THE 55th CONGRESS

LAST SESSION TO BE ONE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

The President's Message-In Both Houses Its Reading Will be Attentively Listened to-A Forecast of the Legislation-Passing of Appropriation Bills First.

Washington, December 5.-The curtain will ring up today at noon upon thre closing session of the Fifty-fifth congress. The war and the fruits of the American victory earry in their wake many problems which the National legislators must solve. But though many questions may press for solution the brief space covered by this session, which expires by limitation March 4, precludes the probaility of much being accomplished, beyond the passag of the regular money budgets, the legislation for the increase of the regular army, which the administration deems necessary to meet the obligations imposed on the country by the result of the war and the enactment of a law to give a permanent territorial government to the Hawaiian islands. This covers all important legislation which the congressional leaders expect to see enacted at this session. It is almost the unanimous sentiment of the members that no attempt should be made to legislate concerning the possessions acquired by

the war with Spain at this session. There are earnest adcocates of the Nicaraguan canal who will strive to secure its passage now and they may possibly be successful, but neither it Lor any one of the measures like the pooling bill, ant-iscalpers' bill, etc., which have strong friends, will be ailowed to interfere with the bills, the passage of which is deemed absolutely necessary to prevent an extra ses-

The leaders at both ends of the capitol have put, their heads together and the work of the session is to be entered upon with the idea of avoiding an extra session. With this purpose in view, the appropriation bills are to be given the road at both ends of the capitol and pressed through with all possible haste. Two sub-committees | grade shorthorn steers. the house appropriation committee have been at work for a week. The deficiency bill to meet the extraordinary expenses of the army and navy last year. for submission to thre full committee today. It is necessary it should become a law before the ho!iday, recess, which this year is to be shorter than usual, and Chairman Cannon hopes to see it through the house and into the senate before the end of the present week. The democrats of the house have not disclosed their position but it is not believed they will seek to obstruct an appropriation bill necessary for the maintenance of the army. Should it be their disposition to prolong debate on the conduct of the war on this bill it is safe to say that the committee on rules will be invoked to bring in an order to close

delate. Intense interest is manifested in the president's message, which will be submitted to congress roday, on account of the great importance of the many questions it will have to deal with and no message, it is safe to say, has been listened to with the eagerness and interest with which the reading of President McKinley's message will be heard. After the reading of the message is completed the house will adjourn out of the respect to the memory of Messrs. Love of Mississippi and Northway of Ohio, who died during the year.

On Tuesday, or Wednesday at the latest the house will plunge into its work. Chairman Cannon will have the deficiency bill ready and it will occupy the attention of the house to the exclusion of everything else for the remainder of the week.

The Peace Commission.

Paris, December 5.-The United States and Spanish peace commissioners held private sessions yesterday. Afterward representatives of both sides predicted confidently that one treaty would be signed within a week unless unforeseen complications arose. The Americans say there is no foundation for the reports circulated in the United States and cabled back that PresidentM cKinley has forwarded to the American commissioners in structions to insist unyieldingly on a coaling station in the Carolines and that the Spaniards are endeavoring to renew their opposition to access one of the Philippines. Both commissions realize that the latter question

An Unwitnessed Duel.

Jackson, Ky., December 5.-The dead bodies of C. C. Runyon, town marshal, and Alfred Allen, a town tough, were found lying close together on the publie highway at an early hour yesterday latter resisted and a fight at close her, but her injuries are such that she quarters followed.

Fat Stock Show.

Fort Worth, Texas, December 5 .-Arrangements are being made for the third annual Texa fat stock show, to be held in this city, beginning the second Tuesday in March, 1899, at equal dates with the meeting of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association. In all there will be about \$5000 in cash hung up for prizes. In addition there will be the usual number of windmills, tanks, feed troughs, etc., offered. Classes and premiums as far as made up are as follows:

Three-year and over steers-Best car Texas raised and fattened steers, 3 years old and over, \$300; second best car Texas raised and fattened streers, 3 years and over, \$225; third best car Texas fatened steers, 3 years old and over, \$150; fourth best car Texas raised and fattened steers, 3 years old and over, \$75.

Two-year-old steers-Best car Texas raised and fattened steers, 2 years old and under 3 years old, \$200; second best car Texas raised and fattened steers, 2 years old and under 3 years old, \$125; third best car exas raised and faftened steers, 2 years old and under 3 years old, \$75.

Speyed heifers-Best car Texas raised and fattened speyed heifers, \$150; second best car Texas raised and fattened speyed heifers, \$75.

Cows-Best car Texas raised and fattened cows, \$150; second best car 'rexas 'raised and fattened cows, \$100; third best car exas raised and fattened cows. \$75.

Single steers-Best single steer, 3 years old and over, beef standard, \$100; second best single steer, 3 years old and over, beef standard, \$75.

In addition to the above there has already been offered the R. Z. Herrick price of \$100 for the first premium and \$50 for the second premium for the best two loads of cattle fed at Texas mills this season to be shipped to Chicago market.

A number of commission firms have signified their intention of offering

The American Shorthorn Breeders' association has appropriated \$500, of which \$300 is to be applied on the same classifications and amounts of breeding animals as last year and \$200 to be placed on single purebred or

The American Hereford Breeders association has offered \$200 in prem ums, classifications to be the same as

Indications are that several sales of breeding animals will be held.

In the matter of hogs and sheep premiums and amounts will be on classifications, the same as last year, and the premiums will be increased.

Furricane at Baltimore. Baltimore, December 5.-The most

severe wind and rain storm that has visited Baltimore for many years prevailed yesterday and did thousands of dollars damage. Sixty miles an hour is the wind velocity given out by the weather bureau, the highest for nineteen years. Fully 800 houses in the vicinity were unroofed, chimneys innumerable were blown down, trees uprooted and poles leveled. The telegraphic, telephone and electric and trolley poles were blown down. Large sections of the city are in darkness p. m. and the telegraph and telephone systems are badly wrecked.

During the height of the hurricane a large gas supply tank at the corner of Scott and Ostend streets exploded and created a panic in that neighborhood. No damage was done.

For Permission to Purchase Austin, Texas, December 5.-The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company of Texas and the Sherman. Shreveport and Southern Railway company have given official notice, as required by law, that they will apply to the Twenty-sixth legislature for the passage of a local or special law authorizing and empowering the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company of Texas to acquire, by purchase or lease or otherwise, all the railway properties and franchises of the Sherman. Shreveport and Southern Railway company. The latter road now extends from McKinney, in Collin county, Texas.

Farmers Congress. Fort Worth, Texas, December 5 .-The first delegation to the National Farmers' congress arrived yesterday. The party numbered some fifteen or twenty leading citizens of the Eddy, N. M., district came in the "Santa Maria," a special car of the Pecos Valley railroad. The delegation from Mexico will probabaly arrive today.

William Keller, one of the best known Presbyterian ministers in Louisville, Ky., died from heart trouble.

A Child Fatally Burned.

Waco, Texas, December 5.-Ruby Vernon Kennedy, 4 years old, daughter of S. B. Kennedy, was fatally burned yesterday evening. The child was morning. Two revolvers lying beside playing with fire in the yard and her the bodies told the tale of a desperate dress was blown into the blaze. In encounter. There were no witnesses an instant the little one was a mass to the tragedy, but it is thought Runy- of flames. The father and mother on attempted to arrest Allen, that the were both badly burned trying to save

can not live.

SESSION OPENED.

READING OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TOOK PLACE.

No Other Event of Importance Transpired -Magnificent Displays of Fiowers Ornament the Mempers' Desks-Foreign Representatives Present.

opening hours of the last session of journed. the memorable Fifty-fifth congress the senate chamber presented an animated scene. The galleries were filled early, many of the spectators being visitors to Washington who had embraced the opportunity to witness a congressional opening. On the senate floor the scene presented was unusually brilliant. The desks of the members were loaded with magnificent specimens of the florist's art. Nothing more beautiful or elaborate in floral displays has been seen in the senate for many years. Above in the diplomatic gallery, just before the senate convened, appeared Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador and party; Mr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, and attaches of his legation and some other members of the diplomatic corps. On the floor, Lord Herschel, the chief representative of Great Britain on the joint commission, accompanied by Mr. Jefferson Coolidge of Massachusetts, also came,

Sir Wilfred Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Louis Davies and Mr. Carlton, members of the committee, were also on the floor.

Promptly on the stroke of 12 o'clock Vice President Hobart entered and ascending to his desk rapped for order.

Rev. Mr. Milburn, the veteran blind manner, returned "devout and reverent thanks for God's goodness to us as a nation and for His care of us since we last gathered in this cham-

A -" of the senate developed the presence of sixty-seven members.

The usual resolutions were offered Mr. Cullom (Ills.) offered a resolution to appoint the committe to inform the house that the senate was ready to transact business; Mr. Male (Me.) fixing the hour of daily meeting at 10 o'clock noon, and Mr. (Morrill (Vti) to appoint a committee to notify the president that the senate was awaiting any communication he might desire

Mr. Morrill (Vt.) and Mr. Cockrell (Mo.) were named by the vice president to join a like committee of the house to call on the president.

Mr. McBride (Ore.) presented the credentials of his newly-elected colleague, Mr. Simon, to whom the vice president administered the oath of of-

Pending the reading of the president's message Mr. Allison moved that a recess be taken.

At 1:05 Major Pruden, executive entered the clerk of the president, chamber and the senate was again called to order. The message was presented to Vice President Hobart. who laid it before the senate at once, and its reading was begun at 1:29

The reading of the message occupied two hours and eighteen minutes and not the slightest demonstration occur-

At 3:45 p. m. the senate adjourned.

Opening of the House. Washington, December 6.-Exactly at noon yesterday Speaker Reed's gavel came down with a sharp crack and the house of representatives entered upon the regular session of the memorable war congress. The scene within the great hall was animated, brilliant and picturesque. The sea of desks within the brass rails waich cut off the lobbies spreading in semicircular lines from the speaker's rostrum were like waves from a center. The desks were a veritable flower

Mr. Dingley, the floor leader of

majority, and Mr. Bailey, the minority leader came in simultaneously from the lobbies of their respective sides. Mr. Bailey went immediately to his seat and Mr. Dingley, as soon as he could disengage himself from the friends who crowded about him, crossed over to the democratic side and shook hands with his political adversary. As the hands of the clock pointed to noon the giant form of the speak. er pushed through the green baize doors of the lobby in the rear of the hall and Mr. Reed ascended the rostrum. A wave of applause swept the floor and galleries upon his appear-

"The chaplain will offer prayer," announced the speaker, in low tones. Mr. Dingley, the floor leader, offered the customary resolution for the appointment of a committee of three to join a similar committee of the senate to wait on the president and inform him that the house was ready to receive any communication he had to make. It was unanimously adopted and the speaker appointed Mr. Dingley, Mr. Cannon and Mr. Bailey.

A resolution was also adopted instructing the clerk of the senate that the house was ready to proceed to business. The house then took a recess until 1:30 to await the arrival of the president's message.

When the house reconvened after the reces the committee appointed to wait on the president appeared anu reported that they had discharged their mission and that the president had said that he would communicate with congress in writing.

As soon as the reading was concluded the message was ordered printed Washington, December 6.-In the and then, at 3:30 p. m., the house ad-

Opening of F. F. & V. Festival. Houston. Texas, December 6 .- At noon resterday Houston's second anxual winter festival was inaugurated. There was no show of pomp, no display of pageantry, but a sensible dedication of the big flower and fruit show and industrial exhibit. Kindly courtesy marked every act, and Houston's chivalry bade all the world to come and be welcome. There were a few well-timed remarks by President Childress, an appropriate opening address by Julge Kittrell, a crash of "Dixie" by Herb's band and -the Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Festival, pride of Houston and talk of Texas, was launched again.

Seldom has an enterprise of this nature re-opened under so favorable circumstances. There, under the dome of the big Auditorium, with flowers and plants and vegetables rendering the air redolent with the odor of many perfumes, with a sunshine on the outside that kissed roses into the happy cheeks and made everything seem grand, in the presence of a delighted audience-with such surroundings was Houston's famed had worked to make it the success it is were well pleased. The hues of the floral exhibits vied in beauty with the tints of the sky and the effects of both shone in the faces of those present.

The Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Festival is a magnificent illustration of what Texas and Houston can do. Its second annual opening gave promise of a future brighter yet.

Herb's band rendered a pleasing programme while the visitors were drifting in. Music, flowers, sunshine -all were there. The scenes about the Auditorium were pretty in the extreme. Flags and bunting, tastefully arranged, were handsomely set-off by the dark green of the tropical plants and the bright-colored flowers. Together they formed a picture worth going far to see. The effect was splendid and elicited exclamations of delight from all.

Session to Begin Today.

Fort Worth, Texas, December 6 .-The city is rapidly filling up with delegates to the Farmers' National congress, which convenes today. Representatives from Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Nebraka and New Mexico arriv-

ed yesterday. Ex-Governor W. D. Hoard of Wiscame in today. In his address today he will call attention to all the great problems with which the farmer is confronted at the present time in regard to the production of agriculture and the marketing of the same. Among other things he favors subsidizing lines of steamers to South American ports. He favors congressional aid for State experiment stations and strenuous efforts to do away with adulterations in food products. He will urge the farmers to use due diligence for the attainment of an enlightened comprehension of their iu-

terests, duties and mutual obligations, There will be quite a fight by a number of states to secure the next meeting of the congress. Among the cities announced as candidates are Boston, Detroit, Milwaukee. Fargo

and Cincinnati. Boston makes a bid for it with \$1000 cash appropriated by the Massauchusetts legislature.

President Hoard today predicted that the present meeting would be the largest attended of any yet held.

Aged Man Killed.

Dallas, Texas, December 6.-W. H. Gilliam, 5 years old and a well-to-do 'armer of Merrit, Texas, was a ...ed yesterady while walking on the tracks of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe :ailroad. He was deaf and could not near the whistle warning that was plown by the train engineer. Mr. Giliam was walking from Merit to Lalonia to visit a married daughter. He made it a rule of his life never to ride on a railroad train if he could avoid it, as he feared he would be injured or silled. Over \$400 in money was found n his pockets.

Mistrial in Douglass Case.

Ardmore, I. T., December 6.-The charged with the murder of James Williams at this place in June, 1897, was discharged yesterday, failing to agree on a verdict. The jury stood ten for acquittal and two for manslaughter. The case, which was taken to Purcell for hearing, occupied all last week. The jury have been deliberating on a verdict three days and nights with the above result.

TEXAS GRAIN MEN

DECIDE THEY HAVE NO GRIEV-ANCE AGAINST GALVESTON.

They Want Cheaper Insurance Rates-Half a Million in Risks to be Given Out to Some Company Willing to Give the Figures Other News Notes.

Galveston, Texas, December 7.-The second day of the Texas Grain Dealers was devoted partly to business and partly to pleasure. They still have a little grievance against the port, but it is a mild one and can be easily over-

The members held a meeting at the Grand hotel yesterday morning to discuss several matters bearing on their business. The first question brought up was that of insurance and the following pledge was drawn up for sign-

We fully agree and pledge ourselves to place with the insurance company with whom our committee may arrange for a reduction in the rate of all our business up to the amount the

company will carry. Following this was a list giving the probable amount each member of the association would carry. The total amounted to more than half a million of dollars. The members think they are entitled to a reduction of about 25 per cent from the present rate, and a resolution was passed directing the insurance committee to place the insurance with which every company will

make the decrease. after the inspector has made his examination. He believed they should be sealed. Another is that the cars are not cleanly swept. It is a common thing, he said, for from two to six bushels of grain to be found in a car after it has been unloaded. The matter was discussed and a committee appointed to draft resolutions covering the views of the association, which will be presented at a meeting held late vesterday evening.

Editor Clark of the Chicago Grain the Wharf company, Chief Grain Inspector Robinson, H. D. Dilbro and T. W. League were elected members of the association.

At 11 o'clock the meeting adjourned return trip was made about 1 o'clock and then cars were taken down the island, where an oyster roast was given the visiting grain dealers.

After the return from the foast another meeting was held and the business of the trip wound up. The committee on resolutions reported, declaring that this visit had clearly demonstrated carelessness by some snippers in the cooperage of cars, method of loading, etc., and urging that more care should be taken in the future. consin, president of the congress, They found the grain inspections at Galveston to be fair and just. There was no complaint with the weighing, the same rule being applied here as elsewhere. The Wharf company was requested to have all cars sealed as soon as they are inspected. The visitors left for their various homes last

Real Estate and Editors' Day. Houston, Texas, December 7 .- The second day of Houston's big festival passed off most auspiciously. The weather was all that could be expected and the strangers flocked in on

The day was designated as Real Estate and Newspaper Men's Day, and cort. they were the especial guests of the occasion, the real estate men holding a convention during the day with a trolley ride in the afternoon and the editors being entertained with an oyster reast in the afternoon.

The Auditorium and the industrial exhibits were well patronized during the day and the streets last night were literally packed with people to see the illuminated bicycle parade. The largest attendance of the week

is expected today and tomorrow.

The First Rail Laid Kirbyville, Texas, December 7 .- The first rail was laid and the first spike was driven on the extension of the Gulf, Beaumont and Kansas City railroad on last Saturday morning. There was a blizzard blowing from the north all day Saturday, but it did not keep Mr. H. Hanson, the contractor of this crew out by 7 v'clock to begin their part of the vessel. day's labor, and at 6 in the afternoon they had laid and fastened down in good order about one-half mile of track which the heaviest engine is now going over at intervals daily. The road jury in the case of Clarence Douglas. is being laid with 60-pound steel rails and all other of the different depart-

> ished in the same substantial order. Memphis, Tenn.-The Southern Medical College association is in session here with delegates from all but two of the associations, the Texas Medical college of Galveston and the Medical college of Georgia.

ments of construction are being fin-

The Peace Treaty. Paris, December 7.-The peace treaty of Paris is practically an accomplished fact. Yesterday's session dis

ty, which will be embodied in the following eight articles: 1. The customary preface of treaties in the nature of an expression of amity

posed of the chief features of the trea-

and of hope for perpetual peace. 2. The relinquishment by Spain of her sovereignty over Porto Rico. 3. The withdrawal of Spanish troops.

4. The relinquishment of Spain of her sovereignty over Cuba. 5. Spain's cession of the Philippines. 6. The withdrawal of Spanish troops

7. Payment by the United States of \$20,000,000 for the Philippines.

8. The provision for the "open door" commercial policy in the Philippines. The rough draft of the treaty, which may be considerably changed, covers the protocol. It makes a long document which Senator Davis, of the United States peace commission, says will be found to be one of the most interesting papers in its character

So completely are the details of the evacuation of the Philippines stipulated that a commission, such as was arranged for the Spanish withdrawal from the West Indies, will be unnec-

essarv. Among the questions not yet settled, however, are the coaling station and deligious freedom in the Carolines, the Spanish commission not having replied to the American offer.

The Americans have agreed to transport the Spanish prisoners home, including the garrison and sailors at Ma-H. B. Dorsey of Weatherford called nila, captured by Admiral Dewey and attention to what he considered to be General Merritt, as well as the soldiers flower show of '98 born. Those who two evils, one is that the doors of load- and civilians held by the Philipinos, ed grain cars are frequently left open whose return the Americans have guaranteed. As a compensation Spain promises to liberate all Cuban, Porto Rican and philippine political prison-

Spanish soldiers electing to remain in the colonies may do so, but it is more a matter of economy for the Americans to return nthe others, as they must be fed as long as they are kept and Spain is unable to bear the expenses of the repatriation.

Also the Americans have rejected Spain's request for free shipping for Dealers' Journal, Secretary Bally of ten years in Cubai, and Porto Rican the Wharf company, Chief Grain in- waters. They have given the spanish commissioners such poor consolation as the latter may derive from the permission to reapply when the diplomatic relations have been renewed, to accept a boat ride on the bay. The for shipping concessions under the reciprocity scheme of the Dingley law, for which Senor Dupuy de Lome was negotiating at Washington when the war broke out.

There are still under discussion eight secondary subjects which the Spanish commissioners broached last week, including the status of patents and copyrights. The American commissioners yesterday handed Senor Rios a written reply covering these questions. There will probably be no joint session today as the Spaniards desire to

consider the propositions.

Farewell Review.

Savannah: Ga., December 7.-The farewell review of the Seventh army corps before its departure for Cuba took place in Forsythe park yesterday. Sixteen thousand troops passed in review before General Lee. Besides the Seventh corps the Third Georgia regiment, Second United States artillery and two light batteries from the Third, one from the Fourth, one from the Fifth and one from the First Maine artillery, took part in the review.

Troop A of the First Georgia cavalry, the famous Jeff Davis legion of the cavalry, formed General Lee's es-

Texas Senatorship. Washington, December 7.-Governorelect Joseph D. Sayers was seen yesterday morning and asked what he had to say concerning the statement made by one of his personal and political friends to the effect that he would be a candidate for United States senator against Senator Chilton and Congressman Bailey. Governor Sayers said: "I am not a candidate for the United States. I have written or spoken to no one upon the subject and no one is authorized to speak for

Galveston Cotton Still Burning.

Loverpool, December 7.-The British steamer Edenhall, Captain Jones, at this port from Galveston, previously reported with fire in her cargo, has not yet had it extinguished. After clearing most of the cargo below decks extension, in doors, as he and his fore- and in the lower hold fire broke out man, Mr. Black, had the track laying again, necessitating flooding the fore

> Houston Poultry Show. Houston, Texas, December 7.-The

attendance at the poultry show is most satisfactory to the management, being far in excess of last year. There are no less than fifty people in the hall at any time, and they come and go at all hours during the day, apparently well satisfied with the display.

New York.-The general estimate of the loss from the fire, including the slight damage to surrounding buildings, is placed at from \$575,000 to \$600,000.

TEXAS AND TEXANS.

Charles Hall, colored, nearly 100 years old, died at Terrell.

Dr. Daniel Dupree of Oak Cliff, aged 77 years, died suddenly.

Dan Glover was given fifteen years at Caldwell for murder.

Aaron Lewis was badly hacked with a hatchet at Houston by another man.

One hundred bales of cotton were badly damaged by fire at Waxahachie. 'Tyler county's first carload of syrup

Austin Lewis, a pardoned ex-convict, was fatally stabbed in the heart at

has been shipped. It was sent to Cole-

S. W. Butts, a member of the Dalkas fire department, died at El Pase of

Rev. Homer T. Wilson has accepted the pastorate of the Third Christian church of Fort Worth.

The British steamer Roma, which stuck on a reef near Galveston, unloaded 500 tons before getting off.

The comptroller registered \$5000 of. Tom Green county courthouse and jailrefunding bonds. Hudson's gin at Anson, valued lat,

\$8000, and insured for \$5000, was destroyed by fire. The house and contents of W. J. Raines at Tyler burned. Loss, \$5000;

insurance, \$3800. Jim Aden, charged with killing Andy Thomas, was admitted to bail at Gaines-

ville in the sum of \$4000, which he John H. Ward of Fort Worth has gone to Washington to endeavor to

get a military port established at his

Williamson county, costing \$2400, has been accepted by the commissioners of that county.

Ralph, the 4-year-old child of Oscar Hill, while playing too near a fire at Bonham, had his clothes catch fire and was severely burned. The wife of Will Tolbert, living near

Naples, Morris county, had one of her ears bitten off. She said it was done The Texas and Pacific Reilway com-

tax on \$206,227.68 of passenger earnings for the quarter ending Sept. 30. The Austin conference of the Methodist Episcopal church convened at Aus-

tin. Bishop Fowler of New York in the chair. The bishop was tendered a reception in the Capital City. Frank Williams, a resident of Dallas, while attempting to jump on a train in that city, was run over and

terribly mangled. He died six hours afterward in terrible agony. A horse rubbed his nose against the fron of an awning in front of the Postal Cable Telegraph company's of-

fice at Austin. He was instantly electrocuted, dropping dead. While Wm. Reed was trying to unchoke the saws of a gin at Slate Shoals, near Paris, one of his hands

wah caught in them and it and a por-

tion of the arm cut off. J. F. Briscoe went to Dailas from Kaufman county in a wagon, having his family along. As they were proceeding on a main thoroughfare one of his children fell head foremost out of the wagon, striking the bois d'arc pavement with great force. Death fol-

lowed in an hour. Sylvester Guthrie, residing near Lampasas, was leading a mule. The animal became frightened and Mr. Guthrie became entangled in the rope. All his clothes were torn off and he was dragged to death.

On Nov. 30 thirty-one vessels, eleven of which were for foreign ports, left Galveston. This number has never been exceeded at the Island City, and only once in the past been reached-Oct. 30, 1897, but that was at the close of the famous blockade, and not due

to ordinary conditions. When the coverings of No. 3 hatch of the Lone Star steamer Matteawan were removed at Galveston there was not a trace of the fire that was discovered the evening before. After removing several hundred bales from that hold no trace of the fire could be found. The theory is that the fire was

caught in its very incipiency. At a dance a few miles below Lockhart a difficulty occurred in which Graton Hooper and Will Hooper were

seriously cut. Eight light draught Spanish gunboats, used during the late war for patrolling the shores and rivers of Cuba, are being dry-docked preparatory to sending them home or else finding pur-

chasers for them. Quite a number of men have been honorably discharged from the fourth Texas volunteer, stationed at San Antonio. Some of them were discharged owing to the fact that they had relatives dependent upon them for sup-

Several soldiers while under the influence of liquor had a free-for-all fight on a Big Four train in Indiana. When the train arrived at Muncie the windows were broken out of a car and a dozen soldiers were seen with bloody heads,

THE SIGHTLESS SCHOLAR SEES ALL THINGS.

lete, Now Lecturing-He Is Never

(Battle Creek, Mich., Letter.)

HE career of James Perrin Hamilton of this city, the blind less than remarkable. His eyesight

mined, nevertheless, to have an edu- ligate. Races that produce geniuses cation, and he has accomplished his should be avoided; the best is the secambition in manner which eclipses ond best—the normal. Genius, as the efforts of many a young man endowed with the power of perfect sight. finely said, is a promontory stretching The young man was born Oct. 19, 1372, out into the ocean of the infinite. Look his father being Rev. James Hamilton, an eminent Grand Rapids divine. The Bacon, Macaulay, Wellington, Nelson, boy in early childhood fell on a pair Gibbon, Swift, Voltaire, Carlyle, Bonaof shears, by which one of his eyes was parte, Goldsmith, Spenser, Milton, ruined. From sympathetic affection Cromwell, Disraeli-to take a few the other eye lost its sight and the boy was left to the mercy of the world. | that they are not. For the genius is But he was not to be conquered by always a transgressor of the normal-

At ten years of age he entered the Such a one nature likes not and she state school for the blind at Lansing, makes provision for the extinction of and attended faithfully to his duties until he graduated in the literary



JAS. P. HAMILTON. course, with high scholarship. The great desire of "seeing" Europe was top it sends out branches and stands then made possible by his knowledge of the piano. He went across the ocean and began his long trip, earning his which appear in the last stage of its money by tuning pianos, the acuteness of his hearing making him perfectly adapted for this work. In Germany and France he studied the languages of the people until he could talk them fluently. He often said that the old world was a revelation to him and worth years of study in college. The people were all kind to the young blind man and he gained a store of building. information such as few tourists ob-

ter his return he entered Albien see, and then, huishing his course, entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he astounded everybody with his power of learning and the use to which it was all put.

In 1895 he married a bright, intelligent young woman, and the happy couple left soon for study in Italy and Greece. His reception there was remarkable, especially in Greece, where the blind are expected to beg for a living. Nothing more than this was imagined of Mr. Hamilton, but, on the contrary, he was a worker and needed no donations. He soon became the subject of extensive articles in the various Grecian papers and large crowds flocked around him wherever he went, so that soon the attention of the nobility was attracted.

After being the lion of the hour at dinner parties among the most noble families of Greece, he received an invitation from the queen to appear before her highness. He was received with all the courtesy and honor which could be used without entering upon pompous ceremony, and when he departed she gave the young man her photograph.

Mr. Hamilton is not only a scholar. a lecturer and a piano tuner combined, but a musician of exceptional merit. having medals and testimonials from and the old world. His execution on the piano is marvelously sweet and pathetic in its shading and expression.

He has the usual wonderful power of memory which often, if not always. characterizes the blind, and he is able to give the entire lecture of any man from notes taken during the delivery. provided the lecture is not over an hour in length. When writing he uses the Brail system of perforating the paper, so that it is read on the reverse side, and he writes from seventy to eighty words a minute.

A surprising feature of his life is the fact that he holds seven medals for wrestling catch-as-catch-can and las never been beaten unless he wandered out of his class. He won the championship medal and nonors at the intercollegiate meet when it was held at Ypsnanti. Mr. Hamilton is ambitious. active and never content at being idle He has prepared a lecture, "What a Bind Man Saw in Europe," and it is to silence the musketry of the British, unique, interesting and bright, having who were stationed in Chew's house been delivered many times. When the new school for the blind is completed in Greece Mr. Hamilton is to have the e in charge, at the request of majesty the queen of Greece.

Found Out. "Why do you think that man is an imposter?" the proprietor of the hotel inquired. "Because," the clerk replied, "he claims that he lives in Indianapolis." "Well, how do you know that he doesn't?" "He gave himself away the first time he pronounced it. He didn't call it 'Injunoppolis."-Detroit Free Press.

Result of His Observation. "So far as office is concerned," said the cross roads sage, "I have noticed that mighty few men ever reach their "lining years."

Can Hold His Own. a talker ou sorry for that man Miss He's a baring to marry? She's such for him? Land, no!

FEW WOES FOR HIM. NATURE DOESN'T LIKE GENIUS. She Always Provides for the Extinction

Through all time men of genius have

scoffed at and have ridiculed the attempts of purse-proud old "richesse" to create superior orders of manhood, says the Humanitarian. Nor is this a matter for wonder; they were and are ridiculous. Yet these attempts are repeated every hour. Considering them one would suppose that wealth, titles, dignities are talismans which insure virtue and honor and personal worth and beauty in those to whem they descend. Talismans are ridiculous and graduate of the so are titles. Nobility is of blood and University of Mich- not of garters, royal sponsons and igan, is scarcely christenrobes. Pedigrees, portraits and family history, when truthful, tell us a great deal about nobility of a having been totally race. Titles, quarterings and patents destroyed while he are worthless; and the production of was yet a child, the | a great genius is, in general, as bad a brave boy deter- sign as the production of a great proffor the descendants of Shakespeare, names at random-and you will find a "sport." He is never symmetrical.

> TREES IN NEW ZEALAND. The Kauri, a Pine, Grows to an En

the race.

mous Height. From the Chautauquan: The is the monarch of the New Zealand forest, an indigenous pine, growing to enormous height, frequently eighty feet, before it sends out a bough, while its average diameter is from eight to nine feet. It is said to be 800 years in reaching maturity. There is no underbrush in a kauri forest, the prince of trees permitting no rival within its domain. The totara is another species of pine, which, however, has none of the glass, which, while insuring a smart characteristics of the coniferae of other | flare, splits at every crease after a countries, either in habit or in appearance. The most singular of all is the rata, a peculiar tree with somewhat the nature of a parasite. If it springs up in a pretty shade of bright olive green. near a rimu pine it winds about it like a huge vine, its tightening coils gradually crushing the life out of the unfortunate pine. When it reaches the a hollow shell, its coils kait closely together by a dense network of fibres, growth. It has a like affinity for its own species and a second rata springing up beside one of earlier growth will absorb and destroy it as it destroys the rimu. If, however, neither rimu nor rata is within reach, it grows up a respectable and well-behaved tree, attaining a height of from fifty to sixty feet and is used for masts in ship-

Black Sola in Ireland.

district of Ireland, there fell what seemed like a shower of black rainso black, indeed, that it obscured the sky and sent fowls to roost. The fall extended over an area of some miles. While the rain continued lights were obliged to be lighted, birds roosted, and, as is often the case, many people imagined that the last day had come. According to a meteorologist, the cause of this singular shower was only soot. Although it fell in a district far removed from the large manufacturing towns, it was explained that during the previous week there had been strong winds blowing from the northeast, and these winds, collecting the soot from the manufacturing towns of the north, had carried it at a high altitude in a southwesterly direction. When the soot-laden air met a moist wind from the southwest the latter parted with its moisture and the former with its soot-hence the shower of black rain.

AN OLD-TIMER.

This well-preserved old house was built in 1793, as the stone in the gable end testifies. It occupies the ground adjoining that on which stood the house always known as "The Old Johnson House," which was built in 1698. the leading conservatories of America | It was a plain, one-story, modest looking stone dwelling, with curb roof enclosing the garret. During the battle of Germantown, two cannons were placed directly in front of it, in order



immediately opposite.

Now was come the age of the moral suasion, when parental kindness was rattling around trying to fill the place of the rod and trunk strap. "Give me 10 cents, mamma," persisted the boy with flaxen curls, "and I'll take the medicine!" "No, Clifford," exclaimed the sweet woman, tears springing to her eyes, "papa's salary is cut and five cents is all we can afford!" Inwardly, however, she thinks what a terrible thing is poverty.—Detroit Journal.

Beetle That Holds On. The rhinoceros beetle has a tenacious and as powerful a grasp as the most ferocious bulldog. Its head may be two-thirds severed from its body, and it will not loosen its hold. It has real horns and not mandibles, like many of its family.

Some men avoid a disagreeable task by persuading themselves that its accomplishment is an impossibility.

YOUR UNDERSKIRT MADE ACCORDING TO YOUR BUILD

If You Are Slim, Have It Gathered; Otherwise of apple green silk, veiled with accordion plaited frills of golden brown Fit It—Skirts Made of Silks That Do Not Rustle—All Have Ruffles.

(Paris Letter.) The shops that make a specialty of lingerie exhibit great quantities of pretty underskirts, with the ruffles and puffs and lace appliques arranged in such divers gatterns that there are no duplicates to be found.

A hoop that support underskirts for ball gowns boasts only the palest shades of violet, pink, yellow and blue, along with an unusual number of ivory satin skirts. They are ornamented with innumerable frills of mousseline de soie and the other gauzy materials.

The skirts to be worn with boudoir robes are hardly less elaborate, though their most characteristic features is the elaborateness of the trimming on the front gore. It is intended to show under the loose robe.

Between the skirts intended for visiting toilets and those designed to be worn with tailor-made costumes there is less difference. The latter, though, are quite a bit shorter and never extend below the shoe tops. For their pretty frills and wibbons could not be trailed along the wet, muddy, winter sidewalks here.

The preference for crisp, rustling taffeta for underskirts is not so marked at present. So many of the women of taste have a horror of announcing their presence by a great rustle of silk skirts, that soft brocades and faille are chosen. Then, too, a stiff rustling taffeta is generally woven with spun few weeks' wear.

A soft taffeta skirt, designed to be worn with a tailor built gown, was It was trimmed with a frill of silk that commenced on both sides of the front gore five inches in width and, increasing in depth, reached half way to the waist at the back. At the top there was a pointed yoke, with narrow strips of blue green and dark red velvet ribbon, arranged over it in a plaid.

The same effect was repeated on the

bottom of the frill, giving it an effective and durable finish. Another chic skirt to be worn with a tailor built gown was of dull red taffeta. It fitted close over the hips and was trimmed with a graduating flounce of the same, sixteen inches at the front and twenty-eight at the pliqued over the flounces. A narrow frill composed of taffeta and black lace entre-deux, and bordered with

the flounce. Two or three petticoats were made to fasten on both sides of the front gore, so that they should remain intact even if the skirt gaped at the back.

black lace ruche, finished the edge of

When one of these underskirts is made to order it is designed according to the purchaser's build. For stout women the upper part of the skirt, often formed like a yoke, is glove-fitting. For a too slender figure deficiencies are made up by having the silk gathered full over the hips and back.

A skirt that was to be worn with a boudoir gown of primrose crepe de chine was made of faille in a decidedly deeper shade of yellow. The apron was covered entirely with a dainty piece of chantilly lace bordered with striped yellow and white gauze ribbon. The ribbon was arranged in bowknots and appliqued on the top of the skirt. Six full narrow frills of yellow mousseline de soie trimmed the bottom of the skirt. They extend around to each side of the apron; and the bowknots bordering them were allowed to fly loose. This, like the rest of the boudoir skirts, was long, for it really served more as a skirt than a petticoat.

It is quite a fad at present to wear a short divided skirt of soft white silk with the white satin petticoats designed for balls. One that was made of ivory surah was very dainty. It was trimmed around the bottom with a narrow frill of English lace, headed with entre-deux of the same. Above the entre-deux there was a graceful

CREPE DE CHENE AND YELLOW

back. Black lace bowknots were ap- white cotton braid. Bordering the top | of the pattern was a puff of cream ular Louis XVI, bowknots of lace that gauze finished with twists of the same. adorn so many of the pretty petti-The long ivory satin petticoat that went with this divided skirt was very elaborate. It formed part of a bridal quality of lace, can baste and arrange trousseau, and was to be worn with the wedding gown. It fitted close at the upper part and was finished with a single na row piping, like most of this that they would never be suspected of year's skirts. It was trimmed around the bottom with a broad flounce that was deeper at the back than the front.



NOVEL FLOUNCES. covered with accordion plaited white gauze, with squares of imitation Brussels lace appliqued over it in a line, with the corners touching. A full lace frill bordered the edge of the skirt. Entre-deux of the same lace headed the broad satin flounce.

A chameleon skirt, designed to be worn with a green corduroy gown, was made with a long, close-fitting yoke of shot copper and apple green taffeta that formed a point at the back. Berenaissance pattern traced in narrow low the yoke were three broad frills

TWO SKIRTS EASY TO COPY AT HOME.

When bought ready-made these popcoats are quite expensive, yet any woman, by choosing a soft, pliable these gracefully little bowknots herself according to a pretty pattern, and afterward hem them down invisibly, so being "homemade" affairs.

mousseline de soie of the same length.

A ruche of applegreen and golden

brown tulle edged each frill, and a

striking trimming of heavy cream lace,

caught in round knots and appliqued

flat, bordered the yoke.

ing wear in pale colors I notice quite a preference for sheer batiste, or lawn embroidery, instead of lace. NINA GOODWIN.

On the petticoats designed for even-

USE OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS Sort of Passive Watchdog for the British Constitution. The house of lords cannot now pro-

fess to make the laws of the nation. but it can, and does, prevent vast changes being made in the constitution by a snap vote or a scratch majority, says the Spectator. It does for the British constitution what a written document, unaltérable except under certain special conditions, does for other forms of government. But for it the whole of our laws and liberties would lie at the mercy of any man who could get control of the house of commons for twenty-four hours. It considers all legislation, and though in practice it seldom ventures to make changes, it is able to insist on a reference to the country if it holds that a great and far-reaching revolution is being made without the electors being really aware of what is happening. In fact, it views the laws sent up

to it in the light of this question:

"Ought this law, if not amended, to be

rejected until it has been referred to

the nation with the demand. 'Is it your pleasure that this bill shall become law?"" The house of lords is. in a word, an old servant who has passed out of active employment, but holds one very important office ional household. The master said him in effect: "You are t very active work, and I do not expect you to take any great share in the regular routine of law-making. That must, as a rule, be left, like all the accounts, to my younger servants. I should like you, however, to keep an eye upon them, and if you notice something being done which appears to you quite contrary to my wishes and to sound management, I want you to help it until I have been asked

whether I really want it carried out.

Of course you must not always be

worrying me with such questions, nor

do I want you to refer things back to

me merely because you do not like

them yourself. I only want to be ap-

pealed to when you feel reasonably

sure that I shall object to what is proposed." Clay Pipes. The British museum contains a very full collection of clay pipes, dating back as far as the sixteenth century. The custom of waxing the pipe end to prevent it sticking to the lips was introduced by the Dutch about the year

Her Employment. Mrs. McCorkle-How does Miss Sere put in her time? Mrs. McCrackle-Bewailing a "miss" spent life .- New York Warld.

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

SOME GOOD JOKES, ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

Original and Selected-Flotsam and Jetsam from the Tide of Humor-Witty Sayings.

Ten Years Hence.

"And what is your name?" the new teacher said To the dear little boy who stood at the Of the very big class she was going to With a winning smile to all and to each.

"Dewey's my name," said the dear little Whe looked as if he could never be bad. "A beautiful name." the new teacher "With it you are sure to be always

"The class in geography," then she said, "May rise to recite." From her book she "The lesson's about the Philippine Isles,

'Tis far from here by ten thousand miles, "Dewey, my dear," the new teacher said, "Go to the blackboard and draw for me A map of Manila for all to see!"

What do you think that new teacher thought, When all those sixty small boys she

And rushed right over to that black--Frances Aymar Mathews in New York

The Old Style.



Polite Old Gentleman-I perceive, madam, that I need not inquire about your health.

Nice Old Lady-Thank you. confess that I feel ten years younger than I am.

Polite Old Gentleman-Possibly, madam, but you cannot feel a day younger than you look .- Truth.

Woman's Way. Mrs. Triggs-"Oh, dear, did you ever near of such luck! Mrs. Waggsley has

made me a present of a vase that must have cost at least \$30. But that's the way it always goes! Bad luck comes when you're hard up and can least offord to face it." Mr. Triggs-"I don't understand you.

Why should this beautiful present make you talk about bad luck and being hard un?"

Mrs. Triggs-"Why, you dull thing, don't you see that I shall have to give her something in return which will cost at least \$5 more?"

"What are you making so much disturbance for?" inquired Aguinaldo's

"My dear fellow, you are not keeping up with the pace of civilization. You don't appreciate the value of advertising. I don't propose to go into the United States along with the bunch as merely one of the natives. I'm going to be a deposed potentate, who can hold his own in society with any exqueen who ever migrated."

Strong Attraction.

No. mamma, I don't want to die and go to heaven." "Why, Johnnie, how naughty!

What's the reason you don't want to go there?" "'Cause I'd have to go away and

leave Petie Jimson." "And do you love Petie so much?" "No, mamma, I don't love him so much, but he's th' only little boy I know that has fits."

Not Superstitions.

"And you wouldn't begin a journey on Friday?" "Not me!" "I can't understand how you have

any faith in such a silly superstition.' "No superstition about it-Saturday's payday."

A Miss Take. "Is that young person in bloomers the type of the American girl?" "No; i should call her a typographical error."-Puck.

The Cornfed Philosopher. "A thing of beauty," said the cornfed philosopher, "is a joy until the fashion changes."



"Drillum's independent company becoming so large that he has decided to make it a regiment." "Who is eligible for membership?" "Any one who first planted the

American colors on Cuban soil." Willing to Oblige.

The Rev. Mr. Wilgus-My young friend, I should be delighted to have you hear me preach next Sabbath. am going to deliver a special sermon to members of the theatrical profes-

McFidden (knockabout artist)-I guess I'll go you. What time do you WHAT THE LAW DECIDES.

An unrestricted guaranty of payment indorsed on a negotiable instrument is held, in Commercial bank vs. Cheshire Provident Institute (Kas.), 41 L. R. A. 175, to be negotiable and it is also held that it passes with the

title to the instrument. The "heirs" who are entitled to a right of action for the death of a person under 2 Hill's (Wash.) code, section 138, are held, in Noble vs. Seattle (Wash.), 40 L. R. A. 822, to include the widow and children only, and not to include the parents of the deceased.

A statute reducing the lien or charge of a judgment against the estate or person of a judgment debtor and prohibiting the renewal thereof for more than one year after the act takes effect. is held, in Bettman vs. Cowley (Wash.) 40 L. R. A. 815, to be an unconstitutional impairment of the obligation of contracts so far as it applies to those made before the statute was passed.

A person holding a mileage ticket, who, with intent to board a train standing on a siding near a station, without going to the station, attempts to cross the main line, is held, in Southern Railroad company vs. Smith (C. C. App. 5th C.), 40 L. R. A. 746, to be not a passenger to whom the carrier owes extraordinary care or diligence, but only one of the general public entitled to ordinary care, if he has done nothing to notify any of the officers or agents of the carrier that he is a prospective passenger.

DON'T.

Don't expect to shine in society if

your clothes do. Don't forget that the larkest hour is only sixty minutes.

Don't kick an infurtated dog when you have slippers on. Don't think that an apology always

wipes out the offense. Don't attempt to judge a girl's love for you by what she says. Don't act the fool. There are too

many people doing that naturally. Don't substitute black tea for green because the purchaser is color blind. Don't accuse the fowl of being tough until you are sure the knife isn't dull. Don't carry a barrel of flour on your head in order to acquire a graceful

carriage. Don't forget that you injure your own character when you attack that of another.

Don't forget that it is wicked to bet and lose; no man has the moral right to be wrong. Don't think because beauty is but

skin deep all thick-skinned people are Don't scold your wife in the pres-

ence of others; they may think you are afraid to do it when alone with her. Don't sacrifice the certainties of today for the uncertainties of tomorrow. Don't be afraid to speak out loud. The world is too busy to listen to whispers.

IN THE LOWER KINGDOM.

No bird can fly backward without turning. The dragon fly, however, can accomplish this feat and outstrip any swallow.

Oysters, after they have been brought away from the sea, know by instinct the exact hour when the tide is rising and approaching their beds, and so, of their own accord, open their shells to receive their food from the sea, as if they were still at home. The tongues of the cat family are covered with recurving spines. In the common domestic cat these are small, but sufficiently well developed to give the tongue a feeling of roughness. But in the lion and tiger the spines are strong enough to enable the animal to

tear away the skin of a man's hand merely by licking it. There are several species of fish, reptiles and insects which never sleep during their stay in this world. Among fish it is now positively known that pike, salmon and goldfish never sleep at all. Also that there are several others of the fish family that never sleep more than a few minutes during a month. There are dozens of species of flies which never indulge in slumber and from three to five species of ser-

HE KILLS LEGALLY.

pents which the naturalists have never

yet been able to catch napping.

In the code and sacred books of the Parsees no provision is made for capital punishment, but a culprit is to be beaten with thongs a number of blows, proportioned to his offense, and if he succumbs no one is to blame. The dignity of the function was bet-

ter recognized in ancient times than it is today. In old Greece the presentation of the hemlock was an honorable service and the man who performed it was ranked by Aristotle above ordinary magistrates. Formerly in Germany the duty de-

volved upon the youngest member of the community, in Thuringia upon the latest settler, and in Franconia, justly, upon the newest married. In Spain the office is, or was, hereditary, and in France it became practically so.

The methods of selecting him who shall act as executioner have throughout history been many and curious. In earliest Roman days the sentence was carried into effect by the accuser and a similar practice was in vogue in the Crimea when that was a kingdom. IRONICAL IFS.

If a man is cowardly he always quotes "Discretion is the better part of valor."

If you see a small boy chasing a bee and afterward hear him yell it's a sure sign that he has caught it. - Daily

Make it a Point

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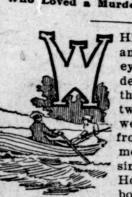
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THE WAY ETCIS HARD

SUDDEN CLOSING OF A CA-REER OF CRIME.

Grown Roadside, Shielding a Brutal Man-Tragle Story of Misguided Girl Who Loved a Murderer.



HEN Howard Clark and Mattie Mahoney were shot to death by officers of the law in Indiana two life stories were ended that from the first almost were cast in sin and shadow. Howard Clark was born in Louisville

about thirty-two years ago. His parents were people of the middle class, thoroughly respectable and in tolerable circumstances. They still live there, and the other day they were the only ones to follow their son to his grave. pensities. He never learned a trade themselves. and never worked. He preferred a dishonest means of gaining a living to the many honest avenues that were opened to him. He was a bad boy, and when he grew to young manhood he grew worse, instead of mending his ways. His associates were people of the lowest order, and his intimacy with eriminals seemed a matter of course. Soon he became known to the police as

a man who could do a bit of work as neatly as the most experienced crook. He was also considered dangerous, for while he had never been concerned in many rows he was of a sullen, dogged disposition. He was arrested several times on suspicion of having been connected with burglaries and petty thefts, but it was ever found possible to convict him. About three years ago a burglar gained a so of renown in Louisville, as "the only man who could beat the slot machines." The little devices

were in their heyday. Suddenly there were reported to the police almost every day cases of slot machines that had been broken open with an ax the night before and robbed of their cash. More than 100 machines were robbed in this way. The burglar was never run to earth, but the police found that Clark was the man who did all the work. But, as usual, they could not make a case against him. About two years ago there was living

in the Orphanage of the Good Shepherd a girl named Mattie Mahoney. She was only fifteen years old, and was there because her mother was too poor one day with a companion who was fisherman told them back, but ultimately succeeded in get- the chain of the handcuffs. In places was not arrayed like one of these." saw the girl. She was pretty, and he a skiff on the Indiana side. The offi- war. Soon after that his followers, every tug brought me into forcible ferent character. began a flirtation with her. Clark was cers immediately struck for the Indigood looking in a way. He had a wife, ana side. They engaged a buggy and but that did not matter. He exerted stayed all night with Homer Young, a cess, for in a few days she had left started out toward Rockport. They her mother enlisted the services of the | They were about five miles from Rockin a short time the girl and Clark were found living together with negroes. A woman sitting by the roadside about warrant was sworn out against him by 30 feet away. They stopped the buggy trial. But the girl knocked it out as crack of a pistol and a whistling ball soon as she testified, as she swere that told them it was their game. Clark was not the man who had led her astray. She said that she preferred to live with him rather than at the home or with her mother. Judge

Thompson dismissed Clark. From that time on the police kept them under surveillance. Clark became identified with a crowd that was suspected of many crimes. He was arrested frequently, but no case could ever be made against him. But on the morning of Aug. 24 his career culminated. Policeman Joe Heffernan and a sergeant were making their rounds about 4 o'clock, when they saw two men standing near a grocery. Their actions were suspicious, and they ed up to them and asked them

what they were doing. They said they were newspaper carriers, and on further questioning Clark drew a revolver from his coat and began firing at the sergeant. Heffernan stepped in between them and knocked Clark down. Standing over him he told him he was under arrest. Clark's answer was to raise himself on his elbow, take careful aim and fire again. The ball passed through Heffernan's body, inflicting a fatal wound. The policeman lingered two days and then died, As soon as he fired Clark jumped up and young ladies wish to stop. Many exran, and both men made their escape. Clark was suspected of being the murderer, and Heffernan identified his picture from the rogue's gallery. A Fitchburg car 200, which was coupled few days later Carter, his companion, to Rio Grande passenger train No. 1 was arrested. He testified that Clark for the west yesterday morning, says did the shooting and was released, as Denver Post. The car was scrubbed at there was no charge on which he could 6 o'clock and shone like a handsome

Then the search for Clark began, but no trace of him could be found. It was



HOWARD CLARK.

as if he had disappeared from the face of the earth until Chief of Police Haager heard that he was in St. Louis. This in a regal manner, and they are perwas Sept. 1. Haager at once left for St. Louis. He tried to keep his movements secret, but the story was published in the Louisville papers and some one of Clark's friends notified him. He was in East St. Louis, and he came at once to Louisville. He must have joined Mattie Mahoney, although said: "The hand which made the have joined Mattie Mahoney, although said: "The hand which made the have joined Mattie Mahoney, although said: "The hand which made the have joined Mattie Mahoney, although said: "The hand which made the have joined Mattie Mahoney, although said: "The hand which made the have joined Mattie Mahoney, although said: "The hand which made the hand some said: "The hand some said: "The hand which made the hand some said: "The hand some said: "The hand which made the hand some said: "The hand s nave joined Mattle Mahoney, although them, one after the police do not know where they mighty heavens made a grain of sand; at a furious pace. A horseman riding crowd, thirsting for my blood, formed another, describing the characteristic the police do not know where they lived. On Sunday, Oct. 16, Clark which made the lofty mountains made of a cord as my hands were managed of a cord as my ha walked into a saloon in the southern a drop of water; which made you made of a cord, as my hands were manacled me to see the parade of the torture imwalked into a saloon in the southern a drop of water, which made behind my back, and thus we traveled plements that awaited me, and, as my and giving the histories of the people part of Lovisville and bought a pitcher the grass of the field; part of Louisville and bought a pitcher the grass of the field; which made a daisy!"—Chicago Journal of beer. The saloon keeper recognized me made a daisy!"—Chicago Journal of beer the saloon keeper recognized me made a daisy!"—Chicago Journal dency to settle. But in order to in- out any compensation therefor.—Ex-

him and at once notified the polis? Fa-

Western Park, on the river, near Louisville, where Clark stole a skiff. Mattie Mahoney dressed herself in male attire and they proceeded down the river.

No further trace of their movements had been ascertained until they were seen passing Tell City the following Friday morning. It was about daylight. The Louisville officers suspectnotified all the towns along the river. The Tell City officers in turn passed the word that a boat containing two people had passed their city to the town further down the Ohio.

Things were getting too lively for the fugitives, so three miles below Owensboro they abandoned their skiff. Mattie Mahoney took off her man's attire and donned a skirt and waist. They struck out in the direction of Rockport. That night they spent at the cabin of a negro named John Yager. Clark shaved off his mustache From boyhood he showed evil pro- and they made some efforts to disguise

Meanwhile Chief Pierce had gone back to Owensboro and had organized another posse composed of Marshal Taylor of Owensboro, J. T. Bell and C. H. Moseley. They went down the river on the Kentucky side. All day long they searched, but could find no



trace of the fugitives. Baffled and disto keep her. Clark went to the home came engaged in conversation with a his wiles on the girl with great suc- farmer. Early in the morning they the home and no trace of her could bad seen nothing of Clark and the be found. Her father was dead, and girl and had heard no report of them. Humane society and the police, and port when a sudden turn in the road brought them in view of a men and the girl's mother. The case went to to ascertain if it was Clark, but the

> Clark fired two shots. Both missed. Despairing of doing anything with the revolver Clark reached behind him with a knife and tried to cut open the ed over so as to protect him with her body from the bullets of the officers. A load of buckshot struck her in the side and she fell over in the death agony. Clark raised up and a Winchester ball struck him in the left side of the head and passed through both temples. He lived three hours notwithstanding the terrible wound. but was unconscious. The girl died almost immediately.

TWO YOUNG WOMEN.

Touring the United States in a Special Car Costing \$300 a Day.

Three hundred dollars a day is what it is costing two young ladies who are "doing" the United States. In this grand total are included porters, maids, a luxurious private car, a wellstocked refrigerator and pantry and carriages at whatever spot the two pensive pleasure parties have passed through the Denver Union depot, but none more so than that of special coach of plate glass, nickel and brass equipments, fresh from the shops. At 7 o'clock a dorist up town sent down three large boxes and a minute after a porter began loading the ice boxes under the special with fruit, bottled goods and sundry other edibles and drinkables. Breakfast had been prepared by a hotel. The special car was different from most specials, Muslin curtains as immaculate as the driven snow were at the windows. Palms sprang up from Japanese jardinieres on each side of the door leading into the reception, or observation room. A bookcase held a complete assortment bound, as prisoners into the presence ing as much as three inches long. of books on the United States and es. of the "Pombo," or governor of the * * 'You have come to this counpecially the west. Rugs covered the province. At first Mr. Landor himself try to see. * * * This, then, is the leather divans, and gorgeous pillows was not tortured, the "Poenbo" only punishment for you! And with these were scattered artistically about. The trying to intimidate him by the sight dreadful words the Pombo raised his two young ladies were Miss Dollie of the cruel scourging of the unfortu- arm and placed a red hot iron bar Richards and Miss Katie Roberts of nate Chanden Sing. Then, on pre- parallel to, and about an inch or two England. Miss Richards is the daugh- tense of conducting him to the frontier, from, my eyeballs, and all but touching ter of C. W. Richards, general manager the Thibetans put Mr. Landor on a my nose. I instinctively kept my two like one word, for which he enclosed of the Dominion Steamship line, run- pony and took him across the country eyes tightly closed, but the heat was so a shilling postal order. The reply ning steamers between Liverpool and in a spiked saddle, the most terrible intense that it seemed as if my eyes, came, in due course; Mr. Kipling had Boston. Miss Roberts is his niece. Both are handsome, stylish and vastly flicted upon him. The devilish ingen- iccated and my nose scorched. interested in everything they see. Both uity of the thing he describes simply "This ceased and I was enabled to sight-seeing. Their wants are gratMed produced in his own words: sonally attended by two porters, two maids, two cooks and a waiter.

Conceit.

partment. Search was instituted. Clark learned that things were getting warm and decided to skip out. The girl went with him. They went to OF HIS AWFUL SUFFERING

ed the mode of their flight and had notified all the towns along the river. He Undoubtedly Would Have Been Killed Had It Not Been for a Strange Superstition.

[LONDON LETTER.]

There are few less known regions on | would not have been so very bad, for the earth's surface than Thibet. Ow- the pony I rode was a fine spirited aning to the jealous exclusiveness of the | imal, and the country around was cu-Chinese authorities, the religious fa- rious and interesting. naticism of the Thibetans themselves and the wild and difficult nature of the | hind. The bullet narrowly missed me, country, Thibet has remained isolated | whizzing past my left ear. Probably from the world longer and more com- the speed at which my animal was propletely than any other region in sia.

Nevertheless, from the fourteent century onwards explorers have entered my pony, startled at the sudden report

and crossed the country. A few have of the matchlock at such close quarters even penetrated to Lhasa, including (not more than four yards), took one Manning, in 1811. But since two fright, and began rearing and plung-French missionaries got there in 1845 ing. I managed to maintain my seat, foreign feet have not entered the cap- though the spikes in the saddle were ital of Thibet. The practical reason lacerating the lower part of my spine why, which is the outcome of the causes | horribly. Nor was this all. just mentioned, will be found in Henry Savage Landor's account of his reception by the Lamas and the tortures he endured at their hands.

When the first accounts of his suf- held the cord did his utmost to pull me ferings reached England, there was a out of the saddle, no doubt in the hope not unnatural disposition to regard of seeing me trampled to death by the them as "travelers' tales," but Mr. | cohort behind me. As I leaned my body Landor has, very properly, appended to his own statement the official documents of the government inquiry into his case, documents which completely establish the truth of the tale of the terrible cruelty to which his characteristically British love of adventure exposed; him. Mr. Landor arrived in India in April,

1896, and made his first attempt to enter Thibet towards the end of May. But the Forbidden Land was equal to its reputation; the Thibetan authorities prevented him from entering the duced to two, the rest having gradually deeper wounds. The cord, though Thibet was not healthy for foreigners. gave way. The soldier who was pullting across the frontier by the savage thrown by the unexpected jerk. grandeur of the Thibetan scenery. The rugged land. It was, he says, only with the sharp edge of this I was made to enue collecting." the aid of a telescope that he was able stand, and several men held me by to make out that the supposed castle the body while four or five others, was nothing but a work of nature.

attendants, Mr. Landor was at the mer- | go. Fixed in this painful position, the cy of the natives. He was engaged in brutes securely tied me by my feet to The officers had opened fire on him. buying a horse at a place called Tuck- the log of wood with cords of yaker when he and his servants, Chan- hair. Several men were made to pull den Sing and Man Sing, were treach- these cords, and they were so tight erously attacked by an overwhelming that they cut grooves into my skin and case of his shotgun. Mattie Mahoney, force of Thibetans, thrown down, beat- flesh in several places round my ankles more devoted in peril than ever, lean- en, kick i, and finally led off, tightly and on my feet, many of the cuts be-

tortures of the many which they in- the left one especially, were being des-

The culmination of the tortures was

were preparing for action."

various implements to show that they

to have been beheadment by a naked sword, but a curious circumstance en abled him to escape with his life and those of his followers. The reason was because after they had stretched Mr. Landor and Man sing on a rack with their feet tied to a log and their hands to a post high in the air, and allowed them to remain there for twenty-four hours, it was discovered in examining his hands that the web between the fingers was quite high. "He who posthe Thibetans," says Mr. Landor, "a one tries, no harm can be done to him. Apart from the question whether there was much charm or not in my life in Thibet, there is no doubt that this trifling superstition did much towards hastening the 'Pombo's' decision as to what was to be our fate." They were accordingly taken to the

frontier and allowed to return to civilization: Truly Mr. Landor must be made of fine stuff to have endured all these horrors and have come out alive. His powers of physical endurance alone entitle him to our respect; his mental fortitude entitles him to our "Then in order to accelerate our admiration. And through all that terspeed, a horseman rode by my side, rible time he kept his wits about him lashing my pony to make it go its and his eyes open, observing and sethardest. Meanwhile the horseman who ting down his observations in his mind to be here reproduced. Such Spartan heroism deserves some lasting memo-

SOLOMON DISTANCED.

n All His Glory He Was Not Arrayed

Like These.

good country clergyman in part pay-

ment of his small salary, the principal

result being 27 bushels of beans and a

for his five children. The patience of

A donation party was given to



TIC INSCRIPTION. by the Lumpia Pass, was again turned | rubbed off my hands and knuckles by come to the conclusion that the air of strong, eventually and unexpectedly Before that, however, Mr. Landor had | ing at the other end was clumsily unbeen rewarded for his trouble in get- horsed, and I was myself all but

"natural castle" is a good example of ground. On the ground was a long ject. You see, it's a good many years the physical character of that wild and log of wood shaped like a prism. Upon | since I had anything to do with revusing their combined strength, stretch-Finding himself left with only two ed my legs as wide apart as they could

"As we rode I was shot at from be-

the clergyman's wife finally gave out. On the next Sunday she dressed all her five children in the donated second-

His Sense of Duty. "Do you fully appreciate," asked the earnest citizen, "the duty which every man owes to his country?" "Well," said Senator Sorghum, apologetically, "I was then hustled to the execution | "I'm getting a little rusty on that sub-

passage, "Yet Solomon, in all his glory,

"I am always grateful to my parents for the musical education they gave me," said Willie Wishington. "But tired of seeing this heading in the va- states. There are thousands of catyou never sing." "No. Thanks to my rious farm papers, but we assure them | the being held in close herd awaiting thoughtful parents, I know enough there is reason for a frequent mention shipment. about music not to try."-Washington of this pest. We know that some men

Largest Sun Dial. The largest sun-dial in the world is Hayou Horoo, a large promontory, extending 3,000 feet above the Aegean sea. As the sun swings round the shadow of this mountain it touches, one by one, a circle of islands, which act as hour marks.

Pay in the Japanese Navy. and second-class captains get 2,496 and 2,263 respectively.

Couldn't Stand It. "How did that girl happen to break the mirror in her room? She's not so homely." "No; but she's from Boston. I dare say she looked at the glass and

LITERARY NOTES.

George W. Cable is busy on a novel of the civil war, which he expects to call "The Cavalier." Most of the characters are New Orleans creoles and the scenes of the tale are in the region just north of New Orleans.

It is surely one of "life's little ironies" that the great laughtermaker. Max Adeler, whose real name is Charles Heber Clark, a man with a world-wide reputation as a humorist, should sit in the office of the Textile Record and write ponderous editorials the protective tariff, free trade, pig iron totaler, but a great smoker, and he lives in the country at Conshohocken, where he is at the head of a great firm of manufacturing chemists.

Apropos of Mr. Kipling's new book a good story is being told of him. Recently he sold a book to his publisher at a rate that worked out to a shilling a word. The publication of this fact came under the notice of a London newspaper humorist, who, "for the fun of the thing," wrote to the author saying that, as wisdom seemed to be quoted at retail prices, he himself would litely returned (written on a large

sheet of paper) the word "Thanks!" have unlimited credit and appetite for but most effectively and it is best re- open my eyes. The spectacle before Marian Crawford's new book is "Ave me was overwhelming. By the "Pom- Roma Immortalis: Studies from the "It was in reality the wooden frame bo's" tent stood in a row the most vil- Chronicles of Rome," in two volumes. of a very high-backed saddle, from the lainous brutes I have ever set eyes He begins with a brief historical study of this substance is very poisonous located quite a distance apart, so far back of which some five or six sharp upon. One, a powerful, repulsive indi- of the rise of Rome, with sketches of fron spikes stuck out horizontaly. As vidual, held in his hand a great knob- some of the great men who made I sat on this implement of torture, the | bed mallet, used for fracturing bones: | her greatness, and afterward takes | He was an earnest minister, and one spikes caught me in the small of the another carried a bow and arrows; a the fourteen different regions Sunday, in the course of a sermon on back. My guard having been augment- third held a big two-handed sword, or wards into which the city the significance of little things, he ed by twenty or thirty mounted men, while others made a display of various was divided in mediaeval times awful spikes in the saddle the ride other, the several Lamas shook their died in them.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Orchards in Hard Places. In an address before the Wisconsin State Horticultural Society, Geo. J. Kellogg said in part:

In recommending the best plan most likely to succeed on low situations and poor orchard soil, I would go back to the foundation and plant four seeds of the most hardy apple or crab known, such as Duchess and Hibernal or Virginia crab, plant these in a well prepared spot where the future orchard | way of modern labor-saving machintree is to stand, protect by a bit of fence board on the southwest side, and offset to this, the German farms in a so staked and cultivated that a good growth may be secured; the first fall sesses such fingers has, according to remove all but two of the most vigorous seedlings, bank up for winter and charmed life, and no matter how much | if the size is sufficient to carry a cion, the following spring graft two inches below the crown with Duchess, Hibernal, Charlamoff and Virginia crab for those kinds less hardy. If the seedlings are too small at one year then continue the growth another season and gpaft at two years.

The advantage of grafting the seedling without transplanting is to get the benefit of the whole root and in no other way can the full benefit be obtained; grafting two inches below ground will insure the rooting of the scion; using Virginia crab as a stock upon which at two to three feet to graft, or bud in the limbs, varieties which are less hardy. Such varieties as Duchess, Hibernal, Glass Green and a etc. Timber is equally well cared for. few others may be grafted at the In draining and irrigating, the farmers ground. The grafts should be shaded by a bit of board till large enough to question is how to stop or check the be protected by the lath shield. Graft | exodus of labor to the cities, where two seedlings, then remove one later

Second plan Set two root grafts of short roots and long scions where the vest), with the use of a small house, future orchard tree is to stand; protect | patch of ground (about one-half acre), the same as before; take up the weak- and the privilege of using the impleest if both grafts grow; always prune | ments for cultivation of same. Single the growing tree when the bud can be men who board with their employer removed with the thumb; have one cen- are paid considerably less. The Gerlarge variety of second-hand clothing tral trunk and side branches at right man government is endeavoring, both angles six to twelve inches apart; by legislation and education, to enable stimulate the tree to early growth but the farmer to compete with his rivals do not cultivate after July, or cause more than a moderate growth of wood couraged, they were coming back. A country by the Lippu Lek Pass—the forward so as to maintain my seat, and hand clothing, and under her direction each year. After trees come to bearing few miles from Owensboro the steamer easiest route—and it was only in the with my arms pulled violently back- they marched up the aisle just as the do not let them overbear, or starve to way bureau of live stock statistics, made a landing and the officers be- middle of July that he entered Thibet wards by the rope, the flesh was good pastor was reading that beautiful death; a tree should be fed in propor- Union Stock Yards, Chicago, has just tion to its fruitage. Most old orchards | completed a canvass of the range catare starved to death. The best fertil- tle of the country for the Associated engaged in some painting. There he that he had seen two men landing in ting across the mountains to Mansaro- the bone was exposed, and, of course, The next donation party was of a difbroadcast at the rate of 100 bushels per | Texas to northern Montana the grassacre annually. I would recommend for on the ranges, with the exception of hard places only Duchess, Hibernal, a few droughty spots in the fall, was Glass Green, Charlamoff, McMahon, excellent. An abundant hay crop was Wealthy, Repka Malenka, Longfield harvested, and a greater number of and Patton's Greening of apples, and cattle in proportion will be sustained all but the first four top worked on Vir- throughout the coming winter than ginia crab. Whitney, Virginia, Martha ever before. He also says there is and Sweet Russet for crabs. Apple a wonderful increase in the calf crop, seed must be planted fresh from the as shown by the records of "round-up" apple in the fall, or if dry, soaked till foremen on the open ranges. The it is plump, then frozen, mixed with movement of cattle and sheep to feed sand and planted in spring.

> that have orchard stock to sell are trying to belittle the danger, but the danger exists in spite of their efforts | testing wheats for more than ten years. to lull the country into a fancied secur- Of those that were tested for eight ity. The state entomologist of California says that without doubt the San Jose scale is the greatest pest that has country. In California it has become so prevalent that it is no longer considthing left to do is to fight it in every or-A Japanese admiral receives, by a chard and try to grow fruit in spite recent ordinance, 6,000 silver dollars a of it. Spraying has only the effect of year, a vice admiral 4,000, while first keeping down the generations of young ones when they make their appearance on the orchard trees in large numbers. But in the forests where the scale has got a foothold no spraying that will be effective can be done. This should stimulate the horticulturists east of the Rocky mountains to do what they can to prevent the spread of the scale, knowing as we do that once the pest is among our wild trees it will be impossible of extinction. Every state should take energetic measures to protect its borders. We raise troops and spend millions to keep out foreign invaders when they come in the form of in the orchard just as the trees are invasion?

The Grain Weevil.

experiment station concerning a small the grain weevils which commonly infest wheat stored in bins. One of the most common of these

little beetles is Calandria granaria, a

small, dark reddish snout beetle, which deposits its eggs upon the grain. These Union, covering an area 550 miles in eggs soon hatch into small, footless width from east to west, and 300 miles larvae, that eat out the substance of in length from north to south. The the kernels, and become full-grown in boundaries include 146,080 square a few weeks. They then change to miles, or 92,998,400 acres. The lands pupae and soon after again transform | are divided among the different industo adult beetles. There are several tries about as follows: Farm lands, broods each season, so they may be 30,000,000 acres; grazing lands or natfound at almost any time during the ural pastures, 38,000,000 acres, and nasummer and autumn. While there are tive forests, 14,000,000 acres. The prinseveral species of these grain weevils, cipal cultivated valleys and land capathe same remedy will do for all. As ble of irrigation and cultivation lie bethese insects penetrate all through the low the 4,000 feet altitude mark, and entire bulk of grain, it is necessary are suited to all classes of gardening, to apply some substance that is equally | fruit growing and farming. penetrating in its nature. This is found in carbon bisulphide, which may be had at any drug store. The vapor see quite frequently houses and barns and will destroy all insect life with indeed that it requires several minutes' which it comes in contact. This ma- time to go from one to the other. If terial is also very explosive when house and barn are only 100 feet too brought in contact with fire. Keeping far apart, and we make but three trips these two points in mind if may be back and forth each day, in a week's handled with perfect safety. In ap- time we have traveled about an extra plying the material it is well to keep mile and in twenty years will have in mind the fact that it is very vola- gone a thousand miles out of our way which diffuses itself throughout the en- think it a hard task indeed twenty tire mass of grain, and as the vapor is pelied to start out once eveniles with-

FARM AND GARDEN. sure perfect results it is best to introduce the material well down toward the middle of the mass of grain by means of a gaspipe with a screen over the lower end, which will prevent the wheat filling the pipe, and through which the poison may be poured. The pipa is then withdrawn. One pound of the bisulphide is sufficient for fixy bushels of grain. One application will be sufficient unless the grain is to be kept over winter, when a second application may be necessary. The material does no harm to the grain in any way, as the poisonous fumes all pass away as soon as brought in contact with the air outside.-James Troop, Horticulturist.

> The German Farmer. John E. Kehl, the United States consul at Stettin, Germany, says that the American farmer enjoys great advantages over the German farmer in the ery, larger tracts of land, etc. As an more intensive way, and generally produces full crops. These facts, however, would not enable them to fight against depression if they did not receive state aid and had not quite a perfect system of co-operation. At many of the old universities, such as Berlin, Gottengen, Leipsic, Halle, Munich, etc., there have been founded agricultural colleges, and in all other colleges there are chairs of agriculture, with professors to lecture on the subject, thus disseminating a valuable amount of practical scientific knowl-

"Co-operation," say the Germans. "is the farmer's stronghold and bulwark." I mere are co-operative credit banks co-operative dairies, co-operative steam plows, and there is co-operation in drainage and irrigation. As a rule, the farms are devoid of small undergrowth, stumps, stones, creeping vines, are experts. At present a perplexing wages are higher. The salaries paid farm laborers vary, but average 35 cents per day (50 cents during har-

Stock on Western Ranges.

William Penn Anderson of the raillots and other eastern markets dur-ing October is almost without parallel We fear our readers may become Thera is no kies and stocker famine

> Varieties of Wheat. The Pennsylvania station has been

years it says: For the varieties tested eight years the average yield of the first five is as ever menaced the orchards of this follows: Reliable, 32.70; Fulcaster, 32.10: Ontario Wonder, 31.19; Wyandotte Red, 30.66, and Dietz Longberry ered possible to eradicate it. The only | Red, 30.64. For those tested four years, the yield of the first three is as follows: Royal Australian, 32.47; Jones' Square Head, 31.27 and The Pool, 31.25. It will be noted that the order of yield for 1897 varies considerably from that of all the years in which the varieties were tested, proving that the results obtained from a single year's trial, is not an accurate test of the value of a variety but that it should be continued through at least two or three years in order that the test be of any material value.

Drowning Codling Moths.

Wormy apples may be prevented by placing barrels half filled with water men. Why not spend money as freely about to open their blossoms. The when it is necessary to repel an insect | moths, which fly between sunset and 10 p. m., can be captured easily by suspending over the water in the barrel a lighted lantern. They are then A bulletin sent out from the Indiana attracted by the light and eventually experiment station says: Numerous find themselves in the water; 10 laninquiries have recently come to the terns to 40 trees is ample. I tried this plan and succeeded beyond question. insect which is described as doing Last season I omitted to do it, and got great damage to the wheat in gran- caught with the worm again. This about the exports of the last fiscal year, aries. With one exception no speci- season I do not propose to be caught, mens have accompanied the letters, so am getting ready my barrels and and the currency. He is a stanch tee- but from the descriptions given it is lanterns. My contention is that the very evident that the insect is one of moth is captured before she has deposited her eggs in the expanded blooms .- American Gardening.

> Farming Area of Montana.-Montana is the third largest state in the

Farm Buildings Too Far Apart.-We

CHARLES KARTES Editor and Proprietor.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

BATURDAY, DEC. 10, 1898.

WHEN the Court House and Jail get their new coat of paint they may locate. will look presentable.

It is a noticeable fact that Del Rio is building up, and in a very substantial manner.

THAT sterotyped paragraph about our sunny south had better be put under the stove to thaw.

THE paymaster paid off at San Antonio, Friday, and the supposition is that he will pay here Monday.

Sonora is one of the most enterprising litter towns in the West. It will have Fraces and a big tree loaded with presents X.

. THURSDAY night a regular oldtime blizzard came sweeping down and next morning the ground was covered with snow. The snow commenced falling at 4 o'clock Friday morning and continued until eight, when the mercury took another tumble and everything froze solid. At this writing the weather is thretening a repitition of Tursday nights storm and the cold is intense This spell is bad on stock of all knids and if it continues some loss is bound to result.

Further proceedings of the East Texas conference, in session at

Delaware Indians have gone to Marke to select a new home: the white men are crowding them out of the Territory.

Charles Bass suicided by injecting morphine into his veins at

Federal Judge Seaman holds that State courts have no jurisdiction in bankruptcy preceed-

House of Bishops of the Methodist church, South, vote to return the money voted them by congress if the senate so decides.

Major Carter Harrison and the anti-railway franchise extensionists have aroused Chicagoans to such a point that boodle aldermen are in danger of their lives.

McCoy and Sharkey matched to fight in New York on January

The National Farmers' congress made several recommendations for needed legislation, which will be sent to congress.

Government will furnish free treatment and bath to the poor at Hot Springs, Ark.

Smallpox epidemic in Bedford,

Thursday last the first Sunset himited train out of New Orleans met with a serions accident near Jennings, La. Engine was ditched and several of the cars badly injured. A number of employes were more or leseriouly injured but no one was killed, their escape being almost miraculous, as the locomotive turned over. None of the passengers on the train, of whom there were over thirty, were injured, although they were badly shaken up. Wrecking trains were sent to the scene from both direction to assist in clearing the track, which work took several days. Passengers were transferred, which took some time, and the California train several days was quite late. The train is due here at 7: 40 in the evening, but on two days did not racch here until nearly noon on the following day. It is very seldom that serious accidents occur on the Southern Pecific, their fine road bed, good equipment and careful employes reducing danger to a minimum . -

Are You Weak? nd aching bones. The blood is ssues are wasting—the door is a disease. A bottle of Browns time will restore your

Uvalde News.

other night broke up in a row. and Judge Magner held special session next morning.

A double wedding took place at the Catholic church, Monday morning, the contracting parties being Mr. Roque Locke and Miss Aniseta Sanchez, and Mr. Jose Angel Martinez and Miss Isabel Talamantes. In the evening two big bailes were given in honor of the newly wed.

caped us last week was the de- vote.

perfectly satisfactory, wil be repaired free of years and years and waxes fat the woman was struck with an idea.

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More sales and more nerease year by year are reported by day lots.

More people are today the today the taking it to yer before.

More and stripped are taking it to yer before.

More and stripped are taking it to yer before.

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expense incurred in its manufacture pastimes as football and other

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One of the wedding bailes the A DISSERTATION ON THE DEADEAT.

> Behold the deadbeat. He toils an Indiana Woman's Effort to Have not, neither does he spin-only yarns at the corner grocery-yet Solomon in all his glory didn't have a better time than he

The deadbest always shuns evil; he regards honest labor as the greatest of evils.

He pays no taxes to speak of, yet he roosts on empty beer kegs and tells hard-working, tax-One item that inadvertently es- paying citizens how they must

parture of Mr. Alex Rosen. He He is robed in purple and fine left Brackett for good and will linen and fares sumptuously each stop its pitiful cries. locate in some new town further day, until the merchant gets on- Dr. Kennedy informed her that it was north. Mr. Rosen was univer- to his curves and tells him he not in their regular line to practice on sally liked and has many friends must cough up some of the coin pigs, but the case might be taken-for a here who regret his going. THE of the realm before he can pur- consideration. Dr. Pink asked her why NEWS wishes Mr. Rosen success chase more goods. Then the and she said he would charge too much in whatever part of the world he dead beat sits down, for he is too for the work. Dr. Pink offered to set tired to stand long, and sorrow- the limb for 50 cents.
fully speaks of the girnding "Oh, you're awful high," the woman monopolies and the rich who do almost screamed. "I studied medicine WEMEAN BUSINESS not give the poor man a show; myself, and have an idea of what you after which he proceeds to find ough, to charge. I'll give you a quarsome other merchant who has ter.' not yet cut his-eye-teeth on tough and the woman finally consented to pay

easy prey to the wily deadbeat. pig's leg a preliminary pull, which during the last five years which has not proven. The d. b. reads the paper for made the bottle again necessary, when charge upon application. We stand by our guarantee and are reliable. Best teeth including extraction, \$3.00 to \$8.00. Composition fillings, \$1.00 and upwards. Gold filling \$1.00 and upwards. Teeth extracted without pain, 50cts. Come to this office and save money. German spoken, Lady attendants.

DDS COODMAN S. LLAY. ment on account, the daedoeat informed the woman that it would cost indignantly protests teat he never an additional dollar to guarantee it. subscr.bed for the paper and This almos caused the woman to faint. would not read it if he had to. Then the editor tightens his belt the shock, s another hole and cheerfully scratches his name off the list.

It has never been, ascertained what the deadbeat was created for, unless it was to prevent overproduction of foodstuffs and wear. ing apparel, for it has been shown that it takes the labor of cipation" of women is by no means so six honest men to support one far advanced as in England or the deadbeat in the style to which he United States, there are few countries has been acoustomed.

and very long-lived. When ever always apparent, for it is chiefly thrones have rotted and bond issues have ceased to troubl the the women of the upper classes. Indeadbeat will still be found en- stead of forming themselves into assojoying the pleasures of life and ciations and leagues and international living off the labor of honest men. unions and organizations and compet-

author we have become possess. ed of a handbook on athletics. We are a devoted to athletics, but find that the book does not treat of the kind of sport we indulge in. A man who weekly dallies withithe unconquerable G. Washington hand press, who habitually chops up enough sea- political "color." which is generally soned oak every morning for the inst of the husband or father or friends day's household use; and who of the mistress of the house; but while ever and anon is compelled to engage in mortal combat with the sadeyed delinquent sub-criber, can have no taste for such gentle popular sports .- Hondo Herald.

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PIG WITH A BROKEN LEG.

Her Queer Pet's Injured Member Set.

The physicians at the city dispensary have all sorts of patients, but a new record was made the other day. says the Indianapolis News, when a woman brought a pig there to have its leg set. She drove up in a carriage. and exhibited a five-weeks-old pig. with a broken leg, and entered into negotiations to have the injured member repaired. While she was talking she paused ever and anon to hold a milkbottle to the little sufferer's mouth, to

the price. The doctor was about to be-The guileless editor falls an gin the operation, and had given the and as soon as she could recover from

EMANCIPATED WOMAN.

the shock, she grabbed the reins and

She Is Found in Italy as Well as in the United States - How She Works There.

Though in Italy the so-called "emanin Europe where the political influence The deadbeat is very numerous influence. though great, is not, howing with political orators, the Italian Through the courtesy of the women interested in political work quietly, and certainly not less efficaciously than their more "emancipated"

As a rule, Italian women work by means of the old French expedient, the salon. In Rome alone there are no fewer than a dozen salons devoted almost entirely to the discussion of political topies. Each salon has it own the thread and web of the polities carried on in a salon is spun and woven by the men who frequent it, the personal influence of the mistress of the house acts on each one of her guests, modifying views, and softening, or it may be accentuating, the roughness of ambition. As long as they remain in their salon Italian political women are in

every way admirable. BEES IN HIS HUNTING COAT. Pockets Full of Honey for a Soldier

When He Came Home from

the War.

Asa Witham, a farmer of Blanchard, Me., has been a member of the Dover company, Maine volunteer militia, for two years, and is counted one of the best marksmen in his regiment. Last May when he was waiting for the government to call the troops to Augusta he went out one afternoon and shot six rabbits. On his return a messenger met him in the doorway and told him he must take the next train for the state capital. As his canvas hunting coat was wet with the blood of the rabbits he hung it up on the limb of an apple tree, remarking that it would be

well washed by the time he returned

Witham was mustered in and went to Chickamauga, where he was on duty every day until a month ago, when his regiment was ordered back to Augusta. He was sent home on a month's furough. Being somewhat exhausted from a continuous diet of hardtack and eacon, he thought he would try his luck at partridge shooting before setting down to farmwork, The canvas coat was hanging from the limb in the orchard, but when Witham went to put it on he found that it was already ochis absence. With the aid of a sulphur

tealing is evidently a serious offense, John Dixon was recently sentenced to three years' imprisonment for it. The exact words of the jury were: "Not having satisfactorily accounted to the minds of the jury for the possession of the sheep, we find the prisoner guilty." What puzzles the lawyers is this: Can a man be legally jailed on such a verdict?

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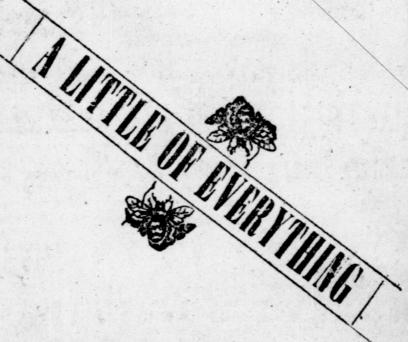
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A Queer Verdict.

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THE SECTION SECTION SECTION SECTION.

USED HIS HAND FOR BAIT.

This Thrilling Yarn About a Diver and a Shark Comes from Diego Garcia.

An article about diving in St. Nicholas tells the following story about Lambert, a famous English diver: The fish in some waters are a hindrance and are greatly disliked by the diver. Perhaps the diver's worst foe is the conger eel. This creature attacks in swarms and is most daring and exceedingly vicious. The congers bark like dogs, and never hesitate in the

least to bite a man. "At one time my right hand," said a diver to us, "was exposed for a moment while in the water, when one of these fierce creatures made a dash for it and took a large piece from the back of the hand. It bled freely and I was obliged to come up to the surface and get it dressed."

"But how about the sharks? Don't you find them troublesome?"

"Not very. You see, sharks are like rats; leave them alone, and they run away if they eatch sight of you. Corner a shark and he will fight.

"But if you want a shark story, I can give you one of Lambert's; he once had a thrilling fight with one at the bottom of the Indian ocean. He had been sent to the island of Diego Garcia to fix copper sheets on a coal bunk that had been fouled by a steamer, and was annoyed during his operations by the same shark for nearly a week.

"The monster was temporarily seared away, however, every time Lambert opened the escape valve in his belmet and allowed some air to rush out. One day Lambert signaled to his attendants for a big sheath knife and

a looped rope. "Having these, Lambert used his bare hand as a bait and waited until the shark commenced to turn on its back, when he stabbed it repeatedly, passed the noose around its body and signaled for it to be drawn up. The diver brought home the shark's backbone as a trophy."

WHEN HER SOLDIERS RETURN.

The Internal Criste to Spain Will Then Have Begun in Mitter

The loss of our (Spanish) colonies means the absolute disappearance of all industry and commerce which the inhabitants of those islands were forced to support, says "A Spaniard" in Fortnightly Review. Factories, workshops, magazines all must be closed. and thousands upon thousands of operatives turned adrift on the world. homeless and helpless. A hundred thousand soldiers will come home to swell their ranks, sickly, mutilated men, no longer needed to fight their country's battles, and no longer able. to carry on the struggle for existence under the ruins of the old order of things. The greater number of of 30,000 military officers will be deprived of their command and placed on the reserve list, where the pay is such that a captain, who generally has a wife and family to support, receives about two shillings and four pence a day.

Agriculture, which is dving out, cannot support these legions of famishing men, women and children, nor are soldiers the kind of pecale who take kindy to the hard humdrum life of the fields. When these multitudes have felt the pinch of hunger, and see themselves thrown back upon the laws of nature to keep themselves and their loved ones from dying, then the internal crisis will have begun in very truth, and the torsin of the revolution will have sounded. In that day the army will decide, by its attitude, whether Carlists or republicans shall triumph.

SPANISH MUSIC.

The National Character of Spain Is Very Well Befined by its

It is interesting to note how a paion's favorite musical instrument is a key to the national character. Thus, for instance, England's musical instrument is the organ, Scotland's the bagpipe, Ireland's the harp, Italy's the violin, Spain's the guitar, Germany's the flute, the United States-south the banjo and north the piano. Spain's affinity seems strongest, and, just now, is of especial public interest. The guitar is abiquitous in Spain. Its tinkling, sweetish harmonies may be heard on the battlefield, in my lady's bower, in the mule cart, in the barber's shop, n saloon, hotel and the highways and byways. Spanish music is pretty rather than powerful; its boleros, rigadvous and fandangos gay rather than grand. It savors more of dagger and hatpin than bayonet and bomb. Giancing back in guitar history to the days of King David, when this instrument was known as a kinnor, one sees that while it was used to refresh Saul it was also carried by depraved female minstrels, as evidenced by the Prophet Isaiah's ironical suggestion to them o "take a kinnor, go about the city, make sweet melody, sing many songs, that you may not be forgotten." The popular Spanish air of "El Sereney" is a capital illustration of the characteristics of Spanish music and Spain. Its pretty, thin strains remind one of the country of the muleteer and friar.

Birch Canoes for the Orient. Bangor manufacturers are sending canoes of birch and canvas to Palestine, Japan, India and China. One resent to India was to the order of a British officer, and the cost of transportation was more than \$75. A canoe just ordered is intended for trip up the river Jordan.

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ALLEGED MURDER OF C. MULHERN.

ing among stockmen, and prac camp of the regiment.

grand juries have been empan-eled and discharged and no in-bring him in, but he was never Bids were opened this a.m. for dictments found because of the found. No one doubts that he beef contract but too late for us excellent character of the citizen- kept on running, in delirium, the best known remedy for Conthere was no occasion for con- cure corner of the jungle where all Throat and Chest Troubles. The treatment for worms must fliets be prompt and safe. White's

Cream Vermifuge can be trusted anteed to gring worms. 25c .-They will be on exhibition on the partizans of the opposing ticket positions. 23rd at the Hilton House. Don't were arrested, charged with the If they remembered the spot C. P. Diaz to join Mr. Ander-

for Manila, the young folks in arms, making threats, etc. town lost all interest in dance. But for a few days this pre- so that they were never found. we'll dance at your wedding. monitory difficulty seems to have. There were pitiful cases in A 45-60 Winchester for sale a

of ours, Alolph Bitter, and that Polander "devil" of ours have partizans of the respective ticket vented the discovery of every currency. Sheriff Nolan has two told that we killed a deer. They met at the been saloon of Tom disabled man. Tom McAlpin is the man that six hours later.

William Holmes made THE NEWS torney of Jeff Davis county. He where troops were badly broken

that community. Mr. L. A Johnson is in town, The pre iminary examination Mr. L. A Johnson is in town, winding up his business here preparatory to leaving Kinney county. Mr. Johnson has been in the stock business on the Nucces for about sixteen years. He recently sold out his ranch and cat the and is now going to leave us. We are sorry that he is going for he has always been a good citizen and a staunch supporter of the home paper.

The pre iminary examination of Price was held November 14 and 15. The state put on the stand only one eye-witness, an attending physician, a witness at the death-bed of Mulhern, and a witness to prove malice. The defendant declined to place a witness on the tall the home paper.

corpus proceeding will be institu-Yesterday was the coldest this ted in due time, to permit him to

section has experienced in years. give bail. This most unfortunate affair is -Get Nance to repair your universally regretted in Jeff Davis county and by every good citi-Mr. Henry Roach, who has been all through the Spanish-American war, from start to finish, returned to Brackett Monday. He is at his home, sick with fever contracted while in Cuba, We are sorry that he Cuba, We are sorry that he should have occurred in so worthy is ill, but hope that he will soon a cummunity.

Hon. W. W. Gatewood has been retained by the friends of the deceased and represented the pockets you'll find a little dodger
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"MISSING."

The soldiers who were classed as "missing," after the fighting before Santiago, were those who could not be accounted for. It was a simple classification; but no one word ever included so various a lot of men, or covered tragedies and comedies so utterly diverse. The "missing" were in some cases the most arrant of cowards, and in other the very bravest of the brave.

For years past Jeff Davis A soldier of the Seventeenth county-where we are glad to Infantry was shot in the region of zens-has been noted for being did not kill him outright, nor for one of the most law abiding and the moment paralyze his physical well ordered counties in the state. powers, but it crazed him utterly. The county is prosperous and free His comrades saw him strike his from debt, having a large amount breast with his hands, heard him of surplus in the treasury. Even cry out, "I am shot!" and saw during the drouthy times several him drop his gun and run stagyears ago there was little suffer- gering down the hill toward the

tically no serious reverses of Reaching the camp, he did not fortune. The courts have come stop, but ran into the bushes and gone, and as a matter of fact which thickly skirted it. Soon

to restore your child to health. dora's box, and let loose a legion Soldier who were wounded in It is a tonic as well as a worm of genuises of discord and mis- the advance movements at Caney the election a ball was given by to the ground and were unable to the partizans of one of the local get forward or back, although inform his friends, and the pubic trouble of more or less serious character that, with proper treat- pleasure bent. in general, that anticipating the import arose. Later on at night ment, the men might have sur-9:50 a m fact that on Xmas day it is cus- some hours aften the ball had vived. As they fell their comtomary for everybody to have a closed, a partizan of one of ticket ardes pressed forward, and were C. P. Diaz, to take his children Mondays and Saturdays 6:00 pm big fat turkey for dinner, he will was shot but not seriously injur- ordered, after the position they to Uvalde, as Mr. Anderson's Mondays and Fridays 6:00 a m have a supply of them for sale. ed, and the next day three of the were seeking was gained, to new family—with whom the children have a supply of them for sale. ed, and the next day three of the were seeking was gained, to new family—with whom the children

shooting. On preliminary, hear- where their comrades had fallen son ing they were discharged, and they had no opportunity to get -Nance, the Jeveler, has just on the same day of their dis- back to them. The surgeons and received a fine line of jewelry. charge several leading partizans of the opposing ticket were arrest to look out for wounded men, but terday and yelled 'load of wood ed on various, charges—carrying sometimes the men wer hidden in for the editor!" and we needed bushes or in the breast-high grass it bad, too. Thanks, George,

had a quieting effect, and the which wounded men dragged Mr. D. S. Scranton, a discommunity at Fort Davis passed themselves into the hospital or charged soldier of the Twenty-over the election day without other camps two or three days third, lately arrived here from Some of the boys of the Third futher trouble. The election after they were shot. Undoubted Manila, was circulating around ball during the holidays.

passed off quietly, and the usual ly many others never succeeded town among his numerous friends in teaching succor, and died one night last week, and becomwas congratulating itself upon its alone in the woods or the tall ing a little indiscreet, made a dis

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We don't like to give it away, but that Dutch brother-it-law of ours. Alohab Bitter, and that Two evenings later several evered by the operations pre- ounting to some \$280 in gold and

Hawtherne, in old Fort Davis, It happened that in the San- other arrests will probably follow and to all appearances were en- tiago campaign the army chap- later. joying among themselves a so- lains often took into account and joying among themselves a so- lains often took into account and joying among themselves a so- lains often took into account and in the course of wounded, and searched the fields, often alone, to find these forgot- us that he had finished dipping they were a so- lains often took into account and Valley sheepman dropped into the search and in the course of often alone, to find these forgot- us that he had finished dipping a solution account and the solution and the search and the The best be eight in town, joying among themselves a so- lains often took into account the TANSIL'S PUNCH, at Partrick's cial class of beer. Several beers missing as well as the dead and Will Murphy, Fred Bitter and the talk an altercation followed, often alone, to find these forgot-Will Murphy, Fred Bitter and the talk an attercation tollowed, of the men Sometimes they were Mr. Nohn's sheep—some 3,000 the ball taking effect in the successful, and rescued the men head. One day four men dipped bowels, and proved fatal thirty- from a terrible death- They were fired upon by Spanish sharp single on. Mr. Robinson says

Co., of Freeport, was in town of the deceased.

yesterday, and in company with . O. L. Price, is the county atcowards. The San Juan woods,

to eat in the whole country-except mangoes and cocoanuts-

save in the American camps. So it happened that most of the few soldiers who skulked found their way back to their own regiments, and had a strange tale of adventures to tell. Generally there was no proof upon which to order them to punishment; but this punishment they had to bear -the suspicion of cowardice attaching to them as long as they remained in the service.

I know of several cases in say, the New Era circulates al- the heart during the night attack ed cowardice in the first fighting most universally among its citi- of the second of July. The shot returned and redeemed their reputation afterward. Sometimes it takes a man some time to find out that he is really as brave as

The early trepidation occurred only when the troops were fight! ing under cover ff woods. In the open, surrounded by their comrades, no men skulked. Shame, if not courage and the sense of duty, kept them in their places .- Youth's Companion.

Ballard, s Horehound Syrup is ship of the county and because until finally he fell in some obs- sumption, Coughs, Colds, and no search could discover him. Every bottle is guaranteed. It But, unfortunately, the recent The report in his case was is the best remedy for children. 25 & 50c.—Dr. Partrick.

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th, Miss Elsie, Miss Elsie, the bank has been robbed! Twenty thousand poueds gone, missie! and poor master away! Oh, dear! oh, dear!

Fully an hour ago had the above words been thrust on pretty little Eisle Maitland's bewildered hearing. She still sat in the exact spot where the bearer of the awful news had left her, too stunned and shocked even yet to properly realize all that the terrible tidings might mean.

Twenty thousand pounds gone! And the bank in a somewhat embarrassed condition before! Worst of all, the banker himself-Elsie's uncle-was away! Eisie Maitland was a brave little woman, but somehow this last dreadful thing had well-nigh robbed her of her bravery.

A step behind her, and a low voice spoke her name. She knew it at once; it was her good-for-nothing brother's. Why had he come here now, bringing fresh trouble? For the first time in her life Elsie felt angry with him.

"Why are you here again, Harold?" she cried, when he was standing there in front of her. "When I gave you that last money you promised to stay away alingether, and try and get something to do. Yet here you are once more, and this time I cannot help you. Why, why do you come? Uncle John would be furious at finding you here."

"But he is away, Elsie," the young man answered breathlessly. "Girlie, you must help me, just this once. I promise solemnly never to worry you

again!" "You have promised solemnly before, Harold," his sister said bitterly. "I cannot help you, I say. We are all ruined. The bank has been robbed." The startled look on his white face

caused her to cease speaking. "Is it true, Elsie?" he asked hoarse-"Has the bank really been

She told him what she knew, he listening impatiently.

"I must have money, girlie!" he burst out. "I must have it! I must the bank. get away from here tonight, and 1 don't possess a single farthing! Quick dear. Uncle left you some for housekeeping. That will have to do."

"I don't possess a single farthing either," she persisted. "What is the matter, Harold? Why is it so terribly necessary for you to leave Blackmore

Their eyes met-hers clear, straightforward, honest; his weak and ner- asked.

about the bank, Elsie," he muttered queerly. "He must not find me here." No, it would only add to the bitter-

"I have it!" the desperate brother suddenly exclaimed. "Elsie, this news about the back robbery is still exclusive. The editor of the Blackmore Times would give you any sum for it. He is enterprising, and always ready for somethin startling at first hand. This is our only chance, dear."

But Elsie would not light for a long, long time. It was not until her brother had fully enlarged on the gring saity of the case, not unstand the consequences if he did not have money at once, that she finany consented to go to the editor of the Blackmore Times.

Harold Maitland had a smart, cunning tongue; on this occasion he had indeed used it well. As he prophesied, the editor literally grabbed at the "copy," especially after he had fairly convinced himself that his would be the first paper to publish the startling news on the morrow. Elsie went wearily home with the much-needed money all this to you. You are quite right to in her pocket. Harold was awaiting in refuse me. How dare I ask you—or by a bachelor host, or a dinner party days nobody hears of the destruction hiding for her, and pounced down eagerly on the gold.

An hour after his departure their uncle's manager came to the house and asked to see Elsie. When he was admitted into her presence he noticed with a sharp pang how wan and desolate her little face had grown. Poor child! Such things as these

were hard for her to have to bear. How he wished that he could save her all care and annoyance in the future! For with the whole of his stout, loyal heart he loved her.

He showed her a telegram which he had received from her uncle. "Returning at once," it said. "Keep news of robbery out of the papers at

any price till I see you." Elsie read the words, or, rather, they chased each other before her dizzy, aching eyes. She suddenly tottered

forward and fell in a dead faint. Next morning huge posters appeared from the offices of the Blackmore Times, making public the robbery. Newsboys shouted it frantically from one street to another. Soon a big

crowd had gathered outside the bank, clamoring for the doors to be opened." They wanted their money back, their hard-won earnings, and they meant to get it. That exclusive news sold by Elsie Maitland on the previous

evening to the editor of the Blackmore Times had caused an appalling run on

The doors were opened at last; the crowd surged in, presenting checks to the full amount they had deposited in the bank. They looked astonished when the gold came over the counter in their direction. Clearly they had expected to be turned away penniless. They thanked their stars for being the first. The bank could not go on paying out for long, of that they felt sure.

At noon Elsie and her uncle drove up to the front entrance in an open iage. He had insisted on her accompanying him, despite the fact that she looked wretchedly pale and ill. All the way along they had seen those hideous posters announcing ...e robbery.

"How did they get the news?" John Rivers kept repeating. "Elsie, child, how did they get the news? It is a mystery to me. If only it could have been kept from them another twentyfour hours I could have weathered the storm."

Poor Elsie's heart ached. "I have done it!" she cried. "The ault is mine-mine! Oh, Harold, if "Don't you put any reliance on what only I could have foreseen all this! If the girls tell you. They are awful only I could have foreseen it all!"

who supplied the news to the paper. smile.

She prayed freently that she might walle to keep the knowledge to herself forever, safely hidden from the tond old man who believed in her. Fate tond old man who believed in her. Fate fond old man who believed in her. Fate would decide.

For hours she sat in a little room over the bank, listening to the persistent clamorings below for gold.

How much longer could it go on? "Not much longer!" John Rivers said ejectedly to his suffering niece. "Not much longer, Elsie, my girl. They must have paid it nearly all out by now. Soon they will have to close the doors. Don't cry, child. It is the will of Providence, I suppose, but it's hard to get such a blow as this at my time of

Presently there were sounds of cheering in the street. A well-known millionaire had driven up to the bank. "My God!" muttered the old banker "This is the last straw! Reginald Fairfax has turned against me with the

rest; when he has withdrawn his mon-

ey there won't be a penny left!" "Go and see him, uncle," Elsie pleaded. "He is so rich he might be persuaded to leave it." "No, child. I could not speak to him

or any one else today." "Then I will, uncle. Oh, do go and send him here to me! I must see him!

Reginald will save us!" John Rivers went blindly out, and Elsie waited for Reginald Fairfax to come to her. Twice this self-made man has asked her to marry him; twice she had refused. He was rich but he was also coarse. Life with him would be a nightmare, she had always told herself. She did not love

But now -

He was standing there in front of her, loudly dressed, and looking more commonplace and vulgar than ever How could she appeal to this boorish parvenu? She must, though; she had worked the mischief, and she must right it if possible.

At the end of another five minutes she was telling him everything-all about her brother and her selling the news of the robbery to the editor. He listened in silence. She humbled herself to the dust before him, and begged him not to withdraw his money from

He smiled queerly. "You twice asked me to be your wife." she wound up feverishly, "and I refused you. Would you still marry me, Mr. Fairfax? Oh, do answer! If I said 'yes,' would you still marry

The smile broadened, "Am I to understand that you are proposing to me, Miss Maitland?" he

"Don't seek to humble me any more; den't, don't!" she cried. "I have fallen

"Yes." he said; "it must indeed be a terrible fall for the proud Miss Maitness of his return. But what could land to offer herself to me! You offer to become my wife if I will only leave my money in your uncle's bank.



Considering that I love you-and that you love someone else-it is rather hard on me, isn't it?"

"Oh. don't, don't! If you only knew how I loathe myself for having said any man-to take me under such con-

"I don't know," he answered slowly. "If you did not love another man already it might have been different. But as it is-yes, I certainly won't marry you, Miss Maitland; you have humbled yourself to me unnecessarily. You cannot know me very well when you imagine that I had come to withdraw my support from your uncle at such a time as this. Instead, I had merely come to place the further sum of £50,000 to my account. The public knows it already, and the paying into the bank of such a large sum has restored confidence."

Ere she had time to speak he was

But the bank was saved! The bank was saved! A man she had always despised in her heart had come forward and saved it. Why-why had she never been able before to see the fine nature which lurked beneath a

somewhat boorish exterior. The excitebent of that day was followed by a long illness for her. When she returned to life once more it was to find her uncle in better spirits than

she could ever remember him. "All the doing of Reginald Fairfax, Elsie, my girl!" the old banker said, gleefully: "He stuck to me right through, child, when everyone else elor host can receive ladis without is ideally located for attracting elecfailed me, and his example saved the the countenance of the befor-mention-

He had further persuaded old John Rivers to make a partner of his longtrusted manager. He was therefore in a position at last to ask Elsie's hand in marriage. When he asked her she

answered "Yes." Some months after their marriage Elsie received another visit from her brother Harold. He was altogether a different person. He was going to America, and had come to make a con-

fession to her. He had sold his knowledge of their uncle and the bank to a certan gang of thieves for a large sum of mone But in the "May week" at imbridge, but in the "during each term the entertain the since, and he had never touche a ladies of their acquainice at lunchwas going to America now, to start life in earnest, and when his sister asked him where he had found the necessary funds he told her that the

Liked to Be Fooled.

donor was Reginald Fairfax.

Said Mrs. Fondmother to her son, the role of "host" A continue it more who is unduly partial to the softer sex: or less liars and will fool you every time."

was supposed to have lost his life in stake. the campaign against Santiago, met The men would do this frequently, one. instead a horrible death at Ronceverte and the big beast with almost human. After the men had fallen asleep the Dilly was mourned as dead by his and pull at her stake in a frantic ef- absence of her baby and made the parents in the little mountain home. fort to go to her offspring, but she effort of her life to free herself, He left with the avowed intention of had never succeeded, and after keeping She finally succeeded, and instead

heard of him was when he was in returned to her. a circus at Ronceverte.

George Dilly of Logan, W. Va., who of her baby while she was tied to her cruel joke, who had been watching her,

instinct would cry aloud for the babe big beast again became frantic over the enlisting in the army, and the last the babe away some time it would be of going in search of the lost one,

camp in one of the Southern regi- While at Ronceverte, Dilly, who was where the men lay asleep. ments and wrote home to his parents but twenty years old, together with Before Dilly woke up she picked

fell asleep and forgot to return her loss.

rushed through the crowded tent to

that he was going to the front. That the men, after old Junas had been him out from all the other sleepers and he was the victim of the war was made fast to her stake, spirited the had him securely in her trunk. Amid agreed by every one until the visit of baby away and then lay down on the the cries of her keeper and attendants ground in another end of the tent to and the screaming of women and chil-While the circus was stationed there watch the ravings of the big elephant, dren she hurled her tormentor to the three men employed by the show as which seemed to delight the many ground several times with terrific



"BEFORE DILLY WOKE UP SHE PICKED HIM UP FROM ALL THE OTH ER SLEEPERS AND HAD HIM SE-CURELY IN HER TRUNK."

phant, Junas, and her baby. Although When the big beast missed her babe gave a shrill cry, and when the man repeatedly warned by her keeper to de- she became more frantic tnan ever, came down upon the ground trampled sist they paid no heed to his warn- and after fretting and calling the lit, him to death. After satisfying herself ings, but persisted in tormenting the tle one for some time, all the while that Dilly was dead the animal returnanimal in many ways, the most an- tugging away at her chain, she quiet- ed to her stake and was made fast. aoying of all being the spiriting away ed down, and the perpetrators of the Her keepers had learned a lesson,

FREAKS OF LIGHTNING BACHELOR HOSTS

Rank High Among Entertainers-Trail d to Fill the Position. A distinct feature in the society life of the day, and one which widens each year, is the number of entertainments now given by bachelors; indeed, bachelor hosts rank high among entertainers, and their popularity is thoroughly established. The facilities now a: command, and of which men are na Here and there a smart ball was giver at which lavish expense was the keyditions? You are quite right to refuse note, but these entertainments were if they continue to be built as now, the lists as hosts. Now, almost most commonly struck. bachelor so disposed is able to inte ladies to some sort of entertainment, large or small, as the case may b, to dinner, to a supper after the pla, to luncheon, to afternoon tea. The nuliving in town or coming thithe for a few months have no actual resience and locate themselves in the vilnity

is thoroughly understood tht a Bachguest, not as a hostess. cung men are, as it were, trained fro boyhood to become bachelor hosts June 4, at Eaton, is memorable for to luncheons and teas annually given by boys of from 14 and upward, to vir relatives and friends; again, these aid boys are accustomed to entertain ich other in their rooms, and many te the hampers dispatched to themor this purpose by their parents. hen, too, the undergraduates at Oxfd and Cambridge not only "play he host" in commemoration week Oxford, and

given to express at whose houses he yet bidden to dine and dance hous from boy-hood to manhood, in youth to middle age, bachelor uccessfully fulfill after n.

Bound to C Down, Too. "How milk hame up!" "But it's aly I could have foreseen it all!"

III.

As yet Elsie had not told her uncle

How milk ham "How do you higher in Afri "How do you the enamored youth, wifoung ating higher in Afri "Becathat's where cocoa know?" "Becathat's where cocoa uts grow."

. Out of every three persons struck by lightning two recover. Experts say the electricity in a thunderbolt is not very great, but the voltage is. In old times vessels used often to be struck by lightning and the loss by that cause was very great. From 1790 to 1840 no fewer than 280 ships of the British navy were struck, 10 men being killed and 150 wounded. Nowadays warslow to avail themselves, for enter ships, as well as big merchant vessels, taining are far greater than was for have lightning rods running down merly the case, says the London Queer, their masts into the sea, so that the electricity is carried off. In these of a vessel by lightning. Churches, necessarily restricted in number and will always be favorite targets for only the very rich attempted to ester lightning. They are the buildings

One of the best evidences of the value of lightning rods up to date has been afforded by the Washington monument. It is capped by a small fourmerous clubs which now exist to wich sided pyramid of aluminium, which members have the privilege of ivit- metal, so cheap to-day, was very costly ing ladies render entertaining an easy at the time of the building of the matter to those bachelors who, thugh greatest obelisk that the world has ever known. This aluminium tip is connected with the ground by four copper rods which go down into the of their clubs. The clubs out cown earth. On April 5, 1885, five immense and the clubs in town and the clubs of electricity were constant. and the clubs in town and the the prices the river are all noted for the prices given by bachelor hosts—dinner parties. Not few ties and afternoon parties. Not few twenty minutes. In other words, the bachelors reside in chambers, in monument was struck fiercely five flats, and when these same are artic- times, but it suffered no damage whatularly well appointed from an artistic ever. On June 15 of the same year a point of view, many are the mart more tremendous assault was made "teas" there given. Not so lon ago, upon the monument from the heavens a bachelor, when giving a dan or a and the result was a fracture of one dinner party, thought it necessity to of the topmost stones. The crack still be supported by a relative, a sizer, an aunt or a sister-in-law, and to supposed to expect the press of a supposed to expect the press of the slightness of the damage is evihostess on the occasion, bt now it dence of man's power to protect himself from such attacks. The obelisk trical assaults from the skies and yet, | ed relative, and if present it is as a while many times hit, it has suffered only once and that time to a trifling Two hearts that beat in love alike,

Enlisted for a Term of Years. "War," wearily sighed the editor, "is a horrible thing, yet people will rush into it. It is hell, indeed!" "Yes, that's true," replied a friend: "but the fighting is over now. It doesn't last like it used to." "Oh, yes! the soldiers have quit killing each other, but the poets won't be mustered out for years to

the schoolmaster sternly, "I am very my husband keeps the refreshment child in his arms and started for home. much afraid from your behavior you bar."—Exchange. wish me to chastise you. Do you remember the old precept beginning 'Spare the rod?'" "Yes, sir," said Willie. "Spare the rod and lose the fish."-Harper's Bazar.

Jealous of Himself. "Is he really so jealous?" "Why, he is even jealous of himself since some one told him matrimony had made another man of him."-Cincinnati En-

roller?

PRAYER OVER STOLEN MUTTON Russia, Being Satiated, Asks for Undisturbed Digestion.

Russia having grabbed all the land.

that she wants under the menace of war, now asks for a pause in the conversation that she may say grace over her stolen mutton, says the National Review. Russia satiated is alive to the benefits of undisturbed digestion. In plain English, there is no moral sanction to the czar's proposals, except that of the bishops and Mr. P. Hughes. The clean. Russian intrigues in other is Manchuriating in Persia. Strategical lines of railway on the confines of sinia, under the cloak of religion, is poisoning the Emperor Menelik's mind and inspiring him with jealous antipathy against England's mission on the upper Nile. For two years past where plenty of fern grew, and that Russia has done her utmost to launch she'd not be gone long. Twenty minthe army that defeated the Italians at Adowa against the English on their arrival on the Blue Nile. While these things are, is it not contrary to reason | cluded that the boys were shooting at and to sense that men should speak of the crows in the orchard. But Daisy the czar's message as though it were did not return. He waited for over an a deliverance from Sinai? If Russia is hour. Then he grew uneasy, and walkreally converted from the error of her ways, deeds, not words, are required as a demonstration of the sincerity of the imperial proselyte. Until those in the road he saw something fluttering deeds are forthcoming Englishmen will do well to remember who is the like Daisy's apron-and, sure enough, power that invites them to maintain a peace they have no desire to disturb. his daughter lying at the meadow's Militarism has kept the peace. Now that the sleeping dogs are to be awakonies this is what may be expected.

tandem bike Four feet that pedal as one. Four hands clasped and four lips

When the bike ride was done. -Detroit Free Press.

She Was Obliging. She had risen several times to let a Crissinger, caught red-handed, and

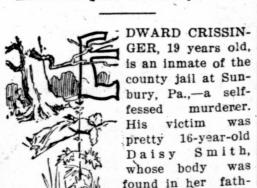
gentleman pass out between the acts. about whom a chain of evidence was "I am sorry to disturb you, madam." | woven before the sun had set that day, he remarked, apologetically, as he confessed. The law will do the rest. went out for the fourth time. "O. don't mention it," she replied, pleas-"Willie Jones," said Mr. Grimface, antly, "I am most happy to oblige you;

> How They Got On. May-"You say Mr. Little has a family of ten, and he gets only \$12 a week. How on earth does he get along?" Jennie-"Oh, every Little helps."--Philadelphia Record.

Violence Unexpected. "Penelope's new fall suit is a perfect wreck." "Did she get caught in a rain?" "No; she went to a millinery Why isn't the ocean swell a high opening, and it turned into a bargain rush."-Detroit Free Press.

NEAR A TREE.

The C uel Murder Done by a Persistent but Rejected Suitor for Her Hand-The Crime Which Has Startled a Heratofore Quiet Community.



pretty 16-year-old too, was found a clue that fastened the

PRETTY DAISY SMITH KILLED Daisy's long hair had fallen over her neck, almost concealing the awfulwound in the throat. It was the mother's hand that brushed the tresses back and disclosed the terrible secret of her child's death. Soon the father revived, and told how he had found her in the meadow. An alarm was given,

and soon the neighbors gathered. Lafayette Wynn and William Helm suspected Edward Crissinger of the murder. Three months before he had met one of Daisy's sisters on a lonely road, and because she repulsed him he attacked her brutally.

He had recently paid the penalty for this indignity, and, somehow or an-Daisy Smith, other, Wynn and Heim thought that whose body was Crissinger ought at least to be asked found in her fath- about Daisy's murder. They hurried er's meadow with to Crissinger's home. All the other his body. Then tossing him aloft, she the throat cut and three gun- members of Crissinger's family were shot wounds in the back. Crissin- down at Smith's with the other neighger, two hours later, was seen bors, helping to care for the body of by a neighbor washing a blood- the murdered girl, but Ed. said that stained shirt, and pair of overalls near he did not care to go. When Wynn his home, a mile away. In the stiffen- and Heim reached Crissinger's they ed fingers of the dead girl was a tuft found Ed. washing a shirt and a pair of fern which her father had bade her of trousers. There was blood on both. gather in the meadow, and her head In a shanty they found a gun that had nestled on a pillow of crimson leaves just been fired, for there was powder that had fallen from a maple—the moisture in the barrel. Ed. was taken tree under which Crissinger sat when prisoner and Coroner Shindel that

the girl first saw him. Under this tree, night quietly brought him to prison It was learned that the young fellow crime upon him—the stem of a corn- had bought a new knife that morning. cob pipe. It was the fitting of this This knife was found in a knot-hole lost stem in the pipebowl found in in a tree near where he washed his Crissinger's pocket that caused him to clothes. The blade was bloody. Then give up and confess. The strong wall the pipe-stem was found under the of the Northumberland county jail was | tree where the girl was murdered. The the only thing that prevented a crowd stem fitted a bowl that Crissinger had of farmers from stringing Crissinger in his pocket. With such evidence to the tree lunder which he committed against him, Crissinger broke down his deed, but now they have become and confessed. And here is his story:

reconciled, for they feel that the law "I went out with my dog and gun will deal justly with him. The mur- that morning, going over to the woods der of pretty, plump, blue-eyed Daisy near the Smith place. My dog strayed



DAISY SMITH. source is tainted. The hands are not | Smith horrified the countryside about | away, and I fired one shot to call him Boiling Springs, and a crowd of back. Just then I saw Daisy Smith quarters are approaching maturity. She neighbors gathered at the home to of- coming toward he. She said I'd be arfer consolation to the parents and rested for shooting rabbits out of seafamily—and to combine in an effort to son. I told her I wasn't shooting rab-Afghanistan, destitute of commercial find and punish the murderer. Daisy bits, when she said I lied. I told her value, are building by Russia with the had been sent by her father, early that she lied, too, when she up and simple object of harassing British rule that morning, to gather sweet fern in slapped me in the face and then ran. in India. A Russian mission in Abys- the meadow. He wanted the fern to I waited until she got about fifty feet use in a medicine which he was pre- away, when I up and fired. I saw by paring for a sick horse. Daisy went the way she staggered that I had hit skipping and singing away, remarkher, and I was afraid she'd get away, ing joyously that she just knew so I ran after her. She fell down and screamed when she saw me making for her with the knife, and before utes later Farmer Smith heard a gunshe could get up I cut her throat, I shot. He looked up and down the think, three times. Then I knew she road, but could see nobody, so he conwas dead. On my way home I washed the blood off my hands in the creek that runs down by Smith's barn." This story the young murderer told to County Detective Dougherty with ed slowly down the road toward the as much complacency as he might tell meadow, calling her as he went, but of a corn-husking bee, and with algetting no response. At a sharp turn most the same gusto. Time and time again Edward Crisover in the meadow. It looked much it was. From the fence he could see edge under the maple tree. He thought she must have fallen asleep, but as he hurried near he saw blood on her hands, her face, her neck, and a great, gaping gash in her throat. She was dead. Daisy was the youngest of his family of five girls. She was the pret-

tiest of the lot-and the neighbors often

told him that they were all good look-

ing. He wershiped her, and here he

found her dead-murdered. Did the

old man cry an alarm? Did he run

away in horror? No. He fell upon his

knees by the side of his child's body;

he kissed her lips, then raising his

face and eyes to heaven, he called

upon God to avenge the crime, to point

out his child's slayer that the law

might mete a just punishment. His

prayer has been answered. Edward

Almost beside himself with grief.

Farmer Smith, though almost 70 years

old, lifted the body of his murdered

When he reached the open gate

through which the path lay under the

big, comfortable farmhouse, he could

talking in the kitchen. They were

kitchen door when suddenly his

strength gave way and he and his

hear his wife and some of the girls



EDWARD CRISSINGER

the company of the good-looking Smith girls. He told his friends that he would like to have one of them for a sweetheart, but his company, for some reason, was objectionable. After he great walnut trees to the door of the met and violently attacked the one Smith girl he kept away from the house, although Daisy reported at home, on several occasions, that he getting dinner, for he could hear the had met her at the cross-roads store clash of the pans. He reached the and tried to talk with her.

Champion Fasters.

precious burden fell headlong on the In fasting feats the sect of Jains, floor. As he fell he gave an agonizing in India, is far ahead of all rivals. yell, the sound of which reached the Fasts of from 30 to 40 days are very kitchen and the women folks hurried common, and once a year they are said out. The father was insensible and to abstain from food for 75 days.

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for the Sour Fluid. From the St. Louis Republic: For the simple pleasure of only a momentary exhilaration persons become addicted

to various habits in partaking of harmful drugs which tear down the system and ruin the brain, but the latest freak to attract the notice of physicians is a vinegar fiend. A slight, flashingeyed little woman of about 30 years, who acted like a bunch of unstrung nerves, flitted into the city dispensary yesterday afternoon and took a seat beside the desk of Dr. R. M. Hughes. She gave her name as Elizabeth Finnegan of 721 Gratiot street. The doctor made an examination of his patient and asked her what the trouble was. Upon inquiry he found she was suffering from stomach trouble; then he learned that it had been brought about by the excessive use of vinegar, to which habit she said she had been addicted for several months. "I first contracted the craving for something sour when I was sick with bilious fever last spring," she said. "There was nothing in the house I cared to drink. Water tasted bitter, and one day I became so thirsty I drank a glass of vinegar. It just suited my taste, and I drank it until I was well. Still I had a craving for the sour draught and continued to drink it in large quantities every day since. At first it was simply to quench a thirst which I could not satisfy with water, but now it has grown into a confirmed habit which I cannot check. It is not only the taste I crave, but the effect. It fires my mind and makes me feel so queer sometimes I do not know where I am." Dr. Hughes gave her a prescription and told her to return. "It is one of the rarest cases I ever had," said the doctor, "and I am somewhat at a loss to know how to treat it. You see, it may be as bad as the liquor habit, and in that event she will have to undergo a similar treatment to that of the bi-

chloride of gold cure. I do not think

drugs will be of any avail as long as

she has recourse to the vinegar bottle.

It seems to be a habit fastened on by

an almost insatiable craving, and ab-

sence of the drug may be necessary to

cured it will be gratifying to note."

A Siamese Twin Growth.

cently been discovered on Goat island,

at Niagara Falls. It is no less than

two trees of the Siamese Twin pattern,

which have been attracting attention

in various parts of the country. The

connecting limb between the two trees

on Goat island is believed to be the

longest connection of the kind yet

found, and it is very much of a novelty.

The two trees connected are red ce-

dars. The larger of the two trees is

sbout forty feet high, and about two

feet from the base, where the tree is

thirty-nine and one-half inches in cir-

cumference, the connecting limb shoots

out. At the point where the branch

leaves the larger tree it is six inches

in circumference. At a distance of

thirty inches from the larger tree the

branch passes through a crotch in a

white birch tree, which is fifty-seven

inches in circumference just below the

than the cedars surrounding it. Then

the course of the connecting branch

inclines downward and connects with

the second cedar about a foot from

its base. The leagth of the branch is

nine feet and one inch. It is four and

three-quarter inches in circumference

at the birch tree and seven inches in

circumference where it joins the sec-

ond tree. This second tree is twenty-

seven inches in circumference and

about thirty feet high. Two other trees

spring from the same root, one of

which & nineteen inches in circum-

ference, the other fourteen inches.

There is nothing to tell from which

tree the branch first sprung, but it

seems clear that it originally started

from the larger tree, passed through

the crotch of the birch, when all the

trees were young, and in some manner

formed a union with the second tree,

but the junction of the limb with the

two trees is very similar. The size of all

limb between the birch and the big

cedar. This strange connection be-

tween the trees is considered such a

wonderful freak of nature that Supt.

Welch of the state reservation, of

which Goat island is a part, will be

asked to take special pains to preserve

it. Its location on the island is such

that possibly few would be able to find

it without a friend to point it out to

them, as one might pass it many times

and not discover the relations of the

Equivalent

carrying out my directions at all. I lim-

ited you to one ten-cent cigar a day."

Patient-"That's all right doctor. I

"You are certainly the most dilatory

man I ever saw-never in time for

anything." "Perhaps so; there was

only one thing in my life I was too

soon in." "What was that?" "In get-

Numbered. "It is said," remarked the barber,

that the hairs of the head are all numbered." "Don't doubt it," grunt-

ed the man in the chair; "and every

time you pull one of mine it hurts like

"You had better not go boating with

Ada," said Tommy to his sister's

fiance. "Why not, Tommy?" "'Cause

I heard her say she intended to threw

you overboard soon."

same thing."-Chicago Tribune.

ting married."-Vanity Fair.

Physician-"I don't believe you are

trees.

A curious freak of nature has re-

effect a cure. If she drank simple ci-Say of the Industry. der vinegar it would be different, but The following instructive paper on the combination that is sold nowadays

pecans was recently read at a farmers for vinegar is far from pure. It is a institute. The author is Dr. O. D. mixture of strong acids, which are Faust, of Bemberg, South Carolina. well-nigh poison, as shown in the case Probably at no previous time has of this woman. The drugs were so there been such an interest taken in powerful they have eaten out the linthe planting of nut trees all over the ing of her stomach and infused a foreign element in her blood. . If she is

PECAN GROWING PROFITABLE.

fore, how much more must be benefit the world who plants that which shall continue to grow in beauty and strength and become of still greater benefit to the world as the years go on? The rest of the foregoing instructive paper together with some good points on the growing and marketing of this,

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The real N. G. man is the No God crotch. In height the birch is taller Seed sowing is more profitable than

> Hypocrisy will be below par in the day of judgment.

> Too many neglect the golden now for the silver hereafter.

> Men are saved by character; but it is Christ's, and not theirs. Truth never loses any of its power

by being spoken in love. The heart regulates the life. Get the heart right, and your life is sure

The death of each drunkard means the drafting of another boy to the ranks of the saloon.

Laying the ax to the branches instead of "the root of the tree" will not keep new ones from sprouting.

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

Dudley Hardy has designed about 350

the trees is evidence that the strange Oom Paul, it is said, has latterly beconnection between the two trees is one gun to assume a little more of the many years old, and the size and pomp and ceremony of a president. He height of the respective parts of the now has seven troopers to escort him old birch tell the same story. The from one government building to antrees and the limb connecting them are alive, as is seen by the growth of the

Among Col. Rcosevelt's less-known hunting expeditions was that of tramping upon a rattlesnake in Colorado. The reptile stung the future Rough Rider and made a sick man of him for several days.

Mrs. John Wood enjoys the reputation in the profession of being the most word-perfect acress in this most word-perfect accountry. She has a rful memis seldom ory, studies quickly, obliged to resort to "gag."

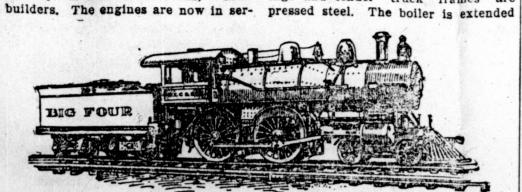
The grand duke of Mecklinburg-Strelitz has just celebrated his seventyninth birthday. He is thus only five months younger than Queen Victoria. The king of Denmark, however, is older than either, having passed his 80th year, while the grand duke of Luvembourg, the oldest of the rulers of Eusmoke ten one-cent stogies. It's the rope, is over 81.

> How easy is pen-and-paper piety! It is far cheaper to work one's head than one's heart to goodness. I can make a due one sin in my soul.

The assimilation of Hawaii will be complete when the islanders are seen eating New England pie, and the inhabitants of the "pie belt" partake cheerfully and adequately of the Hawatten national dish, poi.

BIG FOUR GIANT LOCOMOTIVES

received from the builders four 8- symmetry. The material used in the contributions and letters of inquiry arwheel passenger locomotives to haul construction of these machines is the rive daily at the Cincinnati headquartheir fast trains. These engines are, finest of its kind, and the greatest ters. Schools all over the country are in every respect, models of their kind, care was exercised in both the tests giving entertainments for the benefit and are probably the largest, fastest, and workmanship to insure every part of the fund. most powerful and best looking pas- being perfect. The driving wheel censenger engines in any part of the ters, steam chest and covers, cylinder country, and are a credit to the man- heads, foot plates, auxiliary dome, agement and their designer, Mr. Wm. driving boxes and spring seats are all Garstang, superintendent of motive of cast steel, while the dome castings they bravely fought the flames. If power of the Big Four, and the Sche- stack base, boiler front, cylinder cast- men would fight as persistently against nectady Locomotive Works, their ings and tender truck frames are disorders of the stomach, there would



ONE OF THE NEW LOCOMOTIVES.

vice between St. Louis and Cleveland, wagon top with taber back, 62 inches

on the fastest and heaviest trains, mak- diameter at smallest ring and 78 ing the time and doing it easier than inches diameter at the throat built to was ever accomplished before on this carry a wagon pressure of 200 pounds run. In designing these engines it was per square inch. Among the special necessary to make a machine combin- articles are Richardson's balance ing great power with high speed and valves, Jerome metallic packing, Coale easy running avoiding all jerk to the muffler, Kunkle open, pops, air opertrain, an unnecessary strain on the ated bell ringer, French springs, Leach track. This has been accomplished to pneumatic sanding device, gold steam such an extent that both engine and heat, monitor injector, Janney couplers tender, while at the highest speed, ride and Fox pressed steel tender truck with the greatest steadiness and so frames. Some of the principal dimensoft and easy a motion that the en- sions are as follows: Weight 130,000 gineers claim not to be at all tired at pounds; cylinders 20x26 inches; boiler the end of their run. These noble ma- diameter 62 inches; tubes diameter 2 chines stand 15 feet high from top of inches; tubes number of 320; fire box rail to top of cab and 9 feet 91/2 inches width 41 inches; fire box length 108 to center of boiler, which, with driv- inches; working pressure 200 pounds; ing wheels 78 inches and truck and heating tender water capacity 5,000 tender wheels 36 inches in diameter, gallons; tender coal capacity 10 tons; show trim and powerful, without an tender trucks, pressed steel.

RECENT INVENTIONS.

What an Experienced Grower Has to A Texan has patented a billiard cue which is chambered at the end and filled with chalk, to be discharged new than those on the right hand. through small opening to the face of the cue as each shot is made.

In a new British bicycle saddle a United States as now. The forests of springs with the weight of the rider.

earth. If he be a benefactor of his on which the finger is placed, with grow where only one blade grew be- and indicate the size of ring needed. In an improved footrest for bootblacking stands clamps are provided for the sole and heel portions, which can be adjusted to fit any foot and clamped in place by a lever at the side

> A handy hitching post has a spring drum inserted in the top, on which is wound a cord with a snap hook at the outer end for attachment to the bridle, the spring pulling the rope into the

of the base.

frame are replaced by a series of steel ly remarks, "There the corn grows balls which mesh in the grooves on the threaded shaft and decrease the cotton bid defiance even to four and friction as the shaft is turned.

Bags can be quickly fastened by an Ohio man's device, consisting of two steel members pivoted together, with a yoke on one which locks over teeth on the other member as they are pressed over the mouth of the sack.

A handy cup for drinking purposes has a weighted section formed under the flange in the bottom, so that the cup can be dropped into the spring when not in use, the weight keeping it in an upright position as it floats.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Finger nails grow at the rate of rather more than an inch and a lalf

The monkey wrench gets its name from its inventor, Thomas Monkey of neglected to launch them. Bordentown, N. J. In three years the expenses of run-

ning an Atlantic steamer exceeds the cost of construction. It is a curious circumstance that

some of the most important inventions have been discovered by lumtics.

The amount of silk produced by spider is so small that a scientist conputes that 663,522 would be required produce a pound of thread. Bees are said to see an enormous di

tance. When absent from their him they go up into the air till they se their home, and then fly toward it il a straight line.

The facilities for inland transporta tion are so limited in Brazil that the inhabitants of the ports find it cheaper to import grain from North America than from their own farms.

It would be difficult to imagine more extraordinary digestive powers than those of the hyena. One of these beasts has been known to swallow six large bones whole without crushing them. It is stated that the king of Siam,

who recently visited Europe, has had to have a special box made to hold all the insignia of the distinguished orders conferred on him by brother mon-The latest novelty in padlocks is one with an auxiliary chamber containing an explosive for creating an alarm on

Lawyers are so plentiful that but few

the lock being tampered with. The

explosive is fired by a hammer inside

The old scriptural sobriety was effectual doing; ascetic sobriety is effectual

The respect due to old age is always dealt out with a ladle to the wealthy grandfather.

Interest in the project to replace the Maine by a battleship to be called the American Boy, to be built by means of contributions from the youth of Amer-The Big Four railroad has recently unnecessary pipe or rod to mar their ica, continues unabated. Scores of

A Race Against Fire.

The crew of a steamer from Spain discovered in mid ocean that flames were raging in the hold. For ten days be fewer premature deaths. The best weapon for such a fight is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

DEVIOUS DEFINITIONS.

Art-The step-mother of nature's children. Circle-A straight line crooked all the way around.

natural deductions. Hypocrisy-A malady that has been proncunced incurable.

Theory-A crazy patchwork of un-

Astronomer-A space reporter who s not a newspaper man. Sermon-A short Bible text elon-

gated until it becomes a mystery.

Anarchist-A man who is unable to stand the prosperity of other men. Intolerant-The sinner who imagines he has been made over into a saint. Artistic-Something that we know

Success-Something a man seldom achieves by acting on the advice he gives to others.-Chicago News.

is expensive, but don't fully under-

There is no fool so sad a fool as the

GROWTH OF FINGER NAILS.

In one particular the growth of the nails and hair and beard are governed by the same law-that of growing more rapidly in summer than in win-

Comparing the same fingers on the different hands, it will be found that the nails on the left-hand fingers require about eighty days longer to re-

The finger nails of the human species grow more rapidly in children than in adults, and the growth is slowest with metallic ring, supported by braces, is the aged. Both in childhood and age tisers are reliable, they send what they strung with straps or other flexible they grow faster in summer than in material to form a flat seat which winter. In one instance a nail that required 132 days to renew in winter, the Southern states have furnished us To ascertain the size of finger rings renewed in summer in exactly 116 the finest nut trees on top of the green | a new measuring device has a flat base

One peculiarity of the growth of finrace who causes two blades of grass to graduated bars to surround the finger ger nails is that the period of renewal differs proportionately with the length of the fingers. Thus it is more rapid in the middle fingers than any other. In the fingers on either side of the middle finger the period of renewal is about equal and slower. It is even more slow in the little finger, and is the slowest of all in the thumb.

> The new South has its King Cotton, but there are other crop kings. A syndicate of sovereigns is better for post when not in use.
>
> In a new jack-coraw for the heavy bodies the spiral ribs inside the the Atlanta Constitution picturesque-

full-eared, and the bulging bolls of one-eighth cents per pound. This, however, is because there is wheat to the right of it, potatoes to the left of it, and fattening cattle and rolling hogs before it."

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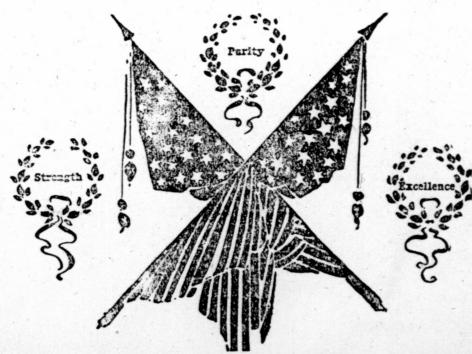
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The present emperor of China-if Kwang Su be indeed still living-attempted to check a revolt in his dominions by granting the reforms demanded by the insurgents. The result was disastrous to him, but the essay did him credit. In it he followed the nearly a century ago, who on a memorable occasion said in a public proclamation: "An attempt at revolution has been made, for which I blame myself. It must arise from the low state of my virtues and accumulated imperfections. My ministers and I have governed carelessly, and caused the

present occurrence."

what it says and whenever it endorses an article, be it machinery, proprietary medicine, or a man individually, we want our readers to believe that what we say we have good reason to understand is true. For a year or more there have been endorsements of the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Company, of 167 Dearborn street, Chicago, by this paper. People have written us to know if this company is responsible, and if its remarkable remedies, for the cure of rheumatism, neuralgia, dyspepsia, catarrh, kidney troubles, etc., really had merit. We have therefore been at extra pains to investigate, and once again we add emphasis to our former endorsement of that company. There may be isolated cases here and there which, probably through neglect in following directions, or from exposure or some unexplainable reason, the wonderful Five Drops remedy does not do the work. But it is a case where the exception proves the rule. Mr. Swanson is a gentleman of character and personal integrity, and, we believe, would no more attempt to deceive the public than the writer of this article. They still offer to send a sample bottle of "5 Drops" for 25c or a large bottle, 300 doses, for \$1, prepaid by mail or express. Address as above.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

President McKinley's message to short session of the Fifty-fifth congress is a lengthy document. In it he makes the following recommendations:

Increase of the army to 100,000 men. Material increase in the navy, adding has my cordial approval. nore men and a number of war vessels. Continuation of the war tax.

Whe building of the Nicaragua canal. introductory clause of the message reads as follows:

Norwithstanding the added burdens renered necessary by the war our people re-lice in a very satisfactory and steadily increasing degree of prosperity evidenced by the largest volume of business ever re-corded. Manufacture has been productive, agricultural pursuits have yielded abundant returns, labor in the fields of industry is better regarded, revenue legislation passed by the present congress has increased the aurhors: the finances of the government have been successfully administered and its credit advanced to the front rank while its currency has been maintained at the world's highest standard. Military seruder a common fiag and for a rightnt and served to cement more closely relations of the Cuited States to other powers, always aproportate in this year of primary importance in view of the momentuous issues which bave arisen, demanding in one instance the ultimate determination by arms and involving far rephing consequences which will require the carnest attention of the congression.

quences which will require to carnest attention of the congress.

Here the president reviews the war from beginning to end. He starts with the demand upon Spain to end the war in Cuba, and reviews full all the causes. He touches upon the destruction of the Maine at Havana, the battle at Manlla, the running down of Cervera's fleet, the sinking of the Merrimack by Hobson and his men, the battle of Santiago, the destruction of Cervera's fleet, the signing of the protocol, appointment of evacuation commissions for Cuba and Porto Rica, the apointment of the peace commissioners and in fact nothing is left untouched. He praises the army and navy in an unstinted manner, and rings in some of the officers and lands them in an especial manner.

Appropriation for Defense. disposing of the \$50,009,000 appropriat-The national defense under the \$50,000,000 fund was expended in large part by the army and navy, and the objects for which it was used are fully shown in the reports of the several secretaries. It was a most timely appropriation, given the government to strengthen its defense and making properties of war. ment to strengthen its defense and making preparations greatly needed in case of war. This fund being inadequate to the requirements of equipment and for the conduct of the war, the patriotism of the congress provided the means in the war revenue act of June 13, by authorizing a 3 per cent popular loan, not to exceed \$400,000,000, and by levying additional imposts and taxes. Of the authorized loan \$200,000,000 were offered and promptly taken, the subscription far as one merging the call as to cover it many times and promptly taken, the subscription far exceeding the call as to cover it many times over, while preference being given to the smaller bids, no single allotment exceeded

diately upon the conclusion of the issued a proclamation on August ling hostilities on the part of the United States. The necessary orders were given by telegraph. The blockade of the ports of Cuba and San Juan de Porto Rico was in a fike manner raised. On August 8th, the musier out of 100,000 volunteers, or as near that number as was practicable, or as near that number as was practicable. ar that number as was practicable, ered. On December 1, 101,165 officers and men had been mustered out and dis-charged from the service, 9002 more will e mustered out by the 10th of the month. so a corresponding number of generals a general staff officers have been honor-

The United States fing was raised over the island at neon on that day. The administration of its affairs has been provisionally intrusted to a military governor antil the Cuban joint commission has not yet nated its labors. Owing to the difficulties in the way of removing the large numbers of Spanish troops still in Cuba on cannot be completed before first of January next.

Pursuant to the fifth article of the pro-ocol, I appointed William R. Day, lately ecretary of state; Cushman K. Davis, William I'. Frye and George Gray, senators of the United States, and Whitelaw Reid, to

Future of New Territory.

not discuss at this time the governwhich will come to us as the result of the war with Spain. Such discussion will be appropriate after the treaty of pence shall be ratified. In the meantime and until the congress has legislated otherwise, it will be my duty to continue the military governments which have existed since our occurs they and give to the

Government of Cuba. soon as we are in the possession of and have pacified the Island, it will beessary to give aid and decision to its to form a government of themselves. ould be undertaken at the earliest mostent with safety and assured It is important that our relation as people shall be of the most friendcharacter and our commercial relations duty to assist in every proper way to build up the waste places of the island, encourage independent, thus realizing the best trations of the Cuban people. Spanish-must be replaced by a just, benevolent humane government, created by the ple of Cuba, capable of performing all rest, obligations and which shall en-Interest, obligations and which share courage thrift, industry and prosperity, and promote, peace and good will among all the inhabitants, whatever may have been their relations in the past. Neither retheir relations in the past. Neither re-venge nor passion should have a place in the new government. Until there is com-plete tranquility in the island and a stable ent inaugurated military occupagovernment inaugurated military occupa-tion will be continued. With the excep-tion of the rupture with Spain, the inter-course of the United States with the great family of nations has been marked with cordiality and the close of the eventful year finds most of the issues that neces-sarily arise in the complex relations of of sovereignty states adjusted or presenting serious obstacle to a just and honor solution by amicable agreement.

On the tenth of September, 1897, a conflict took place at Lattimer, Pa., between a body of striking miners and the Sheriff erne county and his deputies, in 2 miners were killed and 44 wound-

apacity to supply the world's mar-

Exhibits of this internations' character are becoming more frequent as the exchanges of commercial countries grow more interesting and varied. Hardly a year passes that this government is not invited to national participation at some important foreign center, but often on too short notice to permit of recourse to congress for the power and means to do so. My predecessors have suggested the ad-

visability of providing by a general enact-ment and a standing appropriation for ac-cepting such invitation for representation for this country by commission. This plan

I trust the Belgian restriction on the imortations of cattle from the United States originally adopted as a sanitary precau-tion will at an early date be satisfied as to their present and future of hardship and discrimination so as to admit live cattle under due regulation of their slaughter after landing. I am hopeful too, of a favorable change in the growth of direct trade between the two countries, not alone or Belgian consumption and Belgian products, but by way of transit from and to other continental states, has been both encouraging and beneficial. No effort will be shared to enlarge its advantages by seek-ing the removal of needless impediments and by arrangements for increased commer-

Nicaragua Canal,

The Nicaragua canal commission, under Rear Admiral John G. Walker, appointed July 24, 1897, under the authority of a provision in the sundry civil act of June of that year, has nearly completed its quiry into the proper route, the feasibility and the cost of construction of an interoccanic canal by Nicaraguan route will be laid before it. In the performance of its task the commission received all possible courtesy and assistance from the govern-ments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, which thus testified their appreciation of the importance of giving a speedy and practical outcome to the great project that has for so many years engressed the attention of the respective countries.

As the scope of recent inquiry embraced the whole subject with the aim of making plans and surveys for a canal by the most convenient route, it necessarily included a review of the results of previous surveys by the war with Spain, are in progress. I and plans and in particular those adopted by the Maritime Canal company under its suits of these negotiations during the presby the Maritime Canal company under its sults of these negotiation existing concessions from Nicaragua and Costa Rica, so that to this extent those Negotiations to the sair control of th grants necessarily held an essential part to the deliberations and conclusions of the canal commission as they have held and must needs hold in the discussion of the many have been set on foot. Meanwhile no effort has been relaxed to convince the imperial government of the thoroughness of our inspection of pork products for expectations to the same end with Germany have been set on foot. Meanwhile no effort has been relaxed to convince the imperial government of the thoroughness of our inspection of pork products for expectations to the same end with Germany have been set on foot. concession predicted on the assumed approaching lapse of the present contracts of the Maritime Canal company, with those states, I have not hesitated to express my conviction that considerations of expediency and international policy. instances and in view of overtures made and international policy as between the several governments interested in the construction and control of an inter oceanic the United States Congress shall have had the opportunity to pass final upon the whole matter during the present session without prejudice by reason of any change in the existing conditions. Nevertheless it appears that the government of Nicaragua as one of its last sovereign acts before merging its powers in those of the newly formed United States of Central America has granted an optional concession to au other association to become effective on the ees of the nation and the determination he people to uphold their country's what route is proposed under this contingent grant, so that an examination of the gent grant, so that an examination of the feasibility of its plans is necessarily not pain and Secretary Day for the Unitates.

expiration of the present grant. It does not appear what surveys have been made or what route is proposed under this capitol, the Canadian government granted facilities for the passage of four United States revenue cutters from the great lakes to the Atlantic coast by way of the Canadian canal and the feasibility of its plans is necessarily not the St. Lawrence river.

The vessels had reached Lake Ontario and were applied.

gency of some definite action by the congress at this session if the labors of the are to be utilized and the linking of tical water way is to be realized. construction of such a maritime highway is now more than ever dispensable to that in-tinate and ready intercommunication between our eastern and western seaboards demanded by the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands and the prospective expansion of our influence and commerce in the Pacific and that our national policy now more imperatively than ever calls for its control this government, are propo doubt not the congress will duly appre-

A convention providing for the revival of the late United States and Chillan claims commissions and the consideration of claims which were duly presented to the late com-mission and not considered because of the expiration of the time limited for the duration of the commission, was signed May 24, 1897, and has remained unacted upon by the senate. The term therein fixed for effecting the exchange of ratification hav-ing clapsed, the convention fails unless the time be extended by amendment which I am endeavoring to bring about, with the friendly concurrence of the Chilian govern-

The United States has not been an indifferent spectator of the extraordinary events transpiring in the Chinese empire, Un'ted States, and Whitelaw Reid, to the peace commissioners on the part of the peace commissioners on the part of the peace commissioners on the first of the Paris, they there met on the first of the Paris and October five commissioners similarly appointed on the part of the Spanish. The negotiation have had hopeful progress, so that I trust soon to be able to lay a definitive treaty of peace before the senate with a view of the steps leading to its signature. the new occupants, has obviated the need of this country becoming an actor on the Our position among nations having a large

Pacific coast, gives the equitable claim to this consideration and friendly treatment in this regard and it will be my aim to subve our large interests in that quarter by all means appropriate to the constant po icy of our government. The territories of Kio Chow, Wel Hai Wei and of Port Ar-thur and Tallen Wan leased to Germany, Great Britain and Russia respectively for terms of years, will, it is announced, be open military governments which the peo-since our occupation, and give to the peo-ple security in life and property and en-ple security in life and property and en-couragement under a just and beneficient couragement under a just and beneficient ment of American citizen and their trade be found to exist or hereafter develop, the desire of this government would appear to be realized. In this relation, as showing the volume and value of our exchanges with China and the peculiarity favorable conditions which exist for their expansion in the normal course of trade, I prefer to the communication addressed to the speak-er of the house of representatives by the cretary of the treasury on the 24th of last January with its accompanying letter of the ecretary of state recommending an approsecretary of state recommending an appro-priation for a commission to study the com-mercial and industrial condition in the Chinese empire and report as to the op-portunities for and obstacles to the enlargement of markets in China for the raw products and manufactures of the United ng the late session, I cordially urge that the recommendation receive at your hands the consideration which its importance and ust grounds for disquietude in view of the opposition and prejudice to alien people which pervades certain of the Chinese prov-As in the case of the attacks upon our citizens in Szechuan and at Kutien in 1895 the United States minister has been instructed to secure the fullest measure protection, both local and imperial, for any menaced American interests and to demand n case of lawless injury to person or property instant reparation appropriate to case. Warships have been stationed at Tien Tsin for more ready observation of the disorders which have invaded the Chinese Warshins have been stationed at capitol, so as to be in a position to act should need arise, while a guard of marines has been sent to Pekin to afford the minister the same measure of authoritative protection as the representatives of other na-tions have been constrained to employ.

wounded were Hungarian subjects. This deplorable event naturally aroused the so-licitude of the Austro-Hungarian government, which on the presumption that the killing and wounding involved the unjust limited insists of authority, claimed event and industries in the world's chief more thanked insists of authority, claimed event and industries in the world's chief more trialing and wounding involved the unjust limited insists of authority, claimed event and industries in the world's chief more trialing and wounding involved the unjust limited insists of authority, claimed event and industries in the world's chief more trialing of the advanced position held by our port of Moss of trialing and wounding involved the unjust limited in the advanced position held by our port of Moss of trialing and wounding involved the unjust limited in the advanced position held by our port of Moss of the advanced position held by our port of Moss of the authorities of Penspivania of the authorities of Penspivania event to learn the merits of the case in order to learn the merits of the case in order to be 'na position to meet the urgent compain of a friendly power and the world's chief more than a position to meet the urgent compain of a friendly power indicated for any position of the first of the case in order to be 'na position to meet the urgent compain of a friendly power of the case of the position of the position of the solution of the first of the case in order to be 'na position to meet the urgent compains of a friendly power of the case in order to be 'na position to meet the urgent compains of a friendly power of the case in order to be 'na position to meet the urgent compains of a friendly power of the case in order to be position to meet the urgent compains of a friendly power of the case in order to be and the world and the United States miles and the William of the full way line were tried and acquited after a position to meet the urgent compains of the full deplacement, targying ted and for the full way the world the standing with the subject with Aus-langary, notwithstanding the renewed was designated to fulfill that task. His tria Hungary, notwithstanding the renewed calm of the latter, with Austria learning of the result of the trial for indemnity for its injured subjects.

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Brussel's Exposition of awakening renewed interest in the projected display. By a provision in the sundry civil appropriation act of July 1, 1898, a sum not to exceed \$50,000 was allotted for the universal exposition at Brussels in 1897 engaged a singular distinction of a larger proportion of awards, having regard to the hunber and classes of articles entered,

was designated to fulfil that task. His reports and become subject to the options of the annext tend to your distinction of the annext tend to report was laid before you by my message of the further provision of the annext tend to your until congress shall otherwe enact. Following the further provision of the annext tend to your until congress shall otherwe enact. Following the further provision of the annext tend to your until congress shall otherwe enact. Following the further provision of the annext tend to your until congress shall otherwe enact. Following the further provision of the joint to resolution I appointed Hon. Shelb M. Cullom of Illinois, John T. Morgan of Illinois, Sanfor B. Dole of Hawaii and Walter F. Frear Hawaii and Walter F. Prear Hawaii and Walter F. Frear Hawaii and Walter F.

Pursuant to that enactment, I appointed Ferdinand W. Peck of Chicago commis-sioner general and secretary. Mr. Peck at in enlarging the scope and variety to the United States' exhibits has been most gratifying. Notwithstanding the comparatively limited area of the exposition site—less than one half that of the world's fair at -the space assigned to the United States has been increased from the absolute allotment of 157,403 square feet reported by Mr. Handy, to some 202,000 square feet with corresponding augmentations. square feet with corresponding augmentaepresentation of the various branches of country's development. Mr. I'eck's report will be laid before you In my judgment its recommendations will call for your early consideration, especially as regard an increase of the appropria tion to at least \$1,000,000 in all, so only may the assigned space be fully taken by the best possible exhibits in every class. but the preparation and installation be on so perfect a scale as to rank among the artistic and inventive production and thus counter balance the disadvantage with which we start as compared with other countries whose appropriations are on a more generous scale and whose preparations are in a state of much greater for sans have the admitted capacity to excel where our inventive genius has many of the grandest discoveries of these later days of the century and where nature resources of our land are as lim tless as they are valuable to supply world's centers, it is our province, as it should be our earnest care, to lead in the march of human progress and not rest content with any secondary place.

Foreign Relations.

The commercial arrangement made with France on May 28, 1898, under the provisions of section 3 of the tariff act of 1897. went into effect June 1, following It has relieved a portion of our export trade from serious embarrassment. Further nego-tlations are now pending under section 4 of the same act, with a view to the in-crease of trade between the two countries to their mutual advantage. Negotiations with other governments, in part interrupted Negotiations to the same end with Ger-

must needs hold in the discussion of the portation, and it is trusted that the efficient matter by the congress. Under these cirportation, and it is trusted that the efficient matter by the congress, and in view of overtures made administration of this measure by the desenting to our request the protection of Americans and their interests in Spanish jurisdiction was assumed by the diplomatic and consular representatives of Great Brit-ain who fulfilled their delicate and arduous canal commission shall have reported and the United States congress shall have had the United States congress shall have had the united States congress shall have had the opportunity to pass final upon the opportunity to pass final upon the the opportunity to pass final upon the present session ting allusion to the instance of Mr. Ramsting allusion to the instanc her majesty's consul at Santiago de den, her majesty's consul at Santago den, her majesty's consul at Santago den, her majesty's consul at Santago den, her majesty death after distinguished service and undying effort during the siege of that city, was sincerely last mented. In the early part of April last mented. In the early part of April last pursuant to a request made at the instance of the secretary of state by the Brit-ish ambassador at this capitol, the Cana-dian government granted facilities for the

United States and Spain. government thereupon by a communication in the latter part of April stated that per-mission granted before the outbreak of hoswould not be withdrawn provided the United States government gave assurproceed direct to a United States' port vithout engaging in any hostile operation This government promptly agreed to the stipulated condition, it being understood that the vessels would not be prohibited from resisting any hostile attack. It will give me especial satisfaction if I shall be authorized to communicate to you a favorable conclusion of the pending ne-

bottations with Great Britain in respect to the Dominion of Canada. It is the earnest sources of discord and irritation is lations with the neighboring dominion. The trade between the two countries is contracted to the contract of the stantly increasing, and it is important to both countries that all reasonable facilities should be granted for its development. The question of reciprocal commercial re-lations with reece, including the restoration of currents to the free list is under consideration. The long standing claim of Berand Camp-bell for damages for injuries sustained from

a violent assault committed against him by military authorities in the island of Hayti s been settled by the agreement of that public to pay him \$10,000 in American ld. Of this sum \$5000 has aiready been paid. It is hoped that other pending claims of American citizens against that republic may be amicably adjusted. The newly accredited envoy of the United States to the Ottoman port carries instruc-tions looking to the disposal of matters in controversy with Turkey for a number of years. He is especially charged to press for a just settlement of our claims for indemby reason of the destruction of prop-of American missionaries resident in that country during the American troubles of 1895, as well as for the recognition of older claims of equal justness.

The government of Peru has given the

and navigation concluded with this country August 31, 1887. As that treaty coutains by the nomination of renewed provisions within the brief twelve months intervening before the treaty terminates, I have in-vited suggestions by Peru as to the particular divisions it is desired to annul, in the hope of reaching an arrangement whereby the remaining articles may be provisionally

duction of the vast military establishments emergency.

that weigh ho heavily upon many people. Here the president reviewed the settlein time of peace was communicated to this ment of the Union Pacific railroad, wheregovernment with an earnest invitation \$64,751,223 was paid into the treasbe represented in the conference which it iry. contemplated to assemble with a view to beneficient project.

Hawaiian Islands.

Pending the consideration by the set ipotentiaries of the United States and annexation of the islands, a joint reply tion to accomplish the same purpose by accepting the offered cession and incorprating the ceded territory into the Union, was adopted by the congress and approved July 7, 1898. I thereupon directed the July 7, 1898. I thereupon directed the United States ship Philadelphia to colley Rear Admiral Miller to Honolulu an entrusted to his hands this important elislative act to be delivered to the predent of the republic of Hawaii with whor the admiral and the United States militer States, thus providing for the unintrupted continuance of all the administrate and municipal functions of the anneal territory until control of th

than those of other countries. The worth of such a result in making known our national capacity to supply the world's martin of the government of the United believed that their recommendations will have the earnest consideration due to the magnitude of the responsibility resting upon you to give such shape to relationship those mid-Pacific lands to our home un as will benefit both in the highest degree realising the aspirations of the communit, that has cast its lot with us and elected to chare our political heritage while at the same time justifying the foresight of those who for three-quarters of a century have looked to the assimilation of Hawali as natural and inevitable comumnication in our cherished traditions.

Under the provision of the foint resolution the existing customs relations of the Hawailan islands with the United other countries remained unchangd until legislation shall otherwise provide The consuls of Hawaii, here and in foreign intries continue to fulfill their commerciant agencies while the United States consulate at Honolulu is maintained for all proper services pertaining to trade and the revenue. It would be desirable that all foreign consuis in the Hawaiian islands should receive new exequateurs from this

The attention of congress is called to the fact that our counselor officers have ceased to exist in Hawaii and being about to cease in other countries coming under the sovereignty of the United States. The provisions for relief and transportation destitute seamen in these countries will in consequence terminate. It is proper, there-fore, that new legislation should be enacted in order to meet the changed conditions.

Problems With Mexico.

the extradition convention of December 11 1861, has been at various times the occasion of controversy with the government of Mexico. An acute difference arose in the case of the Mexican demand for a delivery of Jesus Guerra, who having led a marauding expedition near the border with the preclaimed purpose of initiating an insurrection against President Diaz, escaped into Texas : Extradition was refused on the ground that the alleged offense was political in its character, and therefore came within the treaty provision of non-surrender. The affair caused try by an almost uniform course of de islons that where a treaty negatives the obligation to surrender the president is not invested with legal authority to act. The conferment of such authority would be in the line of this sound morality which shrinks from affording secure asylum to the author of a helnous crime. Again, statutory provision might be well made for what styled extradition by way of transit, whereby a fugitive surrendered by one for-eign government to another may be con-veyed across the territory of the United States to the jurisdiction of the demanding state. A recommendation in this behalf made in the president's message was not acted upon. The matter is again presented for your consideration.

The problem of the Mexican free zone has been often discussed with regard to its in into the United States along an extensive and thinly guarded land border. fort made by the joint resolution of March 1, 1805, to remedy the abuse charged by suspending the privilege of free transpor tation in bond across the territory of the United States to Mexico failed of good results. The question is one to be niently met by wise concurrent tion of the two countries looking to the protection of the revenues by harmonious measures to occupy on one side of the boundary rather than by conventional arrangements suggest that congress consider the advisability of authorizing and inviting a conference of representatives of the treas-ury departments of the United States and Mexico to consider the subject in all its complex bearings and make report with pertinent recommendations to the respective governments for the information and the damaging a bridge abutment. consideration of their congresses.

The Mexican water boundary commission had adjusted all matters submitted to it to the satisfaction of both govern save in three important cases; that of the chamisal at El Paso, Texas, the proposed elimination of what are known as "cos." small isolated islands formed by cutting off the bends in the Rio Grande, and the subject of the equitable distribution of the waters of the Rio Grande for which the commissioners recommend an internationa dam and reservoir accepted by Mexico, but still under consideration by this govern-ment. Pending these questions it is neces-sary to expect the life of the commission which expires December 26 next.

discretion upon a declaration of war by congress, or a declaration by congress that war exists, "I directed the increase of the regular army to a maximum of 62,000.

There are now in the regular army 57.872 officers and men. In said act it was provided "that at the end of any war in which the United States may become involved the army shall be reduced to a peace basis by the transfer in the same arm of the service, or absorption by promotion or basis by the transfer in the same arm of the service, or absorption by promotion or honorable discharge under such regulations as the secretary of war may establish of supernumerary commissioned officers and the honorable discharge or transfer of su-pernumerary enlisted men, and nothing contained in this act shall be construed as authorizing the permanent increase of the commissioned or enlisted soldiers of the regular army beyond that now provided by the law in force prior to the passage of this act, except as to the increase of 25 majors provided for in section 1 hereof. The importance of legislation for the permanent increase of the army is therefore secretary of war for that purpose had my unqualified approval. There can be no question that at this time and probably for ome time in the future 100,000 men The government of Peru has given the prescribed notification of its intention to abrogate the treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation concluded with this country of not, the power should be given to the August 31, 1887. As that treaty contains president to enlist that force if in his dismany important provisions necessary to the maintenance of commerce and good relations which could be given him to remany important provisions necessary the maintenance of commerce and good relations which could with difficulty be replaced the could with the could with difficulty be replaced. It is my purpose to muster out the entire

blunteer army as soon as the congress hall provide for the increase of the regular etablishment. This will be only an act of listice and will be much appeciated by the brave men who left their homes and imployments to help the country in its

is contemplated to assemble with a view to discussing the means of accomplishing so desirable a result. His majesty was at once informed of the cordial sympathy of this less than other communities, but all nations government with the principle involved in are damaged more or less, but the state his exalted sphere and the readiness of the of uneasiness and apprehension into which United States to take part. The active an outbreak of hostilities throws the entire military force of the United States as commercial world. It should be our object measured by our population, territorial therefore to minimize, so far as practicable, measured to such the sand under any this inevitable loss and disturbance. This area and taxable wealth is, and under any this inevitable loss and disturbance. This conceivable prospective conditions, must purpose can probably be best accomplished continue to be in time of peace so conspicue by an international agreement to regard continue to be in time of peace so conspicue ously less than that of the armed power all private property at sea as exempt from to whom the czar's appeal is especially a dressed, that the question can have for a capture or destruction by the forces of no practical importance save as marking a suspicious step toward the betterment the condition of the modern peoples and to the cultivation of peace and good will arror with a view of incorporating into the permanent law of civilized nations the principal understance and aid to the beneficient project. ciple of the exemption of all private property at sea, not contraband of war, from enpture of destruction by belligerent pow-

The following recommendation of the sec etary of the navy relative to the increase of the navy have my earnest aprpoval:

1. Three sea-going and sheathed and coppered batt ships of about 13,500 tons trial displacement, carrying the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance for vessels of their class, aid to have the highest practicable speed and great radius of action. Estimated cost exclusive of armor and armament \$3.500,000 each.

2. Three sheathed and coppered armor placement, carrying the heaviest armor and

to \$2,277,995.18, an increase of \$190,063.90 over the preceding year. The land embraced in the eleven forest reservations, which were suspended by the act of June 4, 1897, again became subject to the operations of the proclamation of Feb. 22, 1897, creating them, which added an estimated amount of 19,951,360 acres to the

SOLDIERS AND MARINES

A detachment of the twelfth infantry oes to Fort Logan Roots, Little Rock. The first West Virginia regiment has gone into winter camp at Colum-

Advices from Roilo say the natives of the Vizcayas islands have established a republic, independent of Luzon. John G. Foster of Luling, who was a: trooper of the first Texas cavalry, died in that city, aged 23 years.

Emperor William of Germany wants a larger army. He will call attention to his eastern tour in his speech from the throne. Lieut. Robert M. Simmons of the

twenty days' leave of absence, to commence Dec. 15. First Lieut. Matthew F. Steele, eighth United States cavalry, will as-

third Texas volunteers has obtained

sume the duties of chief mustering officer for the state of Minnesota. John W. Williams, commissary ser-The Interpretation of certain provisions of of pneumonia, at Huntsville, Ala. Williams has been in the service twenty-

three years. It is rumored that by Jan. 1:5000 troops will be concentrated at San Francisco to be sent from there to the Philippines.

Rev. N. Prin, one of the best known divines of the Methodist church in Tennessee, has been mustered into service as chaplain of the fourth Ten-

The body of Private W. J. Taylor of company B, ninth Illinois volunteers, who died at Savannah, Ga., of a hemorrhage, was taken to Cave-in-Rock, Ill., for burial.

Rear Admiral Schley was tendered a complimentary dinner at the Brooklyn club in the city of that name. A number of prominent personage were

With cooler weather the health of the general public at Havana has decidedly improved. No new cases of yellow fever among foreigners have been reported lately. The Japanese cruiser Kasaigi, re-

cently built by the Cramps, has sustained considerabble injury at New Castle, Eng., by colliding with and Col. Edmonds will have the

quarters of the fourth Texas regiment at San Antonio remodeled and rearranged so as to afford more comfort and convenience to the soldiers. At the Loyal Legion banquet in Man-

fla sixty-four guests were present. Admiral Dewey was present, also Gens. Anderson, Harrison, Gray, Otis, King and McArthur. Gen. Anderson pre-The Merritt Wrecking company's rep-

resentatives at Norfolk, Va., say a con-

tract has been closed with the government to float the Reina Mercedes, sunk in the mouth of Santiago harbor, and bring her to Norfolk. Miss Mena Jones, a farmer's daughter, climbed to the top of a tower over the new Montgomery county high school building at Independence, Kan.,

and unfurled the stars and stripes.

Three hearty cheers were given, first for "Old Glory," then for young Miss The battleships Oregon and Iowa have resumed their journey to Honolulu. Capt. Barker, commanding the Oregon, and the senior officer of the expedition, notified the navy department that they had left Rio de Janeiro for

It is reported that a Spanish colonel having an assumed name and who figured prominently in Cuba during the late war is sick in a Chicago hospital. He gives his name as Col. Cataciel.

Montevideo, where another stop will be

Gen. Maso, the former president of the Cuba insurgent government, has arived at Kingston, Jamaica, on a visit to his family. The members of the Cuban colony there tendered him a re

The 6-year-old son of Rev. W. Vin sant was struck on the head by a piece of iron at Waxahachie and seriously in-

The testimony in the railroad injunction case at Dallas was put into two boxes, they and their contents weighing 250 pounds. In order to save Judge McCormick devoting about two years to the perusal of same both sides preoncise statements. sente

up on the Young Men's Christi puilding at Teming is being jointly erected by the Santa Fe railway and Temple. The Santa Fe also intends enlarging their hotel at that city.

Col. C. J. Randall of Shreveport, La. contemplates erecting a hotel at Hinnon Springs near Marshall, to cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000. He also expects to build an electric railway line

Dr. O. L. Williams of Dallas, who has been on a hunt in Matagorda county, reports that fifteen hunters, four colored servants and afteen dogs klled and consumed twenty-one deer besides an unknown number of chickens, squirrels and birds.

CROPS AND CATTLE.

Texas-fed cattle are now going to the big markets.

Reports of horses dying of the blind staggers come from Fannin county. Farmers in some portions of south-

west Texas will soon commence sowing C. E. Crews of Childress recently re-

ceived a bunch of 1000 calves from Alex Taylor of Childress left recently for Shackelford county to receive a bunch of stock cattle, about 400 in

John W. Harding of Henrietta sold recently at Kansas City forty-eight steers weighing 1187 pounds, at \$4.30, or \$51 per head.

Texas counties were of untold benefit to wheat, as the cereal was needing abundant showers.

Recently at Childress, Fred Horsburg, manager of the Spur ranch, sold geant, company B, tenth infantry, died 1025 two-year-old steers at private terms to Kansas parties.

> Four young Wacoites have gone to gather pecans. They went thoroughly prepared to gather all the nuts obtainable, and anticipate reaping a rich financial harvest.

> R. H. Moseley of Llano will ship 550 head of steers to Cuba on the 10th inst. He has bought these steers in small bunches in Llano and Blanco counties,

> It is said that enough acreage has been promised by farmers near Grapeland to insure the production of thirty cars of cantaloupes. The erop has been contracted for.

> The consumption of cotton by southern mills for the cotton year just ended is reported to be 1,250,000 bales, or 25 per cent more than the quantity consumed during any previous year.

> Superintendents J. W. Fuller of the Keystone and J. F. Foster of the Cook's Hereford ranches, sold to E. Garcia of Laredo a carload of bull calves at \$30

> John T. Roach, a citizen of Nicaragua, is in Texas, buying hogs to stock a ranch in that country. He expects to send nearly a shipload of live stock to that country from Texas.

> Mr. J. W. Overton, who secured the contract to supply the military camps in Cuba with beef, has been credited with being both a Floridian and a Texan. He is credited as a citizen of Overton, this state. E. G. Liebold, a prominent stockman

> of Bandera county, is preparing to place 5000 mutton sheep in full feed of hulls and meal at McGregor, Tex. He has great confidence in the future of sheep feeding in Texas, and his venture in this direction will be watched with

W. P. Harned, the well known shorthorn breeder of Bunceton, Cooper county, Missouri, held his third annual sale at Bunceton lately. Though the weaher was wintry, there was a fairly good crowd present, most of the buyers being from Missouri, Kansas and James Hamilton of San Angelo has

bought from P. T. Hunt of Taylor county 1200 muttons with wool on at \$2.50; from Henry Liging of Willow 925 muttons with wool on at \$2.50, and from Claude Hudspeth of Ozona 1800 muttons, shorn, at 3 cents a pound, delivery of all at San Angelo. The sale of the Clover Blossom shorthorns, the herd of Mr. George

Bothwell of Nettleton, Caldwell county, Missouri, which took place at the Kansas City stock yards sale barn, was attended by a fair crowd of buyers, in spite of the disagreeable weather. Most of the offerings were young ani-The persimmon crop of Texas this

year was an abundant one, and the flavor of the fruit, after being interviewed a few times by J. Frost, all that the most fastidious epicure could desire.

There is a great demand for hickory uts by wholesale dealers therein. One Texas firm of nut exporters advertised for fifty carloads. A large amount of vegetable seeds

including carrot, cauliflower, lettuce.

parnips, corn, spinach, onion, etc., were sent by the government to Manila several months ago. It is thought most dilemmas. If this course is pursued of them can be grown in certain parts of Luzon. Potatoes are also to be According to a statement of arrivals

by railroads, Chicago received 4467 cars of Texas cattle during the quarantine in view. season, or 2118 cars less than were received during the corresponding period a year ago.

Just now there is great activity in rice lands, and several thousand acres have been purchased by Iowa parties. These gentlemen have been investigaing the profits of rice farming, and will develop several thousand acres in Jef-

Dr. J. F. Connoway, he Missouri veterinarian, has made his report on the Texas calves which were recently dipped at the National yards at St. Louis for George Richardson. The doctor said in his report that the effects of the dipping were not serious, and that there was no damage from inhaling the fluid

No fewer than fifteen steamers landand the arrivals were the largest for some time past, comprising 6636 cattle, 1395 sheep and 17,011 quarters of beef.

It is estimated that there are 100,000 head of feeders back of Denver, Col., which includes the southwest territories, held in the hands of the speculative buyers who contracted early in the season, and still have stuff on their hands because they can not sell now and get out clear.

J. W. Grace, mule buyer for the Mexican government, was in Sabinal recently. He bought seventy-five head of mules from Mr. Ross Kennedy, paying \$25 a head for them, and he says mules every month.

TARANTULA SHEDS ITS SKIN. Insect Increases it Sizes Each Time She Molta

From the Country Gentleman: An event of more than ordinary interest occurred in my office yesterday noon. A large female tarantula shed its skin for the second time since it has been in captivity. Those familiar with insects, spiders and related creatures are aware that they are incased by a hard, unyielding integument. Increase of size is permissible only when the old skin is shed and one that has been newly formed beneath expands to the requisite degree. This is a process constantly occurring in nature, and ever excites interest in the beholder. When a large spider three inches long throws. off the old integument it is a thrilling sight. In the present case the tarantula had evidently been feeling unwell for some days, a condition frequently The recent rains in several north | preceding this process among insects, and yesterday morning she was found lying on her back and apparently dead, but moved a little upon being disturbed. She lay thus until about 12:15, when the rustling her movements made excited attention. The old skin had then ruptured around the thorax in such a manner that the top could be removed entire, and through this opening the giant. spider was literally working out of her old skin. This was accomplished by the aid of her eight legs and the two leg-like palpi. At the end of an hour the change had been effected. The spider lay upon her back, beside the perfect skin, resting

from the severe exertion. This tarantula was unusually large before she molted, and is now of still greater size. She came north in a bunch of bananas about two and a half years ago, and until last January was the pet of Dr. J. M. Bigelow. While under his care one skin was shed and is now in my possession. An idea of the increase in size attendant upon molting may be gained by comparing the dimensions of the dorsal piece of the skin shed about the latter part of 1896, when under the care of Dr. Bigelow, and the one shed yesterday. The first measures one inch and the secone measures one and a quarter inches. Therefore, the present dorsal piece will probably be proportionately larger when fully expanded.

She Couldn't Miss the Chance. Mrs. Drayton-Ah, well, it has always been my dearest wish to grow old gracefully. Mrs. Winston-Is that so. dear? I'm awfully sorry for you. Mrs. Drayton-You are sorry for me? Why? Mrs. Winston-Because your dearest wish has been to grow old gracefully. Of course you'll never have a chance to try it over and make use of the prac-

Llamas as Freight Carriers.

Llamas are the chief freight carriers in Central Peru. The usual load for an animal is about 100 pounds. If you put upon his back more than he can easily carry he quietly kneels and will not budge until the load is reduced.

OUR UNCROWNED RULERS. Give the children roasted apples to eat frequently and as many oranges

How long should a child remain in a bath? This must, of course, depend upon circumstances; the time must be varied according to the age of the child. For the first four or five weeks of an infant's life it should not be kept in beyond three or four minutes, and the duration must be gradually prolonged as the child grows older until it extends to a quarter of an hour. a period which may be allowed after

it has attained the age of 3 years. When the baby pokes an inquiring finger into the fire or tumbles against a hot steam radiator a quick way to relieve his shrieks is to cover the burned surface with baking powder till a preparation of equal parts of linseed oil and lime water can be applied and covered with soft cloths. If the burn is slight covering with the white of an egg er pure lard will relieve the agony. Burns caused by lime or lye or an alkali of any sort should be treated by vinegar or lemon juice; burns caused by acid should be treated

with water and moist earth. There are households in which the children are scarcely permitted to speak above their breath. This is not at all right. In the home there should be freedom of speech. Children should be encouraged to express, in a modest way, their opinions before their parents and to come to them for advice and counsel in all their difficulties and they will not be likely to take any serious steps in after life without either consulting the old folk at home or applying the home standard of propriety to whatever enterprise they may have

LATE NEW THINGS.

A handy scoop for moving heavy material has a small truck attached to the rear portion, on which wheels are mounted to permit the scoop to be pushed along, instead of being car-

To prevent a pipe damper from accidentally turning in the pipe and changing the draught an attachment has been designed, which consists of a yoke to be slipped over the handle of the damper and clamp it in place.

An improved link cuff button has a telescoping shank, one of the members having an interior projection which engages a groove cut in the surface of the ed cattle and fresh beef at Liverpool other shank, to prevent removal until during the week ending Nov. 12, from | a half-turn is given to either part of

Lumber can be quickly piled by a Michigan man's device, consisting of a frame held in place by extensions entering the pile of lumber, an adjustable roller being attached to the top of the frame to roll the boards instead

of sliding them. Stamps and envelope flaps can be easily moistened by an Oregonian's invention, which slips on the finger like a thimble, the end holding a piece of sponge or other absorbent material to be dipped in a water cup and transfer the moisture to the gummed sur-

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