Old Gentleman Who Likes Boys-"My son, why do you always say "m-h'm when you mean yee?" Boy-"I don't. Sometimes I say uh-huh."-Chicago Tribune.

"But before we were married," she complained, "you used to give me beautiful presents." "Yes, but a dolfar looked like a dime thea, and nower-s dime looks like a miracle!"---Baltimore News.

Fudge-"I am just on the eve of a great invention." Judge-"Will it benefit humanity—is it a boon to the world?" Fudge-"Well, I should say so: my invention is a fender for automobiles."-Baltimore Herald.

B. Ginner-"I sent a poem to Scribbler's Magazine yesterday. I wonder. how long I'll have to wait before it appears." Oldun-"Sent it yesterday. eh? It ought to appear in your mail to-morrow morning." - Philadelphia Becord.

"You surely don't mean to tell me that the tenderfoot died of nervousmess?" "That's what. Wild Bill got the drop on him without intendin' to shoot, but he was a bit shaky that mornin' an' accidentally hit the trigger too hard."--Chicago Post.

Citiman..."Has your volunteer fire sompany got its new company yet?" Subbube-"Yes, but we haven't had a chance to test it yet." Citiman-"No houses on fire, ch?" Subbube-"Oh, yes, but they've always burned down before we could get there."-Philadelphia Press.

His Villainous Scheme.-"Mrs. Van Gump seems never to have anything new to wear." "It's her husband's fault. He is one of the meanest men who ever drow the breath of life." "Why, what does he do?" "He always compliments her on her appearance." -Indianapolio News.

#### TASKS SET FOR SUITORS.

Different Undertakings of Men in Ordor to Win the Women They Level.

One of the most difficult tasks that ever fell to the lot of a lover was completed two years ago by Mr. McQuarry, of San Francisco, reports the Philaielphia Times

His suit was repeatedly rejected by the lady of his choice, until one day, thinking to put an end to his attentions thereby, she told him that if he would go round the world without m cent in his pocket she would marry him. McQuarry courageously took her at her word and started out, actually accomplished the feat in a certain period named, a task which received its just reward.

A young Frenchman named Pierre Barnard accomplished the remarkable feat of walking from Paris to Berlin on stilts two summers ago, at the behest of a Breton maiden who had spurned his addresses but wished to

He was not allowed to dismount even at night, but compelled to rest against walls or anything that would support his weight, an impartial judge having accompanied him on a bicycle to see that the conditions were properly fulfilled. The feat accomplished, Barnard again renewed his suit, this time with Buccess.

A short while ago a young London solicitor, in order to win the girl of his choice, carried out a task which all but those of unusual courage would have shirked.

The lady rejected his attentions on the ground that she would only marry the man who undertook to find her brother, who had left home some years previously, and restore him to her mother. The runaway had been last heard of in a South American copper mine.

Nevertheless, pocketing a photograph, he gave up his business and set out, only to return to England in despair when two years were over and he had come to the end of his resources without success.

But just as he was leaving a London terminus a man passed him in the street who bore a small resemblance to the photograph, and he inquired his mame. Judge of his astonishment, when the stranger replied that he was the individual in question, and the reunion of the family was followed shortly afterward by the admittance of the solicitor as a fully qualified

An Electrifying Prospect. When the use of the electric power becomes general we may look forward to a considerable decentralization of industry. We may see such "garden cities" spring up all over the country .as William Morris painted so seductively, and the old country towns will again become active centers of life and industry. At present nearly all the industries that were once carried on in our villages have been killed by the fact that no source of power is available which can enable them to compete with their rivals in the city factories. Electrical power will change all that.-London Spectator.

Safest in the World.

The new breakwater forming the harbor of refuge in Delaware bay is formed, throughout its length of nearly 9,000 feet, of stones weighing from 12.000 to 16,000 pounds. It cost more than two and a quarter millions, but it is the safest of the large harborn of the world. N. Y. World.

Lond-Sounding Name. Darn Dam Wentworth is a member of the Kentucky militia. Perhaps, says the Chicago Record Herald, his parents were mad because he wasn't - girl.

#### SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

Cork trees in Spain and Portugal, if not stripped more than once in three years, thrive and bear for upward of 150 years.

The big lanters to be used in the government lighthouse at Scotch sape, Alaska, has just been finished by an Atlanta (Ga.) manufacturing plant. A nickel steel that is rustless and practically without expansion or heating is claimed by Dr. Gillaume, of Sevres, as a result of five years of ex-

periment. The biggest balloon ever made was by a German named Ganewendt, about 30 years ago. Its aspacity was 30,000 cubic yards. It weighed 21% tons, and would rise 31/4 tons in the air.

It is 50 years since the John Bowes. the first iron-screw steamer ever built was inunched at Jarrow-on-Type by Memrs. Palmer Bros. The vessel was 465 tons register, and was calculated to carry 30 keels of coals and to make 30 tripe per annum between Newsontie and London.

An effort is being made to secure the establishment of a government biological station on the great lakes. The purpose of such a station is to investigate all the problems connected with the fisheries of these lakes throughout their whole extent, principally for the protection of the commercial fish.

Prof. Henry A. Ward has announced the discovery of a great meteorite in western Mexico. The stone weighs over 50 tons; it is 13 feet and one inch in length, and by buried by the terrife force of its own momentum nearly 10 feet in the earth. Small portions. of the meteorite were broken off; the remainder was left intact for the time being. The cost of transporting the stone to the sea coast, 71 miles away. would have been more than \$50,000.

Experiments by the government have shown that no matter what the process of cooking, meat loses a great deal of its bulk, owing to the evaporation of the water, which constitutes a large part of all flesh. This loss is greater in small pieces than in the larger ones. In a lean piece of best weighing from one to 1% pounds, the loss of weight was 45.6 per cent., while in a piece weighing from five to 5% pounds, the loss was only 39.8 per cent. The loss of nutrition is not nearly so great, however, as that of the weight would seem to indicate.

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

Rapid Growth in the System Shown by Department Figures-Many Applications.

Figures prepared at the post office department show the rapid development of the rural free delivery service. These figures show that on the first of August there were in operation 1,025 rural free delivery routes in the United States. They are distributed through every state and territory and their number is increased as rapidly as the service can be organized in new fields, says a Washington report

The routes are established in localities in which requests for the service are made. When a request is received It is referred to an expert in the field, who visits the locality and goes over the proposed route. He takes into consideration the density of population, the facilities for transportation and various other factors and aubmits a report to the department recommending the establishment of the route or advising against it. His recommendation is usually followed, and if it is favorable the service is established at once.

There are now in the office and on the hands of men in the field 11,043 petitions for the establishment of the service. It will be impossible for the department to comply with all of these requests within the amount of \$7,000,000 appropriated by congress. but Mr. Machen hopes by the end of the current fiscal year to have in opera-Mon fully 15,000 routes, an increase of

\$0 per cent. over the present number. The present service covers about \$90,000 square miles of territory and serves a population of about 5,000,000. It is the eventual aim of the department to extend the delivery service until practically every family in the United States shall have its mail delivered at its home.

The Ovn! Jun. One of the astronomers at the Brussels observatory has taken several excellent large-size photographs of the sun when near its setting that show very distinctly the oval appearance it sometimes has at that hour. Everybody is familiar with the fact that the sun appears larger when near the horizon than when several degrees above it; but few persons, perhaps, have noticed that it often assumes an oval shape. This is due to the rapid change in the refractive action of the air near the horizon, by which the lower edge of the seems to be lifted with reference to the upper edge, giving the disk the appearance of being compressed. In one of the photographs referred to the oval shape is very noticeable, the ratio of the vertical to the horizontal diameter being as 75 to 84.—Scientific American.

Corn Salad.

This salad is excellent when mixed with potate salad, or to use as a garnish for that salad. The corn salad should be well picked over and all yellow leaves removed, washed and drained, placed in a salad bowl and mixed with French dressing .- Ledger

It Turned, She -- Yes, I'm sorry I married you;

so there! He-Ob, you were glad to get anyhody, I guess. You were no young

bird when I married you. "No? But, considering what I got, you must admit I was an early bird." -Phitadelphia Press.

## WO WHITE RACE IN MINDANAO.

Story That in Interior of Island There Existed a People Distinct from Moros is Exploded.

A story disputing the existence of a race of white men on Mindanao island was told by C. G. Stone, who was recently a member of the army engimeering corps in the orient and who has just returned to San Francisco. Stone was commissioned by Capt. Baldwin to make a tour of the island with the purpose, in part, of ascertaining the truth of the reports that a race of people distinct from the typical Moros inhabited the interior portions of Mindanao. Stone saidhia investigation consumed considerable time. He acquired the dialects of several tribes and was afforded unusual opportunities for investigation. Stone declares that the statements made as to the existence of native white men on the island are not founded on fact. He met many persons whose facial characteristics denoted Caucasian ancestry, particularly in the matter of complexion when contrasted with the negro skin. but his inquiries led to the development that these lighter hued people were descended from Castilians who had long ago settled on Mindenao and had married native women.

No colonies of these people were found at any point and Stone noted them at scattered places. All of them had forgotten the faith of their forebears and were devout followers of Mohammed.

#### AN EFFICIENT MAIL SERVICE.

Remarkable Instance of Delivery of Letter to Rightful Party by Means of Only a Picture.

The following recent incident illustrates the efficiency of the United States mail service: At Rock Island. Ill., there was deposited, in a United States mail box, a letter upon the envelope of which was pasted a picture, evidently representing some railway passenger agent. This was all there was upon the envelope. That the picture was some railway passenger agent the post office authorities determined from the uniform, and, under a microscopic inspection, discovered that the cap bore the inscription-Chicago & Alton R'y Passenger Agent. Upon reference to a Chicago & Alton railway folder (in which appears the pictures of depot passenger agents at terminals to enable passengers to readily rec-

ognize passenger agents who meet incoming trains and assist passengers in boarding outgoing trains), the post office authorities discovered a similar likeness, and found that the individual to whom the letter was addressed was Mr. Price M. Taylor, depot passenger agent, Chicago & Alton railway, St. Louis, Mo. The letter was then forwarded, reaching Mr. Taylor three days after it was mailed in Rock Is-

## WOULD JOIN AMERICAN ARMY.

British Soldlers Under Mistaken Notion Seek to Enlist for Warfare in Philippines.

Time-expired South African soldiers have been the victims of a curious delusion, which is causing the officials of the United States embassy considerable annoyance. Former British soldiers who have served against the Boers have been applying in numbers at the embassy for enlistment in the American army in the Philippines. They all tell the same story, saying a report was in circulation at Cape Town and Durban that the United States was enlisting ex-British soldiers for service in these islands. At the London embassy scores of applicants have already been turned away greatly distippointed.

Jews of New York City, The Jewish World publishes an estimate of the number of Jews in Greater New York based on the number of Jewish burials as recorded by the board of health. These amounted in 1901 to 7,997, and as the death rate in the most congested Jewish districts is little over 15 per thousand this implies a population of 533.133 in the middle of 1901. Since that time no less than 39,225 have arrived at New York and staid there, while by natural increase of births over deaths another 21,400 would be added up to August 1 of this year, making a grand total of

Queer Colony Is a Fallare. The little French colony which 13 years ago purchased from the Trappist monks at Gethsemane, Ky., the farm known as Mount Olivet has left for France. The colony was composed of M. Guillot, Jules and Pere Bouran, and their wives and daughters, 12 in all. Mount Olivet farm was formerly used as a school, but the colonists turned it into a vineyard. They lived a life almost as secluded as the monks at the abbey. Being poor business men, the colonists soon found themselves in debt. Mount Olivet was mortgaged to a Lebanon bank.

A Question Answered. The value of the American bicycles exported last year was \$100,000 greater than that of those exported the year before. Which, says the Chicago Tribune, partially answers the question: "What has become of all the wheels?"

Boston Asked to Explain. A Boston man who kicked his horse was fined \$10. Another Boston man, who kicked his wife, was fined \$5. And the Chicago Tribune asks: Will Boston please explain in words of not more than five syllables?

Blography of Lord Dufferin. Sir Alfred Lyall has begun work on his biography of Lord Dufferin, and is visiting Claudeboye, where an immense mass of papers and correspondence must be gone over and studied.

### OUICE LUNCH ROOM TERMS.

Untatelligible Phraseology of the Mask Stingers of "Grab-ou-the-Bun" Esting Places.

When the great majority of the quick lunch room proprietors of New York agreed recently to raise the price of "beef an'," also of "ham an'," from ten to fifteen cents, and their momentous decision was duly, if somewhat jourlarly, recorded in the papers, the surprising fact developed that there are actually to be found men and women in this city who do not know what "beef an," is, says a writer for the Tribune.

"Beef and what?" asked a downtown business man, as he read his paper going home on the L. "Well, you don't know beaus, for a fact," his companion laughed.

"That's it, ch?" said the first. But how should I know whether it was beans or cabbage? I never go to that sort of a place to cat."

And there are thousands more like this man, who never went to "that sort of a place" to eat, or have carefully forgotten that they ever had to. How "the other half" cats is unknown to them. They enter a cafe where the linen is liberal and snowy, give their order confidentially to a silent waiter, and by and by their fond comes to them, under a cover. There is something private, even intimate, about the whole prosess, however crowded the cafe. They do not know the strange sensationstrange at first-of having one's order "bellowed through the hall," of drinking coffee out of handleless cups so thick they stretch the mouth to rim them; and, greatest loss of all, they do not know the curious system of abbreviation that prevails in such places, abbreviations that are often metaphors in the rough, and of which "ham an' " is only a faint Fuggestion.

If you are new to this style of lunch room, you enter, sit down at a bare and not too clean table and wait quietly to be served. You are likely to wait some time, but while you wait you hear a bare armed waiter roar down a passage: "Sind up the goat." That's easy. You know he wants more butter. Then he cries: "Beef an' " and you know that. "Plate o' Bostons" isn't hard, either. But "Make it two, sunny side un" is a staggerer. However, the solution is simple—two eggs fried on

one side only. Finally, you get tired of waiting. and by pounding a glass with a spoon and sundry gesticulations you get a waiter to come to you. "Give me some posched eggs on toast," you say, "and a cup of coffee."

The waiter turns toward the kitchen and shouts: "Nosh on a raft!" Then he wheels toward the steaming, polished coffee tanks and cries: "Draw one!"

"Say," you call, with an afterthought, "I guess I'll make that scrambled eggs on toast."

"Wreck Noah," calls the waiter, solemnly. The strange thing may seem to be

that you get what you ordered. There are many such phrases, some of them common to all the "grub-onthe run" places, some of them local.

"A little on the cow" is milk. "Draw one-black" is coffee without milk. "One up" is not golf, but a symbol, meaning that the waiter who calls has another cup of coffee coming to him. "Off the griddle" means butter cakes, those deadly bullets, or, rather, small cannon balls of dough, which are commonly known to the hardy eaters thereof as "sinkers," but which it is high treason to call by that name within the lunch

TOOM. "Put up the flag" means macaroni. just why, no one seems able to explain, though there is vaguely felt to be some subtle reference to Yankee Doodle and the stars and stripes. "Brown the wheats" means simply an order of buckwheat pancakes, while "two in three" signifies that somebody wants two eggs boiled three minutes. "Red, white and blue" is a plate of mixed ice cream.

The crown of the collection, however, is to be found on the Bowery, where there is much poetry in the block, anyway. There, if you should happen to have the sort of a taste that demands mince pie with powdered sugar on top, you will hear shouted to the rear: "One indiges-tion in a snowstorm!"

One cannot well object that there is more truth than beauty in such a phrase, for it has been stated on eminent authority that truth is beauty. So one cannot shun these lunch rooms logically on aesthetic grounds. If you demand your coffee in a thin, cup with a handle, "coffee in the shell," as the waiter scornfully orders, you will be saubbed as a dude. But if you accept conditions as you find them, you will get food that is at least "filling," as they say in New England, and you will undoubtedly save money. Many a good man, indeed, has eaten there, not because he had to, nor because he thought he had to, but because he liked to. The penning of many a criticism of the Niebelungenhed, bristling with the vocabulary of aestheticism, has been followed by a plate of "beef an'," and the phrases of culture, ming-pong wise, have been tossed back and forth over the grease-polished tables. And surely it is better to wreck Noah when his son is so mear, to render filial service.

Caper Sauce for Fish. To half a cup of melted butter add a tablespoonful of glaze and beat together over the fire until hot; then add two tablespoorfuls of capera, salt and pepper to taste and a tablespoonful of essence of anchovies.-Washington

## A PERILOUS RIVER TRIP.

An American Scientist's Basardons Journey Down the Euphrates on Induted Skins.

At the recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Pittsburg, Elisworth Huntington described the remarkable trip he had recently completed down the Euphrates on a raft constructed of inflated skins, being the second trip of the kind ever made, states an exchange of that city.

Certain parts of the Euphrates. along its upper course, are still almost unexplored. One of the least known sections is where the river, after the junction of its two largest branches, flows over great rapide through the Tauvus mountains in as immense canyon.

In 1938 the great German general, Von Moltke, floated down this part of the stream on a raft of inflated sheepskins manned by Kurds, but the rapids are so formidable that for over 60 years no other European visited the region.

"In the spring of 1901," said Mr. Huntington, "with Prof. T. H. Norton, United States consul at Harput, Turkey, I made the same journey, using a raft of inflated sheepskins manned by Armenian fishermen. For the first 100 miles no great difficulties were met, although at one place the Kurds threatened the party because the strangers floated past the place where a Kurdish lord had the right of ferriage. In another place a crowd of Turkish villagers stones the raft because the Armenian fishermen had no fish to sell. In both cases the natives refrained from further violence out of respect for the fact that the travelers were hats and so must be men of consequence.

"Two small canyons were traversed, the second of which, nearly 2,000 feet deep, was the picturesque home of large herds of ibex. Below this is a holy mountain, with several shrines, at one of which rises an immense square altar of rough stone all covered with the gore of the goats and sheep which are here offered in sacrifice by both Christian. Armenians and Mohammedan Turks. The main canyon is cleft through the mountains to a depth of from 8,000 to 5,000 feet, and the contracted stream thundered over rapid and rapid between towering walls of frowning basalt or castellated buff limestone.

"The difficulties became greater and greater as the party floated swiftly into the wilder parts of the canyon, where rapids were shot farlarger than those around whose portages had been made a day or two earlier. The raftsmen's nerves were so completely unstrung one night that they dared neither shoot the rapids nor climb the mountain side to get help from the Kurds in making a portage.

"Next day the wildest of all the rapids was reached. The raftamen dared Bot shoot it, an of the question, so the Americans decided to shoot it alone, in spite of the entreaties of the servants, who fell on their knees and with tears in their eyes begged them not to go to certain death.

"The raft shot into the rapids over a long, smooth, tilting shret of water; there was a wild, exhilarating slide, and the great waves broke over the explorers, drenching them to the skin; the raft whirled round and round. Soon the danger was passed, and the raft safely moored.

"That night was spent on a tiny ledge between an overhanging precipice and the water. The raftsmen were still determined to be afraid of something. 'If we sleep here,' said. one, 'the bears will come to the top of the precipice and throw stones at

"The next day was the last of the journey. More rapids were shot and in one of them a raftsman was washed overboard, but his companions caught him. The journey lasted seven days, because of the numerous portages, although the actual time occupied in floating on the river was but 37 hours."

Fertility of Mindanao, Backed by American capital Mindanao would become a strong competitor of Java in its sugar plantations, having the most fertile soil in the world and being peculiarly adapted to the raising of this staple article. The region to the north of Lake Depace is a flourishing hemp country. Sugar, coffee and cocoanuts can also be raised in abundance. From Lake Lanso to the Pacific ocean the mountains are filled with gold, iron and coal. There are many miners here now, but they are keeping quiet and saying nothing. However, there have been exhibited rich specimens of gold taken from the hills about Parang Parang, grains about the size of wheat grains. In the popular mind Mindanso has been pictured as a wild, unexplored country, peopled by savages. Not so, however, and although some parts are unfit for development there remains a vast territory as fertile and as rich as any in the United States. Leaving out the west uninhabited parts, the south and east afford ample fields for colonization.-Manila Presdom.

Right Up with the Times, "Our missionary tells us that the automobile is even pervading heathen India."

"So the benighted natives are learning to scoreh, eh?"

"No, not to any great extent, but they have fitted the car of Juggernaut with a motor and a crack chauffour, and the combination is doing great business."-Automobile Magaman in a said

## NEWSBOYS GIVING CREDIT.

Compared with Capital Invested, the Young Paper Merchants Extend Large Amoust

Who is it in Chicago that extends the largest amount of credit compared with the capital invested is his calling? It isn't the banker, neither is it. the dry-goods merchant, nor the grocer, nor the butcher. It is the newsboy, says the Chicago Chronicle.

He buys probably one dellar's worth of papers every day, and his customers pay him if they have time, and if they haven't he has to wait until some other day. "When it comes to giving credit, us

newsboys has got sill these millionaire guys skinned to death," said "Manuy" Peters, who has a regular "stand" at the Lexington avenue and Mixty-Third street station of the Bouth Side elevated. "I have a regular line of customers who always buy, from me" he continued. "One day last week I was laid up with a cold. The next day almost every one of my patrons stopped and wanted to know where I had been. Some of 'em said they had had to go to their offices without any papers just because these had intended to buy from me. You see, I sometimes go up on the elevated trains to scare up extra trade, and my regular people expected to see me after they got aboard. I wasn't there and neither was any other newsboy, so they had to sit around all the ways downtown without reading anything except the advertisements on the billboards. I felt pretty bad about it, and made up my mind it would take more'n a cold to keep me at home the ment time.

"What about the credit? Well, if you had been using your eyes sime you stood here you would have seen for yourself. Only about three men in every five pay for their papers. If L see 'em coming on the run I have the paper they usually buy ready for them. They grab it as they pass by and pay me for it the next day or the next. when they have both time and change. If I happen to forget, they remind me. In all the time I have stood here, which is about two years. I have never lock but eix cents.

"Sometimes a man will expect me to trust him after he has bought from me only three or four days. I never refuse. There isn't a bank in Chicago that gives the amount of credit compared to the amount of capital invested, that I do. And there ain't no red tape about my dealings with my customers, either. They don't have to have a rating with Dun or any letter of credit, or even an introduction. They ask for credit and they get itthat's all there is to it.

"You see that barrel there? Well, when I go up on the L to sell papers L usually leave six or eight copies of each of the dailies on top of the barrel. There ain't no one to watch 'em, but I never lose any. A customer comes along and takes a paper and leaves the money for it if he has it. If he hasn't he takes the paper just the same and the next day tells me that he owes me two cents. I take his word for it and his money at the same time, although I may never have seen him before."

# LANGUAGE OF THE TRANSVAAL

Ito Crudities Crop Out in the Queer Kames Given to Towns and Localities.

The Taal is not a literary language. It is essentially a sermo plebelus, a degeneration from the mother Dutch. Yet it is rugged and forcible as one might expect from the lips of rough, uncultivated men, living practically in isolation from civilized life and reading but one book-the Bible. Some of their place-names, therefore, have a certain homely picturesqueness, says the Scottish American. Waschbank, for example, is the common name given to a country covered with white quartz, looking at a distance like clothes stretched out to dry. Zuurberg is the term applied to hilly slopes covered with sour pasturage, while Zoeteveld is the expressive termgiven to open country where the grass is sweet. Koudeveld (cold field) is applied to any high region, while Bokkeveld and Roggeveld respectively denote the suitability of the soil for raising flocks of goats and crops of rye. Occasionally, however, the result is for from pleasing. Stinkhoutboom is another atrocity, and Sour Flats is yet a third. It is not surprising that those dwelling in the neighborhood have now transformed the last named into Balmoral, rushing wildly, as those who change their names frequently do, from the prosaic to the majestic.

: When Hands Grow Old. According to Sir James Crichton Browne the hand begins to lose its suppleness when the individual is about 40 years of age. The scale of wages in the button trade, for example, is a good indication of this tendency of the hand to grow old so earlyin life. At his very best, in his prime, a skillful buttonmaker can make 6240 ivory buttons a day on his lathe. For this he receives 45 shillings a week. When the workman is 65 years of age he can seldom make more than 20 shillings, this providing that he still enjoys sound health .- Science and In-

Her Ingenious Scheme, "Maggie," said the housewife, se-

dustry.

verely, "you don't seem to have breakfast on time any more." "No, mum," replied the girl. ""Tia hard to wake up, but if you'd call me, mum, I could have it on time."

But it's not my place to call you. k want to be called myself." "Yis, mum," answered the girl, solemnly; "I know it, an' if you'll call me, mum, then I'll get up an' call you."-Chicaga Post.

# L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS