Bellefonte, Pa., January 5, 1912.

Our National Capitof.
"One thing I learned during a recent visit to Europe was that the average life of a stone building is not more than 700 years," said a builder. "Naturally I was interested in construction work and gave more attention to this part of Europe than I did to the examination of art galleries and the tombs of famous men. The buildings of Europe are no better in their construction than those of this country. I don't think I saw a building in Europe that is better built than the capitol in Washington. In nearly all of the older cities of England I noticed that the town halls, which had been constructed in many cases 500 years ago, were beginning to collapse. All of them had been patched up, and it was evident that they would not last a great many years longer. I do not think there is any doubt that the capitol building in Washington will be standing 500 years from now if it is not destroyed, but it | Pumpian." will not last longer, nor will the treasury building, which is the finest example of its style of architecture in the United States."-Washington Post.

Historic Spot at Ems. On the riverside promenade at Ems there is a stone inscribed: "13 Juli, 1870. 9 Uhr 10 Min. Morgens." This marks the exact spot where Wilhelm I. and Count Benedetti terminated the interview which led the French to declare war. After the Franco-Prussian war the old emperor often returned to Ems. On one occasion his doctor mentioned that the municipality wished to commemorate the interview with Benedetti. which they considered the most memorable event in the annals of the town. He was instructed to meet the emperor on the promenade by the Lahn at 6 a. m. the following day. Wilhelm then said: "During my lifetime let nothing be erected to recall that sorrowful struggle. When I am dead do as you please. Since you wish to know where I dismissed Benedetti it was here under this tree at 9:10 in the morning." And, saying this, he placed his foot on the spot where the monument now stands.

The Wonders of Color.

A small and simple experiment can be made by any reader which will go far to convince him or her what a debt we owe to color and what a good thing it is we have sunlight, which enables our eyes to take advantage of the beautiful hues of nature. Make a room quite dark and then burn some carbonate of soda in the flame of a bunsen gas burner. It will burn with an orange yellow light sufficiently strong to illuminate everything in the room, but you will realize with a sudden shock that, bright though the light is, all distinctions of color have vanished. Only light and shade remain. A crimson carnation, a blue violet, a red tablecloth, a yellow blind-all look gray or black or white. The faces of those present look positively repulsive, for all natural color has disappeared. No other experiment will so well convince those who have witnessed it how great a loss would be that of our sense for color.

A Risky Place For Doctors. Medical skill is at a rather low ebb throughout Russia and not without cause. An American physician, tempted by the enormous fees so frequently paid by the nobility, went to St. Petersburg and within a year had a lucrative practice. Then he was called in to attend a baron who was suffering from lung trouble. The doctor gave his patient the best of care and skill, but the baron died, and the widow promptly sued the doctor for damages for un- engravings or photographs. Remember, skilled treatment. The unlucky American was sentenced to pay a fine of that an additional charge of dust is 1.000 roubles and undergo an imprison- entering your cupboard and bureau ment of thirty days. Under the cir- drawers. cumstances it is not surprising that the physician left Russia as soon as he got out of jail, and nothing could tempt him to return.

Knights of Old. The knights of the days of chivalry it put in the papers that I've changed were so well protected by their armor that they were practically invincible to all ordinary weapons. Even when dismounted they could not be injured save by the misericordia, a thin dagger. I'm determined nobody shall suspect which penetrated the chains of the armor. In more than one battle knights fallen from their horses could not be killed until their armor had been broken up with axes and hammers.

Inquisitive. "Do you think women would improve

politics? listening to the conversation on the front porch. I'll say this for them: If they ever start an investigation they'll and out something."-Exchange.

Friendship. Friendship is courteous and gentle: it does not domineer, does not command, but is satisfied with proposing without exacting compliance. At the same time it is indefatigable in labor when labor can achieve a friendly pur-

Prison Laundry.
"All arrivals are washed." explained the warden of the prison. "And if they kick up a fuss?" "Then they are ironed."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Might Have Been Worse. "Did the play have a happy ending?" "It might have been worse. My "It might have been worse. My wife only forgot her handkerchief and one glove."—Louisville Courier-Jour-life is made of.—Benjamin Franklin.

Renaming Indians.

Some years ago in order to make their inheritance of land more simple eds of the railways in Spain is given and secure our government commis- in this incident, related by Henry A. sioned Dr. Charles A. Eastman, a Franck in "Cour Months Afoot In Sloux Indian, to rename more than Spain: 15,000 Sioux with their family names. When I reached the station next The task was a tremendous one and morning the platform gate was locked full of difficulties. Where possible Dr. and the train I had hoped to take was Eastman kept the original Sioux name legally departed. A railway hanger of some member of a family, as in be- on in rags and hemp sandals, however, stowing the name "Matoska," meaning climbed the iron picket fence and chief. Sometimes the combination of beckoning to me to follow, he trotted wife's name and husband's name has back into the building and rapped au-'Winoua Otana." The favorite name the ticket office. for women means "she who has a "Senor," he said as the agent looked beautiful home." which Dr. Eastman out upon us, "be kind enough to sell has Anglicized in the patronymic this caballero a ticket." "Goodhouse." But by far the hardest "The train is gone," answered the task was in finding new names for the agent. absurdities of Indian nomenclature. "Bobtailed Coyote" was a young In- of rags haughtily. "I am having it dian who less come to prefer himself held that this cavalier may take it." as "Robert T. Wolf." After a long "Ah, very well," responded the offistruggle with "Rotten Pumpkin" Dr. clal, and, having sold me the ticket, Eastman at last recorded the owner of he handed to the hanger on the key the name on the tribal records under to the platform gate. As I passed the noncommittal title of "Robert through it the latter held out his hand,

Sherlock Holmes' Original. Sir A. Conan Doyle often recounted your grace forever travel with God." incidents regarding Dr. Joseph Bell, the distinguished Scottish surgeon from whom his character of Sherlock Holmes was drawn. One of the most remarkable was this:

Dr. Bell was lecturing to his class in surgery, of which Doyle was one, when in regard to the subject he remarked: "Of course this man has been a soldier in a highland regiment and prob-

ably a bandsman." The man had the soldier's swagger, but was too short to be anything but a bandsman, the doctor explained. The man vehemently denied this and said he was a shoemaker. Dr. Bell, still confident that his powers of reasoning and deduction had not led him astray, had the man stripped and on the left side of his chest found a little blue "D" branded on the skin. The doctor then declared to his class:

When the Duke Scrubbed. When the Duke of Coburg-Gotha was a very young royal highness he was taken by his mother, the Duchess of Albany, to Mr. Wesley's school for more than three, and only one of these boys. Before taking in the royal youngster the master stipulated that the new pupil must conform to all the rules. This was agreed.

One day his royal highness upset a bottle of ink on the floor. "Get a bucket of water and wipe it up," said the "But," objected his royal highness.

"you don't mean me to scrub it up. do you?" "Yes, indeed." "But you must forget my grandmoth-

er is the queen?"

Duke of Coburg-Gotha scrubbed .- Detroit Free Press. Chicago Tribune.

How the Dust Gets In. around expands into a larger volume, the head of a hotel orchestra," said a and the air inside the bookcase, the hotel manager. "We found this out clothes closet and the cupboard also expands and forces itself out at every middle west, who are among our best minute crevice. When the barometer rises again the air inside the cupboard. as well as outside, condenses and shrinks and the air is forced back into the cupboard to equalize the pressure. and along with the air in goes the dust. The smaller the crevice the stronger the jet of air, the farther goes the dirt. Witness the dirt tracks so often seen in imperfectly framed whenever you see the barometer rising.

Keeping It Dark. The black sheep of the Warywalk family had distinguished himself again. "This is the last straw!" groaned his respectable brother. "I'm goin' to 'ave my name from Warywalk to Wobbleway, cos of my brother's disgracin' the name. I'll 'ave it printed on 'andbills an' distributed by the thousand. that I'm related to 'im."-London Ideas.

Vigilant and Speedy. "There's nothing slow about Jones." "I guess you never loaned him mon-

ey." "Oh, yes I have. That's what made me speak that way. I loaned him \$10 six months ago and I haven't been "Well," replied Mr. Growcher, "after able to catch him since." - Boston

> Force of Character. "I thought your wife forbade you to marry again when she died?" "So she did, but now I'm going to show her who is master in this house."

> -London Opinion. The Laziest Man. "Went to bed at 8 o'clock last night." "Why so early?"

"My shoe came untied. and I thought I'd save the trouble of tying it again." -Pittsburgh Post.

Fretfulness. Do not give way to fretfulness. It takes the fragrance out of life and leaves only weeds where a cheerfui disposition would cause flowers to

Spain's Free and Easy Railways. An idea of the free and easy meth-

"White Bear," on the family of that shouted a word to the engineer. Then, produced a musical result, such as thoritatively on the closed window of

"Not so, senor," replied the bundle into which I dropped a copper.

"Muchisimas gracias, caballero," he said, bowing profoundly, "and may

Germs In the Teeth.

Everybody knows in a general way how important it is to give the teeth a good cleaning and to rinse the mouth out first thing in the morning. The object, of course, is to remove the accumulation of bacteria which gathers on the teeth, gums, tongue and palate during the hours of sleep. How many germs do you suppose accumulate during the night's sleep? In answer to this question E. C. Bousfield, writing in the London Lancet, gives some interesting and rather startling figures, which are worth quoting. He states that he has found the mouth on waking in the morning to obtain about 3,000,000,000 bacteria capable of being removed by a fivefold rinsing with twenty-five cubic centimeters of water "This man was a deserter. This is each time. After ordinary washing of the way they were marked in the Cri- the teeth with a hard toothbrush mean days, though it is not permitted about one-fourth the number could still be rinsed away. After using tooth paste only 120,000,000 were left.

> Gorillas. At present there is not a live gorilla in America. There have never been lived more than a few weeks.

"I would give \$10,000 for a gorilla in good condition," said the superintendent of a noted zoological garden, "and we could get the money back in a few months owing to the crowds of people who would come to see it. A gorilla would be a great drawing card, but gorillas cannot be got for money. They grow sometimes to 400 pounds in weight. Their home is a small strip of marshy land on the west coast of Africa. The strip is perhaps 250 miles long and 100 miles deep, and "On the contrary," said the master, the gorillas stay back from the coast "I remember it very well. Get the wa- and are hard to get. Once out of their native element they die from climatic Whereupon his royal highness the changes and lack of proper food."-

Caste In Music.
"Sometimes it is a disadvantage to When the barometer falls the air have a musician with a reputation at not long ago, when people from the patrons, wanted our orchestra to play at a wedding in which they were interested and which took place in a private house. As the company got a little warmed up they decided they would have some dancing, so the hostess asked the orchestra leader to play. Would he? Not on your life. He was an artist, he was, and it was not his business to descend to playing for dances. The result was that one of the guests had to play the piano, and we almost lost the trade of the family we were trying to be especially nice to."-New York Sun.

> Heine Made Goethe Smile. When I visited Goethe, in Weimar, and stood before him, I involuntarily glanced at his side to see whether the eagle was not there with the lightning in his beak. I was nearly speaking Greek to him; but, as I observed that he understood German, I stated to him in German that the plums on the road between Jena and Weimar were very good. I had for so many long winter nights thought over what lofty and profound things I would say to Goethe if ever I saw him. And when I saw him at last I said to him that the Saxon plums were very good! And Goethe smiled.-Heinrich Heine, "Reisebilder."

The Advantage of Waiting. Her Father-But, my boy, surely you are too young to marry Aurelia. How old are you? Her Suitor-One and twenty, sir. Her Father-And she is twenty-seven-too great a disparity. Why not wait half a dozen years? Then you'll be twenty-seven and she'll probably be just about the same age

High Life. your heart out se?" She did not answer.

"Dear heart!" he whispered intensely. Then she lifted her eye tearfully to his. "Everything to eat is dear, these days!" she faltered brokenly .- Puck.

Deadlocked. He-I am willing to make conces sions. His Wife-Really! He-Yes. but it seems impossible to make the supply meet the demand.—Boston

The original noise is what counts Most folks are only echoes.

He-Oh, but you mustn't blame me for my ancestors, you know. She-I don't. I blame them for you. -Boston Transcript.

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