an Ingeneous Trick He Was Trusted for a New Pair of Shoes.

"'Gene Field made this old town thom when he was here," said an old timer to a Denver Times man. "You practical joke on his friends. The story of his pranks with the stuffed man, which he threw out of a Tribune window, has often been told, but the little jokes in his life are cherished in mory of all who knew him. Of neurse, the pace made by Field, Skiff, Rothacker and the others was a fast one, and each and all were hopelessly in debt to every merchant in the city. Ome day Skiff said to Field: 'Gene, cou're looking pretty shabby from your boot tops down. Why don't you get a new pair of shoes? I'll bet a new hat you can't buy a pair on credit in

the town.'
"'S that so?' says 'Gene. 'Well,
we'll see," and away he went.
The crowd followed him and were tooking in the windows of Alkire's while Gene was working his graft. He tried on one shoe, and it seemed all right, and then the other, and then he grose to see how they looked.

In the old days the store's floors were middy—paved streets were then only a dream—and the crowd outside were surprised to see Field walk about, stamping his feet in all the mud he could find. When they were thoroughly dirty he walked to the door and walk with with the wild of the country of the walked to the door and said: "They'll do, Alkire. Field— Tri-bane, and with that he joined the waiting gang.

Then he went to Clayton's and got a new hat, which Skiff paid for.'

## Grammatical Brakemen

Apropos of a recent order that brake-zen shall speak grammatically and distinctly, an official of the Chicago, Milwankee and St. Paul Railroad says: We wish our men to use good language. It makes a great difference with us whether a man uses good grammar or speaks as though he had never attended even a district school. aever attended even a district school.

an order that there may be no confasion, we have ordered conductors to
tell brakeman to say, 'The next station
the Chicago.' Our brakemen do not
unake many mistakes in grammar, but we cannot help it if a man is a for-signer and makes a mistake in pro-sumetation. The trainmen under-tand that their services are appreciat-ed more when they know how to an-sounce stations properly."—New York

## A Novel Proposal.

"The Youth's Companion" recalls a characteristic anecdote of the Rev. Lorenzo Dow, the itinerant Methodist greacher. When he was a widower he said to the congregation one day at close of his sermon: "I am a can-Midate for matrimony, and if there is any woman in this audience who is willing to marry me I would thank her A woman rose very near the winit, and another in a distant part of the house. Mr. Dow paused a mo-ment, then said: "There are two; I chink this one near me rose first; at my rate. I will have her for my wife The woman was in good standing and gossessed of considerable property.

Very soon after this eccentric wooing became Mrs. Dow.

# Cooking School for Boys

Cincinnati wives of the future will Cincinnati wives of the future will be either a very happy or a very untappy class. For Cincinnati men of the future will know all about the soble art of cookery. They will not talk merely about the "pie that mother use to make" and the doughnuts that remdered Aunt Sarah famous. They will speak of "my ragouts" and "my Misenits".

For the Cincinnati boys are learning

to cook in the high school.

They wear caps and aprons, the coung masculine cooks, in their school asement kitchen. They are taught the impler of the chemical processes inolved in cooking.—New York Journal.

Remarkable Telegraph.

Among the most remarkable works

Australia is the overland telegraph from Port Darwin to the south of the continent, which was completed in 372. Almost the whole 2,000 miles of its length was through uninhabited seautry—much of it a waterless desert. The wooden poles were prepared at the be carried 350 miles, while the iron cless were taken an average distance at 400 miles by land. Over 2,000 tons at material had to be carried into the terior, and the total cost was \$1,850,-

# Forage Plants.

Most people know the tall, striped, Impanese grass (Eulalia variegata) so argely grown for ornamental purposes. recently been discovered that ss is splendid forage for horses, which are very fond of it, and will eat it in preference to almost any other kind of food. The growing of it for forage purposes is being largely discussed to agricultural circles; and if it should some into use, our Euglish fields will see enriched with a new crop, whose ap-pearance in full growth should be very autiful.

# Four Renowned Sisters

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California has added many to the list
of renowned woman, and among them
are the Klumpke sisters. There are
four of them—Dorothea, who is one of
the chief workers of the Paris Obserwatery; Anna, a portrait painter in Boston; Augusta, a physician in Paris, and Julia, one of the most brilliant pupils of Ysaye, the violinist.—Indian-

Brown-Jones-He is wedded to his

ttle.
Jones-Brown—Yes, he calls it his

SAVED BY THEIR WHEELBARROWS.

Fleated on Them Until the Water Sub-sided and Then Wheeled Them Back. 'Speaking about storms," said Capt. William Dunbar Jenkins of the Aran-sas Pas Harbor Company, "one hears all sorts of stories about the cyclones which have from time to time rayaged the Gulf coast. It was in 1886 that a very severe storm blew in the vicinity of Rockport, and it was during the blow that several miles of the sand and shell embankment reared by Col. and shell embankment reared by Col. Uriah Lott, the builder of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass road, was washed into the bay. Col. Lott employed a large number of Mexicans, and many of these poor fellows were camped on the embankment. When morning dawned, after the cyclone, scores of them were missing and it was thought drowned. was thought drowned.

"As a matter of fact and considerable surprise, not a single Mexican lost his life. For days afterward they could be seen coming across the sand marsh, each man wheeling his wheel-barrow. When the men realized that they were doomed to risk a watery grave, every son-of-a-gun of them grasped his wheelbarrow and floated away in it. The barrows all grounded as the water subsided, and the Mexicans made for the coast, and in the direction of what remained of the embankment. Work was not again resumed on the roadbed, but large sections of the work are still noticeable along the bay coast."—New Orleans Times Democrat. marsh, each man wheeling his wheel-

## Siberia's Snow Flowers.

Travelers in Siberia tell of the wonderful flower that grows there, and which blooms only in January, when the winter is at its height. The blossom has something of the characteristics of a "morning-glory," lasting only a single day. The flower, when it opens, is star-shaped, its petals of the same length as the leaves, and about half an inch in width. On the third day the extremitles of the anthers, which are five in number, show min-ute, glistening specks, veritable vege-table diamonds, about the size of a pin's head-these are the seed of the flower. A Russian nobleman named Anthoskoff took a number of the seeds to St. Petersburg. They were placed in a pot of snow and frozen earth. On the coldest day of the following January the miraculous flower burst through its icy covering and displayed its beauties to the wondering scien-tists. The plant has been very appropriately named "the snow flower."

Too Many Rules.

The teacher who gives her pupils "simple rules" outside of the authorities for determining questions which confront them, and particularly gram-matical questions, is apt to find that her rules disastrously fail to fit all

One time the county superintendent of schools was questioning the pupils of a country school. He wrote on the blackboard the sentence, "The fly has wings," and asked a class what part of speech each word was. They passed the "the" without serious trouble.

"What part of speech is 'fly?'" asked

the superintendent.

"Adverb," shouted all the class in

"What! 'Fly' an adverb?"
"Yessir!" shouted the children with great positiveness.

'What makes you think it is an adverb?'

"'Cause teacher told us that all words that end in 'ly' are adverbs!"—Youth's Companion.

# Much Sweeter Than Sugar.

The newly discovered chemical substance, sugarine, or benzol-sulfinid, is likely to have an important influence upon commerce in several directions. Unlike saccharine, which never became very popular, sugarine contains none of the obnoxious para acid. It is a chem-ically pure substance, 600 times as sweet as sugar, and yet obtainable at one-twelfth the cost.

## With Intent to Deceive "Pilkinghorn is a man of his word,

isn't he?"
"Ye-e-s. I don't believe Pilking-"Ye-e-s. I don't believe riking-horn would tell a downright lie, but I've seen him eat a ten cent luncheon of doughnuts and coffee and then come out of the restaurant picking his teeth, as if he had been filling up with a porterhouse steak."-Chicago

# Shipping Bees.

Live bees are sometimes shipped on Live bees are sometimes shipped onice, so as to keep them dormant during the journey. This is particularly
the case with bumble-bees, which
have been taken to New Zealand,
where they are useful in fertilising
the red clover which has been introduced into the colony.

# The Windy City.

-Why do the Chicago girls have uch large feet?
Him—Umph! Why does a sloop have a keel?

-So she can stand up in the

Him-There you are!-Truth.

## Her Criticism Mistress-"Well, Norah, how did you

njoy the scenery?"

Norah (who has just returned from

a week's outing on the Maine coast)-'To shpake plainly, mum, th' scenery s not so illigant as it looks."-Judge

# In Limerick.

"She is that stingy," said Bridget to her caller, "if I wrap up the least bit of tay for the folks at home, sure she

BEST OF HUNTING DOGS.

The Beagle in the Future to be the Sports man's Delight. Beagles are useful little hounds, and not at all common in this country,

although bound to be in the near future, that is, where hunting is a sport The beagle may be kept with little trouble at no very great outlay. This in itself is one of the reasons that they are the hunting dog of the future.

You must have three couple at least, but to take a fair average, five couple is the best, and with this number one may have many a stirring run. Indeed, there is no member of the canine spe-cies with which so much may be done as the beagle. He is a very clever dog; his qualities are patience, reflection and endurance; invariably the pack hunt in a lump, and seldom straggle away from their companions.

The great thing is to let him have his own way. He understands far better than you do the twists and the doubles, the shift and dodges, to which the hare resorts when pursued.

When it is purposed to take the beagles out hunting on the following day, they should be fed about 1 o'clock, and then be shut up until they are wanted. The start should not be delayed a moment later than 10:30 o'clock. The sooner you are at work the better, as, if your beagles have been fed at the proper hour on the preceding day they will be quite ready for

Judiciously handled, many a day of most delightful amusement may be obtained with a few couple of beagles, but do not, on any pretense whatever, allow people on horseback.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

## ECCENTRICITIES OF A CAT.

Always Ascends in the Elevator When Wishing to Visit an Upper Floor. A slender black cat in the Boston

Postoffice building has developed a number of traits that make her a most interesting study. She is fearless and independent, and yet quiet and tame as a lady's pet. She has a number of places in the building to visit, partic-ularly on the third floor, where there is a young lady whom she likes to call upon at frequent intervals, and instead of running up and down the stairs, as other cats naturally would do, she takes an elevator. With an air of im-posing dignity, she takes up a position among the rest of the passengers waiting for the elevator and when she gets on board the elevator she looks earnest by through the door as the elevator as-cends. Lacking means to signify where she intends to get off she rewhere she intends to get off she remains in the car until it stops at her desired destination, and even force, unless it is irresistible, cannot make her leave the elevator till it reaches the floor where she wants to go. The elevator men know her habits so well that if she hapens to be the only passenger going up they generally offer her the third floor first. As she returns from third floor first. As she returns from a visit, she again avails herself of the elevator service, whether she wishes to go up or down for it is a matter of course with her to complete her round in the upper part of the building while she is up that way.

# ELECTRIC HAIR CUTTER.

An Instrument Which Will Crop the Head in Short Order.

You may have your hair cut by elec-tricity now. David Seide, of Hartford, Conn., has just patented a little instrument which will do the trick in a few twinklings without the use of scissors or of the flame which is sometimes ber shops.

It is a compact metal tool, consisting in part of a comb. Of course, the tonsorial artist must always use a comb in this sort of work, inasmuch as it gives him a gauge for making the hairs of equal length as they are drawn through the teeth.

The instrument in question is con-The instrument in question is connected with a little battery by a couple of wires. When he wishes to administer a hair cut, the barber presses his thumb upon a certain part of the tool, thus completing a circuit. The electricity instantly heats white hot a platinum wire which runs the length of the comb. Then all that is required is that the operator shall comb the hair of the customer with a few graceful waves of the little appliance, the ful waves of the little appliance, the incandescent wire burning it off at the proper length.—New York Journal.

# The Church Maid.

The up-to-date churches now employ a church maid. One who enters a sanctuary in New York nowadays may see a slender figure in a plain black gown, with white cape and apron, moving around among the pews. She is, perhaps, dusting the hymnals, aring the cassocks or putting ne in the racks. She will, however, come forward, answer your questions, direct you to the sexton, tell you the minis-ter's hours, or advise you to whom you should apply for other information than she may be able to give. It is a part of her duty to remain respectfully near visitors, for strangers have been known to "lift" anything that strikes their fancy and walk off with it. Ine maid also cares for the minister's study and gives to the edifice many toucher of which the janitor is incapable The church maid has her hands full.— Pittsburg Dispatch.

Tompion—"Was Locke much of a fighter when he was in the army?" Hammer—"No, hardly that. In fact, he managed to keep out of battle alto-gether. But, then, you know, he was full of fight before he got to the front, and he has been full of it ever since misses it at once."

"Fwy," asked the visitor, "don't ye take it out ov the bottom av the can?"

"I make it out ov the bottom av the can?"

## Is Crime Decreasing?

cause of the nature of his calling. anybody sees more of the seamy side of human nature than the superintend ent of a state prison, he is yet to be heard from. And perhaps it is Warder Wright's pronounced optimism, this particular, that will prompt people of more pessimistic bent to involved, because that is above ques

Nevertheless, when we consider the increase of population in this prison district, with its large proportion of foreigners whose lawlessness is so much in evidence in the courts of the and he credits this condition of things to the common educational facilitie that are elevating the average stand and of intelligence. In support of this view he cites the prison records show ing a proportionately greater number of negro convicts imprisoned since '94, which he explains as being due to an influx of ignorant colored people from the southern states.

Let us hope that the warden is that have no connection tions question.—Ex.

# Dead In His Stable Yard.

Edwin K. Meyers, former State Printer, was found dead Friday morning in the stable yard at his home, three miles from Harrisburg, having met a tragic death. A gash across the forehead and a bruise over the left eye indicate that he died from a tured skull or concussion of the brain. It is supposed he fell from his carriage a short distance from home, and was dragged to the place where the body

Mr. Meyers was 39 years of age, and is survived by his wife and three children. He was colonel of the Uniformed Rank, Knights of Pythias. His father is B. F. Meyers, proprietor

# "Fitz" Was Barred Out-

Some time ago Marion (Ind) Lodge of Elks elected and initiated left the lodge, and those instrumental in electing him had been expelled. de reinstated the lodge last



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Warden Wright, of the Western penitentiary, is quoted in an interview to the general effect that crime in that prison district has decreased steadily during the past four years. He bases this declaration on the fact that the prison record shows an uninterrupted falling off in the number of convicts, from year to year, during the time stated. Obviously, the warden is nothing if not an optimist, which is the more to be wondered at bechallenge the all-around accuracy of his conclusions. His good faith isn't

commonwealth, and above all the pinch of the hard times from which the country has but just found relief, it is at least surprising to be told that there are fewer penitentiary prisoners each year—not relatively, but abso-lutely. Does it mean less crime? Warden Wright is sure that it does,

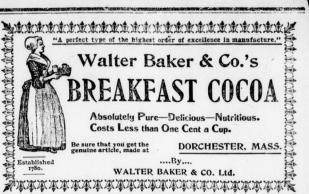
reasoning correctly, from right pre-mises. It's a nice thing to think that the rank and file of humanity hereabouts has come to the conclusion that honesty is the best policy, even it the moral considerations are to cut no figure. Still, there is the knowledge that the tendency of all modern law making is to let up on the offender to the uttermost limit consistent with the safety of society, and some times a bit more. Compare the criminal codes of one or two centuries gone with that of today, and the idea will be made plain. It is civilization. Then the criminal himself may be no better but as Warden Weight areas better, but as Warden Wright argues he is a heap cleverer. Finally the de monstration made by the Riverside Record is hardly comprehensive enough to prove a permanent moral uplift in the community. It may be chargeable to local or transient conduthe close approach of the millenium. That there are fewer prisoners in the penitentiary is beyond doubt. But that there are as many convicts as there ought to be is still a wide open

Tragic End to the Life of Former State Printer Meyers.

of the Harrisburg Star Independent.

Robert Fitzsimmons the prize fighter, to membership, which so angered the State deputy that he suspended the lodge which action was endorsed by Grand Exalted Ruler Detweiler, of Harrisburg. Mr. Detweiler was re-cently informed that Fitzsimmons had

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of John Zaner, into a Fishingcreek township, Columbia county, Iv., decaded, have been granted to Lingt Zaner wheat to said estate man, to when all per parties to said estate man, to when all per given the said estate to said estate when the said estate when the



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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1898,

at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, all that certain lot or piece of land situate in East Bloomsburg Columbia county, and State of Pennsylvania bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Be ginning at a stone corner of Canal street and lot of Mathias Kindt, and running thence along said lot northwardly one hundred and vixty feet, more or less, to Ridge alley; thence along said alley eastwardly forty feet to lot of M. Kindt aforesaid, and thence along said lot southward ly one hundred and sixty feet, more or less, to the place of beginning. It being the same premises which George Barreter and Caroline Barreter by deed dated November 19. 1889, and recorded in the office for the recording of deeds. Ec., in and for Columbia county, in Deed Book, No. 41, pages 371, &c., granted and conveyed unto Charles C. Kesty, party hereto, on which is erected a two-story lot of Mathias Kindt, and running thence along

# DWELLING HOUSE.

and outbuilding.
Selzed, taken into execution at the suit of
Faunle Eckroth vs. Charles C. Kesty and Tillie ty of Charles C. Kesty and Tillie E. Kesty, his

W. W. BLACK, BARKLEY, Atty.

## EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Elias McHenry, tate of Benton Boroug deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Blus McHerry, late of Bento Borough, Cotunbia County, Pa., deceased, have been granted to M. T. McHerry, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demand: will make known the same without dray. Prills, Ally.

M. T. McHerry, 1-6-6:

# EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John Zaner, late of Fishingcreek town ship, deceased.

Tyr ine COLUMBIAN a year.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In re-estate of Mary Driesbech, late of Fishing creek township, Columbia county, Pa., decd.

creek totaship, Cotambia county, Pit, acc.
The undersipped auditor, appointed by the Orphans Coart of Cotambia county, to distribute
the balance in the hands of the administrator of
Mary Driebbach, late of Fishingereek normalis,
to said county, decrees, and said the species in the
toren of Bioomsburg, Pit, on Friday, the 28th day
to January, 188, at 10 o'Cotoc a. m., when and
where all persons having claims against the said
where all persons having claims against the said
seatae will appear and proce the s. me or be forever debarred from county the EFFT, Auditor,
12-14.

# AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of E. J. Cole, deceased Estate of E. J. Cole, deceased.

The undersigned auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the edmin sixtator, to and among the parties legally entitled thereto, will meet the parties inderested for the purpose of his appointment at his eighen in the funding of January 1800. The State of the County Bloomsburg, Pa., on Saturday, and add the state of the county Bloomsburg, Pa., on Saturday, the day of January 1800, when and where all persons are required to present their claims against the estate of said deceased or be debarred from coming in for a share thereof. W. A. EVERT, Auditor

# RULE ON HEIRS.

To Fanny Rider, Shickshinny, Pa., Sarah Stout, sometimes called Lula Evans, New York City, Effiel Stott, New York City, Ilneal descendents of sald Lavina Stout, deceased. The descendents of sald Lavina Stout, deceased. You and each of persons interestly cited to be and appear before the adjaces of our Orphans' Court to be held at Bloomsburg, on the inst Monday of February next, then and there to accept or retuse to take the real estate of said Lavina Stout, deceased, at the appraised valuation put upon it by inquest, the Sheriff, or show cause why it shall not be sold.

W. W. BLACK, Sheriff, or Sheriff, Sherif Sheriff's office, Bloomsburg, Pa.

# AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Exceptions to acknowledgment of Sheriff's deed by H. W. Jury, Cosmopolitan Building and Loan Association vs. Emma Neyhard et al. In the Court of Common Fleas of Columbia County.

The undersigned auditor, appointed by said Court to pass upon auditor, appointed by said Court to pass upon the said court to pass upon the said court to pass upon the said court to pass upon and a sising from the Sheriff's said of the principal and the performance of his duties, at his office in the Town of Bloomsburg, on Friday, the Shi nay of January, 1889, place all parties interested are required to present their claims, or oe forever debarred from coming in upon the said fund
CHARLES G. BARKLEY.

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