THE MOST COSTLY FRUIT.

Hothouse Grapes at \$9 a Pound, and Hothouse Peaches. at \$2.50 Each.

Hothouse grapes are the costliest of Hothouse grapes are the costliest of fruits. They are never less than 75 tents a pound, and when they are most costly, in February and March, they tell for \$9 a pound, sometimes going as high as \$10 a pound. At prices ranging up to \$2 a pound there is a ready sale for them; at the higher prices they are sold almost exclusively for the use of invalids. There is a tale for all that are produced, but the production at the season of highest prices is small. The cost of production as great, and the vines may die from exhaustion after a single season of forcing.

The next most costly fruit is the tot house peaches. Hot house peaches sell in February at \$2.50 each. They are used mainly by invalids, but such are used mainly by invalids, but such peaches are also often sold for gifts. They are presented as flowers or as bonbons would be. Three or four peaches are packed in cotton and set off with a few peach leaves in a hand-tome box. Hothouse peaches run down to about 60 cents each in April and May, when we begin to get the first of the peaches from the south.—New York Sun.

A BARGAIN SALE IN ENGLAND.

The Eager Hunters Gather at the Doors as Early as 5:45 O'clock.

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A bargain sale is a pretty serious
susiness in England. The Newcastle
Chronicle recently contained the folowing item: A remarkable fatality
securred in Mare street, Hackney, on
Saturday. A sale at a local draper's
was announced to begin in the morning, and a large growt of womens. ing, and a large crowd of women as-tembled long before the doors were spened. Some were there as early as i:45 o'clock. Among them was an old ady who succeeded in getting into the thop and fell fainting at a counter while making a small purchase. With the assistance of the police she was got out and a doctor sent for, but life was ound to be extinct. The body was removed to the Mortuary. A large force of police was on duty throughout the lay to control the crowds, and at inervals it became necessary to close the loors. The excitement did not subtide until the place was finally shut up tt 11 o'clock on Saturday night. Some persons declared that such scenes were never before witnessed at a sale.

A Little Story with a Big Moral. Here is a very old story that has seen told time and time again, but that

will bear telling again:

A man asked his neighbor why he was so careful to save a certain old

"I may find the other three shoes."
"And what then?"
"I may then find the horse which cast

"And what will you do then?"

"Mhy, I will build a stable for him."
"Why, I will build a stable for him."
"No, you won't. Your horse might
ck my children, and so I won't have
stable near my house."
"Yes you will, if I choose to build

"No I won't."

"Yes you will."
And then they began to fight like ats and dogs.—Golden Days.

Poor Johnny.

Mr. Briggs.—Tom Rider handed me ome tickets for the circus. It'll be an wful bore, but I suppose on Johnny's eccount we ought to go. He'll be

Mrs. Briggs-Why there are only two

here!
Mr. Briggs—Well, then, that's all he gave us. Umph! Johnny'll have to tay at home then. Too bad.—New

Pained.
Patient—Vot? Two dollars for tak' oud dem teeth?
Dentist—Two dollars if you take gas.

Patient—Young man, I t'ought you ros a dentist. I didn't know you vos i gas gombany.—Puck.

WIT AND HUMOR.

"Did you tell that young man not to all here any more?" asked Mabel's ather, severely.

"Why not?"

"I didn't think that it was necessary.
don't see how he could call any more
low. He calls seven times a week."— Washington Star.

Wife-You saw Mrs. Bowser last Husband-Yes; but not to speak to

fe—What a story! I heard you sitting with her for more than

sband-That's so: but it was she vao did the talking .- Up to Date.

Handel Barr—Yes, other things be-ng equal, the larger the wheel the creater the speed.

Little Johnny-Well, then, Pa, why ion't the hind wheel of a wagon go aster than the front one?—New York

Grocer-Well, little one, what can 1

Jenny—Please, sir, mamma says to change a dollar for her an' she'll give rou the dollar to-morrow.—Truth.

Mr. Hardtack—This recommendation

any you drink like a fish.

Applicant for position—Do it? Wa-al, i'spec' he mean by dat I nebber drink auffin but watah.—Judge.

Spriggs-"Hello, old man, I'm awfuly glad to see you out again. I heard he doctors gave you up." Bowles—"Yes, I guess I'd have died f they hadn't. Cleveland Leader. SELLS MICE FOR A LIVING.

Woman Whose Clients Include Some of Europe's Great Physicians.

Verily one half the world does not know how the other half lives, Equal-y true is it that never before were here so many curious ways of making a living as there are at present. There ave been physicians in Paris for several centuries, but not until quite resently did any of them think it necesary to make a contract by the terms of which they are to receive a certain number of mice during the current rear. The general public was rather surprised when it heard of this contract, for the reason that the physicians, who act in this matter as a committee of the Faculty of Medicine, sommittee of the Faculty of Medicine, agree to pay a good price for the mice, whereas there are many persons in Paris who would be only too glad to make the doctors a present of these ravenous little animals. Physicians, however, know what they are about. They want mice, but they don't want ordinary, everyday mice. Only cultured, well fed, dainty mice will suit them, and they have given the contract to Mme. Alexandre, because they know that she is the only person in Paris who can supply on deperson in Paris who can supply on de mand any number of such desirable

Yes, Mme. Alexandre's business in life is to furnish mice to Richet, Chantemesse and several other lead-ing specialists in Paris and elsewhere. the also keeps rabbits and guinea igs, but mice are her specialty. It is fifteen years since she first began o supply animals to the Pasteur Institute, the Municipal Laboratory and sature, the suncepar Laboratory and several other such places. She has hardly any competitors, and she has more orders than she can well fill. She feeds her mice exclusively on bread and milk. Her clients insist that the animals must be white and plump, and she finds this diet the best for them. When they are three months for them. When they are three months old they are ready for the doctors, and she seldom has any on hand after that age. She disposes of these hapthat age. She disposes of these hap-less victims, not only to her regular clients in Paris, but also to several persons in London and Geneva. The little mice are well able to stand a long journey, and they are as fresh when they arrive in London as they were when they left Paris.

Madam is never short of mice. At present she has about a thousand on hand, and as these animals multiply very rapidly she will have double that number in an incredibly short time.—
New York Herald.

ANGORA GOATS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Profitable Flocks of Them Raised in Cape
Colony.
One of the most lucrative industries in the Karoo districts of South Africa is Angora goat farming, and, although it has only been established for less than forty years, the Cape bids fair to become the most important centre of mohair production in the world. The Angora were attended with great loss of money and great disappointment, nearly all the goats dying either on the way to the Cape or very soon after landing, in fact, of the early importa-tions only a very small number sur-vived. But in 1879, a large importation was successfully made by three different firms or individuals, who landed a large number of pure-bred Angora goats at Port Elizabeth.

The Angora in the colony is not now pure-bred; the original imported rams were crossed with carefully selected pure white Boer goat ewes, and from the succeeding in-breeding the present flocks have sprung, and a fine glossy, silky fleece secured. Indeed, it is ac-cepted that mohair can now be pro-duced in Cape Colony as perfect in quality and as beautiful in lustre as any produced in Angora itself.

The goat itself is a pretty-looking little animal, looking, with its long white wavy fleece, more like a sheep than a goat. The beard, too, so characteristic of the goat, is almost hidden in the long hair about the neck and face. The head is small and narrow, with drooping or "lop" ears. small body is thickly covered with a beautiful long fleece of white, lustrous, wavy, silky hair, which in well-bred goats nearly reaches the ground; and, in addition to this long hair, there is an inferior undercoat of hair, or sec-ond coat, which has its own separate market value.—Black and White.

A Positive Parting.

"We have parted forever," said the young man, sadly. "She is never go-ing to even write to me again."

"Are you sure of that?" asked his sympathetic friend.
"Yes. She told me so in each of her

ast three letters. The Limit Found. "There," said the man of schemes

"is a limit to the toleration of the pub-lic." "And you found it?"
"Yup. I met a total frost when I started out with a lecture on 'How I Intend to Find the North Pole."—In-

Serves Him Right. Bobby-Uncle Joe, what is a biga-

Uncle Joe—A bigamist? He is a man who gets sent to jail for thinking men at once.-Truth.

"Why are yez decorating, Mrs. Mur-

phy?"
"We b'y, Dinny, is coming home the

"Yes, but he got a year off for good

behavure."
"Sure it must be comfortin' for yez to have a good b'y loike that."—Puck,

Why Not Corner Air?

A sixteen-year-old miss in Washing-ton, D. C, was required by her teacher to write an essay on some political or economic subject prior to the holiday recess. The following pungent production is the result of her labor and if a majority of the rising generation give the same atten-tion to the dangers now threatening the republic they will be avoided with-out bloodshed when met during the next century:

Suppose that all men coveted air, and that it were possible to possess themselves of it and store it away in receivers. Suppose that could be done to such an extent that in time the strong were able to pos-sess themselves of all the air and dole it out to the weak only on their own terms. Suppose, finally, that the monopolists should make a "corner" the people were perishing by thousands for the want of it. What then would be the remedy? Should the government step in and compel these persons to supply the world with air for the people to breathe? Suppose the same condition existed in the case of water, wood, coal, land, food. Supor water, wood, coal, land, food. Sup-pose, in the case of money, a small minority of the world's people, by thrift, by cunning, by fraud, by com-bines, lawful or unlawful, should con-trol the money supply of the world and bring starvation to millions. Should the government refrain from measures of relief for fear of devremeasures of relief for fear of depreciating the monopolist's dollar? In any event he would have enough and to spare. Is it a good thing for men to hoard and continue to heap up riches more than they need, while millions are suffering for the neces-saries of life? Will the twentieth century continue this state of things or will there be a change? We wait and wonder.

AID FOR OUBANS.

It Is Asked by the Governor and by the Mayor.

In response to many requests from citizens Governor Hastings as issued a proclamation calling the attention of the people of the commonwealth to the distress in Cuba and asking for aid for the suffering people of the island.

The governor's proclamation recites the action of the president and the preparation to aid the Cubans and states that at the call of citizens he asks the people of the Keystone state to come to the relief of the destitute inhabitants of the island "as God has prospered them."

The proclamation designates C. P.

Marwick, mayor of Philadelphia; Henry P. Ford, mayor of Pritisburg; James N. Bailey, mayor of Scranton, and John D. Patterson, mayor of Harrisburg, as depositaries, to whom money, clothing, provisions and other necessaries may be transmitted for sure forwarding to Consul General sure forwarding to Consul General Lee at Havana. The conclusion is: "The citizens of our great and noble commonwealth, foremost in every good work, always responsive to the call of patriotism and philanthropy, who never turned a deaf ear to the cry of distress, whether in our own land, or from Russia, Armenia or uttermost parts of the earth, and who have within recent years felt the gener-ous throb of sympathy and humanity that came from every nation in the civilized world when sore calamity wisited our own borders, will not, I am sure, turn a deaf ear to the pitiful cry which now comes from our neighbors in Cuba."

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"My skin was muddy, my eyes were heavy. I was dizzy all the time and to-tally unfilt for even ordinary housework.
"Doctors prescribed for me without avail. Medicine was recommended and taken in quantity but it did no good."

Medicine was recommended and taken in quantity but it did no good. "Time and time again I was at the brink

of despair. Day by day my trouble grew worse, and dark indeed was the day before my deliverance. "A friend of mine told me about Dr. Wil-liams' Pink Pills for Pale People and what they had accomplished for others in my condition.

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