shall take Nelly.

she took little notice of that.

and shawl and went out to walk.

ing of the creek and still went on.

"No," said Laura, quickly; "I think I

"She noticed that the boy's head dropped

as he turned away, leading the horses; but

called to Chicago alone on business. She

endured the uncongenial surroundings as

long as she could, then caught up her hat

She strolled half a mile, found the ford-

The emerald of the bush grass was mag-

charm for her. Now she looked wonder-

then wandered about, gathering the flow-

ers that gemmed the grass like rubies, sap-

After walking quite a distance she began

wandered; but the changing light gave

For half an hour she stood with throb-

The roseate light deepened into gray.

A dense fog crept around her. She had

directed her faltering footsteps to a single

it, her heart sinking in her bosom. Oh,

where was she and what would become of

She could make no further effort, so be-

wildered had she become that she knew

no longer in which direction to search.

Must she stay there all night? If so she

tried to believe that nothing would harm

But it grew dark. The fireflies swarmed

around her head. She heard a strange,

istant, mournful noise which terrified her.

Suddenly she heard her name called:

'Aunt Laura! Aunt Laura!" She replied.

'Here!" eagerly, and a small figure came

bounding through the rustling grass to her

"I know it. I came to find you. I was

watching for you to come back-you did

not come. I said nothing to the others. 1

set off to find you. Come quick! I think

Laura grasped the boy's small, eager

hand, and hurried away with him through

"I could not wait to find the ford;

"Ted, won't the others come for me?

"Oh, Tea! I am lost!"

"You are all wet, Ted."

They were hurrying—running.

It was a hesitating, pained tone.

chilly prairie if Ted had not come!

"Aunt Laura, it's no use to go on.

"Dry and withered, I believe-yes."

He did not answer, but hurried her on.

"Ted, what is that noise I hear? Dogs

Her voice shook with a vague fear now.

He placed her with her back against the

"I brought some matches," he panted.

can't find the ford, it's got so dark."

"We must go back to it."

"It is dry, you said?"

"Ted what is that howling?"

"Matches! What for ?"

I can find the ford."

the dew-wet grass.

"I don't know."

on the child's rough one.

swam across.

surprise.

for this!"

lry one?"

parking?"

Ted?"

"Why?"

backward path.

"Here it is."

old dry tree.

He stopped.

He was panting.

phires and stars of gold.

everything a new aspect.

left-lost!

The next morning her husband

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Those errors are not to be charged upon religion which proceed either from the want of religion or superstitious mistakes about it.

To fill the sphere which Providence appoints is true wisdom; to discharge trusts faithfully and have exalted ideas, is the mission of good men. A cheerful, happy temper keeps up

kind of daylight in the mind, excludes each gloomy prospect, and fills it with a steady and perpetual serenity. The constant man looks up to Heaven

in full hope, even when it is darkened; as flowers that open with the sun, close not though he be hid by clouds.

Do not affect to be witty or in jest so as to wound the feelings of another. So say as little as possible of yourself and those who are near and dear to you.

If we would be perfect, we must part with much that we love, forego much litive living was distasteful to her refined that would be pleasant-not to flesh and blood alone, but to mind and heart.

There is one noble means of avenging ourselves for unjust criticism; it is by standing in solutude in the silence, beheld doing still better, and silencing it sole- stretched before her countless leagues of ly by the increasing excellence of our luminous sunset, that she said to berself

Energy will do anything that can be

to caper and enjoy nonsense; woe to the man that parted early with his boy- away from the uninviting home; but for hood, and blessed be the man that car- the first time there was a shadow between ries his boyhood down latest into life.

Avoid exaggeration. A lady loses

warmly, and you will love all. The said: heart in this heaven, like the wandering sun, seek nothing, from the dew- girl Laura, you shall have her." drop to the ocean, but a mirror which it warms and fills.

and softest reason of address in our admonishment; our advice must not fall always stared at Laura. Certainly she was like a violent storm, bearing down and the most beautiful creature he had ever making those to droop whom it is meant seen in his life. to cherish and refresh. It must descend | Secretly he adored her as she lingered a melting flakes of snow-the softer it carriage, and being loth to go into the falls the longer it dwells upon, and the house, he addressed her: deeper it sinks into the mind.

POEMS OF THE WEEK.

Lie still and rest, in that serene repose That on this holy morning comes to those Who have been buried with the cares that

The sad heart weary and the tired heart ache. Lie still and rest-God s day of all is best.

MONDAY.

Awake ! arise ! Cast off thy drowsy dreams Re | in the east, behold the morning gleams. "As Monday goes, so goes the week," dames

Refreshed, relieved, use we'l the initial day ; And see ; thy neighbor Already seeks his labor.

TUESDAY.

Another merning's banners are unfurled-Another day looks smiling on the world ; It holds new laurels for thy soul to win ; Mar not its grace by slothfulness or sin,

Nor sad, away Send it to yesterday. WEDNESDAY.

Half-way unto the end-the week's high noon The morning hours do speed away so soon! And when the noon is reached, however bright, Instinctively we look toward the night. The glow is lost

Once the meridian crost.

THURSDAY. So well the week has sped, hast thou a friend Go spend an hour in converse. It will lend New beauty to thy labors and thy life To pause a little sometimes in the strife. Toil soon seems rude

That has no interlude. FRIDAY. From feast ab tain ; be temperate, and pray ;

Fast if thou wilt and yet throughout the day. Neglect no labor and no duty shrink ; For many hours are left thee for thy work-And it were meet Till all should be comp'ete.

SATURDAY. Now with the almost finished task n ake haste; So near the night, thou hast no time to waste. Post up accounts, and let thy soul's eyes look

For flaws and errors in life's ledger-book. When labors cea e, How sweet the sense of peace

Ted.

"It's very dusty," and Mrs. Laura Am-Office on Woodring's Block, Opposite Court berley shook slightly the glossy folds of her traveling dress. A trivial remark, but her husband

glanced quickly at the half-averted face. "You are displeased, Laura." Young Mrs. Amberley bit her beautiful lips in a moment's silence.

"I think I might have my choice, Al "It does seem a little hard, doesn't it dear," lifting lightly the little gloved hand

and kissing it Certainly Algernon wished to indulge his bride of a month, but he continued: "In taking one of these children of my

dead half-sister, I wish to make a choice which will be the most benefit to the family The older girls can earn their own living The younger is very pretty, and will be adopted by a good and wealthy family if we do not take her away, while Ted-' "Ted!" interrupted Laura impatiently.

"Ted is at an undesirable age, and not particularly brilliant and interesting; but as he is one who stands most in need of help, I think we ought to take him." "Such a shock of tow hair, and so hor-

ribly bashful!" pouted beauty-loving. Laura. "I know the little girl would please you best, but perhaps the boy will develop better than the girl," replied Amberley, in the

tone of decision his wife had already He was so certain hewas right-that the poor, friendless, unformed boy was most in need of protection and training-that he could not allow his wife's fancy to decide

this important matter, much as he regretted her disappointment. The younger child-the little Nelliewas pretty as a picture, and at the charming age of three. He could not but sympathize with Laura's wishes, but his young

wife was short-sighted. He was older than she, and felt obliged to decide the matter according to his best judgment.

They were on their wedding trip. From Niagara it had extended to Chicago; from that city to a lonely tract of rolling prairie, where resided this remote connection of the Amberley family.

The father of these orphan children was a coarse, hard man, who was already casting about for a second wife; and the probability was that the expected stepmother would be little benefit to the two oung and helpless little ones.

Laura regarded this man with a feeling little less than horror. The rude and primsensibilities. It was only when she walked alone

across the great billows of green, and, that the West was grand and beautiful. They were driving now along the smooth

done in the world; and no talent, no prairie road. A silvery creek ran along circumstance, no opportunities, will its edge, bright and bank-full. Here and make a two-legged animal a man with- there a Judas bush showed its crimson among the bush greens. To right and left Blessed be the man who knows how stretched away the boundless prairie. Laura had requested the driver to get

herself and her husband. In justice to young Mrs. Amberley, let

as soon as she admires too easily, and me say that she tried to repress her discontoo much. In man or woman the face tent, but this only made her disappointand the person lose power when they ment more apparent to her husband. More are on the strain to express admiration. and more it troubled him, loving his Love one human being purely and young wife most tenderly, and at last he

"If you really cannot give up the little "Algernon," she cried, "it isn't that. like the little Nelly so very much, but I don't see anything to like in Ted," who

as the dew upon the tender herb, or like moment now. Having descended from the

"Be you going to take me?"

use about 1449.

What are some of the things that every cook who prepares the food for any family ought to know? Unless the whole routine of her work be hap-hazard and unreliable, she should have intelligent and well-defined opinions concerning the relations of food to physical growth, so she can furnish that which is best adapted to the whole household, fit to build up symmetrical and healthful bodies for the children, as well as to give to the mature workers of the family the necessary nutriment to keep good the nificent, the May sky arched above blue as balance between supply and demand. The lapus lazuli. Sweet wild birds flew over children should not fail to develop properly her head, and no other living thing was in because of her ignorance of their needs. The father should never give out more The great stillness had a wonderful strength and vitality in his struggle with the world than she can make good to him as she prepares his daily food. All this ingly at the green distance surrounding her, implies a practical application of the principles taught in physiology and chemistry, as well as a knowledge of the kind and The tinted clouds of sunset began to fall quality of nourishment stored in plants, in the West at last and she turned toward | flesh, fish and fowl. Earth, air and sea furnish her with materials which she must understand how to prepare so that it can be easily transformed into bone, blood and to look anxiously for the landmarks of her muscle in such proportions that each shall return. In vain. Round and round she have its proper development. She must be both too wise and too humane to concoct any dish or brew any drink that will induce dyspepsia, headache or dullness. Never bing heart, looking vainly to the right and until cooks give more time to the mastery of such studies will cookery take its proper place among sciences. These bodies of ours are exceedingly complicated and delicate machines, not to be safely tampered cottonwood tree, and now stood clinging to with by bunglers. A blacksmith can undertake with greater impunity to make a watch, than an ignorant and untrained housewife to build up without knowledge

and without skill a symmetrical and perfectly developed human body. And when the value of these bodies, not only as physical organisms but as related to nental growth, is fully appreciated, the work of the skilled cook will rank with that of other great scientists, and, more than this, with that of other great philanthropists. It is not extravagant to say that the progress of humanity toward true perfection depends largely on this branch of domestic economy. How much thought, time and study are given now to the proper food for fine stock? Here in our own laboratory extensive analyses of grasses, grains, etc., have been made in order to determine which will most rapidly and healthfully stimulate the growth of cattle and swine. Surely we owe as much care to our children as to our herds. It is certainly true that just in proportion to the advance of any people in civilization will be the advance of care and skill in the prepavirtue and happiness depend more closely of the water, then coming than we are apt to imagine on the cook who

Laura's eyes distended still further with reigns in our kitchen.

"I know the way, but it is so dark," said He was a well dressed pleasant faced man, and he carried a small black box in his hand. He entered an assurance office with a familiar air, walked up to the sole occupant, who was writing a letter, and

"Your own folks are away, you know? began: A selfish, churlish man, two young and "Excuse me, sir, but I represent four unreliant girls; who would search the lone, different kinds of pads, viz: Lung-"

"I am busy," interrupted the letter-Laura's soft, jeweled hand closed tighter "Yiz: Lung, liver stomach and kidney, "Oh, Ted! my husband will pay you

and in a few days we-" "Didn't I say that I was busy?" demanded the citizen as he put down his pen. "You did, sir; and in a few days we shall bring out the heart pad, the throat pad and the ear pad. Excuse me if 1 sit "The tree," he replied, wasn't it an old down. Please let me feel of your pulse.

"I want none of your pads, sir! I am busy, sir, and I want my office to myself!" "Nevertheless, you do want a pad, and can prove it. A healthy pulse should not beat over eighty-five per minute. I'll bet you want. yours goes to a hundred. Any one can see that you are ailing. I can sell you a beautiful stomach pad at reduced rates. How

"Hurry! Harry!" pulling her over the much do vou-"Why must we go back to that tree, "Didn't I say I didn't want any of your pads, sir?"

man; I felt as dull as Sternhold or Jenkins.

At last, to my great relief, it flashed across

me that I was Sidney Smith. I heard also

of a clergyman, who went jogging along on

the road until he came to a turnpike.

'What is to pay?' 'Pay, sir? for what?'

Longevity of Trees.

The following table of the comparative

longevity of trees, is based on an examina-

tion of annual concentric layers of the old-

est known trees. Judas-tree, 300 years;

common elm, 335; common ivy, 450; com

mon maple, 416; white birch 576; orange

"Correct, you did. Do your lungs rouble you? "No, sir!"

"Heart all right?" "Yes, sir!"

"Hearing good?" "Yes, sir!

"Ever have the back-ache?" He snatched some dry leaves together, "No, sir!" tore some strips from his old cotton jacket-"Spleen all right?"

ailing humanity.

on horse back !"

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sleeve, and lighted the whole. "Yes, sir!" Then he threw on dead branches, all "Throat bother you?" piled against the further side of the tree-"No, sir! I tell you I don't want any of our pads I want to be let right alone!

"Ted, what is that for?" ve got a head-ache this morn-"Wolves, wolves! Don't you see them?" "Eureka! Keep still!-not a word! eried the boy throwing out his arms. "But You furnish the capital, and I'll put in my you needn't be afraid; they can't hurt you time and we'll bring out a head-ache pad! now. Oh, Aunt Laura, they'll never come Capital idea-rich thought! Go ahead near us now, for they are afraid of fire, and and write your letter, and I'll be-" the tree is burning. The citizen ran for his cane in the corner

Laura had sank upon the ground, fainting with terror. "Oh, Ted, dear Ted!" she sobbed, "I'll help you!"-for the flames dying down for an instant, the boy began snatching up

handfuls of dry grass. For hours they worked, piling on all the inflammable material they could find around the trunk of the cottonwood, while those strange dancing sparks so near the ground-the fierce eyes of the wolves, which Laura saw plainly now-reluctantly retreated when the flames blazed, at last, to the topmost boughs of the tree, and the light streamed far and wide.

Disheveled, pallid, exhausted, her mi ery lost at last in a brief sleep-thus A geron Amberley found his wife in the earl The ground smoked beneath her, burn-

ng twigs fell around her; but Ted's watching eyes took care that she was not burned. His little jacket was wrapped around her shoulders; her head was pillowed on his "She's tired, I reckon," he said simply. "Oh, my boy!" broke from Algernon

Amberley's lips. He carried his wife home in his arms, Ted leading the way-Ted never once conscious of the love he had earned, but sad and lonely again in that old farm-house. But Laura had him brought to her bedside, held his hands in hers, kissed his little

grimy cheeks. "Ted, you are going back with us. There is not another boy so loved in all the world.

And it was true.

Chumming for Bluefish.

"I tell you," said Andrew Sammis, a Long Island fisherman, "it's no fun fishing in the bay or outside in the winter. Of course we fish all winter for cod. About the first of November they begin to run, and we regularly fish for them until May. When the cod come the fishermen go down to Wiginlet, over the beach, and build huts. Then whenever the weather is at all favorable they go outside. There are as many as thirty boats out at once sometimes. They fish as the old smackers used to fish, with hooks every six feet on the line, letting the fish hook themselves. The smackers are those that go out in large smacks, and stay days, and sometimes weeks. They put their catch into wells, as they call them, and take them to Fulton market alive. There is much rivalry between them and the yawl fishers. The latter do not keep their fish alive, and so when they take them to market it is necessary to sell the dead fish first. This hurts the business of the smackers, and last winter they tried to get a law passed that no dead cod fish should be sold in Fulton market, but they couldn't get it through. I tell you, yawl fishing is hard work. Sometimes we can't go out it is perhaps so cold that ; your lines freeze the minute they leave the water. They have to be handled bare-handed, and so frozen fingers follow. I freeze my fin gers regularly every winter.' By this time the fishing grounds, about a mile north of the Surf hotel, were reached.

There were already several boats at anchor, and Sammis's sloop was soon added to the number. The fishing was to be done by "chumming," a method entirely new to the writer. He watched the fisherman and saw how it was done. First, Sammis sharpened a rusty hatchet and a rusty butcher knife on a piece of a brick. Whether all "chummers" use a brick or not is not known Sammis did. Withthe knife he sliced a piece off of one of the bunkers, and cut this piece into small chunks. This was for the hooks, and the hooks were baited. Then, drawing a rude chopping board from the hold, he placed it by the boat's side, and, placing a bunker therein, he proceeded to chop and mangle it until it was fine. It did not make a pleasant looking mess. This was "chum." A handful was thrown overboard often, and the tide carried it off. The hooks were thrown in, and they, too, float-

ed back with the chum. "The main thing," Sammis said, holding his line with one hand and cutting "chum" with the other, "is to keep the trail of chum unbroken. The fish are soon attracted and follow it and feed on it, There, you've got a bite; pull him along,

don't give him any slack; that's right. With immense pride the writer yanked ration of food. It is therefore worthy of his fish, which was very gamy and made absorbing study. Health, mental vigor, all the fight possible, now jumping clean out g head first for the boat. The hook was baited and again thrown out, Sammis meanwhile cutting "chum" and holding his line in his teeth. A savage bluefish jerked the line from his teeth and made off with the bait unharmed. The writerpulled in another and lost two. Sammis, with cutting bait and pulling out fish, had his hands full. In less than an hour twenty-eight handsome fish were struggling in the boat. Suddenly they stop-

"It's slack water," Sammis said. "They won't bite for an hour or two, until the tide sets out pretty strong. 'I hey're a nice fish, ain't they? But they are perfect gormandizers. They'll eat just as long as there is anything to eat. I've seen a lot of bluefish get into a school of bunkers, and the water all around would be red with blood. A bluefish would catch a bunker and shake him all to pieces, as a dog shakes rats, and they would bite and snap into the school apparently out of pure deviltry. But we're going to have more nasty weather; the rain ain't over yet. If you say so we'll run back. Pity it's so stormy. Come down some pleasant day and I'll give you all the sport

Recently farmer Potts, of Berks county, Pa., was the victim of a terrible adventure. Becoming drowsy he laid under a tree, and while sleeping a snake about nineteen inches in length and of a green color darted into his open mouth and descended into his stomach, After he awoke he experienced a peculiar and sickening sensation At times he frothed at the mouth, and his eyes almost started from their sockets. A physician pressed his ear to Potts' breast and distinctly heard the movements of the reptile. The victim was required to inhale the steam of boiled milk, which produced a strangling sensation, the snake having made an unsuccessful effort to leave the stomach. Potts was then led under a shed roof and put on a wagon. A strong rope was tied to a beam and then securely wrapped around the legs of the sufferer. The wagon was then pulled away, and Potts was left dangling head down. While in this position he again inhaled the steam of boiled milk. The patient's tongue probut the pads had walked out to hunt for truded and his eyes started. The thick steam flowed into his throat and the sufferer made a noise as if choking. Then quick as thought the docter saw a head protrude, and seizing it with his naked "Speaking of absence of mind," said the fingers he quickly pulled and the reptile Rev. Sidney Smith, 'the oddest instance was dashed into an empty bucket. In a happened to me once in forgetting my name. I knocked at a door in London, and asked few seconds Potts was lying on the ground if Mrs. B. was at home. "Yes, sir; pray nearly dead. He was given some whisky and water and was rubbed with coarse what name shall I say?' I looked in the toweling, and finally he seemed to be restman's face astonished-what name? Aye, ing easy. He was carried into the house that is my question-what is my name? I and put to bed, and light food was adminbelieve the man thought me mad, but it is true that during the space of two or three stered. His throat was very sore, but minutes I had no more idea of who I was still he was thankful when he was told that than if I had never existed. I did not the reptile had been removed. He is know whether I was a dissenter or a lay-

slowly recovering.

A Refined Butcher.

Harkins' daughter returned from Denton's butcher shop, laid a steak upon the table and said: "That's the most refined butcher I ever met. I asked him if this steak was tender.

asked the turnpike man. 'Why, for my horse, to be sure!' 'Your horse, sir! what and he said, 'Oh! so beautifully tender, as horse? Here is no horse, sir!' 'No horse! the maiden in the first blush of love, a steak God bless me!' said he, suddenly tooking fit to be classed with tender, and hallowed down between his legs, 'I thought I was associations, and one likely to be devoured by so fair and beautiful a maiden." Harkins pushed the glasses up on top of

"What under the canopy was that fellow giving you?" And, as her color came and went, she re-

plied: "Giving me taffy, I suppose."

tree, 630; evergreen cypress, 800; common olive, 800; walnut 900; oriental plane, 1,000; Postage stamps must not be used common lime 1,100; common fir, 1,200; -Caps and hats came into general cedar of Lebanon, 2000; taxodium dismails a letter must bear the stamp of ways have hair on their teeth?" "That's originality.

Something About Curls.

of taste has been disgusted with the flat curls, which many women wear upon their attractive an appearance as anything of equal dimensions can. These curls are kept in place, it seems, by gumming the hair with bandoline, a preparation of quinceseeds. In consequence of its demand for this purpose the importation of quince-seeds has largely increased. The seeds used to be admitted free as seeds for medicinal use, but being now employed as an aid to the toilet, a duty of twenty per cent, advalorem has been put upon them. It is not the pro-vince of the Secretary of the Treasury to regulate the national taste, but if he had made the seeds pay one-hundred per cent, or any amount of duty sufficient to prevent the manufacture of bandoline, and the making of those odious curls, he would have done a public benefit. But, neither he nor any other man, nor any public body, can hinder women who are so resolved, from disfiguring themselves. If they had not bandoline they would get something else, for they seem determined to wear the hidpains to produce the opposite effect. It is and their ignorance seems to be unconquerable. Take them for all in all, American women have as much taste as any women in the world, and yet a great many blindly adopt anything labeled as fashion without thinking whether it be fit or unfit. Fashion will at any time drive them into any absurdity. It makes thousands, who might appear to advantage by consulting common sense, nature and their own needs, appear unattractive, and often renders them ridiculous. Fashion, indeed, as commonly represented, is more a deformer than a beautifier, and always will be, until women, refusing to accept its autocratic behests, basis is the becoming.

A Story of Steel Pens.

Few persons who use steel pens on which is stamped "Gillott" have any idea of the story of suffering, of indomitable pluck and persistence which belong to the placing of that name on that article. A long depression in trade in England threw thousands of Sheffield mechanics out of work, among them Joseph Gillott, then twenty-one years of age. He left the city with but a shilling in his pocket. Reaching Birmingham, he went into an old inn and sat down upon penny was spent for a roll. He was weak, hungry and ill. He had not a friend in Birmingham, and there was little chance that he would find work. In his despondency he was tempted to give up, and turn beggar or tramp. Then a sudden flery energy siezed him. He brought his fist down on the table, declaring to himself that he would try and trust in God, come what would. He found work that day in making belt buckles, which were then fashionable As soon as he had saved a pound or two he hired a garret in Bread street, and there carried on work for himself, bringing his taste and his knowledge of tools into constant use, even when working at hand-made goods. This was the secret of Gillott's success. Other workmen drudged on passive ly in the old ruts. He was wide-awake, eager to improve his work, or to shorten the way of working. He fell in love with a pretty and sensible girl named Mitchell, who, with her brothers, was making stee pens. Each pen was then clipped, punched and polished by hand, and pens were sold at enormous high prices. Gillott at once brought his skill in tools to bear on the matter, and soon invented a machine which turned the points out by thousands in the time that a man would require to make one. He married Miss Mitchell, and they carried on the manufacture together for years. On the morning of his marriage the industrious young workman made a gross of pens, and sold them for thirty-six dollars to pay the wedding fees. In his old age, having reaped an enormous fortune by his shrewdness, honesty and industry, Mr. Gillott went again to the old inn, bought the settle, and had the square sawed out and made into a chair, which he left as an heirloom to his family to remind them of the secret of his

A Water Monster. A monster whale was recently exhibited in New York. A man stood on the whale's hump as the dead levithian lay along the bottom of the float. A half block of the shiny black animal stretched its length beyond him, while just beneath the path he walked two and fro upon was the monster's mouth-a bony, boat-shaped lower jaw, wider and half as long as a whaleboat, and a narrow-pointed upper jaw, fringed with whalebone and triced up with a cable from the top and a beam underneath, placed as corncobs are put in the mouths of hogs in butcher shops. The whale looks like a long misshapen mass of glossy India rubber. Only what may be called his after partthirty or 40 feet back of the hump-is shaped like a fish, and that terminates much as whales do in pictures, with a fantail, which seems to have been accidentally put on the wrong way. The skin is scratched and torn in places, and the red blood that distinguishes its kind from the fishes stains its flesh. On the other side the aroma of the fresh lime, which seems to have been carted to the edge of the lower jaw and dumped in, refreshes the visitor.

"I hope you didn't come here to jab knives in him," says the irritable man on the whale's hump, "or umbrellas either, or sticks (pointing to offenders who used those implements). We ain't exhibiting the inside of the whale, and it won't last any too long as it is.

"Step right along, good people," says this exhibitor to the throng, whose members march singly, hugging a railing that has been put up around the dead whale; "step right along; there's more coming to see the cleverly disguised for the purpose. It is whale. Pass out of the other door. The said that she has been arrested for masqueear, sir, is just beneath that harpoon-no, rading in this manner by a peace officer, that's the eye. Pass on, good people, his head, looked at the girl, and then you'll see the scars of the lances further a magistrate, where he was accused of on. He was not killed with that harpoon; he was killed by two—(that's the spout hole, sir)—by two bomb lances that expersuasion. If he could escape, she had ploded in him and killed him. Afterward better keep clear of this town, or he'll get

more than once. To go through the who wanted to know whether whales "al- we give it up. Our pronouns have got the tail and this is the head. The spout deserves to have his ears boxed,

hole is here at my feet; the ear is under that harpoou; the eyes are these things. Every man has noticed, and every man What are you trying to do-to see if you can force your umbrella through the whale, or do you want to get inside him? No. forehead, giving them as artificial and un- sir; the whale in its natural position—right side up, with care. Yes, its dead. You'll get a full history of the whale when you

go out." There were many woman in the throng that kept pouring in at one end of the float, and out at the other end. The temptation to poke the yielding mass seemed stronger with the women than the men. On the other hand, the small boys found it impossible to pass the great flat tail or the leath ery six-foot fins stretched but beyond the railing without walking on them, and jumping just a little when the showman did not see them. There were two men on the after gang plank, and the circulars sold by the man who called them 'the most important part of the exhibition," did not wholly agree with what the other man, in

a rubber coat, said about the whale. "This is one of the humpback species. the circular read. 'It is sixty-five feet long, and forty-five feet around the body at the hump, and weighs seventy tons. The careous curls. When we remember that the cass is worth \$500 for oil and bone. He entire sex are absorbed with the question was bought by S. S. Swift & Co. of Provof how to make themselves look best, it is incetown for \$600, and was towed by one impossible to understand why they take such of Boston's biggest tugs to New York, which took four days and nights, and cost their ignorance, of course, which is at fault, \$450 for towage. When captured twenty barrels of herring were taken out of him. This is the largest whale ever exhibited in the United States. This whale was struck by a bomb lance. A bomb lance is filled with dynamite, which explodes when it

strikes the blubber, killing the whale." "It's a finback," said the man in the rubber contemptuously. "1've been a whaler twenty-five years and I never took one of them fishes, though many's the chance I've had to do it. Why not? Well they can run like the devil, and they always do when they're strucks This one was sick or they'd never have got him. There aint no oil in him to speak of-no study the principles of pure taste, which finback ever had mor'n fifteen barrel in are, radically, always the same, and whose him. I'd sooner catch a black fish. Big? Pshaw! He aint nothing alongside of a right or a sperm whale. It's a good spec, though. They paid \$700 for him; took in more than that in the first two hours."

Indian Longevity,

There is an Indian woman now living at Joshia Peters's, near San Luis Rey, California, who is at least one hundred and twenty-four years of age. Many years ago her hair turned snowy white, but within recent years it has undergone renewal, and is now as black as a coal. She is now in a wooden settle in the tap-room. His last her second childhood—speaks and lisps, and has all the mental characteristics of a child. Some fifteen years ago this woman's men ory was good, and she recollected and told distinctively of the time when the Mission Fathers began building the San Diego Mission and tried to civilize the Indians. At that time-1769-she was a young woman, and living with her tribe near the Valfe de los Viojas. The missionaries sent their soldiers and vaqueros after the Indians to corral them and bring them into the missions, and treated the Indians with great severity and cruelty. The old woman used to relate that one of these vaqueros threw a lasso ever to catch her, and in se doing strangled to death the infant that she was carrying on her back. W. B. Couts and other old residents of San Luis Rey know this venerable woman well, have often listened to her relations of past times, and are perfectly convinced that she is one hundred and twenty-four years old.

Surgeon-Major H. W. Bellew, of the British Army, has lately collected from native authorities some useful information respecting Kaffiristan, that interesting country which no European has so far succeeded in exploring. It appears that it is, after all, only about 150 miles in length by 50 or 60 in breadth, and its boundaries may be taken as the Hindu Kush on the north, including both the northern and the southern slopes, from Latkoh Darra on the east to the Farajgal Valley on the range separating it from Panjshir on the west; the Chitral river, down to Chaghansarae, or even Kunar, on the east, forms its limit in that direction, while the southern boundary may be taken to be a line from Derra Nu on the east to Tagoa on the west; and on the west it is bounded by the Nijrao and Panjashir Valleys. The whole area is mountainous and furrowed by a succession of long, winding valleys, each of which has its own system of branches and glens ramifying into the recesses of the mountains. From information which Dr. Bellew derived from a native of the country there appears to be "nowhere room to gallop a horse."

Young Farmers.

The Chadd's Ford, Pa., Club, wishing to encourage the young folks to a study of the best methods of farming, &c., has offered a handsome lot of prizes to Chester and Delaware county boys of seventeen years and under, who shall raise the largest number of bushels of corn on one-eighth of an acre of land in the year 1880. The contestants are to be allowed to do as they please about manuring, hoeing, &., but are to keep a record of what they do and the cost, and report at the end of the season. Similar prizes are to be offered to the girls of the two counties who shall make the best butter. The butter and the corn are to be exhibited together. Such trials of skill are calculated to do a great deal of good by directing the attention of the young folks to a study of the conditions necessary to the achievement of the best results.

A Good Deal Mixed.

A short time ago an enterprising female did a flourishing business in this countrs by taking orders for corsets. A flutter has been caused among the ladies by it being reported that she was a man who apprehended him and took her before passing herself off on an unsuspecting comthat harpoon was stuck in, and he was every hair of her head pulled out by the towed with it by men in that boat yonder. ladies who patronized him, purchased her "Whales don't have teeth-that's the confounded corsets, and helped him to earn whalebone," he said, presently, to a man a subsistence for her family. Oh! pshaw? mixed, but what