

climbs slowly, and which the son often tum-bles down precipitately.-Dr. O. W. Holmes.

People who are fastidious about the perfec-tion of their correspondence carefully scrutch with a steel, or rub out with a rubber eraser a word when they institle a wrong syllable. I have noticed hundreds of men who write a great deal rub out words, and even whole lines, while the link was fresh, and theu write over the place first written upon.

cabinet officer a few days ago, speaking of this habit. "It takes too long. If I don't want to cross out the word or words, I rub it or them out with my finger. It is quick and effective, and one scarcely notices the blotch afterward. I believe the habit is an English one. I venture you will find few blotters o erasers about the desits of old officers in the departments, or old statesmen in congress. the finger is good enough for me."-

Retail Merchants and Their Bad Debts The retail merchant of west New York are getting ready to try a new plan of disposing of bad debts. They will to operate to have a bill auction, and accounts which they have not been able to collect will be sold to the highest bidder. There are a good many perple who do not pay their debts who would pay them if they know that their names and ha-bilities were to become public property in the event of non payment, and a firm enforcement of the western New York method would probably very soon render an actual auction unnecessary. There ought to be a presumption in favor of publicity in every case of willful attempt to deprive a creditor of that which is justiv due him, and molarly will ob-ject to the plan who pays or homospy intends to pay his debts. So it may even be adouted dde of western New York .-- Philadelphia

A scene poculiar to Alaska was an incident t one of the mornings of last week. Three of one of the mornings of last week. Three spacious canoes filled with natives formed a line of tugs towing a raft of timber across the harbor fronting the town. The canon next to the raft had a motive power of sixteen "injines," the next one in line had twelve and the loading one had eight, besides an Ameri-can ensign flying from a staff erected in the low. While the entire force were paidling for keeps their pathles kept stroke with a lond chant, wild and weird, which seemed to be a compound of "Old Hundred," "John Brown's Body," and "Whoop-er-Up Eliza Jane." A select portion of Sitka's population date." A select portion of Sitka's population witnessed the show, while the raft was being moved along at a rate of fully three miles an

I consider that my enemies are equally as valuable to me as my friends, since they aid as much in making a man of me. It is my enemies who keep me on my guard; it is my friends who throw me off my guard. My of my personal merits, but my enemies force me to rise by the sheer force of my intellect and manhood. A man who has no enemies lacks character and strongth, and a man who has enemies and is afraid of them, lacks cour-age and manhood.—A. H. Isler in Arkansaw

common procision, the very gestures being reproduced. On telling him that he had done

gave rase to the chi-fashioned custom of piecing a burned part near the fire to drive. Out the first a practice certainly not without benefit, acting on the same principal as the application of targentine and other stimulants to recent burns. This was one of the many instances of homosopathic dectrine is old times.-Dr. Rescard

A "sewing machine, which is held in the hand and worked like a pair of scissers," is made at Bridgoport, Conn., the factory em-ploying seventy five propie.