Frankfort, Ky., December 27.-Ques-

tions concerning the makeup of the

state board of election commissioners

may be brought before the courts be-

fore the commissioners sit as a con-

test board to pass upon the claims

made by the democratic candidates for

the state offices below that of lieuten-

ant governor, which are now held by

republicans. The point of contention

is the procedure to be followed in fill

ing the vacancies caused by the recent

resignation of Commissioners Prvor

and Ellis. The democrats have con-

strued the law to provide that such

vacancies are to be filled by the re

maining members of the board, and

on this theory John Fulton was ap-

pointed to fill one of the vacancies.

Commissioners Poyntz and Fulton are

publicans now make the assertion that

these vacancies should be filled by

is said the governor will make nomina-

tions to fill the vacancies and that the

coming to texas

Denver, Colo., December 27.-Pres

dent John W. Springer of the National

Live Stock association today issued

the official call for the big annual con-

vention of his association to meet in

Fort Worth, Texas, January 16, and

continue in session four days. This is

the largest live stock association in

the country and it will be attended by

representatives of stock yards com-

panies and many railroads. It is ex-

rected that there will be over 1000 del-

egates in attendance, representing

public lands to stockmen for grazing;

grazing in forest reserves of the West:

stock next year; the work of gathering

portation of live stock by railroads,

rates have been made on all railroads

State Lunatic Asylum.

Austin, Texas, December 27,-A sec-

ond artesian well will be completed for

the state lunatic as au point

in a few days at a cost of \$5500, and

some \$70,000 is being expended in new

buildings and other improvements for

that institution with a view to mak-

ing it one of the largest and most com-

United States, it already being among

the best managed. Additional room

for 300 patients is being provided

The governor visited the institution

Monday, as well as the blind asylum,

condition on retiring from office.

Fatal Bee Sting.

San Antonio, Texas, December 27 .-

Karl Neulaier died Monday evening

about 7 o'clock at 921 Dallas street,

The deceased was a saddle maker and

was a member of the Saddle Makers'

union. The remains will be held pend-

ing the arrival of his brother from

Navigation of the Red.

S. J. Wright, chairman of the Red

river navigation committee, is very

enthusiastic over the prospects of a

large and representative attendance at

the convention to be held here on the

16th of January. He states that he has

received letters from extensive prop-

erty owners covering the whole sec-

tion of the river from Denison to Ful-

ton, Ark., and believes that the matter

will be taken up in earnest at the con-

Braznell Mine Horror.

Brownsville, Pa., December 27.-

Search for the dead was kept up at

re so mutilated they have not been

Fell Dead on the Street.

ington from Havana.

vention.

Paris, Texas, December 27.-Captain

considered.

question will then be taken into the

DWIGHT L. MOODY.

The Great Evangelist Dies at East streets, were rehearsing yesterday aft-Northfield. Mass.

DEATH DUE TO OVERWORK.

Mr. Moody's Heart Had Been Weak for a Long Time and Exertions Put Forth in Meetings Brought on a Collapse,

East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 23.-Dwight L. Moody, the famous evange-

list, died at noon yesterday. It was not expected until Thursday by the members of Mr. Moody's family and immediate circle of friends that death would be the result of his illness. The cause of death was a general breaking down due to overwork.

Mr. Moody's heart has been weak for a long time and exertions put forth in conection with meetings in the west last month brought on a collapse We which he failed to rally. The evangelist broke down in Kansas City. Mo., where he was holding services about a month ago and the seriousness of his condition was so apparent to the physicians who were called to attend him, that they forced him to abandon his tour and return to his home with all possible speed. After he reached Northfield eminent physicians were consulted and everything was done to prolong life. A bulletin issued last week communicated the tidings to the and down the stairs. A flaming public that Mr. Moody was very ill, but torch she was as she almost fell down that a little improvement was noticed. the stairs and rushed into the group gain until Thursday when he showed They were all clad like her, in fancy symptoms of nervousness accompanied by weakness which caused the family the fire spread with incredible rapidmuch anxiety. Mr. Moody first knew ity from one to the other. There were at 8 o'clock Thursday evening that he fourteen children in the cast of the that this was so and when the knowl- few escaped.

edge came to him his words were: "The world is receding and heaven

epening." During the night Mr. Moody had a number of sinking spells. He was, however, kindness itself to those about im. At 2 o'clock yesterday morning patient was perspiring and he requested his son-in-law, A. P. Fitt. who spent the first of the night with him. to call the physician that he might note the symptoms. Dr. Wood admin-istered a hypodermic injection of strychnia. This caused the heart to Mr. Moody himself requested his sonin-law, Mr. Fitt, and Dr. Wood to re-

Mr. Moody's eldest son, Will R. Moody, who had been sleeping the first minutes and rushed for the doors. of the night, spent the last half with his father. At 7:30 yesterday morning Dr. Wood was called and when he reached Mr. Moody's room found his patient in a semi-conscious condition. When Mr. Moody recovered consciousness he said with all his old vivacity: "What's the matter, what's going on here?" Some member of the family replied: "Father, you have not been the smoke-stained walls there were quite so well; and so we came to see

A little later he said to his boys: "I have always been an ambitious man. not ambitious to lay up wealth, but if the child or loved one was among to leave you work to do.

In substance Mr. Moody urged his two boys and his son-in-law, Mr. Fitt, to see that the schools in East Northfield, at Mount Hermon and the Chi- doctors. cago institute should receive their best care. This they assured Mr. Moody that they would do. During the forenoon Mrs. A. P. Fitt, his daughter, said to Mr. Moody: "Father, we can

not spare you Mr. Moody's reply was: "I am not going to throw my life away. If God has more work for me to do, I'll not

Terrible Disaster. Rome, Dec. 23.-A terrible disaster

took place yesterday afternoon at Amalfi, the popular tourist resort on the Gulf or Salerno. About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, upon which stood the that Ladysmith could hold out several Capuccinni hotel, slid bodily into the weeks longer, and it is feared that sea with a deafening roar and without this was circulated by the Boers for a moment's warning, carrying with it their own purposes. It is hoped that the hotel, the old Capuchin monastry Mr. Winston Churchill, having arrived below, the Hotel Santa Caterina and safely at Delagoa bay, will soon be several villas. Many people were heard from regarding conditions in the buried in the debris, which crushed Transvaal, as he must have obtained four vessels to the bottom of the important information. sea, destroying their crews. The mass of earth which slipped was about 500,-000 cubic yards. The population is in a state of terror, fearing fresh calamities. Troops have arrived upon the ed in a recent engagement, but no descene and begun rescue work. It is be- tails are given. Advices from Naauwlieved that the loss of life is heavy, Poort describe everything as quiet including a number of monks and the occupants of the hotel. As yet it is impossible to ascertain the exact num-

Amalfi is a small but lively town of 7000 inhabitants, situated at the entrance of a deep ravine, surrounded by imposing mountains and rocks of the most picturesque forms.

Fire at Ardmore.

Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 23.-Fire early vesterday morning entirely destroyed son, merchandise broker and cotton the City steam laundry and the ma- buyer of Forrest City, is missing and chinery wareroom belonging to Stev- foul play is suspected. Robinson was ens. Kennerly & Spragins. The loss on last seen in this city last Saturday. the laundry contents belonging to when he came to settle his accounts Charles Rollins, is estimated at \$4000; with Wooten & Moore, for whom he insurance \$1000. The building belonged had been buying cotton. He got to J. S. Clark, loss \$600, with no insur- what money was coming to him and ance. Spraggins & Co.'s loss \$4000, has not been seen since. His wife and gro Saturday night, John Keno was with insurance about \$2400. The Ard- one child are at Forrest City, and the shot twice; the wounds are very likemoreite and the Odd Fellows' building former can not account for his ab- ly to prove fatal. was slightly damaged.

Rieven Children Burned.

Quincy Til., Dec. 23.-While the school children of St. Francis Parochial school. Seventeenth and Vine ernoon for an entertainment to be given next Tuesday evening, the dress of one of them caught fire from a gas jet. and ten minutes later four of them were burned to death. Two died an hour later, and five others died before midnight. Half a dozen others were burned more or less seriously.

The dead: Irena Friedburg, May Wavering, Mary Althoff, Bernadina Washington officials are very much Freund, Colletta Middendorf, Mary Hickey, Wilhelmina Guttendorf, Olivia Timpe, Addie Futterer, Josephine Bohme, Margaret Warner.

All these are between 9 and 11 years of age. Helen Soebbing and several other teachers, Fathers Nicholas and Prof. Mushold, were painfully burned in trying to save the children.

The fire started in a little dressingroom. Three or four little girls were there dressing for the rehearsal and laughing gaily among themselves. A dozen others were grouped in the wings of the age near the foot of the stairs mescending from the dressing room. The girls in the dressing room had nearly completed their costumes when one of them brushed against the gas jet, but which one it will never be known. A touch of the flame was sufficient and in an instant her dress of cotton and light cloth was in a blaze. She screamed and ran out of the room, communicating the blaze to

others as she ran. One of the girls with her dress in a blaze, jumped out of a small window week the patient showed a steady of children standing in the wings. costumes of cotton, lace and silk, and would not recover. He was satisfied Christmas entertainment and only a

It was all over in ten minutes, and in this time four perished, seven were fatally burned and others more or less severely injured.

The children were panic stricken and rushed this way and that, scream-Dr. Wood, the family physician, who ing with pain. But the agony was arth the night at his house, was call- wief. Only a few minuted of them sank to the floor dead. Others of them sank to the floor dead. Others who fell too, but they still lived, suffering excruciating agony.

The school was filled with children. and many more would have been killed in the panic that followed had it perform its duties more regularly and not been for the prompt action of the teachers who were in charge of the entertainment and were present. The children were in a panic for a few But prompt efforts quieted them

and no one was hurt in the rush. All the telephone lines in the neighborhood were in service summoning surgeons, and in a very few moments nearly all the doctors in town were on hand. Besides the many patients in dozens of fainting and heartbroken women without. They screamed as some of the scenes came to them and the dead and wounded their grief gained the mastery and there was collapse which required the attention of

Navarro county is said to have such a big acreage of wheat and oats planted that there can hardly be any increse in the cotton area unless some serious misfortune, such as a hard freeze in January, should destroy the wheat and oat crops.

Situation at Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 23-Belated South African dispatches throw no light upon the present situation at the seat of war. There is no confirmation of the report

A Cape Town dispatch, dated Sunday, Dec. 17, reports that Commandant Diedricks of the Boer forces, was killthere and the only fresh news from Arundel concerns the weather, which is excessively hot.

damaged by fire recently.

Fears of Foul Play.

Helena, Ark., Dec. 23.-Wm. Robin-

OFFICERS PLEASED

AT THE SITUATION AS IT NOW EXISITS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Going to Carry the War into the South -Relief Work Done in Porto Rico-Other News Notes.

New York, December 26 .- A specia to the Herald from Washington says: gratified at the existing situation in the Philippines. The insurgent army, which dominated the northern portion of the island up to November 5, when the American campaign began, has disappeared: American garrisons are established at the more important points, promising peace in the surrounding territory, and the general condition has so improved that General Otis cons'ders it feasible to open all the ports of Northern Luzon to trade. General Otis will now then his attention to the Finpinos south of Manila and, it is

against them in a few days. Just what the strength of the insur gent forces in Southern Luzon is the authorities are unable to say, but it is likely many of the insurgents under arrive in Washington tonight. Aguinaldo in the north have joined those in the south. The authorities would be glad to know that the conclusion is correct, for in the south there will be a good opportunity to cut off the armed Filipinos, if a large number could be captured at one time and it would mean the death blow of

expected, will begin active operations

Aguinaldo has not yet reached the southern territory, but is believed to to elude the American columns, which are scouring the country. Aguinaldo is undoubtedly working his way south in order to gain command of a large

the Filipinos' hopes.

Before the war with the United States Spain had experienced no dif ficulty in sending columns from one end of the island to the other, but the natives organized guerilla bands and continued the war, and the greatest difficulty was met in suppressing them, peace usually being secured by

Thee Blocks of Bu ldings Burned Hastings, Minn., December 26-Nearly three blocks of buildings in the business portion of the town were burned today with a loss of \$200,000. The fire was supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. It broke cut in the sawmill of R. C. Lobby & mill, storehouses, lumber, office, sheds, etc., were consumed. One million and a half feet of upper grade lumber was also burned. A strong northwest wind was blowing and the flames spread rapidly. St. John's hotel was destroyemployment and others are rendered message.

One Killed and Many Wounded. Richmond, Va., December 26.-At Virginia, Hallfax county, today a man named Loftis entered the depot and fired several times at Mr. Turner, the operator. Turner returned the fire and killed his man. Friends of the dead man attacked Turner, a general fight followed and Turner received a terrible gash in the throat, while several other men, two of whom will probably dled, were wounded. At last accounts a mob was threatening to lynch Turner, but he was being guarded in the depot by armed friends. All the parties are, it is said, white. The sheriff has gone to the scene.

Washington, D. C., December 26. David Belasco scored a success Monday night in a new line of work as a playwright, coming out as a producer of comedy instead of a maker of highly dramatic plays. "Naughty Anothy," the name of his new production, is far removed in style and theme from the "Heart of Maryland" and "Zaza." Its first presentation was given at the Columbia theater in this city Monday night and at its close the audience, which filled the entire house, gave the playwright an ovation.

Killed in Church.

Brownsville, Texas, December 26,-In the Catholic church last night during the celebration of midnight mass. an 18-year-old Mexican boy named Feliciano Lopez was shot and almost to stantly killed, never speaking after the shot was fired. A pistol was found on The British steamer Vulcan had the floor, but whether it belonged to seventy bales of cotton in her hold Lopez and the shooting was accidental had not been ascertained. No one claims the pistol. The authorities are investigating the matter. The church was crowded and the most intense excitement prevailed.

Llano, Texas.-Governor Sayers has appointed Hon.. W F. P. Oatman to be attorney for the Thirty-third judicial

Ennis.-In a row with another ne-

The Dead of the Maine.

Newport News, Va., December 26 .-The battleship Texas, in command of Captain Sigsbee, arrived here shortly before noon Menday with the remains IOWA SYNDICATE PURCHASED A of the men who lost their lives by the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor. The bodies of the 151 Maine heroes which were brought up on the Texas will be transferred to a Chesapeake and Ohio train today at 12 o'clock and will be taken to Washington for interment in Arlington cemetery next Thursday. The Texas left Havana last Thursday. She encountered a gale off Hatteras, but had good weather until she reached that point. She anchored in the inner bay Monday night and came up to Old Point in the morning. After the quarantine regulations had been complied with she proceeded to this city. Rev Father Chadwick, who was chaplain of the Maine, is in charge of the remains and will accompany them to Washington. Not more than a score of the

bodies on the Texas were identified

The names of these are inscribed on

the coffins which inclose their remains.

A Mysterious Affair the promenade toward the whirlpool. man could be discovered. Owing to gregate 14,264 acres. the darkness the search had to be discontinued but men are stationed along the river on the watch for the appearance of eitner of the men. The police are inclined to look on the my 3terious affair as a case of murder and svicide or double suicide.

ever at Ladvamith New York, December 26 The Tribund. London cable . At first is met with but little end
voice has come from the darkness of agement from Iowa capitalists, All is not well when typhoid fever and by contract. dysentary are prevalent, and men are dying daily in the hospital from sick- syndicate takes possession of the landness induced by unsanitary conditions about a quarter of a million dollars ed. Many people are thrown out of war office makes no comment on this preparing it for cultivation of rice.

> Wreck on Northern Pacific. Missoula, Mont., December 26 .- By a wreck on the Northern Pacific Monday morning about 6 o'clock six miles east of Bear Mouth, four men were killed and several injured, more or less seriously. The dead are: Engineer K. B. Rheim, Fireman C. A. Dickson, two tramps stealing a ride. The injured are: Brakeman Wallace Mix, seriously scalded and bruised, Engineer J. W. Bebee, Concactor L A. Yake. Other trainmen were injured but not seriously. The operator at Bonito allowed the freight train from the west to pass when it should have been held on the siding. As soon as the operator heard of the wreck he took to the hills and has not been heard of. He was a substitute.

Attempted Incendiarsm Taylor, Texas, December 26.-Last night just after dark an effort was made to burn the cotton compress and a large quantity of cotton on the platform at this place. Fortunately the incendiary was discovered in the attempt, and the fire was extinguished before it got under headway. The guilty man escaped, but he was recognized, and as he is known here there is little or no doubt but be will be apprhended. While several bales of cotton were burning a young man by the name of Picklers, who saw the fire, attempted to remove the bales when one fell on him, injurying him severe-

Serious Stabbing Afray east of Anna, this countr. As a re- querable. sult Will Patterson lies is a precarlous condition with a deep knife stab to the hollow just under his left shoulder. Sheriff Pafford lodged Tom Bradshaw in jail here this morning charged with the cutting. Patterso is a married man, his wife being awitness to this city Tuesday afternoon. Miss Van the affray. Bradshaw is Tyears old Duzen is the first woman to fill such and a rheumatic cripple. The difficul- a position in Texas. ty arose over the killing & a pig belenging to Patterson.

Alvin.-The young ladis will give a ball Thursday evening jext

FROM OVER TEXAS.

Bought 10.424 Acres for \$185,000-Are Taken-Other News Notes

Beaumont, Texas, December 27.-During the past three or four months Mr. I. D. Polk, the well known real estate agent and one of Beaumont's most progressive and enterprising citizens, has been making frequent trips to Kansas City, Chicago and other Northern points. The purpose of his trips was not made public, but it was known that he was at work on a big land third member of the board. The redeal, and recently he admitted that such was a fact, but requested that the matter be kept quiet at least until the preliminary arrangements were effected. This was done last night at 8 o'clock when D. B. Hurd and Judge A H. McVey signed a contract and de-There were no ceremonies here in posited a certified check to purchase bonor of the dead, but impressive ex-10.424 acres of Jefferson county rice ercises will take place today when the bodies are transferred from the ship

The land contracted for sale belongs to the train. The funeral train will to Messrs. J. E. Broussard, B. C. Herbert and I. D. Polk. It lies in the vicinity of Taylors bayou and includes Niagara Falls, N. Y., December 26. what is known as the Broussard rice This evening two young men whose farm. The purchasers are the trusnames are unknown were driven to the tees of a syndicate which is being cliff above the promenade at the formed in Iowa for the purpose of raiswhirlpool rapids on the Canadian side ing the money necessary to farm rice of the river and were lowered to the on a large scale. The contract gives promenade. They did not return in the purchasers a sixty-days option on an hour and the police were notified. the land, the total price to be paid for Footprints of the two men in the snow which is \$185,000. Messrs. I. D. Polk every state in the Union. According were followed to the extreme end of and J. E. Broussard have also sold to to the call, among the subjects to be Messrs. Hurd and McVey, as trustees, Farther along the bank there were a ninety-day option on six additional signs of a body having fallen in the sections of land, which is suitable for snow and the footprins of only one rice culture. This makes the deal ag the taking of a complete census of live

While this deal was worked up by vital statistics relating to the trans-Mr. I. D. Polk the success so far attained is partially due to Mr. B. D. and subjects of a kindred nature. Low Hurd. It was to him that Mr. Polk pointed out the immense body of rice for this meeting. Many important matland that could be secured in one tract | ters relating to the industry will be in Jefferson county. Mr. Hurd immediately saw the attractiveness of the proposition and set about organizing the syndicate to make the purch Ladysmith. Seven more deaths from when rice culture and its profits were enteric fever are reported in the cas- made intelligently clear the principal ualty list from White's garrison. These difficulty was overcome. Organia tion nessages, flashed from one British of the syndicate is not yet entirely camp to another, have a different perfected, but it will be in a very few sound from the cheery "Al Well" days, and the earnest money deposited Co., and the entire plant with plaining which was received daily from Lady- is a guarantee that the deal will be smith at Estcourt a few weeks ago. concluded within the time prescribed

Mr. Polk says that as soon as the

Galveston Waterways Convention Galveston, Texas, December 27 .-From the number of letters being received by Secretary McMasters of the chamber of commerce from delegates to the Texas waterways convention the attendance is going to be large. Many county judges and mayors have signified their intention to be on hand and in cases where they can not come they have appointed substitutes. Nearly all commercial bodies will have a full representation and have taken great interest, making many inquiries a great deal of suffering he expired. regarding the work to be done.

The convention will convene Thurs-Leon Blum.

The delegates will meet, probably tomorrow, elect their chairman and perfect organization.

A Broncho Buster Killed attempt to ride a vicious horse for a broncho busters in this part of the McKinney, Texas, December 26 .- A state and was the tenth man to make serious cutting affray occurred last an unsuccessful attempt to ride the evening in the public road four miles horse, which is regarded as uncon-

> A Woman Deputy Marshal. Emma Van Duzen of Dallas was sworn into office as a deputy United States marshal at the Federal building in

Washington, D. C., the world-famed Licutenant C. W. Castle of his staff, cruithologist and scientist, is dead at have arrived here en route to Wash-John Hopkins hospital.

LARGE BODY OF LAND.

Quarter of a Million Will be Spent in Improvements if the Options Secured

Death was caused by blood poisoning, the result of a sting by a bee a short while back. At the time he thought nothing of the bite, but scratched the place where he had been stung a great deal. Blood poisoning set in and after

day, December 28, and continue two days. Secretary McMasters and the committees in charge are making great | Mexico. preparations to entertain the delegates. The following members of the Galveston cotton exchange have been appointed delegates to represent the exchange at the Texas waterways conention, which will meet here December 28 and 29: W. L. Moody, John D. Rogers, Julius Runge, Robert Bornefeld, Eustace Taylor, Jens Moller, I. H. Kempner, J. D. Skinner, W. A. McVitie, William F. Ladd, W. M. Stafford, D. B. Henderson, J. E. Wallis.

Denton, Texas, December 27.-John Pease was fatally hurt yesterday in an Braznell mine all night resulting in finding five more bodies, making twerpurse, being thrown and injured in- ty victims of the explosion. The bodies identified. A thorough search of the mine was made this morning, but no more bodies were found, and it is now believed the number of the dead will not be increased.

Dallas, Texas, December 27.-Miss Waco, Texas, December 27.-S. Wise aged 76 years, father of Dan Wise of the Waco Savings bank, fell dead on the streets Tuesday just before noon from heart failure. Deceased had lived in Waco twenty-five years.

Baltimore.-Prof. Elliott Coues of Brooke, with Captain I. T. Dean and

TEXANETTES.

Dr. C. O. Matthews, a prominent Denison physician, is dead.

The usual number of Christmas casualties are reported. Fourteen divorces were granted in

one day at Waxahachie. A huge wolf was caught in a trap

four miles from Fort Worth. Chris Hagetstein was thrown from a

horse at San Angelo and badly inju-

In a difficulty at Blossom, Lamar county. Jack Baily was badly cut in the face and on the head.

The grocery store of L. G. Throop

at Big Springs, was robbed of \$1 in cash and about \$100 worth of grocerto meet here Thursday to select the The office of the superintendent of Paris waterworks was burglarized and

the sum of \$60 was secured from a appointment of Governor Taylor. It drawer. Robert E. Lee Powell of Bartlet filed voluntary petition in bankruptcy at

Austin. Liabilities \$4125, assets \$1540, all claimed to be exempt. It is reported from Kansas City that a big Northern company will move to Quanah, Texas to utilize the

extensive gypsum fields in that section. The Trinity Land company of Fort Worth is the first corporation to pay franchise tax under the recent assessment by the county commissioners of Tarrant county.

Several nights ago a freight car on the Texas and Pacific road was broken into near the coal chute just east of Wills Point and a goodly-sized box of freight escaped.

The 18-months-old daughter of Sumner Coke fell into the fire-place at 4-vear-old brother rescued her in time to prevent serious results.

Mount Vernon has \$33,000 subscribed of the \$50,000 required for a cotton mill. It is expected that the remaining \$17,000 will soon be raised, when the buiding will be at once begun.

County Attorney George A. Carpenter of Fannin county filed his annual report and turned over to the county treasurer \$708.45, which is the excess of the amount allowed the county attorney and hisdeputies.

twenty years as baggagemaster at FL Worth at the Texas and Pacific depot. died of paralysis. He was a popular employe. The remains was shipped to Paris, Tex., for interment.

The grand jury of El Paso returned plete institutions for the insane in the an indictment against Juan Bernal. convict now in the Santa Fe. N. M. penitentiary, charging him with the murder of Ranger Fusselman, which occurred more than ten years ago.

and was well pleased with what he While crossing a street at Austin and a defective water supply. The will be spent in improvement and in saw at both. It is his desire to bring Chief Justice R. R. Gaines of the suthe state eleemosynary institutions up preme court was struck by a runaway to the highest standard and his inten- horse and knocked down. He was badtion is to leave them in up to date ly bruised about the face and legs, but his injuries are not considered seri-

> The observance of schoolroom discipline in the public schools of Sherman can be judged from the fact that up to a few evenings ago it has been necessary to inflict corporal punishment in but twenty-four cases in a total enrollment of 1846.

> Mrs. L. R. Harbough made a narrow escape from a horrible death at Corsicana. She was standing with her back to an open fireplace when her clothing caught fire, and before the flames could be extinguished she was badly burned about the hands, arms and face

> Miss Drew Walker of Rockwall. while on a visit to Navasota was accidentally shot by a rifle.

> Malone, Waller & Co. of Fort Worth. formerly merchants, filed an application in the United States district court there. The liabilities of the firm are placed at \$23,350.61, assets none. The individual assets of the parties are given as, David L. Malone \$5285, all exempt: John F. Waller \$50.

Night Marshal Evans attempted to arrest Bob Sales, a colored barber. at Cuero. When called upon by the marshal to halt he did so and at the same time about faced and opened fire on the marshal with a 40 pistol. The marshal returned the fire, fatally wounding the negro twice through the bowels. The marshal was shot in the

A. M. Nance, living on the east side of Paris, has a well the water supply which is effected altogether by the way the wind blows. If it is from the north the well goes dry, while the supply is abundant when the wind is in the east.

All Texas and Pacific, the Chicago, Rock Island and Texas, the Missouri. Kansas and Texas, and the Fort Worth and Rio Grande passenger trains are running in and out of the Texas and Pacific passenger station at Fort

Worth. As the Yexas Trunk train was going St. Augustine, Fla.-Major General from Kemp the entire train except the engine was derailed. The accident was caused by the spreading of the rails. Several of the passengers walked into Kaufman from the wreck, eight miles from there.

JONLY CHANCE.

ee sacs of bonbons. One for madame, one for you, Mile. Eulagand one for you, Mile. Gabrille. ey came with this white lilac from Consieur Allard."

Madame put up her sac unopened. Eulalie, a tall, well-built girl, with handsome, regular features, dressed as richly as would be becoming in a demoiselle a marier, opened the one that bore her name daintily embroidered on it, took out a sweet, and then began to arrange the lilac. Gabrielle found it difficult to untie the gold-stranded string around the neck of the sac, and went to her work basket at the other end of the room for a knitting needle. | inet. There were stras of excitement in the agreeable but not pretty face of the girl, who, indeed, had nothing but a greed at a letter that she drew out of of my mistake to the grave." the bag. She uttered a little cry, and Everybody was profoundly moved-

then ran forward. came over me. "It can't be for me," elle interrupted him. she continued; "it must be for you, Eulalie."

note, aloud:

"Mademoiselle-I take this opportunity of telling you what you must since he seeks love in marriage." have guessed-that I love you. It is my intention to make a formal demand of your hand in marriage. However, | cal wave of the right arm. my long experience in England has made me feel that I should not do so without knowing whether the proposal would be agreeable-I durst not put it higher-to you. I know this is an unusual step to take; you must ascribe it to my unusual training. This afternoon, when I present myself, I trust you will give me some sign whether you are willing I should ask the question on which depends the happiness of my life. Believe me, mademoiselle. yours most passionately than it would be becoming for me to say, Georges Allard."

"Oh, Gabrielle," cried both of the others, "how strange and how fortun-



EULALIE CAME IN. "And." madame continued, "h is a far better parti than you could have dreamed of, and a charming fellow."

"But it must have been meant for Eulalie."

All three examined the sacs, and Gabrielle examined her heart as well. Certainly there was no mistake about the heart, apparently none about the sacs. "Your uncle," said Mme, Goudinet,

"will be delighted, and I suppose," she added, quizzically, "that the blush in your cheek, Gabrielle, may be taken as a sign of acquiescence?" The blush burnt deeper.

"Come," said Eulalie, "while mamma is talking to father about it, I'll make you look as smart as possible. We haven't too much time, for I expect your"-and she paused maliciously-"pretendu will be here at five

At 4:45 o'clock M. Allard was announced. The salon was half full of members of the Goudinet family, for it was the birthday of M. Gaudinet as well as New Year's' day. No one knew the secret, since M. Goudinet determined to contrive a little poetic coupe de theater for the benefit of the family. Everybody was whispering about the unwonted prettiness of Gabrielle. Eulalle had not come down; she had taken so much time arranging Gabrielle that

she was late over her own toilet. low, dressed in English style, with a him one of the greatest honors within manly air and a nervous manner. M. her power. The order is one of the Goudinet advanced to the door impressively and grasped his hand-"une It is said to date from 1348, when at a bonne poignee de main a l'Anglaise."

"My friends," he said, turning round and making a sweeping oratorical ges- garter in the ballroom. King Edward ture with his right hand, "I am going III, picked it up with the remark which to give you a charming surprise, a po- has become historical: "Honi soit qui etic emotion, not undramatic, a delight- mal y pense," or "Evil to him who evil ful instance of one of the good quali- thinks." Immediately afterward he ties of a sister nation."

in his most senatorial manner, "Mon- twenty-five. This limitation has alsieur Allard has today made a demand of marriage in the most delightful style, and it is with the utmost pleas- membership may be conferred by the ure that Mme. Goudinet and I accede to sovereign on the rulers of foreign nahis request."

face was delightful to see. The girl Knight of the Garter, while the Engleaned against her aunt for support. "Come here, my dear," called M. Gou-

dinet; "come here." Mme. Goudinet led her forward.

For the first time during the scene M. Allard saw her. In a second his eyes searched the whole room. The color fled from his face; he gazed at the girl as if he were a man gazing at death.

"Monsieur Allard, my dear nephew," said M. Goudinet, joining the hands of the two young people, "embrassez

votre flancee." There was a long pause-thrillingly long. The man was gazing at the girl's face, a strange look in his. She raised her eyes, the beautiful eyes her one charm, eyes then brilliant with happiness and affection. He bent forward to kiss her forehead. Suddenly she

started, giving a cry of pain, "Oh, you have hurt my hand, monsleur; you have pressed it so hard."

He tried to stammer an excuse. Her eyes were fixed on his face. Ere he had uttered two words she interrupted: "Monsieur Allard, was there no mistake? Was the letter in the right sac?

Was it meant for me?" He gasped and stuttered. "What does this mean?" asked M.

Goudinet. "Uncle, it means there is a mistake, saw in the eyes that he does not love

"What does this mean?" said M Goudinet, sharply, to the young man. "There was a mistake," said the young man, mournfully. | "Goodness knows how it happened! The letter was meant for your daughter." "Well, but--" interposed M. Goud-

"But," continued the young man with dignity, "when I saw what a mistake there was, and the fault was mine, fine pair of eyes and look of good na- when I guessed, too, I hope fatuously. ture to atone for heavy features, color- that Mile. Gabrielle had some liking less face, and dull hair. Her short, for me, and knew she was willing to acrather squab figure was little aided by cept me. I determined, as a true her somewhat unfashionable frock. A Frenchman, to take the happiness of minute later she was really pretty- fered to me, even if it were not that for a moment—as her eyes eagerly which I sought, and carry the secret

the ladies, all of them, to tears. "Oh, but look here, auntie; look at "I am still ready," said the young this!" Suddenly an air of dismay man, with trembling voice; but Gabri-

"I know what I lose," said the poor girl, the words forcing themselves pain-The aunt read the letter, or rather, fully from her; "but I will not be ungenerous. As Monsieur Allard does not love me, I will not be his wife.

M. Goudinet had been whispering to his wife. Once more came an oratori-

"My friends-" he said. At that moment the door was opened and Eulalie came in.

"My friends, Monsieur Allard has just shown himself a Frenchman with all the grand old traditions of our race I had aspired-legitimately, I trust-tc a more brilliant marriage for my daughter; but how could she do better than wed a man of such noble nature, and so, if it be agreeable to Eulalie, I shall have the honor of calling him my son-in-law instead of my nephew."

Two minutes later the virginal brow of Miss Eulalie was decorated with the betrothal kiss that had almost fallen by accident to the lot of Gabrielle .-The Sketch.

KILLED BY A BEAK.

Which to Battle. The loon, or great northern diver, is

powerful bird. The following in-

stance of one of them conquering a man happened a few years ago: A young Micmac Indian living at Grand Lake, N. S., wanted to get the skin of one of these beautiful birds to present to his mistress on her birthday. One day the youth, who was an adept at imitating the peculiar sobbing cry of the loon succeeded in calling a bird within shooting distance. His shot, however, failed to kill outright, and the bird, although so severely wounded tham as the neither swim nor dive, boy, thinking that his game did not in Hank Harmon's blacksmith shop. need another shot, swam out to retrieve it, but when he approached near an autsider to harken to, but it means enough to seize the bird it suddenly a mighty sight to me and the boys, made a dash at him, sending its head an' I, for one, jist like to think of it and neck out with a spring like an an' talk it over and kind of hug and arrow from a how. It was only by embrace the words, expressin' it as it a quick duck of his head that the Indian succeeded in evading the blow. He swam about the loon several times, attempting to dash in and seize him by the neck, but the wary bird succecded in foiling each effort by continually facing him and lunging out with his powerful neck. The Indian then swam up to within a few feet of the bird, and, diving under him with considerable skill, caught him by the legs. He carried him under, and, although the bird struggled fiercely managed to retain his hold. But when they both rose to the surface again a battle royal began, the Indian seeking to carry his prize ashore and the

bird attempting to regain his freedom. The bird, however, was too much for his foe, and before the Indian had covered a yard on his shore bound course disabled him with a vicious blow from his beak full on the naked chest. The effect of the blow was almost instantaneously fatal, for the beak penetrated close to the Indian's heart.-Youth's Companion.

To Honor Emperor William. In holding a chapter of the Knights of the Garter at Windsor Castle in honor of the visit of the Emperor Wil-M. Allard entered; a good-looking fel- liam, Queen Victoria will be paying oldest and most exclusive in the world. court ball the Countess of Salisbury was unfortunate enough to drop her instituted the order of the Knights of "My friends," continued M. Goudinet | the Garter, limiting the membership to ways been observed, with the exception that, in addition, the honor of tions. Today the king or emperor of The radiant look in the young man's nearly every European nation is a lish membership includes the most im portant of the British nobility. To be chosen a Knight of the Garter is still the height of an Englishman's ambi-

Couldn't Do Much Better. Aunt Grim-There is one reason in particular why I do not favor young Mr. Spoonley-he is not staid enough. Niece Gladys (shyly)-Why, aunty, he staid last night till nearly half-past 11, and the night before till almost 12; but-ah!-I think I can persuade him to remain a little longer tonight, if

Admitted Only His Mistake. Mrs. Nagleigh-I suppose you are satisfied now that you made a mistake when you married me. Mr. Nagleigh-I made the mistake all right, but I'm not satisfied .- Stray Stories.

you think best.



Strive a little longer, it will make you

stronger: And perfection never vet was found sinful in human clay.

Make a firm resistance, pray to have assistance:

Give the demon that you dread tussle-and you can! Push the foe behind you; do not let

him bind you; And begin the new year, better woman, better man!

ANEW YEAR'S STORY

want to tell you this New Year's prepared fight in the water. The might, what happened jist a year ago 'Tain't much to tell, nor over much for



PUT THE HOSS BLANKET UP. were, and hold the sentences like a bitter sweet morsel under my tongue. My strength don't in any wise lay in will be a good precaution, when I warn you not to break in into me and accordingly interrupt me, for it will take fine-haired and top sawyer work to make my story look as if it had any and the boys as understand it com-

Jist a year ago tonight we met in lyzin drunk, that we could disremember the miserable homes we had was troubled onaccountably. meaked away frum and the heartbroken and down-lookin' wives and condition to guzzle and pour down agreeable. our red-hot, thirsty throats, jist as sleep like hogs-hogs as had lost their | the rest of us. self-respect-until the cold and the uncomfortableness would wake and that very day-New Year's day-from sober us enough to crawl home to our the home his father had given him make wretcheder and miserabler by like a livin', lovin' thing to Jim-had our comin'.

We talked of this tonight, and we all nin' iron iron the forge, and we all lccent, sober, Christ-l vin' men. "There is recollections," Jim Cameron said, "that allers ought to be

THE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS. | in front of us. Some of them fer | every inch of which was the premium Make 'em, make 'em; even though you and Jim furthermore said we ought to grand stairways for a livin' and never

ards as was no likely salvation for, we and things. And there was my wife comfortable and easy into our minds, at place as we had finally got to could be in Hank Harmon's blacksmith shop with old quilts and cushions and not in the alley, jist off the Rudy-some- enough in the cupboard to eat to much thing, bullygard in the city of Sardin- more than prevent them from goin' to apolis, where we boys lived. We put | bed hungry. And this was New Year's. the hoss blanket over the gapinest night! It wasn't a cheerful, glowin' cracks to keep the wind frum flarin' outlook, no odds how perseverin' one out the smutty lamp that stood smokin' tried to be chirk gleeful over it.

Hank Harmon had as in took

Han, with his accounts, amongst a lot his place at the table, with his back

And this was our New Year's table! Four men-made in the image of God! one; me, two; Jim Green, three,whose father had been a preacher-

early start. I have frequent noticed, me. that you can't always kick conscience when he has no call to. And somehow conscience has a habit of gettin' Hank Harmon's blacksmith shop to ers. I suspect the troubled waters relebrate the day by gettin' so para- mentioned in the scriptures means somethin' like this. But any way we

Not so onaccountably either, for we wasn't so old and hardened and crusted children we had left in them. We hung | in sin and drinkin', but what we all a hoss blanket over the biggest cracks | could think when we give ourselves a in the sides after Hank had fastened | chance, which we made sure not to do the door, and then we was in shapeful over frequent, because it was not

One thing that made us feel a trifle much of Joe Howard's red-hot, pizen- | down and dismal was that the keeper hot whisky as we could manage to get of the Happy Home saloon, Joe Howwith our tremblin' hands, to our weak, ard, had jist moved a day or so back, waterin', disgraced mouths. After this, out of his old house down by the gas we know what would most likely hap- works and the tannery, into his handappened before-we would fall over and the library buildin'. It was the amongst the cinders and hoss hoof prettiest, tastiest, imposin'ist house in jealins and old wagon tires and drag- the Circle and he had made every dolteeth and scrap iron, where we would | lar of it out of such fellows as me and

And then Jim Cameron had moved moved into a little old untidy frowsy remembered everything that was done shutters, in a part of the town where walls of the shop with white heat run- try to get. And Jim knew, and we all knew that he and the rest of us and a ber that night-the night when God or park, and that every nail in it if it as the tears shed fer its puttin' up!

safety sake and some fer shame sake," work of an artist and a man as made cient sailor or some old salt, wore a traded enough with Joe one time and to do and standing up with only God sake that he had been low down and than pay for the plate glass windows, not mentionin' the stained ones, that | ised, and then, with a thread of a But drunkards as we all certainly looked like flower beds set into his onto bein' bar-fer-keeps, old drunk- young children and blue sky and grass wa'n't any of us so very happy and and youngsters at home-if such a the beginnin' of that night a year ago | called a home-with the windows filled

of nails and bolts and rivets, and small agin the door to prevent anyone from gearin', with a jug of Joe Howard's droppin' in onexpected, that likewise. cheapest, hellishest whisky in the mid- makin' a rough, uneducated callation. dle as a kind of devil center piece. O, he hed helped Joe Howard in the buildcan't I, and can't all of us cronies jist in' of his mansion, as the newspaper remember exactly, how that jiggly, called Joe's house-quite a considertrembly, dirty old table looked and I able, even to the pinchin' of his famam bound that it had the delirium | ily for provisions and clothin'. Hank tremens, if anything in the world bar- callated he had done as much toward rin' a man can have them. I can smell | the house, as the puttin' in of the the oil that Hank spilled when he plumbing - pipin' - chandeliers, with filled the lamp with his nervous, the furnace throwed in for fair measshaky hands and it run along amongst | ure and good feelin'. And speakin' of the old iron and under Hank's day the furnace, Hank happened to recolbook and dropped over the edge onto lect that there wasn't a stick of wood the floor and went down a crack. And or a pound of coal in his house, and there was the white jug with the blue his wife was sick and his children not letterin': "1 gal.," with a sheaf of blue | sweatin' with bein' overclothed or wheat below to make it look tasty and overfed. And reminescening along this line, we naturally got dismal and down-hearted and some of us-it was me-for I needn't pretend to confuse And men for their folks and neigh- or forget anything that happened that bors to be proud of-except they was night-moved that we unanimously drunkards. There was Jim Cameron, take a drink and I accordin' pulled the cork from the white stone jug, with the blue letterin' and wheat sheaf. and Hank Harmon, as owned the shop. But Jim Cameron nor Hank nor Jim As I said we wa'n't over happy and Green held up their cups, but I filled comfortable that night, considerin' we mine in a manly, don't-care way and had such a reckless layout and an set close to the edge of the table by

Jist then, Jim Creen began to cry. under the table or settee as you can And it wasn't a drunk, maudlin' relatin' things and incidents, and it an unruly dog that whines and barks swashy cry that makes one tired, but a great, man, heart-breakin'-heart full cry, not loud nor noisy, but low around and in the way on such doin' and heavy with bitterness and redays as New Year's, Christmas and the morse and the useless wishin's that like. And four consciences as hadn't you hadn't done some things. And sense or meanin' at all, except to me had their just deservin's nor innings while Jim cried we all looked away for many a month, slipped their halters and kinder above each others heads that night a year ago and managed to and I sneaked my cup of whisky from make things unpleasant for their own- the table and emptied it without mak-



JIM BEGAN TO CRY. in' any splashin' in the pail where wretched houses, which we would and every brick and board in it was Hank tempers his hoss shoes. After a spell. Jim got where he could speak, and we was all willin' he should have house with a bowed in roof and anglin' the floor. He said he didn't know how many houses he had helped to build, and said, as if it was writ on the black self-respectin' folks didn't generally but expected he had done his share, but he did know, with a sad certainty of one heart he had broken by his agreed too, never to try to disrement lot more had built Joe's house in the wayward wicked ways. Jim didn't say whose heart it was, but we all some of his shinin', holy angels come was counted a dozen times, wouldn't knew it was his mother's. And she lown to us and shamed us into bein' count up as many ner a tenth as many had died alone and neglected jist a year ago. So many things happen just We callated that one of us had hand- a year ago! Then Jim begun again. ed enough hard earned money over his | (he could talk like his father I sussecollected and kept like a blazin' torch | counter to pay for the grand stairway, pect) and said that while he knew he | galore, and even then the 'call' comes | of four native physicians.

solved to make her glad in heaven to- fairly reek with Rosalinds." night, that he would never touch another drop of liquor as long as he lived. There was stillness for a time and

the edges of the old blanket flapped like big, ragged evil wings and the uncorked jug sent out a smell that put one in mind of venomous snakes and close by danger, while the smutty, creacked lamp flared up and then almost went out as if even that little puny, crippled light was ashamed of its company. Pretty soon, Jim Cameron pulled his legs out from under the trembling table, and straightening himself up as best he could, bein' so tall and standin' as he did right under the eaves of Hank's shop-said, "Boys. I have a notion that amounts to dead ertainty, that my wife and I will move back to our old home before long. We are both homesick for the grass and geraniums and big trees in the front yard, and the stone dog on the door step, and the little room where our babies died. I think we shall go back pretty soon, because you see with God's help and God for a witness and Hank Harmon and my neighbor, William Wren, for witnesses, I now solemnly promise-with my dead children to hear, too-that I, like our friend who has jist left us, will never touch another drop of intoxicating liquor so long as I live." And he picked up his hat and went away.

And me and Hank was left alone. But Cameron hadn't much more than shut the door, when Hank, as owned the shop, kicked the box out from under him and come nigh to upsettin' the infirm old table and while he put on his ragged overcoate of careless remarked-only

knowed Hark word have known tha he was in solemn, awful earnest-that it didn't look neighborly nor civil to leave company like this, but he guessed-no, I'll be damned if I guess-(Hank wasn't a swearin' man, never) he said, I know I must do as Jim Green and Jim Cameron have done, and with God to help me and God and you, William Wren, to be my witnesses, I, Henry Harmon, will never drink another drop of intoxicating liquor so long as I live. And the rickety old door dragged back to its place and he was gone, and I alone.

There was but one decent, manly wear the memory of them disgraced botched, and I reckoned, jist makin' a thing left for me to do, and by this Good resolves are comforters, aye, and wicked days about us as an an- rough, unfigurin' estimate, that I had time it was the only thing I wanted dead goose about his neck as a keep- another to as much, or may be more, for witness-and He was enough-I promised as the other boys had promprayer that would tangle itself with my was, and what is more, vergin' clost | walls, with wreaths and roses and other thoughts, I took the jug and smashed it upon the anvil.

While it come to us unexpected that we should begin a new and decent life -jist like a message from God, almost, it was put upon us to help ourselves, jist all that was possible. God stood



THERE WAS NEW YEAR'S DIN-

NERS TODAY. clost by us, though, and was always in reach when we most needed Him. It was a hard won victory, but we won it. And if she heard me weep and pray, "In conclusion," as they say in story books, it is only fair to mention that Jim Cameron and his wife have possession once more of their stone dog and geraniums, and Jim Green lives with them, and there is another baby in the house whose name is James G. Cameron. There are no blankets in the windows of my home today, and Hank Harmon is as happy and prosperous as a decent, hard-workin' Godfearin' man can well be, and in every one of our homes there was New Year's dinners today, that makes my mouth water to even think of now.

A NEW YEAR'S CALLER.

A year ago, around last New Year's. I was called upon by a gorgeous young creature-a saving beauty-who bore a letter of introduction from a mutual friend in St. Louis.

The substance of it was: "The girl is stagestruck. Can you do anything for her?" She was the most artificial thing I had ever seen. I doubted whether she

could sneeze naturally. "Have you had any stage experi-

ence?" "Only with amateurs." "Ah! Have you any money?"

'bunco steerer."

"My dear girl, I don't want your money, but it might be to your advan- Perhaps you dye the hair that's gray; tage to take a course in some good Perhaps your debts you do not pay; training school, and that requires Perhaps-oh, well, whate'er it be, cash." Her nose went up.

"Oh, I don't wish anything like Strike now the blow that sets you free! that," she said disdainfully. "I want an engagement where I can get a sal-

"Well, you might possibly begin by playing very small parts," I replied. "Mr. Daly generally has a corps of fifteen or twenty young girls connected with his theater who are occasionally selected."

"No, no!" she interrupted, "I must do better than that. Will you hear me recite a speech from 'Parthenia?'" This was pretty hard, but I was prepared to go some lengths "in friendship's name," as the gentleman sings

in "Tolanthe" "Go ahead," I said hoarsely.

She went ahead.

It was pretty bad. "My dear," I said, "there is no call for Parthenias 'nless they have cash

had killed the one who loved him best | principally from the manager, who and the one that he loved best in the wants his rent guaranteed, and the world, killed her with cruel shame and actors, who need their salaries. We sorrow-with God's help he was re- are also overstocked with Juliets and

She rose impatiently. "Then you don't give me any en-

couragement?" "Not in that line; no." "You don't think I spoke well?" "Let us talk of something else."

"No. I should like an answer please." "Well, then, if you must insist, I didn't care for you in the speech." She walked out, trembling with indignation.

Yesterday I met her. Beautiful still, but with a look of hard experience in her eyes and her

dress quite shabby. My heart warmed toward her, and I seized her poorly gloved hand with

fervor. "I am sorry you were offended with me," I murmured.

She heaved a sigh. "You were quite right," she said, 'and I wish that I had known it then." "You have been on the stage?"



with a bitter smile. "Why, I've hardly

been off it for the last four months." "Well?"

"Well. I've been doing small parts in a 'twice a day performance' company, and I'm half dead. We even played on Sunday, and the morning 3 were given up to rehearsals. I tried important parts just twice-when the leading woman was ill-and made a botch of them both! And one was our old friend Parthenia." She laughed

"But your experience will count in

the end," I ventured. "No, it won't," she retorted. "I'm one of the actresses who 'don't offend.' I haven't any talent, and fourteen performances a week is a little too much! I'm going back to St. Louis to get married."

"Very sensible." And she sped away and was lost in the crowd of Thespians that decorate Broadway and Fortieth street.

THE CHRISTMAS ROSE.

Twas Madelon the little maid Alene upon the wintry and The stars were bright, the wind still.

Grief at her heart, she wept and prayed. The shepherds passed her on their

way; The magi, by the omen led. She saw their gifts, heard what they said:

But she must wait, and weep and pray. The while she grieved a shape drew near.

And stood in glory at her side-The "warrior angel," wise and tricd. Gabriel, in heaven without a peer. Sweetly he spoke and very low, He laid his hand upon her head. "I have no gift to give," she said

"And cannot with the shepherds go. 'Tis winter, and the cold wind blows, And summer is far away:

She could not come, and bring the rose." A burst of glory burned around Flashed up and down the barren hill: "Run, Madelon, pluck where you will

Along the warm and blossomy ground!" Flying along the flowery sward, She plucked a flower (the summer goes, But still it stays), the Christmas rose, A gift for Him, the infant Lord,



Resolve upon this New Year's day To "stop it," whatsoe'er it be! Perhaps you like "the cup that cheers." Perhaps you gamble recklessly; Perchance you're libellous in tone: Perhaps you're prone to sigh and

groan; Perhaps you're temper's very bad; You talk enough to drive folks mad: You think that no one else is right; She looked at me much as a well- You flirt with everything in sight; posted countryman would gaze at a You have an overbearing way, Or tell your "symptoms" night and

day: If with your world it don't agree, And brings you care or misery

-Polly Pry.

The Traveler's Tale. "Smoking in Holland," said a traveler, "is so common that it is impossible to tell one person from another in a room of smokers." "How is any one who happens to be wanted picked out, then?" asked a listener. "Oh, a waiter goes round with a pair of bellows and blows the smoke from before each face till he recognizes the person called for."-Swinton Advertiser.

Red Cross Hospital in China. Something entirely new in China is that the red cross floats over a fully equipped hospital where from fifty to one hundred or more patients are treated daily. The hospital is in charge

CAIN GIVEN A LIFE TERM. Defendant Nearly Fainted When the Jury Announced the verdict of Guilty.

Palestine. Texas, December 23.-At 9 o'clock this morning when Judge Lipscomb opened court there we e present Ed Cain, defendant on trial in the Humphries lynching case District Attorney Crook, The Houston Post correspondent and court officials.

Half an hour later Sheriff Cook answered the loud rapping on the door of the jurry room. Returning, he announced that the jury had agreed on a verdict and was ready to report. Eagerly Cain scanned the faces of the jury as they filed into the court room and took seats in the jury box after twenty long hours of suspence. As Foreman Camp handed the verdict to the sheriff and pledged, amounts to \$30,000. to be read by the clerk, State It has been decided by the com-Counsel Crook called the attent - mittee having the fund in charge and is positive that he was not ion of the court to the fact that to have the fund reach \$50,000. mistaken. none of defendant's counsel were It was originally intended to only the reading of the verdict until homestead in California, but it when the captain had to call them was and did not hesitate to dicounsel could be sent for defend is now believed that the people of of, as the trail led through a arrests have as yet been made, Mr. Crook will take any advan- contribute an amount which will impenetrable by a horseman and further facts are developed. tage to me and would prefer that place Will Lawton and her chil- the captain being mounted. the verdict be read now." dren above want. Solemnly the clerk read:

he crime of murder of the first for thus far actually received up nobody else saw it. It degree and assess his punish- to \$14,000. Telegrams have also evidently made its visits to the ment at confinement in the State reached Gen. Cobin from promi- other places in the dark, howpenitentiary for life.

fendant to rise it is doubtful If will be experienced to bring the have learned of the presence of he would have been able to do total up to \$50,000. so. That the verdict rendered Among the new contributions city limits are at a loss to know was unexpected was shown by are Wm. K. Vanderbilt, \$1000; trembling limbs. It was several Huntington, \$1000; Thomas F. in the chaparal brush near East the gentle sex. They endorse seconds before he recovered from Ryan of New York, \$1000; and End, but the greater mystery is the BUCKSKIN BREECHES be-

duty and their faces indicated committee that ten subscriptions South Heights are considerably pants were well, fit well and look that they had spent nearly the will be received amounting to excited over the presence of the neat .- Sold by. entire night over the charge of \$1000 each. Secretary and Ad- dangerous beast in their comthe court. There were but two jutant General Corbin sent perthings before the jury: If the sonal appeals to 150 residents evidence showed that Cain was of New York, all of whom have guilty as an accomplice to signified their intention of makmyrder, then they must assess ing contributions. Thus far the death penalty or life imprison - contributions from the West ment, it not guilty, then their linve been comparatively small,

groups of citizens and witness mail from Western points, where are discussing the verdict Many Gen. Lawton was well known, of Cain's friends from Henderson in a few days will bring contribu-Kaufman counties and those of tions which will rapidly increase the other men charged with the the fund to the desired amount. murder of James Humphries and his sons, burst into tears when tiey first heard of Cain's life sentence.

The court this evening attended to several minor case and adjourned until Wednesday, morning. Counsel on both sides with having cheated him at a have returned to their homes to game of poker out of \$4500. return next Wednesday, when the men charged as principals to cently arrived here from Puerto the murder will be tried.

Own Life.

the railway mail service, received ed that great sums had been a telegram from Houston yester- won from resident Americans, day confirming the press tele- ranging up to \$50,000. grams that upon investigation The games employed for gainthere of the mail car in which ing these large sums were roulette Postal Clerk Thomas Hathaway and poker, and it is charged that was found dead, the contents the roulette wheel was controlled were found to have been un- by an electric device, while the disturbed and suicide is the poker game was worked by a only plausible cause to assign card sharp, the victims being for the death.

Milton Tinney, a printer former- charged that there is an extensive ly employed on the Chrpus system of card sharping carried Christi Caller, writes that paper on here, and that confederates

but I would not care to make it that things have come to a head, my home. There is good farm- will be thoroughly investigated ing land here and a man could by the authorities. make a fortune in truck cultivation as there is little of it done here. All I have seen growing are bananas, sugar and the everlasting rice. There seems to be no end of the latter product. Of course there is the hemp up in the higher region of the island and Tobacco, but the tobacco, is not up to the Havana standard. It is not safe to farm out in the country at present, though, that is, for a white man. The people are all that has been said of them, but they are not as indolent as the Cubans.

M. O. Sharp, of Denison Tex. is still in the city and his health is meh improved. He will likely locate somewhere in southwest Texas.

The Salvation Army people in San Antonio served a free dinner to the poor. Over 400 were fed, mostly women and children.

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Made from pure cream of tartar.

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Lawton Fund Growing.

New York, Dec. 25 .- special to the Herald from Washington says: Adjutant General Corbin estimates that the Lawton fund, including subscriptions received

In the mail sunday Gen. Cor-We, the jury, find the defend - bin received \$3500 in checks and Ruilty as an accomplice to cash, bringing the total amount the capitan is surprised that nent persons showing that at ever, as it was not seen by Dr. B. W. Camp, Foreman. least \$16,000 more is assured and Hooper until after daylight. Had the court requested de- he is satisfied that no difficulty

Helen Gould \$500. It is the why it has never been seen be- cause they know they are the Mr. J. D. Anderson has return-The jury performed a sterm expectation of members of the verdict must be an acquittal. but this is due to the distance. At the hotels, on the streets, No doubt is expressed that the

> BIG SCANDAL CONNECTED WITH A GAME OF POKER.

Mexico City, Dec. 26 .-There is much interest in the arrest of a wealthy Mexican here charged by a visiting foreigner

The accuser is a gentleman re-Rico, where he had made a fortune, and he charges that, Postal Clerk Hathaway Took His prompted by curiosity, he agreed after loosing the sum mentioned, to pretend to act as a capper for Acting Chief Clerk Smith, of the rich gambler, and discover-

frequently gotten under the influence of liquor. It is also as follows from the Philippines: have won millions of dollars from Of course this land is all that men who have run up against has been said of it and more too, their game. The matter, now

> Fresh AT THE

GENUINE PANTHER.

The panther scare in East End vesterday upon investigation did not turn out as the proverbial wolf story.

Capt. John Wilkins, Jr., of the police force, who knows a panther as well as a crook, and who whent to the scene with his bloodhounds, says the animal was certainly a panther.

He could plainly recognize the tracks of the beast as identical with those of others of these encountered during his happy residence in the Lone Star state, from Dr. Hooper, who had seen it and fired a shot at it early in the morning

Dr. Hooper also prides him-

The tracks of the beast were worked out by the dogs all over East End and South Heights and

Cap. Wilkins and others who the dangerous beast within the whence it came or where it spends

XMAS EVE TRACEDY.

Man Mortally Wounded and His

New Orleans, La., Dec 24 .-The Slidell, La., special says: Last night Mr. B. Scarborough, a highly respected citizen who lives about six miles east of here. started to walk from his kitchen having a big time this week. to the house which is ten or fifteen feet apart, and which is connected by a plank walk, when a load of buckhsot was fired at him from the dark outside and ferocious animals which he has Two other shots were fired, one Sunday and Monday. killing his little 3-year-old daughter, who was sitting on a chair by the fire in the house. and this was further corroborated Neighbors were at once notified by a description of the beast and a messenger sent to Peral River to Telegraph Sheriff Stro-

Mr. Scarborough is mortally wounded, being shot through the right lung and again in his self on being able to distinguish hip. He was conscious, howa panther from a bull yearling ever, but was almost overcome with grief over the killing of his baby girl and his mind was hard Xmaa with his family. to detract from talking of her. Capt. Wilkins' dogs readily When asked if he had any idea town and is living at the Graves present. When asked by Judge raise a sufficient sum to pay off took up the trail of the beast and who the guilty persons were he place. Limpscomb if he wished to defer the mortgage on the Lawton were following it at a livery rate was confident he knew who it vulge their names, but as no dant replied: I'I do not believe the country will be willing to wire fence into a dense thicket we withhold their names until

While connected with NEWS, it will in no wise interfere with my days here with his family. practice. In daytime I can either News office. Night calls should Sunday. be sent to my residence.

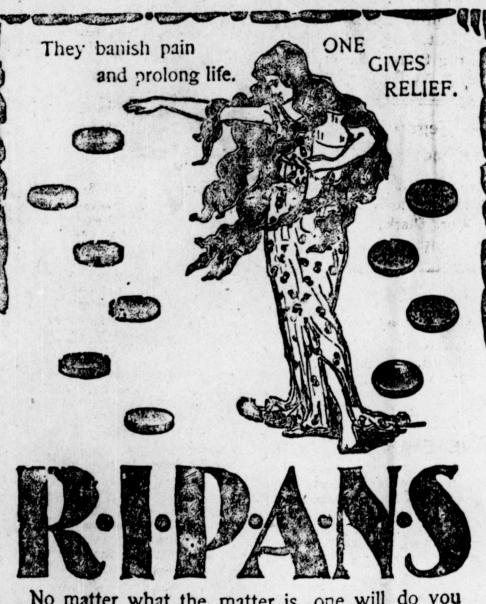
DR. REX L. MOORE.

Mud Creek, Rev. Thos. Sweeny come again. officiating. THE NEWS extends congratulations.

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A Curious Credential Clerk (to patent medicine man)-Here is a curious credential from one of our customers, Medicine Man-Read it. Clerk-"Before I took your elixing my face was a sight. You ought to see it now. Send me another bottle for my mother-in-law."—Harlem Life.

All Held Something. Ballard (Wash.) Union: A hot poker game was played in one of our saloons last night between a Chinaman, a glad.

Another Ball is to be given at the Hall New Years night. Miss. Bessie Stratton is home

from Kerrville. Service has been heard from.

and prohibition Whiskey.

tors. The Chinaman held four aces. the cowboy held a gun and the doctor held an inquest on the Chinaman.

There was a car load of deer resource. Translated into money the colony has suffered a loss due to inadequate rainfall of from \$60,000,000 to \$100.000.000. the past.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS - SCOOLS SCOOLS

The ball given at Ross' hall last Monday night was a grand success and all present injoyed themsolves very much.

Nance will soon have in a nice ine of jewelery.

Our Mexican friends have been

Inspect Nance's nice line of jewelry-just the thing for Christ

The small boy and the fire which knocked him off the walk. cracker was very conspicuous

mas presents.

Ladies buy the boys a bracelet and some friendship hearts, all sizes at Nance's.

Messrs-James and Milt Clamp spent Christmas with the old folks at home.

Mr. Hans Petersen of Del Rio spent Xmas here with his brother, Mr. Nelse Petersen. Mr. J. R. Dewitt went to San

Antonio Tuesday after spending Ramus Salmon moved into

Dock Anderson and wife of Dryden are visiting the family

of M. Keplinger. Herbert Hines is spending the holidays with his mother.

Mr. Joseph Meier, merchanttailor of Del Rio spent the holi-

Rev. Senior of Uvalde held be found at my office or at the services at the Episcopal church

The young ladies gave a ball at the Ross hall Wednesday night, and all report a pleasant Married-Mr Lee Furr and time. The young ladies sent Miss Mamie Whaley on the 25th. compliments, and escorted the inst. at the home of the bride at the young men. Good ladies.

> Mr. Chas. Kartis spent the week in Del Rio.

Dr. Stanley S. Warren, the defendant's ashen face and J. P. Morgan, \$1000; C. P. lief, however, that its haunts are have our strongest friends among from San Antonio, where he in the chaparal brush near East the centle say. They enderse

The News plant is for sale.

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A Rare Find. A rare find in the shape of a moa's egg has been made in a mining district in Central Otago. There was a fall of earth in a dredging claim, and presently the huge egg was seen floating uninjured in the water. The discovery is the more interesting from the fact that this is the second perfect moa's egg that has ever been found. The only other perfect specimen was unearthed by a man while digging in the alluvial soil at the Kaikoura mountains in the early sixties. This egg. which was nine inches in length and even inches in breadth, was taken to England and so for 100 guineas. Some idea of the size of these eggs may be gleaned from the fact that a man's hat makes an excellent egg-cup

The drought of the last few years has cost New South Wales an enormous sum of money. The flocks of the colony have shrunk from 66,000,000 to 46,000,000, representing a loss of 20,-000,000 sheep. If to this is added the He is in the land of Sun Flowers loss of the natural increase, the shrinkage amounts to 50,000,000 sheep; enough, that is, to equip a consider-The Christmas trees in town able-sized colony. In addition there all proved to be a Succes, and has been a loss of nearly 300,000 horses nany little hearts were made and 150,000 cattle. That the colony has been able to survive these terrific There was a car load of deer losses is a striking proof of energy and

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A STUBBORN LITTLE QUEEN. HUNTING IN THE SOUTHERN STATES OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

Says She Will Marry the Man She Loves, that afternoon at teatime. This was done, and the queen, after drinking her tea, rose suddenly, letting her cup The Field is Ripe for the Guns of or Die an Old Maid.

Thus tersely did Wilhelmina, Holinent station in life whom the world overwhelm him with words of reim Albrecht of Prussia, the second son ed for treason. of Prince Frederick Albrecht, Regent of Brunswick, as the favored suitor. The young man is 23 years of age, having been born in Hanover, Sept. 27, ble amount of amusement from a sci-

"I will marry the man I love, or die | spoken to, will appear a very strange person in ordinary republican eyes. There are some rather fascinating land's much-wooed queen, announce things about being a king consort. her woman's prerogative a little When he stays up very late at night while ago, and at that time there were he feels that the ruler of the nation at least ten young princes of prom- is sitting up for him, prepared to at large considered eligible. The most proach or condemnation. If he persists recent information from across the in the practice of wandering from his water names Prince Ferdinand Joach own fireside she can have him arrest-

fall on the floor, where it lay, broken

to atoms. "Think of me," said she to her husband, "as one of the most clum-

sy of your majesty's servants. I have

broken one of the precious Sevres cups

and I don't deserve to remain in your

service. You must dismiss me at

amused at her demure manner, and

considered that accident quite a joke.

He had no idea that there was more

in it than met the eye, and that the

queen's so-called clumsiness had

earned her the poor servant's undying

WRONG PATIENT

Visited by the Physician, and He 1s

More Careful Now.

'When I was younger than I am now,"

said a prosperous New Orleans physi-

cian, chatting over an after-luncheon

cigar, "I was brim full of enthusiasm

and used to rush headlong into all

sorts of queer places in response to

chance calls. Now I'm more cautious.

In those early days I had some singu-

lar adventures, and perhaps the one

that sticks firmest in my memory hap-

pened in a tough sailors' boarding-

house near the river front. I had

been summoned there by a big Norwe-

gian, who rushed into my office all out

dying in a fit. He gave me the ad-

A lamp was burning dimly on the table

was stretched out on his back on the

bed. As nobody was in sight I con-

turned out that I had gone into room 17 instead of 11 and the man I had

disturbed was a Danish sailor who al-

ways carried his money in a pouch

over his chest. He naturally conclud-

ed I was trying to rob him and was en-

A CURIOUS CORNCOB.

Here to a freak ear of corn which

Pennsylvania farmer not long ago.

Orleans Times-Democrat:

gratitude.-Baltimore Herald.

The irascible old king was

Scientific Polemics. Zoologists are deriving a considera-



HOLLAND'S GIRL QUEEN AND HER MOTHER-THE ENGAGEMENT OF WILHELMINA TO A GERMAN PRINCE IS ANNOUNCED.

It is currently reported in Berlin been made several times before of Wilhelmina and Prince William of Wiede; Prince Bernard Henry, a grandson of the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar-enach, Prince Eugene of Sweden, and

Prince Louis Napoleon. The youthful queen of the Netherlands has been a much-engaged sovereign since her coronation day, and, indeed, for a year before that notable event the world at large made and unmade matches for the ruler of

Queen Wilhelmina is one of the most interesting young women in the world, and certainly among royalty she is above comparison. Not since Queen Victoria ascended her throne, sixty-two years ago, has there been such a marriage to make, and never in recent years have so many princes sued for one fair lady's hand.

Strange as it may seem, it is absolutely imperative that the queen should king had bought a fine service of Sevmarry without delay, for upon this event depend the security of Holland, family, and he announced that any the permanence of the dynasty and breakage would be followed by the inquiet, monarchical ways. Wilhelmina caused it. One day a man, who had is the last representative in Holland of the ancient and illustrious house of Orange, which is forever endeared to are descended on the paternal side nothing the Dutch fear more than ab-Young Queen Wilhelmina is not handsome, but decidedly attractive. She has fair hair, a graceful figure, an open, kindly, sensitive face. Her training has been that of an ideal Dutch

housewife. On Aug. 31, 1897. she was ULDA 18 years old, and, being legally of age, began to reign. On Aug. 31 she was enthroned at Amsterdam with splendid ceremonial.

The queen's chief palaces are at Amsterdam and The Hague. Her favorite country house is Soestdijk, "The House in the Woods."

The law requires that she shall marry a Protestant, and it is furthermore expected that the fortunate suitor shall be a member of a reigning royal family. Since Wilhelmina receives an annual salary of four millions of dollars, to be her husband is the best position a prince without a throne can obtain, from a "financial standpoint," so to speak, as he will thus share her income and be next to her in prominence on all state occasions.

On the other hand, he will certainly not be a real king. He may be called prince consort, after the example of Queen Victoria's husband, or he may even be called king consort. That is a matter for future decision.

The prince consort's position will be a somewhat anomalous one. Although he will have the second rank in the kingdom, he will have no authority. In this respect an ordinary member of parliament will be more important. If he is very tactful he may make himself an important personage in the kingdom, as Queen Victoria's husband did. If not, he will be a nonentity or a nuisance.

The courtship of a queen is a very curious process. She enjoys a privicurious process. She enjoys a privilege which ordinary girls only have with the present African muddle. These very small "hut tax" on the natives, in is 4,500 feet above the seat. It is in in leap year. It is improper to pro- Basutos number over 200,000, and oc- return for which they receive the proin leap year. It is improper to proBasucos humber of British troops along their the "Land of the Sky." as is much of
the second of British troops along their this region on the Bristol branch. The

1876. He is four years older than Wil- | entific controversy which has been go- deavoring earnestly to kill me. One ing on between Prof. Wheeler of Chi- of my rescuers was the Norwegian's cago and Mr. J. Beard. Wheeler first brother, who had recovered from his that the Prussian prince, Albrecht, is criticised Beard, then Beard criticised fit and did me more service than I was actually betrothed to Holland's fair Wheeler, and recently Wheeler re- at all apt to do him. It was a month young queen, but for the matter of turned to the charge in the Zoolo- before I was able to go on the streets. "actual betrothal," this statement has gischer Anzeiger. The question at is- As I said before, I am more careful sue is somewhat technical, Beard hold- now." ing that myzostoma glabrum has dwarf complemental males, and Wheeler denying this. | In his last reply Prof. Wheeler ends by expressing the hope that "every fair-minded zoologist will be convinced that the This peculiar cob near its point complemental male of myzostoma glabrum is one of those tenuous and fanciful creations for which one could have wished that euthanasia, that silent death, so becoming to pet specuthe land of dykes and broad-armed lations when they have ceased to afford either amusement to their orig-

Over a Teacup. mina is not only respected for the wisdom she showed as regent during her daughter's minority, but she is also greatly loved for her kindness and amiability. Of this the following story gives a charming illustration. The res porcelain for the use of the royal the continuance of the country in stant dismissal of the servant who been for many years one of the royal servants, went to the queen in the from some German house, and there is the cup together with cement. The man replied that the king would cer-

inator or edification to their readers.' The mother of young Queen Wilhel-

greatest distress, and confessed that branches out into three distinct secthe Dutch people by the service of Wil- he had broken one of the precious tions, and, as shown in the illustration, liam the Silent. All her near relatives | cups. Queen Emma consoled him as | is of such a character that it can be best she could, and told him to stick stood upon one end.

When earrings are next worn they

sorption into the German empire. tainly notice the crack. Nevertheless will be of the long dangling variety the queen bade him mend the cup as our mothers used to own.



ever came together to discuss state af- the native parliament meets to discuss fairs. This congregation of ebony- matters of state. Basutoland is really skinned politicians is the Kaffir par- a British protectorate, but the imliament of Basutoland, which lies to with the liberties and ways of the consequently intimately associated resident commissioner, who levies a sue, but must wait until he is ing territory in South Africa. The frontier.

Here is a meeting of the most ex- capital of the country is Maseru, with perial authorities interfere very little

the Northern Sportsmen.

a few hours brings one within sound. of partridge. It may happen that the land the cheery call comes from is posted against shooting, but a small fee is usually sufficient to gain permission to hunt over it, and very often even this will not be necessary, for the traditional hospitality of Virginians is usually too generous to withstand a request to enjoy the privilege of a hunt, says the Washington Post.

For partridge North Carolina has long been famous. These swift-winged unusually plentiful this winter. This will mean some rare shooting during cluded he must have died, but to make the autumn, when air and sky, forest sure I opened his flannel shirt and was and mountain, will all unite in adding placing my hand over his heart when to the hunter's joy. Deer make their unexpected, coming from what I sup- all sections for his own. Down on the man flung me to the floor like a sack are numerous. The adventurous hun-

rabbits and deer, and the sportsman is Partridge, squirrel, bear cling close to namental shrubs and 425 chrysanthesure to have an enjoyable outing. the edge of a precipice of 500 feet above mums. A space of 80x80 feet was re-Leaving Washington, a journey of but the River Doe.

Buckingham and Appomattox head the list of deer counties, because of the plentiful food and the coverts provided by the undergrowth. Turkeys are also abundant in these counties. Occasionally a bear, besides turkey and deer, are found between Danville and Richmond. Ducks attract the sportsman at Morehead City, while about Oxford, N. C., and Clarksville, Va., woodcock are plentiful. At the latter place the Dan and Staunton unite to form the Roanoke, and their sedgy of breath, and told me his brother was flats abound in wild fowl. Deer shooting is also to be had near Clarksville dress, said I would find the man in and at Soudan. Indeed, deer live in room 11 and tore off for a priest. When much of the territory skirting the riv-I reached the house the hallway was ers of Eastern Virginia and Eastern dark, and after a good deal of prowl- Carolina. ing I found the number and walked in.

in one corner and a huge bearded man birds, the delight of the sportsman are White" will call him afield. As Alahe suddenly gripped me around the home in the mountains, and turkeys gun and turning the dogs loose. The neck like a bear. The attack was so are abundant. The partridge marks covies will be very sure to be numerposed to be a corpse, that I was tem- bottoms skirting the Pigeon, French, gun's lively work. About all the towns porarily paralyzed with horror and the Broad and Swannanoa rivers woodcock on the way to Birmingham the birds of meal. Then I struck out instinc- ter who has an appetite for bear meat | ton, Fruithurst, Oxford, Estaboga, Lintively and fought for my life, but he can find it up in the Smoky and Bal- coln, Riverside, Pell City and Cook's was too heavy for me and was ham- sam mountains, and in the neighbor- Springs will the shooting be found to mering me as he pleased when a lot of hood of Waynesville, twenty-eight be good.

From tidewater to mountains there | from Johnson City to Cranberry is | verted into a park. Walks are laid is much good sport to be had in Vir- full of fine scenery. Much of the dis- out and beautifully shaded by umbreiginia. There are partridge, turkeys, tance of the road game he will find. la trees. It also has a quantity of or-

for general improvement in and any project beneficial, ornamental or charitable, such as the possession, construction and purchase of public buildings, parks, libraries, cemeteries-including a hearse. The association owns forty-four lots fronting the court house in its city, which it has conserved for a club building, but the as-

ELEPHANT HUGGED

Them to Men.

and a turban hat, trimmed with black

velvet and feathers. She was tall and

well built. Some of the children set up

a shout and laughed heartily at the

woman's strange actions, while men

and women who looked on wondered

what was the matter with her. Keeper

Snyder ran in and with Policeman Mc-

Donagh took her away from the ele-

phant. The animal seemed indifferent

to the caresses he received. The

woman was taken into the arsenal, and

a large crowd watched her. She said

that she was Miss Lily Gillette, 34

years old, of America. She had a little

satchel with her, which she threw away

as she was walking off with the police-

man and Snyder. This contained some

sewing articles and a letter addressed

to Mrs. Butz of 250 West Thirty-

seventh street. The letter was mailed

at Telluride, Colo. When the woman

was asked why she acted so, she said:

"I'm fond of elephants, and think as

much of them as I do of men, and ele-

phants think more of me than men

do." Then she added: "I'm half In-

dian and half negro." The woman,

however, is perfectly white. She was

How the Mayor Improved a Statue.

Even France, the land of art, has its

Dogberrys. A few weeks ago a French

sculptor shipped a bronze statue of

was to be presented formally. The

wise mayor of the town examined it

critically and decided that it could be

improved vastly. So he set a few work-

men to the task, and when the sculptor

arrived he had the great pleasure of finding that his beautiful gilt bronze

statue had been scoured neatly with

emery and was shining like the brass

on a man-of-war. A tasteful frame of

wood had been put around the marble

pedestal, and as, unfortunately, the

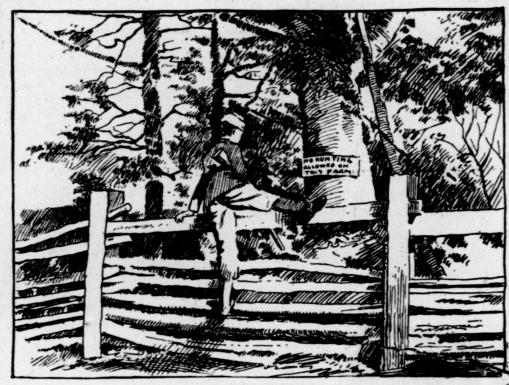
local artisan had made it too small,

and to accommodate this, the coat-

tails and feet of most of the figures on

the pedestal had been cut off.

sent to Bellevue hospital.



ON THE FENCE.

Going into Alabama the sportsman | sociation has decided to build a sum mer house upon the spot, and is ne will not travel far till the cheery "Bob gotiating for an adjoining tract of land on which to erect a club building and bama is a state without a game law library building .- Rochester Post-Exsave one relating to ring-necked pheasant, there need be no reference to the calendar before shoving shells in the By a Woman. Who Sald She Preferre New York Tribune: The menagerie in Central park was well filled with will be found, but especially at Annisvisitors the other afternoon, many of whom were startled by the sight of a well-dressed woman who jumped the

two and one-half foot fence of the elephant's enclosure, and then, lifting the bar of the stalls, walked up to one of The fisherman can well contest the to Mississippi will find himself un- the pachyderms and began to hug and kiss his trunk. She was clad in a black alpaca dress, black silk shirt waist,



ground-or the waters-with the hunt- | hampered by any game law whatsoer. Richmond creek, near Waynes- ever. He is free to hunt any game ville, has plenty of frout to tempt the | in the state without let or hindrance. devotee of rod and fly.

tanooga. This progressive city will be reached early in one's visit to the state, whether one enters from the north or interesting to the sportsman as the place where they all go when they investor. Along the Tennessee river, leave the north. in the fall and winter, there is some first-class duck shooting. These water fowl find this mild climate a very comor partridge, they can be raised around latter has only a membership of twen- Journal. nearly any of the towns on the line of the Chattanooga to Knoxville. mong these towns are Sanford, Riceville, Athens, Sweetwater, Concord and Wright, and on beyand Knoxville at all the towns on the Bristol branch. Rogersville, Greeneville and Johnson City. A narrow-gauge road runs from Johnson City through a wildly picturesque region, to Roan mountain. Mountain streams go leaping over traordinary parliament, perhaps, that a population of 600, and it is here that rocks and their waters sing a perpetual invitation to the angler. Trout are plentiful in these streams. Linville river, one of them, is famous for its speckled beauties. One can reach it by a ten-mile drive from Cranberry the northwest of Cape Colony, and is natives, the only white official being a on this narrow-gauge road. This mountain retreat, if anything so swift as this river can be called a retreat, country through which the road runs

south, and it commands a region as er may feel at last he has found the

A Mexican Woman's Club.

Good Gravel Mixture. A gravel mixture containing ten and many are the kinds. Deer parts of pebbles ranging from an From the days of John Sevier and are also to be found here eighth of an inch to an inch in diame-Davy Crockett till now Tennessee has in bayou and delta, forest and ter, six parts of sand and four parts held out many attractions to the hunt- lagoon. But it is for wild fowl of clay, is said to be an excellent maer. Partridge are plentiful about Chat- that the great state of Mississippi is terial for surfacing roads. Experiespecially and justly famous. Wild ments have shown that this combinaducks and geese are here by the hun- tion as a whole will neither "run" nor dreds and thousands, so that the hunt- crumble under the wheel of a wagon. -Pneumatic.

Tangible Results. Collector-This is the fifth time, sir, I've brought you this bill. Customer-In Mexico, at Las Cruces, there is a Well, haven't I always received you fortable one for a long stop in their Woman's Board of Trade and a Wom- affably? Collector-I don't want affaflight from the lakes to the gulf. As an's Independent Association. The bility, sir, I want cash .- Indianapolis



A TYPICAL SOUTHERN HUNTING SCENE.

AND SELECTED.

around Las Cruces, the maintenage of A Variety of Quips, Gibes and Fronies,

It's good to wander back again Among the old home folks, t rather satisfies a man To hear the same old jokes; To hear somebody say: "I knew You when you were a kid." But someone always tells you of

The foolish things you did.

Your heart beats lighter as it did In long-forgotten days, When at some well-remembered spot Reflectively you gaze. But it seems queer that all your good And noble deeds are hid, And people only call to mind The foolish things you did.

They talk of others who've gone out Into some foreign land; They tell of things these other folks Have done-and they seem grand. But when it come to talk of you, Their minds cannot be rid Of the belief you'd like to hear

The foolish things you did. You know you've done a thing or two Which show you've got some sense, But every time they talk of you They're certain to commence With tales of "What a fool you were When you lived here—a kid." They have forgotten all except



had a big hay crop in Kentucky. Wraggs-Dat's good. I allus wuz used ter plenty of bed clothes.

"You have only an hour longer to live," said the physician, solemnly, to the wealthy miser on his deathbed. "Is there anything you wish attended to before you pass away?"

"Yes," answered the stricken man in faint yet eager tones. "I am glad you spoke of it. Send for the barber at once and have him shave me before I die. I only have to pay him 50 cents for coming in to shave me now, and the regular price is \$1 for shaving a dead man. Might as well it."-New York World.

"Aren't you afraid the law will take us in hand for gambling?" said the timid man who had just been persuaded into making an election bet.

"Never mind," answered the confident politician. "Even if it does, you're all right. They wouldn't send you to jail for making that bet. They'd send you to the insane asylum."-Washington Star.

In Boston Sure. "Put me off at Beacon street," said the fair passenger to the Boston trol-

ley conductor. "I will notify you when Beacon street is reached," replied the conductor, "and be glad to assist you to alight, but I couldn't entertain the General Le Flo to a little town called | brutal thought of putting you off, my Quimper, where it was set up and dear lady."-Philadelphia North Amerveiled to await the day on which it | ican.

> No Longer a Competitor. He-Don't you think that girl over there is beautiful? She (coldly critical)-Oh, I don't

know. Who is she? He-Mrs. Nuter. Just been married. She-Yes. I think she is-quite beautiful.-Detroit Free Press.

The Savage Bachelor. The Sweet Young Thing-But on what do you base your idea that Hamlet was feeble-minded? The Savage Bachelor-Mainly on the

fact that so many women want to play

the part.-Indianapolis Journal. Followed Instructions. Aunt M'riar-Hiram, hev ye got John's letter? Hiram Otecake-Naw; wuzn't nuthin' important in it, but ther envelope

sez, "Return in five days," so I done it.

-New York World.



Maud-They say Mrs. Tomby is very exclusive.

Ethel (whom she snubs)-Yes. 1 hear that some of her teeth even don't move in the same set as the others.

A Theory Proved. Jim-"Honesty is the best policy

after all." Bill-"How?"

"Remember that dog I stole?" "Yes."

"Well, I tried two hull days to sell 'im an' no one offered more'n a bob. So I went an' guv him to the lady what owned 'im an' she guv me 'all a sovering."-Tit-Bits



By M. S. Jameson. if those fellows are coming around to see the old year out they had better show up pretty soon," yawned H. Parker Baxter as he slam- if you are a summer girl, as your own Ring! Ring! Ring! med down the cover of a ponderous confession would indicate—" and gruesome medical book and turned a pair of sleepy eyes to the clock, which I like the assertion better when you let To help the century away complacently ticking away the me make it." fteen minutes of '98. No other asional settling of the fire in the was merely going to say that if you are Ring! Ring!

dying calmly and beautifully. To our friend Bax er, one of these hearts, to wit-complete fracture." unimpassioned, dusty men who never "join in," this ancient ceremony of Grace, a faint blush hardly perceptible Not leave a record blurred with tears. seeing the old year out appealed but under the healthy tan which she had Ring! Ring! Ring! feebly. He used to say of New Years, found no difficulty in acquiring at "an arbitrarily fixed point in time Granite Head. which has become the inaugural date for good resolutions, to the necessary neglect of all other dates for their little hand go up to push back some formation," but most of his friends thought this simply a speech that he was gratified to make. He was trying hard to pose as a "rising young physician," and was really acting the part

to himself, as many an aminitious man will do. But however this may be, as the seconds ticked along, H. Parker grew more and more drowsy. He settled himself back in the chair, stared at the are, and blaked. Then his eyelids

Tals will never do," says he, aightening up with a jerk and eaching out to the table for something to read or look at, "I must keep awake a few minutes longer." Chance put a stack of photographs under his hand, and though they were stale enough he began to look them over again-incidentally yielding to the comfort of lying back in the big chair. Some were portraits of his friends at school and college, some were old faded prints that ought to have had romances attached, but which were really very prosaic, even to him. Others bore the brand of the amateur's first attempt- admiration very unlike that with these to be passed by quickly; a few which he had heard his brilliant classere the products of his own photographic skill at Granite Head last summer-bathers in the surf, the hotel, a clam bake, etc,-all very fair photographs in their way-but hold! here is one that might be studied critically. There is no hurry. It is too late now for the revellers to come. H. Parker fore shifts to a still more comfortable position and the soft lamp light shines over his shoulder upon as pretty a little picture as you would ask to see.

It is the picture of a dark-haired girl, dressed in a suit of duck. She is standing on a log of driftwood with her hands behind her and her handsome, happy face turned squarely to the cam-In the developing of this n care was required than in ordinary work; he had watched its delicate lines

appear with the enthusiasm of a true lover of the chemist's art. With any other passion? Possibly, but that was past and gone four months ago.

The young doctor liked that photograph, somehow. He had examined it time and again until he knew its every detail. It did not grow stale like the others. But tonight there seemed to be a new light upon it, a new tone in the unfocused background of sand and sea, an undefinable change of expression in those brown eyes looking out of the albumen paper. Our imagination is subject to such unhealthy flutters as this yet most interesting grew that picture, and H. Parker's eyes and life, Miss Marston-never. But tell me ty Tyrone man more than th' tip av me were of white satin with roses, edged until you are fifty and then expect to heart were won, if his reason sanc- how you deduct your conclusion which finger."

tioned not. Preposterous and incredible! The duck skirt began to move slightly, as reasoning." if stirred by a breeze from the sea, and the margins of the picture drew farther and farther apart, until on one side a row of bath houses came into if you find anything accomplished, view, while on the other the broad, anything improving or worthy. Dances blue ocean sparkling in the summer sunlight! More than this, H. Parker was conscious of a slight odor of salt the air, as of seaweed and wet rocks t by the tide. The distant boom of



STANDING ON A LOG OF WOOD.

breakers, soft at first, grew louder and his eyes, the doctor's smile of incredulity swddenly expired. When she looked at him and spoke he felt a tremor in the very marrow of his bones, and not a tremor wholly of surprise either. There he was-on the beach with

her again; not Baxter of surgical treatises and test-tubes, but the summerclad, sun-tanned devotee of Granite Head, and the very ardent, though unassuming, admirer of Grace Marston. Her first words confused his thoughts, he felt a ghostlike atmosphere about him but after that the glaring August breeze exhilerated him, he was filled with energy and real live happiness.

"Dear me," she was saying, "to think that there is nothing better for you to photograph than a summer girl making a guy of herself on an old log! There go those Sewall girls from the Pines; if you hurry you can catch them to pose in a group for you. I've heard they are great at it."

'No, Miss Marston, I have graduated gust. from the snap-'em-whenever-you-canclass and have entered the art schoolhence I have chosen you for the picture "

"Ha-ha-ha! I appreciate that," laughed the girl as they began to saunter down toward the cliffs, "but have you considered, Mr. Baxter, the probability of my breaking the plate?" "What! An angler, too? I shall Ring! Ring! Ring!

were to be heard, save the oc- no statements on the subject myself. I grate, for the snow lay deep and soft a summer girl of the approved, newsover the cobble and flagstone outside. paper-joke sort, your likeness upon Ring! Ring! Ring! The old year, after a stormy life, was the plate could not fail to produce the Of hope's best promise sing. effect that it has upon-er-men's May "ninety-nine," which now ap-

H. Parker studied her face in its mock severity and watched the dainty annoying hair that blew across her



THE DOCTOR LIKED THAT PHO-TOGRAPH.

that noble girl rose up in his breastmates proclaim their knowledge. His Duffy?" heart told him, "I love her." Why not let his heart be heard?

They strolled along together to the music of the sea. H. Parker felt that there was melody even in the screaming of the gulls overhead. He wondered why it had never seemed so be-

"Let us sit up there under the big rock," suggested Grace, pointing to the nearest of the cliffs which leaned forward over the sand and made a cosy shelter from the sun. Here the sand was cool, the glare softened and the view of cheap cottages and decrepit bath houses cut off, while the whole tretch of beach on the right lay bewhite highway. Grace sat with her back against the

rock, and at her side reclined the doctor, full length upon the sand. "Are you ever serious, Miss Mars-

ton?" quoth he with but a trace of that quality in his own tone. "Sometimes."

"On what rare occasions would it be possible for one to find you in that "Oh, well, I'm not naturally so, you

know, but once in a while when something goes wrong to induce it I get very serious-even blue-and as I always end by finding out what a silly, useless creature I am, there is very little enjoyment in being serious. Please let's not be serious, Mr. Baxter."

"Never more light-minded in my proves you a silly, useless creature. I am very clever at showing fallacies in

"Well, unless because I live a useless life. Just look at my diary for a winter. Just look it through and see -calls-teas, over and over again. Do you call that sort of thing living? The people I meet day by day there; do I know them, are they friends, do they know me? No, it's all vanity-artificial-a waste of time."

Grace was serious enough now and stared out to sea with a frown upon her brows as dark as any that ever

hovered there. A pause and her companion spoke. "It may be vanity for some, but not for you, Miss Marston. Society furnishes a field for superficial character to breed and thrive in, but yours is good and strong and sincere."

"I have begun to forget and disregard what it naturally is. I am tired of that life. I love the woods and the sea-the open air and the sense of freedom; freedom to go where I please, be as I want to be, choose com-

panions that I like." "Then the view of cliffs and breakers is pleasanter than the brilliant ballroom with its music and flowers? That cottage half buried in the pines seems a truer home than many a brown stone

front on the avenue?" "Ah, a thousand times," answered Grace with the frown dying out of her nearer. When the girl stepped down face. His words were slow and earndrift log to the sand before est, but she seemed not to connect them with the speaker. They put her into a brown study and she fell to examining a handful of sand for garnets. Watching the search, he continued even more quietly than before.

"Would there be happiness for you in a little home such as that cottage. far from town, with all its parties and things, where you would be with real people, where you would be loved and served by real friends?".

Closer scrutiny of the sand. "Would you give up that luxurious life that you have followed for this, and for a fellow whose every energy

would be turned to your happinesssuch a fellow, in fact, as I?" The sand slipped away, and the garnets were lost.

"Oh, Grace, Grace, would you-could

Ding, dong-ding, dong-ding, dong; twelve o'clock.

H. Parker Baxter awoke with a great start and looked around astonished. He "At posing, I suppose," he answered. had seen the New Year come in Au-

THE NEW BABY.

Ring! Ring! !!ing! Out on the New Year's air. With clash and clang the New Year's song: The birth of right, the death or wrong;

The message everywhere. The baby year that's born to-day

Will never let injustice stay; "Of course." Observe that I advance Is strong for peace, though girt for

pears. "Why, I am surprised at you," said The last before one hundred years,

NEW YEAR'S DAY IN KITCHEN.

Cook will probably have her New Year's callers, and if you are wise you will close eyes and ears for the nonce, eyes. 'A great wave of admiration for nor investigate too closely the contents of dish or demijohn. For her friends are hale and hearty, with old fashioned ideas on the subject of hospitality and an aversion to such foolish fripperies as tea or coffee!

If you have a few flowers or ribbons that you do not need, they will be well bestowed upon her, and will add to her attractiveness as she sits in state behind a well filled table in her kitchen presiding over some such scene as

Ting-a-ling-ling! "Mary, there's the basement bell. G'wan now an' open the dure."

"It's Mr. Duffy."

It's th' first ye are, an' good luck to

"Awin! Sit down." Duffy does so, and stares around in

"This is the first, Shure I didn't lave the dumps till sivin."

whisky." Mr. Duffy's dull eye brightens. "I'll take a little of th' ould stuff."

He takes it, but not a little. "Will yez have some cake or a sand-

wich in th' house?" He does so, and munches till the bell

ogan."

Duffy rises with some show of per "I think I'll be goin'."

"I know no good av him." "Arrah, phat talk have you more?"

"Good night," says Duffy. Cook follows him to the door, and her sibilant whisper can be heard Often such trimmings as these cost is worth a dozen given by yourself. plainly.

"Why don't you like him, Mr. gown turned out last week was made necessity. The rest and benefit de-Duffy?"

he's from Tyrone. I niver give a coun- were painted pink roses; the revers | Another word of warning, do not wait

Mr. Geohogan partakes freely of re-

when a new batch of callers arrive. "Givan wid you now," says Cook, pleased and flustered, "an' come back whin your sober tomorrow. Here comes

The policeman looks in the door to



ice man calls, and as the new year is keep the body in fairly good condition,

many minds. We have been taught Utah Man Constructs a Wooderful Clock from childhood to care for the body, Joseph Jenson, a clockmaker of teeth and hair, but wrinkles and a sal-Richfield, Utah, has just completed a low complexion as well as all other wonderful clock, which, in addition to facial blemishes were accepted as a striking the hours, halves and quar- necessary evil. We now fully realize ters, and showing the phases of the there is a way to prevent and remove moon, tells just what time it is in these blemishes, but how? Listen and every city of the world. This is done I will tell you. Do not wait until the by means of a globe, which revolves little nasty crowsfeet make their apinside a transparent globular glass. On pearance. Start in time. Twice each ment at Tansania, Japan, where the those English and American residents this glass is marked a line which rep- week, say Monday and Thursday, treat far-famed "Tansan water" of the east in China and Japan who have once resents 12 o'clock noon. As the globe your face as regularly as you eat your resents 12 o clock noon. As the globe | John tace as regularly as John tace as regularly as John tace as regularly as John tace with a Tansania is noted for its health-giving nary soda water of the Anglo-Saxon. Chemical resembling snake poison. Our revolves this line is always over that meals. First clean the face with a contract and seal and seal are stated as regularly to a chemical resembling snake poison. Our part of the world in which it is noon good (good, mind you) cleansing springs, and each summer becomes a The business of bottling the waters at nettles are comparatively harmless, part of the world in which it is noon at the time. Other lines represent the cream. Rub the cream all over the resort where the effete fashionables of the springs has become quite an imbut in India, Java and elsewhere there at the time. at the time. Other lines represent the date of the other hours, and in this way it is easy of the land of the chrysanthemum conportant one for the Jap, nearly fifty are varieties the painful effects of the land of the chrysanthemum conportant one for the Jap, nearly fifty are varieties the painful effects of the land of the chrysanthemum conportant one for the Jap, nearly fifty are varieties the painful effects of the land of the chrysanthemum conportant one for the Jap, nearly fifty are varieties the painful effects of the land of the chrysanthemum conportant one for the Jap, nearly fifty are varieties the painful effects of the land of the chrysanthemum conportant one for the Jap, nearly fifty are varieties the painful effects of the land of the chrysanthemum conportant one for the Jap, nearly fifty are varieties the painful effects of the land of the chrysanthemum conportant one for the Jap, nearly fifty are varieties the painful effects of the land of the chrysanthemum conportant one for the Jap, nearly fifty are varieties the painful effects of the land of the chrysanthemum conportant one for the Jap, nearly fifty are varieties the painful effects of the land of the chrysanthemum conportant one for the land of the chrysanthemum conportant one for the land of the la

All eighteen, nine and ninety strong; While there is no question that a coat and skirt costume is absolutely necessary for the comfort of every woman who is fond of dress and able to indulge that fondness, this season there is an additional interest in the

WINTER WRAPS.

with becoming common is made so long that it covers the gown. On a short jacket worn with the costume is a great deal of trimming. There are few plain jackets seen, and there apparently is no limit as to the ex-

put on one of these

coats. The hand-

painted panne vel-

vet is a favorite

style of trimming.

but of necessity ex-

pensive, for the

work must be ex-

ecuted carefully

and the material

itself to start with.

if it is of the finer

quality, is by no

means cheap. The

trimmings, of vel-

revers and collar, but the paint-

THE PRETTIEST HAT.

Finely tucked and stitched taffeta in

a rich rose shade made up just about

the prettiest hat seen at the Garden

vet leaves and a great cloud of pink

chiffon completed the distinguished

composition. Artificial violets are

worn on hats this winter, it seems,

only by confirmed violet enthusiasts.

Pink roses have taken their place in

extreme favor. Mrs. T. Suffern Tailer

wore one afternoon at the show a

wreath toque of violets-nothing eise

-through which her black hair stood

Without doubt the favorite corsage

bouquet of the moment is from lilies

of the valley, and worn at the belt, as

if stuck in carelessly, rather than, as

heretofore, high on the breast. Orchids

are liked, too, and probably will have

temporary "ogue from Mrs. Dewey's

known fancy for them.-Margery Daw

PREVENTION AND CURE.

To be well groomed is the desire of

is a question which is uppermost in

in New York Press.

up in a knot on the top of her head.

The kitchenmaid does so, and re-

'Arrah! come right in, Mr. Duffy.

"Good luck to you, Miss Kelly. Shure it's a fine night, God be praised!"

awkward fashion. "An' are ye makin' many calls, Mr.

"True for you. An'pwhat will you pense that can be have to drink? There's sherry wine an' port wine, an' claret wine an' some

he says with a grin.

"Have yez arrah a corn bafe san'-"Shure I have! Take two of thim."

The maid announces "Mr. Geo-

"Arrah don't hurry. Ye know Mr.

lar or on the band that borders the closed, either by cold water, with a few similar small-sized at home cards, and coat. A good quality of panne velvet drops of benzoin in the water as a toiwith a Parisian design is used with- let water prepared for that purpose, a Duffy moves to the door as the new- out being painted. Embroidered vel- little dusting with a pure dainty pow- 12," and even "8 to 12," according to comer enters, and the two men nod to vets are also fashionable as trimmings. der and you will look and feel as fresh arrangements. each other in a surly fashion. The plain surface is embroidered with as a June rose. Now a word to the

"Shure he's a scab! An', besides, had a vest of white velvet on which pay the expenditure of a few dollars.

gown of plain black velvet has a vest | time, before the ugly little lines ap-And the basement door clangs be-

ered, in heavy silk, yellow roses. The freshment, and is proposing marriage revers are black satin faced with week, a cream bath once a day, and no

the Donnelly's." From this time on the room becomes a rendezvous for Cook's many aclast week. There were double brims and a flaring double crown. Two fullblown pink silk roses, three green vel-



FOINE NIGHT, GOD BE PRAISED. exchange his good wishes for "bite and every refined woman whether rich or sup," the grocery clerk drops in, the poor. We can take our daily bath and ushered in with bells and songs and but the face-which means so much to and shouts, Cook's guests are every woman-how can it be kept there, to aid in the "send off."-New fresh, clear and free from lines? This York Herald.

to get the exact time in any given place.

hen the massage is completed rub

without deep wrinkles, but remember

soap on the face. Soap and hot water

INFORMAL ENTERTAINING.

There seems to be a growing desire

on the part of many of our readers to

attempt the rather difficult feat of

are fine wrinkle-producers.

a border around the coat, cuffs, the face again with the towel to re-

ing is not used excepting on the vest | ing to rub around with the pores, up

jewels, and outlined with the finest wise. If you can afford to be treated

hand embroidery and silk and chenille. by a professional, one such treatment

more than the entire gown. A smart | Do not look on it as a luxury, but a

of a black and white checked velvet, rived from skilled hands more than re-

with black Persian lamb. Another look twenty-five in an hour. Start in

of black satin on which are embroid- pear, and you can go down to old age

vest is lined with yellow and the it means at least a treatment every

cause to condemn steaming. If you and take much lower rank in society cannot buy a face steamer use the entertainments. First and foremost teakettle. Have it boiling, but not too these gatherings are confined within vigorously; sit in front of it, and cov- very narrow limits as regards expener spout and head with a large Turk- diture and the numbers invited, and way of coats and skirts that do not ish towel. Steam until the face is quite also on account of the general sur- of black chiffon, double frilled at the moist. Dry the face with a soft towel, roundings. Those whose incomes do edge, attached to the brim at the Not for many years have there been and then use the skin food. Every not admit of entertaining at dinner, or back of the hat. It is brought to the so many styles of outside wraps. Long portion of the face must receive atten- even at luncheon to any extent, wish front from the left side, and it is fastcoats, short coats, three-quarter length tion. Massage gently for fifteen min- to make a sort of compromise in the ened with a fancy brooch, either to the coats, with a bewildering number of utes, no longer, or you will by over- matter of hospitality by holding at coat or bodice. capes and cloaks, each has a distinct exertion make more lines than you are home evenings, either once a month or individuality that is fascinating and trying to remove or prevent. Massage once in three months, or fortnightly, makes it hard to resist spending a lot cheeks, nose, eyes and forehead, using as is most convenient, and in certain of money on such dainty garments. always only rotary motion and rub- circles and in certain districts in town, It is curious to notice that with the bing around up and out. Both hands in the suburbs, at watering places, and coats made of the same material as the can be used at once, starting at the in provincial towns there is no reason skirt that exceedingly short jackets are chin and going up to the eyes and out why such unpretentious parties should after nightfall, it was necessary for the the most popular, the fancy coats that to the ears. The eyelids must also not be attended with success, and in men to bivouac on the field, says the are worn with many skirts are rather come in for a share. By care the eyes default of anything more amusing be- London Mail. This they did cheerlonger, while the regular long coat can be kept in their natural place and ing to the fore at home evenings fully, and in an orderly manner, dethat is so popular that it is threatened not allowed to recede as so many do. should be acceptable to those invited. spite a soaking downfall and the chill-

At home evenings are not on the

same footing as at home days, when

ure. On the contrary, invitations are

the hours of arrival and departure

mentioned therein, "9 to 12," "10 to

It would be unwise in the extreme

to endeavor to follow the custom in

fashionable society of giving a dinner

party, to be succeeded by an at home

or reception. This can only be done

with any success when the guests in-

tion is held in a spacious mansion. In

ner guests are invited, it would appear

rather invidious to invite some ten or

twelve to an at home evening, as they

ner party, or asked to dine on another

evening; besides, the early departure

of the dinner guests would so reduce

the numbers that the party would nat-

FOR HATS AND BONNETS.

Chiffon puffings and bows inter-

urally fall somewhat flat.

are ready for the steaming. Do not | stood, are quite distinct from the regu- | are wide, and the trimming usually lean over a basin or you may have lation evening parties and receptions, consists of two long ostrich feathers, laid one on each side of the crown. In the front of the hat is a bow of black velvet, with a paste buckle in the center, and beneath the brim is . fluting of pale pink chiffon. Some of the hats have one long end

FRATERNIZING AFTER BATTLE. British and Boers Join in Caring for

the Wounded. As the fighting did not finish until ing cold. From the moment of the "Cease firing," both British and Boers fraternized in the care of the wounded. The stretchers were found to be missing in the confusion necessarily consequent on an attack against modern weapons, and great labor was experienced in moving the wounded men



down the slippery hillsides. But every one worked loyally, and the staff in Ladysmith labored so effectively that, though the first doolies, or native stretchers, only arrived at midnight, special trains were ready throughout the night to convey the wounded to the hospital, and with the first stroke of dawn sufficient doolies were waiting to convey every man. The Red Cross workers attached to the Boer force were equally ready, and it was pleasant to see the mutual good feeling. The British soldiers treated the Boer wounded as solicitously as their own. and round one of the few camp fires which were lighted I saw all the best places occupied by the enemy's wounded prisoners. Armed ! s even as peared with the object of searching for their wounded. They were allowed to pass freely about the hill, and gave no sign of any desire to abuse the priviand cuffs. It never is used on the col- and out. Then the pores must be issued as for afternoon at homes on lege. They talked freely and goodhumoredly with our soldiers and then. having fulfilled their mission, disap-

> peared in the darkness. A CURIOUS KITTEN.

Here is a kitten which is the proud possessor of twenty-four toes. This unique little vited are very numerous, and the funcproperty of Miss Rawlsmall houses, where perhaps eight din- | ston, the American actress, and besides being an would naturally consider that they anatomical cushould have been included in the din- | riosity has al-

so a claim on distinction because of its great cleverness at trick playing. This little kitten always accompanies its affectionate mistress on her many theatrical tours. and while traveling comfortably reposes in a well-padded basket especially made for the purpose.

giving pleasant informal evening mixed with fur and velvet are char-Direct Driving vs. Belt Driving. gatherings, which we might designate acteristic of this season's fashionable Before the British association, Mr. "at home evenings." Therefore a little | trimmings for toques and bonnets. The assistance concerning suitable arrange- | foundations of many new hats are Siemens said that at the Chicago exments, and how best to carry out their | composed of felt or cloth. The crowns hibition the two or three direct-driven wishes, will not come amiss at the are higher than they have been for sets of electric generators were almost some time. Picture hats of black vel- ridiculed by the American engineers. At home evenings, it must be under- vet are worn as much as toques. They who predicted that Britain would soon drop this practice and adopt the American method of belt driving. He referred to the Brooklyn tramways plant as typical of American practice at that time. Corliss compound engines were fitted with a fly wheel from which a belt five feet wide was driven, the dynamos being placed on the first floor of the building and jockey pulleys used to keep the belt from slipping. So far from the prediction of American engineers being fulfilled, direct driving was now as much in use in the "States" as in the "Isles."

Coleridge's Cloudiness.

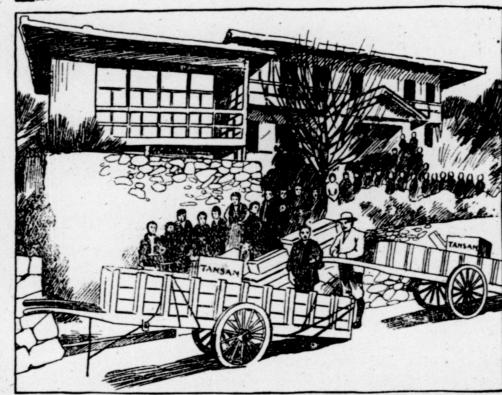
nere is in Mr. Ellis Yarnall's interesting volume of reminiscences, 'Wordsworth and the Coleridges," a very amusing story of Samuel Taylor Coleridge, whose thoughts were sometimes too profound even for poets to follow. Wordsworth and Samuel Rogers had spent the evening with Coleriage, and as the two poets walked away together Rogers remarked cautiously: "I did not altogether understand the latter part of what Coleridge said." "I didn't understand any of it," Wordsworth hastily replied. "No more did I!" exclaimed Rogers, with a sigh of relief.

Stings of Nettles.

It has been found that the pain caused by the sting of nettles is due months, like snake bites.

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move all the cream, always remember- it is optional to look in or not at pleas-



"over the hair with a towel, and you water is now one of the most popular the industry.

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SATURDAY, Dec. 30, 1899

O I'll not bother you, He said with a villians smile

have been out on a panther hunt, me Bailey is smart, but rash burned. He hurried over and a and "By Gatlins" fired the and ill-tempered. Chilton is sickening sight met his gaze. shot that caused the beast to able turn up its toes.

If congress don't oust the poligimist from Utah, it will not idioth and simple. do its duty. Really we don't see how Roberts can support nine wives and thirty six children on Mrs. Jno A. Logan. a salary of \$5000 a year.

fence. Show your colors, let of Maj. John A. Logan. them be what they may. "San Fabin, Luzon, Nov. 12, them be what they may.

any where else?

headed fool that ever weilded an editorial pen?

A-The Tyler Courier.

to soak his head in buttermilk and mand to which he had been stopped at a school house, where get a barb wire fense between assigned upon joining his regi- his little girl was attending a him and the town cow. The ment—the Third battalion. His Christmas entertainment, and Courier thinks Texas is composed battalion was the advance guard took her home. Not until this of Smith County and that Jim of the regiment in the attack morning was anything more seen Hogg and Horrace Chilton are the upon the town of San Jacintn, of any of the family. The bodies only political timber to be found six miles from this place. Yester- were burned beyond recognition within its borders.

carrying the name of R. E. through the head. This was fork found in the ruins leads to Hawley in its announcement shortly before 9 o'clock in the the belief that Thomas had spread column as a candidate for vice president the republican tick was at hand, but the major not bing the children and shoots et, and the Austin Statesman is recovered consciousness, and bing of, set the place on fire. boosting Jim Hogg for vice president on the democratic ticket. Great is Texas with two national on the road to San Jacinto. candidates.

Senator Chilton said in his Dallas down by an enemy's bullet. Col speech was that Mr. Bailey 'was Hare wishes this letter to be conunworthy of democratic leadership, that he was an objector, a every officer and man in the kicker, a disorganizer and ought regiment, mourns the loss of to be kicked out of the demo- Maj. Logan. It is the colonel's cratic party." Such talk will only intention to parade the regiment make votes for Mr. Bailey and to your husband's remains, and many people will hold Senator a sadder duty he has never been Chilton in contempt for such un- called on to perform. warranted remarks.

The opposition to Joe Bailey for the senate is decidedly weak and, sifted right down, leaves Bailey still untarnished by the lies and misrepresentations that Chiltons overzealous friends heap upon him. Bailey, great man that he is, was born to have opposition. Little he cares what is said of him if he thinks he is right. Statesmen are they who mould public opinion. Some papers make much to do about Bailey being opposed to the construction of the Nicaragua canal, when they are either lying or deserve pity for their ignorance. We are right with Baily Special to the Sunday Light. on the question, and we believe views will see that he is right.

-Uvalde Leader. Here's our For Harry.

The newspapers in Joe Bailey,s district are not giving him any his hair .- Tyler Courier.

ive candidate for vice president, why not go a step further and get out some good man for prestimber in Texas(?) We will wait lead and let Billy Bryan and himself and follow her. Wm. McKinley bring up the

ply to Joe Bailey's personal respectively.
criticism, published in last Suh-Jim Hogg and Billy Bryan the difference between the two tant saw that the house had been Antonio Chronicle.

the Chronicle is foolish,

The following letted from Lieut. Col, John J. Brereton of the Editor Clark Howell of the Thirty-third Infantry, who has AtlantaConstitution has come out since given up his own life in the boldly on the side of expansion. Philippines, contains some in-Now let all others get off the teresting details as to the death that his wife took her own life.

Q-Who is just the prettiest, Youngstown, O.-Dear Mrs. Thomas that he was to kill himself sweetest, worst spoiled thing and Logan: While the Thirty-third and the children then, but his the nicest orator in Texas, or Infantry was in route to Manila nerve failed him and he failed to from San Francisco Maj. Logan carry out his part of the agree-A-Jody Baily.-Tyler Cou- gave me his address for use in ment. case he should not return to the Q-Who is the blamedest sap United States. Long before you stock firm. under a mortage receive this letter you will have foreclouse took his last stock. learned the sad fact of his death, Thomas went to some neighbors relate the circumstances.

"Your husband died a hero, The Tyler Courier man ought while leading in battle the com- target rifle. Returning. he day, Nov. 11, Maj. Logan was and the manner in which they bending over a wounded soldier met death will probably never be The Eagle Pass Republican is to assist him, when he was shot known. The iron of a pitchmerning-

died while being conveyed to the hospital. The exact locality was about two miles from this town, was one of the last person who saw him alive, and he was brave said to hale from Pearsall, Texas Among many other bitter things and self-possessed until struck and like Clark Howell, of the sidered his as well as mine, and to say that he, in common with tomorrow as an escort of honor

> "While the place that he that he died as he had lived, a gallant American soldier and gentleman. He possessed our respect and affection, and now that he is gone we trust that you will permit us to consider ourselves your loved friend. Very

J. J. BRERETON, 'Lieut. Col. 33d Inf., U. S. V

A STRAY BABY. Mother Left it in a Train But Later Gives \$77,000 Direct to Charitable Took it Back.

Thibodeaux La., December every man who has read Bailey's 23 .- Shriever station, in the parish of Terrebone, had a special attraction this week in the shape of a two-week-old baby boy. This little fellow had been abandoned by his mother. Day before yesterday the mother, who lives in Morgan city, board- others. thing like warm support, in fact ed an east bound train. When quite a number of them are she reached Gibson, however, ooo to the Baptist Social Union openly supporting SenatorChilton she disembarked, leaving her cubject to conditions, among as his own successor. Years ago baby on the train. The conwhen Bailey wore long hair which ductor did not perceive what had poration within two years after occured until the train arrived at the testator's death. This sum very popular, but now that he Schriever. Then he Telegraphis to be used for the erection of a building for the use of the Bailey appears to have lost his ions concerning the child. He was told to leave it at Schriever. Mr. Albright who conducts eht The above is false from start hotel, volunteered to take charge be administered for the benefit of to finish and the Courier knows of the baby and it was turned the Baptist Social Union. Of the it, but it seems that it has an over to his care. The officers residue, one-sixth goes to the insane desire to misrepresent. were then notified and they American Baptist Home Mission undertook to find the mother, The fact is, there is not but one She was located at Gibson. other New England charities. paper in the 5th. district that is arrested and brought to Schriever opposing Bailey and that is the and taken before Judge Tucker. Denison Herald, a paper that At first she denied being the has been a calamity howler al- mother of the child but being most from its existance. No threatened by the judge with prosecution, she admitted her candidate it has ever supported guilt. She was then released ville avenue, today shipped 300 from governor down to justice of on condition that she take the cats to the Philippines where he the peace has ever been elected. child and treat it as a mother received 15 cents apiece for them The Herald is alway complaining should. She returned to Morgan The government storehouses in and prides itself in knifing home city. A great many people Manila are overrun with the rate visited Shriever in consequence and the Cats will be carried on a of the event.

While Texas has two prospec- Father, In Missouri, Murders His Three Children, Then Suicides.

Chillicothe Mo., Dec. 24.ident? Plenty of presidential The charred remains of Wm. J. Thomas, a farmer and his three children were found in the ashes awhile to hear from some of onr of their home, eleven miles contemporaries. Perhaps the Southwest of Chillicothe early Eagle Pass Republican or the this morning. The supposition is Austin Statesman can put fourth that Thomas murdered the chilsome one who could carry either house and took his own life. party to victory. If no other About a year ago Thomas' wife paper makes a sugestion we can committed suicide by taking jump up a man down on the Rio poison. Thomas had frequently Grande. If our choice should told his neighbors that his wife not suit all parties conscerned, promise from him that he would we will put Jim and Bob in the make way with the children and

The dead: Wm. Thomas, the father, aged 55; Edna. aged 10, David Senator Chilton's card in re- and John, aged 14 and 18

day's Express, was dignified and until early this morning when a conclusive and aptly illusterates neighbor living about a mile disill-tempered. Chilton is sickening sight met his gaze. consistant and dignified. The house had been totally destroyed by the fames and the blackened bodies of Thomas and his three children were lying in the ashes. He aroused the neighbors and in a short time there were hundreds of people at the scene of the tragedy. The corner was notified and an inquest is being held. Thomas had been the victim of a long series of financial reverses. was because of these reverses A story is told that at the time 1899-Mrs. John A. Logan, understood between her and his wife killed herself, it was

On Sunday a Kansas City live and it only remains for me to to get help to save his horses, but was refused. Then he went hay over the house after murder-"Prompt surgical attendance ing the children and shooting

> The San Antonio Express had a three column write-up in Friday's issue of R. W. Hudson's vievs on expansion. Hudson is Atlanta Constitution, is an avowed expansionest. Who in the devil is R.W. Hudson and where in the devil is Pearsall. Texas?

KENTUCKY TRAGERY. Drug Clerk Kills a Would-Be Assailant at Frankfort.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 24 .-Willie Kehr, a quite young drug clerk, shot and killed Sam Sanleaves vacant in our esteem and ders, Jr., a well-known young affection cannot easily be filled, man, in Holmes' drug store Dr. Geo. Fegan, M. D. we are proud in the knowledge tonight. Sanders drew his pistol and attemped to shoot Kehr the counter, took the pistol out Hours 8 to 12; 1 to 5. Residence of Sanders' hand and shot him twice while he was still struggl. ing, killing him almost instantly. Sanders was highly connected; his father being a retired steam. boat owner.

DANIEL SHARP FORD'S WILL.

and Religious Institutions. Chambridge, Mass., Dec 28 .-The will of the late Yout i's Companion, filed for probate in the Middlesex county probate court today, disposes of an estate of about \$2,500,000. The will gives \$77,000 direct to public to any point in Texas at reasoncharitable and religious in able prices. Cabbage, radishes, stitutions, mostly in Massachu- lettuce, carrots, onions, beets, Preaching and communion service at 7 p. Do setts, and provides annuities for mustard, turnips, rutabaga.

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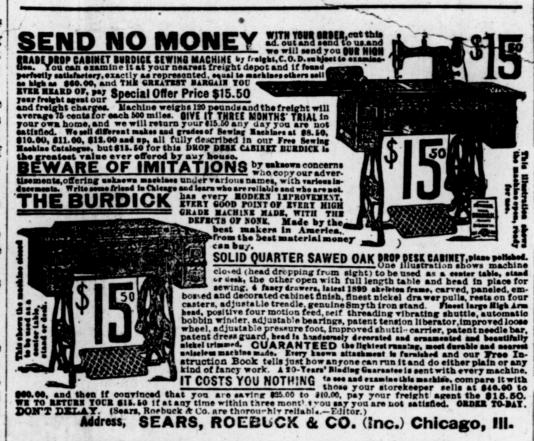
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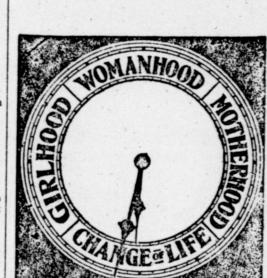
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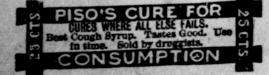
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on, who a hate as fiercely as he can ove. If this broad, square chin forms a perpendicular line when looked at in profile, and is combined with small. colorless lips, it is an unmistakable sign of cruelty and harshness. A long. narrow and somewhat pointed chin is a generally accepted indication of the poet born. Unfortunately this kind of a chin is an indication of a weak coastitution, and if it is found in conjunction with a mouth that falls in at the corners, we may be certain of a predisposition toward consumption. A massive, large, fleshy chin with a furrow down the middle, indicates an impulsive, whole-souled, passionate nature; while the same kind of a chin without the furrow, but with a slight swelling of flesh on the under lip. pleasant characteristics.

ORIGINAL AND INEXPENSIVE.

House. "Last week while I was in a city not a thousand miles from here," said a business man, "I ran across a former bachelor friend, whom I had not seen for over two years. I knew that he had married in the meantime, and when I offered my congratulations he insisted on my coming out to his house for dinaer. I accepted, of course, but when he reached his home I was sorry I hadn't declined. In fact, I was deeply shocked. for of all the poverty-stricken, squalid and generally delapidated habitations I ever laid eyes on the one he piloted me to was by long odds the worst. The house was a shabby-looking frame affair, weather-beaten, unpainted, and patched all over with odd boards. Some of the shutters were missing and others hung by one hinge, while a gaunt patch of yard, littered with miscellaneous trash and inclosed by a ramshackle picket fence, formed an appropriate frame for the picture. The sight saddened me beyond expression, and I was vexed that I had been made a witty. However, I couldn't well beat a retreat, so I followed him in, and the mo- plunder." ment he opened the door I nearly toppled over with astonishment. The indecorated a la Japanese in rich bronze- that it was with the object of arranging to reply.-London Truth. green, with stork flights in long panels this that she had invited him half an on the walls and a palm in one corner hour before the others. in a big lacquered vase. Off to the right was an exquisite little drawing room, was soon settled. The financiers were finished in silver gray and full of good willing to oblige Lady Weybridge, to pictures and artistic bric-a-brac. Later whom they owed the tip, and if the on I was shown over the whole house, thing came off there would be plenty and found everything else equally at- of plunder to share. tractive. The explanation my friend

Influenza Caused by Ozone. From Popular Science: On one occasion the present writer walked to a failure. Before he left England, osthe edge of Lake Michigan when a strong wind was blowing right from an enormous "bear" by means of secret the lake. The bodily condition was as than five minutes there was every evilence of having caught an extremely same time Lady Weybridge would be hard cold. The severe influenza continued until, on walking away, in less than 500 feet, it disappeared as it by magic. It is very certain that the temperature had nothing to do with this, nor the wind, but the influenza was directly due to the abundant ozone in the air. By inquiry it was learned that hundreds of residents who had lived upon the immediate edge of the lake had been obliged to move back three or four miles in order to relieve themselves from such experiences. Physicians readily admit that it is not always possible to say why one "catches" cold; it certainly cannot always be because of undue exposure or change in temperature, but probably also to changes in the electric condition of the air. Facts of this kind should lead to the extremest caution in studying any supposed relation

between the weather and health.

cent by contrast. No bother to be poor

Times-Democrat.

Of course Bob accepted Lady Weybridge's invitation to dinner. When "I want to tell you," said Lady Wey- England, where he was known to be, he arrived, he found that he was first. bridge-who looked very lovely in her would excite suspicion, which must exqu sitely fitting gown-"that Gen. lead to his recognition at the port and Dimple Chin Shows Conquest-A sign O'Flaherty was very successful as immediate arrest. His proposal was president. He made the El Dorado re- that he should go to America, work his spected by its neighbors and almost quite prosperous-paid half the inter- at the El Doradan capital. To this the est on the bonds in his year. It has syndicate assented-though Bob did all not been paid since, in fact, the country is practically bankrupt, and the present president is most unpopular; and this has suggested an idea to me. herty did not l'ke him, or possibly beand all manner of things." "I suppose O'Flaherty is stone

> "Yes. If it wasn't for the kindness of an American millionaire, who makes matches in the street."

it until I did. It seemed to me that it was too big a thing for one to undertake. Here, if anywhere, was room for the modern way of dividing the ment against hers. So there was a risk. I invented the idea of a small have a free hand in carrying out the raid, and was to bind himself that the syndicate should have their nick of all the best concessions when once he was restored. Well, then I worked up the syndicate. The American bit at once and I have altogether enlisted five kings of finance, who guarantee the money, provided I and O'Flaherty arrange the raid."

"Then you don't subscribe?" "Not quite. I am honorary chairwoman, and do most of the talking, but the money comes from others." "But do you stand in in the profits?" "Of course, in consideration of my



being the real soul of the conspiracy, am to have a complimentary allofment out by the members of this syndicate, be clear gain. Do you like the idea?" thought that there was any prospect | that she had lost. of getting a finger in the pie."

"If you like, you shall be our secre-

The question of Bob's secretaryship

O'Flaherty alone was not pleased, gave was peculiar. 'You see, I owned though he did not see his way to obthis place,' he said, 'and we didn't have ject. The fact was he had not underenough money to fix up both the inside stood Lady Weybridge's motives. Her and the outside according to our ideas. sole object of corrse was to create a If we had tried to spread it over the boom in El Dorado bonds, so that, havwhole thing the result would have been ing bought handfuls at their present cheap and common, so we put all we prices, she might reap a huge profit. had on the interior, and instead of at- O'Flaherty's vanity had inspired him tempting to beautify the externals I with the belief that she must have, first turned to and made 'em as outlandish of all, fallen in love with him. Now as possible. Those patches you saw on he was abruptly undeceived. He rethe walls aren't necessary, but I nailed membered the young man for whom he them up for the sake of the ensemble, had been dismissed in the park, and and then I knocked off a few of the he thoroughly comprehended that a shutters with an ax. We paid a man to very principal part of the new secrehaul a load of trash into the yard, and tary's business would consist in long I never pass without kicking a picket tete-a-tetes with Lady Weybridge. He out of the fence. The result is that our drew the obvious conclusion, and was friends all think we're to original for much annoyed. It even occurred to him anything, and the effect of our little that he would like to take a little refurnishings is enhanced about 500 per

Briefly, he decided on a counterplot. if you have brains."-New Orleans Knowing well that his associates were all buying El Dorados steadily in expectation of the boom, he determined to work the raid so that it should be tensibly to carry it out, he would sell bring the bonds down with a crash, and half-ruined, and Bob FitzSimon quite so. If they married after all, their happiness would be very consid-

erably crippled by his action. cold water on Bob's plan that, under deacon," said the good man, "but you the disguise of a "Wild West" show a must bear in mind that the prayer was large body of determined men, weil not addressed to you."

way round by land, and join the troops in his power to persuade Lady Weybridge to dissent. Perhaps because he felt that O'Fla-

I believe that if O'Flaherty could re- cause O'Flaherty was contemptuous turn with sufficient funds to pay his about "the circus," Bob has conceived supporters and start things again, the a great distrust of the general. At the country would soon be prosperous once same time it seemed to him fatal to more-for it is very rich itself-gold the success of the expedition that the leader should put a whole continent between himself and his men and trust to luck to turn up in time. He did not suspect O'Flaherty's treason, but he doubted his capacity. Though Lady him an allowance, he might be selling | Weybridge had never told him that she was buying El Dorados, he took this "Then, I take it, some one else for granted, and advised her very would have to find the money. Is the strongly not to risk too much. This American millionaire going to pay the angered her, for she had not intended him to know anything about these "Not exactly. In fact, the thing is speculations, still less to share them, all my idea. No one ever thought of preferring that when they married as she intended they should-he should owe everything to her. She was also piqued that he should set his judgekind of lovers' quarrel between them, company or syndicate, which would in which she said many foolish and supply the funds and finance a raid unjust things, and at last told him on the El Dorado. O'Flaherty was to that she wondered, if he had such a distrust of the general, that he continued to associate himself with the enterprise. Stung to the quick by this, he formally washed his hands of the plot and went away in a rage. Reflection, however, brought better

It is a matter of history that the expedition failed. Far from heading the projected revolution, O'Fiaherty gave information to the El Dorado government. The result was that the "circus" was stopped at the port of debarkation, and the arms and ammunition confiscated. The El Dorado boom collapsed at once and O'Flaherty reaped a

large fortune. When Bob FitzSimon realized what had happened he hastened to Lady Weybridge and found her in despair. "I have lost nearly all my fortune," she cried, "Oh, my friend, why did l

not listen to you?" "Things need not be so black if you will listen to me now," he replied. ") ove you. I have loved you from the first, but I was held back by the fear that you might think me mercenary Now, I am a wealthy man. Will you be mine "

She hesitated painfully.

"No." she replied, in broken tones; I am not worthy of such love; I wil not bind you to my broken fortunes. am well punished for my distrust and you will soon forget that I have ever She broke down in his arms, and as

she sobbed on his shoulder, it was somehow tacitly settled that, as usua the lady's "No" would do just as well Bob explained to her later that when he had severed his connection with the plot he felt free to act. Distrusting O'Flaherty's good faith, he had speculated for a fall, and, owing to the momentary boom which had resulted from the large purchases of the syndicate and the total slump which followed and if I can sell at par only, it will all | the result had exceeded even his anticipations. He was, as he said, a rich "I should like it much better if I man. He had won back for her all

O'Flaherty did not enjoy his fortune long. He happened to meet one of tary. We want one badly, and, of the expedition which had failed, who course, you would then stand in for the had been informed of his treachery by the official report of the El Dorado She did not say that the secretary government. This person thought himand the chairwoman would necessarily self aggrieved, and explained his opinterior of the cottage was a perfect lit- be brought into close and continual as- ions so freely with the help of a bowie tle bijou. We entered a square hall sociation. Least of all did she explain knife that the ex-president did not live

> The King of Slam and His Wives. The king of Siam has forty wives and in the harem are 3,000 women who never go out. When Miss Jessie Ackerman, in a missionary spirit, urged upon him the benefit of education for them, he replied: 'You know with education there always comes culture and refinement. If I educated my women I should educate them into a state of discontent, for they would want many things which it is impossible for them to have." Now that is a perfectly logical statement, and the king's mind, to all appearances, has traveled as far as that of the lord chancellor of England. The lord chancellor is very anxious lest women should gain the parliamentary franchise, because, in his experience, "she will accept nothing but what she believes to be right," a quality which renders her a dangerous guide in political questions. Neither man has, apparently, grasped the thought that there is something wrong about the institution itself that needs mending. The one pool will have its waters stirred to advantage by education, and the other will gain by having in it more people who "will accept only what they think is right."

Scoring the Deacon "There are odds in deacons," said Lowell, and the little dialogue printed below, taken from the Ohio State Journal, is illustrative of the dictum. " minister. "What was wrong with it?" long, and then it seemed to me that it contained two or three expressions that were unwarranted." "I am very With this view he steadily threw sorry that it met your disapproval

It is not democratic to tax anybody | The fine Italian hand of the reform | gerous minerals. out of existence. If a calling is crim- er is not always used for eloquent gesinal ,prohibit it by some positive protures or for pen-wielding. It is some Company, Atlanta, Georgia. times found in another man's pocket.

armed and mounted, and accompanied London Lancet: In the next session by several Maxims, should be introof the Paris municipal council attenduced into El Dorado, as the nucleus tion will be given to baby shows and of the revolution. Even when he was prize competition for infants. Dr. overruled by the syndicate, he insisted Dufournier and Dr. Vallin have informed the council that in order to enable the infants to win medals the nurses feed them in a manner which is not conducive to their health. The in- sewerage and water systems is now at a later stage after their undue eral manager of the La Porte Improveplumpness they suffer from serious dis- ment Company and the La Porte lorders of digestion.

> Statistics just completed by the Income Tax commission of Great Britain show that out of a total adult population of 12,500,000, more than 10,000,000 earn less than \$860 a year. The income tax is collected at the rate of 16 cents on each \$5 above \$860, and the total tax, which last year amounted to more than \$100,000,000, was contributed by not more than 2,000,000 people.-Baltimore Sun.

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Buller's Revised Report-Another Naval Brigade is to be Sent to the Transvaal-Gen, Cronje Declined a Tender-More Soldiers are Needed in India.

London, Decembtr 22.-There is still no definite news regarding the military operations in South Africa. Probably this is because the only cable that is now working is choked with official dispatches.

General Buller's casualty list at Colenso, just published, shows that 146 were killed and 746 wounded. Two tundred and twenty-seven are described as missing, and of these about forty are known to be prisoners in the hands of the Boers. This makes a total larger than General Buller's origtnal estimate.

Royal letters, signed by the queen, are being circulated by the archbishop to the bishops of the various diocests, authorizing a collection in the churches throughout England January 7 in aid of the fund for sick and wounded soldiers and their families.

Interest centers for the moment in the preparations to send out reinforcements. The various city guilds have given an additional 12,000 pounds for the expenses of the imperial volunteers, besides gifts of horses, ambulances and other paraphernalia.

The latest notable volunteeers include two nephtws of Lord Roberts, Major Charles Sherston and Major Maxwell Sherston. Their brother was

killed at Glencoe. The admiralty has decided to dispatch another naval brigade of 700 men to South Africa.

It is believed that in mobilizing the Elghth division, the war office will bave recourse to some extent to the m'litia, it being deemed inadvisable to denude the home garrisons overmuch of regulars.

The chanchellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, has issued a formal denial that any difficult es exist in the cabinet regarding war ex- tain Talfor is well known to all the old penditures.

According to a dispatch from Cape- as he was employed there on governtown, there is a good deal of distress | ment work years ago. The captain in the Orange Free State, owing to also made a preliminary survey of the the scarcity of grain.

Wants Better Streets.

Hillsboro, Texas, December 22.-The question of better streets for Hills boro appears to have come to the front to stay. Two years ago the city employed a street overseer to keep the streets graded up and in good condition. It is coming to the conclusions that the work he does is only temporary in its character en has to be done over two or three tage a year. The e of the overseer and laborers is becoming an item and the city council is beginning to investigate relative to grading the streets with permanent grading, and to this end has instructed the street committee to learn the cost of macadeamizing the streets and report at the next council meeting. The proposition to macadamize the fired as he fell. Immediately after the streets is a popular one, and if the cost is not too great there is little rest by Sergeant McCauley of the

British Steamer Seized

gin to be in evidence early next year.

Chicago, December 22.-A special to the Record from Victoria, B. C., says: According to the Hong Kong press, the British steamer La Buan, which left San Dakan November 25 with clearance papers, was seized by the United States steamship Castine at Calliera Bay and sent to Manila under a prize crew. Captain Pfort, master of the La Buan, reported that permission was sought to proceed to Cota Batu to bring away several families, as they were in danger of being killed by the Moros, but that the permit was refused and the commander of the Castine ordered the British vessel to be seized. A prize crew was then put on board and the steamer sent to Manila. The seizure was at once protested by the master of the steamer.

Dead of the Maine.

Havana, December 22.—The removal of the dead of the Maine was not ac complished by any ceremonies over the bodies, as newly coffined they were placed in the mortuary chapel of the cemetery until all was completed. A 10 o'clock Thursday night ten wagons formed a procession carrying 151 coffins to the Machina wharf, passing through unfrequented streets. The bodies reached the wharf at 11:30 under a strong guard from the battleship Texas, were placed aboard two steam launches before daylight and were taken to the warships at 6 a. m. She left here at 10 a.m. All the remains were thoroughly disinfected.

The State Capital.

Austin, Texas, December 22.-Coun ty Attorney Calhoun Thursday afternoon filed suit in the Travis county district court against the Austin and Northwestern railway company for the collection of franchise taxes amounting to \$13,971.

Governor Sayers Thursday appointed Hon. J. J. Eckford of Dallas as district judge for the Fourteenth judicial district to succeed W. J. J. Smith, resigned. Judge Eckford assumes the duties of his new office January 1.

San Juan, Porto Rico.-Archbishop the shape of a somnambulists' handi-Barnardo of Santiago and Very Rev. cap. Each competitor, in addition to James P. Bleank, recently appointed Mishop of Porto Rico, have arrived and to carry a lighted candle throughhere, and the latter was ceremonious- out the race, which comprised three be invested with crozier and miter. preliminary heats and a final.

A New Road Chartered. Austin, Texas, December 22.-The attorney general today approved the charter of the Union Central Railway company with its principal place of business at Wortham, Freestone county, Texas. Capital stock \$600,000. Incorporators: W. S. Rowe, Cyrus Baldridge, W. E. Richardson, W. B. Moses,

W. N. Sneed, J. W. Stubbs, C. J. Tur-Ler. A. G. Denniston, T. A. Bonnels. This proposed railroad will be constructed from Houston in a northerly direction through the counties of Harris, Montgomery, Walker, Grimes, Madison, Leon, Freestone, Anderson, Henderson, Van Zandt, Rains, Wood, Hopkins, Delta and Lamar to a point on the Red river in a northerly direction from the city of Paris in said Lamar county, and from a junction point on said line in said Montgomery. Grimes, Brazos, Madison, Robertson, Limestone. Falls and McLennan to Waco, and from a junction joint in Freestone county in a westerly direction through the countles of Freestone, Limestone and McLennan connecting with last mentioned line near Waco, and from a junction point on first mentioned line in Anderson coupty in an easterly direction to Palestine, Texas, and from a junction on first mentioned line in an easterly direction to Quintana, Texas, the whole

Navigation of the Brazos Angleton, Texas, December 22.-Captain A. B. Talfor, United States assistant engineer in charge of surveys at the mouth of the Brazos, with his assistants, General Stimson and Mr. Boyle, passed through Angleton last Monday for the mouth of the river, where they will be engaged for per haps a month. Their first duty will be to make a survey at the end of the jettles to the 25-foot contour in order that estimates can at once be prepared showing the cost of securing that amount of water over the bar. With favorable wind this can be accomplished in a day or two. Wing dams will then be located and plans made for the contractor to work by in completing and extending the present jetties. Work will be commenced by the contractor within a week or two. Captime citizens of Quintana and Velasco, Brazos river many years ago, and says that he found no serious obstacles to overcome in opening the river to navigation. He says it is a question only of money, and the same amount expended on the Brazos will accomrlish more than on any other river in the South. The captain's many friends in Brazoria county will give him a hearty welcome.

Oscar Poole Killed

Orange, Texas, December 22.-Oscar Poole was shot and killed about 5 o'clock Thursday evening by Private Fuller of the detachment of State Rangers who are here. Poole was standing in the door of Baker's saloon when the shooting occurred. Fuller being on the sidewalk in front. Poole was shot in the forehead and fell back into the saloon, a second shot being shooting Fuller was placed under ar doubt that permanent streets will be. Rangers. The shooting has caused considerable excitement and as there were few actual witnesses the details cannot be secured. Poole is the son of County Judge Poole and leaves a young wife and child. He lived for some time after the shooting, but never regained

Big Fire at Detroit Texas. Dallas, Texas, December 22.-Fire at Detroit, Texas, Thursday destroyed twelve frame business houses on Main street. The losers are: Miss Mary Clegg, millinery store; Lee Russell, dry goods and groceries; J. P. Pierce, confectionery and restaurant; A. R. Wright, saloon; Marsh Fullbright, bar ber shop; J. N. Norris, justice of the peace office; M. Russell, photograph gallery; G. Whiteness, new building unoccupied; also a dwelling house oc cupied by George Gross; J. R. Pierce, two buildings. The losses are approximately \$20,000, fully one-half of which falls on J. R. Pierce, G. Whitener and Lee Russell. Very little insurance. Cause of fire not known.

A Big Coal Contract.

Fort Worth, Texas, December 22.-Probably one of the largest single coal contracts ever made in this city was closed yesterday by H. H. Hawes with the Texas Midland Railway company, Colonel E. H. R. Green's road. Fy the terms of the contract Mr. Hawes is to furnish the road with ten cars of coal daily for a period of ninety days, a total of 900 cars.

Meridian, Mass.-In a fight between whites and blacks six miles north of here, Oscar Ford was mortally wounded and two other white men injured; the negroes were armed, the whites

Washington.-The insterstate comcommission has given railroads until merce commission has given railroads until August 1,1900, to comply with requirements of the safety wopliance

Rallegh, N. C.-The stockholders of the Raliegh and Gaston railroad have approved the consolidation of the various roads comprising the Seabrook Air Line.

A striking novelty has just been introduced by a ladies' swimming club in her ordinary swimming costume, had to wear a nightdress and nightcap, EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Berlin is to have a French theater. The French navy is said to be in

Italy has an elegant building at the Paris exposition.

Tampa, Fla., is to have a large sugar mill and refinery.

Wesley Fillers, colored, was hanged at Hartwell, Ga., for wife murder.

The Brooklyn easily defeated the New Orleans in the race to Manila. A South Pacific station is badly needed by the United States govern-

It is now stated the American army in the Philippines will be supplied

with fresh meat from Australia. C. P. Huntington says there is nothing in the present financial situation calculated to create distrust in values. Two more victims-one on each side -have been added to the list of fatadities in the Philphott-Griffin feud in

The body of P. P. Clarkson, a prominent merchant of Green Pond, Ala., was found with his throat cut from ear to ear.

Kentucky.

Lineton Jones, chairman of the Democratic national executive committee, has called a meeting of that body for representing a distance of 560 miles. Feb. 22, at Washington.

> Secret meetings of Boer sympathizers continue to be held in various parts | presented to them. Many of the iceof Cape Colony and the attitude of the Dutch farmers is truculent.

Mr. Hull of Iowa has introduced a bill in congress to permit the Rock Island railroad through the Fort Reno and Fort Sill military reservations. The Natal government announces

that Gen. Buller has appointed a committee to inquire into the loses of the people of the colony resulting from the Boer invasion. Eddie Connolly of St. John was giv-

en the decision on points over Kid McPartland of New York in twentythree rounds of fighting at the Broadway athletic club, New York. Baron Roberts of Candahar and Wat-

erford, commander of the forces in Ireland, has been appointed to the chief command in South Africa with Gen. Lord Kitchener of Khartoum as his chief of staff. The entire river front property of the Crowell-Savarez company at Tam-

pa, Fla., was leased by Phillips & Fulher. They will at once build a new dock out to deep water and erect a large warehouse. Chaplain Wells of the first Tennesse regiment lectured at Nashville, Tenn., on "Conditions in the Philippines." He

denied reports of American soldiers desecrating the churches, saying the Chinese are responsible. John F. Hughes of Marietta filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States clerk's office at Ardmore, I. T.

The petition shows Hughes' liabilities to be \$3000. He has no property except that which is exempt. A resolution recommending members of labor bodies to use their election ballots independently of the predominating political parties was adopted

by the American Federation of Labor in its session at Detroit, Mich. Near Nicholasville, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reynolds locked their three children up in the house while they visited neighbors. They returned to see flames destroying their dwelling,

but too late to save the children. Montague White, the Transvaal agent at London, says the Boers are striving for liberty just like the American colonists did, and will fight to the end. He blames poor diplomacy for the war between British and Boers.

Mr. Labori in a series of articles is to defend Dayber and "roast" his crit-

Representative Talbot of South Carolina has introduced a bill in the house appropriating \$25,000 for a monument at Saluda, S. C., to the memories of W. B. Travis, James Bonham and James Bowie, who fell at the Alamo.

By the explosion of some powder in a room of his residence near Alllance, Floyd county, Kentucky, Nelson Hamilton and three of his children were burned to death. The father had a keg of blasting powder in the room. One of the children threw some of the powder in the fire and the explosion

Excellent wheat prospects are re-

ported all over Texas. Buller's reverses produced a profound impression in all circles at Rome, Italy, where it is regarded as most serious for the military prestige of England. The daily papers devote long articles to the subject and seemed much exercised.

John P. Squire & Co., of Boston, Mass., corporation and allied companies, engaged in the provision and meat packing business, assigned to Lawyer Herman W. Chaplain. The liabilities are estimated at \$3,000,000 and the assets at \$5,000,000. Thousands of people, including many

royal personages, witnessed the presentation of the queen's flag to the American hospital ship Maine at the West India docks, London. The Duke of Cannaught presented the flag to Lady Randolph Churchill, a native Repeesentatives of the Missouri Pa-

effic railway have been at Guthrie, O. T., gathering facts relative to different counties and cities in Oklahoma Territory, preparatory to building a railway line entirely across that territory. According to a cablegram from Berlin the German press and people are very jubilant over the news from South Africa and everywhere in the streets people stop each other and of-

fer congratulations on the streets of

Berlin and other cities.

FLOATING ICEBERGS.

THE CAMERA IN THE ANT-ARCTIC REGIONS.

Beautiful Scenes Photographed by Dr. Cook the Belgian Explorer-Penguins Are Said to Be Sociable Creatures-Taken by Moonlight.

New York Correspondence Chicago Inter-Ocean: Nearly everything that is known of the antarctic regions was discovered before the days of photographs and lantern slides. All the pictures in books on south polar research have been made from drawings, and were much inverior in vividness and accuracy to the products of the camera, which is now an essential part of the equipment of every explorer. It was, therefore, an edifying entertainment that the members of the American Geographical society enjoyed when Dr. F. A. Cook of the Belgian exposition showed about 1,500 beautiful photographs of the lands and waters of the far south and South America, where his party recently spent a year and a half. The views that were thrown on the screens, with the explanation of the lecturer, doubtless gave to the audience a better idea of characteristic antarctic scenes than they would be able to derive from the perusal of all the limited literature devoted to that region. Some surprises were in store for those who had preconceptions as to the character of the scenes to be bergs, for example, differed widely from the typified form of the south polar berg as it had been pictorially represented. The pictures clearly reveal every stage of ice formation on the sea surface-first the pan ice, then the floes that are formed later by the freezing together of the pans, and finally the solid pack which is largely the result of congealment of the edger of the floes. Such photographs can hardly fail to be of great value to the student of ice, and, according to the British physicist, Buchanan, "the more ice is studied the more one finds to learn about it." The long polar night, dark as it usually is, is not a period of photographic inactivity, and some of Dr. Cook's most beautiful pictures were taken when the glittering white sides of the icebergs were bathed in brilliant moonlight. Among the many features of the exhibition were the peculiar denizens of the antarctic that and even inclined to cultivate social relations with their human visitors.

DEWEY'S SERVICE SWORD. Bit of Steel Two Feet Long for Which

\$1,500 Was Offered. Washington correspondence Pittsburg Dispatch: A bit of steel a little more than two feet in length has been the attraction for a few days for the patrons of a fast public tailoring establishment, which does a large business with officers of the army and navy. Though very plain and insignificant in itself, it is fascinating and important as having for long been the companion of the most notable and popular hero of the late war with Spain. Aumiral Dewey having been for many years a patron of this establishment; left his sword there to have its handle gilded, and the tailors were allowed to please their patrons by exhibiting it to them. Many are the offers that have been made for its purchase. In the presence of the writer a day or two ago one gentleman offered \$500 for it. The maker of uniforms, etc., laughed and remarked that the person would have to raise the ante several times to be up to the figures of other would-be buyers of the famous weapon. A gentleman who overheard the offer of \$500 declared himself for \$1,000, and still another who was present counted out \$1,500 in the long green. Of course the proprietor laughed at these absurd offers, as if to say world to purchase from Admiral Dewey this simple weapon that had been his side partner through all the days of anxiety and of victory during that passage of his life which gave him within a few short hours whatever gratification there was in the consciousness that he had won undying

Hen of Discriminating Tastes.

A New England woman is the owner of a hen which appears to choose her surroundings with a discriminating eye, says the Youth's Companion. Soon after her present owner acquired the ness for stepping into the house whenever she could effect an entrance and laying an egg on the down coverlet which ornamented the bed in the "best chamber." One day the hen managed to get iz unobserved during a season of sweeping, and her presence was only discovered as she made her way hastily out of the side door, clucking with triumph, some time later. As the bestroom coverlet had been out of the way during the sweeping, the mistress of the house looked about for the egg which she felt sure had been laid somewhere. She found it, after half an hour's search, on the plush mantelcovering in the parlor, where the hen must have sat in state between a china shepherdess and a glass vase. Nothing on the mantel shelf had been disturbed, although just how the hen had managed the delicate business will never be known.

Bright Bables.

From the Elwood, Ind., Dispatch: Benjamin Hodson, residing north of this city has three children, and has given them peculiar names. The girls are Sunshine and Delight, and the boy is named Pleasant. When asked as to the reason for such suggestive names the father said he wanted to make things cheerful about the house.

It is a well-known fact that, but for the pride entertained by most English noblemen for their deer parks, many estates would of late hire found their way into the market.

FRIED CHICKEN

And Corn Pone Are Dishes in Which the Southern Mammy Excels. New York Tribune: George Carlton,

of Atlanta, Ga., in speaking of southern affairs at the Hotel Imperial the other day, said: "All parts of the country have their specialty in the way of cooking, I suppose. Every one in New England, I believe, breakfasts on Sunday on pork and beans and codfish balls as regularly as the cay comes around. In Philadelphia the Sunday breakfast consists of scrambied eggs and scallops, but in the south, when we are in doubt, we invariably fall back to fried chicken and corn pone. It may do for a New York banker to import a cook at \$10,000 a year, and undoubtedly such a chef is worth the money from some points of view, particularly the social, but I would wager considerable that if one of those cooks and an old colored mammy were pitted against each other to fry cnicken and cook corn pone it would inevitably result in the chef's inglorious defeat. It is a heaven born art with our old colored mammies. They can all do it, and do it in a manner to bring tears of gladness to the heart of hungry man. Why, only the other night, when we came through Gordonsville, Va., in the early morning hours, I was restless and had got up to smoke as we drew up at the junction. I went to the platform for a breath of air, and discovered a half dozen old colored crozes strung along the side of the train. Each had a tray, upon which were exposed many articles of food for sale, but the principal was fried chicken. You ought to have tried it It was so tender it fairly melted in your mouth, while the crisply browned outside imparted a delicious tang to the taste. I have dined in many restaurairs and with many people, and at some dinners that still live in my memory on account of their gastronomic excellence, but the memory of the best dish of the best cook which I ever partook of will now have to give up the place of honor to a piece of fried chicken served on a tray by a black mammy at the little junction station in Virginia."

WIFE FOUND HIS TICKETS. Husband Had Therefore to Change th

Seats for Himself and Sister. He was fat and jolly, but he had an amused air as he showed up in front colonies of penguins that were seen of the box office at the Columbia not only on land but on the frozen sea, the other morning. In an embarthe pictures tell so much about these of the treasurer, and explained that the two seats he held in his hand he words were hardly needed to impress | had purchased the day before. Unobthe audience with the fact that they served in the early morning he saw his are gregarious, unsuspicious, fearless wife indulge in the wifely privilege of searching his pockets. He saw her discover the two seats and make a memorandum of their location, but he continued to snore steadily on in simulation of undisturbed slumber. At breakfast not a word was dropped by the good woman of her surreptitious knowledge. The seats were intended for himself and his sister, with whom his wife was not on amiable terms. Wouldn't the treasurer exchange them for other seats? If the box office man faltered in his acceptance of the stated relationship of the man's prospective companion he did not show it. Cer-

tainly he would make the exchange. The fat man smiled his thanks, took the fresh pasteboards and went on his way. An hour later a fatter woman showed up in front of the box office window. Could not the treasurer give her a seat behind 16 and 17 F. R., in the orchestra circle? Of course he could. Ten minutes later two young women of striking beauty bought the exchanged seats. The fat woman and the good-looking girls attended the performance, and the uneasiness of the corpulent lady disturbed the two girls. Of course they did not understand. But the treasurer did, and he had a very interesting afternoon. When the house was dismissed the fat lady followed the two girls down Washington street, and the treasurer waited until he saw at the very end of the departed patrons the fat man leave the theater and go up Washington street with his sister. The treasurer hopes there will there was not enough money in the be no trouble in the fat man's family, but he fears the worst.

An Official

Railway building is progressing rapidly in Mexico, but railway management there is still far below our more northern standard. An American who was one of a party of foreigners invited to take a trip over a certain Mexican line tells this story in a New York exchange. On the first day of the journey he was sitting on the rear platform of the observation car. The train stopped to take water, and as it was getting under way again a disreputable looking man swung himself on hen she discovered the creature's fond- the bumper and started to climb over the railing. He looked like a greasy cow puncher, only more dirty and ragged, and the American tried to push him off. He held on, however, and began to yell in Spanish. The American yelled back, and the two men scuffled and fought on the platform until another member of the party came out, and asked what was the trouble. "I'm keeping this tramp from stealing a ride," exclaimed the Ameri can, "Nonsense," said his friend "You're fighting with the brakeman." The American vowed that he would never again judge from appearances. at least in Mexico.

> A Curious Fish In a paper on "The Development of

the zoological section of the British association, it was stated that this curious fish is one of the only three still existing survivors of the once prominent group of lung fishes, characterized by the possession of well-developed lungs, as well as gills. It swims eel-fashion in swamps or clambers through the vegetation by its leglike limbs. In the dry season it retires into the mud, breathing entirely by its lungs. It was also pointed out that the young Lepidosirens became white and transparent during the hours of darkness. Mr. Kerr spent several months making his researches among the swamps of the Gran Chaco. a district in tropical South America. still occupied by tribes of savage In-

SHOOTING WILD HORSES. Method by Which Mand Whiteman o Nevada Gets a Living.

Shooting wild horses for a living seems odd employment, especially for woman, but there is a woman in Nevada who earns her livelihood in just that way. She is a Californian, too. and a young woman, only 23 years old: Her name is Maud Whiteman. Until she went to Nevada six years ago her home was on a ranch some few miles from Fresno. Being of a sturdy and venturesome disposition, Maud early learned to manage horses and to feel et home in the wilds, so it happened that when her father by some mischance was forced to part with his home in California his daughter was fitted to be his helper in the rude region selected by him for a further struggle with fate. The father, whose name is Wilman, is an old soldier, having served his country in both the Mexican and civil wars. He is a tall, fine-looking man of splendid physique. He is, however, no longer young, and the sixty-five years that have passed over him have limited his opportunities for work, so he decided to kill wild horses for their hides. Neither his age nor his lack of capital hindered effort in that direction, while prices for hides were fairly good, and wild mustangs were plentiful. From the first Maud was an acuve partner in this business. She is a bold rider and a fine shot and can bring down a horse at a distance that would win a sporasman's admiration. When engaged in this pursuit she dresses like a man, donning overalls in addition to a flannel shirt and a man's soft hat. The method of killing is ingenious. Mounted on horses, the father and daughter set out for the task. They keep discreetly in the background, however, while dogs drive a small herd of their own horses to the spring. These serve as a decoy. Gradually wild horses come up, mingling with, of course I found all those victing the rest. When suspicion has been quiet the man steals near, wounding, with a view to disabling, the leader of the herd. All others of the wild band immediately rush away, but soon they return in quest of their leader. Now is the opportunity. The mounted riders rush from hiding, shoot as many as possible, and follow the fleeing victims until all, or nearly all, are killed. Maud is an expert at removing hides. When her father has taken the manes and tails, which are also salable, she strips off the hides. These are dried by spreading them upon sagebrush. placing bags or blankets between them to admit of free access of air. At the end of three weeks they are ready for shipment. Sometimes as many as seventy are thus disposed of in month.—San Francisco Examiner.

HAIR CURLING AN ART. Few Women Are Willing to Make Them selves Hideous by Night. In the curling of the hair there is knack to be acquired before attaining that much desired result, so dear to every owner of straight locks-the naturally curly look. Even a pretty face is improved by the addition of curls and a plain one is softened and made more attractive by turning the harsh outline into a wavy mass; for the faces are few that can stand the classic severity of a Grecian coiffure, says the New York Herald. The question, therefore, is how to manage one's unruly locks; how to supply, to the best of one's ability, what nature has denied-the pretty, rippling tresses which will elicit from some good-natured acquaintance the remark that she always "thought your hair was naturally curly." First, there are the numberless appliances for turning one's head into a bristling porcupine by night When a girl surveys herself in her mirror before retiring and catches a glimpse of a disfiguring halo, which even the addition of blue bows will not render becoming, she sighs reflectively, considers the discomfort of sleeping on knobs of hair and taker to the inevitable—the curling irons To obtain most satisfactory results a tight curling is not advisable. That destroys any possible look of nature's handiwork—and surely straight locks are preferable to "frizzes." A very important factor is that of curling the hair artistically, for there can be no illusion about a beautifully curled pompadour while the back hair is uncompromisingly straight. If a low style of coiffure is worn it is only neces sary to curl the front and sides, but where the hair is dressed high it is most important not to neglect the back of the head. This will at first be awkward work, but will grow less difficul with practice, and nothing is prettien than a soft outline at the nape of the

His Handicap. From the Philadelphia Call: "A funny story that I could not help but laugh at was told by a traveling salesman at a local hotel," said the Manabout-town. "It happened during his last visit to this city. He arrived at the Reading terminal and hailed hansom. The driver, who seemed to be a good-natured chap, was tonguetied and stammered badly; of course that was no fault of his. The drummer told him that he wished to be driven to the Continental hotel, and the driver answered, using his hands and emitting all sorts of noises: 'A-li r-r-right, s-s-sir.' The gentleman genarians of this century end. stepped in and off they sped. After driving some time the hansom came to a standstill, the driver jumped from had gots some distance beyong the and answered: 'I-it t-t-t-took m-m-me a-a-all this d-distance t-t-too s-s-say w-whoa!""

Scoring the Deacon. "There are odds in deacons," said Lowell, and the little dialogue printed below, taken from the Ohio State Journal, is fllustrative of the dictum. " didn't particularly like your prayer this morning," said a deacon to his minister. "What was wrong with it?" 'Well, in the first place, it was too long, and then it seemed to me that it contained two or three expressions that were unwarranted." "I am very sorry that it met your disapproval, deacon," said the good man, "but you must bear in mind that the prayer was not addressed to you."

PICTURESQUE Job of "Squaring the Rickers"

Big Girone

job of 'squarer' for a circus used to be

New Orleans Times-Democrat: "The

highly picturesque," said an old-time showman the other evening. "Nowa-days all the kicks' that arise are attended to by a dignified and businesslike claim agent, who is usually a first-class lawyer. You would be surprised to know how many claims and grievances bob up as a result of nearly every engagement en route, and it is the policy of all the big shows at present to investigate and dispose of them immediately, having nothing hanging over the concern. In the early days some of the organizations were less particular-it was 'anything to get over the circuit' then, and they 'let each season take care of itself. In those merry times a gentleman who is now a prosperous theatrical manager went out one year as a 'squarer' for a small and rather tough circus which has since ceased to exist. His success was marvelous. The show would often be literally mobbed by folks threatening all kinds of disaster, and demanding enormous damages for every conceivable variety of outrage, but somehow he always got it away on time and would follow smiling mysteriously. by the next train. He left the outfit at the end of the year, and I was engaged to act as 'advance' for the en suing season. At our very first stand I found abundant evidence for his peculiar methods. He would never dispute a claim, but always promise to fix it up directly after the last performance. He would then get the claimants together and make an appointment to meet them in a body next day. If possible to slipped quietly away, and it not, he had a hum a habit of giving personal orders of fay build and old man Vanderbilt, whom he represented as 'silent partners' in the sho lined up and waiting with clubs. After hair-breadth escapes from several places I sent in my resignation. I told the boss it was hard to make a record right behind such a gifted and successful predecessor-also I had an aversion of being tarred and feathered during the warm summer months. I heard afterward that the job put two men in the hospital before fall.'

WHAT WOMEN HAVE TO DO. Men Like to Have the

Not many persons can do a them all equally well, or, indeed, do any of them well, says the Philadelphia Times. And yet the average housekeeper has a dozen-oh, more, a score or a hundred duties of radically different natures, and if she fails in one she falls short of the requirements of society and her family. Mrs. De Jarnette well expressed this idea before the San Jose institute when she said: "If a man goes into business, does he assume the duties of head clerk, bookkeeper, cash boy, collector and janitor? And if he could do so-which he cannot and would not even consider-would he look his best, act most agreeable, keep a perpeture smile and have his place of business spotless Let us look at woman. She enters business-marriage-does she assume duties of head housekeeper, cook, seamstress, laundress, nurse, tutor and outside man? And when she doesfor she usually does-can she keep her house clean, her temper serene, buttons sewed on, remove all thoughts of care from her husband's heart, keep her prettiest clothes on and scented with violet and lavender, her sweetest smile on and her mouth puckered up for a kiss?—for they only come when least expected, for when we yearn them we usually keep on yearning. No! of course she can't; could the angels themselves? She can't run all the special departments of a complex marriage with a menagerie of childhood annex, and a husband to come home when twilight falls to claim every iota of reserve vitality left. I tell you she will either have to call in some specialist demi-semi-occasionally or else have more simple food, do away with kitchen fads, let the husband help with the little ones and feel a burden of responsibility."

English Octogenarians.

This seems an age of remarkable octogenarians. Louisa, duchess of Abercorn, who is in her eighty-seventh year, went recently to visit Lord and Lady Tankerville, her host being in his ninetieth year, says the Lordon Telegraph. The duke of Richmond and Gordon, who is also the Duc d'Aubigny in France, is 81, and yet his favorite sport is fishing, and quite recently his grace hooked, played and landed a fine, strong salmon twenty pounds in weight. There is the Earl Fitz William, who recently entered his eightyfifth year, and is still enjoying excellent health, and a keen rider to hounds, even if he no longer goes quite straight across the country. The duchess of Cleveland, who has entered her eighty-first year, is always to be seen at the great afternoon events of each London season. Lord and Lady Braybrooke, although both on the right side of 80, recently celebrated their silver wedding, and Mrs. Gladstone is another of the notable octo-

An Innocent Critic.

Governor Roosevelt is always glad his seat and the visitor stepped out of a laugh. A short time ago he enjoy-Looking about he noticed that they ed an opportunity and paid for it. The incident happened while he hotel, and he remarked this to the ing Cornell University during a con-Lepidosiren," read by Graham Kerr to driver. The driver nodded his head vention. The students, glad of a chance to display their enthusiasm, entertained the governor at one of the fraternity houses. Just as he was about to leave one of his staff said to him: "Covernor, the boys have the foundation of a capital library, and I think they would appreciate a copy of your 'Rough Riders.'" "All right, boys," said the governor, heartily. "I'll be glad to send you a copy with my compliments. The book would be but a small return for your hospitality." Whereupon one of the students broke in excitedly: "That's so, governor, I've

> Only 18 per cent of all the families in America employ domestic help. leaving 82 per cent without even one

read it."

servant.