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THE ART OF PROSPERITY.

Tell me not that advertising Is at best an empty dream,
For its charms are more surprising
(And everybody who has tried it wisely
and well will acknowledge that its effects
are far more astonishing)
Than its dull, old-fashioned practioners
could ever deem.

And whichever way thou turnest
Thou will find upon the whole,
Those who advertise in earnest
(Yes, we have only to glance at our
wealthy commercial firms and we shall
admit that those who do the thing prop-

Soonest reach the wished-for goal.

Woulds't thou then a lesson borrow?
Would'st thou know the royal way?
Advertise then so to-morrow
(Don't let a little expense deter you; you are merely casting your bread upon the waters, and you will soon have the satisfaction of knowing that each to-morrow)
Finds thee richer than to-day.

Advertise then! No retreating!
Let the senseless croakers rave;
While your heart with hope is beating
(You will always find a lot of people in
every community who are blind to their
interests; but while you are making fame and fortune)
They will find oblivion's grave.

Printer's ink will lead the battle-Printer's ink, the balm of life;
Printer's ink, the balm of life;
Printer's ink—no din, no rattle—
(No, it does its work quietly; and in the
great war of competition, when judicious
ly and thickly laid on, it always)
Leads the van amidst the strife.

Advertisers oft remind us We can make success sublime, Make our pile and leave behind us (Exactly that's just where it comes in.
We not only feather our own nest, but we provide for the prosperity and wellbeing of generations yet unborn, and so leave behind us)
What defies the touch of time

Seeing which, perchance another Struggling man with weary brain,
Some non-advertising brother,
(A good example is always to be commended, especially in the matter of advertising; and many a struggling business man seeing the secret of another's

May with wisdom try again. Advertise then! Up and doing! And, the wiser course pursuing,
(You will find that you will soon be in a
position to look the world in the face if
you will only)

Learn to advertise and wait!

—New Zealand Tune.

AN INDEPENDENT PAIR.

They Were Too Spirited to Marry to Please Others.

"Philip," said old John Briggs to his son, "you are twenty-eight years old to-day.

"So the family record says, father," responded the elegant young gentleman addressed, "I am disposed to place implicit reliance upon it and on you.' "You have done nothing since you

left college but kill time." Some day or other the old chap er. with the scalp-lock and scythe will kill

"You are to flippant. Since your

then, for I know that you neither game | ped a young woman in a neat travel nor revel, and I don't mind your hors- ing dress, and the driver followed her es, your club, your natural history with a large trunk, under which he still you spend more money and get er came from the kitchen and ex less for it than most young men of claimed; "Why, it's Gwenny, I deyour age-have too much, in fact." "I don't find it too much, sir. In

fact, I was thinking what a graceful newcomer, hugging and kissing the farthing it would be if you would double mer's wife. "I came to have a good it-a mere trifle to a gentleman of your | time for a month. means. I have to use the most pitiful economy, I assure vou.

"Oh, that's it, eh? Well, there is a mode to increase it very much. Spriggs, of New York ?" "Money-lender and skinflint? I have

heard of him.' "Nonsense, Philip. He is a quite visit the Branch yet."

worthy as well as very wealthy man; and if he prefers to invest money in the girl, when up stairs with Mrs. short loans, what of that? I lend my Cooper. money, or some of it sometimes." "But not at cent per cent."

"No matter. I don't propose that you shall borrow of him. He has an only child, a daughter, who will inherit all his vast property, just as you will "Does she shave notes, father?"

"Phil, be kind enough not to indulge

since you admire her so much, I see no eral times Philip saw the blunder,

what you have you'll do well enough wife as Gwenny, Philip chose the more

"But," demurred Philip. "I don't like Spriggs for a father-in-law."

"Stuff! you don't marry Spriggs."

name is changed. I don't think she'll gain much by it. Spriggs-Briggs! It is generally a foregone conclusion. Six of one and half dozen of the oth-

suppose I must marry some day; but it interested him. Philip's mother had will be some one I love; and then, been a Powel, with Welsh blood in her Philadelphia like, insist on a woman of veins, and bore the same name. This

do you know you'll not love her till you —for Cooper, though a worthy man, not feel the bite, but after 24 hours the never find tattered and foul Bank of though he thinks himself a sage." ertitled to that. The peerage of Eng- ed unquestionably gentle manners. Then land is full of Viscount Brigges. The she showed a fair knowledge of any most intense pain, indicating blood poist the custom of the bank never to issue one of with Hellowly, Brownly? He used to Gotha among the erlaucht families.

Your grandfather made \$300,000 in Not the look nor the way of a school and fatal results are anticipated in some sand notes of £5 each issued in the his neighbors." "Well, he bought a dog

itself more than ten fold before he died, I should have been in the same business to-day, and you in the countingroom, or warehouse. Family, indeed! You're a foolish boy, Philip, and your aunt's legacy has ruined you.'

"I wish, sir, there were a half-dozen more old aunts to continue my ruin in the same way. It is of no use getting angry, father. You can't keep it up. I'll take to anything you say-law, physic, or divinity; sell my horses, drop my club, read by the cubic foot, but to marry-excuse me.

meditations

self, "father and I will quarrel. Better give the dear old gentleman a chance

o cool off. I'll ruralize a little. That afternoon Philip packed a portmanteau, and with a fishing-rod and mineral hammer started off to Montvisit. When he arrived there he learned that Boudinot and his wite had gone All the night that followed, Philip to Long Branch for the season, and their

His quarters were quite comfortable. The house was an old stone building roomy. He was assigned a chamber upstairs, looking out on a trimly kept garden, in which old-fashiond flowers and pot herbs were grown side by side, and which sent a pleasant fragrance through the open window. The room itself was adorned with pictures and knick-knacks showing feminine taste, and the bedstead was furnished with a hair mattress, and not the bag of feath-

ers of the vicinage.
"Decidedly," said Philip to himself, "there is another female on the premi-ses than the substantial Dame Cooper, and with some refined taste.'

But neither that day nor that week did he see any woman other than Mrs. Cooper or the hired girl. However, the cooking was good, the country air and his walks round about gave him an appetite and he was content. He fished the stream closely, he rambled here and there, hammer in hand and bag at side, leaned on fences and talked with "It is only retaliation in advance, farmers about "craps" and the weath-

In a week's time the thing grew monotonous. The fish were not always inclined to bite, good specimens in Aunt Priscilla left you five thousand a quarries and in situ grew scarcer and year you have done nothing but spend this stock of talk on farming was nearly the money. Your income ought to be exhausted. He began to think of good my name I said Mr. B. and I did not scant skirt made of straight breadths, tion when good security against possible permitting. enough for a single man, but you draw | ing to the Branch and hunting up Boudinot. As he sat upon the veranda one afternoon debating the matter, "It is not that, Philip. You are a wagon was driven up the lane and quite welcome to a check now and stopped at the door. Lightly out stepcraze, nor your luxurious tastes. But staggered, burly as he was. Mrs. Coopclare!"

"You dear old Aunt Ruth!" said the

"And so you shall, my dear," was

the hearty reply. Philip took an ocular inventory of You the looks, dress and manner of the pectations; but my father, who is sev- the front corners are usually tucked have heard me speak of Philander newcomer as he too off his hat. "A sweet face and graceful figure and presentable anywhere," was his internal

"You have a boarder, aunty," said

"Yes. He's a Mr. Bee," said the other. "It don't look as if he had any call to work for his living, judging by his white hands and his fix-ups, and

he's plenty of money." "Bee? Then he isn't a busy bee. But he's good looking; if he be agree-

able he'll do for a walking-stick.' Mrs. Cooper's mistake as to Philip in chaff. I have seen her and talked was natural enough. When she had father chose a husband for me in the with her. She is young, handsome, asked his name on his coming he had well educated, and has good taste—a said, in his airy way, "Philip B., at sion of the matter that I took these few tions as to the water-mark, which is so Homer Wade, who has already inheritsociety gentlewoman with domestic your service," and she had taken the sound of the initial for his surname. "Well, father, you are not so old, and After she had called him Mr. Bee sevsmiled at it, and, as the naval officers "Stop your nonsense and listen, say, "made it so;" and when Gwenny Spriggs and I had a talk over it when came to the table she was introduced, I was in New York, and we have con- "Miss Gwenny, Mr. Bee." As she was cluded if you two come together, to the niece, he concluded her name to be chip in equally and settle a half million | Cooper, but as the farmer addressed on you on your wedding day. With her as Miss Gwenny, and the farmer's

respectful of the two. As Philip was a gallant young gentleman, and as the young lady was for the graduating class of Columbia return of the note, perhaps the next day. charming in manner, he naturally paid | College) - "The design is to include a Some years ago some £1 notes issued in "And the name! Think of it! her much attention. When a young graduate in uniform and a representation the middle of last century were handed man and a young woman are thrown tion of the world in relief." "What of that? With marriage the together under such circumstances it "How large would you like the figures?"

Philip soon learned that "Gwenny" was diminutive of Ewenllian, and not "I'd like to oblige you, father. I of the more stilted Gwendoline, which latter Gwenllian was a mystery to him. "Some one you love! How the duce For the niece of a rather coarse farmer

vested it in real estate that mutiplied so, in a good family. But her belongings were not of the second-hand kind. Philip had a keen eye for female apparel. Her lace was of the rarest; her gloves were perfect and of the newest. her dresses were pretty and well-fitting, though quite in tone; and though she displayed little in the way of jewelry, the stone that sparkled on the head of a lace pin was unmistakably a diamond. She had been well cultured and every word and action showed a purity that fittted her name.

On the other hand, Philip was as much a mystery to the young girl. "See here, Phil," exclaimed the fath- He was a gentleman beyond doubt. er, who by this time was at white But what was he doing there, a man of heat, "you never knew me to break my | culture, refinement and æsthetic tastes, word. I merely ask you to marry for | in that farm house? He had said noth your own good. I point out a wife in | ing of Boudinot, which would have exevery way suitable to you. Marry to plained it. With a little affectation of please me, and I will not only start you cynicism which did not ill become him, fairly in life now, but leave you all I | the man was as clear as water, frank as have when I am gone. Marry to suit air. But why did he loiter there with some foolish fancy of your own and I'll no apparent purpose? The girl did -yes, I'll found an asylum for idiots. | not first deem that she was the attrac-Now you understand me." And Briggs tion, but it came to her after five weeks, marched off, leaving his son to his and she grew shy, and her shyness for the last week of her stay infected Phil"If I stay here," said Philip to him"If I stay here," said Philip to him"Ip, who became shy too, and lost all the same class offer ample opportunity
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The same class of ease. At length she announced to for the exercise of individual fancy, Mrs. Cooper that she had to return and a pleasing combination of tints, home, and that her father, who was in the graceful arrangement of the drap-Philadelphia visiting friends there, would come for her on the following day, and his friend with him. Philip gomery county, where an old college heard this with a depression that told mate of his had married and settled, him he had met his fate and that it lay one whom he had long promised to in the power of this girl to make him uality, to what might otherwise rank

servants with them, the house being in sleep. He felt that his father would charge of a care-taker. Philip heard be as good as his word, but he would of good fishing in a stream four miles | win a wife then or never. Near mornoff, and concluded to try it. He found ing he arose, dressed, and set at the lodgings at a farm-house, near the window until the sun showed itself. or distinctly a fancy of a particular means of establishing the prosecuting lodgings at a farm-house, near the place, owned by a man named Seth Then he slipped out of the house and place, owned by a man named Seth Then he slipped out of the house and fashioned the next. A favorite comstrolled toward a glen a few yards off, intending to reman out until he heard the breakfast bell. It had been a faof ante-revolutionary erection, and was | vorite haunt of the two, and yet for the last few days both had avoided it. He made his way to a mossy rock which formed a sort of rustic seat, and there

he saw—Gwenndy.
"Miss Gwenllian!" he exclaimed. She rose with a rather embarrassed air. "I rested badly last night, Mr. Bee, and I came out at day break. I have been here ever since. The morning air seems to refresh me.'

'I have the same experience," he said; "I have rested badly, or rather have not rested at all. I—" She looked up inquiringly, and at

something she read in his eyes, dropped her own, while a flush overspread his face and neck. "Gwenny!" he said, desperately, and

in his, but were not withdrawn. "Gwenny, darling," he said, "are we to part to day? Do you know that I love you dearly?" "Do you-Philip?" she murmured;

but she did not look up.
"Gwenny," he said, "I have been ly enough. I have a way among my gentlemen friends of using my initials, and so I am called among them P. B.,

as she half whispered:

father to-day.'

Philip.

"I fear you may find him rather obstinate," she said. "He sets an undue store by his daughter."

"I can satisfy him of my position in society and that I am able to maintain ed waists, and, as they are very generyou. I have means of my own, and ally becoming, are very popular. have-well I may say I had, great exeral times a millionaire, has taken into inside the wide belt or sash. Marie his head to fit me with a wife. I prefer to choose for myself. If you will comment. "Here's luck. I shall not be content to share what I have, Philip Briggs does not care for more."

"Briggs-Philip!" cried Gwenny, releasing himself from his grasp and looking at him wonderingly. "Is your father's name John?"

"And he lived in Philadelphia?"

"Yes. Gwenny burst into a peal of silvery

laughter. "Do not feel vexed, Philip," she said at length. "I am only laughing at the similarity of our positions.

same way, and it was to escape discusold nurse, and I have called her 'aunty' She was married from our house. Her husband had very little money, and ed at the bank in Threadneedle street, in stocked it. But, oh! think, Philip, dear, how your father and mine will chuckle! You are Philip Briggs, and I-I am Gwenllian Spriggs!"-Boston Advertis-

uate about two inches high. And the bers to be open, so the drafts were duly world about half an inch in diameter. -Jeweler's Weekly.

-A very peculiar ailment has broken out among the inhabitants of Peru, Ind. It is 'he result of the string of an insect which resembles the ordinary house fly parts which have been bitten become oning. Some of the patients have lain its notes a second time. This rule is so be one of the quietest men going; now I and was strong enough to receive not

Review of Fashions.

Nowadays Style is Said to Take Precedence of the Material.

In the days when fashions were restricted by more conservative ideas, the material of the costume was the principal and all important point to be decided; the style in which it was to be made was already fixed, and the adventurous fair one who ventured to suggest a change from the prevailing mode was looked upon as little short of revolutionary in her ideas. To-day the style takes precedence of the mat rial in importance; and she who is the fortunate possessor of "tairy fingers' to successfully carry out in tistic effect.

sive materials, the soft challies and the initiated. ery, the fortunate disposal of the garniture, or the use of some simple device to heighten a natural charm or render a shortcoming less noticeable, will often impart the chic, the individ-

as an ordinary dress. well as an economical point of view. der and fully developed figures, and unbination of colors this season (and one that is very generally becoming) is green and gray in all tints. Usually the same grade of shades is used, preferably soft, undecided tints; but a light shade of gray with a dark shade of green, or vise versa, is not unusual. Cream-white and the more decided cream-color are also associated with light grays and greens, and the effect is often enhanced by the judicious application of gold or silver soutache on full waist, like a yoke, V-shaped cuffs with the bank.

the front in the simple fashion made took her hand. The fingers trembled familiar to us by the pictures of Marguerite is a general favorite for summer costumes, and young ladies frequently copy the entire design (the plain waist with its full guimpe, high frill about the throat, and puffed sleeves) which is easily and effectively reproduced in the pliant silk, wool, and silksailing under false colors, but innocent- and wool fabrics that possess the additional merit of being inexpensive.

Changeable taffeta silks, either plain or with fine stripes, are made into receive full consideration and the owners care to undeceive her; but I desire no and a round full waist with shirred or mistake is given. concealment from you, unless you do smocked yoke and full-sleeves; and a not care for me. Then we will part as. long sash of solid-colored silk, matchwe met; but I shall be a changed man," ing the most prominent shade in the He waited for a reply. There was a liress goods, with fringed ends, is tied slight tightening of her fingers on his around the waist and has a long-looped bow at the back. The foot of the "You must know that I care for you, skirt is bordered with a full pinked ruching of the same color as the sash, "Now, darling," said the exultant or the two or three colors in the change Philip; "you must let me speak to your able silk are combined in it, the light-

er color in the center. Quaint fichus made of a square of plain imbroidered lawn, mull, or net edged with lace and foided diagonally, furnish graceful drapery for untrim-The back corners are rounded, and Antoinette fichus are also revived .-Demorest's Monthly.

Bank Of England.

Something About the Rich Old Lady of Threadneedle Street.

A recent trial in London, Eng., in which the conversion of a New York draft into Bank of England notes formed a perfecting link in the chain of evidence by which the prisoners were convicted, suggested to the New York Graphic a brief description of the bank method

with regard to its issue. white and so strong that it will sustain not less than \$7,000,000. from the time I could toddle around. fifty pounds in weight when suspended e corners. The printing is performfather bought them this farm and cluding the signature of the nominal maker of the draft. The drafts or notes

Each individual note as soon as issued has its number, letter, date and denomiledger of that date showed the credit side

The lowest denomination now issued note, when compared with that of other issues and counties, is its crispness and clearness. The simplicity of design and promptly. clearness of lettering and figuring are England bills or bank notes, as the Eng- Judge's curiosity was entirely satisfied morning in exchange for gold at the is- a few weeks ago."—Boston Courier.

sue department come into the hands of the banking department as a customer deposit in the afternoon, possibly without having been untied they would be immediately canceled. This cancella tion is performed by tearing off the signature corner of each note. the number

and date being first recorded by the recieving clerks on his counter cash book. The mutilated bills at the banking department rea collected at short intervals by a clerk from the accountant's department, where they are assorted into their respective denominations and placed to their individual ledger credits. They are then stored, and after ten years' interval

consigned to the flames The detection of the forged bank note is almost inevitable under this system. Simply to imitate the paper is difficult. simple materials the ideas of an artistic brain, is usually voted the "best tible to a practical touch. To counterdressed" woman in any assemblage, feit the printing is almost impossible, rich fabrics and elaborate garnitures owing to the absence of complexity to counting nothing in comparison to ar- | confuse the eve, and a third reliance for the paying teller as he rapidly scans the If one possesses artistic taste in dress notes before shoveling out the gold in but not the means to indulge in expen- exchange is a peculiarity known only to

nomination must all correspond with the ledger entry, and should all these agree the chances are that the legitimate note

will have already filled up the bank. It is the rule in all London banking houses and in most private establishments to record the date and number of every bank note passing through their hands, together with the name of the person presenting it. The Bank of England, morever, requires the endorse-There is always safety in selecting ment of the holder of every note or parlay and tossed restlessly. He could not plain materials, from an artistic as cel of note presented for exchange for gold or for notes of other denominations. Plain goods are becoming alike to slen- This system greatly facilitates the detection of fraud, and in the case which gave less the color is very pronounced occasion to these remarks was the direct

land note issued is about five cents. An ordinary day's issue of notes with a cor-responding number of canceled, is from 20,000 to 30,000, but when a forgery is known to be afloat all of that particular denomination are poured in by their holders for exchange or redemption, and as many as 80,000 notes under such circumstances have been presented and can-

celed in one day.

An offset to this expense the yearly gain to the bank in notes destroyed by fire and water amounts to a large sum, the white, which, as a rule, is chosen which, however, is taken into account by for the accessories only -a short the Government when adjusting its Na-V-shaped piece back and front on the tional debt and exchequer arrangements

on the full sleeves, and for facing the The "Old Lady of Threadneedle foundation skirt, which is disclosed at Street," as the Londoner lovingly calls one side by the looping of the drapery. The drapery looped at one side of he most deeply reveres, is very liberal when dealing with cases of notes destroyed or mutilated. The secretary's office attends to those matters, and there may

be seen daily remnants of notes which have undergone every conceivable ordeal short of absolute destruction. Little pulpy masses that have passed through the digestive apparatuses of dogs and children, half burned pieces that have unwittingly done duty at cigar lighters, remnants of every kind of which enough is left to indicate in the

Some Millionaires' Incomes

A Cleveland, Ohio, correspondent writes that Mr. H. M. Flagler said a short tine ago that Mr. John D. Rockefeller's income had reached \$9,000,000 a year. This startling statement from a man so well informed as Mr. Flagler alligators have ever before been known regarding the affairs of the Standard Oil Company was the basis of a careful inquiry among brokers and well informed financiers as to the wealth of Clevelanders generally, and it can be tailed to watch a dwelling from which safely said that there are no less than sixty-three millionaires within the limits of the Forest City, to say nothing of immense estates owned jointly

Mr. Flagler's statement regarding Mr. Rockefeller's income would make the head of the great Standard Oil a curiosity to the world in the shape of trust worth \$150,000,000 on a 6 per a sunflower-bearing tree. The freak is cent basis. He said his own income located in a large oak. The sunflower was \$3,000,000 a year, and estimated is growing from the top of the tree, and Col. Oliver Payne's wealth at about \$22,000,000.

But the Standard Oil people are not the only wealty residents of Cleveland whose holdings are represented in seven and eight figures. Selah Chan - N. J., to the effect that one Weil, living berlain is worth \$16,000,000, most of there, while feeding a sick cow last which is invested in the best of railway securities, and the S. V. Harkness estate, divided but a short time ago between Mrs. Anna M. Harkness and The paper on which the notes are three so is, is said to have footed up printed is made by a private factory in \$28,000,000. The combined wealth of Yorkshire under strictly guarded condi- Jepaha H. Wade and his grandson weeks' rustication. Mrs. Cooper is my conspicuous a feature. It is of silver ed an immense fortune, is certainly S. C., last week. A young man employ-

He Knew the Owner.

The late Judge Walker, of Aurora, Ind., was, it is said, the personification used formerly to be signed by assistant cashiers, but the issue eventually because too large to admit of a sign manual being issued, so printing was substituted.

The draits of notes in the personnecation of point positive. He was proud of himself, of his family, and of all his possessions. Illustrative of this trait of character a story is told of the old Judge. Shortly before his death he built a splendid mansion on the high hill back of Aurora. THE WORLD SUFFERED BY COMPAR- nation placed to its debit in a ledger ac. Judge Walker was inordinately proud son. - Committeeman (ordering badges count, the per contrabeing filled on the of this house, which could be seen for miles up and down the river. One day he was returning home by steamer from containing seven peas, have been picked. Cincinnati. Judge Walker no sooner in for payment. A reference to the caught sight of his residence than his whole attention was fixed upon it. He is not unusual for a flirtation to follow. Committeeman-"Oh, make the grad- of the note with corresponding num- wondered if every one else appreciated the beauty and striking location of the house. Finally he walked up to a strang-The lowest denomination now issued er and said. "I beg pardon, but and each ton. The consumption of cotton is of £5, the highest of £10,000. A not-can you tell me who is the owner of that each ton. The consumption of cotton seed oil is increasing both in this countries." able feature of the Bank of England -ah-palatial and beautiful mansion on

"Yes, sir," replied the stranger, "That old barn belongs to Judge B. Weeks Bucknam, then a blushing Walker, the biggest fool in Indiana, al- bride, went to housekeeping in a snug

lishman perfers to call them, arises from The Reason .- "What is the matter same house, where she has lived ever

All Sorts of Paragraphs.

-There are 170,000 Mormons in Utah Territory.

-Maine has a baseball club called the Pennessewassee.

—A Maine man has raised a blue pig, which he will exhibit at the State Fair. -A watermelon was raised by D. M.

Reaves, of Chico, Cal., that measured 53½ inches by 33 inches. -- Nearly every vessel clearing from

San Diego, Cal., nowadays, carries from 10 to 11 tons of honey. -The town of Milford, Conn., is cele-

brating the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its settlement. —A 16-pound cannon ball came up in` Walter Dixon's oyster dredge in

Newark Bay the other day. -James Lee, of Patton Valley, Ore.

recently shot a cougar that weighed 200 pounds and was seven feet in length. -The oldest public house in England is "The Seven Stars," at Manchester. It dates back to the time of Ed-

ward III. -At Jamestown, Dak., recently, a French woman 106 years old took out citizenship papers and "proved up" a claim to a homestead.

-W. R. Shadman, of Glynn county, Ga., has three acres of olives. His is believed to be the only olive grove east of the Rocky Mountains.

-- In Galway it is considered so unlucky to catch sight of a fox that fishermen will not put to sea if they notice one while going to their boats. -A mid air combat between a hawk

and a snake afforded amusement for over 20 minutes to a party of picknickers near Mossville, Blair county, Pa. -A Mohammedan mosque has been built in Woking, England, and a Bud-

dhist temple has been opened in Paris. There are about 300 Buddhists in Paris. -A Californian named John Fessler has a quartz mine that has paid him \$30,000 in two years. He does his own

work, and his only mill is a hand mor-

--Sir Edward Watkin is the leading spirit in a movement looking to the erection of an iron tower 2,000 feet high in London. They are determined to beat that Eiffel at tower building.

-Ernest R.Ackerman, of New York, has an umbrella that he bought in Liverpool in 1880. It has been all over Europe and America with him, and Mr. Ackerman estimates that he has carried it 100 000 miles. -A white kitten playing in the front

window of a store on Broadway got caught in the neck by a fish hook and hung there for some time. When released she at once went to play again among the books and lines. -Paul Smith, a watchman in a Belle-

ville, N. J., manufactory, had a terrible fight with a six-foot blacksnake in one of the buildings the other night. After half an hour of hard work he succeeded in vanquishing the reptile. -Among the marriage licenses re-

to wed Piotrowicy Ntadystawa, and an-

other that will be the means of cementing Stanislau and Maryuna Skinatowiak. -A young alligator, 3 feet long, was discovered lately basking in the sun on the banks of the Little Blue river, near where it empties in the Missouri. It was shot by Gabe Carlton, a farmer. How it came there is a mystery, as no

to come north of Memphis, Tenn. -Washington, D. C., has a policeman of a original turn of mind. the milk can had been stolen early every morning for more than a week, he hid in the limb of a tree in front of the house, and when the thief appeared lowered himself quickly and took the rascal

-Adrian, Mich., can just now exhibit has a stalk about five feet high. It is in full bloom. How the seed got there is a question, as it is too large a tree for any

-A story somes from White House, November, lo ta valuable gold ring. He thought the animal swallowed it. Last week the cow was slaughtered and the ring found, none the wor e for having been in the quadruped's possession for over eight months.

-A remarkable instance of telephonic communication occurred in Charleston, ed in the W stern Union telegraph office in that city conversed without any difficulty with his brother, who was in Omaha, 1,500 miles away. The brothers talked an hour with hardly any pause between questions.

-J. C. Ruff, Gloucester, Mass., has four tomatoes vines trellised on his premises, which have reached a height of 9 feet 4 inches and are still growing. There are over 100 green tomatoes growing on the vines. He has also a pea vine which has grown to 101 feet in height, from which 77 pods, each pod

-One of the most surprising features of the modern business world is the large use of cotton seed, formely considered worthless. Over 800,000 tons of these seeds are now pressed for their oil, from 36 to 40 pounds being obtained from tv and in Europe, and new uses for the oil are constantly being discovered.

-Seventy-three years ago Mrs. Sally farmhouse on the west slope of Mount Prospect, N. H. The other day in this since she celebrated her 100th dirthday, only her children, grandchildren and great-grandehildren, but also a large number of her friends and acquaintances.