AN ELEPHANT'S FOOT.

The Circumference Proved to Be Nearly Half the Animal's Height.

Any one who has even glanced at the foot of an elephant must be aware that it is a ponderous piece of anatomy but its actual size is best illustrated by an anecdote.

Two men in the Central Park Zoo on New York were speaking on this subject, and one of them thought the circumference of the foot must measure at least four feet.

His friend laughed at this, but the younger man, after a second time guaging the size, insisted that his guess was correct.

"Nonsense - quite impossible!" exclaimed his friend.

And then, as the younger man still claimed that he was right, they laid a wager and referred the matter to the

"What is the circumference of the fore foot of that big elephant?" they asked.

"The circumference of an elephant's foot is very nearly half the animal's height," replied the keeper.

Will you be so good as to measure it?" asked the amazed visitor.

And the keeper got a long cord and went in beside the monster, Bazzle, who stands eight feet, five inches in beight.

"Of course I measure while the animal is standing squarely on all fours," he said. "If I were to take the foot up from the floor, it would not be quite so large; a small part of that size is caused by the spreading out of the soft matter of the foot by the pressure of the animal's own weight."

He drew the cord around the monster foot, held it up, and measured it with a tape line. The figures showed four feet, two inches.

The man who had lost the bet paid it, with the remark that he did not think he was paying too dearly for that curious bit of knowledge .-- Golden Days.

EFFACED THE MOON.

A Story Which Many Persons Will Delicve Quite Characteristic.

The story told about President Lincoln obtaining the dismissal of a client who was under arrest for burglary, and in danger of conviction because the prosecuting witness said he identifled him in the moonlight, by producing an almanac to prove the moon did not shine that night, was not the first time the idea was worked to perfection

John Philpot Curran, the famous lawyer, had a client who was identified under the same circumstances. The prosecuting witness saw the prisoner leaving a house that had just been entered by burglars on a moonlight night. Curran produced 13 almanacs, 12 of which he handed to the jury and one to the judge. The almanacs showed the moon was not visible on the night in question.

The prisoner was dismissed. After the trial Curran's client asked what his fee was.

"Twenty pounds," said the attorney. "Isn't that pretty steep?" queried the client.

"No," said Curran. "I get only £2 of that; the other £18 goes to the felfol I got to print those almanacs with the moon left out."-Chicago Journal.

POISONED BY SWALLOWING SPIDERS



Auntie Plymouth Rock-Look here sonny, didn't you say I was debarred from the chicken show? Joshaway - Nit, I merely said didn't see how you could enter, be cause you are barred.

AT THE DEBATING CLUB.



Mrs. Blacklock-Which of dem is de mighties in yo' opinion, Mistah Cuttal de pen or de swode?

Mr. Cuttah-Well, in de fust place I'se nevah been in de pen, an' in de

secon' place, I don't fink de swode L in it wif a razzah .- New York Herald

SAYS NOTHING, BUT SAWS WOOD



tion?"

"Colla cuffee, two cent; shirtee, ten cent."

A DESERVING DIPLOMAT.



HOODOO ENGINES.

THE COLUMBIAN, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Strange Stories Told by the Men in the Illinois Central Shops.

Every engine that comes for repairs to the great shops of the Illinois Central at Burnside has a story of interest to tell.

Sometimes the engine is an old "lunker" that looks as if it might have served as ballast for Noah's ark, and its recital of injuries may be the commonplace relation of a pig on the track and a bumping over ties to the damage of frame and rivets. Again, it may be the shapeless remains of what once pulled the finest vestibuled express on the road, and its story may be mutely, but not the less graphically told on the footboard by the stain that was once the blood of the brave engineer or fireman.

"Few engines as well as few engi-neers serve very long on the road without going through an accident," said a man who had worked his way through various positions to one of the most responsible posts in the great shop. "Some of the engines come in here as wrecks any number of times. I guess there is no fabrication about the stories one hears of hoodooed engines. There are a few on every road. They cause more losses of pay and position among the engineers than all the rest of the rolling stock, including hand cars. They seem infected with evil spirits. They will start backward or forward when there is nobody near the throttle, or so I have heard repu-table engineers swear with tears in eyes. Of course, the company their doesn't believe it, and the engineer, if he has not already lost an arm or a leg. loses a few weeks' pay or his position in consequence of something which he could not help. These hoodoo engines cut strange capers when they break loose. If they can't manage to knock the underpinning out from a viaduct or bridge they will turn three or four somersaults into a creek instead of smashing things in an or dinary way. They generally damage themselves very little and we have to keep patching them up and sending them out time and time again. If they would only destroy themselves all the engineers would be glad.

"Other engines only come to the shop once, but then they come to stay, I remember one engine that had gone a remarkably long time without a smashup of any kind. It was run by the oldest engineers on the road. He was about sixty-eight years old and had spent most of his life as an engineer, yet he had never been in a wreck. One day, just before he pulled out, he said to the boys that it would be his last run, as he was going to retire from the road the next day and spend the remainder of his life in peace and comfort. He spoke truly in part for it was his last run. He was going fifty miles an hour when he met a freight coming head on. The engi-neer was instantly killed and there was not much more than enough of that engine left to make a good sized fish sinker. It was the first accident and the last run for both the engine and its driver."-Chicago Times-Herald.

Wircless Electricity.

The theory that electricity can be sent from one given point to another given point through air, wood, brick, stone, etc., without the use of a wire, has been practically demonstrated in a Phi'adelphia physician's laboratory, Houston & Kennelly, consulting engineers, have a private laboratory at Forty-first street ad Elm avenue, in that city, where they, singly and together, solve all the physical problems of the day, which have been announced as solved abroad; and also do a vast deal of experimental work in a original manner, and on their own account Their laboratory is a building several stories in height, and they have been able to send an effective wave of electric energy from a battery in the cellar, let us say, though several floors to the garret without using any wire. This achievement has been demonstrated by the fact that a concentrated local electric disturbance occurs in the garret, following the generation of the force in the cellar. This disturbance in the garret may consist of firing a pistol, ringng a bell or receiving a telegraph mess-age there in the shape of the usual signals applied in the Morse alphabet. In an interview Dr. Kennelly said: "We have confined our experiments to the limits of one building, the centre from which the experiments have been made being our laboratory, but in a short time we will try experiments to other distances. We have no doubt whatever that Marioni's system is an operative system. The only question is how far such messages can be sent The discovery is still in its infancy. but I believe when completed it will revolutionize present day message dispatching and prove of inestimable value to the general community."

The Good Governor.

Governor Hastings gave very good advice to the delegates to the Granges, when he told them that they had "better rise in their might and drive from place and power those who misrepresent you and your interests." One question that arises is who the parties in power are whom the governor wants driven from power. The governor is in power himself, or is supposed to be, as governor of Pennsylvania. He can hardly, however, be supposed to be asking that he shall be driven from power. For if this is his wish he can have his wish by resigning his office.

It may be assumed, then, that the governor means to say that he is not in power, though governor; and that the governor's office at present is ornamental rather than influential; and that the rascals rule, without minding him; that the Legislature spends money without asking him; that the state capitol is being planned without consulting him; that generally he is out and some other fellows are in, whom the governor wants to be put out.

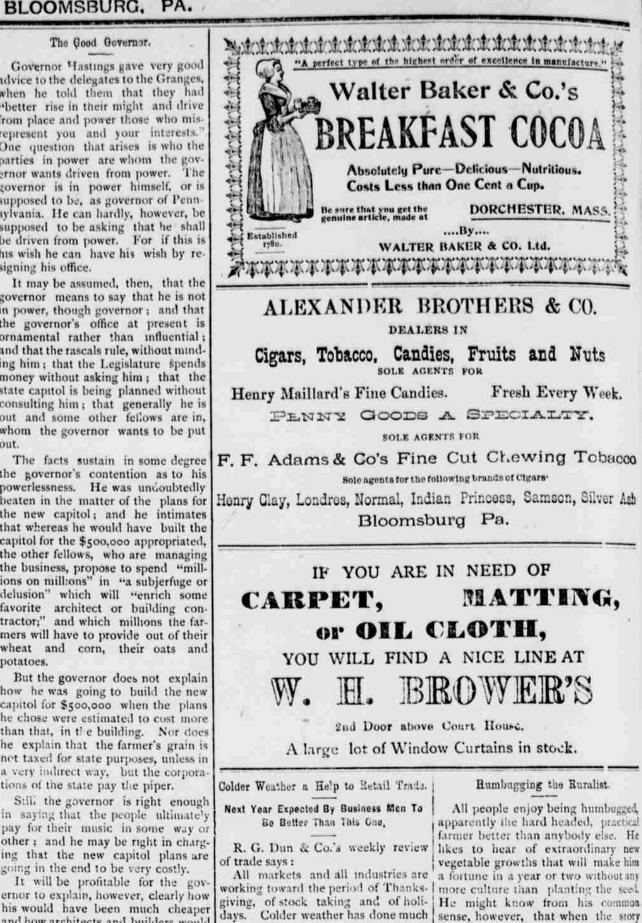
The facts sustain in some degree the governor's contention as to his powerlessness. He was undoubtedly the new capitol; and he intimates that whereas he would have built the capitol for the \$500,000 appropriated, the other fellows, who are managing the business, propose to spend "millions on millions" in "a subjerfuge or delusion" which will "enrich some favorite architect or building contractor;" and which millions the farmers will have to provide out of their wheat and corn, their oats and potatoes.

But the governor does not explain how he was going to build the new capitol for \$500,000 when the plans he chose were estimated to cost more than that, in the building. Nor does he explain that the farmer's grain is not taxed for state purposes, unless in a very indirect way, but the corporations of the state pay the piper.

Still the governor is right enough in saying that the people ultimately pay for their music in some way or other ; and he may be right in charging that the new capitol plans are going in the end to be very costly.

It will be profitable for the governor to explain, however, clearly how his would have been much cheaper and how architects and builders would have made but small profit off them, to be contributed by the tarmer's corn. The people at present do not seem to see this matter just as the governor does, or tells them that he loes

And they may ask the governor, they are willing to be. since these extravagant rascals whom he denounces are the fellows in the Legislature and their bosses out of it ; and since these fellows and their bosses are said by him to be the real tation in speculative markets is in care whether the thing grows at all or power in the state; and since we have



likes to hear of extraordinary new vegetable growths that will make him a fortune in a year or two without any to accelerate retail trade, so greatly of some new plant or grain reads like delayed in many lines by unusually a fairy tale it is a humbug. Such mild and open weather. The pro-stories originate in two ways. In the ducing force increases on the whole, one case they emanate from the brain and many manufacturers are unable of the space writer for the newspaper, to take all the orders offered, while a person who will concoct any lie, others are committed as far ahead as however impossible, for the sake of getting his \$3 or \$5 a column. In the The output in several great indusother case the fake story comes from tries is considerably the largest ever unscrupulous seedsmen and seed known and confidence in yet greater agents who want to trap the agricultubusiness next year is unabated. Hesi- rist into buying their stuff. Little they

A Minister Died from the Effects of One Concented in His Food.

Some remarkable cases of internal poisoning from the bites of spiders, accidentally swallowed, have been reported recently in Kentucky. A Methodist minister, the Rev. Silas Spurrier, swallowed a small spider which had been concealed in an apple dumpling. The inflammation from the bites of the concealed enemy rapidly increased and the patient died before relief could be given. The case has attracted especial attention from the rumor that a woman had purposely placed the spider in the dumpling. When investigations were made it was found that the person suspected had left the country. A woman in Frankfort named Mrs. Pardie also swallowed a black water spider by accident recently. The poison from the bites spread itself through her cystem until her head and face were badly swollen. She finally recovered .- New York Tribune.

The President's Flag.

It has been the custom for many years to denote the President's presance in the city by flying from the White House the American flag. When the President was out of the city the flag was taken down. The President's own flag is never used except when he goes on board a naval vessel. The President's flag is about the size of the regulation ensign. The body of the dag is blue. In the centre is an eagle, exactly like that on a half dollar. The cagle is embroidered in white. The arrows and olive branch are worked in similar material, and the stars are arranged above the bird. The shield on the breast of the eagle is worked in red, thus giving the national colors -red, white, and blue-and forming a beautiful flag .- St Louis Globe Journal.

He Was Excused.

"You wish to be relieved from jury duty," said a Judge quoted by "The Green Bag," "but you haven't given a good reason." "It is to save money for the people," replied the unwilling "I have dyspepsia, Judge, talesman. and I never agree with anybody. If I go on this jury there will be a disagreement, and the county will have to go to the expense of a new trial." 'Excused," said the Judge.

Rusty Hardup-Yes, Willie, we're both just like bakers.

Willy Notacent,-How so, Eusty? Rusty Hardup - We need doug's.



Fly Flannigan-Will yer help a redooced gentleman dat's out at de knees, Indy?

Lady-How came you to be out at the knees?

F. F.-Prayin' fer work, lady.

WOULDN'T BE MISSED.



Mr. Skinner-Spare me, as I have a wife and six children at home to feed Cannibal-Say, you wouldn't make much of a meal for such a large family I guess they'll not miss you .- New York Herald.

A REASONABLE REASON.



Deacon Griffin-Why was it dat ; didn't see you at Sunday school yester day, Joseph Jackson?

Joseph Jackson-I reckon 'twas because I wasn't dere, sah .- New York Herald.

The Canary Bird Frade.

For more than a century the breed-ing of canaries has been a thriving industry in parts of Germay. In 1850 the German dealers began to ship the birds to New York, and then to South America and Australia. The profits are small, but the industry is a godsend to the poor, who make the small wood-en cages. It is estimated that about two hundred and fifty thousand canary birds are raised every year in Germany. The most important market is the United States which takes about one hundred thousand birds per annum. When the birds are shipped to this country they are always accompanied by an attendant. On the return voyge these attedats take American birds and animals to Europe.

Yielding to Time.

The Pall Mall Gazette asserts that when an inquisitive investigator climbed up the scaffoldings which have been erected for the purpose of repairing the Parthenon, the other day, he dis-covered that, while the outside of the structure is of the finest Pentellic marble, the material behind the external layer, which, of course, was never intended to meet the public eye, is of a echistic nature, and has yielded to the ravages of time sufficiently to destroy the beauty of the masterpiece of Phidies. In fact, the softer stone behind the beautiful marble has simply crumbled and brought down the outside layers with it.

Uncle Sam pays plumbers \$5 a day at 'Frisco.

ust had an election in which the Republican party was shown to be the party in power ; and as the candidates of its bosses were elected notwithstanding the revolt against them of many voters who voted for Swallow and Thompson for state treasurer instead of Beacom ; they may fairly ask him, we say, in view of these things and of his protestations against the ruling thieves, whom did you vote for governor, yourself? For Swallow or Thompson or Beacom?

Certainly it will clearly appear to every unprejudiced mind that if Govdrive Quay and Quay's heutenants and legislators and candidates out of ahead, the offices of power in the state, because of their extravagance and rascality, he could not consistently retards orders from clothiers, although have voted for one of these fellows for state treasurer.

As the governor seems to get squarely on Swallow's platform and gives from it Swallow's advice to the have stopped part of their looms. voters, did he vote for him ?

It will be an interesting incident if he did; showing as well his present honesty of declaration as his magnanimity of action. For Dr. Swallow has been firing away diligently at the governor, charging him with being as deep in the mud as the other fellows in his party are in the mire, in the matter of state spoliation.

If the governor can assure the doctor that he means what he says and that he is as ardent as anyone in the desire to drive the rascals out of the state offices we may look to see joint effort with the farmers and Intelligencer.

IN HEART DISEASE IT WORKS LIKE

MAGIC.—"For years my greatest enemy was organic heart disease. From uneasiness and palpitation it developed into abnormal action, Heart gave instant relief, and the bad symptoms have entirely disappeared.

in productive enterprises.

the week, and small fluctuations have there are some of that kind. One of been due to reports about Argentina the fake stories that went the rounds rather than to the heaviest exports was about the fortunes to be made in ever known.

Iron products have changed but slightly in price, with wire nails a is less activity in bars at the east, but a healthy demand at the west for manufacturing, car building and other

uses, and rails are in larger demand

The woolen market is embarrassed most works have enough work for some time, and though cold weather

would quickly bring a change, prices of wool are so high that some mills Cases are mentioned of mills which could realize a profit of \$200,000 to \$300,000 by selling the wool they hold, but can expect none by manufacturing at current prices.

Spain was going to have Cuba finished off by the spring of 1897. Then Weyler promised sure the job should be done by this fall. When

the Conservative cabinet resigned and gave place to the Sagasta regime, a Liberal general predicted that the war would be over in seven months. That would take it till the beginning them embrace and buckle down to a of another hot season in Cuba, when no man can fight. Now comes Ramon bonest voters of the state, to put Blanco, the new captain general, and honest men in its offices .- Lancaster says, "I cannot fix any time for the infected with the contagious diseases duration of the war.

There is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN O, made of pure grains, thumping, fluttering and choking sensations. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the most delicate stomach receives it withmost delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1 It is a wonder-worker, for my case as much. Children may drink it with 11-11-4td

part because an immense capital has if it does grow whether it may not be been turned from them to investment | a noxious weed that will be a pest to

the universe. It is a pity that among Wheat has advanced a cent during so many honest and worthy seedsmen chili peppers. Another told of the

extraordinary virtues of a Russian weed called by some saghalien. Then shade lower, and the consumption of there is the Idaho pea, no doubt expig is the largest ever known. There tremely useful in its way, but it will not grow everywhere, and it will not do all that is claimed for it.

Time after time the farmer has been trapped with machines, with chemical ernor Hastings asks the farmers to there, while some eastern works have preparations and with plants only to recently taken orders for months find when his money has been spent that if one wishes to be successful there is nothing like pegging away at by the delay of winter weather, which the work immediately under your nose, at the same time watching every opportunity of bettering yourself that

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Examine Your Fruit Trees-

By an act of the legislature it is unlawful for any person to keep any tree known as yellows, black knot, peach rosette or peach blight, or to offer for sale or shipment or to sell or ship any of the fruit thereof, except the fruit of the plum, cherry and pear tree. Both trees and truit diseased are subject to destruction as public nuisance upon complaint of any person. If the owner does not destroy the tree the authorities of the town or township shall appoint three freeholders as commissioners to inquire and condemn, and the was chronic."-Rev. L. S. Dana, great benefit. 15c and 25c per pack-Pittsburg, Pa.-37. great benefit. Ask for GRAIN O. expense charged to the borough or township, which may be recovered from the owner of the tree condemned.

