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IN AUGUST.

All the long August afternoon, The little drowsy stream Whispers a melancholy tune, As if it dreamed of June And whispered in its dream.

The thistles show beyond the brook Dust on their down and bloom; And out of many a weed grown nook The aster flowers look With eyes of tender gloom.

The silent orchard aisles are sweet With smell of ripening fruit. Through the sere grass, in shy retreat, Flutter, at coming feet, The robins strange and mute.

There is no wind to stir the leaves. The harsh leaves overhead; Only the querulous cricket grieves,

And shrilling locust weaves A song of summer dead. - William Dean Howells.

HONEST STRATEGY.

"Please, Mrs. Karl, come and play ten nis," said Cleva Culloh appealingly.

"It's too hot," said Mrs. Karl lazily. "I'm too old to frisk in such weather." "Hear ! Hear !" cried Roy Kendall.

She has an awfully stupid time. If she "What an honest woman !" would only exert herself a little she could "From compulsion, Roy. I was born have as much fun as any one. here."

"In the year of our Lord"-Cleva added "Eighteen hundred and sixty," com pleted Mrs. Karl easily. "I am thirty eight, you see.

"Thirty-eight !" repeated Roy. can't be you are ten years older than I am !"

"Yes," she answered smilingly. Slender, graceful, charming, she looked

scarcely thirty and knew it. plain, "what brought you back ?" With a pout Cleva started for the tennis court, followed by Roy Kendall and Madi-

son Harding.

And it was hot! Soon Harding began to breathe heavily. As they finished the game he held out his racket and panted :

"Here, Brady, I'll leave you and Miss Temple to whitewash Kendall and Cleva." 'Are you warm ?" said Mrs. Karl as he joined her on the veranda.

"Am I warm? Well !" reaching eager me. ly for the ice water on the table beside

her. "No," she commanded. "Go change your clothes. Not a cold plunge, remem ber-just a rub and dry linen. He laughed, but obeyed.

When he returned, she handed him a

glass of water, then a nicely pared peach. "Uh !" he grunted. "This beats tennis." "I think so," she said.

They chatted for some time. Then he asked suddenly :

"Why haven't you married again ?" "The usual reason," she answered.

"A beautiful woman, with twenty thou-sand a year, ought to find Mr. Right sure-

"Madison,,' she said softly, "I never loved Robert. Now-well, I must be sure of myself and him."

"Robert was a good man," he said grave

ly. "Yes," she repeated. "Yet I hated him "to not love him." at times, because I could not love him." "But you married him."

'Yes, and I deserved to be more unhapthan I was. He was forty-eight. I was twenty-two; he rich, I poor; he ready to settle down, I ready to have a fling with life. Somehow, Madison, I think he ought to have known better than to have asked me. He ought to have known I couldn't love him. "Why not ?" His voice was constrained. "Youth loves youth. Much as Robert loved me, I think the first few years were equally disappointing to both. I was ready for my fling and had it. I know now how bored he was with it all. It's glorious to do stunts when one is a colt, but afterward"- She laughed merrily and handed him the peach she had been paring.

More Than a Billion.

He put his arm around her and made a

move to start, then stood suddenly still

and stared down at the shapely brown head, his own giddy with the thrill that held

He drew her closer. As the music stop-

"It was worth the price, then ?" banter-

Until daybreak he sat on the veranda

ped he released her with a reluctance he

"I enjoyed that dance," she said.

A couple of hours later Mrs. Karl saw

"On Rogers Point dancing," he answer-

The disgusted tone of his voice made her

"Well," she asked, as he did not ex-

"You," he answered, putting his hand

"For the last week I couldn't find a min-

nte to talk to you, Lorene, and to day I got

desperate. Only in the past month have I discovered that I'm the biggest ass in the country and you are the dearest woman in

"But if you cannot," she said in a low

"I will make you love me !" "It's all done," she murmured.

Alligators Hunted to Death.

Persons who visited Florida a few years

ago and saw the rivers, swamps and bayous

that these large reptiles are fast becoming

loved you for eleven years.

nade him understand.

come coolly toward her.

Her eyes still questioned.

ed, seating himself.

ingly. "Fully," she uttered softly.

could scarcely define.

frighted.

laugh

on hers.

The Extravagance of Congress Shown by Official Figures. Big Deficit Likely, and at Same Rates the Fifty-seventh Congress May Reach the Two Billion Dollar Mark.

From official figures given out at the capitol on Tuesday setting forth the exact sum of money appropriated at the recent session of Congress, it appears, in the light of estimates made by the treasury department, that this government at the end of the present fiscal year will be confronted smoking and thinking. He tried to adjust the Lorene Karl he had known for eleven with an apparent deficit amounting in round numbers to \$423,815,331.

years with the woman he had discovered The millions of dollars appropriated by the first session of the Fifty-seventh Con-gress are shown by official figures to have during the past week. He had condemned her for marrying for money. Though gay, even audacious, she had never coquetted. As he danced with Cleva his mind had been apportioned as follows :

2	been alert to her beauty, to her bubbling	Agricultural\$5,208,960	00	l
	spirits, her glorious youth, but as he held	Army	41	1
	Lorene Karl there had come a sudden con-	Diplomatic1,957,925	69	1
1	tent, blissfully human and spiritually ten-	District of Columbia8,544,469	97	1
	der in one.	Fortifications	00	1
	In the weeks that followed he found	Indian8,986,028		1
	himself in a tumult of thought that made	Legislative25,396,681		1
	him abstracted and erratic. Now he loung-	Military Academy	42	1
	ed beside Mrs. Karl, and, again panting	Naval		ł
	and perspiring, he followed where Cleva	Pension		1
10	led.	Postoffice		1
	The day before they were to leave the	River and harbor	00	I
	entire party went for a row down the bay.	Sundry eivil 60,143,359		l
	Mrs. Karl, smiling and picturesque,	Deficiencies 28,050,007		l
	stood under the trees and waved them	Miscellaneous	13	l
	goodby.	Isthmian canal	00	1
	"Mrs. Karl is a dear," said Cleva com-	Permanent appropriation123,921,220		
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placently, "but I hope I'll never get so fogy. Congress at its recent session appropriated the enormous amount of \$1,063,335,-961.55. Thus it is shown that the Republican Congress is fairly over the first half of the road to the two billion dollar mark. Harding jump from a rickety buggy and The expenditure of this sum is far in excess of the revenues to be derived during 'Where are the others ?'' she cried, afthe year, and the result may be a bond issue.

The appropriation figures for the first session of the Fifty-seventh Congress were an-nounced on Tuesday by the clerks of the committees on appropriations. The total of more than \$1,000,000,000 includes money to be spent during the year, as well as money to be disbursed under the continuing contract system. During the last days of the recent session statements were given out by Representative Joseph G. Cannon. chairman of the House committee on appropriations and Leonidas F. Livingston, the ranking Democrat member of the com-mittee. Mr. Cannon avoided the question existence. You opened my eyes, then my of total appropriations in rendering his heart. Now I intend to make you love statement. He was satisfied with simply declaring that there would be a disparity between the total amount appropriated and that expended. The latter amount he figured at \$600,000,000.

"I must !" impetuously. "I must 'jog along' with you, dear one, or else-no; there can be no else !'' he oried, taking Mr. Livingston, however, after careful calculation, thought that the total amount hold of her and kissing her determinedly. appropriated would reach \$1,059,577,052. His figures fell short, however, as the total "I've amount authorized is several millions more than that sum. Mr. Livingston also gave A laugh, a daring something in her eyes, an interesting comparison of figures showing that during a corresponding session of "You plotter !" he cried. "You-you ?" the last Democratic Congress the total amount appropriated was only \$550,000,000 "Yes," she whispered, joining in his hap-py laugh, "I did !"—By Vene Kennedy. or about one half the sum appropriated during the recent session. The statement given out shows in de-

tail the amount appropriated to be expended this year was \$800,624,496.55, and the amount under continuing contracts literally teeming will countless thousands of alligators, will be surprised to learn was \$262,711,465. These contracts include \$21,069,500 for additional ships for the navy \$15,943,650 for additions to old public exterminated. The constant and whole-sale warfare that has been made against them has thinned them out so completely buildings and the construction of new buildings, \$38,336,160 for the improve-ments of rivers and harbors, \$3,500,000 for that unless a balt is soon called, their total the improvement of buildings and the erec-

The President's Trip.

President Roosevelt's stop in Hartford on his New England tour was marked by great enthusiasm by the crowds, and he showed his pleasure at the reception he received. Hartford was in gala dress to welcome the president, the weather was perfect and there was no hitch to mar the proceedings. The president on his arrival at the depot welcomed by a committee of representative citizens. He was taken for a drive around the city, occupying, with Colonel Jacob L. Greene, a handsome Victoria automobile, in

charge of two expert New York chauffeurs. He was enthusiastically cheered all along the route. In Pope Park the president was greeted by 10,000 workingmen, who presented him with a magnificent floral horseshoe inscribed "Workingmen's Welcome to Our President." Father Michael Sullivan made a few remarks of welcome, in which he commended the honesty and sincerity of purpose of the president in all his acts. The president responded and his remarks were frequently interrupted by applause.

After being introduced to the audience President Roosevelt said :

"I wish to allude to an incident which happened this afternoon which struck me as more important than anything I have to say to you. On being driven around your little address by Father Sullivan. Now in me personally, but he laid primary stress, as he ought to lay it, upon the fact that it was a gift of welcome from the wage workers, upon whom ultimately this government depends, and he coupled the words of greeting with certain sentences in which he ex-pressed his belief that I would do all that I could to show myself a good representative of the wage workers. Gentlemen, I should be utterly unfit for the position that I occupy if I failed to do all that in me lies to act, as light is given me, to represent the best thought and purpose of the wage workers of the United States. (Loud and continnous applause.)

require all our ability to solve, and while there are occasions when, through legislation or administrative action, the governmental representatives of the people can do especial service to one set of our citizens, yet I think you will agree with me that in all alike well (loud applause); to try to act in a spirit of fairness and justice to all; guard each man in his rights, and, so far position, I will be true to that conception

"Pennsy's" New State Capitol.

The Structure is to be Completed in October, 1905. The Contractor to be Paid Monthly. And From Time to Time He Will be Require to Submit Photographs of the Building. \$150,-000 for Descriptive Painting.

While the advertisement for bids for the completion of the new Capitol has not as yet been made public, intimation of the character of the specifications has been given out to forecast the requirements of and regulations governing contractors, as follows

The Capitol Commission will not recognize a sub-contractor supplying labor or material to the contractor, nor will the Commissioner be responsible for any claims of such persons beyond requiring that the and practiced for five years. In 1841 he contractor shall furnish a penal bond, with the additional obligation that the contractor shall make prompt payment to all persons furnishing labor and material.

The right to make any addition to, omission from or changes in the work or materials called for by the drawings and specifications, and to require the contractor to discontinue the service of any workman, foreman or superintendent employed on the work who is unskillful or otherwise objectionable, is reserved by the Commission. It also reserves the right to accept any part or parts of the bids made and to reject any and all proposals.

PAYMENTS TO BE MADE MONTHLY The contractor will be required to insure

at his own expense the work and materials. Payments will be made monthly on estimates of the work done and materials in the building. The Commission reserves the right to suspend any portion of the work embraced in the contract, whenever, in its opinion, it would be inexpedient to say to you. On being driven around your carry on such work. The final inspection beautiful city I was taken through Pope and acceptance of the work shown by the Park and stopped at a platform where I drawings and specifications, and forming a was presented with a great horseshoe of part of the contract, shall not be binding flowers, the gift of the workingmen of Hart- and conclusvive upon the Common wealth if ford (loud applause) to the President of the United States. I listened to an admirable tractor shall have fully or fraudulently suplittle address by Father Sullivan. Now in plied inferior material or workmanship, or has departed from the terms of the contract. In such case the work may be completed at the expense of the contractor

Each bidder, before submitting a pro-posal, is expected to examine the draw-ings and specifications, and make a thorough examination of the work in place.

COMPLETED IN THREE YEARS.

The contractor will be required to pro cure and pay for photographs to show the general condition of the work from time to time, as directed. He must furnish a bond equal to one-half the amount of the con-tract, with sureties satisfactory to the Commission, guaranteeing completion of the work within the time stipulated and the prompt payment of all persons furnishing materials or labor. The entire contract must be completed on or before October,

The building will be erected in the fol-lowing order; North wing, middle wing, south wing, connecting wings. Each portion shall have a foreman and a separate complete working organization, equipped with derricks, tools, ect. The contractor shall allow in his bid \$300,000 for exterior marble and bronze sculpture on the west front of the building. The sum of \$150,-000 shall be allowed for all interior descriptive painting on the walls.

All necessary grading around the build-ing and approach to the terraces must be lone by the contractor as soon as possible. The entire outside facing of the walls, pillars, etc., shall be of approved white or light blue gray granite.

Luther Marsh Dead.

Noted Spiritualist Passed Away At the Age of 89

Luther R. Marsh, widely known as a spiritualist, died at his home at Middle-town, N. Y., on Friday, after an illness of

several weeks. He was 89 years old. Some days ago Mr. Matsh summoned, Justice Bartlett, one of the Court of Appeals to his bedside, and, it is believed, he then made final disposition of his great library and picture gallery. Luther Rawson Marsh was born at Pom-

per, Onondago county, N. Y., on April 14th, 1812. He was admitted to the bar in 1836, and began practice in New York city. But a year later he went to Utica, returned to New York city and entered into partnership with Oscar W. Sturtevant. When Daniel Webster, having left the office of secretary of state under President Tyler, went to New York, he associated himself with Sturtevant and Marsh until he returned to the Senate.

Mr Marsh delivered many lectures and public addresses. He was for six years a vice-president of the Union League club. In 1888 he came to Middletown, where he afterward made his home, retiring from active practice. His public service, in addition to that as a member of the commission which secured 3,840 acres of park lands for New York at the cost of nearly \$10,000,-000, was as chairman of the commission to estimate the damages to the proprietors of the lands taken for the International park at Niagara Falls.

For many years Mr. Marsh, whose tastes were more for literature than for law, was a diligent student of the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg, and he was led to undertake the investigation of the phenomena of modern spiritualism.

In 1885 Mr. Marsh became acquainted with Mrs. Ann Odelia Diss de Barr through her alleged spirit pictures and her influence over him became so great that he was induced to make over his property in New York to her for a nominal consideration. Notwithstanding the exposures of her meth-ods. Mr. Marsh continued his faith in her alleged portraits of Bible-characters, and in spiritualism.

John Black's Long Drive.

From Arkansas to Connecticut in a Prairie Schoon er-Women Along.

In a canvas covered prairie schooner, which rumbled into Danbury, Conn., last week, John W. Black and his family have travelled the 1,500 miles lying between Bentonville, Ark., and Connecticut. For three months and ten days Black, his wife, their daughter and two sons have lived and travelled in the vehicle, riding by day

bury Friday. In May, Black sold his farm in Arkansas loaded the personal effects that he wanted to take with him into the big white-topped wagon, tied a cook stove on behind, and with his family started east to visit relatives in Connecticut. Two powerful farmhorses drew the outfit the entire distance. Sometimes ten miles was covered in a day and occasionally twenty-five. On pleasant nights the women of the party slept in the wagon and the men swung their hammocks near by. On stormy nights there was room enough beneath the big cover for the entire party. "It was hard at first," said Mr. Black

"especially upon the women; but we began with short jumps and spent much time in camp, gypsy fashion. We went directly to St. Louis and, crossing the river there, headed for Indianapolis and took an almost straight route to the Hudson River. "Costly? Yes. It would have been far cheaper to have traveled in Pullman cars. but we desired to see the country and had plenty of time at our disposal. We had a few adventures and met with a mishap or two, but none worth speaking about.' Mrs. Black and the daughter, a pretty young woman of 20, were pictures of health, and declared that the journey had been the greatest experience of their lives. The amily expects to settle in Southbury.

Five thousand men and women crowded the Coliseum last night to hear the address of President Roosevelt. At least two-thirds of the audience were workingmen and the enthusiasm manifested by them when the president alluded to the rights of the toiler roused the keenest interest. In speaking of the isthmian canal he aroused mirth by saying that one of the problems in connec tion with the great engineering feat would he to procure 50,000 patriotic Americans

ambitious to work for a \$10,000 fee.

"We are meeting problems which will

the long run the best way in which to serve any one set of our citizens is to serve to give to each man his rights, to safeas in me lies, while I hold my present

of my duty." (Applause.) President Roosevelt concluded his speech by reviewing the work of the United States in Cuba, Porto Rice and the Philippines, and predicted that Cuba would soon enjoy reciprocity with this country which would add to our prosperity

"But afterwards ?" he repeated. "One wants to jog along," she continued "The normal woman past thirty-five can say what she may, but the excitement and strength taking amusements that she reveled in during her teens and twenties-ah they're not worth the price !"

His answering smile quickly disappeared as she went into the house. He was fortyfive, Cleva Culloh twenty-two ; he rich, she poor; he had had his fling, she just ready for hers. He had accepted Lorene Karl's invitation to spend the month of August at her country home because Cleva was there. He had determined the latter should be his promised wife before they left. but-

He slept little that night. A picture of Robert Karl, wearied and surfeited, dancing attendance on the gay, untiring Lorene, rose before him. "To jog along" had a soothing sound, but a vision of Cleva's laughing, girlish face made his jaws set determinedl

It rained during the night. Next day was cool and clear.

"Oh, me! Oh, my !" said Mrs. Karl. "Why am I not a seer? If I had known it was to be such a charming day, I would have had our dance tonight. By Friday it will probably be as hot as blazes." "What's the odds?" said Cleva. "I can

dance if it registers a hundred."

"So can I," said Roy-"with you." "Then I shall give you the first and last dance and two in between," she said, with a gay laugh, glancing from under her long shes at Harding. "I'll take the rest," he replied prompt-

"if it registers two hundred." ly,

Friday night simply blazed forth heat, but Cleva and a crowd of young folks danced as merrily as though Jack Frost were in the air.

Harding noted a wondrous sparkle in Cleva's eyes as she and Roy swung around the room, and he looked sadly disgruntled as he joined Lorene Karl.

"This is our dance," he said listlessly. "Go change your collar," was the answer, "and put some talcum on your neck. Then we will sit under the trees-sit, not walk."

When he returned, he asked curiously Where did you learn so much wisdom ?" 'I was married ten years," she said care-

lessly. She gazed at him contemplatively as tilted back against a tree and silently

yet looked his age. "You have saved my life," he said laugh-

ingly as they sauntered back. And my own. This is one of the things that's not worth the price."

As he came for their next waltz she shook.

her head and laughed. "Come," said he. "We'll risk one turn."

extermination is only a matter of time. While they were formerly numerous as far reat numbers only along the coast line of the extreme southern states. In Florida they are practically extinct, with the exception of Manatee, Lee, DeSota and Dadd unties It was not until the hide of the saurian

became a factor of commerce that its extermination began in earnest." The skins when tanned make excellent leather for the manufacture of such articles as trunks, traveling bags, purses, pocket books, and all kinds of leather novelties. Books, are also bound with it, and it is even utilized for upholstering chairs. Each county, on the East coast of Florida, sends to market about 50,000 skins annually, while the number from the counties on the west coast reaches fully 125,000 each year. There is one firm in New Orleans that

handles over 500,000 skins annually. In addition to the wholesale slaughter of large alligators for commercial purposes a feature of recent developement is the preparation of young ones for the summer trade. Dealers pay \$15 a hundred for the little reptiles while they are from 5 to 10 inches in length. They are disemboweled, pickled in a preserving solution, stiffened by the insertion of wires into their bodies, stuffed with sawdust and then varnished. They are mounted on pincushions, pin and jewelry trays, paper weights, etc., and retailed at an average price of 50 cents each. One firm in Florida sell every winter thousands of these little stuffed "gators" to tourists, and as many more thousands every summer at Asbury Park and other northern resorts.

Since the skins of the alligators have be come such a valuable article of commerce all countries where they thrive are being scoured for them. A New York firm re-cently sent a band of Seminole Indians to India to hunt them. Most of the skins used in the United States come from Mexico, while nearly all of the product of this country goes to Europe. Florida formerly produced more skins than any other portion of the United States, but now furnishes less than any other section where the reptiles are to be found at all.

Kill Your Dog and Buy a Pig."

An exchange says: "Kill your dog and buy a pig with the dollar you save on dog tax. The scraps you feed the dog would make the pig weigh 300 pounds, and then you could sell it and give your wife the money." Yes, kill you dear old faithful, money." mindful, thankful, trustful dog and buy a pig. But when you come home after a hard day's toil don't expect that same pig to meet you two blocks and, ful little cry of welcome at every jump. to meet you two blocks away with a joy-Sometimes when you feel unusually "blue" and it seems as if the whole world was "knocking" against you, don't expect it to nestle up to your side, and laying its head within your lap wag out its unalloy-ed sympathy. Don't expect it to forsake its meal of "scraps" just for the privilege tilted back against a tree and silently smoked a cigar. The bright moonlight fell full upon him. Tall, broad, handsome, he Mrs. Fair's legatees, share and share alike. ference between your most constant friend and a pig.—Our Dumb Animals.

Low Shoes Caused a Blister

John Bander, of South Williamsport, was operated on Thursday, by two physi-cians for an abscess on his ankle, which was steel magnate may be permitted, for a the result of wearing a blister by low shoes. while, to pass into obscurity.

emy and \$150,000,000 for the construction north as Georgia, they have gradually be-come extinct, until now they are found in passed by Congress authorized the treasury department to go into debt in the sum of \$36,000,000, that amount representing the value of bonds to be issued as a part of the

expense of the waterway. Another item of appropriation during the session, which involves an increase over that of two years ago relates to new offices created. These new offices and employment of a civilian character specifically au thorized amount to 5,221, with aggregate compensation for the year amounting to

\$5,054,514.50. In addition to the new civil offices established the statement shows an increase of 65 in the military establishment at an annual cost of \$42,308 and 300 officers, together with 3,000 seamen and 750 men in the marine corps, whose total yearly pay will amount to \$1,343,777.50.

Salaries of government officials are in creased to the amount of \$105,486.10, affecting 709 persons.

Comparisons of the total appropriations made during the late session with those of the corresponding session of the Fifty-sixth Congress shows an increase during the first session of the Fifty-seventh amounting to \$70,285,920.56. Increases are made in the agricultural, diplomatic, the District of Columbia, legislative, naval, military academy, postoffice and deficiency appropria-tion bills, while the river and harbor bill and isthmian canal bills are counted as increases in their entirety. There appears, however, to have been slight reductions in the amounts carried by the army, fortifications, Indian and sundry civil bills, and also in pursuance of certain requirements of the pension appropriation bill.

Mrs. Fair's Will Revealed.

An Annuity for Mother and \$10,000 for Each Brothe and Sister.

The will of Mrs. Charles Fair disposes of an estate consisting of cash, real property and bonds approximately valued at \$300,

To her mother, Mrs. Hannah A. Nelson, of New Market, N. J., Mrs. Fair left the sum of \$2500 to be paid her annually during her life. Mrs. Nelson is about 79 years of age. William B. Smith, Charles Smith, and Frank Smith, full brothers, are be-queathed \$10,000 each. Abraham Nelson, half brother ; Mrs. Elizabeth Bunnell, sister, and Mrs. Joshua Leonard, another sister, are each bequeathed \$10,000. She also provided for the children of Mrs. Sarah Leffler, a dead sister. The children live in Orange, N. J., and all the other relatives also live in New Jersey. The remainder of the estate Mrs. Fair left to her husband. The above provisions in Mrs. Fair's will distribute her entire estate, but if her relatives will agree to forego all claims to any part of the estate of Charles Fair, that portion of the estate which Mrs. Fair left to her husband, and which reverts as a matter of law to his heirs, will be divided among

and greatly assist in the developement of the new republic.

A Great Religious Revival in Australia.

Australia has been looked upon by many persons as the land of wild and reckless iving. But a change has come over it Melbourne, especialwithin recent years. y, has lately been the scene of a noteworthy revival. In a great simultaneous mission no less than 214 churches took part. It was preceded by a far reaching league, in which some 15,000 persons participated. The missioners numbered fifty, and the services were held, not in the ordinary churches, but in two halls or tents. Denominationalism was lost sight of, for the time being, and all Protestrnts gave themelves, heart and soul, with the utmost unity and fullest co-operation, to the common work of soul saving.

The popular response was spontaneous and cordial. No building appeared to be large enough to hold the crowding audiences which assembled to hear the Word of Life. Even the exhibition building, an immense structure, was so filled at times, while crowds gathered about it, that it seemed, it is, said, like "a besieged building." The theatres lost their fascination for the many, and the Christian service evinced the greater drawing power. One writing of the depth and extent of the gracious work maintains that it established, as never before, "how deep and

strong is the religious instinct in the Australian character," and "how overwhelming is its response to any adequate ap-peal." Several facts are mentioned in sup-port of his declaration. Australia has, proportionately, more churches than any other country, the number being 6,013, or 210 to every 100,000 people. England has 144 churches to every 100,000. Russian only fifty-five to the same number."

Ate Fifty Ears of Corn and Died.

William Hafner, a farmer, of Frempealeau, Wis., bet a farm hand that he could eat fifty roasted ears of corn in twenty four

No bad results were noticed, and Mr. Hafner retired for the night in his usual Halther retired for the night in his usual health and spirits. He was awakened in filling in her teeth, which he said was not the night by an intense craving for more corn, and, rising, proceeded to devour eleven more ears of cold corn. Next morning his wife awoke to find her husband dead at her side, he having apparently died in

An Epidemic of Small-Pox.

The British steamer Trent, which arrived at Kingston, Friday from West Indian ports, brought news of an alarming increase of cases in the second outbreak of small-pox at Barbadoes, where the bodies of the dead are being thrown into the sea. At

-Now that President Schwab, of the The Trent also brought details of the United States Steel Corporation, has finally murder of Mavor, a Scotchman, by 150 riotous East Indian immigrants in British sailed for Europe in search of recreation. rest and increased strength, but manifestly not the wreck in body and mind that has been so commonly reported, perhaps the

merara.

cold drinking water plant is provided for, and there will be numerous small lifts, elevators and all provision of a modern public building. There will be a telebone exchange for the Capitol.

The Wisdom of Cheerfulness.

Gladness is health-giving. It prolongs life. We all know the good of cheerful-ness in the sick room. It is just as much needed in everyday life. It adds zest to work. Whistling or singing at one's task makes time pass more swiftly and less tediously. Work cheerfully done is better done. One puts something of one's personality in one's work. If we have troub les to bear, so do all others. Do not add to the burdens of others by going about with a gloomy face and presence. Think of the cheerful things.

Do not repine at a failure. What seems such may not be so. Out of failure one may reap riches of character. There is no failure so great as failure of spirit and heart in life. If we are sincere, if our work is real, no misfortune, no lack of appreciation, no malice, can ruin us. With truthfulness and earnest endeavor in us we can face the world with a smile on the lip and

gladness of heart shining in our eyes. Then whatever comes to us in life, let us seek the gladness of it. There is always a bright side. Let us make the best of all. If we give each day all of the cheerfulness that we can, life will be full of blessings. It is a glorious thing to carry a fund of gladness as we go through life.—Milwaukee Journal.

Woman Dies from Poisoned Teeth hysician Says Dentist Used Brass for Filling Instead of Gold.

Mrs. Opie Rolfe, of Luzerne borough, a small mining settlement at Wilkesbarre, died in the City hospital on Saturday, evening from a severe and peculiar attack of blood poisoning.

Several weeks ago she came to Wilkes-barre and had her teeth filled and capped. A few days afterwards her teeth began to especial liking for green corn, and at din-ner Thursday ate twenty four ears. He afternoon, and at the evening meal dispos-ed of fifteen more ears. ache and her mouth to swell. She applied pain in her stomach.

Her physician told her that she was suf-

gold, but brass. Mrs. Rolfe was at once taken to the City hospital, but in a few days she died from the effects of the metal poisoning.

death will be fully investigated.

Six Killed by Accident in Igniting a Fire in Nebras-

Four more victims, making six in all, died on Tuesday as a result of burns re-ceived Monday night by the bursting of a kerosene can which was being used to ignite a fire at the home of C. N. McCom-

sey, at Gering, Neb. The list of dead is: C. N. McComsey, Mrs. C. N. McComsey, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. McComsey, Guiana. During the rioting which foll ow-ed the military were forced to fire, killing 21 persons and wounding over 40. The County Treasurer Whipple, who carried 21 persons and wounding over 40. The incident created great excitement at De-four of the victures from the building, is also badly burned about the face and hands. she stands second.

Luck for Negro in His Bad Aim.

Dave Girard, a member of the contract-ing firm of Girard & Strawn, of Connells-ville, Pa., was shot through the leg by Robert Bruce, a negro hod carrier, in a Main street saloon.

For a while after the shooting Bruce's chances for being lynched were excellent. only the fact that the wound was not immediately fatal saved Bruce from the mob that quickly gathered. Girard has been having considerable

trouble with his men recently. Last night he quarreled with Bruce over the latter's wages, and Girard struck Bruce, knocking him down. Bruce went to a hardware store and bought a 38-calibre revolver, and, returning in a few minutes, shot the con-tractor. As he left the saloon he was arrested by two constables who were standug outside. Bruce was taken to jail at Uniontown

at once.

Girard's wound is serious, but not fatal.

Drowns His Four Children.

Kansas Farmer Then Shoots Him-Self And Will Likely Die.

Joseph Anderson, a farmer living east of Salina, Kan., in a fit of despondency Tues-day, drowned his four children, three girls and one boy, in a cistern, and then shot himself with a pistol,

Anderson is still alive, but probably will die. Financial troubles had affected his mind.

The crime was committed in the absence of his wife. The oldest child was 6 years old, and the youngest a baby of four months. Anderson left a note on the table notifying his wife that the children could be found in the cistern.

-The fall of the Campanile of Venice has brought to mind many prognestics of even greater catastrophes foretold for the "Queen of the sea." Both Humboldt and "Queen of the sea." Both Humboldt and Professor Moriat, of Lausanne, drew attention to the great geological movement which is gradually sinking the northern shore of the Adriatic under the level of the sea. Last year the Italian geologist. Biggaro, again spoke of this danger, but was unheeded. Now Professor Wagner, of the Vienna University, states the foundations of the city are unsound and can no longer support the immense weight.

Pennsylvania's Farms.

When it is known that Pennsylvania has within her borders two hundred and twenty-four thousand and forty-eight farms, valued at more than a billion dollars, it will be readily appreciated that her space is not entirely occupied by her mineral resources. In the number of her farms

The coroner has been notified, and he Deadly Kerosene Can.

Bridgeton there have been 1,876 cases of small-pox since July 13.

great agony.