One member of the genus, was being chaffed once in regard to his baldness. "I was always baid," replied cabby. "Cos why? My mother 'ad so often to put me on the 'ed an' say: 'Well done. Sam, my boy!" so she were all my 'air off." Again, a 'bus horse had fallen down on the slippery asphalt in Oxford street, and for a time traffic was greatly impeded. Just then cabby came along on the off side, and took in the situation at a glance. Addressing himself to the policeman in attendance, and pointing with his whip to the prostrate steed, he said: "Why don't yer take 'is name and address, sir?"

A wordy contest between cabby and his fare generally ends in the discomfiture of the latter and the amusement of the onlookers. On one occasion two middle-aged ladies of sour and miserly aspect had engaged a cab to take them to the Royal academy. In discharging the driver, in the presence of a throng of people, they handed him his fare in sixpences and three-penny pieces. He counted them carefully, and in reply to a tartly uttered question by one of the ladies, answered:

"Well, no marm, it nin't right. But as ye must 'ave been a long time saving up for this yere hannual treat, I won't be hard on ye;" at which the two ladies hurried off, amid the ill-suppressed laughter of the sightseers.

On another occasion, a "hansom" drew up at the entrance of a wellknown place of entertainment in the Strand. A gorgeously appareled masher alighted, and, having assisted out a lady who accompanied him, handed the driver the exact legal fare. Cabby looked at it for a few seconds, turned it over in his hand, and then in loud but benevolent tones exclaimed: "'Ada't you an' the lady better get in again, sir, an 'ave yer money's worth? I could 'ave done yer another twenty yards for this," he added, and giving another look at the coin, expressive of the utmost contempt, he slowly arranged his knee-

cloth and drove away.
In the way of satirical humor, the following will require a deal of beating. A "hansom" was being driven along a pace, when another cab coming from the opposite direction ran into it with just sufficient force to lodge the colliding horse's head on the back of the oth-

The expected outburst of strong adjectival language did not take place; but instead the driver of the hansom that had been run into sat still, and, with withering politeness, observed to the other driver: "When your oss ave seen all 'e wants to see nerosa my 'oss's back, p'r'aps e'll get down. But, bless yer art, there's no hurry."

It is always amusing to listen to the sulphtrous exchange of compliments between cabby and a busman, who is often sufficiently elever at repartee to cause cabby's attempts at ridicale to recoil on his own head. Here is a case in point: One afternoon a westward-going 'bus picked up a lady and gentleman right out of the very hands of cabby in Piccodilly.

In palling up, the 'bus very nearly came to gvief against a heavy van. This was the Jehn's chance. "You're a nice sort of party to 'ave charge of the 'eds of families, you are!" he shouted to the 'bus driver. "Why didn't you bring yer mother out to 'elp ye 'old the 'osses

Like a lightning flash came the retort: "Bring my mother out, indeed, while there's such faces as yours knockin' about the streets! Not me: I don't want to 'ave the old 'coman frightened to death. She's been too good a mother

STOLEN BY A CHICKEN. A Valuable Diam and Found in the Craw

of a lica. Some time ago, says the New York Journal, the household of a gentleman well-known in commercial circles of Gravenhurat, Ont., was very much upset by the loss of a valuable diamond ring belonging to a guest-a lady from New York. Suspicion at once fell on a servant, who was employed as housemaid, but upon her continued and carnest denial of the theft she was retained, as the gentleman, from a sense of jus-

A few days after the ring disappeared it was found under the lady's window, with the solitaire stone, however, missing, having been pried out of the setting. It was supposed that the thief had removed the diamond to keep it from being identified.

The mystery was solved, however, recently, in a most unexpected manner, for, in cleaning a chicken for dinner the cook discovered a small round object in its craw, which, on being cleaned, was found to be the missing diamond. The supposition now is the ring fell from the lady's hand while she was in bed, and the clothes being shaken next mornmg, it fell from them into the yard, where it was found by the hen, which, seeking the stone from the setting, .wallowed it.

AFFECTED BY POLITICS.

Curious Effect of Political Excitements on

the Markets and Theaters of Paris. An observant Parlainn once said that he never permitted a mushroom or a shrimp to be eaten in his hoose during periods of political excitement, because at such times the attention of the marketmen was diverted from their logitimate avocation and poisonous fungi and unfit crustacea were permitted to flud a place with the whole some delicacies. According to statistics published by the Assistance Publique in Paris there are other things besides mushrooms and shrimps affected by politics, and that there is a curious bond of sympathy between politics and the box office of theaters. In the stormy times of 1848 the annual receipts from the Paris theaters and coheert cases were only \$1,100,000; in 1853, however, they were \$3,300,000. The Crimean war caused a falling off of S110,000; but the exposition year, 1855, raised the receipts to \$3,800,000. In 1857 and 1858 the receipts were \$2,540,-000 each, but they fell in 1859, the year of the Italian campaign, almost \$100,-000 lower. In the exposition year, 1867, the theaters took in \$4,400,000; in 1878. \$2,063,000; in 1869, \$3,040,000. In 1870, apri29tf with the plebiscite in May and the declaration of war in summer, but \$1,500,000 was received. In 1871 even this shrank away to \$1,125,000. In 1873 the clearing of the political atmosphere was indicated by the rise of receipts to \$3,310,000 and in 1876 to \$4,310,000. The parliamentary troubles and the elections of 1877 brought about a falling off of \$140,000, but the world's fair of 1878 caused an enormous increase to \$6,130,-600. For the four or five years before 1887 the receipts were about \$5,000,000 annually. Then the Boulanger intrigue sent them down to \$4,040,000 and in 1888 to \$4,500,000. The exposition year, 1889, brought the figures up to 26,400,-600, followed by another reaction to \$1,500,000 in 1800.



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of Amethetics Was Discovered. The Archives of Military Medicine recently gave an interesting account of the medical history of the siege of Mayence in 1793. The medical officer in charge of the hospital says: "On April 11 there was a dreadful cannonade. Among the number brought us with enormous wounds- and the number was not inconsiderable (in less than an hour eight for various amputations)was a little volunteer with great courage, although suffering terribly. I ordered that he should be undressed while I went round the ward to glance at the various operations which the assistant surgeons were performing. Boturning to him with Citizen Riviere, who was to perform the operation, we perceived an enormous lower limb. enormous from the unusual amount of swelling. Manipulating the limb, we came across a hard swelling, which we took to be caused by a grape-shot ball lodged in the limb. Our astonishment was great when we found that an ineision of five or six fingers' breadth was sufficient to extract this enormous foreign body, which on being got out turned out to be a Prussian ball weighing no less than thirteen pounds. How could a mass of this size have just the amount of force necessary to lodge in a thigh and not pass through it? This problem I leave to natural philosophers, but I admit it to be almost necessary to have seen such things to believe them. Of course there was nothing for it but to operate on this poor fellow or leave him to certain death; we therefore imputated high up. When we had finshed he asked if it was done, and on peing told that it was he cried out loudy: 'Long live the nation!' Amesthetics had not then seen the light, it must be remembered. On another occasion the firing of a mine caused a tremendous explosion which shook the hospital building terribly. At that moment I was engaged amputating the limb of a soldier. As I was sawing the bone amid the general confusion caused by the first shock a second occurred which brought down the whole of a glass skyfight over the patient and myself. Not nowing whence all the glass came, I asked those standing round what was the matter. The patient overheard me and said: 'Go on, don't alarm yourself; you will see plenty of this kind of thing." When I had ilnished the operation he eried: 'Vive la republique!' '

FLOWING INWARD.

lateresting Phenomenon on the Island of Cephalonia. There is an interesting instance of water flowing inward from the sea. It is found on the island of Cephalonia, in the Ionian sea, west of Greece. The phenomenon occurs on the southwest side of the island, near the small town and port of Argostoli, says Goldthwaite's Geographical Magazine. Two streams flow at a short distance from one auother straight into the sea for a few vards and then follow different courses. One turns at right angles and runs for some ways parallel with the shore and ciose to it. Then it turns again toward the sea, and running, of course, deep and deeper, doubles completely under itself, thus forming a loop, and finally passes out of sight deep down in a landward direction. In its course it turns two flourmills, which will give an idea of the strength of the current. There is no tide in the sea here, and the flow of the salt water brook is perfectly steady and continuous. The other stream disappears in the ground in a

similar way. This curious phenomenon has not attracted much attention because Argostell is not on one of the summer tourist toutes. No one knows what become of this water, but it probably flows to me subterranean reservoir, and it may have something to do with the curthquakes that occur in that neighborhood once in a long while, or possibly it feeds some distant volcano, for as is well known, the most generally accepted theory of the cause of volcan eruptions is that they are due to steam generated from water admitted through racks in the earth's crust or in some other way.

TO BE TAKEN WITH SALT.

It is said oysters ten inches long are found in New Guinea. A BALD-HEADED eagle that measured

nine feet from tip to tip was shot at Ocosta, Wash., a short time since. A swan was killed in Trinity county, Cal., recently, whose wings measured seven feet when spread out. It weighed

THEY tell you of geraniums in California that grow so tall that you have to go up into the window of the second story to gather the flowers. And a woman in Michigan has a geranium four feet and five inches high.

THE San Diego (Cal.) Sun tells of a monster black bass taken with hook and line recently near that port. It weighed three hundred and eighteen pounds, and the catcher was forty-two minutes in getting the fish alongside a

A New HAVEN oyster grower reports that his dredge brought up an oyster with ashell eleven and a half inches long, the other day. Such an oyster as that, says the Norwich Bulletin, can never be put in with other oysters and thers wishing to purchase honest FURNI- sold by thequart. He should be retailed

at so much a yard. A BEAR which weighed three hundred and seventy pounds was killed by Solomon F. Perry, of Ronceverte, W. Va., who had followed the animal back; and forth over Sassafras mountain for thirty-one days. The bear killed eleven dogs. The bear's hide showed twenty-

ven bullet wounds. HOWARD COLEMAN, a farmer's boys, of Little Britain, Lancaster county. Pa., eaught in a steel muskrat trap recently, it is reported, a fine fish of the bass species, which on measurement was found to be thirteen and one-half inches long, and one pound six ounces in weight. The creek had risen during the night and the water flowed over the

The Wicked Bosom-Pin. As every one knows, in the early days of Methodism a considerable degree of strictness was maintained in regard to the wearing of jewelry or sostly attire. An eminent divine of that church gives an amusing incident. A preacher had just gone to his new charge, and was in the midst of his sernon, when a woman rose and went out, slamming the door with unnecessary violence. Of course, he supposed e had said something which gave offense; but, on making inquiries, he learned that the woman left because "the minister were a bosom-pin." The fun of it was that he had driven to the service over bad roads, and one drop of

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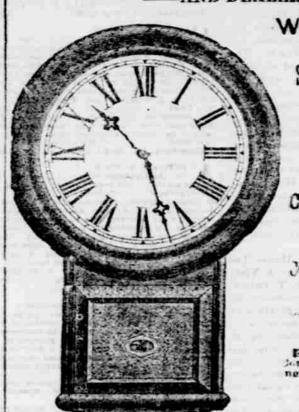
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THE ITALIAN CARNIVAL.

semathing About the Pestival Carniyal in the Sunny Land. The period of carnival is the time of feasting, dancing, masjnerading and buffconery, principally indulged in in Roman Catholic countries, says the London Queen. It begins on the Fourof Epiphany, or Twelfth day, and emis on Ash Wednesday, when it is success ed by the austerities of Lent. In these long revels some of the license of the Saturnalia of the ancient Romans may be still detected. Milan Rome and Naples were celebrated for their earnivals, but they were carried to their highest perfection at Venice.
The pleasant place of all festivity,
The revel of the earth, the masque of Italy.

In modern Rome the masquerading in the streets and all the out-of-door amusements are limited to eight days during which the grotesque maskers pelt each other with confetti, sugar piums and bouquets. These are poured from busitets from the balconies down upon the maskers passing by below in carriages and afoot, and they, in their turn, pelt the company at the windows The confetti are made of chalk or floor, and a hundred weight is ammunition for a carriageful of roysterers. The races, however, are not of the most striking out-of-door scenes. The orses are without riders, but have purs shorts of tin and all sorts of hings hang about them to urge them nwards. Across the end of the Piazza del Popolo is stretched a rope, in a line with which the horses are brought up; in a second or two the rope is let go and away the horses fly at a fearful rate down the Corso, which is crowded with people, among whom the plunging and kicking of the steeds often produces serious damage.

The closing revel of the carnival is he Moccoletti, where the sport conists in the crowd carrying lighted canles, varying in size from the paschal taper to the rush-light, with two objects in view; first, how to preserve their moccoletti lighted; secondly, how to extinguish the moccoletti of others. The meccolo is kindled by approaching it to a light. But who can describe the thousand means of extinguishing the moccoletti? The gigantle bellows, the monstrous extinguishers, the super human fans. Dumas, in his 'Count of Monte Cristo," thus vividly describes the strange scene: "The night was rapidly approaching, and already at the shril cry of moccoletti! repeated by the shrill rolees of a thousand vendors, two or three stars began to twinkle among the crowd. This was the signal. In about ten minutes, fifty thousand lights flut tered on every side between the Plazza del Popolo and the Palais de Venice," a ight of which it is almost impossible to form any idea without having seen it. appose all the stars descended from the sky and mingled in a wild dance on the sorface of the earth; the whole necompanied by cries such as are never card in any other part of the world. The facchino follows the prince, the ranstavere the citizens; every one dowing, extinguishing, relighting. This flaming race continued for two iours; the street was as light as day, nd the features of the americans of e third and fourth stories were plain visible. Suddenly the bell sounder thich gives the signal for the carnival to close, and at the same instant all the noccoletti were extinguished as if by enchantment. It seemed as though on immense blast of wind had extinguished them all. No sound was audible, say of the carriages which conveyed the masks home; nothing was visible save a few lights that gleamed behind the windows. The carnival was over.

FASHIONABLE PARTIES. The Expense and Inconvenience of Large

New York is distinguished every season for its monster masquerades and fancy balls. In spite of gas, music, flowers and gay costumes these gatherings. if we are to believe the reports of many wno "assist" at them, are at once dreary and disgusting. The multitudes of mock kings, knights, duchesses, scaramouches pickwicks, cardinals, Indians, clowns, columbines, pantaloons, hidalgos, sail ors, punchinellos, flower-girls and what not who meet upon a common level upon these occasions are nothing more than promenading and gyrating demuties, says the New York Ledger. The world may be a stage, but these ladies and gentlemen show very clearly that all the men and women are not playersnot one in five hundred of them having the slightest idea of personating the

assumes. These monster balls are said to be principally remarkable for three impos sibilities, viz: the impossibilitity of dancing on account of the crowd, the impossibility of getting any refreshments without fighting for them and the impossibility of obtaining access to the dressing-rooms except by force of arms. Fifteen dollars for a ticket and one hundred dollars for a costume may not be too much to pay for six hours of discomfort, but by riding in the city railroad or elevated cars for the same length of time you can get shoved, jammed and hustled about almost as thoroughly for much less money, and you needn't pay any thing extra for

character whose outer busk he or she

THE COBWEB PARTY.

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the New York Star:

ences.

A New and Unique Game and How It Is Pinyed. The following description of the 'cobweb party" is given by a writer in

A central point in a house is selected,

say the chandelier in the front parlor. and to this a number of strings are attached, according to the number of guests who have been invited to take part in the game. There may be tweny-five, or fifty, or even more. Then these strings are twisted about the chairs, around table legs, through keyholes, down-stairs into the dining-room out to the kitchen, upstairs again into the bedroom, and, in fact, all over the house. These strings make the cobweb. At the end of each is a prize, which acts as a stimulant to the guests, to each of whom a string is assigned, to follow his or her thread to its termination through its many devious and prevoking inter twinings. In Chicago the cobweb party has become so popular that men are en ployed to prepare houses when one i announced, and it sometimes takes three days to get a large house ready. When the guests get to following up the strings there is plenty of fun, as they meet in all ports of the house, cross and recross each other's paths, get their feet tangled up in the threads, and have a great many funny experi-

An amusing incident occurred on the streets of Abbeville, Ga. A Turk, followed by his performing bear, was approached by a negro, who engaged in conversation with him. The bear was not in a good humor, and, raising himself on his haunches, he dealt the negro a heavy right-hander, felling him to the

ground. The negro was up in a second

and rose running, nor did he halt till

out of breath, two hundred yards dis-

tant from where he collided with the

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ground. -Customer (reading a newspaper)-"Here I see I am referred to in the paper again." Landlord-"Indeed? What do they say about you?" Customer (reading aloud)-"At the close of last week Berlin numbered 1,578,421 inhabitants! I am one of the lot!"-Schorer's

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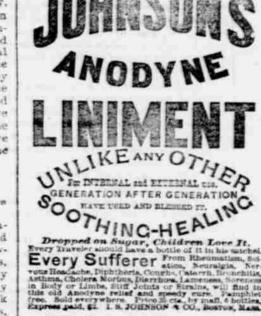
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hey wanted to go visiting trade. That is, Buster h. to hadn't made up his triad to not the number was going to to not matil they got into the by Then Upele Morg would take a mes and say: "Now, then, Buster! What wayer whomat it?" If Buster pricked up his cars

merted on that was, as much as ;

that he thought it was all right in could take Uncle Morgani tunt wherever they were going and here home slick as a greaser. Buster replied to Uncle Mary's r ingles his ears back on his staand recovering they draw that in thought it wasn't all right, his mother word Uncle More and Perry would dismount, in his ante and turn him out, sud goally into the house to wait until, lay when Buster was willie a "Make bins go ngin his -iii" Morg always exclaimed when a why he didn't force the ma-t-"Wy, tonn, sumplis" d hange a se

tuter rot if we shid ; was

Bustor's luce o' the matter

It was the same war with per-Buster's opinion of auto-Chele Morg and Amet Person. he folded his liberal wars back threatened a rush upon any pe under his ser they that percent to business with the Righer "Buster know al" was always to phatic remark of his two local to after the mule had given his or and that in spite of several ments the arbitrary Bossel. There was the mas of who drove up to the Binder when the railroad was be started for the house but Buster the way. He not only laid buch ears and threatened the man welfront, but turned about and lethis fly no viciously and so rapidly in u rection of the man's head rost stranger backed away and some nele Morg, who stood on the sta-

shouted the man. "No y' han't" replied Uncle Me-Buster's agin ye, 'n' Buster knows The man went off in a buil, and, to find out, he was the agent of railroad, and wanted to contract Uncle Morg for a big lot of the consequence was that other par

"I've got some business with me

call his muse off.

the contract, which proved to be with big money in it. "Don't care!" said Uncle Morg. "T hunces is th't if I'd ha' took the ract I'd ha' put the money in a n' the bank 'd a busted! has

CHEWS." Then there was the new preacher he district, Rev. Absolom D the mockest, mildest, and meet ess of men. When Brother ! went to make his first pastoral or Sister Binder, he was bounced of promises by Buster so quick the never knew how he got out in the It suddened the hearts of Under and Aunt Peggy to know that Is Dubbs had been weighed in the balance and found so lamentally a ng. But there was no getting arms Brother Dubbs was under and Uncle Morg and Aust Persome from meeting all that Their faith in Buster's wisdom was

shaken a bit by the fact that the inie quit the district with a speties "The world hasn't come to an a vit" said Uncle Morg. "Frescher. toin' some tor ble speer think days w'en ye hain'ts pectin of it. les

ter knows!"

But the oracular little male an fering greatly in prestige now. Morg's and Aunte Peggy's here nuwavering trust in Ruster ha udely shaken, and their calm ; cophy does not serve to sustain the their painful awakening. Turner months ago one of the nice young men who had ever bou that part of the Pine creek in stopped his horse at the Bluis and got out of the wagon. Busher to him on sight. He put bean stranger's sieeve and walked him up to Uncle Morg's door. liste seemed to want to follow the sa the house, he had taken such him. That was all the recon Uncle Morg and Aunt Pe for the stranger, and he didn in presenting the business hand. In less than fifteen

had Uncle Morg's signatur

the grab-quick stump-pulls

tract to act as agent in that

ning chuck-hole filler. Last

contract turned up in the al

cut-throat judgment for any

and fifty dollars, and Uncle M called upon to settle. He keeke they levied on property of his, limit the oracular mule. "If I hef to pay the swindlin's will," said Uncle Morg "Tant money I mind, but to think th's we've let Buster hev the ran place fer twenty year 'n better

turn to n'steer us agin a bunko game

wat's breakin' us all up-

A Souke's Egg Tooth-"The funniest snake I knewany! about is one found in Africa. lives upon eggs," said Ost "It has a curious pr ward from its back! the head, which is like a ! tremity being actually ennmel. This toothlike a most important functi tion to the creature's met a living, and it would be a more astonishing illustra ture of the adaptation of necessity. When this sna egg the lutter is passed dow guilet until it encounttooth I have spoken of, " the shell. Thus, not only rendered ready for imme but no portion of the fluid lost, as would be the case were obliged to bite into the its mouth fangs."-Washingto

Boats in Shim. The boat life of Slam in all life. Business and p and happiness, all cenor its branches. A boat are almost as natural and possessions to Siamese a legs. He has no notion of distance except by boat: living in a place inacces generally strikes him as a weeks to come down stream cargo; a week to dispose of dulge in the gayeties of the or five months to get back emptied boat, and the rest el for farm-work at home- such i gramme for many a Sial which lives as contentedly and plat as the profoundest philosophets "