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7:29 A. M. Daily.
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4:19 P. M. Daily.
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No. 13. South2:30	p. m.
No. 6. North 6:00	p. m.
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CHURCH NOTICES.

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MEETINGS.

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An unusual suit which will be watched with interest all over the United States has been filed at Henderson, Ky., it being stated that the point involved is raised for the first time. The State seeks, under the alien law, to reclaim property valued at \$30,000 because the owner afterward as Judge Hayes rules that the ordinance became a subject of Great Britain, the governing it is in conflict with the contention being that he thereby forfeited the right to own property in the United States. Mrs. Mary Newcombe printed for Phœnix's chamber of comand others are made defendants. There are complications because Mrs. New- recent article on Arizona written by combe is the second wife, but this does not affect the particular point at issue. B. F. Newcombe, now deceased, owned has a valuable collection of New Mexivarious pieces of property in and about can Indian curios which he is prepar-like sheep. It is impossible for the Henderson. At the breaking out of the ing to place in the rooms of the Cham-Civil War he fied to Canada where he her of Commerce in Los Angeles later took an oath of allegiance to the Queen of Great Britain and never returned to this country. He became a El Monte to form a Cumberland Pres-British subject thirty-three years ago. A contest of the will by a son of New- Rev. Dr. S. K. Hattsinger of San Diego combe by his first wife is now pending and Rev. Kirkpatrick of Downey. in the higher courts.

Healthy Chekens.

If chickens trail their wings or besome droopy, look for lice; in nine nently crippled him. cases out of ten they are the cause. If lice, dip your finger in kerosene oil Highland. One of these lodged in his ing in private meditation, surrounded and rub it on their heads. Tobacco ear and could not be extracted. A by reminiscences of the departed. At in the bottom of the nest of a setting became crazy and died in three days. hen keeps the lice away. A remedy for a lice-infested hen house is burning started near Pomona by the discovery sulphur in it. The house must be sulphur in it. The house must be tight and ventilators closed; then of gold and silver ore in a well. The not a pound of sulphur on some live digger also had the good luck to disput a pound of sulphur on some live eoals and close the door tightly and leave it closed for an hour or more.

England demands reparation from Spain for the imprisonment of British subjects in Cuba.

ALONG THE

Interesting Occurrences From all Over the Coast.

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONDENSED.

Briefly and Curtly Told in This Column.

hauled from Geronimo.

The prison at Folsom has the lowest death rate of any penitentiary known. Shipments of rich silver and gold ores continue to go from the Arivaca

Yuma's justice of the peace asks San Diego's supervisors to build a jail

A vein of ore running \$50,000 to the ton has been unearthed in the Picacho district.

J. Pierce, a \$47.50 forger upon the Bank of Lompoc, has been sentenced to a year at San Quentin. A four-foot ledge assaying \$25 a ton

in gold has been found near Placeritos, and is being opened up. Two hundred thousand dollars is to

be asked of the coming legislature for additional buildings at Highlands. The new tunel back of Serena has

ancovered the biggest oil strike in the history of Santa Barbara county. Tucson is building a \$60,000 cathedral. A three days' fair netted \$1307,

which will be used to push the work. The soldiers at Fort Apache have organized an Odd Fellows Lodge, and

Jerome is to have a new weekly paper. A. E. Joscelyn, Wesley Joscelyn, Ed Riley and Otto Miller are the projectors.

Cattle being shipped to Kansas City Stock has advanced generally in price from \$9 to \$16.

back to the College station settlement,

Phœnix is to have a new opera house. W. T. Smith and the Orchard Grove Improvement company are behind the scheme.

It has been suggested that Willow creek be dammed. This would furnish a water supply for Prescott and irrigate 3000 acres.

a party of citizens who take a daily nearly out of his hide in the first the bridge which spanned Four Mile swim in San Diego bay, though the temperature is now 60.

month, as compared with \$38.28 a measured just six feet from tip to tip of investment of \$540,000. Insurance, month in Pennsylvania.

Cave Creek, in the bed of the stream, ranch. is being cut out of the ground in cakes and sold for household use. Springerville, Apache county, will

Los Angeles bank clearings for the

opium cannot be punished at San Diego

Penal Code. Envelopes for new letter heads being merce contain in full on their back a

Whitelaw Reid. Capt. N. H. Crittenden of Pasadena ber of Commerce in Los Angeles.

A week of meetings is in progress at byterian society. The speakers are

Stevedore Bowen of Santa Monica Stevedore Bowen of Santa Monica the year to Queen Victoria. It is the wants \$10,000 damages from the Panniversary of the death of her huscific Coast Steamship company for an band, the Prince Consort (Prince Alaccident at the wharf that has perma- bert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha,) who passed

your little chicks get troubled with beans at young Douglas McGoech at four years her Majesty spent the mornleaves or tobacco in any form placed violent inflammation set in, he soon noon the usual memorial service was

> A small mining excitement has been cover water, but he is not excited by Windsor conducted the services.

When whitewashing the hen house, if lice are troublesome add a little carbolic acid to the whitewash.

A bill has been introduced in Congress to enable Flagstaff, Arizona, to issue bonds for a water system. Flagstaff is a beautiful place and an attractive resort, and it seems that about all two it lacks is a good water supply.

Note is made of a famous collection on the property.

of butterflies in Los Angeles. Proba-bly the largest and finest collections of these insects on the coast is that of Mr. Fall, of the Pasadena High School. It is supplemented by a fine Things That Have Happened all collection of beetles.

A test is being made of the desert land near Indio for coffee growing, and the young bushes are said to be doing MENTIONED IN THESE PARAGRAPHS. finely. No more valuable product could be found for the State, and the Colorado desert can well be parted with for any purpose.

"Lucky" Baldwin has again proved himself entitled to his nickname, for he has again won a big suit, involving Coke for Globe's smelter is to be the ownership of the Merced ranch, consisting of hundreds of acres adjoin-Lompoc claims the smallest tax ing the famous Santa Anita ranch, rate of any town in the United States. Judge Shaw having declared Baldwin to be the owner.

Hon. W. W. Bowers has rented the Ogden place in El Cajon. Mr. Bowers says he tried farming once and is ready to take it up again, as soon as his term in Congress expires. There are those who recall him in that occupation when El Cajon was in wheat fields 20 years ago.

Because of the alarming frequency of funerals and because of the town becoming decimated, although new people are continually flocking in in large numbers, the citizens of Randsburg have organized a vigilance committee and hereafter the gun plays and quick tempers will be strictly passed.

E. S. Babcock, of San Diego, has concluded negotiations with the United States government for fifty acres of land on the Coronado peninsula a mile and an eighth east of Coronado hotel, on which will be placed sixteen mortars of 12-inch caliber. The cost of the work will be about \$400,000. Bids will be asked at once for the construction of these mortar batteries.

The Perris Consolidated Telegraph Company, which was recently organized has elected the following officers about 100 names will be attached to for the ensuing year. J. D. Maxfield, the charter. president; E. V. Bray, secretary; Thomas Preston, business manager; Arthur Logsden, lineman. Five stations are now on the line and a large increase of business is reported.

G. J. Griffith has donated to the city have advanced from \$2 to \$4 a head. of Los Angeles 3000 acres of land near Elysian Park, extending out along the Los Angeles River. A large portion The hotel and pavilion on the ocean of this tract is susceptible of cultivafront at Pacific Beach are to be moved tion and peculiarly fitted for public back to the College station settlement. bination of hills and lovely dales, with magnificent prospects of poetic retreats. This gift will make the greatest public park in the matter of acreage in the United States.

standing on the ground. His dog of Richmond. Kettles was then only pounced upon the bird and was not 15 year old. Two men past three score are among only knocked out of the fight but The Casino building, together with round, which lasted just six seconds. Run at the main entrance to Schley By this time Sledge had secured a Park, Oakland, Pennsylvania, has The average pay of women teachers club with which he succeeded in kill- been destroyed by fire. The Casino in the teritorial schools is \$72.50 a ing the bird after a hard fight. It building and contents represented an its wings. Its wings and monstrous \$75,000. A deposit of mineral soap found at claws are now on exhibition at the

Diego county, for the year ending 15 the construction of its new Ellison November, were as follows: Hay, hoist, which was found to be on fire, 165 carloads; grain, 95; raisins, 21; and before it could be controlled nearly celebrate Christmas with cow pony races, steer tying contests and other pounds; dired fruits, 136,230 pounds; ble was destroyed. The building was oranges, 259,920; lemons, 10,230; 200 by 200 feet and was to be the largwine, 65,510; honey, 32,230; hides est and most complete hoist in the week ended 12th December aggregated and tallow, 22,690; mill stuff, 37,- world. Cause—a defective stovepipe. \$1.426.554.01, compared with \$1.629. 150; wood, 6 carloads. Besides the 573.50 for the corresponding week of above, there were large quantities of 895.

A charge of smoking or inhaling not included in the above, which were freight shipments.

> tain Fisher, which has arrived in Philadelphia, from Port-au-Prince, in traveled in his own special car, carry-Hayti, via Turk's island, where she took on board a cargo of salt, brings at the Macdonough Theater, Oakland, at the Macdonough Theater, Oakland, accounts of dreadful suffering among the natives from ravages of yellow nights. He died at Great Valley, fever. The disease is the worst known to have prevailed for over ford, Pa. twelve years, and the people are dying authorities to treat all the cases and the suffering and misery caused by the with an exceedingly well executed scourge is intense. The disease has counterfeit of United States five-dollar broken out on board a number of ves. gold coins They are almost perfect sels in the harbor, in one instance and the only rough work about the carrying off the entire crew.

away on December 14, 1861. In ac-Some boys playfully threw some cordance with her custom for thirtyheld in the Albert Memorial Chapel attended by the Queen, the Prince of Wales and the other members of the royal family. The anthems and hymns chapel of St. George, and the Dean of

Over the Country

Selections That Will Greatly Interest Our Readers Both Old and Young.

Ludwig Schuett, a German, tried to murder the German Consul-General in New York.

William J. Bryan has contracted with J. J. Rohce of New York for a lecturing tour.

Josephine Jeroski, grandniece of the great Pulaski, has committed suicide in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Salvation Army intends to make a specialty of finding lost friends

for those who apply. The American Bessemer Association. controlling \$25,000,000 of proprety,

will probably be dissolved. A Milwaukee man has left \$4000 to certain lodge, provided its members

drink two kegs of beer at one sitting. Republican members of the Congressional Ways and Means Committee have started work on a new tariff bill.

An Omaha dispatch says the District Court at Omaha has declared the city curfew ordinance unconstitutional.

Chicago constables with drawn pistols prevented a performance from going on, because the theater was under

Contributions for foreign missions have increased in the past year \$1,-100,000, but in the United States there has been a decrease of \$70,000. Miss Frances E. Willard has issued

an appeal to the "dear mothers and sisters of America" asking them to remember at Christmas time the orphans of Armenia. The First National Bank of Niagara

Falls, N. Y., has closed. The failure was due to heavy withdrawals. The assets and liabilities are estimated at \$300,000.

O. L. Partridge, formerly secretary of the Alpena Loan and Building Association, has been found guilty of embezzling \$20,000. It practically wrecked the association, in which many poor persons had invested their

William E. Kettles is the name of the operator in Washington who, on As Henry Sledge was walking out April 3, 1865, received the telegraph message from General Weitzel to Sec-

The Homestead Mining Company of Deadwood, South Dakota, has met The shipments from Escondido, San with a heavy loss, which will delay

Herrmann, the great magician, has passed away. He was known for his remarkable skill in all civilized countries. He had been before the public for a generation, and for many years had been in receipt of a large income. The Philadelphia brig Arcadia, Cap- His last visit to California was made just one year ago. At that time he New York, while en route to Brad-

Some clever counterfeiter is flooding the circulating medium of St. Louis coin is in the milling, the edges being irregular and thicker than in the gen-December 14 is the saddest day in uine pieces. The metal, however, is soft, wears easily and the color clearly indicates plating. Seven of the spurious coins were brought to the office of Assistant United States Attorney Wayne by persons who accepted them as good.

A special from Washington to the New York World says President Cleveland has been called to account by the Sultan of Turkey. An emphatic protest has been made by the Turkish Government against the language used in the President's message to Congress respecting the massacre of Armenians were rendered by the choir of the royal and the general conduct of the Government toward the Christians in the empire. The situation is said to orders. threaten the rupture of the diplomatic the Reserve, says the Calaveras Chron-icle. It has a hoist capable of going ish Minister, it is rumored at the State down about 1000 feet. The surface Department, has intimated that if some was originally worked off to a depth of amendments are not made by the Pres-100 feet. There is a forty-stamp mill ident he will return to Constantino-

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THE ENTERPRISE

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Great Britain has refused to assent to the partition of China. She prefers a retaining wall to a partition.

There is a suspicion that the reported discovery by a Maine man of a perpetual motion machine that would saw wood was nothing more than a disgruntled or expectant politician.

A French physician says that "the fumes of gasoline will raise the voice of a woman several notes." A match added to that combination will also raise the rest of the woman.

There is nothing very remarkable in a Chicago girl marrying a blind musician in East Liverpool, Ohio. Love is said to be blind. Besides, marriage with a Chicago girl often has a tendency to open one's eyes.

Paris policemen have been supplied with electric dark lanterns, by means of which they can see 150 feet away. They were employed successfully in a recent raid in the Bois de Boulogne on the homeless persons who sleep there at night.

Bret Harte says he has written over 600 short stories. Yes, but those he wrote previous to 1876 were worth more than are those he has written since. He has become prolific at the expense of that quality which lent such a charm to his earlier work.

A precedent interesting to women has been established by the London County Court. A lady brought suit against St. George's vestry for damages from the careless driving of a water cart, which drew so near the sidewalk that her dress was sprinkled and spoiled. The Court awarded her seven guineas.

The Philadelphia free libraries claim they have the greatest circulation in the world. From Oct. 30, 1895, to Sept. 30, 1896, 1,293,004 volumes were circulated, exclusive of the reference books consulted in the library buildings. These figures, if correct, exceed those of Manchester, England, Chicago and Boston, hitherto considered as the largest in the world.

The old practice of disposing of a certain undivided portion of land which is sold for taxes is still maintained in several States, and at such a sale in Kansas City not long ago a man is recorded as having purchased a vigintillionth of a square inch, in other words that portion which would result in dividing a square inch by 1 followed by 120 ciphers. Here is a pleasant problem for a winter evening.

The London Times is responsible for this: "It is not generally known that the talented wife of Mr. McKinley was called to the American bar in the early a long while the distinction of being the only lady of the legal profession who pleaded on behalf of clients before her own husband, who was the judge of the circuit in which she practices." Americans who want to learn things about themselves that are not so will do well to read the English newspapers.

An Englishman has compiled a life of Grover Cleveland for a series of biographical works issued by a firm in London, which will be a curiosity in the way of inaccuracies, if those quoted in an article from London are a sample. Fortunately, a newspaper of London has called attention to a score or more glaring errors, and perhaps the book will be corrected in a subsequent edition. An American life of Gladstone so erroneous as to statement of fact would be laughed out of print in Lonon.

An extraordinary instance of hereditary tendency to suicide was told by Prof. Brouardel in Paris lately. A farmer near Etampes harged himself without apparent cause, leaving a family of seven sons and four daughters. Ten of the eleven subsequently followed the father's example, but not until they had married and begotten children, all of whom likewise hanged themselves. The only survivor is a son, who is now 68 years of age and has passed safely beyond the family

4 The enforcement of our immigration laws appears to be having a good effect in preventing objectionable persons from coming to this country and in turning the tide of undesirable emigration to South America. The effect is only beginning to be perceptible at the ports of entry, however, and it will be many years before the mischief already done in the country at large can be overcome. A long course of external vigilance and internal improvement is needed to make the population of this country all that it ought to be, or even what we like to believe that it is now.

Sixteen young women of Renovo, Pa., have organized the Edelweiss Social Club, the purposes of which are to furnish entertainment for invited young men. They have engaged a club-room and are arranging it in a delightful manner. Just what the initiatory ceremonies will consist of the young ladies will not say, but one of the girls has admitted that a kiss and a hug shall be the password for all male members. The young women who are the prime movers in the novel club declare their ship of the House of Commons two object is to get the young men off the years ago, is threatened with total street corners during the winter, and, | blindness

inasmuch as the club girls are all pretty and fetching, their object will doubtless be attained. Lovemaking will not be allowed under penalty of a fine. The girls will darn stockings and knit mittens for the boys, but the latter, in order to be available for membership, must refrain from smoking, chewing and drinking.

The Philadelphia papers say the effort of the Union Traction Company to provide some cars exclusively for male smokers has proved a failure. The smoking cars have been provided all right and conspicuously labeled, in addition to which the conductors notify every woman essaying to board one of these cars that it is a smoking car. But in spite of signs and conductors' announcements every smoking car carries more women than men, and the smokers have to enjoy their cigars regardless of the presence of women or go on their way smokeless, as they did before smoking cars were provided.

Our army, which is about 25,000, cost last year a little over \$16,000,000, which was \$640 a man. This is rather expensive, as compared with the cost of maintaining soldiers in Europe. But cious, ambitious, but just now the very it should be remembered that our men get good food, and that the cost of transporting soldiers in a country that is 3,000 miles wide and 2,500 miles from north to south is slightly different from the cost of shifting men about in a country no larger than many of our States. The soldiers deposited with the paymasters during the year \$420,338, which is doing pretty well in economizing on \$13 a month.

The well-known shrewdness of Menelik of Abyssinia is again made apparent in his appeal to the pope to intervene in the dispute between Abyssinia and Italy. The wily African monarch has beaten the Italians by force of arms and established the integrity of his country, but he knows enough of European diplomacy to appeal to the head of the church to take part in the settlement of the trouble. His attitude from the first of the war to the present day has indicated a quality of statesmanship, combined with generosity, personal bravery and great military skill, comparable to any such in evidence among Europeans.

The Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality of the Wright irrigation law of California is of great importance to the arid region of the West, settling, as it does, the right of taxation for irrigation purposes, and deciding the fate of about \$20,000,000 of irrigation bonds. The decision will give a tremendous impetus to irrigation and farming in California, Oregon, Washington, New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona, and the last five will undoubtedly pass laws modeled upon the one which has just been sustained. Business which has practically been at a standstill waiting for the settlement of this question will soon feel the influence of the favorable decision.

The performance of one's duty, espart of 1893, and that she enjoyed for law, often brings unpleasant experi- had won a school reputation as a linences, and those of the late Judge guist. But she was too honest and Parker of Arkansas were peculiarly so. practical to overrate these accomplish-He presided over the United States over Indian territory. In that time he she could until the creditor foreclosed; down here and look around; and if I sentenced 160 men to the gallows and then she would go out and seek a place liked the place to stay permanently." sent over 6,000 men to the penitentiary. The death sentences averaged almost eight a year. Considering the present state of lawlessness in the territory and window, and a black hand was thrust the cheapness at which human life is held there, it would be interesting to them and glanced over the postmarks know what Judge Parker's ideas were carelessly. Most of them were from on capital punishment as a deterrent influence on crime.

> Following the lead of Chicago, a New York dry-goods house is about to start a little school in its own premises where the cash girls can obtain instructions one or two hours every day, as also those older ones whose early schooling has been neglected. In one of the large dry-goods stores of Chicago a day and night school is maintained. with competent teachers and all the modern accessories of a first-class school-room, where the employes of the store are given free education. In Milwaukee one of the greatest breweries conducts a school, library and reading room for its employes, who are over 10,000 in number. All three were established despite the protests of those who said the advantages would never be utilized, and all triumphed from the outset. The school compares favorably with the best public schools in the city; the reading room is well patronized, and the library is employed to its full capacity.

A Vegetable Pistol.

But the most remarkable instance of this method of scattering the seeds (shooting them from the pod), is afforded by Hura crepitans, a handsome tree, native of the forests of South America. The curious fruit of this tree is a somewhat flattened, deeply furrowed or fluted body, made up of a circle of many cells, each containing one seed. When the seeds are ripe the cells open, and expel them with a loud report, like the crack of a pistol. Hence the fruit is sometimes called the

"monkeys' dinner-bell." Stories have been told of Hura fruits being placed in desks and subsequently opening and discharging their seeds with such violence as to break ink-wells, and even to crack the wood of the desk .- St. Nicholas.

Threatened with Blindness. Mr. Leonard Courtney, who was a prominent candidate for the Speaker-

THE STRANGE GUEST.

He brought a branch of olive-This stranger guest of mine; Could I deny him entrance, Who bore the peaceful sign? Ah, no! I bade him welcome, I set him meat and wine; But while he drank and feasted, How laughed his eyes divine!

I took the branch of olive (The soothest plant that grows), And from the carven ceiling I hung it with the rose.

"But why to me this token, Who never lacked repose? Why this to me," I questioned, Who know no feud nor foes?"

He smiled beneath the olive-

This strangest stranger guest.

A branch from off the thorn-tree Had told his errand best; For since my house he entered There's ne'er a heart at rest To mock me with the olive!

But Love doth love his jest.

UNEXPECTED \$10,000.

Willie Smith was 19-pretty, vivamuch discouraged owner of the Smith plantation and its encumbrances. Two weeks before she had been summoned from her school at Staunton by the death of her grandfather, and, as there was no other relative, had entered at once into possession of the property. A few days after the funeral the owner of the mortgage had made an ostensible visit of condolence, but had so interpolated his expressions of sympathy with matters of practical significance that when he left Willie was for the first time aware that she was only the nominal owner of her plantation.

At first she was stunned, for she had already begun to make plans for the improvement and extension of the ancestral acres. The poor cabins of the negro tenants were to be replaced by new ones, neglected fields were to be again fenced and brought into cultivation, and better methods and better machinery were to be used. Her grandfather had been easy-going and impracticable, but she had supposed that her schooling and the house expenses had been met by the rents paid him by negro tenants. Now she knew that the mortgage had been gradually increased to meet the deficits.

This morning she was in the kitchen helping Aunt Chloe with the ironing, but her thoughts were busy with the formidable problems of the future. There were the expenses and the interest to be met, and, worst of all, there was \$100 still due her school at Staunton. She could not see any possible way to pay it, for the season had been bad, and the renters, instead of paying what they owed, were beginning to clamor for advances on the next year's crops; and the creditor had delicately hinted that her grandfather had already raised the mortgage out of proportion to its security. In anxious succession her mind went over her own accomplishments in search of something that would be money-producing. She was fond of scribbling, and was pecially in the case of an officer of the fairly good at drawing and music, and ments. They were good things to court of the Western district of that know, but would not help her at this State and had criminal jurisdiction crisis. No, she must struggle as best among the wage earners.

"Heyer's yo' mail, Mis' Willie," called Uncle Tobe's voice through the open in with a package of letters. She took school friends at Staunton. Several were circulars, and one was one from Leadville, Col. She selected this and examined it curiously. She had no correspondents in any part of the West. Inside was a check and a short letter, with the printed address of a Leadville banking house. The letter read:

"Willie Smith, Talbottom, Ga.: We are requested to forward you the inclosed check for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Please acknowledge receipt, do you know," lowering his voice, "if and oblige, yours truly,

"WALDRON & CO." She stared at it for a moment, then hurriedly examined the check. Yes, it was for \$10,000, made in favor of Willie Smith. But, of course, it was a mistake. If she had any relatives in the world, they were so far removed as to as clear as a June sky. If I'd received have been overlooked, and certainly none of them was rich enough to send

her \$10,000. Talbottom was a small, unprogressive town, whose straggling arms reached out drowsily to the line fence of the Smith plantation. Willie crossed two fields and went down a short lane, and was then in the principal street. There was but one bank, and its cashier was an old friend of her grandfather's. She went directly to him and explained her errand.

"I reckon it's all right, Willie," said the old man, after he had carefully examined the envelope and its contents. 'It's directed to Willie Smith, Talbottom, and you're the only Willie Smith I know. And Waldron & Co. are all right. Our house has dealt with them. And I'm bound to say, my dear," putting down the papers and looking at her beamingly, "I'm plumb glad for this windfall. I can almost hear yo' grand-

father chuckle in his grave." "But it can't be mine," insisted Willie. "I don't even know that I have a relative in all the world."

"Somebody yo' family has lost sight of," said the cashier genially. "Now, there's a man over in Jasper County got a fortune from a cousin he hasn't heard from in thirty years. I reckon this is something that way. It's likely yo' mother's cousin or somebody else. Anyhow, it's all right, and I'm willing

to take the check. Will you have the money, or leave it on deposit?" "I wish I felt more sure," hesitated

Willie. "Well, suppose I telegraph to Waldron & Co. Can you come in again this afternoon?"

"Yes." When she returned in the afternoon the cashier handed her a slip of paper. It read:

"Merchants' Bank, Talbottom, Ga. Gentlemen: Nothing to explain. We forwarded check to Willie Smith, Talbottom, as requested. If the party presenting it can be identified you may cash same with perfect safety. Yours, plantation. She seems to have the fac-"WALDRON & CO."

"So you see it is all right," said the cashier. "Now, you will please indorse the check."

Willie did so with a sudden feeling of exultation.

"How will you have it?" briskly. "Suppose you give me \$6,000. That will pay off the mortgage and make some necessary repairs. The rest I will you sure the place can be bought?" deposit with you. And-and suppose abruptly. you let me have a check book; it will be more convenient."

The next few hours were momentous ones in the young girl's life. The mortgage was paid, and visits were made to grocery and harwware and seed stores, and to painters and carpenters and stone masons; and before she went home a check was on its way to the principal of her school at Staunton.

In the morning men came out and made estimates, and they were followed by painters and carpenters and laborers, who began to repair the old family mansion, and to surround the neglected fields with substantial fences, and to build new cabins under the magnificent live oaks that grew along one side of the plantation.

Willie spent most of her time outdoors watching the work and making occasional suggestions. The new cabins were surrounded by generous truck patches, and when they were finished she was careful to rent them only to industrious, reliable negroes. In this she was greatly assisted by the cashier, who came out frequently to watch the progress of the work and whose advice was always valuable.

One day a brisk, prepossessing young man stepped into the Talbottom postoffice.

"Any letters here for Willie Smith?" he asked.

"No, she called after them not an hour ago." "She?" curiously.

"Yes. Generally her man Tobe gets them, but she happened to be in town this morning. You're one of the men working out there, I suppose?"

"No, not exactly." He left the postoffice and walked cross the street to the bank.

"Has Willie Smith presented a check here for \$10,000 recently?" he asked. "Miss Willie Smith has," replied the

cashier. "I beg your pardon, I meant Miss Willie Smith. You see, out West, we get in the habit of dropping ceremony."

The old cashier looked at him thoughtfully. "So you are a Westerner, are you?"

he asked. "I was, but expect to be a Southerner now," said the young man frankly. "My mother left this country nearly thirty years ago, but I have often heard her describe her old home. When I made my pile I concluded to come

The cashier's face cleared instantly. "Good!" he exclaimed. "You can't help liking such a grand country. All it lacks is money and energy. But what part of the West are you from?"

"Leadville, Col." "Ah, I began to suspect it. You have been connected with the house of Waldron & Co., and called in to see if the check reached its destination all right." He came from behind the counter and took the young man's hand warmly. "I am right glad to see you, suh. Yo' house never sent out a better check than that in all its life. Miss Willie has paid off a mortgage on her plantation, and is making wonderful improvements, suh-wonderful! And it hadn't been for that check I achally believe she'd been forced to go off and look for work-achally forced, suh."

"Indeed! That would have been too bad," said the young man, "but-"There's no but now," interrupted the cashier cheerfully. "Her future's the check myself I wouldn't have been half as much pleased. Miss Willie's a fine girl—a gem in a land that is full of jewels. You must excuse my enthusiasm, suh," apologetically, "but in a sort of way yo' house seems to have had a hand in the good fortune. But come into my private room and we'll talk over the country. You're to be one of us now, and maybe I can give you some points on buying a place. And I'll tell you about Miss Willie and her

plans." Here a new thought seemed to

strike him. "How'd you like to go out |

and see her yo'self?" he asked abruptly.

"We close early, and I generally go

that way for a walk. She'll be glad to

see anyone from Waldron & Co." "Nothing would please me better." "Very well. You'll take dinner with me, and if I can be of any assistance in you' plans do not hesitate to use me. Now, there's the Calhoun plantation. Joins Miss Willie and just now can be had for a song. And, really, it's the best thing you can do in the whole country. But you haven't told me yo'

"Smith-er. Call me Hamilton Smith. "A good name, suh-a good name. We have Smiths in every county in the South, but I tell them a good thing cannot be too common. My mother was a

name yet, suh!"

Smith." He led the way into his private room

easy chair by an open window. Then he settled himself in an easy chair and gave a glowing picture of the Calhoun plantation.

The young man said little, but on his face was an expression of mingled amusement and indecision. And this amused indecision remained with him and even appeared in his voice until they went out to the Calhoun plantation. But when they returned, late in

the evening, it had wholly disappeared. "Miss Willie is an exceptionally fine girl," he said, with suppressed enthusiasm, "and if I am not mistaken the community will yet be proud of her ulty of knowing just what she wants could not have planned the improveme she wanted to plant trees along ber bank of the river, which runs between could be induced to do the same. Are

"The Calhoun place? Certainly, and for a song."

"Well, I want it. I suppose it's too late to get it to-night," regretfully; "but if you'll arrange for its purchase early in the morning, so that the papers can be made out before noon, I'll be infinitely obliged. And I'll make it worth your while.'

"But you haven't seen the place yet?" expostulated the cashier in amazement. "Yes, I have-across the river, you know. Besides, I'm willing to take your word for it. If you can have everything settled before noon I will go over after dinner and talk with Miss Willie about the shade trees. And, do you know," with animation, "I've been thinking that those bluffs above the live oak grove will be a fine place to throw a bridge across the river. I wonder if Miss Willie will like the idea."

stranger had bought the old Judge Calstranger was no ordinary man.

for she would flash covert, inquiring glances at him from under her long, dark eyelashes, and sometimes would listen with almost bated breath, won- bright. The mining property in which dering what daring scheme would be proposed next. He was so different from any man she had ever met-so energetic and impulsive and chivalrous. She could not help liking him, and she could not withstand his impetuosity any more than the reeds of the river could withstand the current in springtime. She offered objections to the building of the bridge and he overruled them in a single impetuous speech. She did not like the idea of assuming all the expenses of improving the river, but did not dare expostulate for fear of the quizzical look which she knew would come into his merry eyes. Inside of a month she began to feel that he was as much at home on her plantation as he was on his own, but she

could see no way to prevent it. And, indeed, she did not want to. In the fall their engagement was definitely announced, and all Talbottom said it was the most suitable match of the year.

A few weeks before the marriage he carefully overhauled his papers. There were many letters addressed simply to Willie Smith; some were to Willie H. Smith, and a few to William Hamilton Smith. All of them were destroyed.

"It isn't well to keep papers," he soliloguized, as the last one was reduced to ashes, "Some folks see them." -New York Ledger.

The Man and the Snake.

The reputed fascination of the serpent's eye is the motive of a story in Mr. Ambrose Bierce's volume of tales entitled "In the Midst of Life." Mr. Brayton was the guest of a friend, an eminent zoologist, whose specialty, of ney and the next decade went to the which he had a fine collection, was Legislature and was subsequently givsnakes. Stretched upon a sofa in his en a seat on the highest court in his own room, Mr. Brayton glanged from State. In 1858 he was elected to Conthe book he was carelessly scanning gress and was a member of the House while awaiting the summons to dinner, from that time until 1895, with the exand saw, in the shadow under his bed, ception of four years. two small points of light about an inch apart. He gave them no speciar thought and resumed his reading.

In a few minutes he gave an involuntary start, and stared into the obscurity sion to the throne on his nephew, Archunder the bed. His gaze disclosed the coils of a large serpent; the points of elder brother, Francis Ferdinand, belight were its eyes, but were no longer cause he was on the point of death merely luminous points; they looked in- from consumption. Francis is apparto his own with a malign significance. Brayton was a brave man, but this and it is hinted that he was not sufferseemed an occasion when discretion was the better part of valor. He would beat a retreat and backward, so as not to disturb the reptile; but instead of the movement his will had shaped, his right foot was placed in advance of his

The snake did not move, but its eyes seemed to become larger and more luminous. There were strange noises in Brayton's ears as, with reluctant steps, he could not refrain from drawing nearer the bed. Suddenly something made to look like coral and to be very struck him a hard blow upon the face. ornamental. The process will help to He had fallen to the floor.

senseless. As he bent over him he glanced under the bed.

"How did this thing get here?" he exclaimed, and pulling out the snake, frame, another branch coming from beflung it to the center of the room, where hind a picture and a bunch tied with a it lay without motion.

two shoebuttons.

How time flies from the date on and motioned the young man to an which a man distinguishes himself!

"STAR ROUTE" DORSEY.

Now in California Trying to Recover His Lost Fortune.

Stephen W. Dorsey, once United States Senator from Arkansas, and noted for his connection with the great star route scandal many years ago, is now in southern California with a view to recovering his lost fortunes. Mr. Dorsey is interested in a mining property which, he believes, if properly worked, will pan out well. Dorsey was at one time one of the most prominent public men in the country. Before he was involved in the star route case and lost all his money he was said to have been a man that could make and and just how to go about doing it. I unmake presidents. His first appearance on the political horizon was made ments better myself. Miss Willie told in Arkansas after the war. A native of Vermont, he was 18 when the war broke out, and he served under Grant the two plantations, and that it would at Shiloh and took part in many of the be nice if the owner on the other side big battles of the civil strife. When



EX-SENATOR DORSEY.

peace was restored he went to Arkansas and became a promoter of big en-The next day the good people of Tal-terprises. He organized a \$1,000,000 bottom were stirred to unwonted excited cattle company in New Mexico and was ment by the news that an energetic in the very flush of his fortune when the storm of the star route scandal houn plantation, and that unlimited burst upon him and swept him off his improvements were contemplated, feet. In defending himself in that cele-And, even while this report was being brated case he spent all the wealth he circulated from mouth to mouth, it was had accumulated and emerged from followed by rumors of lavish contracts the clouds of the storm wrecked in forand engagements made with the towns- tune and ruined in health. Of recent people of the town. Decidedly the years he has made his home in Denver and has been casting about for means And evidently Willie thought so, too, of rehabilitating himself. He has just been to London, where he secured capital enough to float his enterprise, and his prospects at the present time are Dorsey is interested is located in Picacho, near Yuma. He will build a 100stamp mill and a railroad to the Colorado river.

OVER 30 YEARS IN CONGRESS.

Holman, of Indiana, Returned After Two Years' Absence.

Among the Democratic veterans in congressional service, retired by the Republican landslide of two years ago, who are this year returned to the House is William S. Holman, of Indiana, the apostle of economy, who is familiarly known as "the watchdog of the treasury." Holman is often called the "great objector."

Born in a pic diana 74 years ago, he received a college education, taught school and then became a lawyer. In the 40's he was probate judge and a prosecuting attor-



Only Lovesick.

It is not long since the emperor of Austria definitely settled the succesduke Otto, passing over the latter's ently recovering his health, however, ing so much from consumption as from blighted affection. He has long wished to marry the Archduchess Stephanie, the widow of Crown Prince Rudolph, whose tragic death at Meyerling a few years ago will be recalled, and he was constitutionally debarred from doing so while he remained in the direct line of succession to the throne.

Rainy Day Amusement.

Twigs and small branches may be amuse the young people on a rainy The zoologist, startled by a terrific afternoon. Melt together four parts of scream from above, rushed to his yellow resin and one part of vermilion; friend's room. There lay Brayton, dip the twigs into it, covering every part, and then let them dry without touching each other. A bunch of coral fastened to the corner of a picture ribbon bow upon a scrap basket are all It was a stuffed snake; its eyes were decorative.

> The women's new style hats for fall are shaped like a man's hat after he has been out all night

FUR OUTFITS OF STRIKING COMBINATIONS.

Some Hints for Women in the Selection of Cut and Material for New Gowns - Elaborate Costumes and Amazing Contrasts for Street Wear.

Cold Weather Clothes.



EEPER and deeper fashionable women go the designers of furs. Last winter it seemed as if the slashing and snipping of costly skins had reached the limits, and now, though the same sort of extravagance is repeated. it does not make as much of an impres-

sion as it did a year ago for two reasons. One is that we have become hardened to the expensive shredding process, and the other is that the fashion now is to combine two furs in one garment, a style that is carried out with such striking effect that there is little room for considering the wasteful processes by which the garment was put together. Even in the simplest accessories of fur, notional rules are laid down for exquisite dressers. Thus it is decreed that the muff should match a collarette, but should contrast with a large cape or fur coat.

If, then, your fur outfit is no larger than that shown in the first small picture, its two parts must be of the same fur. In this case it was chinchilla, the collarette's high wired collar being distracting and ultra stylish combina- with dark gray stitching. The hem

shabby seal cape, and the effect will so freshen the latter as to be about all the renovating it needs. The more sensible grebe capes are arranged with the feathers set on a yoke and collar of seal, because the feathers are too delicate to be put where they will rub against the cheeks. As they would on the inside of the collar. But for just this reason, some woman with a taste attuned to extravagance will like all the more the pictured cape last described.

Though in cloths the jacket has outstripped the cape, very pretty capes are now and then seen, and the one into the purses of that the artist selected for the next picture was strikingly pretty. It was made of dark woolen goods, which was also the material of the dress, and right here it should be said that when



SAVED TO CORRECTNESS BY A FINE DISTINCTION.

faced with almond green satin, and cape and dress are of the same stuff, the muff being lined with the same mathere is no danger of the cape being All her life she had lived in the heart of terial. In this costume a coquettish considered in the least out of style, trick was effected by veiling the satin particularly if it is of unusual con- nothing of the beauties of the country. of the collar with the deep lace frill of struction. This one was particularly the dress collar. Thus, though the lace novel, the tabs and slashed revers and was not attached to the collarette, the collar being of white cloth finished



FASHIONABLY BEFURRED TRIO. tion of lace and fur was attained. Of was ornamented with stitching and course, if Madam permitted her lace silver gray satin was used for lining. thieveries. Now, it was no small mathandkerchief-of a similar mesh to her collar-to show at one end of the muff. it would be entirely accidental! or, at least, quite as much so as the arrangement of her neck lace over the satin lining of the collar, in which she was

to no little pains before her mirror. Three handsomely furred women are shown in the next picture. At the right were a rich collarette and muff of sable. The collarette was much longer in front and back than on the shoulders, and was lined with rosepink silk. At the opposite side of the group was a seal cape cut in one with its high collar, which was faced with Persian lamb. In front were stole ends. A bigger strain on the purchaser's pocketbook will come from the garment in the middle of the illustration than from either of the others. It was of grebe feathers, having a deeppointed piece of seal both in front and



A NOVEL CAPE CUT FROM DRESS GOODS. back, and ending in a high grebe collar. Grebe makes a very desirable trimming for, or part of, a fur garment, because of its current high favor and general becomingness. Many women that cannot afford a new heavy coat or cloak have put their money into a dainty shoulder cape with high collar of seal and grebe. Such a cape will go on over the last year's slightly

Elaborate costumes and amazing contrasts are occasionally seen upon the stolen, for he was only a boy, and he streets, and when skillfully planned may not be decried, yet a majority of eggs and chickens would bring him to women are opposed to them to judge by help pay for a certain handsome little the abundance of severe tailor and rifle that he longed to possess. So b dark-colored costumes on the prome- determined to watch and see if ne nade. Smooth cloth in billiard green, in sapphire, in stone gray and in all the browns is worn, and if there is any elaboration at all it is in braiding. Silks are tabooed entirely for street wear long afterward the chickens came by the women that set the fashions clucking into the barnyard. For a time for the multitude, and only women everything was quiet, and then the old that have nowhere else to wear their empire velvet coats, etc., appear with them in the shopping portions of town. In those streets where the walk means the "constitutional," or the little trip to morning call or class, street dresses, while still of tailor severity, show a touch of elaboration. Very smart coats are half closed over brilliant silken waistcoats, gold braid gives a military touch, scarlet flashes, the silk petticoat affords a dazzling contrast, revers are faced with white satin, white kid appears for binding and facing, and velvet coats in brilliant colors, elaborated with rich fur, combine with stunning hats to remind the beholder that Miladi is on the street merely to get somewhere else.

By this finely drawn distinction the final pictured costume becomes a street dress with which none can find fault. Made of bottle green cloth, its skirt opened on each side to show a panel of plaid silk; a navy blue ground with scarlet lines. The side and front breadths of cloth were decorated with steel buttons. A like effect was produced upon the bodice by giving to it a front of the silk over which were bias crossed bands of the dress goods, one of those surplice suggestions resulting that are very desirable when attained in a new way. The belt was green draped satin, the collar cloth, and the huge bow at the throat was plaid

silk. Copyright, 1896.

aling.

Bicycle Brake. A new bicycle brake consists of a friction disk attached to the rear hub, determination. against which another disk is pressed by the action of the rider in back ped-

We know a man who can worry while he is busy.

THIS IS THEIR DEPARTMENT OF THE PAPER.

Quaint Sayings and Cute Doings of the Little Folks Everywhere, Gathered and Printed Here for All Other Little Ones to Read.

A Mixed Text. A little girl heard a sermon from the words, "My cup runneth over; surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." On returning home she was asked if she could remember the minister's text, and replied: 'Yes, indeed. It was this: Mercy! Goodness! My cup's tipped over."

What a Small Boy Could Do. A lad in Boston, rather small for his age, according to the Prohibitionist, works in an office as errand boy for four gentlemen who do business there. One day the gentlemen were chaffing him a little for being so small, and said to

"You will never amount to much, you can never do much, you are too small."

The little fellow looked at them. "Well," said he, "as small as I am, I can do something that neither of you can do."

"Ah, what is that?" said they. "I don't know as I ought to tell you," he replied.

But they were anxious to know, and urged him to tell what he could do that neither of them were able to do.

"I can keep from swearing," said the little fellow. There were some blushes on four

faces, and there seemed to be no anxiety for further information.

A Child's Idea.

Flossie was seven years old when her mamma took her to live in the country. a large manufacturing town, and knew Oh, how delighted she was with the beauties of the fields, the buttercups and daisies! But most of all she loved to hear the lark singing its song of joy far away up in the blue sky. But she never thought it was a bird that sent next speaker. the sweet, clear music through the air. One day she was sitting in the garden. The lark was not visible; but his song was heard, ever bright and melodious, as it mingled with the soft, sighing summer wind; and the child listened eager-

"What are you looking at, Flossie?" said her mamma.

"Nothing, mamma," answered Flos-

"Are you listening to the lark? He is too far up for you to see him." "The lark, mamma? Is that the

lark?" "Yes, of course it is. What did you

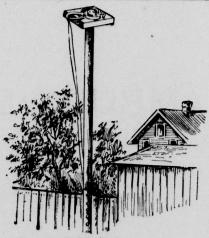
think it was, darling?" "I thought," said Flossie, with a slightly disappointed look, "it was the angels.'

Sandy Brown's Owl.

one was stealing Sandy Brown's chickens. Every morning when Sandy went out to scatter screenings there was at least one of the younger roosters or hens missing, usually the very fattest and finest of the flock Sandy couldn't understand at all where they went to. He knew every man in the neighborhood, and every chicken, too, for that matter, and he knew that some stranger must be guilty of the ter to Sandy to have his plump pullets

was depending on the money that the

couldn't catch the thief. Before daylight the next morning he was up and out, hiding in the corn crib, where he could see and not be seen. Not red-top rooster straightened up and began to grumble and turn his head from



side to side and blink his eyes. There was a sound of wings in the air, and a huge bird lighted on the corner of the barn. The next instant the chickens began flying about and clucking excitedly, and then, before Sandy could open his mouth to shout, the owl, for an owl it was, darted down, and Sandy saw one of his favorite pullets carried away over the hill. "So you're the trief," exclaimed Sandy. "I'll fix you."

But, although Sandy hid in the corn crib for several mornings with his father's old shotgun double loaded, the wary old owl didn't come near. Sandy's father said he smelled the gun.

"I'll get him yet," said Sandy, with

That very afternoon a bright plan popped into Sandy's head. He cut a long pole in the woods, sawed off the top square and smooth, nailed a board on it, and set it up firmly in a corner of the fence near the barn. On top of it anything about politics.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS he placed a steel rat trap, already set, and fastened by a long chain to the post

> Next merning he was awakened by a terrific commotion in the chicken yard. He rushed outside, and there was Mr. Owl flying wildly about with the trap close fastened to one of his feet. He had come along early, and thinking that the post was an excellent place to light while he picked out the best pullet in the flock, he had stopped there to rest. In a minute Sandy was pulling him down, and although he scratched and fought Sandy succeeded in conquering him. He was a huge horned owl, and the next week, when Sandy went to town, he took him along, and a dealer in stuffed birds told him that it was the finest specimen of an owl he had ever seen. Sandy, being of a practical turn of mind, offered on the spot to sell the big bird. The dealer promptly gave him \$4 for it, and Sandy at once paid it over to the man who had rifles to sell.

"I hope some more big owls will come along and steal my chickens," he said to himself on his way home. "They're more profitable than pullets."—Chicago Record.

Badly Flustered.

A well-known and much beloved clergyman has half a dozen good stories which are particularly appropriate for childish hearers, and whenever he is asked to address a Sunday school or a public institution for the benefit of children, as he pretty often is, some one of these stories is certain to be called into requisition, and is invariably received with enthusiasm.

"There is only one difficulty about the matter," the clergyman says, "and that comes from my not always being able to remember, when called upon to speak to an audience of children, which story I told them the last time; but a year ago, when I was sent for to address a certain mission school, I thought I was safe. As I hurried toward the church that afternoon, I said to myself, 'I will tell those boys my nutmeg story. I'm sure they've never heard it, and it's just the right thing at this time.'

"So, having settled that point in my mind, I sat comfortably until the superintendent announced me as the

"'You will all be glad to know that Doctor -- has come here again, and has promised to tell you a story, as he did last year,' the superintendent said. I don't believe there is a boy in this room who has forgotten that capital nutmeg story which Doctor - told us the last time he stood on this platform, and I am sure he has an equally interesting one for us to-day.'

"Then he sat down," concluded the clergyman, "and I was obliged to gather up my scattered wits and make another selection from my half-dozen stand-bys as rapidly as possible; and to this day I think that superintendent believes that his introduction was so complimentary as to embarrass me for fully a minute, as it was certainly that length of time before I had come to my senses and launched forth on my sec ond best story, in a cold perspiration."

A Boy Should Learn. To let cigarettes alone.

To be kind to all animals. To be manly and courageous. To build a fence scientifically.

To fill the wood box every night. To be gentle to his little sisters. To shut the door without slamming. To sew on a button and darn a stock

To do errands promptly and cheerfully.

To shut the door in winter to keep the cold out.

To shut doors in summer to keep the flies out.

To wash dishes and make his bed when necessary.

To have a dog if possible and make a companion of him.

To get ready to go away without the united efforts of mother and sister.

A Cannibal.

"Mr. Smiley, what is a cannibal?" "A cannibal? Why do you want to know, my boy?"

"'Cause last night when you said you favored carrying out the old principle of dog eating dog pa whispered to me and said, 'Oh, what a cannibal!' "-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Season.

"To be sure," assented the wolf, cordially, "I am glad of the cool weather. I never could do much in a crash suit. There is nothing like the conventional sheep's clothing, after all."-Detroit Tribune.

In the Tombs Corridor. Warden-Sentenced? How's that? I thought that your lawyer was going to ask for more time.

Corkey-He did, and I got two years. -Town Topics.

Didn't Need It. "Help! Help!" cried the man who was being robbed. "Calm yourself," said the highway man. "I don't need any assistance."-

Tid-Bits.

The Particular Thing. She-Was there any particular thing about the town which struck you? He-Yes; a bicycle.-Yonkers Statesman.

No Wonder. "No wonder they call marriage the 'holey bonds of matrimony,' " muttered

Mr. Henpeckt, as he gazed at his unmended socks, etc.-Fun. The Lord probably forgives every

thing else sooner than the discontent of a woman whose husband is good to her.

Much as a man admires a woman, he can't honestly admit that she knows

CLIMATE AND COMFORT.

Either way, whether we are to have a prolonged winter of extreme cold or a mild one, through the dampness and chill neuralgia will find its victims, and a great many imprudent people will find neuralgia. In either case, when it does come, with its racking torture, let's look about us for the best that can be done. We need not go far. The reputation of St. Jacobs Oil as a certain cure for neuralgia has gone before it, and it is an established fact that it cures surely, soothes and restores the troubled nerves. To enjoy, therefore, a comfortable winter, whether it is called with the control of the is cold or mild, bear in mind that for this complaint one should have the great remedy for pain ready for use. It is by putting off that the ailment grows worse, and the worst cases grow less as soon as it is used.

Editor (to comic paragraphist—Your jokes lack originality. Comic Paragraphist (irritably)—So does your criticism.

FALSE WITNESSES.

There are knaves now and then met with who represent certain local bitters and poisonous stimuli as identical with or possessing properties akin to those of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. These scamps only succeed in foisting their trashy compounds upon people unacquainted with the genuine article, which is as much their opposite as day is to night. Ask and take no substitute for the grand remedy for malarla, dyspepsia, constipation, rheumatism and kidney trouble.

Teacher—How old are you, Willie? Willie-I'm 5 at home, 6 at school, and 4 in the cars.

She—Oh, Fred, my head does ache today! He—Lucky! She—Lucky!! Oh, how brutal of you! What do you mean? He—Shows you've got a head. So few women have nowaday!

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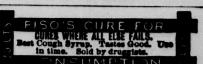
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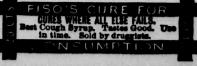
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GOVERNOR BUDD'S REFORM.

The consolidation of State institutions proposed by Governor Budd, if carried into effect, means a vast saving to taxpayers and should have the united and earnest support of the press and people.

There are in California eighteen State institutions, located in eleven different counties, and the pay-roll of State officials and employes amounts annually to a grand total of \$1,758,-

Besides these State institutions there are thirty asylums and other institutions located in thirteen different counties, receiving aid from the State annually to the amount of \$284,533.00

California, with a population of about 1,500,000, expends nearly \$6,-000,000 annually, for State purposes, or about \$4 per capita. A simple statement of the facts discloses the colossal extravagance of the existing system.

The California policy of multiplying these institutions and distributing them throughout the State, has proved not only costly in practice, but vicious in principle. It has rendered personal inspection and supervision by the Chief Executive difficult and next to impossible, and draws to the State capital at every session of the Legislature representatives of the various counties in which these numerous institutious are located, who pool issues, and through systematic log-rolling and lobbying, plunder the public treasury. If the proposition of Governor Budd cannot reach and cure all these evils, it will cure a portion, and greatly alleviate sell no fruit under paying prices dethe remainder.

ENCOURAGE AND AID THE YOUNG MEN.

club, which has for its object the South of Europe fruit grower of cheap- attached to its front end, and copper club, which has for its object the er labor and cheaper transportation. social, mental and physical culture and Fruit from the Mediterranean can be tervals, successively form electric contents to the content of the c improvement of its members. These landed in Atlantic ports at lower tacts as the rod is driven from the gun. young men are to take the places of prices than the California grower can Each of these contacts produces an their elders; they constitute a most im- afford. Our market will, therefore, be automatic record on a photographic portant part of our population; their limited, in the absence of adequate object is a most praiseworthy one; points in the Mississippi valley which they deserve success, and, doubtless, can be reached from this coast as will achieve it. They are entitled to cheaply as from the Mediterranean. both the moral and material encourule for duties under which the industry agement and support of every good may be made to prosper. A duty of 2

equipped reading-room. A clean, cable. quiet, inviting place where young men can meet, and read, write, or converse, at their pleasure and to their mutual benefit in everyway.

zens of our town can well afford aid in United States Department of Agricul- for their development. Beginning securing such an institution.

THE BAY SHORE RAILROAD.

The completion of the Southern Pathe citizens of our own county.

tion will be commenced shortly, and values, farm dairies, dairy markets, Many other applications of this princicisco to Palo Alto or even to San Jose. We fear the realization of such hope the law of January 12, 1895, relating We fear the realization of such hope will have to be placed much further in bulletin will be for sale by the Superthe future than we and many others intendent of Documents, Union Buildwould like to see it.

The Salinas Owl has been giving the fixed by him, 5 cents. subject some attention, and concludes that the gap to the south will not be closed much short of two years hence.

According to the Owl's statement, there are eleven viaducts yet to be directions from the postoffice, instead over a number of the Western railroads built, which, with the present force, will require two years and, if rushed, will take fifteen months to finish.

THE CREELY SCANDAL.

circulation concerning the practices of crete foundation have been laid.

Dr. Creely and young Goodspeed regarding private inspection of dairy cows in this county, are calculated to work serious injury to the dairymen of San Mateo county. The publicity given the matter will render it difficult for Creely or any one else to continue in the business. The reputable dairymen of San Mateo county are in favor of honest and thorough official inspection of dairy ranches, dairy stock and dairy products. Shysters or private Advertising rates furnished on applical inspectors or operators will not find customers among this class of dairy-

The San Mateo County Board of Health is in earnest in the matter of dairy inspection and have the hearty of towns which he thinks were buried support of the better class of dairymen by sandstorms about 1,000 years ago. in their efforts. The Board of Health The largest town was nearly two miles and all reputable dairymen will aid the Grand Jury to the utmost in thorough- the Kerija River. The houses had ly sifting the Creely or any other walls of plaited reeds covered with crooked business which may threaten the reputation of San Mateo county's great dairy interests.

The Enterprise is bound to preach the gospel of tree planting at the risk of being put down as a monomaniac. If, by so doing, we can persuade people that the material salvation of our town depends upon planting and growing zing around the cows, and upon stopminiature groves and long avenues of ping to observe what they were about green trees upon every available lot, nook and corner, and along every street of our own, we shall have had our reward and shall not mind the alighted upon it. They invariably bit charge of tree-madness. We are more off the wings, sometimes the legs, and than gratified with the progress made in this good work the past week not only on account of the considerable addition to the number of trees which will, in time, adorn the streets and cows. shelter the homes of our town, but the index it affords of an awakneing of interest in this most important matter.

the planting of trees along the entire million inhabitants. In 1800 Paris had length of one or more down-town streets this season.

holdings so greatly as a good row of trees. If anything is to be accomplished this season, whatever is done must be done quickly.

Fruit Duties.

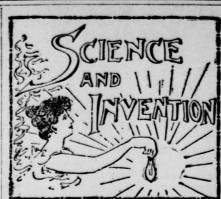
The proposition of Mr. Elwood Cooper that horticulturists unite and pends very much upon the action of Congress in fixing the duties on fruit. States Board of Ordnance, have recent People will buy California fruit at ly succeeded in obtaining photographic paying prices, providing that they can-records of the motion of a projectile Some of the bright young men of our not get foreign fruit at prices that while yet inside the bore of a cannon fair young city have organized a social would not pay in California. The projectile carries a rod of wood

cents a pound on raisins and Zante We have a small army of young currants is asked for. Olive oil needs workingmen here who have no place in a duty of \$1 a gallon. Figs ask for 3

> Dairying in California. In accordance with the provisions of ing, Washington, D. C., at the price

Phœnix is one of the thirty cities to have a trial of the rural delivery system. At Phœnix the service will extend three and a half miles in all free transportation has been secured of but one and a half miles, as now.

Morena dam, San Diego, work has been forgery was that of J. A. Nangle, genpushed forward faster than ever. The eral manager of the Sonora Railway, a foundation is now being laid at the branch of the Santa Fe, and all re-



Cities Buried by Sand Storms.

Sven Hedin, the Norwegian traveler has discovered on the north side of Kuen Lun Mountains, and in the edge of the great desert of Gobi, the ruins and a half long, and a canal connected it and the surrounding country with mud and then coated with white plaster, and on these plaster walls were well-executed paintings of men, animals and flowers. Poplars, apricots and plum trees had evidently flourished there before the invasion of the sand.

Wasps Defend Cows. A correspondent of the Irish Naturalist describes a curious scene which he witnessed while watching his cows in the field. He noticed many wasps buzhe found that they were catching and killing flies. A white cow in particular attracted the wasps apparently because they could so easily see the flies that occasionally the heads of the flies, and carried the bodies away, probably to feed their larvae. Three or four hundred flies were thus caught in about twenty minutes from the backs of two

Science and Great Cities.

Professor Brewer, of Yale University, in a recent address called attention to the interesting fact that at the We trust to see a general movement beginning of this century not a single started among our citizens to secure city in Christendom had so many as a 548,000, and in 1801 London had 864.-000. Great cities could not exist then as the advance of science has enabled Property-owners will find that noth- them to exist to-day. Science has helping can enhance the value of their ed the cities not only by conquering pestilence, and teaching the laws of health, but by enabling them to draw their supplies from the remotest quarters of the earth, instead of being dependent for food, as was the case at the opening of the century, upon the region of country immediately sur rounding them.

Measuring Its Own Velocity.

By means of an electrical device experimenters, acting for the United plate. The Scientific American, in describing the apparatus and experiments, says that the shortest distance traveled by the projectile between two successive records was 3.7 centimeters, which is a little less than an inch and a half, and that some of the time intervals between the records were only one two-thousandth of a second.

Seeing a Rose Grow.

An ingenious Frenchman has sugthis town in which to pass a leisure Almonds, 6 cents in the shell and 10 gested a way in which a rose, or other hour, other than the barrooms of a cents shelled. Oranges, lemons and flower, could be caused to appear growsaloon or the lounging-room of a hotel limes need a duty of 20 cents a cubic ing and unfolding in the presence of a foot. Preserved fruit asks for protec- roomful of spectators. He proposes to Such a social club as these young tion at the rate of 40 per cent ad valently employ the kinematoscope, a magic crem. If these duties can be obtained lantern so arranged as to produce movmen have established and propose to the proposition of Mr. Cooper to com- ing figures on a screen by means of a maintain, is the forerunner of a well- bine to secure fair prices seems practi- series of photographs of living objects, each successive photograph having been taken only a small fraction of a second later than its immediate prede-A bulletin on "Dairying in Califor- cessor. But for the proposed new apnia," by Prof. E. J. Wickson, M. A., plication of this instrument the photoof the University of California, has graphs need not be made so near to-The property owners and good citi- been issued by the Dairy Division, gether, since they are to represent ture. The bulletin contains 31 pages. with the first appearance of the bud, It brifley describes the condition of several thousand photographs of a dairying when California contained growing rose are to be taken, just near only scattered settlements of pioneers, enough together so that the change of and shows how the conditions then form in the flower is almost impercepticific Company's Coast Division line prevailing have influenced modern ble, until it has attained its complete through to Elwood is an event looked dairying. The upper coast region is bloom, and then has faded and fallen forward to with interest by the people mentioned as the leading dairy region, to pieces. These photographs, being of the counties through which the road and Humboldt county as the leading passed as transparencies, in rapid sucdairy county, having produced almost cession, through the kinematoscope, will pass, and by none more than by 3,000,000 pounds of butter in 1892. there would appear upon the screen the The feeds most used in California and figure of a rose visibly budding, grow-Recent movements have led many to best adapted to that State are dis- ing, opening, spreading its petals, and hope that work on the Bay Shore porwinter dairying, creameries, milk process occupying but a few minutes. another track added from San Fran- and dairy organization and protection. ple to the representation of growing objects are suggested.

> The sooner a monument is put up after a man dies, the nicer the things said on it.

> Almost all married people look in time as if they were living on a daily quail diet.

A forgery scheme, by means of which by certain parties, as yet unknown, has been discovered by the officials of Since actual construction began on the Santa Fe. The name used in the The charges which have obtained the past four days thirty feet of conirculation concerning the practices of corete foundation have been laid.

rate of seven feet per day. During quests for passes were made over his signature. The swindlers had secured a supply of Sonora Railway letter

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Hon. Jacob Bryan paid our town a visit Tuesday. F. M. Persinger came down from the

city on Sunday. The constant dropping of water

wears away the stone. Don't forget the Christmas tree to

night at Pioneer Hall. Begin in the new year by patronizing home merchants and home industries. Industry and economy never dwell in the same house with poverty and

want. The Baden social club should be encouraged and supported by every good

Billy Neff has planted a row of fine young trees along the front of his lot on Cypress avenue.

on California avenue well on the way towards completion.

R. L. Pitcher ran up from [Belmont

General Nathaniel James paid a visit

to our town on Sunday and called on his old friend, Hermann Karbe. A number of men from this place are

employed on the work at Uncle Tom's cabin, which is being rapidly rebuilt.

one for our people, and the new year near the right hand of the dead man. promises to be a prosperous and happy

Own your own home. Any man blessed with health and strength may become a free-holder in this free land if he will.

The new church was well filled at shows the interest our people feel in their new place of worship.

the week before Christmas by planting me in some quiet spot." one thousand eucalyptus seeds at each fence post along the company's fields.

A fine double row of trees, fifty feet in length, ornaments the west side of Vandenbos. Van is full of the modern spirit and up to date in everything.

Frank Miner has secured a large number of contracts of late, which keep his teams constantly employed. Frank has just taken the contract to give the stock yards their annual clean-

Mr. Fly, of Colma, has made a good Grand and San Bruno avenues.

well as something more substantial at scratched "P. Otto." the San bruno House turkey shoot. Dan brought away four fine turkeys and been barred from continuing his expert shooting.

J. W. Howell won what he supposed time it was fired by its new owner. A large piece was torn from the barrel, but fortunately, the shootest escaped

Influenza is becoming epidemic among horses in San Francisco. The disease is beginning to spread into San Mateo county, too much care cannot be taken to well house and blanket horses. Also, look out for the public watering trough.

cided to build, early in January, exten- credit. sive patent kilns. The clay in the

of beauty awaits the congregation for W. Card. Floor Committee-J. tomorrow evening.

During the past two weeks the men H. Werner. at the packing-house have been working day and night preparing Christmas goods for the market. The orders on the Western Meat Company have been particularly heavy this year for choice Christmas beeves, and the coolers were during the entire week crowded to their utmost capacity with the finest will Take Two Years Before Completion. display of Christmas stock ever seen

in this part of California. little ones have been received, and the of next week. Christmas tree tonight promises to be heavily laden with good things for the little ones of the Sunday-school. Everybody interested in the Sunday- the rails could be laid and trains run

at the Pioneer Hall. Coyotes visited W. J. Martin's chicken house the other night, and got almost a straight one, after reaching away with a brace of fine Christmas the first line fence about 300 yards turkeys, the character of the visitors being plainly evidenced in the tracks,

feathers, etc. The next night John gap on the main line, the Owl learned Schirck was aroused about 5 a. m. by the following facts: There are yet rea racket in his chicken house, and, maining to be built 11 viaducts. hastening to the scene with loaded re- gullies over which these will be built volver, discovered a large coyote in are between ninety and one hundred his chicken pen. After emptying his feet in depth, and from one to four revolver a few times at the intruder, hundred feet across. The work will the proper weapon, so the boldly en- years to complete, though it could be the mint in this city. Metals and al-To his intense surprise he found the fifteen months. brute with a reputation for cowardice was a decidedly tough customer, parnot in the laying of the viaducts, nor nickels, and contains a reputation for cowardice was a decidedly tough customer, parnot in the laying of the viaducts, nor nickels, and contains a reputation for cowardice was a decidedly tough customer, parpen, he was astonished to see the 6:10 they must be allowed to dry and betrain go by, and then realized that it had taken him just one hour to kill very rapid, as the iron work of the that one or two of these may advantage of the state of the that one or two of these may advantage of the that one or two of these may advantage of the that one or two of these may advantage of the that one or two of these may advantage of the that one or two of these may advantage of the that one or two of these may advantage of the that one or two of these may advantage of the that one or two of these may advantage of the that one or two of these may advantage of the that one or two of the that one or two of these may advantage of the that one or two of these may advantage of the that one or two of the two or two of the two or the coyote.

unknown young man committed suifront of the cotttage belonging to Mrs. Barry, near Holy Cross Cemetery, and within a few feet of the residences of John Lennon and Patrick McDermott. The shot was heard by Mr. Lennon and others in Lennon's house, but no the report of the pistol presuming it to be some boys shooting along the public J. L. Wood has the Nessier residence road at birds, a not infrequent occurrence. Within a few minutes after the report of the shot was heard, Mr. C. Bailey has been busy during the past week doing some much needed repair work on Swift avenue.

General Nathaniel Town McDermott came out of his house to turned into his house and procured a lantern, and, coming out, found the They Prospered Because They body of a man already lifeless. Call. ing Mr. Lennon and two other gentlemen at Lennon's, the party of four, provided with lights, discovered a True patriotism is rooted and bullet-hole in the right side of the grounded in local loyalty. Stand up head of the deceased, and a closer infor our home town and home interests. spection revealed the fatal revolver of The past year has not been a bad the American bulldog pattern, lying

The Coroner was immediately notified, and an inquest held. Upon the body was found only the following articles: A white linen pocket handkerchief without mark, a pocket knife, other, and in the hope that, by wella number of revolver cartridges, a nickel five-cent piece, and a new memorandum-book, entirely blank, with services last Sunday morning, which the exception of the following words, written in pencil upon the flyleaf: "Please do not try to find out who I us. Land Agent W. J. Martin celebrated am. If you would do me a favor bury

> The deceased was a young man of no sign of hard manual labor.

He was dressed in a black sacque necktie "Un".

would have captured more had he not ment, no one having been able to identhat he did not know him.

FIRST ANNUAL BALL OF THE BADEN SOCIAL CLUB.

The first annual ball, given by the Baden Social Club, at Hansbrough Hall, on Christmas eve, proved a grand success. The hall was artistically decorated and the music excellent. The club made its debut in public through the medium of this Christmas eve ball. The Baden Brick Company has de- and acquitted itself with the greatest

The entertainment was a most orderbrick yards has proven itself to be of ly, as well as enjoyable affair from extra fine quality. The brick produced first to last, and the pleasure of the gay from this clay, Mr. Butler says, is throng who tripped the light fantastic the finest he has ever seen in this toe until the "wee sma' hours" of Christmas morn, was augmented by Mr. J. W. Howell, the famous win- the gentlemanly and efficient supervisdow dresser and designer at the Empor- ion of those in charge, consisting of ium, generously offered his talents and M. E. Davis, floor manager; C. Vanservices in the Christmas decoration denbos, assistant floor manager. Reof Grace Church. Under the touch of ception Committee-H. H. Loomis, E. this talented artist, we predict a scene Brown, C. Osborne, E. Graham and

Huber, W. Noell, S. A. Coombes and

The colors of the club (red and yel-

PRESS NOTES.

CLOSING THE GAP.

The Civil Engineers who are engaged in the work of surveying the line from During the past week the ladies of the S. P. R. R. track to the location of

In response to a query of the Owl reporter, a leading member of the party stated that with a good working force school is invited to be present tonight over the spur track inside of two months. There will be very little grading to do, and the road will be

from the main line. In regard to the completion of the

ticularly as it assumed at once the of the tracks. The men have to build -nickels and cents-are now made offensive. After many misses Schirck strong, heavy piers of cemented con- will be ascertained and samples submanaged to strike a blow which dis- crete. These have to be carefully at- mitted to Congress. patched it. As Schirck mopped his dripping face, and was dragging the the safety of trains and lives of passen-be obtained from copper, tin, nickel brute and badly-bent crowbar from the gers. After the piers are completed, and aluminum in different combinapiers and supports for the viaducts tageously be brought into use for gen- No other word was spoken, but the poet left can be raised sixty to seventy feet in a eral coinage. No fault has been found SUICIDE NEAR HOLY CROSS CEMETERY. day. The Santa Ynez and Santa with the present 1c. and 5c. pieces. On Monday last, about 6:35 p.m., an the delay and time necessary for the keep in touch with the times and to work. cide by firing a bullet into his brain in viaducts will be one of the great features of the road and the engineers regular experimental department, is claim they will equal if not excel any well quipped to make the tests. other of a similar kind in the State of Aluminum, which has never yet California.

Salinas Owl.

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Interesting Circular Issued by Western Meat Company.

San Francisco, December 16, 1896.

To the Live-stock Men of California: In view of the large volume of business which we have done with each directed joint efforts, we may be enabled to swell this business to even greater proportions for our mutual good, we take the liberty of laying before

You are aware, of course, that the buyer and a prompt payer. More than some 23 to 25 years, about 5 feet 7 to likely, however, you have no definite as many 5-cent pieces as the mints of 8 inches in height, rather stout in idea of the extent of our yearly pur- that country, and could not spare the build, with dark hair, blue eyes and chases; therefore, in order that you time to work over them. this State.

We know that you spend a goodly er proportion of nickel in the 5-cent coat, black vest, gray trousers, white part of this money with the country piece is therefore not apparent, especrocheted silk tie, colored linen shirt merchants. Have you ever asked your cially as more than 25 per cent. of it job of his work on the Merriam Block. in fine blue, red and white stripes, grocer for the goods of the Western makes the alloy refractory. The building is now squared up and a laced shoes, Shaker hose, and soft large permanent sewer provided to black hat. On the shirt collar and desire to protect the live-stock interests clude different combinations of nickel, were found the laundry mark of the Pacific Coast, do so; and keep on copper and zinc, forming the alloys Upon the surface of the asking for them until you get them. known under the head of German sil-Dan Daily carried off the honors as metallic plate of the pistol was If your cattle, sheep, and hogs are good ver; copper and tin, which produce enough for us—and we know they are good enough for anybody—our bacon, make aluminum bronze. German sil-fresh MEAT—Wholesale Butchers' prices for whole carcasses: On Tuesday, at noon, the body was good enough for anybody—our bacon, make aluminum bronze. German silremoved to Redwood City for inter- hams, lard, and canned meats, which ver has been used for coins by one of are made from your hogs, cattle, and the small South American states, and tify it. One of the jurors (Mr. Slat- sheep, ought to be good enough for proved fairly adapted for the purpose. tery) stated that he was quite positive you; and we know that they are as Bronze is commonly used for coins of that he had seen the young man fre- good as the best Eastern brands. The small value. It is doubtful if aluminum to be a \$50 shotgun at a raffle in the quently about the corner of Fourth and more goods we sell, the more live-stock bronze in any form will be found accity last week, which exploded the first Mission streets in San Francisco, but we buy; therefore, why should you sell ceptable, as it is hard to work, and has your stock to us, and then promote the a yellow, brassy appearance, resemlive-stock industry of the East by using bling gold, which is to be avoided in Eastern goods?

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In commending this matter to your earnest consideration, we will say that one word spoken for the Western Meat Company means two words for your-Yours faithfully, WESTERN MEAT COMPANY.

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A Great Brandy Drinker.

"I have seen the statement that no man could drink half a gallon of brandy a day for more than a very short time, said John L. Smith of Linden, Va., "but there is a man living in the town I reside in who has never missed drinking that much brandy in a day for 20 years. His name is John Hudnall, and He has used liquor as a beverage since stands well in the community where he worn-out billiard ball."-Philadelphia lives as a business man. No explanation Record. can be given of his remarkable power Grace Church have been very busy pre- the sugar factory have made rapid of withstanding the effects of liquor, paring Christmas present sand dressing progress in their work, and if no un- but no one who knows him doubts the dolls for the Christmas tree. Quite a foreseen obstacles present, will com- statement as to his having taken the number of handsome presents for the plete their work this week, or the first amount I have said. It has not impaired his digestion in the slightest degree, as it is usually claimed it will do."

The forgetmenot has two or three emblematic meanings. One is suggested by its name; the other was probably originated by its color. Blue among flowers is generally associated with the tender

In 12 days' time the distance between New York and St. Petersburg may be

PENNIES OF ALUMINUM.

The Mint Making Tests to See if They Are Practicable.

short period that will elapse before Congress convenes again in December a series of interesting experi-Schirck concluded a revolver was not take with the present force some two ments in coinage will be conducted at tered the pen with an iron crowbar. rushed if necessary, to a finish in about loys heretofore untried for the purpose will be tested and stamped into token coins. Their availability as substitutes for the alloys of which the minor coins in ickels and cents—are now made.

When the gap is closed, the gain a knowledge of resources. The

found a place in the currency of any The line now being drawn for the nation, is to be worked up into trial spur track is something easier, though coins. It is also to be given a chance attention was given it, those hearing slight errors have been discovered. in new alloys. Aluminum is a metal The party resumed work this morning. of which but little has been known un-The distance from town to the place of til recently, and it has been found usesurvey is about two miles and a half. - ful in so many ways that a sort of popular idea prevails that it would be good for coins. Chief among its advantages would be its very light weight. Cents made of it could be readily distinguished from coins of the same size by this remarkable lightness alone.

Dr. D. K. Tuttle, the chief refiner of the mint, who knows all about the properties of metals, is somewhat skeptical, however, as to whether aluminum will come out of the proposed tests with flying colors. It is extremely and has long retained its place. There difficult to anneal, and when heated will suddenly run like butter instead of trouble in rolling it into the long strips of being higher at the start, it still keeps from which disks are cut preparatory to its approximate elevation. to stamping. Of course, it can be worked, but not with sufficient ease and rapidity to make it practicable for coining on a large scale.

Pure nickel has recently been coined in Switzerland, but it has been found modeling of the constitution was debatjust as difficult to handle as aluimnum, ed, M. Walton's amendment fixing the though for a different reason. Such great heat is necessary to bring it into dent was regarded as the crucial test on condition for coining that the operation is slow and expensive. While pure Leon, sitting in the right center, hesiyou a matter of consequence to all of nickel coins might be satisfactorily tated, but was persuaded by Gambetta made in the mints of Switzerland, it does not follow that the same would moment, and the amendment was car-Western Meat Company is a liberal be true at the Philadelphia mint, which ried by a majority of ene. is called upon to turn out fifty times

Linden House, the good work of H. J. clean shaven. The only visible mark may be better informed, we wish to The 5-cent coin now in use contains upon the body which might lead to say that we are killing over 700 head only 25 per cent. of nickel, the remainhis identification was a scar about two of cattle per week, over 40,000 sheep ing 75 per cent. being of copper. Nickel, inches in length above his left eye and extending at an angle upward and per week, and are paying nearly three property of giving its color to an alloy.

The detail per week, over 3,000 hogs more than any other metal, has the property of giving its color to an alloy. Hogs—Hogs are in demand at prices a triffe higher. backward toward the left temple. His million dollars per annum to the cattle Even an alloy of 90 per cent. of copper hands were white and soft, showing and sheep-growers and hog-raisers of and 10 per cent. of nickel will be nearly prices. white. The advantage of using a great-

all coins of small denominations .-

Worn Out Billiard Balls.

"Did you ever know what became of grade goods, cured and smoked after old billiard balls?" asked a well-known the most approved methods by experi- expert, who keeps a billiard parlor on enced men, and they will please the Chestnut street. "Well, it's rather interesting. Billiard balls, of course you know, are made of ivory—that is, the best of them are. They don't last more than a year or so with constant use; after that they get cracked or knocked that they get cracked th know, are made of ivory-that is, the after that they get cracked or knocked out of shape a bit. It has to be 'turned' over again, and after undergoing that over again, and after under small for a regulation game. Its days small for a regulation game. Its days
as a billiard ball being over, it is now
are subject to change on all Provisions
without notice. colored, and for several years more does duty as a pool ball. Naturally, in course of time it gets badly chipped or cracked, and is then usually sold to an F.

ivory worker. "An ivory ball can be cut up into buttons, electric bell pushes, tips for conductors' batons, and numerous other little things of the kind. Even the tinihe owns a brandy distillery near Linde. est chips aren't wasted, for they can be used in fancy inlaid work. I can early youth, and for the past 20 years assure you that small firms of ivory early youth, and for the past 20 years has consumed half a gallon of brandy a workers are only too glad to purchase workers are only too glad to glad to glad to glad to glad to glad to day. He is not an inebriate by any seasoned material second hand; and, as means, not becoming intoxicated by the a matter of fact, there is hardly a more brandy. He is hale and hearty and salable article in this world than a

> People are never too old to fall in love or to fight over politics.

inspection stations, at San Francisco, 19,870 gallons of milk were investi-

English authorities say that they are not opposed to the acquisition of a new seaport by Russia on the eastern coast of Asia.

Spain objects strongly to foreign interference in Cuba, and will institute ample reforms on the island if the

THE CALL.

"Come," said a voice to a poet as he sought an elusive rhyme night when the world was sleeping, in the

heart of the sweet May time.
"Oh, how can I come?" he answered. "Let me alone, I pray,

For the verse which I now am weaving the hearts of men will sway."

"Come," said the voice to a statesman as he

Before it sets forever my name shall be known in the lands.'

"Come," said the voice to a mother with her children at her knee, Dreaming how safe and happy their life by her side should be. "Oh, I cannot come," she answered. "I pray you, let me stay.

For how can I leave my darlings to wander far

his pen, statesman's name was heard no more

day. The Santa Ynez and Santa with the present 1c. and 5c. pieces.

Maria viaducts were quoted to show The experiments are merely ordered to And the children found no mother, though they called with sobbing breath,

For the voice which spoke all must obey—it
was the voice of Death.

-Ninette M. Lowater in New York Sun.

Mountains.

There used to be held, in accordance with Murchison's well known geological views, the general theory that mountains were mainly due to cracks which took place in the surface of the earth in remote periods, but this idea is no longer entertained by scientific men. As to the form of mountains, that which is known as table mountain finds the best example, curiously enough, at the cape of Good Hope, a mountain, it is believed, due not to any action or phenomenon of upheaval, but to the sinking of the surrounding districts or territory. Why these peculiarly defined areas did not sink was owing, it is thought, to the probable fact that the ground under them cooled before the rest of the section, and thus the table mountain had the earlier foundation would always be denudation, however, though proportionate with its surroundbecoming plastic. There would be ings, and therefore, owing to this fact M. Leon's Vote.

It was often said of M. Adrien Leon, who has just died near Bayonne, France, that he saved the republic by a single vote. On Feb. 27, 1875, when the reconditions for the election of the presiwhich the fate of France depended. to support the Republicans at the last

MARKET REPORT.

CATTLE market is strong at the advance price, and desirable cattle are in good demand.

SHEEP- Sheep are not very plentiful, and desirable sheep are selling at strong prices, and are in good demand and meeting with ready sale.

Wieland, Fredericksburg,

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Cattle—No. 1 Steers, \$\mathbb{P}\$ th, 6\forall_4@7c; 2nd
quality, 5\forall_4@6c; No. 1 Cows and Heifers,
5\forall_4@5\forall_c; second quality, 4\forall_4@5c.
Hogs—Hard, grain-fed, 250 lbs and under,

3/@3%; over 250 lbs 3@34. Sheep — Wethers, dressing 50 lbs and under, 3@34c; Ewes, 2/2@24c. Lambs—3@34c, gross, weighed alive. Calves—Under 150 lbs, alive, gross weight,

Beef—First quality steers, 6@6½c; second quality, 5½@5½c; First quality cows and heifers, 5@5½c; second quality, 4½

and heriers, 5@5%c; second quality, 4½ @4%c; third quality, 3½@4c.
Veal—Large, 5@5½c; small. 6½@7½c.
Mutton—Wethers, 6@7c; ewes, 5½@6c;
Lambs, 7@8c.; Sucking lambs, 10@15c.
Dressed Hogs—5@5½c.
PROVISIONS—Hams, 10@11½; picnic hams, 5¾@6c; Atlanta ham, 5½; New York shoulder, 5.
Bacon—Ex. Lt. S. C. bacon, 11c; light S. C. bacon, 10c; med. bacon, clear, 6c; Lt. med. bacon, clear, 6½c; clear light, bacon, 8c; clear ex. light bacon, 8½c.
Beef—Extra Family, bbl, \$10 00; do, hf bbl, \$5 25; Extra Mess, bbl, \$9 00; do hf-bbl \$4.75.
Pork—Dry Salted Clear Sides, heavy, 6c,

Pork—Dry Salted Clear Sides, heavy, 6c, do, light, 6¼c; do, Bellies, 6½@7c; Extra Clear, bbls, \$14 00; hf-bbls, \$7 25; Soused Pigs' Feet, hf-bbls, \$4 35; do, kits, \$1 45.

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GOTHAM SOCIETY QUEEN.

RS. WILLIAM C. WHITNEY will soon succeed to the vacant throne of queen of Gotham's society. Such at least seems to be the understanding among those who are familiar with fashionable intelligence. Since the decline and fall of Mrs. William Astor Gotham society has been queenless. It was thought for a time that young Mrs. John Jacob Astor would be elevated, but the fact that she is a Philadelphian ruined her hopes. Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, recently Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, aspired and was crushed. She will live abroad hereafter. Mrs. Cornelius Vondervilt cannot



MRS. WILLIAM C. WHITNEY.

assume the headship of the butterflies on account of her husband's illness. Mr. beautiful, and as the wife of Captain Randolph had entree to the very best drawing rooms of aristocratic England. She is eminently fitted for leader of the smart set by reason of her wealth, family and experience. As mistress of the big Whitney mansion at the corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-seventh street she will be brilliant.

Chop Wood for a Husband.

There was a novel wood-cutting contest in the Seventh Ward of Williamsport, Pa., the other day, in which five young women took part. The girls are all employed in the Lycoming rubber factory, and, having a holiday, they turned their time to good account, besides settling a much-disputed question as to which was the most entitled to a husband. The girls are Bess Mayers, Flora Mahl, Lillie Mahl, Lillie Dunlap, Belle Gouldy and Mary Russell, all pretty, vivacious young women, who earn their own living and make good wages in the rubber factory. In a banter the other day one of the girls proposed that they have a wood-chopping contest, and the one who proved



herself to be the champion cutter should be entitled to a husband, while the others, it was agreed, must wait two years before joining fortunes with her best beau.

The girls, each with a brand-new ax, bedecked with red, white and blue ribbons, marched into the back yard of Widow Hartman's home and made an assault on the woodpile. Widow Hartman is a helpless invalid, she having fallen and hurt herself quite badly last winter. Her daughter Lou works in the rubber factory, too, and she was one of the movers in the wood-cutting scheme, although she took no part in the contest.

Five loads of hemlock slab wood, cut to stove lengths, had been delivered at Widow Hartman's place the day before -the girls paying for it-so there was plenty of material for them on which to test their strength and skill. But the way the ribboned axes flew and tongues wagged was only equaled by the shower of split sticks that gradually piled themselves up around each choppingblock. William Baskins and Joseph Schell were there as referees. One of the young men, however, had a more direct interest in the contest than being judge, for one of the girls was his sweetheart, and, according to the compact, if she proved one of the losers in the contest he would be compelled to wait two long years before she could become his wife. For four hours the wood-chopping went on; the girls got red in the face; they rolled up their sleeves until their plump, pink arms were bared almost to the shoulders. and whacked away at the hemlock blocks as though their lives instead of a husband depended upon it.

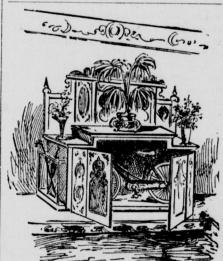
Finally 12 o'clock came, and at the end of that time there were five weary. perspiring girls and five big piles of nicely split hemlock wood for Widow Hartman. But for the life of them the referees could not decide between the Miss Russell as to which was the larger. vest, which seems to be a necessary And, indeed, after raking over all the sticks and counting them separately, with or without a jacket.

the discovery was made that the two girls had cut exactly alike. The contest was declared a draw. And now young women who so gallantly demonstrated their ability to cut firewood.

Danger in Mock Marriages. Not a few giddy girls think it is a to serious embarrassments. Marriage is a matter too serious to be trifled with. Judges in the courts have freties thus thoughtlessly entered into, sometimes, it is sad to relate, with the connivance of ministers of the gospel and magistrates who ought to know better than to play the part they do in announce that a baptizing pool would be opened some evening, either in the church or elsewhere, and that he would perform the rite of baptism as a public entertainment on the fattest woman or the tallest man in the neighborhood,

Place to Keep a Bicycle.

for a public show.



CABINET FOR BICYCLE.

hinged, to throw back, so that the bicycle can go in without any alteration of the handle bars. Then the floor is fitted with grooves and draws out altogether, to be used as a "home trainer," while in its proper place in the cabinet it serves to keep the bicycle in position. There is plenty of room inside for all the bicycle belongings, as well as the cleaning apparatus.

How to Keep Wrinkles Away. A simple preventive against the appearance of wrinkles is this: Saturate a soft towel in very hot water, wring it and apply it to the face, keeping it there for at least twenty minutes. Then dry the face very gently. This must be done just before going to bed. When traveling, if the skin is very sensitive, do not bathe the face except at night and in the morning, and then throw a few drops of tincture of benzoni into the water, so that it may be made soft and agreeable to the skin.-Ladies' Home Journal,

Grace Howe McKinley.



Niece of the President-elect, who wil take a prominent part in Washington society during the next administration, -Boston Post.

Waistcoats for Fair Wearers. Vests of cream lace over white satin are very dressy, and are particularly chic with the all black braided tailor made gown.

Pretty serviceable vest fronts are made of gay plaid silks or striped velvets. These are finished with the full pouf, which is held in place by small enameled buttons.

For morning shopping excursion nothor old silver buttons.

Any sort of excessive decoration is part of every gown, whether it is made

SOUTHERN HORSEMEN. Their Recklessness on Green Horses

Astonishes Northern Hunters. It is hard to fathom the spirit of reck essness that most sharply differentiates the Southern hunter from his Northern brother, and that runs him amuck when he comes into contact with a horse, whether riding, driving, or betting on him. If a thing has to be done in a hunting-field, or can be done, all the marriageable young men of the there is little difference between the seventh ward are casting their eyes two. Only the thing must, with the with favor in the direction of these fair Northerner, be a matter of skill and judgment, and he likes to know his horse. To him or to an Englishman the Southern hunter's performances on a green horse look little short of criminal. huge joke to participate in a mock mar. In certain counties of Virginia, where riage, yet such events have often led hunters follow the hounds after the English fashion, the main point seems to be for each man to "hang up" the man behind him, and desperate risks quently been called upon to dissolve the are run. "I have stopped that boyish foolishness, though," said an aged hunter under 30; "I give my horse a chance." In other words, he had stopped exacting of him the impossible. In Georgia they follow hounds at a fast these affairs. If a clergyman were to gallop through the wooded bogs and swamps at night, and I have seen a horse go down twice within a distance of thirty yards and the rider never leave his back. The same is true of Kentucky, and I suppose of other Southern States.

I have known one of my friends in there would be no more sacrilege than the blue grass to amuse himself by getthere is in a mock wedding gotten up ting into his buggy an unsuspecting friend, who was as sedate then as he is now (and he is a judge now), and An ingenious English woman has de driving him at full speed through an signed a cabinet for the bicycle in the open gate, then whizzing through the form of a hall table and hatstand. This woods and seeing how near he could cabinet can be made of any wood and graze the trunks of trees in his course, finished to suit any style or color. The and how sharply he could turn, and sunken panels are filled in with Japan- ending up the circuit by dashing, still ese leather paper, both in the doors and at full speed, into a creek, his comon each side of the mirror back. All panion still sedate and fearless, but the ordinary requirements of the en-swearing helplessly. Being bantered trance hall are supplied, but naturally by an equally reckless friend one dark the interior required a good deal of midnight while going home, this same skillful arrangement to afford the great. man threw both reins out on his horse's est amount of accommodation with the back, and gave the high-strung beast a Whitney's new wife is just the lady for least possible space. The flap in the smart cut with his whip. He ran four the crown. She is 36, entrancingly cabinet above the opening doors is miles, kept the pike by some mercy of Providence, and stopped exhausted at his master's gate.

A Northern visitor was irritated by the apparently reckless driving of his host, who is a famous horseman in the blue grass.

"You lunatic," he said, "you'd better drive over those stone piles!" meaning a heap of unbroken rocks that lay on one side of the turnpike.

"I will," was the grave answer, and he did.

This is the Kentuckian in a buggy. Imagine him on horseback, with no ladies present to check the spirit or the spirits of the occasion, and we can believe that the Thanksgiving hunt of the Iroquois Club is perhaps a little more serious business than playing polo, or riding after anise-seed. And yet there is hardly a member of this club who could sit in his saddle over the course at Meadowbrook or Chevy Chase, for the reason that he has never practiced jumping a horse in his stride, and because when he goes fast he takes the jockey seat, which is not, I believe, a good seat for a five-foot fence; at the same time, there is hardly a countrybred rider in the blue-grass, man or woman, who would not try it. Still, accidents are rare, and it is yet a tenet in the creed of the Southern hunter that the safer plan is to take no care. On the chase with greyhounds the dogs run, of course, by sight, and the point with the huntsman is to be the first at the place of the kill. As the greyhound tosses the rabbit several feet in the air and catches it when it falls, the place is seen by all, and there is a mad rush for that one spot, The hunters crash together, and often knock one another down. I have known two fallen horses and their riders to be cleared in a leap by two hunters who were close behind them. One of the men was struck by a hoof flying over him.

"I saw a shoe glisten," he said, "and then it was darkness for a while."-"After B'rer Rabbit in the Blue-Grass," by John Fox Jr., in the Century.

An Innocent Culprit.

Cape Town, South Africa, claims the honor of possessing the smallest creature ever known to have been a gunner in the Royal Artillery, or any other artillery. The Brockton Times tells the story of its exploit. At the castle, Cape Town, it appears there is a magnificent gun worked by electricity, used for giving the midday and evening time.

One day the military and civilians of Cape Town were surprised to hear the gun go off at half-past ten in the morning. The general commanding the station sent to inquire what such irregularity meant; the brigade major did the same. The commanding officers of each regiment and battery stationed in Cape Town sent messengers, but no one could be found upon whom to lay the blame. The officials could give no explanation; they were as much surprised as anybody.

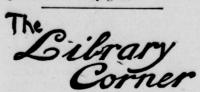
The general in command of the station became furious at such an unheard-of infringement of discipline. He was sure there was mismanagement somewhere, or the act would not have been possible. Strict search was ordered to be made, but although the order was carried out to the letter, the culprit remained undiscovered.

Then, when the search had been practically abandoned, the little gunner was accidentally discovered and arrested. There he lay inside the instrument that transmits the electric current from the ing is smarter than the bright little Royal Observatory of Cape Town to scarlet waistcoat of smooth cloth, but- the great gun. This instrument is calltoned high to the throat with dull gold ed a relay, and is in the central telegraph office of the station. The action of the current going through the instrupiles of wood cut by Miss Dunlap and not considered too much for the little ment's main moves a sort of light tongue which is so finely set that the slightest touch will affect it. The tongue forces the current into what are | is permitted to talk back to.

termed the time fuses, which fire the gun at the castle.

Right inside the relay was found the little gunner. It was discovered by an official who was examining the instrument, and who was surprised to see inside-a big brown spider. In its explorations within the instrument the spider must have touched the tongue sufficiently to move it, and thus fired off the gun.

The generel sent the spider to the Cape Town Museum, where it is now to be seen with a card underneath entitling it the "Little Gunner," and giving a full account of its exploit with the Cape Town midday gun.



Aubrey De Vere has practically finished the preparation of his "Reminis-

John Davidson's "New Ballads" have just been published as a companion volume to his "Songs and Ballads."

Edward W. Townsend's "Chimmie Fadden" has at length found an introduction to London society through the Osgood publishing house. The next volume in the "Stories of

the Nations" series will be "The Balkans," by William Miller. Mr. Miller calls the Bankan peninsula the cockpit of Europe. Mrs. Kate Douglas Wiggin's new

book, "Marm Lisa," shows the same remarkable insight into child life as her former stories, besides a decided advance in the art of construction.

The first volume of Prof. Sloane's monumental life of Napoleon, which ran for about two years in the Century, has appeared in its new and sumptuous form. The full-page illustrations are chiefly done in colors.

Clement K. Shorter's "Charlotte Bronte and Her Circle," which has just; the parlor. I shall never forget his apappeared, contains some new material, reluctantly supplied by the Rev. A. B. Nicholls, in which he "breaks the silence of forty years."

Little, Brown & Co. have issued a new and handsome two-volume edition of Herman Grim's famous "Life of Michael Angelo." It contains over forty photogravure plates from celebrated paintings and sculptures.

Renan's humble birthplace at Tregnie, in Bretagne, part of a fisherman's cottage-for that was the profession of the illustrious Frenchman's father and unclese-has had a slab added to it to commemorate the birth of the celebrated villager.

Rudyard Kipling's story, "Captains Courageous," is a tale of the Gloucester cod-fisheries, and has a boy for its hero. It shows a liberal share of the genuine Kipling power in action and character delineation.

The Rev. Walter Weston's long-expected work on "The Japanese Alps" is at last about to appear in London. The work deals with the scenery in the unfamiliar mountain regions of Japan, and also with the picturesque traditions and superstitions of the people in those regions.

amused over a work called "Miseries of Military Life in Germany." It is an amalgamation of two volumes, "Golden Misery" and "Barrack Misery," for which the writer, Lieut. Rudolph Krafft, was sentenced to a term of imprisonment and forbidden to wear uniform. Of course, the French translators have seen to it that such a choice bit should lose nothing in translation.

Messrs. Macmillan promise a volume of travels by an Austrian princess-the Princess Mary of Thurn and Taxis. She has been wandering in "Unknown Austria," meaning by that the country lying inland from Triest. Here, she says, we have a region not only of great scenic beauty, but a region which is full of "memories and of classic associations." She instances the relies of old Roman life and grandeur, and a very historic castle, that of Duino. The Princess tells the story of this seat, and elsewhere unearths other tales of real

Observing the Proprieties.

The colored man had tied his mule deed.' to a telegraph pole while he went into the Washington Star.

twus short'nin' bread."

"Why don't you feed your mule?" bystander inquired. "Feed 'um! Mistuh, I gibs dat mule any person, including his counsel, exfive meals er day, an' dat's three mor'n cept in my hearing, and that all such brosses street ferry and took a train whut I gits. He's wuss'n er goat. conversation would be strictly confiden-

tion."

"De only t'ing dat makes dat anamile er mule is an accident of birth. Ef he'd happened ter hab two laigs 'stid o' fou' he'd of been er ostrich."

While the hitching strap was being untied the mule became restless and his owner cried: "Whoa, dar, Sulphuric Acid."

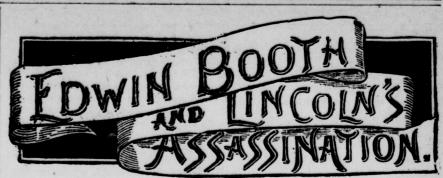
"What's that you call him?" "Sulphuric Acid. His name useter be Julius Caesar."

"Wal, suh, I didn't name 'im Julius Caesar in de fus' place, an' I nebber did t'ink dat wif er lop-eared, no-'count mule dat name made sense. So I kep' mer ears open for sumpin' mo' 'propriate. I wus wu'kin' foh er drug stoh man, an' one day when I done broke er big demijohn I hyuhd 'im say dat sulphuric acid am de eatin'est t'ing

dat is. I didn't look no furder, but I

"How did you happen to change it?"

went home an' hel' er christenin' den and ar." A man's wife is the only woman he



Booth shot President Lincoln the tragedy. Edwin Booth was practically taken into custody by agents of the Government. He was released as soon as an examination showed that he knew nothing of the conspiracy. This story of the affair is related by Ivory M. Blood:

"At the time Mr. Booth resided in Last Fourteenth street, near Broadway. I was in the United States secret service of the War Department and had been detailed by Chief Baker to take Mr. Booth into custody. It was after take Mr. Booth to Washington by orthe assassination of President Lincoln, der of the Washington authorities. and Mr. Booth's brother, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin, had been apprehended by Baker's men and mortally wounded by Sergeant Boston Corbett, in Mr. Garrett's barn in Virginia.

"Secretary of War Stanton and Judge Advocate General Holt, under whose instructions I acted, wished to question Mr. Booth in regard to his knowledge, if son I have taken there.' any, of the movements and conversations of his brother, John Wilkes Booth. the door bell was answered by a colored servant. I told him that I wished to the rights of Mr. Booth.' see Mr. Booth. He went up stairs and wished to know if I would not tell him of the Government.' the nature of my business.

"'No,' I replied, 'I must see him i. person,' and I sent up my card.

"The servant returned to Mr. Booth's roo'n and shortly afterward that gentlessan came down and invited me into pearance. He was pale and haggard. greatly agitated and trembling from head to foot. He had apparently an in- the assassination. The Government is tuition that something serious was to happen to him. When seated I opened to get at the bottom facts of the affair.' the conversation by saying to Mr.

"You see by my card that I am in the secret service, and am obliged to ton,' said the lawyer, with much astake you to Washington, D. C. If you perity of language and a show of imwish to see any other authority I have pudence in his manner. my papers in my pocket.'

ERY few persons are aware of with him, and if any one thought that the fact that after John Wilkes he had any connection whatever with

"'I would rather die than go to Washington,' he said.

"I replied that I knew of no one who had intimated in the least that he had been in any way connected with the affair.

"On introducing me to his counsel he said to him:

"'Mr. Blood will tell you his business

"I told the lawyer that I was going to

"The lawyer declared that I had no right to take Mr. Booth from the city. and if there were any charges against him he ought to be tried by the United States court here.

"'The Government has authority,' I replied, 'to send any person to Washington, and Mr. Booth is not the first per-

"'I don't care what you have done with other people,' the lawyer exclaim-Upon my going to Mr. Booth's residence ed in an angry tone, punctured with an occasional oath. 'I am here to defend

"'No one objects to your doing that,' upon returning said that Mr. Booth I responded, but I shall obey the orders

"'I want,' continued the lawyer, 'to see Mr. Booth alone.'

"'You cannot do it,' was my ansyer. "'What are the charges against, and what does the Government want with him?' asked the lawyer.

"To examine him as to when he saw his brother last, and if his brother had ever intimated to him anything about not going to spare any pains or expense

"'If I should set forth Mr. Booth's rights as a citizen under the constitution you could not take him to Washing.

"I replied that I would take Mr. Booth



HE FELT THAT SOMETHING WAS TO HAPPEN TO HIM.

"With a tremulous voice he replied: 'No. I do not care about seeing them. Several times during our conversation he said: 'It is an awful thing,' 'It has distressed me greatly.' 'I feel as if I was going to die.' 'I cannot understand why my brother did the terrible

"Mr. Booth wished to know if he the feed store. When he came out he could give bonds, and I replied in the found the animal industriously gnaw-negative. Then he asked if he could ing a hole into the wood, according to consult counsel, and I told him he could under the following conditions: That he a must not leave my presence; that he could not have any conversation with Scrap iron doan' stop 'im no mo'n ez if tial on my part, giving him as a reason that the habeas corpus act was "He must have a remarkable digesthen suspended and that the Governover to Col. Baker, after we had breakment did not allow any conversation fasted at an all-night restaurant and where parties were under arrest.

"Mr. Booth at the time had on his dressing gown. He returned to his room and came down wearing a black suit and silk hat, and said he was ready to Advocate General. There were no disaccompany me to his lawyer in Wall street, whose name I do not at present | ter he had been examined by the Judge recollect. Before leaving the house I said to him that I would not, as was customary, put the handcuffs on him, and that no one on the street would know that he was under arrest, adding: 'You cannot get away from me, because I am armed.'

"'I pledge myself as a gentleman, replied Mr. Booth, 'that I will not try to

get away.' "I asked him if he had a pistol, and he answered: "'I have not."

"The servant was dispatched for a carriage, and upon its arrival we were driven to the office of Mr. Booth's counsel in Wall street. Mr. Booth asked me

and the lawyer, too, if he interfered with the orders of the Government, if it took all the soldiers at Governor's Island to do it

"'Well, Mr. Booth,' said the irate counsel, turning to him as he sat in a chair in the office, without taking part whatever in the foregoing dialogue, 'you had better go with this man to Washington and if you need my services you can telegraph me.'

"On being driven back to Mr. Booth's residence luncheon was served to us, after which he changed his costume and had some things put into a satchel. We went in the carriage direct to Desfor Washington.

"Upon arriving in Washington early the next morning I turned Mr. Booth after we had waited several hours at Willard's Hotel. He was put through a course of examination by Col. Baker and afterward taken before the Judge crepancies in his two statements. Af-Advocate General he was discharged. There was nothing whatever in his statements to show that he knew anything at all about his brother's terrible act before it had been perpetrated."-New York Sun.

Argentina Wants Settlers. It is proposed to encourage the open-

ing up of the extreme southern stretches of Argentine territory by the creation of a regular line of steamers between Buenos Ayres and the southern ports, that is to say, Bahia, Bianca, Port Madryn, Santa Cruz, Puerto Gallegos and San Blas.

Many an American who boasts of if there was much excitement in Wash- liberty is a slave, and can hear hisington, what I thought they would do chains every time he steps.

SEVERE ATHLETIC EXERCISES OF EUROPEAN SOLDIERS.

Vast Hosts that Make Europe an Armed Camp-Athletic Exercises Im posed on the Soldiers-Hard and Incessant Labors of the Military Life.

Trained Like Pugilists.

Few persons in this country have any just conception of the iron discipline practiced in the European armies. Severe as it is in the armies of Russia, France, Italy and Austria, it is much more so in the Prussian army, which, in Europe, is the type of disciplinarian severity. The Prussian soldier is always under the eye of his officer; he has not the slightest liberty of action. The object of the military system is apparently to deprive him of whatever individuality he may possess. He is simply a unit in the grand total. He is merely a piece of the great military machine. An effort has been made to render the Prussian soldiers what one might call interchangeable pieces of mechanism. The great factories which turn out sewing machines, watches, writing machines and other delicate mechanisms by the million, manufacture all the parts so alike in every dimension that, in a watch, for instance, lowing, and in an incredibly short time men. when one wheel is broken another of 200 or 300 men, fully armed, have exactly the same size, weight and pro- crossed an apparently insurmountable portion can be put in and the difference obstacle in their path. The "wall pracnot be detected. So it is with the Prussian army. When one soldier drops out an interchangeable piece is put in his twenty feet deep and walled on the stead, and the difference is not per- sides, and into this the men jump and

HARD ARMY TRAINING men are expected to scramble as best the German army, that when a piece of even a set of ordinary men, to mount seem an impossibility, but without ladders or ropes the German soldiers go over these walls like so many monkeys. When the detachment at exercise arrives at the wall the first men brace themselves with their face toward it and stand firmly, the second set mount and stand upon their shoulders,

they can. For an ordinary man, or artillery is to be moved from a railroad car to the ground twenty-two difan 18-foot wall without a ladder, would ferent commands are given before the piece is safely landed on the earth. When soldiers go to bathe, they march in companies, each man with a towel over his left shoulder; when they go to church they march at the tap of the drum; when companies go to the mess room they march in step, and each seats himself at the word; only when the third scramble up to the shoulders the officer in charge of the mess table of the second, and thus mount the top; is momentarily absent can the least de-



CLIMBING IN AND OUT OF A STONE-WALLED PIT.

reaching down, they pull up those fol- | gree of "monkeying" be indulged in by tice" does not differ greatly from the "pit practice." A pit is dug about climb out in the same way as they One of the most important parts of scrambled over the wall, climbing upon army, and, indeed, in all the armies of down and helping each other out. As cular system, and all sorts of athletic pit, it can easily be seen that the men cial end. No part of the physical sys- would be left at the bottom without shudder as she hints at some awful

The Girl in the Boarding-House. "Be confidential with no one," writes Ruth Ashmore in the Ladies' Home Journal, advising "The Girl Alone in the City," who lives in a boardinghouse. "Do not allow yourself to become the victim of the idle young matron who has not your need for work, the military training in the Prussian each others' shoulders and reaching who has a great love for gossip, and who is only too willing to tell you an Europe, is designed to develop the mus- the last few mount to the top of the unpleasant story about your landlady, to hint at the various people who owe exercises have been devised to this spe- who act as supports for the climbers her money, and who joys in seeing you



Max O'Rell says he saw very few stupid faces in America.

Zola says he likes the bicycle for the forgetfulness it bestows.

Mary Cowden Clark spent sixteen years on the "Concordance to Shaks-

Mark Twain is in London, preparing his book descriptive of his recent tour around the world.

It is asserted that the Emperor of China has not yet received Li Hung Chang in audience.

Maj. Edward Scofield, the Governorelect of Wisconsin, is the son of a Pennsylvania farmer.

Explorer Stanley, although a large powerful man, is a poor speaker, his voice being soft and low.

The Rev. E. L. Jenkins, of Alabama, preached twenty-seven sermons in nine days at Thomasville, Ga.

It is said that the Emperor of Russia received over 500 threatening letters prior to his journey to France.

The granddaughter of the late Baron Hirsch is heir to \$100,000,000, which yields about \$10,000 a day of income.

Sir Hope Grant tells of a statue of Queen Victoria which was made in India and had large rings in each nos-

Chester A. Arthur, a son of President Arthur, is making a tour of the far. West, with his sister, Miss Nellie Ar-

Mulhall, the noted statistician, spent over forty years in accumulating the material for his one volume of sta-

Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton, the American poetess, has returned to London after her sojourn in the sunny

Du Maurier used to keep a vase on his mantelpiece for his friends to drop jokes into, which he then used for "Punch."

Baron von Wissmann, late Governor of German East Africa, has been elected President of the Berlin Geographical Society.

Mr. J. Murrie, who claims to be the inventor of a successful aerial machine, is a master engineer at Cranston Hill, Glasgow. Signora Duse is in Rome, rehearsing

with her company for a tour, which is to begin in Roumania. She has added to her repertory pieces of Pinero, Hervieu and Glacosa. Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett has

had her Washington home on Massachusetts avenue furnished up throughout, and will presently return from England to occupy it. Queen Victoria, in return for the

gifts brought to her by Li Hung Chang from the Emperor of China, is going to send to that ruler a jeweled miniature portrait of herself, painted by Mrs. Corbould-Ellis.

Louis Napoleon was of opinion that no man should vote who was not married. Married men, he thought, had a different sentiment toward their country from the unmarried, and a greater stake in its welfare.

Not Throw ng Aw y Chances.

"Business" is the watchword of the day, and the small boy is developing on that line with a rapidity which astonishes the previous generation. But the practical side of his nature has not obscured the poetry of childhood. The fairy tale is as potent as ever, and there was a smile of pleasure on the face of the lad who remarked at break-

"I had a beautiful dream last night." "What was it?" his father asked. "I thought I was out in the woods and I saw a most gorgeously dressed

lady coming toward me." "That is a good deal like some of the stories that you have been reading."

"Yes. It doesn't get very different until the end. I knew by her looks that she was the fairy queen, and I made up my mind that I wasn't going to lose chances like some of the boys in story books, who didn't know a good chance when they saw it."

"Did she offer you three wishes?" "Yes. And I called to mind how she sometimes took advantage of a mortal's being excited and nervous when he wished, in order to make him waste hisopportunities and have a good laugh at him. So, when she said, 'Little boy, I'll give you three wishes,' I didn't jump at the chance. I said, 'Will you give me whatever I ask for?' She answered, 'Yes, you may have three wishes.' "

"What did you do?" "I wished for four."-Washington Star.

Scowling.

Don't scowl; it spoils faces. Before you know it, your forehead will resemble a small railroad map. There is a grand trunk line from your cowlick to the bridge of your nose, intersected by parallel lines running east and west, with curves arching your eyebrows; and O, how much older you look for it! Scowling is a habit that steals upon us unawares. We frown when the light is too strong and when it is too weak. We tie our brows into a knot when we are thinking, and knit them even more tightly when we cannot think. There is no denying there are plenty of things to scowl about.

Arditi Was Identified.

Those who do not remember Arditi's face, certainly remember the back of his head, for no more characteristic bald spot has ever been turned toward an admiring audience than that of the famous orchestral leader. He once presented a check to be cashed at a certain bank, and the cashier refused to ing continued stories.

pay him because he was not sure of his identity. Arditi asked him if he had ever been to the opera. "Frequently," he replied. Then be turned his back to the cashier, took off his hat, and said: "Now, am I not Arditi?" The cashier recognized his baldness at once and cashed the check.

BOTH WANT M'KINLEY.

Two Washington Churchs Contest for His Attendance.

Two Methodist churches at the National capital are engaged in a friendly contest for the privilege of securing President-elect McKinley as a worshiper. These churches are named Foundry and Metropolitan respectively, and both have an interesting history. Foundry Church was built in 1815 as a thank offering by Henry Foxhall, whose foundry near Washington was preserved from destruction by the British by a storm which destroyed the expedition



FOUNDRY M. E. CHURCH.

sent against it. In the deed from Mr. Foxhall conveying the ground and building to the trustees of Foundry Church it was provided that a pew should always be set aside in the church for the use of the "President of the United States."

During the four score years of the existence of Foundry Church many Presidents of the United States have worshiped within its sacred precincts. Among them were Presidents Madison, Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Lincoln, Johnson, and Hayes. Church sittings other we must get a mold of that, too, are free and the church has no income so as to be able to fit on the new ear. tions, \$5,500 being annually required to and it takes our most akilled workmen meet current expenses.

The Metropolitan Church is famous from the fact that President Grant and have the color of flesh. his family attended worship there when Bishop John P. Newman was its pastor. It is nearly fifty years since the



cornerstone of the Metropolitan was laid by Bishop Matthew Simpson, but it was not until February, 1869, that the sacred edifice was dedicated. This church is also noted for having the chime of bells in Washington.

Quite Unhurt.

A certain country doctor, who was also the village dentist and surgeon, was a severe-looking man, and had besides the reputation of being most "heroic" in his methods of treatment, so that many people stood in a kind of terror of him.

One day he was passing a house that was in process of building when he saw a boy fall from a pretty high ladder. Pulling up his horse the doctor jumped out of his sulky and hastened to the rescue.

"Are you much hurt, my boy?" he asked, as he came near.

"No, sir," answered the boy, springing to his feet and hobbling away as fast as he could. "No, sir, not a bit, In fact, I feel all the better."

What Becomes of the Milk. Trained nurses and their field of work were being discussed by a prominent club of this city a few days ago, and one of the ladies, in demonstrating the care of infants, held up a chame's model of a baby's stomach about as deaf."-Washington Star. large as a good-sized oyster, and exclaimed for her climax: "Now, what becomes of all the quarts of milk that are poured into that little stomach?" There was a startled silence, broken by a young woman in a rear seat, who murmured, lugubriously: "Well, most of it goes into your lap."

Pavements.

Some of the pavement in use on the streets of Vienna is composed of granulated cork, mixed with asphalt and other cohesive substances. It is compressed into blocks of convenient size. Its advantages are cleanliness, durability and economy.

To Train British Infantry,

Arrangements for the training of British infantry next winter are to be on a more elaborate scale than usual, and especial prominence is to be given to long-distance marching.

One of the sure fool tricks is read

MAKING ARTIFICIAL EARS.

Those Who Need the Luxuries Are Compelled to Pay Well for Them.

If there is any one branch of scientific manufacturing that would seem to have reached perfection within the last decade it is the making of artificial ears. Such perfect reproductions are turned out nowadays that they cannot be distinguished, even upon a fairly close inspection, from the natural ear. Made of a specially prepared rubber, flesh-colored in the rough, they are painted by hand in exact imitation of the remaining ear of the unfortunate customer, and as carefully "touched" and marked over as an artist's picture. This is necessary, for an artificial ear must be perfect to be acceptable, and such careful work pays the maker, for he gets \$100 apiece for them.

In a certain workshop the other day, where much scientific work is done, there was shown to a Tribune representative a little box some seven or eight inches long, less than two inches

broad and hardly half an inch high. "There's \$500 worth of goods in that box," said the foreman as he lifted off the cover, displaying five rubber ears lying in cotton. "These are for four different men and one woman-you see that little ear there—and all they need now is for the artist to call for them and touch 'em up according to slips we'll give him telling just how the coloring should go on. We studied our customers carefully when we took the orders.

"A hundred dollars seems a big price, doesn't it, to pay for a little thing like one of those ears, that's so flexible you can crumple it up in your hand easily? But people that have never made artificial ears have no idea of the work that is on them. There is no guessing about making them. You have to be as exact as if you were carving out a statue. In the first place, when a man comes here to get an ear to replace one he's lost we take a mold of the ear that is left, and if there is any part of the except the offerings of the congrega- There are no two ears exactly the same, to get an ear from this mold or pair of molds that is lifelike and appears to

"When finished the new ear is pasted on the old stump, or simply set precisely where the old ear was, and not one man in 1,000 can tell the difference. It is really only the first ear that is expensive. What costs is to make the mold. If a man has his mold with us we will give him duplicate ears for about \$20 each. There is one customer on our books hailing from Chicago who buys five ears a year from us on an average. I don't know what he does with them all, but he seems to want

"The demand, take it altogether, is limited, and I don't suppose we ever turn out more than twenty new ears a year. We have only been making them up in our present standard a couple of years, by the way.

"This vulcanized rubber that can be bent and twisted experience has taught us is the best material to use. We have experimented with nearly everything. Last summer we tried aluminum, thinking that it would be lighter, but, do our best, the ear turned out far heavier. and, besides, the metal would not lend itself nearly as well as rubber to the imitating of flesh tints.

"How do people lose their ears? In two ways chiefly-in railroad accidents or by getting caught in machinery. The former is by far the more common."-New York Tribune.

The Deafness of White Cats.

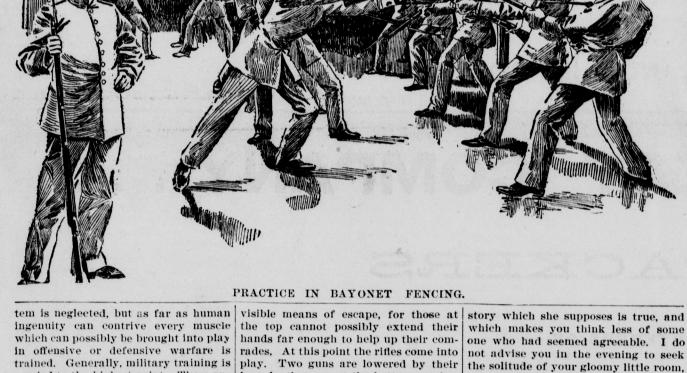
"Though I had often heard of it, I tallest spire of any church at the Na. never was fully satisfied that all white tional capital. In this spire is the only cats are naturally deaf until recently," said a scientific gentleman, who devotes considerable of his time to experimenting with the lower order of animals. "I was aware that Prof. Bell. in his original experiments in connection with the telephone, had ascertained and stated that his experience with white cats was that they were all either deaf or very deficient in hearing, and that other experimenters in the same direction had reached similar conclusions. To satisfy myself I recently secured in all twenty-three white cats, and experimented on them, one at a

> "In every case I found them stone deaf. In carrying the experiment further I found that white dogs and white horses are deficient in hearing, and that many of them are entirely deaf. So are white rats and white mice. I am confident I do not overstate it in regard to white cats, though I have only personally experimented with twenty-three, and, of course, can only speak positively in regard to them. I don't hazard much, however, when I make the bold statement that all white cats are

Strange Fair, In the rural districts of France vari-

ous wild creatures are eaten which in England are never put to such a use. Squirrels are considered very good food; and, as they are easily shot, they have become rare in some districts. In Lorraine, when there has been a successful dog hunt, it is by no means uncommon for the peasants to divide the flesh of the hated beast and feast upon it. Badgers are also used for food, but very rarely. There is scarcely a bird, however, that is not eaten. Nightingales, magpies, tomtits-almost everything that flies, big or small goes on the spit or into the saucepan. It may be truly said of the French that they are the least wasteful in Europe.

Taxidermy. Teacher-What is taxidermy? Johnnie-I guess I know, teacher. Teacher-Well, Johnnie? Johnnie-It's putting down carpets .-Cleveland Plain Dealer.



carried to the highest point. There are | barrels, the man at the bottom catches would be obliged to transport if war a squirrel.

ened on the point. Besides these gen- forced to swim. All these exercises are eral exercises there is special training not of extraordinary or unusual octo develop particular sets of muscles and utilize all possible means of defense. In the French army and navy there is a peculiar exercise in which every soldier and sailor is trained. Its principle is, that man need not rely for defense or offense on his hands alone, but that his feet, his head, shoulders and other parts of the body may be called into service in a rough and tumble way, to defend himself or annov his antagonist. The men are taught, not only to box with their fists, but to use their arms and elbows in striking and warding off blows, while their feet are made available for kicking and tripping, and their heads and shoulders for butting and overthrowing an antagonist. The exercise, in a modified form, has been introduced into the German army, and recently also into the forces of Austria and Italy. It has proved its own value, not only as a means of offense and defense, but also as a system of physical training.

Besides the severe drilling in military exercises, the German soldiers are and that of the hardest description. It tionably be of material assistance to Almost every movement is at the word considerable part of the exercise is di- ing a wall, the officer stands by and hot water for three years. rected toward developing the agility of gives the word; if they are jumping inthe men. In the training grounds, prac- to a ditch, an officer gives the order. tice walls are built from eighteen to So minute is the code of military regu-

PRACTICE IN BAYONET FENCING. long marches for practice, during the stock of each, and, placing his feet ful, even in your choice of acquainwhich the men carry the loads they against the wall, he scrambles out like

were actually in progress. Loaded Races of all kinds have been devised, down with knapsack, haversack, blank- both in army and navy, to develop the lor, provided the game is not allowed et, three or four days' provisions, 50 or strength and agility of soldier and to become too entrancing, the music 60 rounds of ammunition, rifle and sailor. There are obstacle races, in to continue too late, or the agreeable bayonet, they march from fifteen to which all sorts of impediments are talk to degenerate into gossip. twenty-five miles a day, carrying from placed in the course. There are barrels forty to sixty pounds weight. Their through which the men must crawl. muscular efficiency is thus kept up to There are bars placed from a foot to end of the table pays four or five dolthe highest point. The European sol- fifteen inches above the ground, under lars a week, whether the landlady's dier is a thoroughly trained muscular which they must pass. There are hurdles over which they must leap. There The men are taught offensive and de- are mazes of labyrinths of ropes she gives larger portions to some peofensive exercises with their weapons; stretched in all directions, through they are taught to fence with swords which they must go, sometimes head than an angel if she did not find pleasand bayonets, the rapiers having the first, sometimes feet first, any way at usual button on the tip and the bayonet all so as to get through, and tanks of being protected by a rubber ball fast- water through which the men are be wise for you to think that the aver-



MOUNTING THE TWENTY-FOOT WALL

currence, but are matters of everyday practice, so that the life of a soldier in one of the European armies does not greatly differ from that of an athlete training for a prize fight. It is work,

but I would suggest that you be caretances. A lively game, some pleasant music, or an interesting chat may be possible, even in a boarding-house par-

"Do not permit yourself to discuss whether the pale young man at the rent is properly attended to, or whether, in dividing the most palatable dish, ple than to others. She would be more use in showing some courtesies to those who are considerate of her. It might age boarding-house keeper is trying to do her best; that the chances are that she once made a home only for those who were bound to her by ties of love or kindred, and that now it is stern necessity that forces her to make a home for all sorts and conditions of men and women, and that she deserves sympathy, rather than harsh criticism. Put your mother in her place, and try to decide whether she would do better or worse."

Chinese Fish with Drugs.

The drug used by the Chinese in eatching fish is coculus indicus, which s powdered and mixed with dough, and scattered broadcast over the water after the manner of sowing seed. The fish seize and devour it with avidity, and instantly become intoxicated and turn up hundreds on the top of the water. They are then gathered up and placed in vessels containing clear water.

Not at All New.

A scientific writer tells how water can be boiled in a sheet of writing-patrained in ways which would unques- is all done under the eye of an officer. per. We don't doubt it. We have known a man to write a few lines on a them during active campaigning. A of command. If the soldiers are climb- sheet of writing-paper that kept him in

Linen suits have shrunk about as much as they can without stopping the twenty feet high, and over these the lation, so exact is the military life of circulation of the blood.

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South San Francisco was platted as a town just prior to the great financial panic of 1893 and 1894; during all that period of financial wreck and ruin, when almost every new enterprise and many old-established institutions were actually swept out of existence, she has held her own and is to-day a prosperous community with a population of nearly eight hundred people.

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There is no stability nor permanency so absolute respecting real estate values, and the future growth of any community like that which is based upon industries giving employment to men. The facilities created by the founders of South San Francisco have already secured to her several large manufacturing enterprises, and will soon secure many more; this means not only an increase in population, but an enhancement in real estate values.

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