort

ed the elaphant, looking wrathfully down his ten feet of ivory tusk, "if you had the toothache in a pair of molars the aize of these." "Oh, I know just how it feels, and

you have my sympathy," said the

camel. "See these two humps on my back? Well, how'd you like to have the lumbago in 'em?" "I am a candidate for sympathy. too," murmured the giraffe, rubbernecking into the conversation. "With my stretch of guilet I can assure you

that there's nothing worse than tonsil-

itis, or a sore throat." "Tush! tush!" snarle i the leopard. "what are those trivial allments to the sufferings I have to undergo? Think of listening to people commenting on my personal appearance, would be wits who get off bright remarks about me having the spotted fever?"

#### SCARED YET ILL-TREATED. Cattle of the Hindoos Regarded with Beverence, But Receive Rough Usage

Few travelers in India fail to notice the part played, whether in the flesh or its representation, by the cow and the ox.

Sacred cattle wander unmolested and unmolesting through the streets of the cities especially in the south. generally decorated with garlands of flowers.

Stone "nandis." the bulls of Siva, keep guard before his temples; they are portrayed in fresco or in carving on the wails of many rock caverns. Oxen turn mills, plow the land, draw and carry water, and, above will, are

invaluable for beasts of burden. Cattle, as is well known, are held in superstitious reverence by Hindoos. Yet, unfortunately, the draught buil often receives very rough treatment at his driver's hands. So long as the animal's life is not taken ill-treatment counts as nothing among these peo-

## OUR ROMAN CATHOLICS.

#### Some Statistics of Interest to Those Who Are Intent Upon Religious Matters.

The Roman Catholic population of the United States and its dependencies is far larger than that of any other religious denomination. This fact is brought out. says Success Magazine, by a comparison between the statistics in the Roman Catholic directory for 1905, and those relating to other church bodies, which have been compiled by Rev. H. K. Carroll. The whole number of Roman Catholics under the protection of the United States. flag is 22,127,254. Of these, 7,058,699 are in the Philippines: 1.573.862 in Cuba. 1 000,000 in Porto Rico, and 32,000 in the Sandwich islands. It would obviously be misleading to include the Roman Catholics of the dependencies in a consideration of the comparative strength of the religious denominations in the United States: Eliminating them altogether. the Roman Catholics of the country still number 12,462,793, while the next largest church body, the Methodists, have 6,256,-738 members. The Baptists follow with 5,150,815, then come the Lutherans, with 1.789.766; the Presbyterians, with 1 637. 697; the Episcopalians, with 807,922; the Congregationalists, with 667.251; the Unitarians, with 71,000; the Christian Scientists, with 66,021.

#### CANDOR IN WRONG PLACE. Daughter of Hostess Tells Admiring Lady Guest What She Asks to Know.

Controller Grout was talking about candor, says the New York Tribune. "Candor is all right in its place," he said, "but out of place it is unspeakably dreadful."

"This fact was impressed on me the other evening at a dinner.

"A little girl, the daughter of the hostess, at the end of this dinner was brought in for dessert, and placed beside a malden lady of about 50.

"The maiden lady was a little sontimental. She talked in a sentimental vein to the child, and finally, leaning forward, she said:

" 'How pretty your eyes are, dear." " 'Fank you,' said the little girl.

"The lady laughed. Then she said. " 'Can you tell me the color of my

"The little girl answered promptly, In a clear voice, audible half a mile: " 'Gween middles, yellow whites and wed wims."

New Use for the Cantaloupe. -On the night of one of last winter's blizzards a society man on his way to a wedding beard two negro coachmen chatting.

"Bad night fer a weddin'," said one, stamping and thrashing about. "'Dat don't make no nevermind. Ain't dey got a cantaloupe crost de whole sidewalk?"-N. Y. Times.

#### No German. Miss Goitall-Did you attend the german last night?

Mr. Fudge-No. I can't speak the language, and I knew I should not enjoy myself.—Success Magazine.

PUTS BAN ON LOVE BY MAIL

Postmietrosa Issues Cruel Men. festy Against the Boys and Girls au Gias port, Pa,

Pittaburg. Pa.-Tue postmistress of Giassport, Mrs. R. M. Russell, who is past the "spooning" age, is not popular with the young men and women of that town. A flood of letters has passed. through ber hands of late. How the nontmistress knew they were love lettera is something the young people of

the town are determined to fathom. When they reached the post office they read a notice which said that no more "love making" would be permitted in the post office and that "all boys and girls under 18 years of age must have a written order from their parents before mail is delivered."

Mrs. Russelt says the young people of the neighborhood have been stimulating their love affairs through the United States mail, many tender missives being exchanged. She says the parents complained, and to protect herself she posted the notice. 'Ahe young' people declare they will use their influence with the department to find out how the postmistress knew love missives were being received. Meanwhile McKeeaport, three miles away, shows an increase in mail, Glassport young! people exchanging correspondence through that office now.

#### BEAR LIVES IN HERMIT HUT Administrator Unaware of Grizzly's Presence Until Knocked Through

the Entrance. Los Angeles, Cal.-Near the old San-Gabriel mission, within nine miles of this city of 299 060 souls, a hermit has lived for many years in a little adobe hut. He died and was buried. Not having any known relatives. Deputy Administrator Petermichel went out to the

shack to take charge of the old man's In the 40 years that Senor Don occupied the adobe, no living soul, save himseif, had crossed its threshold. As the hermit died suddenly away from the shack the deputy was, the first one to break the solltude of the dwelling. When he pushed open the door it was so dark inside that objects were not distinguishable, so he stepped inside. Then he was confronted by a grizzly bear which rose -to his hind feet and with a blow of his paw sent the deputy flying through the door. The deputy did not stop to inventory the property, but took to his heels: The bear followed him out of the shack and then struck out in the direction of the mountains. It is thought that bruin found the door of the shack open and entered, and that the door

# CINDERELLA TRIES POISON.

then got pushed shut by the bear, mak-

ing him a prisoner.

#### Girl Forced to Stay at Home While Sisters Enjoyed Pleasures Would Die.

New York .- Because her elder sisters could go to dances and theaters while she was forced to stay. Cindarella-like, at home at night after working to help support the family by day, pretty little Pauline Katz, 18 years of age, living on Secand avenue, attempted to commit suicide by swallowing wood alcohol.

Prompt work by an ambulance surgeon saved the girl's life, but after being saved she sobbed that she wished to die, and threatened to attempt her life again if she had the opportunity.

For weeks Pauline has brooded over her lor in the long evening when she stayed at home after hard days of roll as a buttonhole operator in a down town clothing factory. She worked at the machine all day, and on Saturday turned in her wages to help run the home. She longed for the pleasures of life.

but her parents told her she was too

young, and forbade her going to dances

or theaters or receiving the attentions of

#### young men. DOG ACTS BY GRAMOPHONE

#### A Variation in Parlor Tricks Which Amuses a Woman's Friends-Canine a Wonder.

New York.-A woman in town has taught her dog to do his tricks to her commands issued from the gramophone. In speaking the orders into the machine she allowed enough time after each for the performance of the trick asked for,

"It saves me trouble." she explains. "Everybody is crazy to see Dodo do his tricks, and I get tired going through the performance with him. Then he looks so funny watching the mouth of the gramophone for orders.

"Perhaps you think it was easy to get him to do it. It took a lot of training, for it puzzled him to hear my voice on one side of the room when I was over at the other side. He won't do the tricks for anyone but me, so people say it gives the queerest effect to see him go through them before the gramophone when I may be miles away."

#### Weds His Subscribers Free. C. H. Hale, editor of the Sangamon (Ill.) Sayer, who was recently elected justice of the peace, has announced that he will perform the marriage ceremony free with two subscriptions. Old subscribers will receive half price. No marriage will be performed after mid-

"Retrieve" Would Be Better. The report that the Russian soldiers in Manchuria are "burning with the desire to maintain the glory of Russian arms" excites suspicion of an error in transmission. "Maintain" doesn't seem to be exactly the right word here, says the indianapolis News.

Pipe Dream?

A London doctor has discovered that oplum smoking will cure catarrh, neuraigia and lung troubles.

# REBEL: FORM COLONY

#### ISLAND SETTLEMENT COMPOSED OF MUTINEERS.

Quit British Ship in 1799 and Build Homes on Pitcairn-Nearly 170 Now Aemain to Tell Tale.

London.-Reports to the coinnial office just issued, include one on Pitcaira in and, the lonely home in the Pacific of the mutineers of the armed ship Bounty who landed there in 1789. The islanders number 77 males and 52 remaies, includlag children.

They are hard working and more or less healthy, but exhibit certain victous tendencies which religion has been unable to eradicate. Many are narrowminded and unstable. They have adopted an extraordinary patois derived from the language of the Tauitian women who accompanied the mutincers to the island. They employ this patols in conversation among themselves, although most of the adults can speak English fairly well and in some instances very well, considering the circumstances of their environment.

There are persons of ability among them, but some appear to be lacking in intelligence. The children are comparatively numerous, and if properly cared for abould be useful members of the community.

In regard to the morals of the islanders in the aggregate, little that is favorable can be said. Hiegitimate children, petty thefts, brawls and the use of bad languare are common Fortunately, the people do not use intoxicants. The laws and regulations which deal with the above named offenses are seldom enforred.

No deformities are noticed, but the front teeth of most of the islanders are bad. This is the only visible result of intermarriage. The people are Seventh Day Adventists and observe the Sabhath scrupulously. They are exemplary in their attendance at weekday prayer meetings and church gatherings. Never'heiess vulgar stories and obscene songs are not unknown

The Pitcairn islanders contribute ten per cent, of the produce of the place and money, that are received to the church and they subscribe to Sabbarh schools and other religious funds. The produce so contributed is sold and the proceeds, with other cash collections, are forwarded to the foreign mission board of the Seventh Day Adventus in Amer-

An official who visited the island in May says in a report that he found that the government instituted in 1896, which consisted of a president, vice president, a judge and seven members of a parliament, was not working well, so be made certain changes.

# FIND TEETH IN ESOPHAGUS

Located with an X-Ray - Delicate Operation on Sculptor Nichaus Performed in New York.

New York -- Charles H Niehaus, the sculptor, is recovering from an operation for the removal of two false teeth attached to a rubber place which he swallowed while laughing in Cincinnati weeks ago. The obstruction was tound imbedded in the esophagus, far behind the breast bone.

Surtained solely on artificial nourishment and constantly in pain, the soulp for suffered greatly before the operation. was decided on. So greatly was he reduced in flesh that he could scarcely walk. When the plate slipped into his throat doctors had been hurriedly called. and, fearing the parient would choke to death, they devoted their efforts to forcing the obstruction downward as far as possible. When he was brought to this city late last week the specialists turned to the X-ray and, located the plate. which was of hard rubber. Nothing except the shadow of the upper rim

showed above the breastbone. The surgeons made a long inclsion, cut the exophagus, carrying it away down to the breastbone. The rubber plate was as tightly jammed between the walls of the gullet as though hammered in, while the two sharp teeth were deeply imbedded. It was, however, easily removed and Mr. Niehaus is now rapidly

# CHILD'S ESCAPE A MARVEL

Struck by a Locomotive, Thrown Into Air, Descends on Track and Found Alive Under Pilot.

Laramie, Wyo .-- A little girl of the name of O'Connor had a remarkable escape from death beneath the wheels of a locomotive here. The child, with two others, was crossing the Union Pacific tracks on her way to school. Her companions passed in front of an approaching freight train and called to her to follow. When the train was barely ten feet away she made the dash. In the center of the tracks her feet slipped and she fell on her hands and knees. The pilot of the locomotive struck her and threw her into the air, where she turned a complete somersault, and again fell on the track. The engineer meanwhile had reversed and the locomotive stopped with the pilot over the child's body. Had the engine gone another foot she would have been crushed to death. She was found to be severely bruised.

Chicago Has 1,990,750 People. The preliminary estimate of the census office on the population of the city of Chicago to June 1, 1905, is 1,990,750. The estimated consus is made out each year on the above date and the actual figure will not be available until that time. They do not include additions in territory during the last year. The figures for Chicago are, therefore, approximately correct.

## JHAS CONSUMPTION CURE.

Italian Professor Uses a Secret Preparation of Indine in an Injec-

tion as Remedy. Milan - Professor Lavi has given ont. an explanation of his new curs for consumption which has been success-

fully used on human patients. hitherto the diminienting power of indine has never been successfully utilized in curing infectious internal diseases in human beings for the reason that even loding comes in contact with human blood it immediately combines with the alkaline elements

to form alkaline indures, the disinfecting properties of which are small Professor Levi has recently succeeded to preparing feeling in such a manner as to deprive it of this property and to cause it, in circulation unmixed through the tissues of the human frame, to come in contact with the tubercular microhes and bring to bear all its curative powers against

them. The professor states that after obtaining satisfactory results with animals suffering from tuberculosis ho applied his method to human patients. with great success, especially in the cicatrization of apreading lesions and the formation of new and healthy tissues. These results were proved by the examination of many patients and by autopsies made by a commission of

doctors on animals experimented upon The professor has already received several offers from foreign countries for his secret remedy, which he will probably accept in order to make his discovery more widely known.

# HALF A MILLION STARVING.

Terrible Conditions in Spain as a Result of Lack of Rain and Bioting Begins.

Madrid -The familie has reached such proportions that half a million people now face starvation, Serious riots are threatened which may endanger the government, and the troops cannot be reited upon to fire upon their own fam-

illes and friends. Forty thousand men are workless in the province of Malaga, 30 0% in Cadis. and propose Sevine as the result of the

destruction of crops. The condition is so serious that the government decided to send large suppiles for the relief of the suffering without consulting the Cortes.

Thousands of acres at Huesca, which usually at this season are yellow with ripening wheat, are entirely denuded of vegetation and present the aspect of a desert in the neighborhood of Seville, where

the thermometer registers above 100

daily, drinking water is barely obtainsble. The daily rations of the agricultural inborers have been reduced to a few ares to secano Starving laberers are going about seizing food and the croops refuse to stop them. There has been no rain for three months and everything is withered. The Malaga authorities have raised a big Dan to burfood for the people. The action of the government in reducing the duty on wheat and flour is

# PROTECTS MEMORIAL DAY.

regarded as insufficient and the whole

duty must be abandoned if it is not too

New Law Punishing Violators Puzzles Neoraska Lawyers-Causes

Much Discussion. Lincoln Not -- Can a man engage in a game of tennis or golf on Memorial day? Can be ride a bleyele? Can be take a party out in a boat? In other words, what games of sport tend to disturb the public peace? And who shall determine when the public peace is dis-

turbed? These are a few of the questions that are now disturbing the minds of Nebraska lawyers, horsemen, sportsmen and plain every-day citizens. The discussion has been aroused by a bill recently passed by the legislature and signed by the governor. The measure was introduced by Senator Hughes of Platte county at the request of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was intended to prevent the desecration of the day set aside to commemorate the heroic deeds of the

nation's soldier dead. The bilt prohibits ball playing, horse racing and other sports on May 30, commonly known as Decoration or Memorial day. It will not be effective this year, however, until July 1, as it does not carry an emergency clause. Much opposition was manifested to the bill before its passage. Some lawyers claim that the law will not be effective because of defective nunctuation.

Call Girl for Jury. For the first time in the history of Kentucky a young woman has been summoned on a federal jury. Miss Fletcher L. Gregory, a pretty Owensboro girl of 18, received a document through the mail ordering her to appear at the May term of the United States court in that city and act as a juror. The young woman is just preparing for a trip to Colorado, and when she read the contents of the letter she turned pale, knowing that she would miss the trip if she had to serve as a juror. The jury commission in this city was appealed to and it was found that a mistake had been made in sending the summons to the girl. It was

intended for her father. Also \$65,000-No Limit. Edward Atkinson proves by statistics that a woman can dress on \$5 a. year. She can also dress on \$6,500 a year if she gets a chance.

Yawn, That's All. According so a German savant, the surest method of keeping in perfect health is to yawn deep and often.

# L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS