masters of the day." Ir is said that the spring bonnet this year will eclipse that of all previous seasons. It generally does go to the

A TRAVELING company of actors is said to have posted the following notice: "On account of the want of a handkerchief, 'The Robber' will be given to-night instead of 'Othello." What is considered a good joke on a banker of Washington county, Kan., is a chattel mortgage on file in the register's office drawn by him, which reads as follows: "Two bay mules and all their increase.

ONE of the daily publications in Madisonville, Ky., gives this good counsel "Every man, woman and child should read our paper, and by that means will be exempt from jury service especially if it should be a murder case. No man who reads this country paper and keeps posted, is ever permitted to serve on

eases of this kind." THE trustees of a schoolhouse near Monticello, Ga., the other day adopted resolutions to the effect that "that big hickory near the left hand of Ben Hill academy is dead, and that if it should fall on any of the children between their 7th and 17th year, and near the small of the back, they would surely die: therefore that we hire an un bleached American to raze the aforesaid hickory tree to the ground."

THE CZAR AND RUSSIA.

all civilized countries. On January 1 the twenty-seventh living Russian grand duke was born. The Russian grand duchesses number eighteen. Stoves are compelled to do double service in Russia-to warm two rooms at the same time. They are built in R. L. JOHNSTON. M. J. BCUK. A. W. BUCK the walls, between two rooms, and thus the apartments on each side are warmed

by the same stove. THE caar did good work in extinguishing the fire which broke out in the St. EBENSBURG. - - . PENN'A. Petersburg palace but when it came to shouting, swearing and drinking vodki and black coffee he had to take back seat among the firemen.

The Russian government has issued a ukase ordering that all sardine boxes are to be opened at the custom houses on the frontier. It appears that shoals recently been imported into Russia from France in apparently genuine sar-

THERE are reports from Poland of fresh plottings against the ezar and the secret police are said to be adopting measures of brutal severity to find out the chief conspirators, arresting for that purpose the wives and daughters of suspects, who are subjected to horrible tortures to make them divulge their se-

IN THE SOUTH SEAS.

RECENT explorations in New Guinea show that additional species of animals, mini only, but also insects, are common to that island, and to northern Australia.

Tue termination olani in Hawaiian names means "of the heavens." Thus Luliuokolani means "Lily of the Henvens." 'The new queen of the islands possesses great executive ability and is courageous, truthful and honest. She is a woman of hundsome presence and is a skillful musician.

THE natives of the Phillippines are sociable to an extraordinary degree. Whenever one of them finds himself without a companion to partake of his meal he runs till he meets with one and it is said that however keen his own appetite may be he will not venture to satisfy it without a companion. A MOVABLE banking office proves to profitable adjunct to a bank in Pal-merston, New Zealand. It is a carriage which travels along the railway line and halts at the way stations in the Manawatu direct. The occupant is bank elerk, who is authorized to receive money, pay it out, cash checks etc. He carries his each in a satche swung round his neck, and is well armed

THE WAYS OF NATURE.

GREAT crevasses in Cuba are said to foreshadow its speedy breaking in two THE average width of the path of de-

struction with tornadoes is said to be little more than one thousand feet. In Boise City, Idaho, the water company has sonk an artesian well one hundred and twelve feet deep, from which flows a sulphurous water with temperature of 115 degrees.

A St. Joseph (Mo.) weather prophet says that from May 1, 1891, to May 1, 1892, will be an era of general destruction throughout the United States. Earthquakes and volcagoes all over the world will be very active.

In a recent gale the anemometers on the top of the Eiffel tower registered six hundred and thirty miles an hour. Had this velocity occurred at the level of the city every chimney would have been leveled to the ground.

OBSERVATIONS seem to show that a decrease in the earth's latitude is in progress, implying an alteration in the direction of the earth's axis. The fluc tuation is thought to be due to a minute oscillation caused by some changes in internal wars of the earth.

A NICKEL IN THE SLOT.

THE penny-in-the-slot machine growing in depravity. It has now taken to throwing dice.

THERE are about 12,000 nickel-in-theslot machines in use in this country and they comprise fifty varieties. A PRINTER put a penny in the slot of a machine intended to prove a man's

striking power, and then punched the pad offered to receive the blow. The spring didn't work, his wrist was broken, and the jury gave him 850. THE English postal authorities have introduced nickel-in-the-slot machines for the sale of postage stamps. The town council of Iverness has just given permission for the erection of the first

THE latest plan for beating the nickelin-the-slot phonograph is for two men to drop one nickel into the aperture and each hold a tube to his ear. The music, speech or song ground out by the machine then costs them only two and a half cents each.

Lucky for the Mice. A traveler mentions that, in crossing

a plain in Africa, far distant from any stream of water, where no cool shade refreshed him, and as far as the eye could reach, nothing could be seen but heaps of sand, he met with many creeping plants of luxurious vegetation. They were covered with large berries. each berry containing nearly as much as three teaspoonfuls of water. On inspecting them more closely, he was astonished and delighted to observe a number of mice, the only inhabitants of that inhospitable and inhabitants of that inhospitable and inhabitants. To represent one of the Largest Nurseries in the country. We guarantee satisfaction to all customers. No previous experience necessary. Salary and expenses from start. Address, stating age.

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THE BRITISH ARMY.

its Numerical Strength and Relative Weakness in Peace and War. The total expenditure on the army, out of taxes, in the year in the case of the United Kingdom was last year, according to Sir Charles Dilke, £16,500,-000, says the London Saturday Review, and in India the same or £33,000,000

(£34,000,000 in the present year), besides the expenditure out of loans and that of the self-governing colonies for the armies of the British empire. The colonies altogether spend for themselves about £1,500,000 a year for army purposes, in addition to the contributions made by some of them toward the imperial forces and toward marine defense. While the armies of the British empire cost about £35,500,000 a year, the German empire costs about £33,500,-000 and the French army a little over Our armies cost us, therefore, consid-

erably more than theirs, but while each f these powers would have in the field n the twenty-first day of mobilization ver 2,000,000 of men, with between 000 and 4,000 guns, and behind this vast force a large garrison and territorial army in reserve, we could altogether muster but 850,000 men from all the resources at our command. But the ingenious Briton will retort that, though our forces are small, they are of exceptional quality; that one Englishman is equal to two Frenchmen; that one volunteer is as good as two pressed men, and so on-und so weiter, etc. Not so.

The 2,000,000 active German or French troops, of whom we have just spoken, are "pretty much the same all-through" that is to say, they are of uniform uality, even if it be granted that their tandard be not as high as ours. Our nuster-roll, on the contrary, is built up rom the most heterogeneous sources, and the quality, when the training and education of the soldier are considered. if in some cases high, is in others deplorable. The total we arrive at is made up of 170,000 troops, excellent though deficient in some particulars; 50,000 to 55,000 first-class army reserve, useful but not periodically drilled as is the reserve of every continental army: 2,000 second-class army reserve, hardly orth counting; 113,000 militia, who any be said to be without half their cers; 3,000 Channel island militia; bout 1,000 Malta and St. Helena militia; £,000 yeomanry; 224,000 volunteers; 74,o regulars in India (undoubtedly a lendid force), 68,000 good native roops in India: 56,000 bad native troops,

In other words, the figures we can woduce include everything we can posibly term a soldier, from a guardsman to a native policeman. They include some regiments of Indian infantry which are recognized even by ourselves is worthless, and whom we from time time disband as such. They include ic St. Helena militia and the Poyal Irish constabulary, who, however effigent in their own sphere, would probably be so occupied in it that they can hardly be available to fight a foreigner. but, more than this, not only is our aree thus variable and sometimes unatisfactory as regards the quality of its component parts, but it is singularly adly proportioned as regards the arms

and 21,000 of what Sir Charles Dilke

erms "odds and ends."

f which it is composed. If there is one thing which recent exriments have established more than other, and upon which there is comlete unanimity of opinion among mili-ery men, it is this—that modern armies ould in future campaigns be remarkably well furnished with both cavalry ad artillery: infantry will be unable face modern musketry unless they e well supported by guns, and have e way of their attack prepared for em by artillery fire. A thick well of orsemen will shroud the movements of modern army from its opponent, and army which has not a strong force Leavalry, both to gain information for and to ward off its opponents' scouts, ill be at the mercy of a better-informed

It will neither be able to see nor reain enseen. Yet how do we find that ur attenuated levies are furnished with these necessary adjuncts? Contempti bly so, it seems, as regards artillery We have but a nominal 600 guns all told against 2,000 to 4,000 belonging to the powers that may oppose us, and or these we could not place above 320 ir. the field.

Not only have we an absurdly small number of batteries, but we propose on an outbreak of hostilities to reduce them by fourteen in order to make up mmunition columns! That is to say, ve organize, equip and educate a scientific body of men in order that they may on the outbreak of hostilities be equal to the duties which Pickford's or Carter Paterson's draymen daily perform in ur streets! The Germans on October 1 last added to their artillery almost as many guns as we have in the whole world, and Roumania and Switzerland can each of them put in the field about many guns as can the British empire for when we come to analyze our cav alry returns are matters more reassuring. We have only 12,000 horses to mount 19,000 troopers both in India and at home together.

ARE NOT GENERALLY KNOWN. Mr. Golightly is the name of a poeeman in a Missouri town.

CHRIS BROWN, of Fort Wayne, Ind., has agreed to walk from Aspinwall to Alaska for ten thousand dollars. MR. P. S. DUNN, a Callaway county (Mo.) man, has a gourd which was 20 next largest, - . brought from Wales to this country in

ARTHUR CUMNOCK was given five thousand dollars by his father for leading the Harvard football eleven to victory against Yale.

Joseph Bond (colored), living near Toronto, has lain in bed in the sulks for twenty-seven years, and is now approaching death, all because his mother sold her farm against his will. MARMADUKE WATSON has been a school-teacher in Philadelphia for fifty-

four years, during thirty-five years of which he has been a principal. He has now retired to enjoy a well earned A MAN named Fields, who had just died near Danville, Ky., never, it is

said, though sixty-seven years old, slept a single night out of the house in which he was born, and never ate but one meal away from home. He was outside of his native county but twice, and then only for an hour each time. Miss Lydia Landt, a young lady living at Davenport, Ia., has become in-

sane, it is said, through the discovery that affectionate letters received by her. and purporting to come from a young man to whom she was attached, were the work of some of her young friends who desired to play a joke on her.

& Husband of Month. Sarah Gregg, of Matherton, Ga., bad a husband in prison. She thought that was as good as a divorce and after a lengthy wooing took to her bosom Jesse Guernsey as husband. But when she sat down and quietly thought over the matter the complexity of her

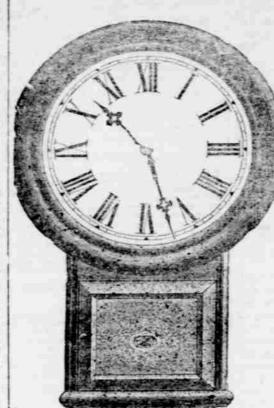
wedded relations became apparent. She then went to the circuit judge, had the Guernsey husband declared illegal, se-cured a divorce from the Gregg husband, bought a license and was remarried to Jesse all in the same day. Thus she has had three husbands in as many months, and Mr. Guernsey two brides and honeywoons

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Comance About the Head of Liberty on This Coin. There was a curious story about the head of Liberty, says the Illustrated American, on the obverse of the Bland dollar. This is said to be modeled from the head of Miss Anna W. Williams, now instructor of philosophy and methods of kindergarten training at the Girls' normal school in Philadelphia. At the time the Bland dollar made its first appearance, the secret leaked out somehow, and to avoid the notoriety the most indefatigable efforts were made to deny the fact, and even to this day it is difficult to get any of Miss Williams' friends who are in the secret to admit it. Her name went broadcast over the land, however, and from almost every quarter of the globe she was deluged with the most pressing and flattering offers of marriage. Miss Williams was a student of the Academy of Fine Arts when Engraver George Morgan, who made the pattern from which the dollar was copied, was casting about for a model. Some ladies among the students at the academy were selected to pose. The contour of Miss Williams' features was chosen as coming nearest to the pure Greeian ideal. Before the pattern was finally adopted it was sent to the academy to get the opinion of some

artists as to its artistic merits. The profile was criticised in several particulars, chief among which was what was regarded as a too prominent chin. But the authorities at the mint thought it one of the most beautiful types of face that was ever submitted for the head of a coin, and it was adopted. As to its strong resemblance to the original those who see Miss Williams oftenest are best able to testify. It is considered a good likeness, but drawn somewhat finer than the living model. Mr. Morgan, by the way, is an Englishman, and some people insist that he has managed to declare his origin in the "Hand" dollar. By holding the coin with the date uppermost, and covering the figure on a line across the eye to the hair, the profile develops a likeness of King George, the chin being his nose. Holding the coin in the same position and covering

THE CHARMS OF MUSIC. One Case in Which It Soothed Two Sav-

the medallion on a line from the chin

to the base of the cap, the curl of the

hair develops a lion with its nose facing

age Breasts. Hubband and wife had been quarrelling, says a Columbus paper. The trouble be ran in the house, but the belligerents had reached the sidewalk, where hostilities were resumed. She declared in the heat of passion that she would not live with him another hour. He retorted

that it didn't make any difference, the

quicker the separation came the better

it would be for both. The husband, raising his voice to a high pitch, said: This ends all relations between us. "Go," said the wife, "I do not care ow, for our home is only in name." Suddenly there burst upon the night

the strains of "Home, Sweet Home." It was the music of an orchestra that had ist then begun a serenade to a residen ear by. It seems that the company of nusicians had been inspired, for the piece was never rendered any better than it was that night. The husband and wife ceased quarrelling, and both stood as if rooted to the

spot. The effect upon them could be seen at a glance. Both were weeping. There was a brief but terrific struggle between duty and pride. The husband glanced at the wife in a pitiful sort of way, and his look was returned. As the strains of the great song were dying away, they rushed into each

other's arms. The love of former years

was then and there renewed. OLD AND ODD.

A LARGE oak tree, claimed to be one nundred and forty years old, has been felled at Flint, Mich. J. J. WESTLAKE, of Wheeling, has in his possession a land grant made out February 6, 1807, containing the signatures of Thomas Jefferson and James

A RESIDENT of Paw Paw, Mich., has a receipt for a tax paid by his ancestry in 1409, but he is willing to trade the relic for a receipt for his own, dated

REV. JOHN ELIOT, missionary to the Indians, wrote a letter in 1673, which was sold at auction a few days ago for five hundred dollars. At the same sale a letter of Rev. Jonathan Edwards brought only eleven dollars and a half. WILLIAM J. MILLER, of Labon, N. J., as a brass spectacle case over four hundred years old. The outside case on top and bottom has a ten years' calendar (from 1478 to 1487) engraved thereon, with instructions in Dutch, the figures, letters, etc., being quite legible. Dr. F. L. HARROD, of Harrodsburg. Ky., is the owner of what is believed to be the first watch ever brought to the state. It belonged to one of Dr. Har-

LOVE PLAYED A PART. MARY MOCEJES, of Erie, Pa., has the record of having cloped seven times

rod's ancestors, who was the early com-

from one husband. A Young man was tarred and feathered down in Mississippi the other day because he married a quadroon girl. A Genesee county (Mich.) young lady. who was recently awarded \$1,800 in a breach of promise suit, has rewarded her chief witness by bestowing her in-

jured affections on him. The banns have been published. ABRAHAM SPECK and his wife, of Mill Creek, near Huntington, Pa., have been married fifty years, and the husband has taken steps for a separation, because his wife and he disagree upon the advisability of sanctioning their daugh-

ter's choice of a husband. AT South Colchester, Ont., M. Brown, aged eighty four, led to the altar Mrs. Margaret Clickert, aged ninety-seven. The groom had buried four wives and the bride mourned the loss of five husbands. Her last husband died two years ago, aged one hundred and twen-

ty-four years. Cariosities of the Census. A curious fact in statistics of population is the greater number of people whose age is expressed in decimals of ten. For instance, in the last census of Rhode Island there were more than twice as many people 50 years old as there were 49. So, again, there have been found in a certain area 2,000 colored people 69 years old, 1,200 71 and and 19,000 70. The fact is a striking illustration of the general fondness of people for round numbers. A man who is 59 or 61 years of age is on call himself 60, and in a similar case a

woman will call herself 40 or 50.

concerning the manner in which a wellknown leading actor supplied the accidental absence of a necessary item of "make-up." He was playing Macbeth, and when he came to the murder scene he asked in vain for the blood with which he had intended to imbrue his hands. After abusing the property man roundly for his neglect, the actor, struck with a happy thought, suddenly hit the functionary on the nose, so that a good

supply of crimson fluid was obtained

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prove that it is not line more than two hundred Boston Transcript, the nort been the Meeea of forlors ures. Disasters upon di not dismayed the scientific and June next Dr. Fritay, of No. an intropid Norwegian explore has already won his spury his during journey as cill start from Europe in a succ milt expressly for the purpose onstructed as to be able to he nippings of the ice flore w the Jenunette to the bottom: el will be provisioned for and will carry strong small b ogo, etc., for use in case of he ship. Nansen believes the wist in that region that have condenses as for as the land Sherian rivers, where he carenortherly current which will him north to within the elected pole. He bases his opinion of as erly current or currents on thefacertain articles left on the wrate leannette in the opposite part of solar sea drifted in three years oust of Greenland. So he will hip to the place where the A vent down, and allow it to drift lie ice floes until the northern are reached. In this way he m have to stem currents or resist C. but will allow them to carry him; destination. Northern currents hinks, must be formed by the er

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vide that the larger envelop ab ways be inflated. Four only bollooms and sixteen very and loons will be attached to the large both to afford auxiliary mes scientific use in determining tion of air currents at the pol big balloon will have a capac forty-five thousand cubic feet gen gas and is estimated to ! carrying capacity of more than thousand pounds. The car had construction and looks like ay house. It is to be made of wich ed with thin plates of steel and w water-tight. The equipment = besides the five men and a num dogs, provisions for eight deigh. an unsinkable cance. instruments, etc. According gramme they will leave Spirin the summer of 1893, some a wind is found blowing dis the pole. They expect to be in t ten days and to land in Abasica is ern Asia. The scheme is not m by the French geronautical social A plan of polar research that i to be of more practical value to of the above-mentioned exwhich are only to satisfy curiosity, is the scheme develo tralia for the exploration of the arctic region. Since the cele pedition of Sir James Ross in the Erebus and Terror, no atte been made to investigate this a However, in the full of the presen an expedition will set out and command of Baron Nordenside of the most experienced polar ma ers living, to explore the Antarete trict, and hopes are entertained in tralia that new fisheries for wh seals, cod. etc., will be found that prove of intrinsic value to the p Incidentally Baron Norden and a determine whether the Antarctic nent is really a continued or an a pelago; ascertain the nature of fossil plants, animals, etc. It a seem that this Antarctic regions

Natural Gas in Eugined. The Middlesbrough corresponds the Newcostle (Eng.) Chronicle to his paper regarding the find gas that it was made at a dept about eight hundred feet. At # hundred and sixty feet whitester atruck and salt is generally found twenty to twenty-five feet below stone. At eight hundred and feet salt was struck at this bent Continuing to bore through the s blue limestone was struck and the present gas. Many people if Middlesbrough district have the opinion that it is simply marsh gas, which is always near salt, but which is of little? use. It is needless to dilute a effect that such a discovery is neved by some to have be a week would have on the sall other industries in South natural gas as a fuel would a the manufactures, and that has already favored naturally by all salt deposits, proved over 'pra twelve square miles," near to he

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