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DRY goods merchants in Haverhill, Mass., and New York clothlers have been THE WORLD AT LARGE.

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Summary of the Daily News.

CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate on the 13th, after the reports of committees and introduction of several bills, the House Electoral Count bill was laid as de and debate resumed upon Mr. Morrill's tarif resolution. After a lengthy, discussion the resolution went over for further debate. A message was received from the House announcing the death of Representative Dowducy, of New York. A committee to attend the funeral was ap-pointed and the Senate adjourned... Many bills and resolutions were introduced in the House under the call of States, among them a bill by Mr. Lawler looking to the use of the treasury surplus for repairing the coast de-fenses. The Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Secretary of the treasury relative to the collect on of cus-toms dutles, and the House adjourned. In the Senate on the 14th the House several bills, the House Electoral Count bill

In the Senate on the 14th the House amendment to the Electoral Count bill was amendment to the Electoral Count bill was non-concurred in and a committee of confer-ence appointed. A bill was introduced amending the Oleomargarine law. Senator Edmunds then addressed the Senate in op-position to the bill repealing the Tenure of Office act, after which the Senate went into executive session....The House, after the report of committees, went into Committee of the Whole on the Sundry Civil bill, debate on which continued until adjournment. Is the Senate on the 15th the report of

In the Senate on the 15th the report of the Conference Committee on the Inter-State Commerce bill was the occasion of quite a debate, but the report was finally ordered printed, to be called up Tuesday. Senator Platt's resolution for open executive ses-sions was taken up and by a vote of 3 to 31 laid on the table. Senator Beck's resolution prohibiting Fenators and Representatives to act as attorneys for subsidized rail-roads was taken up, the question being on the substitute reported by the Ju-diciary Committee. A long debate fol-lowed, and without final action the Senate went into executive session.... In the House, upon motion of Mr. Warner, of Missouri, a falveston, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Indianapo-lis, Kansas City' and Omaha under the pro-visions of the law requiring National banks in certain cities to retain a sum equal to 25 per cent, of their circulation. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Sundrive Civil bill. When the committee rose the House adjourned. AFTER the introduction of bills in the Commerce bill was the occasion of quite a

AFTER the introduction of bills in the Senate on the 16th Senator Blair offered a resolution, which was adoped, instructing the Committee on Finance to inquire into the propriety of reporting a bill providing for a rebate on certain imported materials used for manufacturing other articles for export. The calendar' was called and the Senate finally took up the bill to repeal the Tenure of Office act. Pending debate the Senate went into executive session... The House, in committee, resumed consideration of the Senate bill for the allotment of lands in sev-eralty to the Indians. The bill was finally passed. The bill also passed providing for the defic ency in the public pr nting office. In Committee of the Whole the Sundry Civil bill was further considered and finally rec-ommended for passage. Adjourned. In the Senate on the 17th petitions were resolution, which was adoped, instructing

In the Senate on the 17th petitions were presented for the reduction of the tax on oleomargarine. The Senate then took up and passed the bill for the retirement and re-coinage of the trade dollar. The Senate passed the House bill to extend the postal free delivery system. After passing several bridge bills the Senate took up the bill re-pealing the Tenure of Office act and passed it by a vote of 30 yeas to 22 nays. After an executive session the Senate adjourned until Monday... After routine business in the at the evening session eighteen pension bills were passed. Adjourned.

arrested for maintaining lotteries by permitting guesses as to the number of seed in squashes FRANK HESS, fifteen years old, delivery clerk in the Meriden (Conn.) post-office, has been arrested for stealing registered

letters. It was made known in Wall street on the 17th that Wormser, the banker, had settled all losses sustained by his son in recent speculations, amounting to between \$300,-000 and \$400,000. Young Wormser was a leader in the attempt to bull Reading in the face of the late general fall in stocks. THE tramp insurrection at the Lancaster (Pa.) workhouse ended recently, the men resuming work at stone breaking, after

having been deprived of food for fifty-four hours.

THE WEST.

A FINAL settlement has been reached between the Lake Shore Railroad Company and the switchmen who went out on strike at Chicago last summer. The company agreed to abolish the blacklist and take back all the strikers excepta few who were known to have been guilty of violence and attempting to injure the company's property.

AT Switz City, Ind., recently a portable engine which was being utilized to furnish power for a saw mill blew up. A. H. Shop-

be applied to a farm.

THE Calumet Hotel at Pipestone, Minn. was burned the other morning and David McCullough was fatally injured, the Rev. A. J. Orcutt, a Baptist minister, was killed, a little colored boy had his back broken and Virgil Trendergast seriously hurt, all by falling walls. The loss was \$45,000; partly insured. Nothing was saved.

EDWARD DALTON, a fugitive Mormon, charged with unlawful cohabitation, was shot and killed at Parowan, Utah, by Deputy Marshal William Thompson, because he resisted arrest.

THE Ohio Supreme Court has rendered a decision sustaining the constitutionality presented for the reduction of the tax on of the Dow liquor law tax in all its features, and including the tax and lien provisions.

A DUEL with swords took place in the until April next. The law forbidding bull early morning in Humboldt Park, Chicago, recently. Both principals were severely wounded and were afterward driven away. executive session the Senate adjourned until Monday... After routine business in the House, the Sundry Civil bill was taken up and passed. Several private bills passed and There was a woman in the case. JUDGE GRESHAM, in the United States Circuit Court, at Chicago on the 16th, appointed Judge Cooley, of Michigan, to be receiver of the Wabash railway in accordance with his decision removing Solon Humphreys and Thomas E. Tutt. Or the nine youths sentenced at Sydney, N. S. W., for criminally assaulting a sixteen-year-old servant girl, the executive decided to commute the sentences of three to imprisonment for life. The six others will be hanged. Ox the morning of the 17th at San Francisco the whaling bark Atlantic was driven ashore a mile and a half below the Cliff House, and went to pieces in a few minutes. About twenty-five men were believed to be lost. The captain and mate with eight or ten men were saved. THE United States grand jury at St.

GENERAL. Two hundred Burmese insurgents have been killed in an engagement near Pakola with British troops.

It has been reported that cholera has broken out in Chili. A SHABBY, hungry-looking man, appar-

ently a workman, flung a stone into the famous study window of the Emperor's palace in the Unter den Linden, at Berlin recently. He was instantly arrested. The Kaiser was not hit nor scared. The prisoner denied that he seriously meant to injure the Emperor.

CAPTAIN PAUL BOYTON denies positively that he is engaged in getting up a filibus-tering expedition of any kind.

THE Belgian Government has expelled a French journalist, M. St. Patrick, the editor of Le Mousquetaire, described as the or-gan of the Comte de Paris, because it called upon France to counterbalance the loss of Alsace and Lorraine by annexing Belgium.

JOHN DILLON, the Irish agitator, has been ordered to give bonds in £3,000 or go to jail for six months.

ENGLAND has decided to reduce the Egyptian standing army to 10,000 and the army of occupation to 5,000, thus largely reducing the cost of the armament to the Egyptian Government.

MERLATTI completed his fifty day fast in Paris on the 15th. The doctors in attendnce gave him a small quantity of specially prepared wine before giving him food. He was in good condition.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, Premier of Canada, declares that his Government only acts according to the treaty of 1818 in the fishery disputes and follows American pre cedent in the three mile limit. He also says that the want of a comprehensive extradition treaty is because of reticence at Washington in looking upon dynamiters as extraditable criminals.

JOHN DILLON, member of Parliament for East Mayo, William O'Brien, editor of United Ireland, Matthew Harris, member of Parliament for East Galway, and David Sheehy, member of Parliament for South Galway, were arrested on the 15th in the town of Loughrea, County Galway, charged with conspiracy to defraud. The charge grew out of their acting as trustees for tenants.

DISPATCHES of the 16th from Mandalay state that Colonel Heyland with a body of British troops recently pursued 700 Dacoits and killed 200 of them. Many others were made prisoners and stores of ammunition were seized in several places.

It is rumored in Brussels that the London police have captured three of the Ostend mail robbers.

THE business failures during the seven days ended December 16 numbered in the United States 260 and in Canada 28, a total of 288, against 264 the week previous. THE Mexican Congress has adjourned

fights was repealed and the sport will be revived. PRINCE FERDINAND, of Saxe-Coburg

KANSAS STATE NEWS. The bill introduced by Congressman Ryan has passed the House to extend the

laws of the United States over the unorganized territory lying south of Kansas and Colorado, known as "The Public Land Strip," or "No-Man's Land." The bill annexes this strip to the State of Kansas for judicial purposes, and to the southwestern land district of Kansas for land entry.

TOPEKA's street commissioner, armed with the decision of the Supreme Court, notifies delinquent poll-tax payers that he will stand no more foolishness. They must either pay up or take the consequences. A serious accident occurred on the Santa Ferailroad about two miles east of Emporia the other day. An extra freight train carrying coal collided with the rear end of

freight train No. 17, seriously injuring the engineer, fireman and head brakeman of the extra. The engine of No. 17 broke down at the foot of a heavy grade and the collision occurred before the extra could be signaled to stop.

A FORCE of workmen from Kansas City have commenced work on the Soldiers' Home grounds at Leavenworth for the Kansas, Northern & Southern railroad. The road will pass through the reservation on the west side and in front of the main buildings. The station house will be located within 300 yards of the site of the headquarters building, affording a convenenceto the residents of the home and to visitors

THE St. Louis Globe-Democrat of a late date contained the following: "Thomas Freeman, a typical Hibernian, passed through the Union Depot last evening on his way home from Washington, D. C., to Davis County, Kan., where he owns 640 acres of land and has a wife and thirteen children. The old gentleman is seventysix years of age, and his iron constitution is still unimpaired. His journey to Washington was for the purpose of seeing Pen-sion Commissioner Black and President Cleveland, in order that his pension might be increased. He returned elated and proudly exhibited the papers which en-titled him to draw \$90 per quarter from the 4th inst. He has heretofore been receiving \$30 per quarter." Mr. Freeman

also fought in the Mexican war. RECENTLY Willie Boyd, the fifteen-yearold son of James Boyd, of Topeka, was accidentally shot by one of his compan-ions. The boys were playing with target rifles, striking the butts of the guns together, when one of them went off, and the bullet entered young Boyd's abdomen, near the navel. The wound was considered uite dangerous.

THE Topeka, Salina & Western and Kansas & Colorado railroads have been consolidated, and will hereafter be known under the name of the Missouri Pacific rail way.

Among the charters recently filed with the Secretary of State were the following:

FEARFUL DISASTER. The Steamer J. M. White Burned and Sixty Persons Reported Lost-A Partial List of the Victims.

Courant.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 14 .-- It is currently rumored here that the elegant steamer J. M. White, running between Vicksburg and New Orleans, burned at an early hour this morning near Bayou Sara, La., and that fifty lives were lost.

SIXTY LIVES LOST.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 14, 10:55 a. m .--The loss of the steamer J. M. White has been confirmed. She burned to the water's edge at eleven o'clock last night while lying at the bank near Bayou Sara, La. About sixty lives are lost, largely women and children. Nearly all the erew were saved. Among the passengers reported lost is the superintendent of the Vidalia railroad at Natchez, who, together with his wife and children, perished in the disaster. The books of the boat are lost.

HOW IT OCCURRED. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.-Respecting the terrible loss of life by the burning of the J. M. White steamboat, near Bayou Sara, William McGreevy, chief engineer of the boat, says that at about 10:10 o'clock Monday night, while at the landing at Dr. Ferreto's place, above the post-office landing at Point Coupee, at which place the boat was loading cotton seed, a fire broke ont amidships, just att, between the engines on top of the cotton below the boiler deck. Engineers Barry and Jenny, who were on watch, gave the alarm and the pumps were put to work, but without avail, The watchman then gave the alarm by ringing the bell, and Clerks Callahan and Bell at

once aroused the people in the cabin. The fire spread rapidly, and in less than fifteen minutes the boat had burned to the water's edge. There were four kegs of powder in the magazine and the moment the fire reached them the flames shot up about one hundred feet high. The shriek-ing of women and children for help was awful. The superintendent of the Vidalia railroad was seen standing aft, outside the ladies' cabin, throwing his two little daugh-ters into the water. He stood there and was burned to death with his wife. There were in the cabin nine lady passengers and about eight men. At New Texas twenty deck hands were taken on board and all are supposed to be lost.

It is learned that Andrew Pierce, a sailor, and Antonio Rebatta, a fireman, are the ones to whom all the credit of saving the survivors is due. The fire illuminated the river and the

country for miles, and the burning floating cotton made a ghastly procession down the river.

THE DEAD. The following is a list as far as ascer-tained of the white persons missing: S. H. Pofford, wife and daughter, of Vidalia; Captain G. W. Floyd, a well-known steamboatman; Mrs. Murray, of Natchez; Miss Agnes McCabe, of West Feliciana; two other lade passengers, names un-known. Three men and one woman were walking on the hurricane deck when it fell in and disappeared in the flames. Two white men, names unknown, who were in charge of the premium ox, jumped overboard and were drowned. The following is a list of the colored per-sons lost: Levi Robinson, captain of the watch; two unknown negro women; Dick Randolph, fireman; Oscar Landry, pastry cook; Lewis Martin, second cook; Albert Brown, cabin boy; John Parker, cabin boy; Williams, cabin boy; Amos Morse, Perry porter; Edward Jackson, cabin boy; Penny Walker, chambermaid; Martha Washington, chambermaid; Duncan Fourth, cook; two negro preachers, names unknown; a negro woman from Port Hicker and her son, aged sixteen; Volsin Bell, laborer; two negro women, each with an infant.

ALMOST A PANIC. A Break in Wall Street Produces a Paniety Feeling.

NEW YOME, Dec. 16 .- In the history of Wall street there was never a more exciting: day than yesterday. The results were not so disastrous as during the Black Friday period or during the May panie of 1884, but

the excitement and terrer were fully as great, and the wonder is that only one failure was announced on the Stock Ex-change, and the question is will there be more to-day. It is undeniable that there have been many private settle-ments of accounts, and whether or not there will be developments of further trendle remains to be seen. The more trouble remains to be seen. The more hopeful brokers in their letters to customers advise that the worst has been seen, but it is noticeable that they suggest heiding on to the stocks in band returns the burging on the stocks in hand rather than buying new lines. It is, in fact, all precaution rather than confidence and precaution is the watchword of

the street just now. The volume of business was greater than for any day of which record has been kept and the fluctuations were greater for the general average than for other days of exceptional movement. Reading and Lacka wanna were the two stocks that fell as a flood upon the market, but the break was started by Western Union. This fact and the general disposition of the street to attribute extraordinary changes to Mr. Gould's influence led to the belief that the great speculator was at the bottom of the crash There are many who think that he started the bear movement, and this view is to a certain extent justified, for his broken was active when prices here here brokers were active when prices were low est in buying in the Gould securities Reading sold, at the lowest point, 12½ per cent, below Tuesday's price, and closed at 7 per cent, recovery from the bottom figure. Lackawanna sold down 71/2 points from th opening, recovering $3\frac{1}{2}$ at the close. Western Union opened $1\frac{5}{2}$ off from the close Tuesday and sold right down to $67\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ points lower—but the close was 70 $\frac{3}{2}$, which is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ net loss for the day. At the lowest price yesterday the stock was 6 $\frac{3}{2}$ below. Tuesday's top price. There were good recoveries from these avtremes at various times during the day.

extremes at various times during the day and so far as the last hour was concerned there was strength upon the covering of short sales and the taking of profits, but the change in sentiment in the street for the past few days is very marked. As to the cause for the break there are various reasons advanced, the most important of which is probably the extreme rates for money, and the fact that speculation has been continuously one way for a protracted pe-riod. At the opening there was an evident feeling of trepidation as to future invest-ments and at the first break a rush to seil ensued which carried prices down to the lowest point. The business for the first two hours was over 600,000 shares, and peo-ple were crazed. When the day showed no failures except that of Marx, there was a lessening of apprehension and a hopeful feeling that there were no more to follow.

SCENE AT THE OPENING. The scene at the opening of the Stock Exchange was one of the wildest ever wit-nessed there. For several minutes the entire floor was crowded with knots of brokers, surging from one side to the other, all seemingly bent on selling stocks. Prices dropped with such rapidity as to demoralthe brokers who had buying orders. Little heed was paid to fractions in making sales. The greatest crowd was in Reading, which sold down 41%, while Richmond and West Point declined 8, Hocking Valley 63% and Western Union 2%. It was under-stood that the movement was the result of a big combination against the bulls which had engineered the late large advance throughout the list. The trust companies, controlled by friends of the bear leaders, are said to have started the break by calling in all loans on Reading.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

CHARLES ROBINSON, the war Governor of Kansas, has been appointed by the President superintendent of the Haskell Industrial School for Indian Children at Lawrence, vice Arthur Grabowski, resigned.

A WASHINGTON dispatch of the 15th says There is still no tidings of Congressman Reid, of North Carolina, about whose financial affairs very serious stories are in circulation. The latest report is that he has hypothecated his salary half a dozen times over to "curbstone" brokers, and by this means raised as much as \$20,000. It is re ported that he has gone to Canada.

THE Senate bill for the admission of Washington Territory has been amended to include Montana by the House Committee and will be so reported. CONGRESSMAN PETERS, of Kansas, has in-

troduced a bill to provide for the deposit of rold or silver coin or bullion as a security for National bank circulation.

THE friends of the late General W. S. Hancock have, as a tribute to his memory, raised a sum of money to purchase a home for his widow in Washington.

An order will shortly be issued by the President adding Southern California to the Department of Arizona, under command of General Nelson Miles, and removing the headquarters from Prescott, A. T., to Los Angeles, Cal. This will give General Miles command of the whole Mexican frontier, from Texas to t he Pacific. It is not expected in Washington that any more calls will by made in the near future for three per cent. bonds.

THE EAST.

THE case of Cyrus W. Field against James Gordon Bennett, of the New York Herald, for libel, in which Field obtained a verdict for £5,000, has been dismissed by the British Court of App als.

The Boston municipal election resulted in the re-election of Mayor Hugh O'Brien. Complete returns gave the following vote: O'Brien, Democrat, 23,387; Hart, Republican, 18,179; McNeill, Labor, 3,564.

THE contents of the Stewart picture gallery are to be sold by auction.

CHARLES WINCHESTER, a merchant of Ashburnham, Mass., has failed for \$500,000. CHARLES A. HERSPICH, dealer in furs, 93 Mercer street, New York, has assigned. Liabilities, \$200,000. WALL street was somewhat excited the

day following the recent panic, but indications were favorable to a normal resumption of business.

Four acres of ground caved in and fifty buildings were destroyed at Shenandoah, Pa., on the 17th, caused by robbing the pillars of the Kohinoor mine.

in stocks, money stiffened and for a time it looked as if the scenes of the memorable Black Friday would be re enacted. Only one failure, however, occurred.

HARPER BROTHERS, of New York, have begun a damage and injunction suit against the Franklin Square Library Company, of Louisville, on the ground of infringement of trade mark.

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Louis returned seventy-two indictments against various persons for frauds during the recent election. Twelve arrests were made.

ROLL. THAYER. WILLIAMS & Co., dry goods, Kansas City, Mo., failed on the 17th for \$100,000; assets fair.

THE National Wagon Manufacturers' Association met in Chicago recently and a resolution was unanimously adopted advancing the price of wagons ten per cent., owing to an advance in iron and other materials used in their construction.

The assignee of Cohn, Sampliner & Co., of Cleveland, O., the wholesale notion dealers who failed some time ago, has made his report. The liabilities are \$213,000 and the assets \$100,000. There were over 200 creditors.

Two hundred American district messenger boys struck at San Francisco the other morning. They wanted fixed wages, seventy-five cents a day, instead of five cents a trip, which they were getting.

THE SOUTH.

THE trouble between the Louisville & Nashville railroad and its brakemen has been amicably settled.

A FREIGHT and a material train on the western division of the Norfolk & Western railway collided near Pulaski City, Va., recently, and immediately afterward a train on the Cripple Creek extension of that road ran into the disabled trains. The three engines were completely wrecked, also four cars. Only one man was injured. Tur Little Rock, Mississippi & Texas railway has been sold to Jay Gould for \$500,000.

FRED HANGER'S gin house at Little Rock. Ark., burned recently. It was full of cotton and the loss was about \$50,000.

THE J. M. White, one of the handsomest boats on the Mississippi river, took fire on Somerning like a panic occurred in Wall the night of the 13th, near Bayou Sara, La. street on the 15th. There was a heavy fall From forty to sixty lives were lost, together with the cargo, valued at \$150,000. The boat cost \$225,000; insured for 29,000. The amazing rapidity with which the flames spread was the cause of the appalling loss of life.

In Lincoln County, Ga., recently, two process servers were seriously wounded by negro tenants who were in arrears with their rents

Gotha, claims that the Bulgarian delega tion formally offered him the crown of Bulgaria.

HEAVY storms were recently reported in the north of Spain ; the wreckage of steamers and smacks being washed ashore. During a severe storm at Marine a church was unroofed and five persons perished.

THE LATEST.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Dec. 18.- Between three and four o'clock yesterday morning people living along West Coal street in the northwest section of this borough were aroused by a creaking noise and the swaying of houses resembling a series of successive shocks of earthquakes, produced by a cave-in which took down fully four acres of that section of town upon which stand upward of fifty houses. The greatest alarm prevailed from three o'clock until after daylight. As the surface sank the houses swayed and tottered and the frightened people, many of

them with children in their arms, ran in search of places of safety, while the mei collected their most portable property and conveyed it from the doomed district. The surface settled from two to four feet and damaged the property to the extent of from \$50,000 to \$75,000. The cave-in was caused by the robbing of the workings of

the Kohinoor colliery, which is located under that town. NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- President Chauncey M. Depew, of the New York Central

road, was asked yesterday by a reporter for his views on the Interstate Commerce bill now before Congress for action. In answer to the inquiry for his objections to the long and short hant clause in the bill he said: "It would rain the extreme Shipments must come through at a rate that will enable them to be moved and to find a market at the seaboard. Then it very often happens that there is competition at certain points which temporarily may make a rate on a car load of freight very low. It the intermediate tariffs were to be fixed on the same basis the whole business would have to be done at a loss. Then the road would have to choose at once whether it would take its local freight at a renumerative rate or abandon its through business. It would certainly do the latter.

EDWARDS, Miss., Dec. 17.-The exodus of negroes from this vicinity continues unabated. Every train carries off car loads of men. women and children-the victims of emigration agents who make them be lieve that the bottom lands are a veritable negroes' heaven. A mass meeting of the best citizens was held here to-day and resoutions adopted and ordered to be posted warning the emigration agents to desist from their efforts among the negroes or leave the community. The meeting ap-pointed a committee, whose duty it is to wait on all agents who refuse or neglect to comply.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- A decision of the Court of Appeals was handed down yesterday morning which puts an end to the scheme to gridiron the city of New York with cable roads. The Supreme Court had denied a motion of the New York Cable Company to confirm a report of the comners under which it was allowed to missi build over seventy miles of railway in the streets of the city, and the Court of Ap-peals sustained the Supreme Court,

The Junction City & Fort Riley Street Railway Company; the Electric Light and Power Company of Lyons ; the Great Bend Steam Bakery and Co-operative Associa tion; the Abilene Co-operative Mercantile Association; the First Building and Loan Association of Stockton; the Williams & White Land and Loan Company of Newton; the Fowler Town Company of Russell County; the Walnut Valley Building and Loan Association of Winfield.

Ox the 14th patents were granted the following Kansas inventors: Joseph D. Galloway, Belmont, combination tool; Charles F. Hubbard, Topeka, calf weaner; William H. Hunt, Emporia, railway signal lamp; Daniel E. and H. D. Pratt. Gaylord. automatic grain scale; William R. Pattin, Elmdale, sliding gate: William Reeves, Miltonvale, combined subsoiler and planting attachment.

THE President recently appointed the tollowing Kansas pestmasters: J. M. Landis, at Oswego; J. Q. A. Sheldon, at Manhattan; J. R. Hall, at Howard; J F. Vaker, at Ellsworth; W. P. Eddy, at Columbus; J. E. Ireland, at Iola, and E. A. Lyon, at Cherryvale.

ADOLPH KOCH, a young man about twenty years of age, who was employed for a while as traveling salesman for Oppenheimer & Co., of Kansas City, was arrested at Leavenworth the other night charged with collecting and embezzling funds belonging to the house. He had been arrested once before for a similar offense but the firm withdrew the charge out of consideration for his family.

THE State of Kansas cares for 968 insan persons, 200 deaf and dumb, 85 blind, 25 feeble-minded children and 104 tough boys n the reform school.

THE Mexican who stabbed P. McGrav at Leavenworth has been arrested and lodged in jail. THE wife of Judge F. G. Adams, secretary

of the State Historical Society, died the other morning at Topeka. Mr. and Mrs. Adams located in Kansas in 1856, the year after their marriage, and have resided in the State ever since.

POST-OFFICE changes in Kansas during the week ended December 11: Established, Bethel, Republic County, Adrien M. Canfield. postmaster: Laport, Hamilton County, Jonathan G. Bennett, postmaster; Northfield, Sherman County, Henry Ber dine, postmaster; Southwell, Ness County, Samuel F. Hiatt, postmaster. Discon tinued, Monroe, Lincoln County.

HON. E. S. STOVER, once Lieutenant Govrnor of Kansas; was recently out gunning in Arizona and while returning home his gun was accidentally discharged, shattering his hand in such a frightful manner that amputation was necessary.

THE shorthorn cattle breeders, lately in conference at Topeka, passed resolutions indorsing the Oleomargarine law; favoring the passage by Congress of an efficient law for the suppression of cattle disease, with a sufficient appropriation to enforce the same; favoring the Interstate Commerce bill; favoring the continuance of the Live Stock Commission, and favoring an appropriation by the Legislature of at least \$100,000 as a contingent fund for stamping out pleuro-pneumonia in case of his attention.

Two white men, William Daily, of Nebraska, and Mr. Oberchain, of Kentucky, are supposed to be lost. Mrs. Wade, of West Feliciana, had an almost miraculous escape. She speaks in glowing terms of the heroic and galiant conduct of Captain Floyd, who sacrificed his life in trying to save the lady passengers. All of the officers of the White were saved. Among those who caped were J. E. Carew and wife, of Ottawa. III.

The J. M. White was built in 1878 at a cost of \$225,000, and was the finest and fastest boat ever run on the Mississippi. She was owned by Captain John W. Tobin, and was valued at \$200,000, while her cargo was worth \$150,000. The insurance on the boat is \$20,000, and the cargo is doubtless fully covered by insurance.

KANSAS STATE GRANGE.

W. H. Toothaker, Grand Master, Retires

Grange met in its fifteenth annual session in this city yesterday for a three days term. Grand Master W. H. Toothaker, of this county, delivered the address, in which The Legislature will have to pass an act he spoke of the objects of the organization and class legislation, and said: "The facts a court can inflict it. But the place" are that the farmers of America are reaping the rewards, at this time, of the seeds that have been sown for many years since the civil war, in a system of discrimination and class legislation, such as has seldom been witnessed in ancient or modern times. The interests of the people have largely been lost sight of in the scramble for and power. The official record shows that 200,000 farms have been swallowed in the vortex of selfish greed and monopoly rule. Let us ask ourselves around hearthstones, in the bosoms of our families and homes, who, what body of men, or what party, has had control of this Government and inaugurated this system or permitted it to be done. Let us hold such responsible, and by our voices and votes consign them to the depth of infamy, where future historians will so justly place them." transportation questions, taking a position offices for low tariff and transportation relieved of the present discriminations. He urged upon the grange the importance of selecting representatives in Congress not unfriendly to its interests. He said the office of commissioner of agriculture should be made a cabinet position, and that the grange had repeatedly asked that such be done. After ten years' official connection with the grange Mr. Toothaker retires from office at this session, as his business now demands

ROUGH ON TRAMPS.

estchester County, N. Y. Declares That They Must Work or Die.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 .- The resolution offered recently in the Board of Supervisors of Westchester County, providing for the drowning of tramps if they fail to bail out the water which is to be let into their cells, is no longer looked upon as a loke. All the humor was taken out of it yesterday by the adoption of the resolution by a vote of 14 to 8, Westchester County will soon become one of the most disagreeable summer or winter resorts for tramps on the face of the continent, because, under the terms of this resolution, the tramps must work or die. The resolution provides for the erection of a building on the county farm provided with compartments that can be flooded to the depth of six feet. When tramp is caught the justice or magistrate is required to sentence him to this After Ten Years' Service. OLATHE, Kan., Dec. 15.—The State in one of these compariments, and the water is to be turned on. To save his life he must scoop the water out as tast as it comes in, or in the language of the resolution "be submerged thereby." permitting this mode of punishment before punishment can be built withou the aid of the Legislature. Another resolution was adopted requesting the Senator and As-semblymen of the county to secure the passage of the necessary special tramp act as provided in the resolution.

LANDS RESTORED.

The Public Domain Extended by Forfeited Lands of the Atlantic & Pacific

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- The Commissioner of the General Land Office vesterday ordered the local land offices at San Francisco and Los Angeles, Cal., and Santa Fe and Las Cruces, N. M., to give notice by publication that the lands granted to the Atisatie & Pacific Railway Company, which were forfeited by the act of July 6, 1886, had been restored to the public Mr. Toothaker touched upon the tariff and domain and that the books of their were open for the entry of the lands as other ungranted public lands-those within the granted limits at \$2.50 per acre and those within the indem-nity limits at \$1.25 per acre. The restored lands are in the Territory of New Mexico east of the Rio Grande river and such of the California lands as are outside of the conflicting limits of the grant to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company. The restoration of the lands within the conflicting limits is deferred until the claims of the Southern Pacific can be heard.

an outbreak

Chase Countin Courant. stood shoulder to shoulder, like soldiers

W. E. TIMMONS, Editor.

TOTTONWOOD FALLS. - KANSAS

A BALLAD FOR CHRISTMAS.

The bells are loud, the bells are sweet along The bens are foud, the bens are sweet along the winter land;
The trees are bright with frosted sleet, and like mailed warriors stand;
The wind sings down the southern slope of valleys lying wide.
Where, like a line of silver scope, the narrow rivers glide.

man."

world!"

to his ear.

descent.

domestic joys.

weakness, unsympathetic with social or

"Why does he go on making money?" people asked, sometimes. "What good is it to him, or any body else? And he

The sea-birds cry with boding call across the shining sand, And on the cape the lighthouse tall a sentinel

And on the cape the graniest can be control of doth stand.
And flerce and high the north-wind roars down from the forests drear.
And bears far on the distant shores the leaves made brown and sere. has neither chick nor child in the

Far out it meets a ship that sails from distant

topic seas: Her masts have braved the stormiest gales, and wooed the softest breeze. Around the bleakness of Cape Horn her out-ward way she bore, And met the radiant light of morn on Cal-ifornia's shore. ifornia's shore

Across the wide Pacific's waves she sailed to

far Cathay. Below her course the coral caves stretched for long leagues away: She heard the tiger growl his love on distant She heard the tiger growl his love on distant

Borneo, And swift before the tempest drove, where swirled Antarctic snow.

Now with her weather-braces taut, and royals snugly furled.
She comes with orient fragrance fraught up from the under-world;
The sunrays on her canvas gleam, the seas before her part,
She sees the light of welcome stream from out her waiting mart. his darkening room?

The cold wind shouts, and in the North a

black line rises slow,
The trumpets of the storm blaze forth, and high the white-caps grow,
And down the gray and cloudy West the red sun lingering falls,
While weirdly o'er the occan's breast loud ring the sea-guils' calls.

Below the dark slope of the hills the sunlight

slow the tark slope of the fine the statight slowly fades. And sad the sobbing tone that fills night's deep and sombre shades: The stars pale from the cloudy sky, the storm-roar weights the gloon, The cyclone notes are wild and high, and sing a song of doom.

To-morrow brings the Christmas tide, the

welcome and the cheer That in each loving home doth bide, grown

dearch for in the doth side, grown dearch every year; The hearth fire now is bright and warm, and glad with crackling song. While out at sea the windy storm grows jubi-lant and strong.

The brave ship breasts the sturdy blast, and

The lighthouse through the again global, and nears the echoing cape;
Fierce breakers on the reef are cast, deep gloom the low rocks drape.
Why shines no beacon from the height, where, like a giant ghost,
The lighthouse through the sobbing night frowns on the dreary coast?

No voice can pierce the sullen roar that fills

the foaming reach. Where stern waves hurt their icy store along the sodden beach; The helmsman watches for the star that from

the beetling steep Should show the harbor's frothing bar, and light the pathless deep.

Two points away he heads the ship, straight for the reef he steers. The flerce waves by the dark sides slip, the wind is loud with cheers: Death waits amid the yeasty wrath that lies

the reefs along. His bony fingers point the path where dan-gers thickest throng.

But love has seen the gloomy tower and love,

and where the shadows deepest lower, and winds the loudest blow,
With brave heart speeds a winsome maid, she gains the lighthouse stair,
And soon, amid the windy shade, out-shines a golden glare.

The weary helmsman sees the sign, her own betrothed is be; He flings aside the stinging brine, and bears the helm a-lee. And clearing through the driving foam the ship obeys her wheel, While on the reef the breakers comb ten fathoms from her keel.

She settled herself demurely upon the under drill. The proprietor sat upright in his straight-backed chair, with el-bows thrown slightly backward and fingers locked across his breast—a man cushion and began an interested scrutiny of her novel surroundings. Evidently the maxim "Never interrupt" had not been impressed upon her child-ish mind, for she began a running fire apparently of forty, or thereabouts, with a head finely molded and features of questions which sadly interfered with meant to have been mobile and kindly, the addition of a long column of figures, but which seemed, somehow, to have stiffened with long repression. "A hard upon which her companion had resumed his work. he was called-bearing no re-The telephone suddenly became an

proach, indeed, of treachery or dis-honor in business relations—but cold, self-contained, intolerant of human object of wonder, and she clambered from her perch for a nearer inspection. "What's that?"

- "A telephone."
- "What do you do with it?" "I talk into it.'
- "Who is it that you talk to?" "Somebody up stairs."
- "Show me how you do it." "Well, see here then. I turn this

Could it be possible that some ques nandle-so-and that rings a little bell. tion like this was passing through his Then I take this thing in my hand-so own mind, as he sat untouched by a ray -and hold it close to my ear while I

am talking. Do you understand?" "I-guess so. And does the some body up stairs hear you?"

"Yes.

"Please talk into it now." Christmas eves had stayed his hand! "Oh, I can't now. There's nothing to say.

The old home, the father and mother asleep on the snow-covered hillside, the "What did you say when you talked into it the last time?

marrying against his will, he had ers-"I said-let me think. I said: 'Shall elly and willfully estrayed himself so we send the hundred wax dolls and the long, that he knew not now if she were case of Noah's arks that Green & Co. ordered?' alive or dead-was it some memory of

these which held him still and silent in The child's eyes glowed like stars. "A hundred dollies!" she cried. "Has Eliot Dinsdale was of too discerning the somebody upstairs got a hundred mind to be self-deceived. If he felt dollies?"

himself aloof from the happy commerce "More than a hundred-a thousand." of the season of good-will and cheer, he

"Really and truly?" "Yes." knew that it was because he had willed

it so, if other hearts were closed to him, he, himself, had shut the doors of She came closer, pulling at the sleeve of her new friend. his own,-if he were unstirred by the

"Is it Santa Claus upstairs?" she generous impulse of the time, he could remember when he had driven from him

asked, in an awed whisper. The young man laughed—a jolly, ringing laugh. "A good joke!" he said, as if to himself. "Santa Claus, the angel who would fain have thrilled the waters of his soul with the Divine trouble of healing. But, whatever his indeed!' musings may have been, there broke,

The child drew back, offended.

suddenly in upon him, the ring of the telephone call at his elbow, familiar, "Nobody but Santa Claus could have a thousand dollies," she said in a hurt yet strange, with an odd hesitancy in tone

the sound, the cadences of a timid or He stooped penitently and kissed her cheek. "I wasn't laughing at you, Pussie. It must be Santa Claus." unpracticed hand, quite different from its usual sharp, peremptory summons. Turning quickly, he raised the receiver

The little girl said no more. Some weighty question was revolving in her small conscience. The young man touched the porter's call-bell once and again, without response, and growing impatient, stepped into another room, leaving the child alone. Her eyes were

she wispered. She mounted the tall writing stool, as if drawn by a spell. Her breath fluttered, her cheeks grew scarlet. She laid her finger on the tiny knob, she turned it, starting and trembling at the unfamiliar signal, then, growing more bold, she unhooked the receiver and hid her small, pink ear in its depths.

III. BOTH ENDS MEET.

"Hello! Who is it?" in a deep, bass voice, came thrilling along the men call these laps or plates 'shoots,'

"O, Mr. Santa Claus!" tremulously. "It's only Bessie! The man's gone-just a minute! He laughed at me-but do want a dolly so! Mine's all broke to pieces! I asked mamma, but she cried, and said she didn't think Santa Claus knew where we lived this Christmas. Please, Mr. Santa Claus, if you've got a thousand dollies, w on't you give

There was a sound of returning steps and the frightened child almost fell from the stool in her haste. Flushed and panting, she regained her chair just as a sharp ring at the telephone summoned the entering bookkeeper. "Who called me just now?" came the

BILL NYE'S BOYHOOD. swift, wordless impulse she threw both

her soft arms around his neck.

was laid in Bessie's arms!

thing for the baby's stocking!'

the official, in tones distraught

"Mamma! my mamma!"

anxiety, as Eliot Dinsdale, with his little

charge, walked into the nearest police

The lady turne !, and with an inar-

ticulate cry snatched the child to her

"It is I, Mary!" He bent his head,

give-for her sake-on Christmas Eve?" -Mary A. P. Slansberry, in Interior.

THE OYSTER SHELL.

in King Lear.

shoots out from underneath the first

one, just as shingles do. The ovster-

and they claim that the number of

shoots indicates the years of the oyster.

seasons, showing the slow-growing and

the fast growing seasons. I have lik-

ened these shoots to shingles. Now at

the gable of a house the shingle may be

seen edgewise, so on the side of an oys-

ter-shell is a series of lines. This is the

growths. Another factor is the purple

spot or scar on the interior of the shell.

tachment was close up to the hinge. Had

it staid there until the shell had become

They certainly do contain a record of the

nevi

eagle!"

station.

breast.

Claus!

as ashes.

Why He Does Not Particularly Yearn to Be an Urchin Again. "Thank God!" he murmured rever-If I were a boy again, endowed with

ently. Then to the child: "Let me get my coat and hat, then, and we will go." the same wild passion for plucking watermelons in the dark of the moon, I In five minutes, he was ready for the would no doubt fall a victim to that street. In his hand was a great box. overmastering passion as I did before, "Shall we look inside first?" he asked, as he lifted the child to his knee. he but looking at it as I do now, I would be wiser. Boys can not, however, have He cut the strings, unwrapping with the mature judgment of manhood withdeft fingers fold after fold of silken paper. Ah. the erv of delight that woke out the experience and the rheumatism the sleeping, silvery echoes, when the last was reached and the wonderful, that go with it. So it is better that in our childhood we may be able to eat blue-eyed, flaxen-haired, waxen beauty raw turnip with safety, and know some-"Then you were Santa Claus!" she thing later on in life. I notice a great cried, when she could find her breath. change in myself while comparing my present condition with that of joyous "But you aren't old or funny. Where's your fur coat and the reindeers, and boyhood. Then I had no sense, but I had a good digestion. Now I haven't even the digestion. The hurrying years why don't you come down the chimhave cavorted over my sunny head till "I was struck all of a heap," said the they have worn it smooth, but they have book-keeper, that evening, rehearsing the story to an eager audience at home left a good deal yet for me to learn. I -"for he tied on her little hood as am still engaged in learning during the day and putting arnica on my experihandy as a woman, and wrapped her

ence at night. Childhood is said to be the most gladup and carried her out in his arms, dolly and all. But, when he was fairly some period in our lives, and in some outside the door, what did he do but turn back and call to me: 'A merry Christmas, Mr. Holliwell! Buy somerespects this statement may be regarded as reliable, but it is not all joy. Thave had just as much fun in later years as I And, as did in boyhood, though the people with whom I have been thrown in contact I'm alive, he tossed me this gold A slender, pale body, dressed in claim that their experience has been difthread-bare black, was conversing with ferent. I hope they do not mean any thing personal by that. with

I do sometimes wish that I could be a boy again, but I smother that wish on account of my parents. What they need most is rest and change of scene. They still enjoy childred, but they would like a chance to select the children with whom they associate.

My parents were blessed with five "Mamma! mamma! don't! You'll bright eyed and beautiful little boys, break my dolly! And here is Mr. Santa three of whom grew up and by that means became adults. I am in that condition myself. I was the eldest of The mother looked up-a startled wonder grew in dilated eyes—a wave of color surged over her face and left it pale the family with the exception of my parents. I am still that way. My early fe was rather tempestuous in places, "My brother Eliot!" He rather saw occasionally flecked with sunshine, but than heard the whisper that parted her more frequently with retribution. I was not a very good roadster when young, speaking too low for other curious cars. "The child trusted me! Can you forand so retribution was 'most always just in the act of overtaking me. While outraged justice was getting in its work on me, the other boys escaped through a small aperture in the fence.

That is another reason why I do not yearn to be a boy again.

An Answer to a Question Asked by the Fool When we ran away from school to catch chubs, and when we built a fire to cook them and the fire got into the tall, dry grass and burned four miles of fence and sixteen tons of hay for a gen-Prof. Samuel Lockwood, in a recent lecture before the New York Microscopic Society, answered the question tleman for whom I had a high regard, which is asked by the fool in King Lear: and I went back to put out the fire, the "Canst tell how an oyster makes his other boys escaped and have remained shell?" He starts with the hinge end, so ever since. A just retribution has never had any at the spot known to conchologists as

the umoo. "A small plate or single difficulty in overtaking me and walking scale now represents each valve, and up and down over my wishbone.

that is the first season's growth. The When a party of us had been engaged in gathering Easter eggs in the barn of next season a new growth or plate a gentleman who was away from home at the time, and he returned just as we had filled our pockets with the choicest vintage of his sun-kissed hens, the other boys escaped while I was occupying the attention of the dog, and I had to slide out of the second story of the barn. It is still fresh in my mind as I write. wore my father's vest at that time and it was larger than was necessary. My father was larger than I at that time, for I was only nine years of age and edgewise view of the shoots or seasonhad not arrived at my full stature. In sliding down the batten I discovered that the upper end of it was loose and that my flowing vest had slipped over it, so that when I got down about four It is the place of attachment of the abductor muscle. Its first place of at-

CLOVER AND TIMOTHY.

Strong Suspicions That the Roots of the Former Take Advantage of the Latter. During the past year the writer has been making some observations upon the roots of the red clover and the common timothy. These two plants are the types of their respective groups. The clover (Trifolium pratense) is the preferred forage plant of the great pulse family, to which the pea, bean, lucern and thousands of other plants belong. The timothy (Phleum pralense), on the other hand, is the standard meadow grass, and is a member of the great grass family which includes the cereals among its best members. The farmer could not get along for a single season without these two royal orders of plants, and it may be also true that his success would not be at its height if he neglected to grow the two representatives here

chosen. From first to last, the clover is very different from the timothy. In struc-ture there is no similarity, until the microscopic elements are considered, and here, of course, all plants are much alike. In leaf, stem and flower there is very little in common. The observations the present season have been upon the roots, and here there is a wide difference found. Passing by the process of germination, which has its charac-teristic method in the seeds of each plant, the roots themselves widely differ. The observations were made upon young plants produced by scattering seeds of the grass and clover upon moist blotting paper, and covering them with more blotting paper. A flask was so arranged that it furnished a con-

stant supply of water. The timothy roots are small-that is, long and slender. The cap or covering at the tip is thin, and does not cast off many cells. A word of explanation is here needed on root caps in general. Every well-developed root has its tip or free-growing end, protected by a cap. consisting of cells or little sacs packed together, mak ng a covering. The root grows in length at a point, or in a layer just under this cap. The cap is worn off upon the outside, by contact with the sharp particles of soil, and this loss is made good by new cells formed upon the inner side. The timothy roots do not produce many root-hairs for a considerable distance from the tip of the root. The root is therefore smooth, and might be likened to a common pin. On the other hand, the clover root has a thick, well developed cap. and from its outer surface many cells are exfoliated. The reader must bear in mind that the roots under investigation were grown free from soil, and doubtless the ips are somewhat different from those that are produced in the soil. The root-hairs begin to develop from the surface of the root in large numbers, only a short distance back of the tip. These hairs are of a different shape from those of the t mothy, being often much twisted and frequent y clubshaped; while those in the grass are slender, of the same diameter throughout, and usually straight. The most interesting point in connection with these hairs, was the fact that they quickly twisted around any substance that would furnish any nourishment for the young plant. They often twisted upon each other, and formed complex knots. The exfoliated cells and accompanying slime from the tip of the root-caps, were eagerly sought by these hairs whenever

they came within their reach. The crooked hairs seemed to vie with each other seeking out anything they could The timothy b rs exhibited n such determination. They were wellbehaved, while the clover-root hairs showed themselves as willing to take any means to get on in the world. These hairs in one case attacked the tip of a timothy leaf, and exhibited all the indications of obtaining food therefrom. They bent out of their regular course as far as possible to get their tips in contact with the timothy. The clover hairs frequently behaved toward the hairs of the timothy roots as the threads of a parasite upon its host.-Prof. B. D. Halsted, in Country Gentleman.

rivited upon the mysterious instrument. "I wonder if I could! I fink I could!"

II.

. AT THE OTHER.

Her pretty mouth was quivering, but she would not let herself cry aloud.

"I fink my mamma's gone to the bakery," she said with a little sob in her wire. voice. There was no window out of which to look, for the little light in the place entered through a few panes let into the dingy ceiling. The child dragged a heavy chair across the floor, and climbing upon it, pulled down from

the hood awry over her curls, fumbling patiently at the strings with her small tingers.

the fringed ends of the heavy shawl be-

hind her over the frosty pavement. But

no one paused to question her as she hurried on, looking about at first eager-

"Do you know where the bakery is,

The bookkeeper sat down and drew

"Who is your mamma, my dear?"

"Do you know where you live?"

The young man laughed, but the

He drew a chair in front of the ra

diator and set the little girl tenderly

"I'll help you find your mamma," he said, "but you'll have to wait a

"Will you, really and truly?"

"Really and truly!"

"Well, then, I'll wait!"

to the police station."

down.

some hooks upon the wall a worn shawl and a little scarlet hood. She put on

me just one?" "I'm 'fraid it's in a hard knot," she murmured, dolefully, at last proceeding to wind the large shawl around her in fantastic fashion, arranging it with infinite pains, and holding it fast about her shoulders. Opening the door she went out into the passage, where at the

Startled from her sleep by some unusual sound, the child sat upright amid the blankets which had been carefully wrapped around her. A mass of fluffy. yellow curls fell about her warm, rosy

cheeks, and her great violet eyes peered anxiously into the dimness of the bare little room, of which her own childish beauty was the only adornment. Her red lips parted:

"Mamma! mamma!"

There was no answer, and freeing herself from the encumbering wrap-pings, she clambered down over the bedside.

Ring loud, O. Christmas bells, ring loud! the morning splendor wakes, And through the rifted mass of cloud the

amber giory breaks; The sunlight ripples through the town, the

sea-birds wing their way Where, with sails furled, and anchor down, a ship rides in the bay.

Oh, love is stronger far than death, the souls of men are his;
Gloom fades before his fragrant breath, grief dies beneath his kiss;
Who dares for him will deeply drain the wine within his wells.
The maiden's heart has lost its pain, ring loud, O Christmas bells!
Thomas F. Collier, in Youth's Companion.

her in stolid silence.

HER FIRST "HELLO!"

What Came of Bessie's Telephone Message.

I. AT ONE END OF THE LINE.

ly and hopefally, but with a growing air of perplexity and trouble as she No one looking down the long, brilcame into the broad, unfamilar streets. liant street, could have doubted that it At every corner she paused, looking would be Christmas to-morrow. It vainly up and down. Her little bard hands were chilled, the people jostled her, and a careless foot set upon her was not alone that in all the shop-windows were displayed their gayest wares; not that, here and there, before some quaint train. tore away the fringes. Her lips were trembling again, and tears strained at her eye-lids. Suddenly her great plate-glass front, the eager crowd jostling each other for a closer view of attention was attracted by a pair of some elaborate decoration appropriate to glass doors through which a cheerful the holiday season; nor yet the wagons light was streaming. She climbed the broad flight of steps leading up to them. piled with evergreens, redolent of the balsamy breath of the spruce or pine, and vainly tried the heavy latch. Somewere creaking up and down, driven by body inside turned the knob, and startcomfortably tippeted and mittened ed in surprise at the odd, little person-countrymen. But on the faces of all age who entered. With the swift inage who entered. With the swift inthe people, there was the happy haste tuition of childhood, the moist, blue and indefinable expectation which be- eyes read the kindly features, and a longs to Christmas-time alone, of all the brave, trustful smile lighted up the lityear. The frosty air itself seemed tle face. breezy with secrets. If only every "Do ye body would be still for a moment, one that my mamma's gone to? 'Cause I might feel sure of hearing them centercan't find her!" ing from all points, as if in the focus of a great whispering-gallery. "Ding! ding!" went the car-bellsthe child upon his knee. He had one of

his own at home. somebody was getting on or off at every crossing. Opposite passengers could "Why, mamma's just mamma! And I'm Bessie." In a lower tone: "Papa's scarcely see each other over the breastworks of parcels of all shapes and sizes. gone to Heaven?" Those who were forced to stand, having hands to spare for the straps jostled each other unmercifully in the attempt It isn't a nice place"-confidentiallyto keep their uncertain footing, yet "but don't tell mamma, 'cause it makes what would have sometimes provoked an angry frown, caused only a smile or ma don't wash her face!" good-natured ejaculation. The world seemed too full of Christmas peace and mirthful sound ended in a low, pergood will to admit even the trying blades of impatience or discontent. plexed whistle. "I shall be off duty soon," he said to himself, "then I will take her around

So much for the day outside, but in the private office of "Eliot Dinsdale, Wholesale Toys," it was quite different. The room, finished and furnished all in dark woods, was growing dim already. for high walls early shut out the light of the waning afternoon, and the gas was not yet lighted. There was nolittle." where any suggestion of comfortable indulgence-much less of holiday fessivity. Even the great rows of books

voice of his chief. head of a long, narrow stairway, an-

"Nobody, sir!" "Nonsense!" The wire seemed fairly other child was standing, who stared at

to snap with indignant denial. "There was somebody, I tell you!—a child!" "Biddy Malooney, I'm just goin' round the corner to the bakery to meet The young man glanced at his small my mamma," explained the small lady, visitor almost in terror. "There is a little girl here, sir-a lost with dignity, as she began the perilous

child," he stammered, "but I didn't More than one passer by looked for know-I was out for a moment, sir!" an instant at the curious little figure "I think you were! Hold! I'll come emerging from the street-entrance of the tall tenement-house, and trailing down."

A minute later the proprietor entered. His face wore a peculiar expression of excitement, but the book-keeper was not to receive the reprimand which he dreaded-Mr. Dinsdale scarcely glanced in his direction. The gaslight threw into full relief the figure of the little girl. Her loosened hood had fallen, revealing the golden glory of her hair, and her great blue eyes were raised. eloquent with an appeal. He stood still gazing at her, and his face grew deadly pale. Slowly the color returned, and with it a wonderful change passed over his stern face.

"The child's lost, sir, and just wandered in here," explained the bookkeeper. "I'm going to take her around to the station. I went out to call the patrol and -

"Yes. yes, I understand! Never mind that! Who are you, little one?" he asked in a strange, softened voice.

"I'm Bessie, and I want my mamma!

"Bessie what? Can't you tell the rest?

"Why, Bessie Eliot Gray!" answered the child, wearily. "He said he'd find my mamma, and I am so tired!"

The bookkeeper rubbed his hand across his eves in amazement. Was he asleep or waking? Could it be his stern, reticent employer, who had bent to his knee upon the floor before the little vagrant from the street! "He is busy. Would you go with me

"Way up-stairs, 'cause we've moved. to find her?'

What a swelling flood of tender, remorseful memories rolled over Eliot Dinsdale's soul, while the childish eyes slowly and gravely searched his pleading face! He almost held his breath. In some dim, unreasoning fashion, it seemed to him that his very destiny hung upon her verdict. If that pure, young soul surrendered itself to him in trustful confidence, he would accept the omen that a new day of good will and peace might arise upon his selfish, bitter past. The blue eyes paused at last, looking straight into his own, holding,

adult, how difficult would be the task of pulling the valves together. The leverage to be overcome would be so great; for we must bear in mind the fact, that at the fringe end the valves are held by this black ligament, which is in life elastic, swelling when the shell opens; and being compressed when the animal draws the valves together.

So, with every year's growth or elonga-tion of the shell the mollusk moves the place of attachment of the muscle onward; that is, in advance farther from the hinge. As it does so, it covers up with white nacre all the scars that are back of the one in actual use as the point of attachment of the muscle. To make the similitude of the oyster's shoots or season-growths with the shingles on a roof complete, "it would be necessary for, the bottom shingle of the roof to underlie all the rest of the series; so of the second. and so on with the rest. In this way lie the shoots or laps of the oyster's shell. The last one deposited underlies them all, and every one terminates at the channel in the bill; so that this groove in the bill contains a series of transverse lines, each

one marking a season or a year. Thus we get really four factors for the solution of the question: 'How old is the oyster?' all of which are the outcome of the method or way of making the shell." -Day Star.

The Camera in Medicine.

It is now suggested that photography may become a useful agent in medical diagnosis, disclosing symptoms of disease before they are otherwise perceptible. In a recent negative of a child the face was shown as thickly covered with an eruption, no trace of which could be seen on the child until three days afterward, when its skin became covered with spots due to prickly heat. In an-other recorded case, invisible spots were brought out on a photograph taken a

fortnight before an attack of small-pox. -Arkansaw Traveler.

-Charles Baker, a Texas farmer, became insane over his wife's death, and his servants fled. He amused himself by killing his live stock, and shot everything moving, even chickens. His neighbors went to arrest him, and, after firing on them, he rushed to an upper room, placed himself at the window and cut his throat, then turned a pistol against his head, fired and fell dead.

-It was recently announced that the German Emperor had been out hunting in the forest of Hessenhai, and killed nineteen deer and nine wild pigs. This compelling his gaze by the power of their innocence. A light like sudden sunshine glorified her face, her lips parted in a smile that showed her tiny past him along a lane, about thirty Sun. teeth in a bewitching row, and with a paces distant.

feet I hung with the Loard buttoned inside my bosom and the scrambled egg oozing out of my knickerbockers.

The batten had sprung back against the barn in such a way as to prevent my unbuttoning my vest, and while I hung there on the side of the barn like a coon skin, the proprietor came around and accused me of prematurely gathering his eggs.

I had heard truth very highly spoken of by people who had dabbled in it more or less, and so I resolved to try it in this instance. So I admitted that suco was the case, and it was the best thing I could have done, for the man said as I had been so frank with him he would take me down as soon as he got his other work done, and he was as good his word. After he had milked nine cows and fed nine calves he came around with a ladder and took me down. He also spanked me and set the dog ont me, but I did not mind that, for I was accustomed to it. To hang on the side of a barn, however, like an autumn leaf, trying to kick large holes in the atmosphere, is disagreeable.

This incident cast a gloom over my whole life. It has also reconciled me to the awful decree that I can never be a boy again .- Bill Nye, in N. Y. World.

His Best Girl's Fair Hand.

Sam Sample was initiating his best girl into the mysteries of poker. She was betting the limit and Sam was raising her on three jacks. He had been gazing very fixedly at her dainty digits is they lightly held the cards.

"I can't help admiring your fair hand," he remarked.

"Yes" she assented, "I have a very fair hand," and then she showed down four deuces and took in the pot .- Merchant Traveler.

He Probably Could.

"Is there a colored man around here who can beat a carpet?" asked a citizen of a white-washer at the market vesterday.

"I recon dat pusson ober dar, kin do it, sah.'

"Is he a professional?" "Yes, sah. He's beat two groceries. hree saloons an' his wife, an' I reckon he kin git away wid a ca'pet."-Detroit Free Press.

Every Thing Ready for Him.

Fashionable Mother (to fashionable laughter)-Are you going out, dear?

Fashionable Daughter-Yes, mamma Fashionable Mother-And if the hair lresser should come while you are out? Fashionable Daughter-Oh, I have left full instructions with Jane.-N. Y. Artificial Fertilizers.

The use of these is increasing faster than the knowledge of how to use them, or how to make a profit out of them. Nearly every reading farmer now has some ideas about nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash as necessary plant foods. But farmers have much to learn about the source whence they come, their cost, the cost of their manufacture, their real value when manufactured, and the possibilities of getting them more cheaply and using them separately or together in the most economical way. That they are good we know, but how to get the most good at the least cost is not yet sufficiently known.-Rura! New Forker.

-The marriage laws of Pennsylvania, framed to prevent hasty marriages, have been in operation a year. They have had one certain result, they have increased the revenues of the Jersey parsons who live near the Pennsylvania line. One parson stayed home during his summer vacation and made some \$300 in fees. Another has 'cards, giving his residence and minute directions how to get there, distributed on all the ferryboats plying between Philadelphia and Camden.—Philadelphia Call.

-The fence law of Georgia, which has had the effect of keeping hogs from roaming unrestrained through the woods, has also had the effect of greatly increasing the number of skunks in the State. Hogs are particularly fond of young skunks, and devoured many of them when the woods were open to stock.—Atlanta Constitution.

-- "Did you gain flesh by going to the beach this year, Grantly?" "I did, in-deed, Brownley; gained 125 pounds." "Pshaw! impossible!" "Fact, my dear fellow. Come up to the house and I'll introduce you to her. We were mar-ried last week."

-The editors and publishers of Mexico have addressed a memorial to the Secretary of Foreign Relations opposing the proposed international copyright treaty between Mexico and Span.

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THAT BOY.

Through the house with laugh and shout, Knees to readbare and elbows out, Memma hears, with anxicus doubt, That boy.

Va.n are all the lessons taught: In one short hour they are forgot, Gentle mamma learneth not That boy.

Thus she muses, while she tries To sooth the wakened baby's cries; While to other mischief hies That boy.

With aching head, this mother mild, Looks to the future of her child-Still heedless, yells in accents wild, That boy.

She bears the dread, unearthly tone, And stilles something like a groan. To some bad end will surely come That boy.

Patient mother, which had smill Summon back thy loving smill Soon will graver care beguile That boy.

Soon the boy "with cheek of tan" Will be the brawny, bearded man. If thou wouldst irust and honor then That boy,

Trust him now, and let thy care Shield his soul from every snare That waits to capture, unaware, That boy.

And when, though worn and oft distressed Thou knowest that God thy work has blessed Then trust with Him for all the rest, That boy. —St. Louis Observer.

MERITED THE HONOR.

A Man Whose Centennial Was But Recently Celebrated.

What the Father of the Potato Had to Contend With-High-Priced "Flower"-A Savant's Knowledge of Human Na-

In the year 1769 a large portion of fertile France beheld its grain crops go to ruin. A record of the day mentions that on those golden hillsides whence come the glorious vintages of Burgundy, the vine-dressers, the laborers, and the pampered dwellers in towns disputed with beasts the possession of the scanty food, and devoured the grass in the fields to satisfy the cravings of hunger. This appalling condition of affairs recalled to the mind of the studious chemist in Paris a certain event in his earlier life, and he set about deriving some practical good from it. He had been attached to the medical service of the army in 1758, during the war in Hanover. He was unfortunate enough to be taken prisoner, and passed five years in military captivity in Prussia. During this period he and his comrades complained bitterly of the rations allowed them by the Germans. The greater part of their food consisted of The certain roots that the peasants cultivated exclusively for their animals.

As our philosophical chemist had not the choice of roast pheasant and plum pudding, he was forced to be content with this rude fare. But he did more than bolt it; while he shared the disgust of his companions with the flavor of their food, he took notes on the subject. He observed that the roots became palatable by custom; that they caused no illness; that, in fact, they were readily digested; and that they were easy to

The sight attracted crowds of the curious, and it was the more remarked upon as dismal reports of famine were coming in from some of the provinces. The 24th of August the King's fete day was celebrated at Versailles, and thither wended the fashionable to do them homage. Among the throng was the philosopher of tabers, equipped with a boquet of blossoms from "the Sa-blons," as his field was called. Upon

his arm hung a basket of the diminutive tubers. The King was pleased to accept the blossoms, which he pro-nounced superb. He placed one in his button-hole and presented the remainder to the Queen, who arranged them in her tresses. Orders were given for the tubers to be served up at the royal dinner. It is needless to add that the courtiers all found them to be excellent and that commands were given with a view to future repasts. And now behold the humble potato, raised all at once to the summit of fashion! The Queen had worn the blossoms, and speedily couriers raced hither and thither, seeking them for the courtiers at any price. Few were to be had, and the kucky cultivators sold them at their weight in gold. For a single cluster, one of the first obtained, the price of ten louis, or about \$45, was paid. The same furor was aroused over the tubers. What the King had dined upon became a luxury to be procured at any expense. The fortune of the potato appeared to

be made. But not quite. The philosophic Parmentier was not content to see his modest root the darling of fashion. He was honestly devoted to the interests of the common people. These had caught the echoes from the court. Curiosity was aroused, but the ancient prejudices were not removed. In popular belief the potato was a poison, except for animals. When the court threw aside its novelty of the day, Dr. Parmentier re-flected, all would be at an end. It ap-

pears that he understood human nature, and he had not forgotten the story of Paradise. In response to an appeal made to a

high functionary of the court, a military guard was stationed around "the Sablons," with its mysterious plants. The people were given to understand that it was forbidden fruit that grew there. Hints were dropped that the tubers were not really good to the taste and pleasant to the stomach. As night came on a certain number of sentinels, secretly instructed, wandered away from their posts. To Dr. Parmentier's delight, morning revealed the fact that the thieves had been busy. The trick was a success. That "stolen fruit is was as true in those days as sweet' now. The potato became popular, and the success of the strategem was celebrated later on by a historic banquet, at which the new edible, served in many different forms, monopolized an entire bill of fare.

Voltaire wrote to Dr. Parmentier in 1778 as follows: "You. sir, have ren-dered France a great service in proving that she can triple and quadruple the nourishment of her numerous population. The common people make much of those illustrious brigands that desolate the world, and crown them as heroes. Believe me, sir, a glory like yours is far above that of those devastators. Their glory is bloody and disastrous; yours is pure and merits the praises of

all that love humanity." The City of Montdidier, where Dr. Parmentier was born in 1737, erected a statue in his honor, and has recently celebrated his centennial. The date makes it more nearly a commemorananet that any other prominent event in the phi-lanthropist's life; for that took place in 1781, while Dr. Parmentier died in 1813. But the celebration was none the less just and graceful. Doubtless all civilized society would have united in the festivities had it known to whom the honor of making the potato popular was due. - Cosmopolitan.

USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

-If a farmer pays \$250 for a twine binder in spring, and cuts \$160 worth of wheat with it in summer, how long will the binder have to stand out in the weather to get a mortgage on the farm? -The Vindicator.

-Vanilla Jumbles: Two cups sugar, one cup butter, two eggs, one-half cup milk, one quart flour, four teaspoonfuls yeast powder, sprinkle with sugar after rolling out and press lightly with roll-ing pin, then cut out and lay in pan.-Good Housekeeping.

-In a recent speech in Boston, General Hawley said: "I think that the man who looks into the great broad face and dark brown eyes of a New England ox has better company than he has with some men-some men, of considerable intellect also."-N. F. Post.

-A correspondent of the Country Gentleman tells of butter pressed in a mold so as to look exactly like a large, fine strawberry. One of these berries was put by the side of each plate, and an extra supply stood in the center of the table on a fruit dish.

-The young of wild species of birds are fed by their parents chiefly on animal tood even when they are seed-eaters when mature. They are thus forced that the period of their helplessness may be shortened. Poultry men can take a leaf out of nature's book.-N. Y. Times.

-Not one farmer in a hundred has enough large and small fruit on his place—not even enough to supply the wants of his one family. But it is safe to say that they who have an abund-ance appreciate its worth, and are both healthier and happier by its use.-Montreal Witness.

-The Massachusetts Ploughman points attention to the fact that many old mares are poor milkers, and, for the colt's sake, every farmer ought to know how to treat his mare so as to increase her flow of milk. The same agencies is late, and disturbs the worshipers by which will produce a good flow in a coming in out of time. The unpunctcow will also in a mare.

-Carelessness must go out and business sense must come in to make poultry management successful. This is especially true where poultry is made a specialty. Nevertheless fifty to one hundred fowls may be kept on every farm with little special care besides providing get that the hands of the clock keep good, clean, comfortable quarters.-Prairie Farmer.

-Rice bread makes a variety for the breakfast-table. Take one pint of well-boiled rice, half a pint of flour, the yolks of four eggs, two spoonfuls of melted butter, one pint of milk, a little salt and a large spoonful of sugar. Beat all these ingredients till very smooth, and then add the beaten whites of the four eggs. Bake in shallow pans and serve -Boston Budget.

-The best of roots for the horse in winter is the carrot. Enough should be provided to give two or three messes a week, though where they are plenty a still better plan is to feed some every day with oats or other grain, the ration of which may be proportionately diminished. To buy them they are generally as dear as oats, but may be grown for much less cost, a good crop of carrots yielding two hundred to six hundred or eight hundred bushels per acre, according as the small or large varieties are grown.-N. Y. Herald.

hands of the clock are moving on, mov--The raising of turnip and cabbage ing on, and bringing the hour he is seed has proved very profitable, and added materially to the income of the working toward. He must omit many things, perhaps, that seem desira-ble, but are not of vital importance to farmers on the east end of Long Island. One farmer near Mattituck is said to the end he is aiming at. have cleared \$1,200 from cabbage seed alone. Another made \$120 from turnip seed raised on a small plat. The main crops in that section are cauliflowers, cabbages and potatoes, and the raising of seed has heretofore been subsidiary to these crops, but it has proved so profitable that many farmers have gone into it largely .- Troy Times.

BEHIND TIME. A Few Wise Words About the Perniciou

Habit of Procrastination.

all men everywhere, whose peculiarity

is that they are always behind time. If

not always, so generally that the ex-

ception proves the rule. They are late

to meals or late in having them ready

for others, and so make others late;

they are late to bed at night and late in

to chase that lost period in vain.

pass their plans and enterprises. They

are in no hurry about any thing; so they

take their ease and dawdle or get every thing done there is to do except a few

minute" to do, and then are unconcern

mother, she thinks she can do a few

tions into the fragment of time left him,

of being behind time, or any other mis-

formed, as we may observe almost every

his hurry in at the beginning of any en-

terprise, to do whatever he can do at

once, not to leave any thing until to-

morrow that can be done to-day, or un-

til this afternoon that can be done this

morning, and to begin in season. He

must not allow himself to be diverted

from the main issue, to waste his time

on side issues, or to forget just how the

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-The Baptists have 162 congregations and more than \$2,000 members in Germany. There is a class of persons known of

-The average cost per scholar of text books in the South Carolina schools is \$9.46 a year.

RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL.

-A free school of political science, with a two-years' course of study, will be opened in Paris.

-Matthew Arnold has resigned the office of Inspector of Schools for the Westminster District of London. He the morning in getting up; they are late served thaty-five years. for the train, and come panting and -The Catholic churches, of Pitts-

blowing just in time to catch it, or to burgh, Pa., have purchased one hunsee it rolling away. They seem somedred acres of Squirrel hill to be used as how to have lost an hour, more or less, the cemetery. The ground cost \$50,out of their lives in intancy or early life. 000.

and are therefore compelled evermore -The journal of the Protestant Episcopal Convention of Maryland gives: When one hears these late people Clergy, 164; parishes, 128; baptisms, 2,796; confirmations, 2,062; communigive an account of themselves he is impressed with the conviction that they cants, 24,926; offerings, \$509,288.30. think they have plenty of time to com-

-Philadelphia has been divided into six districts, and the churches will enter into an active campaign of evangelization, holding meetings, visiting from house to house, and using all other means possible to interest people in religious matters.—*Philadelphia Record*. "last little things" that "take only a

ed and confident. The late housewife, -The Supreme Court of Arkansas has having planned her dinner all out, and decided that a Second Adventist must thinking that she can "rush" it if she observe Sunday, even though he also gets in a corner, sits at her sewing longer than she ought to, and finds observe Saturday as Sunday. This makes Arkansas more rigid in this rewhen she tries to make up for the lost spect than Massachusetts, which allows time, that the fire won't burn, or some dish turns out badly, and any one within its borders to perform secular business on Sunday that will she hasn't time to prepare another, disturb no one else, provided he obor somebody comes in and detains her, serves Saturday as Sunday, conscien-tiously believing it to be the proper day and so the dinner is late. The tardy church-goer, enjoying the luxury of Sunday rest, reads a little too long, or of rest.

-Rev. Father J. M. Mendl, of the occupies himself in something else than Church of the Immaculate Conception getting all ready for church, and when the last bell rings he is not in his place in the pew. Or, if it is the houseat Montclair, created some excitement recently by calling out the names of a dozen or more of his parishioners before the service commenced and publicly more chores before she goes, and so she reprimanding them for having attended a dance the night before at John Toomey's house. Father Mendl went ual traveler puts off to the last day or there and vainly tried to stop it. He hour before he starts what should have announced that if he heard of any more been done the day before or the week dancing by the members of his congre-gation he would expel them. -N. Y. before, and finds it impossible or next to impossible to crowd the last prepara-Times.

-The Congregationalist, of London, tells the following incident as illustratget that the hands of the clock keep ing the feeling among the common peo-ple in Wales in regard to tithes: "A few days ago we had a conversation on a railway platform with a Welsh farmoving on "without haste, without rest," and that, however it may seem to them, there is only just so much time, just so much and no more, for them to mer, which was extremely suggestive 'I know a farmer's wife over the hill It is not to be supposed that persons who have the habit of procrastination, there,' said my friend, 'and the parson came to collect tithe. She said to him: Parson, I have eleven children; will chievous habit, are going to drift out of you take one of them? You take the it and become, without effort, foretenth pig; will you have the tenth child?' handed and punctual, correct and ex-emplary. It takes mighty and persist-The argument seemed to the farmer quite convincing, and the story seemed to be keenly appreciated by the byent force to break any bad habit, but bad habits are broken and good ones standers.' day. The thing for the person who is always behind time to do is to put all

-A good church-goer of Egypt, Tenn., in a letter tells of a novel Southern method for paying off the debt of a provements, and to aid in raising the funds Mr. Davis proposed a cotton-picking. Last Tuesday about thirty men, women and children met for that purand young, spent the day in harvesting the fleecy staple. Each one brought dinner, and when it was spread on the table looked more like picnicking than cotton-picking. It reminded one of the good old days of long ago. The cotton was not very thick but the deacons and elders certified to nearly 2,000 pounds.

Pains and Aches

In various parts of the body, more particularly in the back, shoulders and joints, are the unwelcome indications that rheumatism has gained a foot-hold, and you are "in for it" for a longer or shorter period. Rheumatism is caused by lactic acid in the blood, and is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which eradicates every impurity from the blood, and fills it with richness and health. "I had been troubled for some time with poor anothic, particularly in the morning, and also had

"I had been troubled for some time with poor appetite, particularly in the morning, and also had frequent attacks of rheumatism. I commenced taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, aud now my appetite is the best and the rheumatism has entirely left me." C. ARENS, 5704 Emerald Avenue, Chicago, Ill. "My wife has been troubled with rheumatism for a long time, and her blood has been very poor. Last spring she had scrofula sores. I got her some of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and on taking it she began to improve right away. She is not in the least troubled by rheumatism now, and the sores are all healed."

by rheumatism now, and the sores are all healed. HENRY RANSOM, Mt. Vernon, O.

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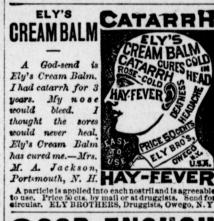


system, restores and preserves health. It is purely Vegetable, and cannot fail to prove beneficial, both to old and young As a Blood Purifier it is superior to all thers. Sold everywhere at \$1.00 a bottle

Suffering Womanhood.

Too much effort can not be made to bring to the attention of suffering womanhood the great value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as a remedy for the diseases of women. Such an one is the wife of General Barringer, of Winston, N. C., and wo quote from the General's letter as follows: Dear Mrs. Pinkham: Please allow me to add my testimony to the most excellent medicinal qualities of your Vegetable Compound. Mrs. Barringer was treated for several years for what the physician called

Leucorrhœa and Prolapsus Uteri combined. I sent her to Richmond, Va., where ern method for paying off the debt of a she remained for six months under the treatment of an eminent Physician without any permanent benefit. She was induced to try your medicine and after a reasonable time commenced to improve and is now able to attend to her business and considpose. The fairest and the bravest, old ers herself fully relieved." [General Barringer is the proprietor of the American Ho-tel, Winston, N. C., and is widely known.]



cultivate.

So when the terrible famine broke out in France the note-book containing this valuable information naturally came to mind, and its owner, moved by a desire to avert the pending disaster wrote a "Treatise on Certain Vegetables that in Times of Necessity Can Be Substi-tuted for Ordinary Food." The work was crowned by the Academy of Basancon. and was sent to the Minister of Agr.culture at Paris, who caused it to be published in the Annals of the Paris Agricultural Society. In those days, as at present, France

had many writers that cared more for a joke than for the truth, and the new treatise became the target for all man-ner of railleries. "We know this provi-dential plant," said one of the critics. aboudt it." "The peasants grow it for their cattle, but it is not fit for men. It is disagree-able to the taste and difficult to digest. It is prolific in diseases, notably that frightful leprosy, whose reign it would be sure to bring back again." The war of words provoked by the book waxed hot. Dr. Parmentier, the name of the author, defended it with great modesty and dignity. But the potato (for this was the root that he had eaten in Germany) continued to be despised.

Precisely when and how this tuber originally found its way into Europe is not known. It was mentioned in works on Peru as early as 1553, two centuries before the events now under consideration. The English claim to have received it from the hands of John Hawkins in 1563, but this was prolably the sweet potato. The genuine batata is first pictured in an English publication in 1597. In 1629 the root was sometimes cooked in England as an article of curiosity or luxury. In 1587 it was known in France, having come to that country from Spain. It seems probable that the Spanish really introduced the plant from Chili and Peru, where it grew wild. At all events, the potato had been known and cultivated to some extent long before the days of Dr. Parmentier.

Write as briskly as he might, the chemist could not convert the doubters by his tracts. Luckily the Minister of Agriculture stood faithfully at his back. There was a piece of sandy land be-tween the Porte-Maillot and Neuilly, on the outskirts of Paris; it was so wretched that nothing grew there, but the field was used for fairs and military pa-rades. By the order of Louis XVI, the "tubercle man" (so his critics called the doctor) was granted the use of this plot for experiments. It was admirably adapted for the purpose, according to Dr. Parmentier's famous note-book; for it was recorded therein that the poor potato could be grown on soil on which

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SOLD THREE TIMES.

Mr. Dunder's Discouraging Experience with Designing Book Agents.

"What's up to-day?" asked Sergeant Bendall yesterday as Mr. Dunder carefully entered the station on tip-toe.

"Vhell, Sergeant, maybe I vhas all "Go ahead."

"Somepody come in to my place five days ago und ask me vhas I Carl Dun-der? I vhas. He vhas agent for a new book called: "Der Life und Times of Great Men.' He vhants to put me in dot book for two dollars. He hears eaferypody talk aboudt me. He knows I pays taxes in two wards. He knows I vhas headquarters for campaign clubs. He knows somepody likes me to go to Congress.

Well?"

"Vhell, I g'f him two dollar. I vhas proud if I whas a great man, you see, und I like to haf it in a book for Shake und his shildrens to read. Next day anoder man come in shust dot same vhay. Vhas I Carl Dunder? I vhas. He vhas agent for a new book called: 'Der Great Men of America.' He knows all aboudt me, und he puts me in for two dollar. Vhell, dot pleases me, too." "And you went in?"

"Of course. Dis morning der third agent comes. Vhas I Carl Dunder! I vhas. He vhas agent for: 'Der Biggest Men of Der Whole World.' He hears all aboudt me, und he gifts me a page for a dollar. I pays him, but Shake says it whas too rich for my blood, und dot I shall see you." "You've been swindled."

"Vhasn't I a great man?"

"No, sir!" "Don't somepody hear aboudt me?" "They hear that you are a sucker." "Und I vhas beat?"

"Yes, sir." "Vell, dot vhas more experience for me. I vhas going home. Dis after-noon some stranger vhill come in und tell me he vhas agent for 'Der Werry Smartest and Best Men Dot Eafer Vhas on Earth.' He has heard of me. He vhants to gif me two pages for a dollar. Sergeant." "Yes."

"See dot der ambulance vhas all right, und Coroner Lansing vhas all all other plants would starve. When right; und if I vhas a leetle bit oxcited the plow was put into this barren waste vhen der werdict comes in I like to haf all Paris laughed itself sore. Yet be-fore many weeks the arid plain, where scarcely any thing had grown before, was covered with a fresh vegetation. Free Press.

ELEGANT SUITINGS.

Beautiful Silk-and-Wool Materials for Stylish Ladies' Costumes.

The suitings of silk-and-wool grow more and more popular as the season advances. Some of the choicest of these novelties have been kept back, and are right, but I like to shpeak mit you now for the first time in market, having heretofore been seen only by samples.

Silk frize or Bengaline is one of the special features in the novelty goods and is seen with loops that are sometimes not less than an inch long. Fine eut plush str pes alternate with stripes of plain Bengaline, to be used for combinations, and the plain faltie to match is usually to be found, although much less attention is given this season to matching such fancy fabrics with plain goods.

While it has all of the beauty and general fine effect of an all-silk material. t must not be forgotten that Bengaline is silk in the warp only. The same is the case with Sicilienne, the difference in these two materials being scarcely perceptible save to an expert. They are especially useful for long draperies. as the wool filling makes them much softer and more pliable than silk, and they drape with much finer effect. The majority of the more elegant novelty suitings are brought out this season with Bengaline grounds and silk tufting or frise, the lower cost of the wool making it possible to produce a superb fabric with all of the luster and elegance of an all-silk material, at a small proportion of its cost. The new velvet-striped Bengalines are now coming into general use for fine costumes. Skirts are made of the striped goods, while the plain Bengaline is used for the remainder of the costume.

Some very desirable beaded frise goods have beads set in little furrows beween rows of frise, or outlining blocks, figures and floral patterns. There are some bead tassels alternating with frise loops, and many fabrics that show only a small amount of frise, the rest of the surface being covered with beads woven in various patterns. Ridges and cords of bourette threads in silk or wool goods are popular, and silk braids are wrought upon the surface with fine floss silk knotted embroidery. Raised figures in embroidery effects are also seen, the silks used being in red, green and gar-net mixed, producing a charming Cash-

drive certain stakes, so to speak, along his course, and require himself to be at these stakes at a certain hour. Said a business man the other day: "If I can have my breakfast exactly at a quarter before eight every morning, every thing goes smoothly all day. I have time to eat my breakfast, time to get to my office in season, and time to look over my newspaper." The lady to whom he was talking replied: "If I can get breakfast in time to have it eaten, cleared away and the dishes all washed

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and put away before nine o'clock, then my day goes smoothly. There's time for all other domestic enterprises, but if breakfast is late and the dishes hang round till ten or eleven o'clock, the best part of the day is gone and every thing drags." An early breakfast means early going to bed and early getting up. We must begin at the right end if we would come out right in the end. The peace of mind that naturally

follows punctual and complete preparation for and accomplishment of stated tasks is beyond the comprehension of the man or woman who is always be-hind time. He has no breathing spells, he is always pursued by phantoms that moan "Too late, too late."-N. Y. Tribune.

The British State Crown.

In the imperial state crown of Britain there are 1,363 brilliant, 1,273 rose and 147 table diamonds. The brilliant was the crowning invention of the art, the work of Vincenzio Peruzzi, of Venice, in the century in which Mazarin had the crown jewels of France recut; the rose dates from 1520; it is the form chosen when the loss to the stone would be too great if the brilliant cut were selected. and is used chiefly for circular gems; the table is the method employed for shallow diamonds, and is the original cut. When Blood on May 9, 1671. made his attempt on the crown the historian relates: "A large pearl, a fair diamond, and a number of smaller stones were bulged from the crown in this robustious struggle, but both the former and several of the latter were picked up and

recovered. The Ballais ruby, which had

-A Lancaster (Pa.) grocer has adopted a rather novel way of collecting debts. The other morning he plac-ed in his store window a list giving the names of persons who owe him money, with their places of residence. The sums range from one dollar to one hundred dollars, and the names are written in large, plain hand so that all who wish may read them. At the top of the list there is a notice stating that the accounts will be cold very cheap .- PittsWIT AND WISDOM.

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-A new Western poet speaks of the "unwinking eagle." This is nonsense, The eagle is always a wing king.— Washington Post.

-The young man who spends all he makes the first year he begins life on his own account will be apt to continue in the same line all his life, without accumulating property .-- Chicago Times.

-If a conundrum is asked for you may propose, "why is a pig at a win-dow like the moon?" Because he looks round. If any one says "he don't al-ways look round," you can say neither does the moon.

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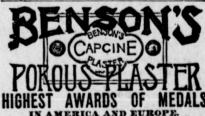
--- The children are always up to little expedients to help them out of a tight place. Little six-year-old, one of these chilly nights, tumbled into bed without paying that strict attention to his evening devotions which his mother had taught him. "Why, my dear, you didn't say your prayers, did you?" "You're right, I didn't. I said them twice last night, so I wouldn't have to."—Hartford Part

-"Did you k now, Charlie, that Russian soldiers were not allowed to marry?" remarked a young Lieuten-"I have heard so, darling." "Why is it, Charlie?" "I can't say, love, posilively, but I presume the authorities de sire to impress them with the fact that they might have allotted to them a worse fate than being killed in battle." Then the wretch hugged her.-Washington Critic.

saten about all the dessert I ought. However, since Bobby is so polite about it, Mrs. Hendricks," continued the young man, "I believe yoa may give me a smail piece of the jelly-cake." "All right," said Bobby, "and I'll ave some too. Ma said I could have a piece if she had to cut into it."



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Bro. Watson, you must have been looking at the COURANT of week before last when you penned the foregoing, as our last week's issue contains twelve pages, six of which are devoted to home matters.

We performed our part of the boom. cago. ing of Cottouwood Falls, Strong City and Chase county, last week, by publising a twelve page paper containing a twenty-one-column "write-up" of the county, its towns, its farmers and its business men, and now it behooves the business men and farmers to perform their part of the boom by sending these papers to all quarters of the globe. We have them for sale at five cents per copy. Send them out and induce people to come among us and make themselves and us more prosperous'

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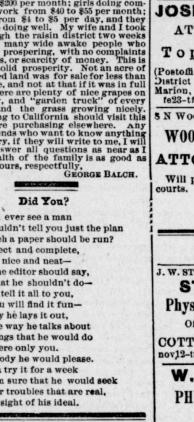
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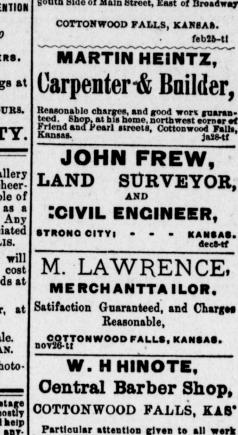
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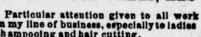


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CHURCHES. Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. S Davis, Pastor; Sabbath school, at 10 o'clock, a. m., every Sabbath; morning service, at 11 o'clock, every alternate Sab-bath, class meeting, at 12, m.; service ev-ery Sabbath evening at 8 o'clock. M. E. Church South.—Rev. R M Benton, Pastor; service, first Sunday of the month, at Dougherty's school-house on Fox creek, at 11 o'clock, a. m.; second Sunday, at Coyne branch, at 11, a. m.; third Sunday, at the Harris school-house, on Dismond creek, at 11, a. m.; fourth Sunday, at

at the Harris school-house, on Diamond creek, at 11, a. m.; fourth Sunday, at Strong City, at 11, a. m. Catholic—At Strong City—Rev.Bonlface Nichaus, O. S. F., Pastor; services every Sunday and holyday of obligation, at 8 and 10 o'clock, A M. Baptist—At Strong City—Rev. Ware-ham, Pastor; Covenant and business meet-ing on Saturday before the first Sunday in each month; services, second and fourth ing on Saturday before the first Sunday in each month; services, second and fourth Sundays in each month, at 11 a m. and 7:30 p. m., the Sunday-school, at 9:30 ev-ery Sunday. United Presbyterian—Rev. W c som-mers, Pastor; serviae every alternate sun-day, at 11, a. m. Presbyterian—Rev. A s Dudley, Pastor' sevrice every sunday, at 11, a m, and 7 p m,

m. SOCIETIES. Knights of Honor.—Falls Lodge, No. 747, meets on the first and third Tuesday even-ing of each month; W A Morgan, Dictator; F B Hunt, Reporter. Masonic.—Zeredath Lodge No. 80 A F & A M, meets the first and third Friday evening of each month; J P Kuhl, Mas-ter; W H Holsinger, Secretary. Odd Fellows.—Angola Lodge No. 58 1 O O F, meets every Monday evening; Geo W Hill, N. G.; C. C. Whitson, Secretary. G A. R.—Geary Post No, 15, Cottonwood Falls, meets the 3rd, saturday of each month, at 1 oclock. p. m.

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W.8. Womens Relief corps-meets second and fourth Saturday of each month, Mrs W A Morgan, President: Mrs F P Cochran, Secretary. Dan M(Cook Camp, S. of V., meets first and third Friday evenings of each month, J. E. Harper, Captain; E. D. Forney, Orderly Sergeant.

LOCAL SHORT STOPS.

Business locals, under this head, 20 cents a tine, first insertion, and 10 cents a line for each subsequent insertion.

"A Merry Christmas to all!" Pleasant weather for this time of

year Mr. Chas. Barker, of Florence, is in

town.

Mr. V. H. Cooper went to Hutchinson, yesterday.

Mr. George B. Carson was down to Emporia, Sunday.

Capt. Henry Brandley, was down to Emporia, last week.

Mr. A. B. Caudle, the photographer, has put up a new sign,

Mr. D. A. Ellsworth, of Clements, was at Topeka, Saturday.

Butler county, Saturday.

gave the COURANT office a pleasant call yesterday. The Rev. Father Guido Stallo, O. S.

discharged.

F., of Kansas City, Kansas, was visiting his former parishioners, of Strong City, last week.

week, and badly hurt, though he is able to be about. Mr. Wm. C. Giese was kicked in the

right breast, Monday, by a mule while tion of the Diamond creek line. Work shoeing the same, and badly, though not seriously, hurt. week.

An effort is being made, so we un-The Gamer Bros., have just sold eighteen head of three-year-old steers derstand, to get Mrs. M. E. Lease, of that will average 1,500 pounds, for

4 cents per pound.

White county, Arkansas. Mr. "Dick" Watson came iu Tues.

day night, from Morton county, where he has a claim. He will remain a few days at his fathers and then return.

Misses Nettie and Colie Adare, of Strong City, who are attending school in Kansas City, arrived home, last E. F. Holmes. Thursday, to remain over the Holi-

days

The Ladies of the M. E. Church, of Ferry & Watson are now giving a Waterbury watch to whoever buys fif-Strong City. will give an oyster supteen dollars worth of clothing from per and Lunch in the Opera House in them; and they guarantee their prices that city, Thursday evening, Decemto be ten per cent. less than anywhere else in SouthwesternKansas. Cottonber 30, 1886.

Nothing makes a more appropriate present for gentlemen than a pair of easy fitting, rich looking slippers. Look wheat for young hogs or pigs, at the at the large assortment just received market price for each. dec23.3w at E. F. Holmes.

candies and nuts. There will be a grand dance in Pratt's Music Hall, on Christmas Eve night, at which there will be good manlike manner, without any humbugmusic, and to which every one is most gery whatever. cordially invited.

Messrs. S. F. Jones and E. A. Hildebrand, of Strong City. and J. K. tographer.' Crawford, B. F. Howard and Guy Johnson, of this city, were down to

Emporia, Friday, Messrs. J. A. Goudy and Scott Dennison, of Strong City, two excellent

carpenters, left, Saturday, for Los Angeles, Cal., which city they may make their future home.

Before another issue of the Cour-ANT will have made its appearance Christmas will have come and gone, so]

a merry Christmas.

miles of the C., K. & W., from Arch. 27 Pairs of \$5.00 Shoes, of the Miller's, on South Fork, to the junc- "Walker" make, for \$4.00 a pair, until the 1st of Jan. on this latter contract was begun this Call at once and make \$1.00

on a pair of fine shoes E. F. Holmes.

Wichita, to lecture in this city, during Parties indebted to Dr. Walsh are the Holidays, on the subject of "Past requested to call and settle.

Mr. L. C. Ferguson, of Strong City received the sad intelligence, last week, of the death of his father, in WIL: A. C. Ferguson, of Strong City stands high as a female orator and is cultured and refined. She is the daughter of an Irish poblemen who daughter of an Irish nobleman who or their notes and accounts will be put was, years ago, exiled by the British Government Since the foregoing was Oct. 12, '86. STONE & ZANE.

set up, we have heard that Mrs. Lease Fine watches will receive careful attention, by experienced workmen at will lecture here, Jan. 20; subject, Ford's jewelry store, in Cottonwood Falls. All work warranted.

Silk, Wool and Cashmere Mufflers Before buying a heating stove any-where else, go to Campbell & Gillett's on the west side of Broadway, and see for the Christmas trade cspecially, at what nice ones they have.

Dr. W.P. Pugh will continue to do a limited practice; and will be found, at all unimployed times, at

his drug store.

Caudle is a dandy on those large picturs. He makes photographs from eard to life size, and at prices never pefore heard of. J. W. McWilliams will sell cheap

W. S. Romigh desires to exchange on time to suit purchaser, 2 cows with calf; 2 cows with steer calves beside them; 2 fine yearling steers; 1 yearling heifer, all in splendid condition. Go to the Emporia Grocery for fruit, Don't torget that you can get

R. Ford, jeweler, does all kinds of watch and clock repairing in a workanything in the way of general merchandise, at J S. Doolittle & ion's. Photographs made on cloudy day's

If you want photographs don't wait as well as on clear ones. Every pic-ture guaranteed by Caudle. "The Phoon the weather, but come when you are ready, rain or shine. My special-ty-best baby pictures in the State. A. B. CAUDLE.

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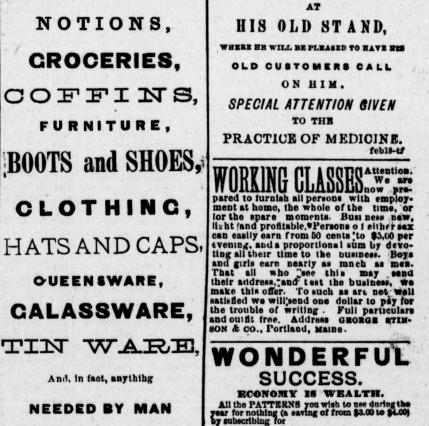
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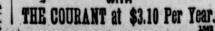
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YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

MYSTERIOUS SANTA CLAUS.

Did you ever see Santa Claus, Robbie? I do wish I could; and I've tried. My mamma has seen him guite ofien— If I oaly could keep by her side! Why, whenever she goes in the parlor, Where the stockings are hung by the tree, He's sure to come right down the chimney With some bundle or other for me!

One day I teased my mamma so. That she said 1 might creep in behind, And hide in her skirt very softly. And peep out when I had a mind. But the minute we got in the doorway (He must be the shyest of men) He scampered away up the chimney, So it's no use to try it again.

No; children never can see him. But I heard his sleigh-bells last night; It was after papa came to supper. And the shutters and doors were shut tight.

tight. Mamma said: "There, don't you hear it— The jingle of Santa Claus' bell?" I dashed to the door like a rocket; He was faster than that, I can tell!

I could almost have cried with vexation; Till mamma said: "See where he sleiphe And there, sure enough, in the snow-drift Were the tracks that his runners had ma What a very small sleigh he must he though: ada

though: No bigger, I'm sure, than my sled! And how it can carry such bundles, I can not get into my head.

Nurse says Santa Claus is my father. What nonsensel I've often been told How Santa Claus lives in a paince. Some pince where it always is cold. Parae couldn't climb down that elaimney. And he never could ride in that sleigh! I don't thank nurse knows much about it— Til tell her so this very day. —Our Little Ones.

SANTA CLAUS' TEAM.

How Tom Granby Proved to His Grand-mother that He Could Drive as Well as Anybody.

Thomas Granby, jr., was just fourteen. He thought he knew every thing. Grandmother Spinckney did not think that "T. Granby, jr."-that was the way he wrote his name-knew every shown for many days. Dolls used by East Indian children are very different from any used in this thing. This difference of opinion was plainly manifested one day, or evening, rather. Grandmother Spinckney sat knitting by a little red stand. Tom sat knitting by a little red stand. Tom sat doll has a baby in its arms, and is fixed near the kitchen stove, enjoying the to a wooden block so that it can stand heat and lazily leaning back in a softly cushioned rocking chair. The conversation was about horse driving.

"Of course, I could drive a two-horse team, grandmother; I've seed 'em do it."

"Seein' ain't drivin', Thomas. I've seen 'em build a bridge. Wall, I ain't no bridge builder."

Tom sullenly affirmed, though, that he "knew" he "knew." In the dark depths of his soul, he resolved that the next time Uncle Jeremiah came in his two-horse pung, he would go point. Yes grandmother should go two-horse pung, he would settle that with him, even if he "tied her in." would drive her around town in Uncle their legs together, they hung down the

Jerry's red pung. "Hadn't you better go to bed, Tommy? You are tired." suggested paws, and the pair were both pulled up. grandmother.

to himself: "I am not going to take any suggestions from her. I wish she was away from here, down at Uncle Jerry's, where she goes next. I wish she was further."

And Tom had his wish. Soon granny seemed to be retreating. Her bright spectacles faded away, while her headress, with its knots and bows, the features of her face, the knitting in her hands, seemed to have departed before the spectacles. "Good!" thought Tom. "Got the

room to myself. What's that? Sleighbells. He rose and went to the window.

RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.

Dead Men Cheaper to the Companies than the Wounded and Maimed

"Guess you'd better go to bed." "Guess I'd better," said Tom, and up stairs he rushed.—N. Y. Examiner. Railroad accidents have, in the eyes of stock speculators, merely a commercial aspect. When a terrible calamity is learned of, Wall street wants to know tion. how many cars have been wrecked, how The Japanese "Feast of Dolls"-German many lives have been lost, but especially how many people has been injared. vention. Dolls of baked clay, of wood The especial stress laid on this last and of other things have been found in would not be understood by the ordinary Egypt in tombs, where they have lain ay brother who is outside of a railroad buried since before the time of Christ. office, unconnected with a law office, Dolls are now much more carefully and who is not a stock brokerage expert. made than they were in former times, The passenger who is killed in a railand a great deal of skill is needed in road smash up costs the railroad com-pany just \$5,000. This is settled law. their manufacturing. In the little town Decision after decision has been made of Sonneberg, Germany, hundreds of thousands of dolls are made every year. Most of the dolls are made out and legal fight has followed legal tight antil it is now accepted by litigants of all sorts that \$5,000 can be collected as of papier mache, but many fine ones damages for the death and no more. are made with wax or china heads. All But while the courts have argued that dolts of the same size which have like for the protection of railroads damages faces are made in one mold, and there for death shall be limited, by one of have to be as many molds as there are those unaccountable inequities of which different kinds of faces. It takes thirty the law is full, no limit has ever been or forty persons to make a single doll, set on the sum that a passenger can sue as each workman does only one thing. for who has received simply an injury. In Japan, children have every year what is called a "feast of dolls." This And so a broken leg may cost a railroad corporation \$50,000; a broken arm, is held only on one day of the year, at \$100,000; but the children can only colwhich time all the dolls that have belect \$5,000 for the loss of their father; longed to the family are brought out the widow can get no more for the loss from the safe places where they are usually kept and put upon tables with many kinds of playthings. Sometimes of her husband. Dead lawyers count no more than tramps, dead millionaires bring after a railroad wreck \$5,000;dead there are more than a hundred dolls, laborers cost the railroad just as much. some of which are dark with age, for If a millionaire, however escapes alive often dolls two hundred years old are shown at this feast. They are dressed in all sorts of ways, some like court lalaborer who escapes alive gets only \$500 for his. This is law. Wall street dies and gentlemen, and some l ke common ladies and gentlemen. Some of these dolls are very small, and some are as large as a little girl. The feast of is on to it, and really expressed itself terrible wreck all had been killed; none dolls lasts only one day, yet the toys are

injured. The most frightful railroad accident of it on their monuments. that ever occurred in the West was out on the prairie where there was no excuse for it. It was thirty years ago, when the Michigan Central and the Michigan Southern were fighting each other, both at this end and in the East. They crossed at right angles at Grand Crossing. There had been a big fight which is fastened into the body with a when one laid its rafis across the other's. Whenever two engineers passed down there they glared at each other. Trains used to race for the right of way, and there was the most utter recklessness. A Michigan Southern train, loaded down with emigrants, was approaching Chicago along one line and a Michigan Central was racing along the other. The former got there first, and was half way across when the Michigan Central engine plunged right into the center of never had been such a sacrifice of life by a railroad accident before. Men and

women and babes were ripped and torn and burned. It was this massacre that created the law compelling all engineers The rescued rat was found to be dead, a to come to a dead halt at all crossings. The Ashtabula accident is said to have cost the Lake Shore \$1,000,000, paid

out to the families of the dead and to the sufferers from wounds. It made millionaire Amasa Stone crazy and led him to cut his throat in his bath tub. It was his bridge at Ashtabula that the Lake Shore train went through, and engineers declared that the pattern was

In 1880 Captain Prindiville left Detroit in a Canada Southern train for Chicago. Just the other side of the Welland canal broken rail caused the engine to tables and windows. In the library, plunge off the track and to upset. Every sober hues must be chosen, to harmon-ize with walnut book-cases, desks and

cities is not only tolerated, but on the contrary, the birds are highly valued because they feed upon garbage and small vermin, and in this way help to

keep the streets clean. On account of these services especial laws have been The absurd and dishonest manner in which Mr. Blaine following the corremade in some countries for their protecspondent of the New York Tribune, Their nests, placed in tall trees, towhas tried to misrepresent the purpose ers or chimneys, are coarse affairs, loosely built of sticks. In Holland perand nature of the investigation into the English civil service has had one sons sometimes make false chimneys to good effect. It has called attention to their houses on purpose for the storks the essential features of the reformed to build on, and that family is considered fortunate that has a stork's nest upon the roof. These dignified birds country, and has led to better underare especially numerous in the eastern standing of the differences between hemisphere. They assemble in large the two, and especially of the practical flocks before starting on their migrations, and it is a common belief that at such times they are consulting about

their intended journey. The beautiful ibises inhabit all warm countries. One species, the wood ibis, has gained for itself the reputation of being very greedy, and not without good cause. With its strong bill it kills a great many tishes, frogs, snakes, young alligators and other small animals, which form its favorite food. As these victims lie floating on the water round about the scene of their dostruction, the ibis swallows as many as it-can well take, and then stands stupidly on the edge of the stream, waiting until this meal is digested before it is able to indulge in another.

Then there is the sacred ibis, which was worshiped by the people of Egypt in olden times. Perhaps they loved that bird because it devoured the serpents which annoved them so much, or else because it returned each year, at the from a smashup, he can probably get time of the overflow of the Nile, and for his broken arm \$25,000, while the laborer who escapes alive gets only thought they were indebted to the ibid for the fertility of the country which results from this overflow. It is at least gratified the other day to learn that in a certain that they were in the habit of embalming the bird with their mummies, and placing curious stiff pictures

Among the smaller waders are some within ten miles of Chicago, and right of our pretty little' shore birds, whose quick movements are so interesting to watch. Small flocks of these little birds on the beach may be seen running out eagerly after a retreating wave, snatch ing up tiny fishes and crabs, and hurrying along to gather as many of these dainties as possible before the next wave comes in. Then they all mount rapidly into the air to escape this coming wave, as if they were exceedingly anxious not to wet those slender toes. Their feast is interrupted but a few seconds, for they soon alight and go through the same performances .- Sarah Cooper, in Harper's Young People.

CONCERNING CARPETS.

Suggestions Relating to the Selection

Satisfactory Floor-Coverings. In regard to the color of carpets the following rule may be laid down: For drawing-rooms, parlors and bed-rooms, while loud and glaring hues should be avoided, we may nevertheless allow ourselves a liberal sprinkling of crimson, dead gold, russet brown and all the beautiful tints that nature distributes through the landscape in the autumn days. In the drawing-room, especially, there should be warm, rich hues, to correspond with our oil-paintings in their gilded frames, our mirrors and old china, or whatever of art work, with its wealth of color, we chance to possess. In our bed-rooms we want bright tints to preserve cheerfulness, and to avoid too glaring a contrast with our white counterpanes and muslin-draped toilet

and demoralizing influence of the spoils system can, under proper regulation. be made extremely valuable, and this without the slightest danger of their usurping privileges not belonging to them, or assuming an offensive bearing. This needs, as we have said, a more perfect and harmonious system, with fair and uniform rules carefully applied by means of adequate inspection and authoritative central control. It is noteworthy that the course of the Civil-Service Commission has been steadily in this direction, and more markedly so since the Administration of Mr. Cleveland came in than at any time before. The present commission has steadily advanced in its grasp of the duties imposed upon it and the powers conferred by the law. It has extended its investigations, kept closer watch on the examinations, guarded more jealously its own rights, both of initiative and of judgment on appeal, and has striven to inspire the whole body of officers with whom it deals with a common understanding of and a common respect for the vital principles of the reform. -N. Y. Times.

"go" natural to bureaucracy.

GHOULISH GLEE.

Newspaper Organ Twists the Presi-dent's Kindly Tribute to the Memory of His Predecessor in Office Into an Unconscious Indorsement of the Republican Party.

The warm expressions of esteem and admiration for the late President Arthur which have appeared in Democratic and Republican newspapers alike, or have fallen from the lips of preachers and statesmen, without reservice both in England and in this gard to politics, testify to the broad, generous, kindly spirit that fills the American heart in the presence of death. There is not a public man around whose bier words might not acture of our own system. The be dropped or memories evoked that changes that have been brought about would changes that have been brought about would jar on the hearts of the in the two countries have had some mourners. There is not even a perthings in common, but they have also sonal friend or relative at whose death varied with the causes that produced some unpleasant reminiscence might them. In both cases the principle of not be recalled from the past. But, by admission by open competition and common consent, all such unpleasant subsequent probation was adopted; thoughts are banished on the day of but in England the evil to be remedied was favoritism, partly based on noble qualities of the deceased are re-the pretensions of aristocratic fam- membered. When General Grant died ilies and partially springing from and from every Democratic paper the use of offices to purchase votes throughout the land came the most in Parliament, while in this coun- touching and beautiful tributes, when try the evil was chiefly partisan favoritism combined with a certain amount of chicanery on the part of art of the Nation was in mourning and the South seemed to be as deeply affected as the North, did any of those papers the distributers of patronage. The recall the days of reconstruction and difficulties in which the English system the saturnalia of peculation in Washis involved do not arise at all from the ington during the Presidential Admincompetitive principle, though there have been mistakes in its application, but largely from the aristocratic bias that has survived the reform and ished luster on the pages of history, which has tended to form a sort of hierarchy in the service. This in turn cocks and Robesons will be forgotten. has been rendered more inflexible and In the same manner the many grand

unmanageable by the system of pen- and ennobling traits of President Arsions dependent chiefly on length of thur's character have been put forward service which is still a fixed part of the in bold relief, as they deserved, and no English plan. These elements have allusions were made to any political combined to make the English service episodes which might disturb the harbureaucratic, with the incidents of red mony of grief. It remained for the tape, timidity, rigidity and lack of New York Tribune, a paper to whose

blind, stupid partisanship nothing is sacred, to profane the occasion of the On the other hand, the difficulties to which the reformed portion of our funeral of President Arthur, and dese-service is exposed -and it must be re-crate the sanctity of the especial day of portion—are of quite another character. Cleveland and the Democratic party They spring from the innate tendency over the remains of the lamented Reof the American mind in any occupapublican leader. It would seem as if tion to depend upon its own resources, the term "ghoulish glee" was partic-to neglect system and strict order, and ularly adapted to this case. The elotion to depend upon its own resources, to depend on ingenuity, energy and quent tribute paid by President Clevedecision to meet emergencies as they land to the memory of the deceased in arise. The American system requires, his admirable proclamation is eagerly therefore, precisely the opposite treat-ment to the English. It needs clear and uniform rules, firmly and fairly enforced, with constant and vigilant supervision and the greatest consisten-ev in the application of the rules. character for the Republican party in There is no danger of bureaucracy here. general and to cloak the rascalities of The men employed in public work do Republican officials for years past. It not tend that way; the source of regu- has the hardihood to say the following:

not tend that way; the source of regu-lation, namely, the legislation of Con-gress, is too variable to permit it, and finally the American people would not suffer it in a service over which they have ultimate, though in-direct, control. The common terms used by the two races indicate the wide difference in their temper in these matters. The Englishman "growls," the American "kicks," and the office-holders with us are al-ways so intimately connected with the general public, are so much part of it and in sympathy with it, that there is no probability, and hardly a possibil-ity, of their becoming a "class" apart. Moreover, the qualities our officers have shown, even under the depraved and demoralizing influence of the has the and interest of the const of solutions through is management? Were they telling the truth when they charged that these and other departments at Wash-ington were crowded with worthless pensior-solutions through is the truth when they affirmed the taseal and other departments at Wash-ington were crowded with worthless pensior-solutions through is the tase to be notical in the the solution were cowded with worthless pensior-ington were cowded with they were by ing, or else President Cleveland has uttered com-plication the truth when they were by ing, or else President Cleveland has uttered com-plianetary words which he knew to be untrue. According to the Tribune's code of

According to the Tribune's code of ethics. no expression of esteem for the dead is permissible without being attended with a plain, unvarnished state-ment of the shortcomings of every one officially connected with the person to whose memory the expression is offered as a tribute. Pursuing this theory. it would have been necessary for Pres-ident Cleveland, on the occasion of the death of General Grant, to have qualified his remarks by allusions to the earpet-bag governments of the South during the days of reconstruction, to Babcock, Belknap and Robeson, to the Credit Mobilier and District of Columbia frauds, and other subjects of like unpleasant nature. What would the American people have shought of the application of the *Tribune's* theory? Such a despicable attempt on the part of the *Tribune* to part of the whitewash the rascals of its party. at the grave of an illustrious citizen must cause a feeling of disgust and contempt in the breast of every Amer-What President Cleveland's ican. supporters asserted in 1884 has been tound not only true, but only a faint estimate of to real condition of affairs. The opening of the books has opened the eyes of the American people to the shameless character of Republican government. The books showed that when the present Administration went into power there were nearly \$10,000,-000 deficiencies due the Government under Republican rule, that millions were squandered in the Navy Department without giving the country a navy, that the public domain was wasted on corporations and favorites, that the treasury was being drained by all sorts of rascals, from deputy marshals to colossal rings, and that the Pension Office was made an electioneering bureau. The shameful story has been told before in those columns how the public service, under Republican administration, was honeycombed with fraud and rotten from end to end. But because President Cleveland paid a graceful tribute to the memory of his immediate predecessor, the Tri-bune would have it that he testified to the purity of the entire Republican party. What must the friends of Pres-ident Arthur, and, indeed, all fairminded people, think of this exhibition of "ghoulish glee" on the part of Mr. Blaine's organ? Perhaps the Tribune forgets the savage and brutal attacks it made on the dead President at the time of the Garfield tragedy, when it classed him with Guiteau. The American people do not forget them. It may endeavor to use the kindly words of President Cleveland to remove some of the tattoo marks from its "perpet-ual candidate for the Presidency," since it has distorted them to exonerate Chandler, Teller and other Repubwill be done by and for the dissatisfied lican ex-officials from the charges proved aga nst them. We shall see ----Albany Arous.

A Rat Tale. A young rat once fell into a pail of

pig's food. Six of its older mates, after taking counsel together, hit on a plan of rescue which they put into force in spite of human spectators. Twining the train load of human freight. There

country. They are all made of wood

up. The clothes are only painted ones,

its arms are not jointed, and the only

thing that can be taken off is the head,

peg. Common wooden jointed dolls

are made mostly in Germany by poor

people, who whittle them out by hand.

-Young Folks Gyclopedia.

Each

painted with different colors.

at the table and coming forward.

A HISTORY OF DOLLS.

They Were Made Many Centuries Ago-

Dolls are by no means a modern in-

Dolls.

"No," he answered gruffly. He said fact that seemed to fill its friends with genuine grief .-- Little Folks.

He Deserved the Prize.

In the north of England, recently, there was a "parrot-show," at which a prize was offered for the best talker. There were scores of birds in the room. Several of them had given exhibitions of their skill, when at last the cover was removed from the cage of a gray pairot, which looked gravely around the room and exclaimed: "By Jove! what a lot of parrots!" The prize was at once awarded. - Golden Days.

A GREAT DIFFERENCE. Enclish Reform of the Civil Service as Compared with That of the United States.

"Sleigh-bells over-head! he said in surprise. "I must get my cap and go out and see what it means.

It was a waite winter's night. The moon flooded the earth with a glory in which the snow flashed like sheets of marble

"Hark! There are those sleigh-bells again!

He looked up to the roof of the house of T. Granby, sr., and there he saw a team! Such a handsome rendeer tteam.

Guess I must have a nearer look at that!" said Tom, excitedly. "I'll climb that ladder.

Up a ladder leaning against the caves of the house he climbed.

Santa Claus's team! Four reindeer! My! Santa Claus has gone down a chimney to drop presents. I can drive that team-and-and-I'll try my hand; I'll drive up to the door," exclaimed Tom, and make grandmother think it is

Uncle Jerry."" He stepped into the sleigh, which was half filled with books, drums, trumpets, Noah's arks, and other curiosities, cried "Get up, there!" and didn't those reindeer go

"Hur-rah!" shouted Tom. "Goodbye grandmother! Young America has got the reins now!"

At a bound the reindeer went from the roof of the house of T. Granby, sr., to the roof of the Town Hall, then to the High School that Tom had just entered, then—but, oh! how many roofs they leaped upon, and in a moment were prayer-book. When Harold swore alleaped upon, and in a moment were away! Jingle, jingle. jingle, went the bells in the sharp, frosty air. Tom could see the people coming to the windows and looking up in wonder.

he suddenly cried. The reinthere deer almost collided with a huge red chimney. "I guess I must drive a bit more carefully. What's the matter with Dear me! how do they these reins? go? I-I-I-I

Tom trembled. The reins did not work, and he could not work inney. close at hand was another chimney. The work, and he could not work them, and

"Look out!" he screamed. The frightened deer avoided that obstacle and sprang ahead faster than ever. Suddenly he heard a roar! He looked behind, and there was Santa Claus with another team chasing the runaway; and oh! what a thunder-shout he gave! of the order of the garter in Henry Tom looked ahead, and there was a big VIII's. time, required the Knights to

factory chimney! "Oh dear! I shall hit that sure!" shrieked. "Grandmother, don't I wish I was in the kitchen!"

There was no help for it. With a tremendous crash, the reindeer team went a crucifix or amulets suspended from against the chimney! The next moment the neck. Kissing the book, which is Tom was rubbing his eyes open, and still the common practice throughout also rubbing his aching head.

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said grandmother, rising from her chair | cago Inter-Ocean.

KISSING THE BOOK.

What Originated the Custom of Kissing the Bible in Taking an Oath.

The idea on which oaths, or adjurations, was founded was that the unseen agent of the company came rushing powers or deities would always punish a falsehood if their attention were called to it. That is, the person might be as untruthful as he would be on ordinary occasions, but whenever he called on all kinds of horrid injuries of one sort one of the gods to witness the truth of or another. He detected a young felhis assertion, he was bound to keep his fellow who had sat next to him, and word, lest the deity, outraged at being who had laughingly been congratulatmade a party to a falsehood, would ing himself on his escape, blacking his wreak special vengeance upon him. From this idea, which has survived from the earliest times to the present, came for that sly young man on the -pot. The

the belief that the proximity of an ob- others got checks in proportion .- Chiject regarded as sacred made the oath cago Mail. more binding; i. e., made men more afraid to vioalate it. The ancient Jews touched their phylacteries in taking an oath. Later, their pract ce was to lay their hand upon the book of the law, whence came our custom of swearing on the Bible. The various customs of taking oaths in different countries have all a similar origin. The early Anglo-Saxons laid the hands on a pillar of stone, because stones were regarded as sacred to their gods. In mediaval times it was customary to touch a relic, and this was regarded as legiance to King William of Normandy, the Missal was placed upon a chest which, when afterward opened, was seen to be filled with bones of the saints. It is a curious proof of the su-"Wish grandmother could see me!" saints. It is a curious proof of the su-thought Tota. "Look - look - out perstition of the times, this idea that an adjuration to the Almighty was made more solemn by the presence of a knuckle-bone, a jaw or a double-tooth of a dead man. Another custom of mediæval times was swearing by churches. A certain number were mentioned, and the attestor was obliged to go to each one, take the ring of the church door in his hand and repeat his oath. From very early times the Russian custom has been to kiss the cross to attest an oath, and the practice has extended into other countries. This was the oath of the Knights Templar and other similar bodies, and the laws

touch the book and kiss the cross. A common attestation of the oath in Germany in the middle ages and later, was by the bosom, placing the hand thereon. This came from the practice of wearing the British Empire, as well as in this "Why, hommy, you've got asleep country, has not been permitted in and tumbled agin the stove funnel," Scotland since the reformation.--Chi-

some of them on their backs. Not a passenger was injured. The Captain says that it was the most complete wreck he ever saw, and that it was marvelous that no one was killed. An along in a few hours in a "special with an attorney. Instantly, the Captain says, the whole train load of people who had been returning thanks to God were taken with spinal difficulties and eyes with mud. The railroad agent wrote a check for one hundred dollars

WADING BIRDS.

Habits of the Heron, Stork, Crane, Ibis and the Smaller Wade

From the long neck and the long naked legs of the heron we may form a pretty good idea of what to expect of all wading birds, no matter how much they may differ in size. The long toes spread out very far apart, and thus prevoit the birds from sinking in the soft mud as they wade about in shallow water near the banks of rivers and marshes. Places like these are the favorite haunts of the herons, and here they stand patiently watching for fishes, frogs and small reptiles. Their long necks are admirably suited for reaching out to catch such creatures. and their slender beaks quickly seize the prey, seldom missing their aim.

Herons are found in all parts of the world, and they form one of the greatest ornaments of our Southern marshes and streams. Their flight, however, is not very graceful. These birds have no tail worth speaking of, so when flying they always stretch out their legs be hind them to act as a rudder, while most other birds tuck their legs snugly away out of sight. Another large and elegant bird is the

crane, which is sometimes over four feet in height, but otherwise not especially remarkable, unless it be for its long migrations twice every year, and for the perfect discipline which is observed on hese journeyings.

Those who have read the interesting stories about the storks that live in Enropean and Asiatic cities, and perhaps have seen them there, may be surprised to learn that they are also waders. These city birds seem to have given up their aquatic habits since they came to live in town, and now they stalk about the streets amidst throngs of people,

and are not the least disturbed by them. The presence of the storks in these Castile, Queen of Charles ILL

writing-tables, and the sober dress wherewith publishers clothe books that are to stand the wear and tear of use and time. In halls and dining-rooms, also, only quiet colors should appear. The pattern of a carpet should always depend upon the size of the room. The form should be flat, without any attempt at shadow or relief. Some of the most beautiful designs furnished by our manufacturers are found among the Axminster carpets, and these, though expensive, are at once the most desirable and most serviceable for large apartments. These carpets were first introduced in 1775. The warp and woot are of strong linen, and the soft tufts of wool in which the design is worked are admirably adapted to the d splay of a delicate and elaborate pattern. The varied greens of ferns and mosses can be made to appear, and every detail of leaf and spray worked out. For those who consider Axminster carpets beyond

the limits of their purse the velvet pile is very desirable, and makes a perfectly satisfactory covering for a parlor floor. An excellent general rule would be, where the home is not very pretentious and the income moderate, a velvet car-pet for the parlor, Brussels for the hall and stairs, dming-room and spare bedroom, the rest of the house being modestly restricted to ingrains or matting. There is one essential to all satisfac tory floor-covering. It should never be omitted. That is, the sponge or cotton carpet-linings, chemically prepared, so as to prevent the incursions of moths.

This can always be procured for fifteen or twenty bents per square yard, and not only does it add to the comfort and appearance of the carpet two-fold, but will make it last at least half as long again. Country people used frequently to put straw under the carpets, but this s too harsh, and reveals itself too quickly the moment the foot presses it. The cotton lining gives the carpet softness that seems to belong to its own material, and persuades the visitor that he has a rich pile under his feet, when he may in reality be treading upon an in-

grain at seventy-five cents per yard. With stair carpets a heavy padding as a Rep should be laid upon the edge of each Y. Star. step, and the carpet should always be a yard or so longer than is necessary, so that worn places may be changed.

A wise selection of floor-coverings. care in laying them, and a little careful attention when signs of wear begin to

show in certain places, such as changing the location of a chair or introducing a mat or rug, will keep our toors looking bright and fresh for a long time, with only moderate expense. -Chicago News.

--Among the orange trees of Versailles is one more than four centuries old, which was planted by Fleanor of

PRESS ITEMS.

-The solemn silence of Blaine organs over the rhetorical beauties of Senator Edmunds' delayed letter gives us pain. They seem to be, as it were, struck dumb with it. - Cincinnati Enquir er.

-----Senator Logan made the statement that Blaine is running the politics of the whole country. Blaine may be running the politics, but the people are running the courtry .- Cleveland Plain Dealer.

-Blaine organs are so active in searching out reasons why American shipbuilders should not compete for contracts for naval vessels that the skeptical might conclude they would rather let the work go to foreign labor than have a Democratic Administration earn the credit of giving remunerative employment to American skill and energy. Their hearts beat warmly for the American workman, but their souls' eyes are set upon the will-o'-the-wisp of the success of Blaine as a Republican candidate in 1888.-N.

----The intimation that Mr. Blaine is "managing" or can manage the political labor movement in this city, or in Boston, is equally belittling and un-just to the earnest and independent men who are its inspiration. The George movement was thought out and well under way before Mr. Blaine heard of it, and if similar projects shall be organized in other cities it workingmen, and not in the interest of the Maine demagogue. No doubt he sees in the movement a possible ad-vantage to himself and his party, but he can not influence it for that purpose. -N. Y. World.

-Brother Blaine, it appears, wants to flirt with John Shorman's friends .---Atlanta Constitution.

RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT.

GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH.

Gold, frankincense and myrrh, they brought the new-born Christ-The wise men from the East-and in the love's life, which, if she take them ox's stall, The far-brought precious gifts they heaped,

with love unpriced; And Christ, the babe, looked on and won-dered not at all.

Gold, frankincense and myrrh, I, too, would offer Thee, O, King of faithful hearts, upon Thy Christ-mas Day; And, poor and little worth although the offer-

Because Thou art so kind, I dare to think I I bring the Gold of Faith, which, through

the centuries long, Still seeks the Holy Child and worships at And owns Him for its Lord, with gladness

deep and strong, And joins the angel choir, singing in cho-

The frankincense I bear is worship which can rise, Like perfume floating up higher and higher

Till on the wings of prayer it finds the far blue skies And falls as falls the dew, to freshen heart

And last I bring the myrrh, half-bitter and

half-sweet, Of my own selfish heart, through sacrifice

made clean, And break the vase and spill the oil upon Thy feet, O. Lord of Christmas Day, as did the Mag-

Gold, frankincense and myrrh-'tis all I have

to bring To thee, O, Holy Child, now throned in

Heaven's mid! Because Thou art so kind, take the poor

offering, And let me go forth blessed, as once the Wise Men did. -Susan Cooliège, in N. Y. Independent.

PRICKING THE CONSCIENCE.

Christmas Comes to Teach Us That the Whole Life Should Be a "Season" for Doing Good to All.

There is one passage in the New Testament the translation of which, both in the new and the old version, has seemed to us to miss Paul's meaning. "In due season," says the English translation, "we shall reap if we faint not; as we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men."' Now, the word rendered "season" in one clause and "opportunity" in the other is the same. What the Apostle says is this: "In due season we shall reap if we faint not; as therefore we have a season, let us do good unto all men." This is our spring season, when we are to sow our benevolence; by and by comes the harvest season, when we shall reap the charged with the momentous question fruits of it. If all your good-doing of setting his own destiny for the eter-brings you no reward, if it is all a locked furrow, but faith sees the golden grain waving in the future above the grave. The life is God's appointed sea-son for doing good; the pert life is God's son for doing good; the next life is God's appointed season for harvesting. God has so ordered the whole econ-

omy of this life that no man can well live and prosper without doing good to his fellow-men. The farmer can make nothing from his farm without feeding the hungry; the cotton manufacturer nothing from his mill without clothing the naked: the railroad company nothing on its stock without carrying food from the surplus markets to the hungry health. A healthy soul craves food, and mouths. The money that lies idle in a chest is valueless to its possessor; noth-ing blesses its owner that does not also bless some one else. There are, indeed, some few methods of money-getting that carry only a curse with them_ gambling, most forms of liquor selling, preaching of Divine truth, in the form and polished by being rolled in a barrel many forms of speculation; but all legitimate business holds wealth in both hands, and gives alike to the seller on the one side of the counter and to the buyer on the other. Thus, in the very nature and constitution of life, no man can be actively engaged in the com-monest forms of bread-winning without giving also bread to his meighbor. He lives in a season in which he is perforce compelled to do good, whether he will or no. We have often pointed out this general principle, and urged upon our readers the truth that the law of Christian love is not complied with by doles of charity, large or small; that it requires the consecration of one's whole business, and all one's possessons, to the service of humanity, and the use of all his faculties and all his opportunities in making the world richer, wiser, and better than he found it. It is not enough, as chance gives us an oppor-tunity, to do casual good here and True love, wise love, love with there. the insight of faith, perceives in all of profane.-Gail Hamilton. life a season of doing good, and acts accordingly, and oftentimes it mads itself perplexed between the conflicting claims of what men call business and benevolence-perplexed to know whether it can do more good by keeping its energies and its means in the ordinary channels of industry, or diverting thear in other directions. But Christmas comes to remind us, among other things, that no man can afford to contact the base of the second only by iness channels, and to do good only by methods that straightway remunerate him. Lest we should forget the claims of humanity, and think wholly of our salaries and not of our service, wholly of what we are to receive and not at all of what we can give, the Lord makes clear to us that some benefactions must be rendered which bring with them no return. So He gives us our children, on whom we lavish love and service, looking for no recompense, except the recompense which love pays in grateful appreciation. So He gives us some helpless poor—"The poor ye have al-ways with you;" so He give, us opportunity to minister in higher realms to needs which can not pay for service, in churches which are never truly self-supporting, and in colleges and higher institutions of learning whose stock declares no earthly divi-dends. So, too, he brings about re-current festivals, Christmas and birth-days, and bids us forget the larger cares of business toil in the smaller cares of remain mute and senseless to appeals domestic love. And the father escapes the worry of the street, buying toys in-stead of stocks, and books instead of touch. In the most insensible or childgrain, and studying only how he shall ish minds there is some train of reflecmake the home luminous with loving tion which art can seldom lead or skill faces, and resounding with laughter and the clapping of hands. This is not, and the clapping of hands. This is not, great truths have done, by chance, if he be a true man, more a work of and when the discoverer has the plain, love than is all the more serious labor est and simplest end in view .- Dickens.

PINS BY THE TON.

of his life ; in truth, it is less ; it is not

the work and it is the recreation of love.

At such times she ceases to wear a

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serious guise and a knitted brow, and Among the many who read this artito be tense in nerve and muscle, and cle some are doubtless familiar with Grecian mythology, and they will relove's life, which, if she take them aright make all love's service easier member the story of Cadmus, who and all love's burden lighter, and all

love's perplexities less perplexing. For this hour love ceases to labor, and simply lives spontaneously; and when the hour is spent, she puts on her work-day clothes with new spirit and assumes her work-day tasks with fresh zest. Such a Merry Christmas gives to all who pos-sess it a Happy New Year. — Christian

In the Revelation from God Those Points Which Are Not Revealed Are to Be In a Divine revelation we must expect many points of information to be reserved. You send a child, for instance, on an errand to a distant street. garments together, and in comparatively modern times Mexicans were and you give him the street's name and the number of the crossings, and repeat for pins. When some knowledge of working to him, perhaps more than once, his

metals had been acquired pins were made therefrom. In Exodus we read: particular business; but you do not detain and perplex him by either a history or a panoramic exhibition of the city he "All the pins of the tabernacle and of visits. When I was a child I spoke as a the court-those used to fasten the gorgeous hangings-"shall be of brass." The pins of the ancient Romans were child; and the converse is also true. When I was a child I was spoken to as a child. Such knowledge was given to made of bronze, as are most of those me as was proper for my childhood's estate. And even in our manhood, and that have been discovered in Egyptian tombs

Until the beginning of the fifteenth century strings, ribbons, hooks, skewers with reference to our fellow-men, there are always topics as to which we are more or less ignorant, and as to which -of such material as the "circumstances" of the wearer admitted-

played the part of pins. About 1483 pins were first made, from Thus a government sends forth a colonist; but gives him just information enough, to enable him to perform his particular work. A general charges an inferior officer with a special duty; but

here, too, there is silence as to what-ever does not belong to this duty. To enlarge the official directions given in either case, so as to include all the pins into England from France.

knowledge the superior may possess, would perplex the agent and withdraw his attention from that which concerned In 1626 the English began the manufacture of pins at Gloucester, and the industry so prospered that several factories for that purpose were erected, wherein employment was given to nearly two thousand persons.

> manufacture was attempted in the United States, as, owing to the interruption of trade with foreign nations consequent upon the war, a paper of pins inferior to those for which we now pay six cents, cost one dollar. The attempt was unsuccessful. For the "head"—made by winding fine wire spirally about one end of the pin and fastened in its place by striking it when heated, with a hammer-was exceedingly rude and liable to come off most

In 1831 Dr. John I. Howe of New York, invented a machine which made pins with "spun" heads, like those of European make, previously requiring health. The same thing is strictly true fourteen distinct processes, at one operwith regard to the food of the soul. ation-the first machine to do such The soul is as dependent on spiritual

devised numerous improvements, and priate nourishment; and if no relish in 1840 patented the "rotary" machine, which makes pins with solid heads.

resorts eagerly to the two ordinary means all there is to it. They must be sources of it—that is, the written word whitened, pelished, sorted, stuck into and the spoken word. The Bible, which papers. A boiling in copper pans, with is the food of God's own providing for grains of tin, nitric acid and water for the soul, continues for years an unedi- three or four hours deposite upon them

E. A. CLARE, U. S. Architect, certifies to the efficacy of Red Star Cough Cure.

A SERIES of practical talks to girls has begun in Boston. With our girls the most practical talk is the proposal.—*Philadelphia Call.*

member the story of Cadmus, who sowed dragen's teeth, which sprung from the earth armed men. In a similarly marvelous manner it would seem that pins must have come into existence, so numerous are they. Nor is it strange that a frequent ques-tion is: "What in the world becomes of all the pins?"—an inquiry not easily answered. But a hundred years ago pins were so rare and expensive that school chil-dren never thought of sticking one into a mate "for the fun of it." The need of some utensil serving the same end with a pin must, from the earliest times, have been felt, and to meet it recourse has been had to various derices. Most likely our uncivilized ancestors used thorns for holding their garments together, and in compara-tively modern times Mexicans were Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute.

THE vital question: "What is a sausage? is being discussed before a Nebraska court wont to substitute thorns of the agave It is believed the jury will disagree.-Nor ristown Herald.

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You would not, perhaps, expect it, but it is a fact, that well water will sometimes make people sick .- Boston Post. The Duty of State Legislatures. About 1455 pins were first made, from iron wire, in England, the importation of pins from continental Europe being then prohibited by law. Toward the middle of the sixteenth century Catharine Howard, the tith Queen of Henry VIII, introduced brass pins into England from France.

A LAWN party is pleasant enough until it begins to rain. Then it becomes a forlorn

party.

WE would be pleased to know of a man or woman who has never had headache or been subject to constipation. As these seem to be universal troubles a little advice may be in order. Why should persons cram their stomachs with nauseating pur-gative pills, etc., which sicken and debilitate when such a pleasant and sterling remedy as Prickly Ash Bitters will act mildly and effectively on the liver, kidney, stomach and bowels, and at the same time tone up and strengthen the whole system, causing headache, constipation and all such dis-tressing evils to quickly disappear. WE would be pleased to know of a man

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And if we were to expect such silence-in a parent's dealings with a child and in a government's dealing with a Shortly after the war of 1812 their subaltern, how much more reason have we to expect in the dealings of God with man! God knows all things, and endures from eternity to eternity? Man comes into the world knowing nothing, lives at the best a life which endures for a few years, and in this short life is

inopportunely. Such a pin, relie of days long past, lies before us as we

A Healthy Soul Craves Food. write Want of appetite is one of the first symptoms of something wrong in the

work automatically. He subsequently nutriment as the body is on its approfor that be felt, the soul is not in good

the disease will become chronic if neglected, and may have a fatal termination.-Selected.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

-A great hand is careful lest it crush. Browning. -Nothing but the Infinite pity is sufficient for the infinite pathos of human life. - Shorthouse.

-When death, the great reconciler, has come, it is never our tenderness that we repent of, but our severity .- George Eliot.

-Grief, it is truly said, is sacred; but grief brought forward promisenously, harped upon, condoled over, made the staple of conversation, becomes rapidly -He is the greatest man who chooses

the right with invincible resolution, Home. who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully, and whose reliance on truth and virtue is the most unfaltering.-W. E. Channing.

Our life is an apprenticeship to the truth that around every circle another can be drawn; that there is no end in nature, but every end is a beginning; that there is always another dawn risea on midnoon, and under every deep a jower deep opens. - Emerson.

-Be cheerful, do not brood over fond hopes unrealized until a chain, link after link, is fastened on each thought and wound around the heart. Nature of cheerfulness and social life, and not the traveling monument of despair and melancholy.-Arthur Helps.

-When any earthly object kindles one's desire into a flame, one should ask: "Is this desire in harmony with the will of God? Do I wish to possess the object

which charms me because it would en-able me to serve God better?" If one's heart replies "No!" then one should trample upon the desire as evil, because a truly spiritual mind will "desire nothing but the knowledge of God's will and the disposition to do and suffer it."-

the most passionate and earnest, and respond at last to the slightest casual assist, but which will reveal itself, as

whether of exposition or of narration, of hot bran or saw-dust, usually the latis also without relish to many believ- ter. The perfect are separated from ers. All who are conscious of such a the imperfect by swinging them on want of appetite would do well to take immediate alarm at the symptom; for their souls are assuredly unhealthy, and volving horizontally and furnished with "fingers" adap.ed to the varying length of the pins, sorts them. Then they are stuck on papers by a machine, so simple in its construction that it is tended by two children, who can put up thousands of papers each day.

As good pins are now made in this country as abroad, and their principal factories are in Connecticut, some of them making a ton a day.

quantity-in number about two millions. But the population of the United States is fifty millions, and twenty-five tons

would be necessary in order that each person have one pin a day. Rather a small allowanee, is it not, reader? So there is no need that we take especial

pains to lose or destroy them from fear that the world will be glutted with pins and those engaged in their manufacture compelled to remain idle.-Church and

An Ingenious Contrivance.

The microphone is now being used in Germany for the purpose of detecting loss of water through leakage in town mains. The apparatus consists of a. steel rod, which is placed upon the cock in the neighborhood of which the leak is suspected, and a microphone at-

tacked to the upper end of the rod. A dry battery and a telephone complete the equipment. No sound is heard in the telephone if the cocks are closed and no leak occurs; but a leak of even intended you to be the fountain-spring in the pipe to affect the microphone and give audible sounds in the telephone. At the recent meeting of gas and water engineers in Eisenach it was stated that the apparatus is so simple to handle that with a little practice ordinary work-men are able to detect and localize any leak. -N. Y. Fost.

-How woman suffrage works in Washington Territory is thus hinted at by a man who writes so to the Cowlitz Advocate: "My wife has been gone away on the jury for four days. I have not had a square meal since she left. My children are crying for bread, and every thing goes wrong. I am hungry, angry, and all out of sorts in every respect. I write this to warn the person who advocate woman's rights in my presence must be a very large man, and if ever the sheriff comes after my wife again he had better bring a poss with him, for my shot-gun is loaded and I will not hesitate to use it."

-The Chilians have gone in strong for horse-racing of late. It is now the most fashionable sport of the republic. It is now the

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THERE is one recommendation for buckwheat griddle-cakes as an article of diet. They are always round if you want them .--Lowell Citizen

An Indiana woman has invented a burglar alarm. For mercy's sake! Why does she want to wake up the burglars when they are asleep.

"PA, why is a girl called a belle?" asked Clara. "O, I guess it is because of her tongue," unfeelingly replied the old man.-N. Y. Sun.

WHEN does the captain of the ship com-mit self-mutilation? When he goes on shore and leaves his hands behind him.

IF twenty-seven inches of snow give three inches of water, how much milk a cow give when fed on rutabaga turnips?

A VERMONT man having invented a cowtail holder, Tid-Bits wants to know what is the matter with the original cow.

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MUSIC-MAD.

The Story of a Christmas Eve Wedding.

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"Oh, dear, how glad I am it is finished," said gay Kate Blossom; "my fingers are as rough as nutmeg-graters. Isn't it too bad that we couldn't have had the wedding?"

"Hush!" said her companion, Alice Ba-ker, in a low voice; "there is May com-She might hear you."

Well, she knows we are all her friends I am sure I am as sorry as I can be for her but I do think that Maurice Dawson is only music-mad, and if he would give up all that aonsense about 'lost chords' and 'music in the air.' he would be as sane as any

"But he is losing his health; it is affected by his malady, so it must be real." "Nothing but monomania." if some one

would burn up all that music, he would give up trying to be a genius, and attend to his business.

"Look at May; isn't she sweet?" whis pered Kate.

She had just finished a wreath of ever greens, and, while waiting for a place to hang it, had thrown it over her head, where it rested, giving to her fair, serene face the look of one of Guido's saints. The stained glass window at her back, and the intro spective look in her dark eyes, added to the il usion. She was one of the favored few whom every body loves, and as the girls regarded her rapt expression they stopped working and chatting, and became suddenly silent. At the same moment some one entered the organ-loft and touched the organ with practiced hand. The full, rich, pleading ones rose high and swelled into a gran burst of exouisite music, that maintained its supremacy for one entrancing moment then quavered and trilled, and wandered off into an intricacy of unmelodious dis

"Poor fellow," said one of the girls, with a shudder. "It is dreadful to hear him." May Allen took the wreath from her

head, and stepped aside from the halo of light in which she stood. Her face wa transfigured. "Did you notice how nearly he accom

plished the closing strain in that cantata? If he could have held the notes in the re peat, but that is where he fails-only h will succeed yet. I am sure that when he does, he will be well again." "He ought to go to work!" exclaimed

Alice Baker, impetuously. "I have no patience with him."

"Work !" retorted May, with sudden an ger, which was rare to her, "who works harder than he to find and maintain that equilibrium of music that is always escap-ing and tormenting him? Do not the best judges who have heard him say that his compositions are wonderful? That he would be to music what Poe was to poetry if he could succeed. I wish I could help him." She wrung her hands and burst into an

ecstasy of weeping. All the young things crowded about and kissed her, while Alice Baker pleaded for pardon for her thoughtless speech. May was too gentle and good to hold anger long. and peace was soon restored. But when the girls had finished their work on the church decorations, she slipped up stairs and stood by the side of the "mad musician," Maurice Dawson. He was nervously fingering some manuscript notes that lay on the rack before him.

"Is it the Christmas music, dear ?" sh asked, gently, as she stole to his side. He started and laughed mirthlessly.

1-KSW/N LATTE

wedding march. Who was to be married?" glass, the evergreen trimmings, the boy -with a sudden touch of suspicion in his manner-"you, was it May, to Hiram Wright?" "Oh. no! no!" cried the poor girl, cover-

ing her face with his hands. "In mercy, "He has no music in his soul, but he is

You know I can never marry you. The eagle does not mate with the dove. Yes, May, marry your black-browed lover, and he can blow the organ bellows while I play during symphonics for the world to hear divine symphonies for the world to hear and applaud. Music-mad, do they say? Oh, it is a sweet madness! are you crying? I can play tears and sighs! I love them—ha! ha!"

Then she left him and went down-stairs with a heavy, heavy heart. There were the girls and the young men who had called for their sisters and sweethearts. Among them was Hiram Wright, who had neither sister nor sweetheart there.

"He's waiting for you," said Kate Blos-som, tucking her little gold thimble into her pocket. "I wouldn't lose it for any thing," she admitted in May's ear, " because George Simpson sent it to me from Paris, and it has our initials on the band. There's Hiram Wright waiting to see you home." "Don't leave me. Kate, dear," said May,

eagerly, "walk that way with me. I can not bear his company just now." The church was prettily trimmed with its

arches and wreaths of evergreen, and the star that was to be illuminated by a lamp at the evening service. The girls hurried about getting their wraps and hoods on-for the air was cold-and chatting alto-

gether as they did so. "I hope old Michel will have it good and warm this evening," said one, as she shivered about.

"There's Maurice up-stairs, girls; musn't stay there," suggested Alice Baker. "Oh, he goes home when he gets ready," whispered another, fearful that May would overhear her. "Poor fellow! they say he's as poor as a church mouse since he's given up his business, and gone to studying music." May did hear, and smiled to herself at the congruity of the statement. What if he were, she had enough for both, if only that were needed. But an unbalanced mind! Who could restore the treasure of intellect that he had so nearly lost?

On their way home, Hiram Wright man-aged to walk by May's side, and whenever there was an opportunity poured into her ear his insidious words. At last, stung by

her silent contempt, he asked her taunting-ly what she had done with her "mad lover." He must indeed have believed that all was lost, when he could so far forget himself, but he was not prepared for the superb

anger of the woman he loved and who now openly scorned him. "Mad he may be, as you say," she retort-ed, in a loud, firm voice, "but I call Heaven

witness that I would rather die with him than live with you."

The young man persisted as if she had not spoke

"Why do you refuse the love of a man who can give you every thing, for one who can give you nothing? What comparison is there between us?"

"None; or if you insist there is one, that can give you. You are in love with yourself, but Maurice is in love with me. It is disloyalty to him to even speak his name to

you." "And yet," he sneered, "he leaves you to come home in my company, while he folows the promptings of a whim, and makes

an idol of an idea, a chimera of the brain." "We will not discuss him further, and after this I do not wish your further ac-quaintance, Mr. Wright," said May, with

lignity. "Do you mean what you say, May Allen?"

"I do: you have proved any thing but a friend to Maurice Dawson since calamity overtook him. You knew that I was his promised wife-that this very Christmas eve we were to have been married; but for this unhappy visitation. Yet you force your unwelcome attentions upon me, when you

would not dare to address me if Maurice were himself."

Have you finished?" inquired the

on earth, good-will to men ran through every soul present as an anthem of future promise. After the benediction, as the ongregation rose to disperse, a grand voluntary sang out from the organ. May at once recognized the exaltations of the music, and she whispered to Kate Blossom:

"Too bad! they should not have let Manrice come; it excites him so much, and he always fails to carry out the last score; he will create a discord." But this time there was no hesitating, no

false notes or futile efforts after lost chords. With a practiced hand he played on and on, and the people stopped to listen, until at last, in one magnificent diapason of harmony, the music faded into melodious

silence No one broke that sacred stillness by words of praise then. Afterwards they said it was of more than mortal sweetnes and grandeur. May alone hastened to congratulate the musician, but he was gone already when she reached the organ loft. For a moment she waited; the score of the music lay on the rack before her, but of the player there was no more sign than il he had been wafted away with one of his

own celestial strains. "He has gone down the other stairs," she thought, "on purpose to avoid me. Oh

my dear, I would not have complained to n ght. I, too, am music-mad." All in a moment she stood in dark

ness; the church lights were out, and the door closing. "Hiram," she called, in sudden terror, at

she saw the dark face of her rejected lover ment: he paused and looked at her for a



By the lantern on the snow, she saw him

mile, forbidding, sneering, vindictive. "Don't leave me here," she cried. "You dare not-" But the heavy door was closed and locked while she was speaking. She flew to the windows, shrieking 'Help! help!'' but no one heard her. Then t occurred to her that it was only a joke Hiram had locked her in, not unwilling that she should have a fright, but he would soon come back and release her-that he could dare to leave her there for the night was too horrible. Why, the fright of i would kill her by morning!

Then she sat down in one of the pews and tried to think what she should do.

They would not miss her, because each yould think she was with the other. Her mother would worry a little, but as the night wore on, she would believe her safe at home with Kate Blossom or Alice Baker And Maurice-once he would not have slep: till he had said "good night" to her. Nov he would not miss her-no, even though

this was to have been their bridal eve. It was not cold. A great fire had been

made in the furnace in the basement, and the heat was almost intense, but it was drearily lonely. May would have given much for the company of that church mouse the girls had been laughing about. From time to time there were threatening noises, as some straight-backed pew groaned in fiber, or the floors gave back

THE FISHERIES TROUBLES.

Sir John A. Macdonald Throws the Blame

Entirely on This Country. DETROIT, Mich., Des 17 .- Sir John A. Macdonaid, the Canadian Premier, in an-

swer to the questions: "What will be the outcome of the fisheries dispute? Is there a prospect of its adjustment?" said: "There is, or should be, no dispute. The treaty of 1818 is just, explicit and sufficient. It simply forbids American vessels from fishing within the three mile limit, and from passing that limit or landing except for certain specified purposes, of which the buying of bait is not one. There is no room for discussions as to the intent of the treaty except as to the headland question, so called—that is, shall the line definition of the treaty which the start the line defining the three-mile limit follow the sinuosities of the bays and inlets, or be

drawn from headland to headland, so as to prevent fishing by American vessels in partially landlocked waters? We hold the latter view, as did Daniel Webster. This position is, in fact, maintained by the American seaboard States." "Is there any prospect of the negotiation

of a more liberal extradition treaty?" "Her Majesty's Government would make no treaty affecting Canada without consulting us, and would, 1 am sure, make any

reasonable treaty of the kind that we de-sired, providing the assent of the other contracting party could be obtained. Canada is favorable to the making of an extradition treaty in the broadest terms, providing for the surrender of any criminal of what-

oever degree, save only those guilty of offenses so petty as to make the use of the machinery of extradition absurd. It seems to me that so long as the courts of the country are so administered as to justify the confidence that every accused person will receive fair and just treatment there can be no excuse for shielding any man from surrender after proper and formal demand. The obstruction to such a treaty comes not from Ottawa or England, but from Washington. To my mind it is clear that the treaty would long since have been an accomplished fact but for the subtle influence on your side of the pernicious class which insists that the man who kills or destroys by dynamite is not a criminal, but a political offender. Were your Presi-dent elected once in ten instead of once in

A JUMBLE OF WORDS.

to Explain the Interstate Commerce Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- The conference

vided that the law shall not go into effect for sixty days after signature. There has been great demand for copies of the bill as agreed upon, but as only fifty have thus far been printed, for the exclusive use of the committee, the demand can not be supplied; but from the few copies which are available it is evident that the phraseology of some of the leading sections of the bill is so in-volved that if the bill shall become a law these sections will not be translated until the courts shall have passed upon them. Take for instance the important section 4, relative to the long and short hau. That

Section 4. That it shall be unlawful for

any common carrier subject to the provis-ions of th s act to charge or receive any greater compensation in the aggregate for preater compensation in the aggregate for the transportation of passengers, or of like kind of property, under substant ally s milar circumstances and conditions, for a shorter than for a longer distance over the same line, in the same direction, the shorter being included within the longer distance: "but this shall not be construed as authorizing any common carrier within the terms of this act to charge and receive as great compensa-tion for a shorter as for a longer distance:" tion for a shorter as for a longer distance:" Provided, however, that upon application to the commission appointed under the pro-visions of this act such common carrier may, in special cases, after investigation by the commission, be author zed to charge less for longer than for shorter distances for the transportation of passengers, or property; and the commission may from time to time prescribe the extent to which such desig-nated common carr or may be relieved from the common carr or may be relieved from

BOLD ROBBERS.

Three Unmasked Highwaymen Rab a Train in Texas-Even Soldiers Submit-A Plucky Woman

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 13 .- At 11:40 Saturday the mail and express train on the Fort Worth & Denver, bound for Fort Worth, stopped at a water tank just north of Bellevue Station, seventy-five miles north of Fort Worth. A few minutes before the train arrived three men had ridden up to a house 200 yards from the tank, tied their horses and ordered dinner. They walked leisurely towards the tank, and about that time the train pulled in. One of the three men ordered engineer Claude Ayers, the fireman, the porter, Johnson, the baggagemaster, and O. G. Miller, an engineer who was riding in the cab, to leave the road, and a tankman to get off the train and get in line about thirty feet distant from the train. The men complied, and were ordered to throw up both hands, when the road agent went through them, and then kept them in

line. In the meantime the two confederates had gone to the smoker, and began the work of boodle-gathering. When the men had been noticed going

through the pockets of the porter, a passen-ger in the rear car, who had his head out of the window, saw what was up, and imme-diately went through the two coaches call-"Put away your money and valuables;

we will be robbed." At once the passengers secreted all they

could and awaited results. In the smoking car were four United States soldiers, negroes, belonging to the Twenty-fourth Infantry, under command of Superintendent Connors, in charge of two deserters, Reich and Bulz, being taken to Leaven-worth from Fort Sill. Connors ordered his men to draw their pistols and give fight; that the robbers must not be permitted to go through the cars. When it was seen that the soldiers were going to fight, Henry Ellinger, of Fort Sill, L. T., went to Con-nors and begged him to submit tamely, saying the women and children were greatly alarmed, and that all the valuables were hidden away and but little would be ob-tained, besides, he said:

"These men may have fifteen or twenty confederates in these ravines about here, and you will cause innocent people to be murdered.'

Others joined Ellinger in his request and Connors reluctantly consented to do as re-quested. By this time the two men had reached the soldiers and covering them with forty-fives, demanded their pistols, which the soldiers surrendered.

The robbery is the boldest on record in this part of the State. The men made no effort to conceal their faces, and talked and joked with the passengers as they robbed them. One of the robbers is positively known, and has a brother living in Wise County. Three ladies among the fifty passengers won the admiration of all for their pluck and bravery. Mrs. Wittlek, of Car-thage, Mo., stood up by her husband, and asked if forty men would tamely submit to being robbed by three highwaymen. The robbers only got about \$100 and several watches, most of the valuables having been

COLLAPSE OF A BUILDING.

A Mammoth Hardware Establishmen Falls to the Ground-Overloaded With Goods.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.-About 2:30 o'elock Saturday afternoon the upper floor of the for National bank circulation to the full A. F. Shapleigh & Cantwell Hardware Company's extensive establishment, 414 to 422 North Main street, fell with a great erash. This floor was covered with heavy agvicultural machinery and in its fall carried down the third floor, stocked with shelf goods, and the second floor, filled with money in the Treasury not otherwise ap-sample goods. In a moment or two the propriated upon the security of an equal debris caught fire, presumably from the overturned stoves, or possibly ness of the United States, provided the from the furnace in the basement, whole amount of special deposits thus and with startling rapidity the flames shot made shall not at any time exceed \$10,000,-Congressional English have been asked to explain what this section means, notably the first part of it and the operiod limitation of the operiod lim in a very short time the entire building was in a mass of fiercely burning flames and every window and door was beiching forth great clouds of heavy black smoke. Shortly after this the roof over No. 422 and the north wall on Vine street fell. Then a part of the front on Main street toppled over, and the interior floors of the whole building followed in rapid succession, and by four p. m. nothing was left but broken walls and a great mass of barned and ruined goods and twisted and destroyed machinery. The fire was confined to the Shapleigh building and surrounding property which, before the wails and roof fell in, seemed in imminent danger, was but slightly damaged. At the time of the crash some fifty employes were scattered throughout the building, but so far as can cers, relating their experiences with these now be learned all but two of them have been accounted for. Several of the men re-ceived slight injuries in the way of bruises in nearly every instance the soles fell off; and cuts, but of those who have reported instead of wearing out. none are serious v hurt. The firm dealt largely in sporting guns, pistols and small ammunition, and during Cox, of North Carolina, who retires from the fire there was a very active fusilade Congress at the close of this session, is a caused by exploding cartridges, which cre- formidable applicant for the mission to ated some alarm in the crowd present, but Turkey. He and his friends assert that he nobody is known to have been hart by stray is entitled to recognition from the Presibullets. The house carried a heavy stock, dent as his defeat in the convention for revalued at the present time at about \$500, 000. What part of this, if any, can be of the President on the Civil-Service law; saved is not known, but the probabilities and his champoinship of the same as chair-are that it is all ruined. The insurance man of the Civil-Service committee of the amounts to \$300,000, and is divided among 100 companies, chiefly Eastern and foreign, in sums ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

AT THE CAPITAL.

Randall vs. Morrison—Hewitt's Financial Bill—The Cost of Maintaining the Les-venworth Miltary Prison—North Caro-lina's Turkey Coz—More Money Wanted for the Geners's Land Office. RANDALL VS. MORRISON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-Mr. Morrison has completed a canvass of the friends of tariff reform, and is ready for the contest. He is serious in the belief that he will be able to have his own measure considered, and that he will be able to carry much of it to final passage. Mr. Randall, who also at the last session introduced a customs ad-ministration bill, which is by no means so radical in its terms as that of Mr. Morrison, will also exert every effort to have his bill considered, instead of Mr. rison's. The plan to be pursued by the Randall element is to form a coalition with the Republicans, who are opposed to the Morrison bill and when the latter calls up his measure, the vote will be cast to substitute the Randall for the Morrison bill. A meeting will be held to-night at the rooms of Mr. McAdoo for the purpose of completing and perfecting the plans. To gain the support of the Republicans, Mr. Randall has been obliged to make nota few concessions. In case the Randall bill is considered and passed, the Republicans will insist that the country shall understand that the bill is not a Demo-cratic measure. The Republicans have likewise made concessions to Mr. Handall by lending their support to a bill from the Democratic side, instead of introduc-ing one themselves. What may be the exact terms of the agreement can not be determined until after to-night's meeting, but it is generally understood that the relations between Mr. Randall and the Republican leaders on the questions are cordial. Mr. Randal, of course, realizes that he is powerless with his thirty Democratic followers to get his bill before the House without the assistance of the Republicans, consequently he thinks he is justified' in having an understanding with the other side of the House.

Representative Randall says that he favors abolishing all duties on lumber, timber, staves and wood, and also advocates taking off the internal revenue tax on brandy distilled from peaches, pears, apples, grapes, plums, berries and perish-ble fruits generally. "This will make a. start in tariff reform," said a Western Congressman, "and we had better listen to Randall."

HEWITT'S FINANCIAL BILL. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 .- The bill introluced in the House yesterday by Mr. Hewitt, of New York, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to anticipate the payment of interest on the bonded debt of the United States, and to provide for special deposits of public money, empowers the Secretary to anticipate the payment of interest on bonds in excess of three per cent. per annum by the payment in gross of such sum in each case; as shall be equal to the aggregate present worth of such excess of interest. For the purpose of ascertaining such present worth, the interest upon the amount paid by the United States in anticipation, of such excess of interest shall be computed at the rate of three per cent. per annum, and reinvested quarterly, so as to save to the United States the benefit of compound interest thereon. Where this payment of interest is accepted before maturity, the old coupons are to be cut off and canceled, and new ones substituted, bearing their rate of interest.' The bill also provides that these bonds shall be receivable as security extent of the par value of the bonds, inposit from time to time with any National banking association, any portion of the amount of the bonded, or other indebted-

four years we should have such a treaty." "Philadelphia Lawyer" May Not be Able

on the Interstate Commerce bill has pro-

section, as finally agreed upon, is in these words:



SHE THREW THE WREATH OVER HER HEAT

"I thought you were a ghost," he said. "'or an angel sent to help me find those los chords."

"I will be your good angel," said the girl fondly. "Oh, Maurice, they say such dread ful things. "That you are-are-" "Mad, yes, ha ha! I know it! the mad

musician; but all musicians are mad. They must be. Else how could they comprehend the immensity of their, work. Mad! mad Yes, dear; and perhaps I am not mad enough! That is why I can not finish my Christinas theme. I have it in my brain though-the song of the Chaldean shepherds of the morning stars-such joy, rapture -listen: "When the herald angels sing," and he repeated the exquisite music he had played, but when he would have reached the exalted strains of adoration, it became again a senseless jumble, and the poor fel-low laid his head down upon his beloved manuscript and wept aloud.

All the love and devotion of her intensely toyal and womanly nature was revealed in May Allen's face, as she was thus made aware of her lover's weakness and disquietude. How could she help him, was the dominant thought of her soul.

"If I could go to Europe," he said, at last raising his pale face from his nerveless; smaciated hands, "I could find the los chords. In the old cathedrals, filled with echoes of the songs the masters have sung. I would reach heights that I can never at tain nere. I would come so near to Heaven what I should catch the song of seraphim surv caerubim-The chorus of endless bliss that the sons of men once heard when the morning stars sung together for joy."

So he wandered on. Not one word for her whose young life he had blighted, whose loving heart he had well night oroken. May watched and comforted him as best she could, with a few tender words of hope for the future, and tried to lure him away from the tempting presence of his en-chantress. But he turned from her with an angry shrug of the shoulders. "They are calling you below," he said, as

the voices of the girls came up to the organ toft. "I suppose they're afraid to come up, ha! ha! This is Christmas eve, isn't it? What was I to do? let me think. O. there

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young man, in a husky voice, "because if you have I will go, and-if I can help it-never see your face And, as for your mad musiagain. cian, you may think less of him when he goes to a mad-house, where he is certain to end his career.'

Poor May. She walked into her home with dilated eyes, and such an expression of despair on her face, that her mother rose from her chair by the open fire, and demanded in a frightened voice: "What is it? What has happened, May,

to make you look like that?" And May sobbed it out on her mother's

houlders, ending with the despairing refrain: "And this is Christmas eve, when every

one ought to be so happy !" "Max," said Mrs. Allen, gently, "we are

not put into this life only to secure happi-ness. The great Founder of Christmas came into the world to suffer for others. Can you not think less of yourself, and of Maurice, and wait patiently until there is a change. Sometimes, my child, the darkest hour is just before the dawn."

"I will try, mother," said May, sadly. "I wish now I had not spoken as I did to Hiram Wright. But he looked so strong and triumphant and seemed to rejoice so at the misfortunes of poor Maurice that I could not bear it. I only wish I may never

ee him again." It was the echo of his own wish. But on his way home Hiram met the old sexton of the church hurrying off as fast as his rheumatic old limbs would bear him

"I promised my gal I would look in on ner an' the babbies on Christmas eve," he said; "now you're a smart young man, an' would ye mind being a bit obligin' like, and lookin' after the church door to-night. The fire is all right in the furnace. Only when ye come out, mind ye don't lock enny one in.

Hiram had it on his mind that he would hand the key which the old man thrust on him to the first one he met who was likely to be at the cliurch that evening; then he concluded to go himself. May would be there and he wanted to show her how little he cared for her-he would sit with Alice Baker and see her home.

But Alice Baker was not there. Pretty Kate Blossom was as saucy and piquant as ever, and May Allen looking more com-posed and happy than he had seen her for some time. He tried in vain to guess the

reason why. He would have sneered had he known. He was not accustomed to square his own life by principle, and he could not under stand it in others. If he had known that May had taken her mother's advice, and de

termined to bide patiently until there came some way out of her trouble, he would have called it "cant." But in the very act of submission there came to the girl's sorrow ing heart a message of peace and good-will and half of its heavy load was lifted by invisible hands. That was the peace past un lerstanding which shone in her face, and attracted Hiram Wright.

The church service was a pretty chora rite that was simply commemorative of the season. All the young people who had hoped in decorating the edifice were pres-ent to admire the effect, and a large aswas the festival music. I have it now, all sembly of others who never failed to attend bureau drawer in the house is chock ful but those lost chords. And there was a on Christmas eve. The pretty-stained truck for the children.-Hartford Post

some echo that had lingered in them. But surely that was the organ! And that was Maurice playing! soft, sweet and steady the tones rolled in subdued grandcu through the silent church. Spell-bound, May sat and listened.

It was Maurice Dawson who was playing, not the mad musician, but the former Maurice, clothed and in his right mind, who, in finding the last chord of Christ mas music, had also found himself. H: had hurried to May as soon as church was over that evening, but, somehow, had missed her, and, when he went to her home, was told that she must have gone to spend the night with Kate.

Then, restless, impelled by some urging spirit that was not one of the capriciou fancies that had lately held him in thrall but a same and earnest desire to once more test the wonderful production he had given to the world, he went to the church, and entering by a way be knew of, sought his beloved instrument, to find that it was, in ficed, a reality he had found, and, imprisoned in its fetters of sweet sound, the ost chord. He played with the rapture of gratitude, and, when he had finished, lifted his eves and saw May standing beside him When Hiram Wright heard the bells pealing forth the Christmas chimes he covered his head and trembled like a guilty thing. Would the old sexton hear her and let her out from that ghostly imprisonment? No, for he had the key. He did not need that to climb to the bell-tower. Sleep he could not, and he tossed till morning and then went forth to hear-what! That Maurice Dawson had been married in the church before the midnight hour rang That the whole village had been present

so quickly had the news of his dastardly conduct spread, and the rector himself had suggested the happy finale to a year of mis And Kate Blossom had cried, and it ery. the excitement proffered her gold thimble for the wedding-ring. And, as a climax. every one held out the hand of peace of earth and good-will to Hiram Wright. Like the traitorous Roman maiden who gave up the gates of the city for the bracelets of the

soldiers, he was killed by the kindness of those who despised him.

"Oh, yes. My washwoman presented me with a bill for a year's wash. I didn't get left."

"No. I presume net. It was probably the washwoman, eh?"

THEY were sitting by the fire-Jop Shut tle and his wife. The children had gone to bed and the subject of Christmas presents was under discussion. "I suppose Jack wants a sled," suggested Mrs. Shuttle "and Jennie wants a pair of skates." "Now, I think the sled should go to Jennie and the skazes to Jack," said Job. "Why not give us both sleds and skates?" sound ed a piping voice from the inner bed-room 'You shan't have a solitary thing at all.' said Job, excitedly. But they will. Every bureau drawer in the house is chock full o

the first part of it and the quo'ed limitation and with one accord they have acknowledged that they do not know what it means. Two members of the Conference Committee itself, when asked what was meant by that part of the bill, said:

"I don't know, and I have given up try ing to find out. Ask Reagan."

DAKOTA.

Adoption of the Majority Report Looking to Statehood

HURON, D. T., Dec. 17 .- The constitutional convention met yesterday morning. Judge Campbell, from the conference committee, presented the following report:

Resolved, That the conference committee recommend the repeal of section 32 of the schedule and ordinance, and report the fol-lowing ordinance, recommending its adop-

"Be it ordained by the constitutional con-vention that sect on 32 of the schedule and ordinance appended to and accompanying the constitution be and is hereby rescinded, abrogated and made null and word."

The following minority report was submitted:

milted: Resolved. That the committee submit to the votes of the electors of the State of Dakota at the next election for Legislature and State officers the following ordinance: "Bo it ordained that the section under the heading of schedule and ordinance of the constitution, numbered 32, be and is hereby reseinded, abrogated and held null and void."

Judge Campbell moved the adoption of

the majority report, and Taylor of the mi-nority report. The latter adverted to the tact that all well informed lawyers knew that the power of Congress was supreme in a Territory, and he cited a case directly af-fecting Dakota that had been decided by the Supreme Court of the United States. He strongly favored submitting the question to a vote of the people, and it was evident that his position was shared by many in the convention. After considerable

cussion a vote was taken and resulted in favor of the adoption of the majority report, 28 to 9. The vote was made unani-Judge Edgerton addressed the convention, urging steadfastness and harmony. A committee of two was appointed to act with the committees from both branches of

the Legislature, to dou't and present a me-morial to Congress, setting forth the action of this convention. Judge Campbell, A. Haines and Judge Edgerton were ap-

A George Organ.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- Henry George will issue the first number of his new weekly paper, the Standard, on January 8. He said yesterday that his purpose is to make a newspaper that, while keeping abreast of the times in all the main departments of thought and interest, and affording a field for the discussion of social and political topics, shall also give earnest support to the labor movement. Mr. George will be editor and proprietor, and his staff will be Louis F. Post, Rev. Dr. Kramer, W. T. Crossdale and Henry George, Jr. Among the con-tributors are John Russell Young, Patrick Ford, Dr. McGlynn and Rev. Heber Newton,

Forfeited Lands in New Mexico to be **Thrown Open for Settlement.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- In the matter of the forteiture of certain lands granted to the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company and their restoration to the public domain by the act of July 6, 1886, the Secretary of the interior has approved the recommendation of the Commissioner of the General Land Office that so much of the lands as lie within the Territory of New Mexico should be at once opened to entry and settlement, after due publication of notice, but hoids that, as under statutory regulations the price of the even sections must be fixed at no less than \$2.50 per acre, the price of both odd and even sections should be fixed. at that sum.

Rev. Dr. McGlynn.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.-Rev. Dr. Edward MeGlynn still declines to discuss his surumons to Rome, and Mr. Henry George says he will not make any comment on the matter unless Dr. McGlynn speaks for himself. In Catholic circles it is understood that the summons in this particular case does not imply unpriestly conduct. It is for the purpose of accurately advising the Holy See of the nature of Mr. George's theories, and of their effect if put into actual prac-tice, that Dr. Glynn has been summoned. The Church has never taken official action n the question whether land should be neld by individuals for their own benefit or cision the judge was rather severe upor, the conduct of the priest toward children. by the community for the benefit of all

made shall not at 000; all such deposits to be subject to call upon such notice as the Secretary of the Treasury may see fit to prescribe. COST OF THE FORT LEAVENWORTH MILL-

TARY PEISON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- It is reported that the military committee in the House will investigate the management of the Fort Leavenworth Military prison. It is said that this prison has cost the Government \$100,000 above its running expenses. The State prison in Kansas pays its rupning expenses by the management and it is thought that the military prison at Fort Leavenworth might be made to do as well. Shoes for the army are made at the prison and it is charged the work is very inferior. During the Apache campaign, it is said, the soldiers suffered severely from those bad shoes. A number of affidavits have been forwarded by soldiers and offshoes. In many instances these shoes,

COX AND COX.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. - Congressman House. There is no doubt that the Prosident looks favorably upon the application of the North Carolinian, and should he not be appointed to Constantinople. there are reasons to believe that he will be given some good position in the Government service.

WANTS MORE MONEY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-Mr. Sparks, commissioner of the General Land Office, will ask for an additional appropriation of at least \$50,000 for his department for the ensuing fiscal year. The commissioner asserts that there is not enough money appropriated with which to carry on the necessary investigations to ferret ont the wholesale frauds that have been committed upon the public lands. He will ask for the increased appropriations that an additional staff of special agents may be placed in the service with which to apprehead the perpetrators and Dring them to iustice.

Ecclesiastical Speculations, NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.-Father Faln.er. he cathedral priest who was arrested Saturday upon a charge of surreptitiously mporting wine and selling it to bar-rooms was before the United States Commissioner yesterday and admitted that he had disposed of wines left over from communion to different parties, but stated that he had sold it at original cost and without thought of profit or gain. The commissioner has not yet made a decision. Judge Tis ot of the State Court vesterday reused the application of Father Palmer for custody of the two orphan girls, who will remain with the Sacho family. In his de-

Mrs. M. L. Chargene .

He Didn't Get Left.

"Did you have any thing presented you Christmas, Owenall?" said Dallywago pointed.