Bellefonte, Pa., January 5, 1912.

Tuning the Furniture. "Before a piano tuner can get good results he sometimes has to tune up the general furniture as well as the piano." said an expert tuner. "The other day Was sent for to tune a piano that had not been out of the factory six weeks. It was a fine plane, but every time 1 struck a note a noise like a battery of tin pans let loose sounded through the coom. I worked all morning without making any improvement. Finally [examined the rest of the furniture, and pretty soon I discovered the cause of those jangling chords. A cabinet filled with old brass plates, platters and pieces of armor stood against the same wall. One leg was shorter than the others, and every time I struck the piano keys the vibrations caused a slight tipping of the cabinet and set the brass contents a-jiggling. I pointed out the uneven legs to the pianist.

mender, not a piano tuner,' I said. "They got one in to add an eighth of an inch to that short leg, and the piano sounded sweet and true."-New York

"'What you want is a furniture

Andalusian Girls. Despite their attractions Andalusian girls only marry after very long engagements, sometimes lasting ten years. One girl who has been engaged four years has a lover who comes from a distance twice a year to see her, and yet he has never once mentioned matrimony. He lives with his mother and no doubt keeps her, for Spanish mothers have great influence over their sons. When at last a marciage takes place the bride has often to reside with her mother-in-law, to whom custom requires her to be most subservient. Extremely devoted to their own mothers, Andalusian girls are in no hurry to marry should their of black ink. In those depths are black doing so require them to live at any distance from their old home. On the other hand, they do not appreciate having to wait ten years, but, as they say, "No hay remedio" (there is no cemedy) .- Seville Letter.

When Vapor Is Dry.

Mr. M. Mott-Smith points out in Science a popular misconception in the supposition that aqueous vapor and ice a dirty people. England can hardly are wet. They are in themselves dry and become wet only when they turn 1713 Jean Baptiste de la Salle publishto water. "So dry is aqueous vapor, ed "Les Regles de la Bienseance et de that it will dry any moist object that la Civilite Chretiennes," a manual for It comes in contact with." Superheat- the guidance of youth which has run ed steam before it condenses is a dry into over fifty editions and is still in gas. Ice feels wet if the temperature print. We are told that "for the sake and can send for his wife and chilof the hand is sufficient to melt it. As of cleanliness it is well to rub the face dren or marry a convict woman. In ice it is dry. Another misconception every morning with a white towel in a limited sense he becomes a pateris that the air can be either moist or order to remove the dirt. It is not ad- familias, but is always carefully dry. It is condensed aqueous vapor in visable to wash with water, for this watched and cannot leave the settlethe air that is moist, and it would be exposes the face to the chills of winter ment without permission moist if there were no air. A given and the heats of summer." This prequantity of aqueous vapor confined in cept continued to appear in the manu- vigilance of the authorities the coma given space will be wet or dry ac- al until the edition of 1782. A similar munal life is far from harmonious, cording to the temperature. At 32 de | work, "La Civilite Nouvelle," publish | and the more vicious often rebel. The grees, for instance, it might be partial ed in 1667, warns children that "to while at 70 degrees, owing to expan- eyesight, brings on toothaches and damanese, who regard the hapless consion, it would be dry.

Bug Power.

If asked to name the strongest animals most persons begin with the laroxen, horses, etc. This is, of course, of the eighteenth century there was correct in so far as their total horse- published a book entitled "The Miscelspower is concerned, but for real laneous Works, Comical and Divertstrength, proportioned to the size and ing, by T. R. D. J. S. D. O. S. P. I. I. the insect world. Compared with in- succeeded in concenling the personality sects, the strength of almost any large of the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Swift, dean four times as much as himself, but into the Meaning of Demoniacks In the beetle will walk with 500 times his the New Testament." The author his weight on top to hold it down he And this is the interpretation: "The ame way one must pile on top of the London Standard. box at least 1,800 times its weight.

Oilcloth as a Cure.

"Another one," said the clerk after | wedded wife?" asked a clergyman of assuring the guest that the oilcloth a would be bridegroom. would be sent up immediately. "He skeep strips of olicloth in reserve for added, with surprising frankness, "I'd fellows like him. They spread it on rather it were her sister." the Geor at either side of the bed. Stepping on cold ollcloth when he gets out of bed is pretty likely to awaken

strips of oilcloth.

York Press.

St. Dunstan and the Devil. I One of the most famous smiths of the Weald was St. Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury. Mayfield, in Sussex. is the site of an ancient archiepiscopal palace, and here, according to some, took place the terrific encounter between St. Dunstan and the devil. At any rate, the anvil, hammer and tongs "the saint are still preserved at May. | Star. field palace.-London Tatler.

Profitable.

"Seven years ago I landed in this town with only \$1, but that dollar gave me my start.

"You must have invested it very profitably." "I did. I telegraphed home for money."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Compensation. Customer-Waiter, this is an absurdly small steak you've given me. Waiter-Yes, sir: but it'll take a wonderful long time to eat, sir.-EveryFrench Matches.

What is the explanation of the French match? Well, on every box there is printed the legend, "Manufactures of State; Contributions Indirect." While you are struggling with the French match you are paying taxes. I do not know the exact amount of the revenue raised by the French match, but a French friend assures me that the atrocious badness of French matches is due to the determination of the government to compel smokers to use ten matches instead of not accompanied by the usual goodbys one. There was once a contractor who secured the contract for making the fellow passengers there were seventy state matches. He was a conscient to whom no one wished bon voyage tious contractor. He made good or a safe return. These were convicts, matches. He made matches that all murderers under life sentences struck on the box. In consequence who for some reason had escaped the the revenue fell off. The government death penalty, and included six womtractor that his contract would be can- by the colonial Indian government to quality of his matches. According to ments near Port Blair, South Andanow is to make matches so vile that from Calcutta. the whole population of France is make them burn.-London Opinion. .

Bear Lake's Black Bass. "The only black bass water I know of where the black bass are really black," said a man who makes fishing tackle and tries it out on waters almost everywhere, "is Bear lake, in the western corner of New York. It lies high among the hills of Chautauqua county, near the Pennsylvania line. It has no inlet and no visible outlet. A peculiarity of Bear lake is that it has no shallows. There is no gradual slope from its shores into deep water, but they pitch off at angles so acute as to be almost perpendicular, giving the impression that the water of the lake fills an immense pit of great depth. The lake is almost round and only a mile in diameter. Owing to its odd formation and unusual depth, Bear lake has the appearance of a vast pool bass which are said to be natural to that water, plentiful, large and full of fight. Black bass elsewhere are not black at all, but of a dark olive green, but these Bear lake black bass are black."-New York Sun.

When Bathtubs Were Curiosities.

The British Medical Journal asserts that a century back the English were have been worse than the French. In Chronicle.

Initials as Pen Names.

Greatness has sometimes disguised gest, the elephant, and continue with itself under initials. About the middle weight of the animal, one must go to This pompous array of initials hardly animal, and especially of man, is abo of St. Patrick's, in Ireland. A more surd. A usen is considered strong if effective disguise was adopted by Are can drag a mass weighing three or thur Sykes, the author of an "Inquiry wn weight. If a man were placed takes refuge in initials, styling himself ander a wooden box with five times "T. P. A. P. O. A. B. I. T. C. O. S." would remain there indefinitely, but Precentor and Prebendary of Alton o retain a stag beetle prisoner in the Borealis, in the Church of Salisbury."--

Willing, but Not Anxious.

Ministers sometimes observe some Pretty soon after the new arrival had curious phases of human nature among been assigned to his room he tele- persons soliciting their services in the phoned down to the office for two performance of a marriage ceremony. "Will you take this woman for your

"Yes; I'll take her," remarked the is a somnambulist. I suppose. We man in a half dejected tone, "but," he

The Woman Question. "Yes. I have just finished a treatise the most confirmed sleepwalker and on the single tax. Next I shall grapprevent nocturna! wandering."-Nex | ple with the woman question." "Consult me, old fellow. I grapple with a fresh one every hour." "How is that?"

> Expensive Instruction. "Experience," said the ready made philosopher. "is the best teacher."

"I am married."-Satire.

so liable to go broke paying the first ,which are alleged to have belonged to installment on tuition."-Washington Old Gentleman-Have you any hair the same color as mine? Barber-Do

"Yes." replied the man who has had

troubles with Wall street, "but you're

tleman-No; I want a small piece to give to a lady.--London Opinion.

you require it for a wig, sir? Old Gen-

An Artist. Sue-You said you were going to marry an artist, and now you're engaged to a dentist. Flo-Well, isn't he an artist? He draws from real

There are no tricks in plain and simple faith.-Julius Caeser.

LIFE CONVICTS FROM INDIA.

Often the Most Desperate Prisoners Kill One Another, While Others Fall Victims to the Native Head Hunters. to Whom Murder Is Sport.

Frederick Taylor, F. R. G. S., writing in the Century Magazine about life in the Andaman islands, says:

"The sailing of the Maharaja from Calcutta for the Andaman islands was and handkerchief waving, for of my was enraged. They warned the con- en, for the Maharaja is the ship used celed unless he forthwith lowered the transport convicts to the penal settlemy friend, the object of the contractor man is and, a distance of 650 miles

"The prisoners were all manacled forced to spend half its time trying to and shackled about the ankles, with chains fastened to bands at the wrist. They were a despicable lot. At night a continual moaning and cursing and hopeless sobbing came up from the hatches and made sleep out of the question for me, though the European officer in the steamer's cabin apparently slept undisturbed. Early the first morning I went on deck and learned that two of the male prisoners were ill and had been brought up to the deck for air. They were closely guardand raw recruits were stationed at the railing to prevent them from committing suicide by jumping overboard into the Hugli river.

"The Andamans are literally the homes of murderers. The inhabitants are the most vicious members of an older civilization and the uncivilized head hunters, among whom murder is a sport and a pastime. In the settlement are about 1.700 prisoners, including 800 women. On arriving at Port Blair the prisoners first spend six months in solitary confinement in the cellular jail of Viper island. They are then transferred to one of the associated jails and the comparative blessing of hard labor in company with others, though still occupying separate cells at night. After a year and a half of this they become slaves, working in and about the settlement during the day and sleeping in barracks at night, always closely guarded. At the expiration of five years a convict becomes eligible to join the colony of 'self supporters' and live in the village, where he earns his living in his chosen way, lives in his own house

"Despite the rigid discipline and the murderers kill one another and are in condensed and consequently wet, wash the face in water injures the turn murdered by the treacherous Ancolds and engenders pallor."-London victs and their guards as their natural prey. Occasional attempts at escape are made by the prisoners, but the efforts inevitably prove disastrous. The fugitive, finding his conditional freedom worse than servitude, either dies at the hands of the Jarawa warriors. falls a victim to fever or other disease or starves. There is also a system in vogue by which the more friendly tribes of savages co-operate with the authorities in capturing escaped convicts and receive rewards for the return of the unbappy deserters. More often, however, the head hunters kill the fugitive and return only the head, receiving the reward just the same, the killing adding zest to the chase and the return of the head being the easiest and quickest way of earning the reward.

"Under these conditions there are few attempts at escape, though many remarkably hazardous dashes for liberty have been made from time to time, which, though futile, were most daring. Some time ago the steamer Fulata picked up a poor, emaciated wretch who was sighted on a small bamboo raft off the Arakan coast. He was later found to be an escaped convict. When picked up he had been on the raft for twenty-nine days during one of the southwest monsoons and had secured water by catching the rain and sucking it from his turban and loin cloth. He lived upon flying fish that flew aboard the raft, eating them raw. He was swept off the raft many times by the waves, but had managed to cling to it. After a month in a hospital at Rangoon he was returned to prison and solitary confine-

"Another daring attempt at escape was made by a party of six convicts who were sent with two native policemen to a small island off the middle Andaman to work. They managed to escape from the guards and, hoisting the sail of the small boat, started out in a gale. After seven days of heavy weather they were dashed upon the rocks of the Tenasserim coast, and the boat was wrecked. All escaped with their lives and eventually reached the Siamese border, where they were apprehended by the local authorities and returned to the prison."

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"I haven't. That's why I'm getting up the surprise party for him."--De-

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