#### NEWEST FAD IN COLLECTING

London Small Boys Reb Shop Windows of Lettering in Keeping in the Swim.

London.-The crare for collecting the bands placed around cigars was imported from San Francisco, where the fad reigned for years before it was ibrought east.

It is to be hoped that the small boy does not turn to England for his newsest fad, which is the collection of enamel letters used on shop windows and bits of mosaic from house vesti-

So widespread has become the cruze that the London police have been given strict orders to be particularly alert In the detection of these acts of pil-leving; and the small boy, not to be outdone, has formed his companious anto robber gange, with scouts posted ion the corners to warn the active marauders of the approach of the bobbles.

In several instances shop windows have been cleaned of lettering in a single night not always by a single gang, and now that boy who has surceeded in removing the letters from in sign fastened inside of the window a regarded doubly a hero by his fel-

Bamage to signs to the extent of Meveral hundred dollars a week has been recorded, and unless the craze abates it will seriously injure those whose business is the manufacture and adjusting of these signs.

In several instances the boys have whimbed to second-story windows to gemove the lettering that ordinarily might be supposed to be safely out of

#### CANADA MECCA FOR MANY.

linflux of Population from United States Moticed in the Dominion -Cause Explained.

Winnipeg, Can.-Hitherto the great bulk of the influx from the United States than been from along the international boundary and the great central states, but now settlers are preparing to fock inte our west from all parts of the repub-Mic to the south. The bulk of the newleamers this year will probably continue nto be from the great wheat and corn states, but the east, south and west will contribute a greater share than bitherto, and the proportion bids fair to increase

in the future. New settlers will be arriving this season from far-off states, such as the Carolines and Texas, but the most prominent mew district from which people are beginning to move west is the New Eng-Band states, which fact has recently smoved the government at Ottawa to appoint special agents at Boston and Pittsburg. The immigration from the United States has increased from 18 .-600 in 1900-1 to 45,000 in 1903-4, and the indications are that the figures for the present year will far exceed past rec-

The reports that these people send home to their relatives and friends are the best inducements to bring along more and more newcomers; and this is what is daily occurring, until it has become difficult to estimate the proporctions of this mighty army of our American cousins which in the next few years will move across the border to this greater America of ours.

# STEER IN DRYGOODS STORE

Makes Sad Onelaught on Left-Over Raster Bonnets-Stockings Hang to Horns.

Camden, N. J.-It wasn't exactly a hull in a china shop, but it was a steer in a dry goods store which created a dot-of excitement in South Camden. A. big herd of steers from Philadelphia. seft a Kaighn's Point ferry boat, and was being driven out Kaighn avenue when a Third street trolley car suddenby flashed on the bunch, which immediately stampeded in all directions. There were many pedestrians on the swenue at the time and they vied with the steers in the general stampede, -

The biggest steer of the lot took to the sidewalk and saw himself reflected in the heavy plate glass window of Philip Overbach's dry goods store, at No. 366 Kaighn avenue. He backed to the curb, them made a dash for the window, which was broken into a Thousand pieces. The steer landed in The store and mixed up with millinery groods, left-over Easter bais, ribbons, diamerie etc

The animal backed out of the store swith a pair of openwork stockings on one horn, a polo hat on the other, and dedecked with enough ribbons to make thim look like a prize ox. The big felnow had no sooner reached the side. walk than he butted his head into an andjoining window and that, too, was

Elephant Fights with Ears, A new form of injury was treated in New York the other night. A youth had attempted to ride the bucking elephant at the new hippodrome, and the beast, enraged because he could not make him off, flapped at and struck him with her cars. An elephant's car he said to be "some hard." At all events, the boy had a cut head and one sof his ears was all but off as proof of what the elephant could amonopilah much her core

A ten-year old Topeka rov are atm adiabes of ice cream and kniehed up on sour bowls of chill soup. The doctors thought he had appendictive and oper-

On Eve of Milieratiam Now we have the "tirnless mon stove." When we evolve to the funding meal and the clothlers elocate, we limot worry so mands about the relation of the trusts to the cost of irving

mated on hum. But he didn have it.

## BIBLE TALES, MYTHS.

PASTOR SAYS HOLY STORIES ARE LIKE POLK-LORE.

Priest Startles Church Congress by Declaring That the Good Book Is Unauthentic as a Real History.

New York .-- Rev. Dr. John Peters, rector of St. Michael's church. Ninetyninth street and Amsterdam avenue. has considerably stirred some of the members of the Episcopal church congress now in session in Association hall, Brooklyn, by his contention that the Bible, when treated as history, must be subjected to the same canons of criticism as any narrative compilation.

His analysis of the personalities which have come down to us under the names of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph startled the more conservative of the congress and elated the more progressive. Comment on Dr. Peters' attitude ran very freely at the congress. His statement that the Book of Genesis is full of myths, that Abraham, Jacob and Isaac were not real people in the commonly accepted sense, but are merely composite photographs, so to speak, of Israel, and that much of what is recorded of the patriarchs is purely romantic, led to no end of argument, approval and criticism.

Dr. Peters elaborate his contentions that the Bible as a historical narrative must be subjected to analytical and synthetical criticism, just as other records of events. The rector added that the Bible legends were superior to other folklore in that they served to point to the higher moral and spiritual life.

"The stories of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob, and of Joseph differ in no essential degree from the folklore legends of our own Germanic and Celtic kinfolk." said Dr. Peters. "These stories originated in the myths, the legends and the traditions of Hebron. Beersheba, Bethel and Shechem, and those pre-israelitic myths and lexends were woven into the fabric of Hebrew story. So the ancestral heroes, gods. or demi-gods of the country of which the Israelites took possession were adupted as its own ancestors--patriarchs whose personalities were clothed with the traditions of Israel's history, religious beliefs, ideals and convictions."

# FREES CONVICTED FATHER.

Iowa Woman Gets Pardon for Man Who Killed Her Mother-Test:mony Sends Parent to Prison.

Des Moines, la.-Martin May, convicted 13 years ago for the murder of his wife and sentenced to life imprisonment, was pardoued by Gov. Cummins recently. His daughter contotad him and approach his release

At the time of the tragedy May was living in Oelwein, la., with his charming wife and daughter of ten years. He was jealous of his wife. She had been visiting relatives out of the city and on her return she was met at the depot by her husband and daughter. These two were the only ones present when the husband drew a revolver. and, accusing his wife of being untrue to her marriage vows, shot and killed

The daughter, believing in her mother, arraigned herself against her father. It was her testimony which decided his fate. Since his incarceration she has grown to womanhood and stories of her mother's life have come to her, so that she has been convinced her father did not act without provocation. Brooding over his life imprisonment has broken her health.

Finally she sought the assistance of ex-Gov. Larrabee and Warden Hunter. of the state penitentiary at Anamosa, where May is confined. For months she has been working with Gov. Cummins for a sarole.

#### EITHER THAT OR BE JAILED Man Prefers Cell, Deserting Wife and

Children Because Spouse's Mother Won't Leave. Mineola, N. Y .- Whether a man has

the right to desert his wife and children because his mother-in-law refuses to leave his home, was the question that came before County Judge Jackson, at the Nassau county courthouse. The case was the appeal of William Thompson, a watchman of summer houses of Inwood, who was found guilty by Justice of Peace Wallace of deserting his wife and six children, and who was ordered to give \$200 bonds to support his family or go to jail. He chose to go to jail, and has been there for months.

Lawyer Ensign, who appeared for Thompson, said the defendant's motherin-law was the cause of all the trouble. Mis client, he said, loved his wife and children, and would giadly return and support them, provided his mother-inlaw would leave the house. Thompson had told her, the lawyer said, that either she or he would have to get out, and when she refused to go he went him-

Asisetant District Attorney Earl Ren. nett, of Nassau, said he could not see why Thompson could have any difficulty in getting rid of his mother-in-law if he jould not accomplish it in any other way, he might have recourse to the courts. In Mr Bennett's opinion, the mother in-law really had nothing to do with the case. Decision was reserved,

Is the Oil Tainted, Also? Commissioner Cartied has obtained samples of the Kansas (i) and will make a careful analysis to determine whether Mr Rockete ter tunted it er not, dis ares the St. skills Giche-Demc-

She Always Got the Limelight and Wasn't Looking for Anything Better.

The great actress was recuperating her health by living in the country and doing common work.

Among other things she had the garden fad and was planning to whitewash her picket fence.

She was going to do it with her own hands, relates the Baltimore Ameri-

Also press notices! She went to the dealer in lime (the photographer had stationed himself where he could get a good view of her as she bought the stuff and paid for

It was much better than baving her jewels stolen. And decidedly newer.

The dealer in notions weighed out the lime and the great actress held out her pail to receive it. But the dealer insisted that he was

giving her short weight and reached again for the scoop to fill up the scale However, the great actress would not let him, but dumped the snowy powder into her receptacle, saving

"It don't matter about the weight for I am used to getting the lime light." Having said which, she laughed heartly and told the press agent

# FOLLOW LEADER TO DEATH

Sheep Deliberately Plunge Into Frozen Stream After Head of Flock

"The most striking example of following a leader into the jaws of death I ever saw took place in Kent county." said a Kent county farmer, according to the Baltimore Herald.

"Ex-Sheriff Plummer," he continued, "had a flock of 17 sheep, which, for some unaccountable reason, determined to go from one pasture to another. To make the journey it was necessary to cross the creek on the ice. Sure enough, the old buck of the flock walked cautiously out on the weakened ice. When he was about mid-stream it gave way and he plunged in. The other sheep, instead of returning to the shore, which they could have done, deliberately, and, as the lawyers would put it, with malice aforethought,' walked into the bole in the ice made by their leader and were drowned. Nothing but sheep would have ever been fool enough to be guilty of such a performance. There was possibly some excuse for the foolhardy old buck, but I can think of no extenuating circumstances in the case of the others."

# CHAMOIS DEFEATS EAGLES.

Warlike Birds Attempt to Destroy Mountain Creature, But Are Beaten Off.

A desperate combat between two eagles and a chamois was witnessed on a snow-covered mountain near Flushi one day lately, relates a Geneva correspondent to the London Express. One of the young eagles attacked a

young chamois, when it was charged by the sire of the herd, which was some distance away. At this point another eagle appeared, but the chamois repeatedly beat them both off by fierce thrusts of its antlers. The struggle continued for half an

hour, after which the birds took to flight: The chamois remained immov. able with head erect, gazing defantly at the soaring birds until they were lost to sight.

Some sportsmen sext day found the spot where the herok combat had taken place littered with feathers and fur, and the snow was aplashed with blood.

Demestic Service in Brazil. Bome curious facts about domestic pervice in Brazil are brought out in a consular report from Rio Grande do Sul. Servants will not sleep in the house as a rule, but expect to leave at seven at night and not to return dul seven or eight the next day. As a result, some houses have a pane of glass in one of the windows taken out. through which the baker and the milkman pass their goods on their early morning rounds, without troubling a member of the family to get up and open the door.

Poor Fellow.

"Mercy me!" exclaimed Henperk, "I left my evening paper in the car!" "Wel," remarked his neighbor "that's not much loss."

"No, but I paid a cent for that paper and now that I haven't got the paper to show my wife she'll think I spent the cent for liquor."-Catholic Standard and Times.

## Scented Cloth.

Scented cloth for ladies' dresses in now made in Paris. The fabric retains its fragrance so long as there is a fragment of the material left; indeed, you may tear, drench, or fling aside the perfumed gown, but its particular odor will still cling to it.

It Wasn't Becovered "I may your advertisement to the effect that you recover umbreiles, 1'd like mine recovered."

"Yes, sir; where it is" "If I knew that I'd recover it my ■ If — Houston Post

That's All Astonished Travelir (25 years hence;-Why this unit Niagara falls.

Dejected Native-No ma'am-jest

Ningara -Chicago Tribune,

## WAS ACCUSTOMED TO IT. WIT MORE WOE FOR POLAND.

Her Industries Have Suffered More from War with Japan Than Rest of Russia.

According to United States Commercial Agent Harris at Elbenstock, Germany, the industries in Russian Poland have suffered more from the war with Japan than any other part of Russia. That is attributed to the fact that the Polish provinces on the Vistula manufacture, to a large extent, certain articles which are dependent for a market either upon foreign countries or distant parts of the Russian empire. One-half of the inhabitants of Russian Poland is dependent upon house industries for a living. These house industries consist of the manufacture of gloves, shoes, scarfs, neckties, shirts, underwear and ready-made clothing. There are whole cities in Poland, as for example Breeiny, in the district of Plotrkow, which are absolutely dependent upon the making of cheap, ready-made clothing for distant markets.

"Up to the outbreak of the war" says the report, "Siberia and the Russian possessions on the Pacific were the best markets for this industry. To-day there is practically no demand for manufactured goods in any Russian territory in the far east either directly or indirectly influenced by the

"Another cause of the extreme business depression in Russian Poland is a too liberal use of the long-credit system, which has been participated in to the fullest extent by both the manufacturer and merchant. At the outbreak of the war those manufacturers who were called upon to meet the demands of their foreign bankers were compelled to force payments from their customers. Such procedure has made its influence felt among every class of the inhabitants.

"The crop failure in the Vistula provinces in 1904, caused by the longcontinued drought, has also produced much misery among the peasant classes."

#### OKEFINOKEE SWAMP BEARS Put in Part of Their Time Preying Upon the Pig Pens of Georgia Farmers.

"The next time the president goes of on a hunting trip I hope he will come down our way," said S. H. Tisch of Waycross, Ga., to the Washington

Post. "The great Okednokee swamp begins not far from our town, and extends due south for a distance of about 40 miles, running over into Florida. Here in this vast tract of desolate bog and swamp are thousands of black bear and deer, and wild turkeys without number. The whole region is a hunter's paradire, and yet so abundant is the game in this remote and desolate country that it does not seem to diminish in suite of the Nimrods.

"The bears weigh from 200 to 300 pounds and put in a great part of their time preying upon the pig pens of the farmers. If forced into a fight, they are dangerous antagonists, and no prudent hunter will attack one save at a point of vantage."

Italy's Industrial Advance. Not many people in the United States are fully aware of how rapidly Italy is advancing in industrial importance. In some ways northern Italy has in the last ten years shown as promising development in an industrial way as is to be found anywhere in Europe. The never-falling water supply of the snow-topped mountains is being utilized by the electrical engineers in a way which promises to convert northern Italy into a great industrial state. Nowhere in Europe is there a population better fitted to aid in an industrial development. The people are dexterous, quick to learn and industrious, and up to the present time the general wage scale compares favorably with that of any competitors which they have to meet. The result of these favorable conditions has been for instance, the development of the silk industry at a rate which sounds like statistics of American industrial growth.--brank A. Vanderlip, in Scribner's

The Cold South. From the observations made by recent antarctic explorers, Prof. Julius Hann has recalculated the average temperature of the southern hemisphere as compared with the northern. and his results differ, in some respects, from those heretofore accepted. He finds that the mean temperature south of the equator, for the entire year, is about two and three-quarters degrees lower than that north of the equator. But the annual variation of temperature in the northern bemisphere is twice as large as in the southern, our summer temperature being much higher and our winter temperature perceptibly lower than those of the corresponding seasons in the southern half of the globe .--Youth's Companion.

Mansion Bequeathed to Cats Benjamin Dilley, a well-to-do man of philanthropic tendencies who has just died at Wilkesbarre, in Pennsylvania directed by his will that his large house should be reserved for his two pet cats. Blackie and Pinkie, as long as they live, and that they are to be cared for by his housekeeper.

As He Understood It. Wife-This paper states that a woman in man's clothing was recently arrested in a Kansas town Husband-Berved her right A

woman ought to have sense enough to keep out of her husband's pockets. -Chicago Daily News.

#### STORK SWIFTEST OF BIRDS Makes a Journey of 2,400 Miles at

the Bate of 100 Miles an Hour.

There are certain species of ducks that are given the credit by naturalists of being the fleetest of winged creatures. Recently, however, it has been ascertained that the learned men were in error, and the stork is found to outstrip by far all denizens of the air in speed. After an exhaustive survey of the field it is now declared that no living thing, not even a scared jack rabbit, can travel with the speed displayed by such birds as the stork and the northern bluethroat. Not only do these birds fly with a speed that can hardly be conceived, but they keep up their rapid flight for 1,000 or 2,000 miles at a stretch without apparently tiring.

Evidence has been collected recently which shows that the bluethroat files from central Africa to the shores of the North sea, a distance of 1,600 miles in less than a day and a night, and making it, moreover, in one unlaterrupted flight.

The storks which spend their summers in Austria-Hungary and their winters in India and Central Africa are also marvelous travelers and make their journeys twice a year in unbroken flight each time. From Buda-Peath, in Hungary, to Labore, in India is 2,400 miles in an air line, and the ctorks make the journey in 24 hours, thus traveling at the rate of 100 miles an hour for the whole distance. The storks which spend the summer in central Europe and winter in central Africa travel with the same rapidity.

#### EFFICIENCY IN THE NAVY.

Every Other Consideration Sec Aside on England's Warships for Perfection of Personnel.

Vigorous minds are essential in any mavy but in the British navy the matter is vital, as the prosperity of millions of people and the existence of the nation itself depend upon naval power. Hence, eays American Medicine, every other consideration must give way to naval efficiency, and the personner receives the major share of attention to eliminate the unfit. The alcoholics are invariably thrust to one side without pity, for they are really a menace to the nation's welfare. The government has gone to the

streme of elaborating a system whereby an officer is retired even if he does not attain promotion before a certain age, whose maximum is fixed for each grade. The results are most excellent, for it secures a wonderfully vigorous body of men, fully accounting for the proverbial efficiency of the British navy. In every grade, from the boyum midshipman to the experienced aumiral, there are no men too old to do the duties, and none whose mental powers are not healthy and vigorous. It is expensive, of course to secure this survival of the fittest, as the eliminated ones must be cared for and there is a tremendous list of healthy retared offcers, but it is necessary,

#### BUFFALOES OF PABLO HERD Largest Band of the Animals in the United States Soon to Be Scattered.

"With the opening of the Flathend Indian reservation in Montana to settlement the coming summer the last large band of buffaloes in the United States will be scattered to the four winds or else removed to the Blackfeet reservation, further north, or into the Milk river country of the Canadian provinces."

This is the statement made by Howard Eaton, of Wyoming, who is interested in the largest herd of buffaloes in the world, mostly belonging to Michael Pablo, who has a berd of about 350 on the Flathead reservation. according to the Helena Independent.

"The Pablo herd is the largest in existence," said Mr. Eaton, "and comprices one-third of all the buffalces in the world. A few years ago, when 'Buffalo' Jones went broke on a bis irrigating scheme, he sold his bunch, which was then in Kansas, to Pablo and Allard, making the largest herd of pure bloods now in the world, and carrying the strains of the old herds of Texas, Indian Territory, western and northern Montana, North Dakota and Manitoba."

## FRANCE'S ART TREASURES.

Vast Number. Estimated at \$1,200,-000,000 in Value, Are Being Inventoried.

The French prefects have received instructions to make inventories of the art treasures of all the prefectures. The exact value of these is unknown, but it is immense, and has been computed at \$400,000,000, reckoning only the reliquaries, pictures, tapestries and things of like kind, says a London report to the New York Sun.

If the statues, alters stained glass windows, etc., are included, it is estimated that the figure will reach \$1,200,-000,000. The treasures in one small church in the department of Aveyron, which were on view at the exposition. of 1900, drew an offer of \$6,200,000 from a

At Beauvais the tapestry in one room in the bishop's palace is worth \$60,-000 The Rheims cathedral has one reliquary worth \$40,000. The present duke of Norfolk's father offered \$800,-600 for the chasuble and stole of Becket, which are preserved in Paris.

Sure Winner

Gyer-There goes a man who has made a fortune out of the racing Myer-Knows bow to pick winners,

eh?

"Oh, no: be's a pawnbroker "-Chi-

#### DAYS OF THE GIANTS CONE

Skeletons of Ancient Times Which Showed Men Were of Enermous Stature

The past was more prolific in the production of giants than the present. In 1880 one of these giants, who was exhibited at Rouen, was ten feet high and the giant Galabra, brought from Arabia to Rome in the time of Claudius Cassar, was of the same height. Fantum, who lived in the time of Eugene II., was 11% feet in height

The Chevaller Scrog in his journey to the Peak Teneriffe found in one of the caverns of that mountain the head of a giant who had 60 teeth and who was not less than 15 feet high. The giant Faragus, slain by Orlando, the nephew of Charlemagne, according to reports, was 28 feet high. In 1814 near St. Gernad was found the tomb of the giant laulent, who was not less than 30 feet high. In-1590 near Rouen was found a skeleton whose head held a bushel of corn and which was 19 feet in height. "The giant. Bacrt was 22 feet high.

In 1622 near the castle in Dauphine a tomb was found 30 feet long, 16 feet wide and eight feet high, on which were cut in gray stone the words"Kantolochus Rex." The skeleton was found entire and measured 25% feet high, ton feet seroes the shoulders and five feet from breastbone to the back.

But France is not the only country where giant skeletons have been unearthed. Near Palermo, Sicily, in 1516. was found the skeleton of a giant 30 feet high, and in 1559 amother 44 feet high Near Magrino, on the same island, in 1816, was found the skeleton of a giant of 30 feet, whose head was i the size of a bogshead and each tooth weighed five ounces.

#### MOST FAMOUS FROG DIES.

Batrachian That Had Lived for Fifteen Years with Both Heini-

spheres of Brain Gone. The most famous frog in the world has just died, says a recent report. It was the victim of a professor in a university. who in 1899 cut out both hemispheres of its brain. In spite of the operation the frog was in perfect beaith, and for five years served to demonstrate to the professor's pupils the results of the removal of the brain.

Knowledge and will were aboltshed and the frog never showed the slight est sign of initiative, his only movements being attributed to muscular fatigue. The eyes were quite uninjured. and the frog could evidently see, but without understanding. Even his favor-He food failed to attract him, and every day an assistant had to cram his food down his throat until the reflex action of swallowing took place. When he was touched he moved, and when he was put in water he swam, and if he was placed on his back he rolled over again. but on his own initiative he werer stirred

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The poor thing was well known scientific men and it seems probable that he died simply of old age, and that his life was in no degree shortened by the operation.

## ROBBING TRUNKS IN ITALY

No Other Civilized Country Where the Luggage of Travelers Is So Unsate

A traveler just returned from Italy reports that a trunk belonging to one of his party was cut open on the rulway between Rome and Genoa, and clother abstracted to the value of \$20 When he consuited the British consulon the subject, states London Truth, hebeard that a lady had been at the consulate a few minutes before who had lost the whole of her valuable jewelry in the same way. It is really astonishing that the Italian police and the rallway companies between them do not take effectual steps to stop this scandal. There is no other civilized country where travelers' luggage is habitually rified while in charge of the railway companies as it is in Italy, and the knowledge that this is so must keep many people out of the country, especially wealthy travelers, whom it is the interest of the authorities to encourage. In the meantime I would point out to travelers in Italy that the insurance of luggage against theft is a precaution that should always be taken

Cyclones in Jamaica. Terribly destructive though cyclones

are there are occasions when they have a beneficial effect. Some little time ago Jamaica was swept by a cyclone from end to end, and the destruction it wrought was estimated at nearly three millions. The community bravely faced the situation, and now recognizes that even a hurricane is not without its blessings. The fruit sensons have been more favorable since the cyclone than experienced for many years past. 'A hurricane,' says the acting governor of Jamaica, "appears to assist in promoting fertility of the soil. The total destruction of the banana crop and the attention compulsorily given to clearing cultivation have resulted in a yield in the last few months of a much finer grade of fruit than had been exported on so large a scale previously." -N. Y. Heralt.

Circuses in Winter Quarters. A dramatic paper gives the names! and addresses of 118 circuses and other ! road shows which go into winter quarters Of these, 18 make their homes in Pennsylvania !4 in Mary. land. II in Missouri and ten in In-1 diana these being the most popular states as winter quarters.-Chicago Tribute

Horses in Russia

There are nearly 22,000,000 horses in European Russia. No other country. in the world has so many horses as

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