"Yes, I'm willing to admit," said the commanding officer of an Anacostia car, according to the Washington Star "that when we conductors shout out "all aboard," at the time a lot of people are getting on the car, it seems like a command to some of 'em, and porter grates on their nerves. But what yer goin' to do?" he queried 'Spose you are a missute or two behind schedule time, and you will be if

people won't hurry. "It ain't the men," said the seemlagly diagruntled man, "they're generally in as much of a hurry as we are. It's the women that insist on taking their time. Now, on my trip before this I had a little experience. There were just three different groups of girls-pretty ones, too"-the old fellow added. "They all knew each other, and they were going to take three different routes. Bless my soul If I didn't think they would hold us on the corner for ten minutes saying their 'good-by, dears,' to each other, and talking and laughing as it I had all day to wait for 'em. 'Course I had to holler 'all aboard' three or four times before the party going my way could get on the platform. That's what does it. They're responsible for the conductor's singing out at people to come aboard without any delay.

"Want to get off here, sir? All right, sir. Step lively, please." The Star man to whom these remarks were made got off in quick time. and the car rolled along.

#### CONVICT DOCTOR'S SECRET Assured Cure for Leprosy Possessed by Distinguished European

Physician. After ten years' imprisonment in the great penitentiary here, following a conviction for poisoning, Dr. Urbino de Freitas, one of the most distinguished of European physicians, has had his sentence of 25 years commuted by King Carlos to simple banishment from Portugal, says a Lisbon dispatch

to the London Mail. Throughout his long confinement the doctor is said to have jealously guarded a secret he had discovered-an assured cure for leprosy. Accompanied by his devoted wife, he is now on his way to Berlin, where his arrival is eagerly awaited by all German students of the higher branches of medi-

When the doctor was first arrested Lisbon society received a shock. The charge against him was of poisoning the five little brothers and the sisters of hs wife, who stood between him and a large fortune.

During holy week the king signed the commutation of his sentence, and the doctor is now free to pursue his life-work. A man is now living at Coimbra, in Portugal, who declared that Dr. de Freitas shortly before his arrest cured him of leprosy.

#### GRAVESTONE ALARM CLOCK Queer Superstition of Indians of Catholic Faith in Southern California.

The Indians of Pala, in the foothills of the Coast range in the southern part of the state of California, were converted to the Catholic faith by the Jesuit Fathers, who founded a mission among them. Though some superstitions prevail, their belief in the resurrection is strong, says the American Inventor.

Believing that the dead must remain for some time in the grave, they observe exactly the hour at which the spirit departs, and the rude wooden cross over each grave in the cemetery states the exact hour, minute and day on which the person died. Suspended from the arms of one of the crosses is an alarm clock, with the hands set at 6:57. The alarm at the back of the clock has been set at the same moment. The person who placed the clock there believes that at the proper moment the alarm will sound and will awaken the sleeping spirit. Another alarmiclock, that once hung from the cross above it, has fallen down and now lies in a damaged condition on the ground. Bottles, lamps, pitchers and other pieces of crockery and glassware are also seen on the graves. The cemetery is at Agua Callente or Warm

American Ice Cream Habit. Wehn I was in New York, states & London News writer, the extraordinary amount of ice cream devoured by Amersicans was proved to me by the large area devoted in the department stores to the sale of this popular refreshment. ""I guess we Americans have cast-iron fixings," said one of them when I expressed my astonishment at the way in which even elderly men and women, took ice cream at social fest lities. Certainly the ice cream habit must have something to do with the indigestion from which so many suffer in the summer. At all the parties one attends in America ice cream is an inevitable item on the menu, and it is consumed in quantities which would delight a London caterer, who charges by the quart.

Compulsory Education. An Englishman who has incurred a sentence of pensi servitude for forgery referred to the period, when addressing anyone ignorant of his incarceration, as "his seven years' study of monasticism at the request of his sovereign."-Chicago Journal.

Deceptive Appearances. "It doesn't pay to bank on appearances," remarked the wise guy. "That's right," agreed the simple mur. "Sometimes a fellow wears a

yachting cap who actually owns a

yacht."-Philadelphia Record.

#### RELECTRIC LIGHT DIAMONDS

Gorgeous Display of Gems by American Ladies at London Royal Turnout.

Only an expert in the value of pre-

gious stones could determine which of the American women who attended the special operatic performance in London in honor of the king of Spain presented the greatest array of costly gems when a comparison was drawn between Mrs. Potter Palmer, Mrs. Anthony Drexel, Mrs. Bradley Martin or the duchess of Roxburghe, but the amateur would undoubtedly select Mrs. Palmer as the queen of diamonds, says the New York Press. The duchess of Roxburghe wore the largest tiara of sparklers in the house, and all of the purest water, and Mrs. Bradley Martin was ablaze, but the director of society in Chicago outshone her sisters so far that, as an irreverent wag put it, she was "an electric light of 16,000 candle power, compared with a group of incandescents, whose combined illumination was not more than half." Mrs. Potter Palmer never does things by halves, and when she made up her mind to eclipse every other woman in the Covent Garden Opera house, she more than succeeded. Her crown of old mine stones, her blazing stomacher. her wristlets, her necklace and her finger rings excelled anything ever seen in England at a public performance. In vulgar measure, she must have been adorned with a full half pint of the most dazzling stones that ever came from Kimberly.

#### SWAMPMEN OF NEW GUINEA River Dwellers Who Are Unable to Get About on Dry Land to Any Extent.

The British administrator of New Guinea describes a strange tribe of apelike men which he discovered living in the inaccessible swamps in his district, says the New York Globe. The tribe, called "Agaimbo." was, he learned, once fairly numerous, and claimed the swamps about the lower waters of the Barigi river as its exclusive territory. its numbers have been reduced, owing to epidemics, to about 40 persons. Two of their villages were sighted, and one man and woman of the tribe induced to step ashore and "powwow" with the white men. Never leaving the swamps. their feet bleed when they attempt to walk on dry land. The man who landed had a good chest and arms, but short, weak legs, the feet being thin, broad and almost weblike. In the woman the toes, long and slight, stood out apparently pointless from the foot. The man's skin above the knees was in loose folds, and the sinews about the knee ill developed. In figure and carriage, says the administrator, the man was more ane-like than any human being he had ever seen. The houses of the tribe are built on piles, at a height of ten or twelve feet above the water. They use cances hollowed out of logs, and although exceedingly "cranky" the natives stand up in them and "pole" along very rapidly.

### MANY BUSINESS ABUSES.

#### Practices in Germany Which Are Injurious to the Mercantile Class.

The chamber of commerce for the Sorau district, Prussia, has forwarded wo memorials to the ministry of the interior of the German empire, praying that legislative action be secured to prohibit certain abuses in business practice that are burdensome and injurious to honest dealers and fatally affect the morale of the mercantile class and employes. The first is directed against the widely-extended abuse of "closing out" and "bankruptcy sales" which are constantly advertised by numerous retail stores in city and country, and the second memorial relates to what is described as "unfair competition by means

of bribing employes." United States Consul General Guenther at Frankfort, who has forwarded copies of these memorials to the department of commerce and labor, says: "The reports of all the chambers of commerce in Germany advert to this widespread evil, which seems to have become unbearable. Some cases of bribed persons, who, upon being discharged by their employers, brought suit for breach of contract, have been tried in the courts and have resulted adversely to the complainants."

Watches Out for Children.

When a child is born in certain Engglish towns there is a race for the health department, especially if the event has occurred in the poorer district. The reason for the haste is not a desire to see that the record of vital statistics is properly kept, but because there is a reward of one shilling to the one who is first to notify the health officer, provided this notification is given within 48 hours. As soon as the tip is received the mother is visited and given a printed slip with directions as to the best means of caring for the child, and the officer who makes the visit is expected to see that the directions are clearly understood.

Good Stage Elecution. It was one of Joseph Jefferson's distinctions that he was not only an advocate, but an example, of good stage elocution. He was, however, an exception that proved the rule. The first step toward a better state of affairs is to convince managers and actors that it is desirable. With the memory of many a bad quarter-hour of strained effort to hear what should be apprehended with ease, we respectfully submit this word of suggestion.-Century.

Comes Natural. "It is just as patural for a woman to firt as it is for a man to flatter.

# CHANGING PRICE OF WHEAT

#### How Revolutionary Moves in Europe Affect the American Market.

Just before the Russian battleship sailed into Odessa, with the red flag at her masthead, and the rioting began, wheat in Chicago sold for July delivery at 89 % cents per bushel. Three days later it rose to 94, and the board of trade connected the two events, reports the New York Evening Post.

How would the wheat market be affected by a successful revolutionary uprising in Russia? First comes the fact that in 1904, despite the war, Russia led all the world as a wheat producer and exporter. While our own wheat crop was falling from the 748,000,000 busnels. of 1901 to the 552,000,000 of 1904 European Russia's crop was rising from 401,000,000 to 616,000,000. The two changes fairly counterbalanced one another. But suppose an uprising in which the harvest hands, like the Warsaw mechanics, would go on a general strike. Perhaps the wheat trade had this possibility in mind.

One-fourth of England's imported wheat thus far in 1905 has come from Russia, and of this the greater part was sent out through Odessa, to which port the fertile valley of the Dnieper is a tributary. Suppose that the Kniaz Potemkin had not surrendered, but had held the port of Odessa against all incoming ships. Some effect on the world's great grain markets could not have been avoided.

Neither result has come about, and neither is probable. But one can get a glimpse at the possible meaning of revolution. Perhaps, however, the most remarkable of all the war's commercial consequences is the mere fact that Russia, during its progress, rose to unprecedented heights in its capacity to feed the world. This is one clew to the empire's future.

### **DANGEROUS PRESCRIPTIONS**

#### Old Formulas Treasured by the Ignorant Often Work Positive Harm.

There must be an immense number of old medical prescriptions stored away in domestic cupboards in England, whose use would not only no longer benefit patients for whom they were originally intended, but would work positive harm to them, says the London Mail.

This point was emphasized at an inquest lately, at which it was stated that the deceased, a waiter named Thomas Wright, had been taking medicine made up from an old prescription. and the coroner pointed out that a great deal of damage was done by that

"Old prescriptions are treasured by the ignorant," said a chemist. "Tenyear-old prescriptions are frequently brought to us to make up, and only yesterday I made up a harmless one dated 1894.

"Drug habits may be acquired through these old prescriptions. A drug which may be of the greatest possible benefit during an illness as a sedative will lay the foundation of morphia-mania or some other form of narcotic poison-

"What is really needed is a 'time limit' for prescriptions. The doctor should be required to mark on his prescription the number of times it may be made up, and when that number is reached it should be canceled."

### WILLING TO PAY THE COST

#### This Man Admitted He Had Twice as Much Contempt for the Court as Anybody.

The following anecdote is told of Gen. Gilman Marston, a once famous New Hampshire lawyer:

Gen. Marston was attending court at Dover, when a young attorney made a motion that was denied by the court. The young man remonstrated against what he thought was the wrong ruling of the judge. So vehemently did he remonstrate that he was fined ten dollars for contempt of court. An older attorney took the matter up, and he was fined a similar sum. Still another, who thought he stood a little better with the judge, endeavored to straighten the matter out, but he too enriched the coffers of the state by paying a "ten spot"

for contempt. Gen. Marston was then seen to rise in his seat and advance to the clerk's desk. Taking his long pocketbook from his pocket he took out two ten-dollar bills and laid them on the desk.

'What is that for?" said the court. "I want you to distinctly understand." said the general, "that I have just twice as much contempt for this d-court as any man here, and I am paying for it."

### The French Shake. His year

What the French call "le shakehands" has its importance in psychology. A student has given the fruit of his inquiries into this branch of science to a Paris journal. When a stranger does not grasp the hand you offer him, you are entitled to doubt his honesty. If he favors you with a couple of fingers, you may set him down as haughty. If his hand lies limply in yours, he is timid. If he gives you the "American squeeze," he is audacious. If his hand slips away, he is indolent; but if he is good, loyal sincere, well-balanced mentally and physically, he lets you have a grip, ample, firm, modest and yet genial. These simple instructions should be very helpful in the making of new acquaintances and the choice of friends.-N. Y. Globe.

Not the Same Wife. Kilson-Gaylord's wife used to be awfully stout, and now she is quite thin. What caused the change. I won-

der? .Marlow-Divorce. That isn't the same wife.—Town and Country.

### FLASHES FIGURES OF FIRE.

#### New Cash Register Gives Further Protection Against Dishonest Clerks.

Washington. - A cash register appears to be an essential piece of apparatus in all mercantile establishments, and the elaborations and embellishments that have been devised for the greater protection of the purchaser and the seller have made this device the most complicated piece of mechanism in use by the general public.

Not content with the protecting feature already provided, one of the largest manufacturers has just secured a patent which affords still greater protection for both parties to a transaction. The distinguishing feature of the new improvement is a display of the amount of the sale at a distance from the cash register. This unique, end is attained by the introduction of electric commutators, contacts and electrically lighted universal numerals, operated automatically by the manipulation of the register keys. The numerals are formed of black letters, illumined with electric lights, and so designed that any numeral can be flashed out of the same space by varying the contacts—that is, by observing certain lines and illumining others.

Whenever a sale is registered the amount of the sale is flashed out in large figures on a conspicuously located electric sign, so that there does not appear to be the slightest opportunity for false registration without detection. The indicator comprises a rectangular frame with a semiopaque front of frosted or ground glass.

## MAIL BOXES TO BE GREEN.

#### Aluminum Color Is Found to Be Detective After Having Bean Given Long Trial:

Washington.-Green soon will be the color that will guide writers of letters when they wish to commit their missives to the care of Uncle Sam. Aluminum-colored post boxes are doomed, and the order has gone forth that boxes in Chicago and everywhere else are to become of a brilliant grass bue. Transformation of the 4.000 boxes in this city will commence soon, and by the late fall, it is expected, aluminum-tinted boxes will be a thing of history

The change is because aluminum paint has not proved satisfactory. "There's nothing like green," declared Assistant Postmaster Hubbard yesterday. "Green retains its virility and freshness much longer than does aluminum. Aluminum paint becomes dirty, dingy and rusty, while green remains spick-and-span. The change is simply a common sense move and is a return to the green boxes that preceded the present ones. Twelve years or so ago the old green boxes were done away with. Boxes in other cities also will assume an emerald hue, and the citizen will recognize his good friend the post box by its complexion anywhere in the country.

### SUSTAINS BULL-FIGHTING.

#### Young King of Spain Classifies Torreros with Players of the Drama.

Madrid.-King Alfonso has stamped bull-fighting with the seal of approval not to be questioned.

Recently the young ruler gave forth an edict to the effect that the Scriptural injunction that on six days only one may labor was the law of Spain as well as the law of God.

Thereupon arose an outcry for fear that this might apply to bull-fighting, but promptly it was announced that since the bull-fighters did not labor on the other six days they were within the letter of the law even were it not that they were artists and not artisans.

According to the proclamation the torreros rank with the players of the semi-sacred dramas, whose work is also exempted from the restrictions of the law, and they are officially declared to be artists, a fact which is no doubt gratifying to the heroes of the bull ring.

### EARLDOM NOW EXTINCT.

#### Death of the Seventh Earl Cowper Without an Heir Ends the Line.

London.-Francis Thomas De Grey Cowper, seventh Earl Cowper, who was lord lieutenant of Ireland from 1880 to. 1882, is dead. There being no heir, the earldom is now extinct. Earl Cowper was born in 1834.

The baronies of Dingwall and Lucas, which Earl Cowper held, go to his nephew, Auberon Thomas Herbert, son of Auberon E. W. M. Herbert (third son of the earl of Carnarvon), and Florence, daughter of the sixth Eart Cowper, and the barony of Butier is shared by him with his sister, Ethel Anne Priscilla Herbert, and Lady Amabel, wife of Admiral of the Fleet Lord Walter Talbot Kerr, sister of Earl Cowper.

# Cashier Saw Him.

Edward C. Stokes, governor of New Jersey, recently invited a friend to dine at a Trenton restaurant, and afterward discovered that he had forgotten his pocketbook. "I am the governor of New Jersey, and will settle this little matter when I come in again." explained Gov. Stokes to the cashier. "I'm President Roosevelt and you'll settle now," said the cashier, who was new. Happily the governor found somebody who could vouch for his homesty.

Statistics of Illiteracy. In Germany there are seven illiterates to the thousand. In England there are 38, in France 46, in Belgium 101, in Italy

Edition bebdomadaire \$5.99.

### MORE WOE FOR POLAND.

#### Her Industries Have Suffered More from War with Japan Than Rest of Bussia,

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

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

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

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

### OKEFINOKEE SWAMP BEARS Put in Part of Their Time Preying Upon the Pig Pens of Geor-

gia Farmerk.

"The next time the president goes off on a hunting trip I hope he will come down our way." said S. B. Tison: of Wayeross, Ga., to the Washington

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

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

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

### The Cold South.

Spribner's.

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

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

#### As He Understood It. Wife-This paper states that a woman in man's clothing was recently arrested in a Kansas town.

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

### WAS ACCUSTOMED TO IT.

The Always Got the Limelight and Wasn't' Looking for Any-

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

Among other things she had the garden fad and was planning to whitewash her picket fence. She was going to do it with her own

# hands, relates the Baltimore Ameri-

about it.

O. fudge!

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

It was much better than having her jewels stolen. and the same of th

And decidedly newer. The dealer in notions weighed out

the lime and the great actress held out her pall to receive it. But the dealer insisted that he was giving her short weight and reached again for the scoop to fill up the scale

pen. However, the great actress would most let him, but dumped the snowy powder into her receptacle, saying: "It don't matter about the weight,

for I am used to getting the lime light." Having said which, she laughed heartily and told the press agent

### FOLLOW LEADER TO DEATH

Sheep Deliberately Plunge Into Fremen Stream After Head of Flock.

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

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

## CHAMQIS DEFEATS EAGLES.

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

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

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

hour after which the birds took to flight. The chamois remained immovable with head erect. gazing defiantly at the soaring birds until they were lost to sight. Some sportsmen next day found the

spot where the heroic combat had taken place littered with feathers and fur, and the snow was splashed with bloods.

#### Demestic Service in Brazil. Some curious facts about domestic service in Brazil are brought out in a consular report from Rio Grande do Sul. Servents will not sleep in the house as a rule, but expect to leave at seven at night and not to return till seven or eight the next day. As a result, some houses have a pane of gless in one of the windows taken out. through which the baker and the milk-

man pass their goods on their early

morning rounds, without troubling a

member of the family to get up and

open the door.

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ts it?

Poor Fellow. "Mercy me!" exclaimed Henpeck. "I left my evening paper in the car!"

"Wel," remarked his neighbor, "that's not much loss." "No, but I paid a cent for that paper and now that I haven't got the paper to show my wife she'll think I spent

the cent for liquor."-Catholic Stand-

Scented Cloth. Scented cloth for ladies' dresses in

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

"It Wasn't Recovered. "I saw your advertisement to the effect that you recover umbrellas. I'd

like mine recovered." 'Yes, sir; where it is?" "If I knew that I'd recover it my self."-Houston Post.

That's All. Astonished Traveler (25 years hence)—Why, this isn't Niagara falls,

Dejected Native-No. ma'am-jest Ningara.-Chicago Tribuna.

# L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS très résendue en Leuisiane et dans tens les Etais du Sad- le publisité effre dons au fommerce des avantages exceptionnels. Prix de l'abonnement; set l'abonn