hold the most. Some persons can tell Just what a man is by the shape of his head. High heads are the best kind. Very knowing people are callstop for anything or anybody is callhe won't be coaxed nor turned, pigheaded. Animals have very small The heads of fools slant back. When your head is cut off you are beheaded. Our heads are all covered with hair, except bald heads. There are other kinds of heads besides our head. First, there are barrel-heads. Second, there are pin heads. Third, heads of sermons-sometimes a minister used to have fifteen heads to one sermon. Fourth, head-wind. Fifth, head of cattle-when a farmer reekons up his cows and oxen he calls them so many head of cattle. Sixth, drumheads-drumheads are made of sheepskin. Seventh, heads of tails-when you toss up pennies. Eighth, doubleheaders—when you let off rockets. Ninth, come to a head-like a boil or a rebel lion. Tenth, cabbage-headsdunces are called cabbage-heads, and good enough for them. Eleventh, at loggerheads-when you don't agree, Twelfth, head of chapters. Thirteenth, head him off-when you want to stop a horse or a boy. Fourteenth, head of the tamily. Fifteenth, a blunderhead. Sixteenth, the mastheadwhere they send sailors to punish them. Seventeenth, get up to the head-when you spell the word right. Eighteenth, the head of a streamwhere it begins. Nineteenth, down by the head-where a vessel is deep loaded at the bows. Twentieth, a figure-head carved on a vessel. Twentyfirst, the cathead, and that's the end of a stick of timber that the ship's anchor hangs by. Twenty-second, a headland, or a cape. Twenty-third, a head of tobacco. Twenty-fourth, a bulkhead, which is a partition in a ship. Twenty-fifth, go ahead-but first be sure you are right.

Division of Labor in Earthquakes.

Richard A. Proctor thus discourses in Longman's Magazine upon the consanguinity of earthquakes: Those who recognize or imagine a connection between the earthquakes in Great Britain and the movements occurring within the volcanic region of Southern Europe, remarked that during all the time that England was thus disturbed, the region of which Vesuvius is the principal outlet, had been quiescent. It is perhaps rather convenient for the theory of connection between British earthquakes and the Vesuvian volcanic region, that we may recognize evidence in favor of the theory, whether disturbance in one region synchronizes with disturbances in the other, or, on the other hand. with a time when the other region is unusually quiescent. Yet it must be admitted that even the apparently contradictory forms of evidence derived from the quiescence of Vesuvius and its fellow-crators on the other, when British earthquakes occur with exceptional violence, may in reality point in the same direction. For on the smaller scale it certainly has been observed that within the Vesuvian region itself, at a time when Vesuvius is at rest, the minor craters of this region are often found to be unusually active, while yet at times, when Vesuvius is in violent eruption, these same volcanoes seem exceptionally active too. It is as though when Vesuvius rests they tried to do the work which Vesuvius is neglecting, while, when Vesuvius is very active, they try to help the greater crater by sharing in its labors. It may, therefore, quite possible be the case that distant volcanic regions may show their kinship as much by alternating throes as by simultaneous disturban-

Political Conventions

At length the momentous day dawns. and the convention assembles. It usually sits in some vast building which contains eight or nine times as many spectators as the whole number of delegates. The scene is imposing and inspiring. The proceedings being in an orderly manner, but at the first interruption, or the raising of any coubtful point, the inflamable nature of the assembly is apparent. Every favorite name or motion which suits the humor of the convention is received with a tumult of acclamation which would be astonishing and appalling to one unaccustomed to great popular assemblies. At the moment of highest excitement, as when the nomination is actually made, the frenzy is resistless. The yast throng is standing on the floor and on the seats, shouting, yelling, and often weeping with mere nervous tension; arms are shaken wildly aloft

with hats. handkerchiefs, fans, newspapers, or whatever may be at hand, Heads are of different shapes and and the uncontrollable roar is so overdifferent sizes. They are full of no- powering that the brass-band, which is tions. Large heads do not always playing at its loudest, is entirely inaudible. The president of the convention wisely refrains from any effort to check the prodigious uproar, knowing very well that it will presently exhaust itself, and that of its own accord and ed long-headed. A fellow that won't by its own instinct the convention will again "please to be in order." This is, ed hot headed. If he isn't quite so perhaps, the most striking impression bright, they call him soft-headed; if of the whole week of the convention, with all its conflicts and confusions that it is an assembly of persons of unlimited abandonment to expression of every kind, but also of a habit of selfcontrol and restraint which makes any perilous or riot ous excess impossible. They will "have their say out," but they will also have order when all is said. The sergeant-at-arms in the convention, like the police in the city and at the hotels, is a ceremony. The delegates take care of themselves, and each defends the peace of all,-Harper's

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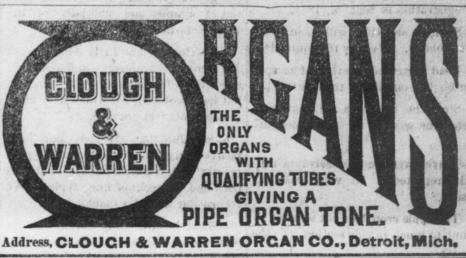
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