It Was the Means of Betraying Mar-

shal Ney to Death. A saber of honor brought Marshal Nev to dishonor and death. When Napoleon entered Cairo on July 22, 1793, he was presented with three swords of honor richly inlaid with preclous stones. He brought them back to Europe, and in 1802 he gave one to Ney and another to Murat, keeping

the third for himself. Ney received his at an imperial reception. The sword passed from one to another of those present, among whom was a young subaltern of the Auvergne regiment. When Napoleon escaped from Elbe Ney left the king and took sides with his former chief. After the allies entered Paris Ney made preparations to get out of the country, but his wife and a friend persuaded him that there was really no danger, and he decided to remain in France. Then came the order for his arrest. He fled to a castle in the possession of some friends and succeeded in reaching it without his presence be-

ing known. One day, feeling tired, he threw himself on a couch, first taking off his oriental sword, which he always wore out of affection for the emperor. Hearing voices, he sprang up and hurriedly left the room, forgetting his sword. A minute later a party of women and men entered the room, one of them being the young subaltern of the Auvergne regiment, now a colonel. He at once recognized the sword and, calling in some gendarmes, proceeded to search

Finding that he was discovered, Ney gave himself up quietly. On Dec. 7. 1815, the marshal, whose sobriquet wasthe Bravest of the Brave, the hero of a hundred battles, was shot. Scarcely two months after the owner of the second sword, Murat, had met his fate in the same way.

And Yet He Had More Cash In Bank Than He Could Use.

One morning last year I sat in the office of the head of a very large business, one of the shrewdest men 1 know. His cashier came in and laid on his desk a report of the cash in the bank. The amount exceeded \$400.

"That's a pretty big balance." said my friend to his clerk. "It's much more than we need in this business. But we have borrowed no money for several months, so I wish you would send to each of our banks a note for

When the clerk went out I expressto borrow \$200,000 when he had more include all the money wagered on money than he could use seemed to horse racing, so that the true sum is

me a wasteful proceeding. regular thing with me. Some time I lished credit is a big asset, and the trance fees and seat sales.-Travel only way to get and keep it is to con-

stantly employ it." I have thought of that action a good many times since. I had always prided myself on not borrowing money. And I paid cash on the spot for everything that I bought. I looked upon people who bought things on credit as

rather poor financiers. where I had kept a deposit for over fifteen years, and they asked me to who hated him most and who most could borrow by simply signing a my nearest and dearest ally! The ornote. I had to give ample security .-Matson Hale in National Monthly.

Talking Canaries.

Talking canaries are a great rarity, but several authenticated instances are on record. At Norwood, England, in 1858 a lady had a canary bird which began by repeating a word which its mistress had often used to it-"Kissie, kissie"-and by following the word up by an imitation of the sound of a kiss. After a time the bird repeated other words until it had a large vocabulary of phrases, one of which consisted of five words. Again, in 1863, a talking canary was exhibited in Bath, with a vocabulary such as is generally taught to parrots, and another talking canary was exhibited for a few weeks in this country, but it unfortunately caught cold and died. In Germany and the Tyrol canaries are taught to imitate the notes of other birds and whistle simple tunes, and the words which it imitates may be regarded as a mere development or variant of its musical

The Lerot and the Snake. Every one has heard of the remarkable combats of the Indian mongoose with venomous snakes, in which little rikki-tikki-tavi comes off victor. The fact that the mongoose invariably survives has led to the suggestion that it that's the dining room table.-Chicago is immune to snake poison. Other animals said to be immune are the pig and the hedgehog. The experiments of British naturalists show that an animal of the dormouse family must be added to the list of the immune. This animal is known as the lerot and Neighbor-A big one with black tail is said to fight flercely with vipers. feathers? Sonnie -- Dunno. Mother Large doses of viper's poison were in- i didn't cook the feathers.-Sydney Buljected into one lerot, from which injection no ill effects followed. On one occasion a lerot was bitten badly in the eye by a viper, and no signs of poisoning occurred. There can, it is thought, be no doubt that the lerot is they become valuable lessons for the immune to snake poison.

When Big Guns Crash.

The effects of two ten-inch turret guns fired simultaneously on board a war vessel are rather astonishing. A correspondent on board the vessel says: "For several moments I wondered what hit me and where I was hit. The glass that protects the helmsman from the weather and the windows of the charthouse, the glass of which is one-third of an inch thick, were smashed to atoms. An ink bottle that stood on the table in the charthouse jumped about six inches, and every drop of ink sprang out, but the bottle dropped back to the spot from which it jumped. Three water bottles and three tumblers were on the table in the smoking room, all being full of water. When the guns were fired the bottles and the tumblers jumped into the air. Three gentlemen who were in the room also left their seats. The bottles and tumblers fell back into their old places, but every drop of water had been spilled upon the table, though nothing had been broken." This suggest's a rather unpleasant outlook for the sailors in case of a battle.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Beaver's Day's Work. A young beaver in Regent's park gardens. London, was once placed at work upon a tree twelve feet long and two feet six inches thick just as the town clocks sounded the hour of noon. The beaver began by barking the tree a foot above the ground. That done. he attacked the wood. He worked hard, alternating his labor with dips in his bathing pond. He bathed and labored alternately until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when he ate his supper of bread and carrots and paddled about in his pond until half past 5 o'clock. Ten minutes later, when only one inch of the tree's diameter remained intact. he bore upon his work, and the tree fell. Before it fell the beaver ran as men run when they have fired a blast. Then as the tree lay on the ground he portioned it out mentally and again be-

he took a bath.-Harper's Weekly. Betting In Buenos Aires. The Hippedrome, one of the finest race tracks in the world, is owned by "President Grant never star the Buenos Aires Jockey club, and its credible sums on horseflesh. The municipal statistics of Buenos Aires show that \$25,800,000 in American gold was of fifty Argentine dollars for each man. government would be destroyed.' woman and child in that great city. ed surprise at this action. For a man | Naturally the reported figures do not no doubt several millions in excess of "I do it," he said "to keep my credit the reported figures. There are none alive. I want the banks accustomed so old and few so young that they to lending me money. I want them will not wager a few pesos on a fato regard a good line of credit as a vorite. The tense faces of all present show the personal interest in the result. may need it, and when I do I want to The jockey club receives as its share have it ready and waiting. An estab 10 per cent of all bets, besides the en-Magazine.

Victoria and Napoleon.

Queen Victoria once gave a remarkable description of her visit to the tomb of Napoleon I. during the reign of Napoleon III. "The coffin is not yet here," she wrote, "but in a small side chapel of St. Jerome. Into this the But a few months ago I wanted emperor led me, and there I stood at some money-a small amount and for the arm of Napoleon III., his nephew. only a month. I went to a bank before the coffin of England's bitterest foe. I, the granddaughter of that king deposit good bonds as collateral to the vigorously opposed him and this very full amount of the loan. My friend nephew, who bears his name, being gan of the church was playing 'God Save the Queen' at the time, and this solemn scene took place by torchlight and during a thunderstorm. Strange and wonderful indeed!"

An Offensive Cravat. A man once called upon Whistler with a letter of introduction, and an amusing scene followed, arising out of the fact that the visitor was wearing a red necktie. Whistler declared it interfered with the color scheme of his room and "put him off" a picture he was painting in quite a different "key." Finally he obliged him to take off the offending cravat before he would condescend to exchange another word

"Does your husband play poker?" "Yes, but not for money."

"That so?" "No. He wouldn't do such a thing. When he plays it's only for fun, and he keeps tally with little red. white and blue checks."-Detroit Free Press

Harker-Think I'll try to sell old Stuffem some pet dogs. Barker-Useless job. All he thinks about is eating. Harker -- Hasn't any four legged friends, eh? Barker-Only one, and

Suspicious Neighbor-Did your mother have a rooster for dinner yesterday. sonnie? Sonnie-Yes'm. Suspicious

Regrets are a waste of time in every possible instance except one-when future.

The Changing Colored Terraces at the Mammoth Hot Springs.

It is with surprise that visitors to the Yellowstone National park who re. They Had Their Origin In a Matriturn after an absence of a year or more find that many changes have occurred in the appearance of the colored terraces at the Mammoth hot springs. Indeed, such alterations occur sometimes in a period of a few

The terraces consist of a series of basins, each set being a few feet lower than its predecessor, and the hot water from the springs at the top of the terraces flows from basin to basin, depositing its chalky sediment at the rims, thus slowly building them up.

Wherever the flow of water continues constant for a considerable time the fluted edges and sides of the basins become beautifully colored.

The variegated hues are mainly due to vegetable matter, and so if the flow of water ceases these bright colors rapidly fade, leaving the terraces milk white. In a little while the edges and walls of the dry basins begin to crumble, and the most beautiful forms disappear in white dust and chalk-like fragments.

One of the favorite terraces at the hot springs, called the Minerva terrace, exhibits these changes in a marked degree because of its conspicuous position.

Sometimes, owing to a failure of the flow of water, the Minerva terrace parts with its splendid colors and resembles a set of fluted basins carved out of snow white marble. But when the water begins to run freely again the colors return with all their former vividness and beauty.

The changes in the flow of the water seem to depend in part at least upon conditions prevailing in the heated rocks underlying the terraces.-Harper's Weekly.

Serving His Country.

A certain public office has been the object of much satire because of the gan to gnaw. He worked at intervals passive nature of the incumbent's duall night, cut the log into three parts. | ties-except when he is called by tragic rolled two of the portions into the wa- occurrence into the thick of action. So ter and reserved the other third for very negative, indeed, is the work of his permanent shelter. The work done, this public servant that he sometimes serves his country most efficiently by being absent, as appears in this extract from Moses Coit Tyler's journal, writ-

"President Grant never starts a conversation, but when it is started he enormous revenue is derived from this often says a neat thing. Last year source. The Argentinians are born there was an excursion down the Pogamblers, and they wager almost in- tomac. He was on board, with his cabinet and a quorum of both houses.

"'Mr. President, said Mrs. Judd, who sat near him, 'it would be a pretty wagered upon the races at the Hippo- bad thing to have a great accident hapdrome in one year. This is an average pen to this party. Nearly the whole

"Yes, Mrs. Judd,' assented the president, 'but you observe that the vice president has very prudently stayed at CANALS IN ENGLAND.

monial Disappointment. The British system of artificial inland navigation, which includes several thousand miles of canal, may be said to have had its origin in a matrimonial disappointment. The Duke of Bridgewater, the originator of the system, was engaged to be married just after he had attained his majority. A dispute arising between the couple, the match was broken off. The duke's chagrin changed the course of his life.

them as servants in his manor house. Disappointed in marrying the most beautiful woman in England, he determined to unite by means of a canal his coal fields with Manchester, then beginning its career as a manufacturing town. In those days good roads were the exceptions, bad roads the rule. The cottons of Manchester and the woolens of Leeds were conveyed from place to place on pack horses, which jogged along in single file. The freight charge from Leeds to London was \$63 a ton. When the duke's canal was finished the prices of coal and other commodities in Manchester fell

He gave his first and last ball to the

London world of fashion and then bur-

ied himself among his coal fields at

Worsley. Eschewing the society of

women, he refused even to employ

The success of this canal started the duke to build one which would connect Manchester with Liverpool. To procure the funds he reduced his personal expenses to £400 a year. So straitened was he at times that the London bankers hesitated to discount his note for £500. Sometimes when "hard up" he would send his steward upon a collecting tour among the tenantry of the ducal estates. The steward would ride from tenant to tenant, getting £5 here and £10 there. When he had collected money enough he would return and pay the canal laborers their weekly wages. In a few years, however, the duke's canals paid him an annual revenue of £80,000.-

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