Thousands of the Juscets Crushed Beneath the Iron Wheels with Reports Resembling Exploding Torpedoes.

Southeast of Brighton Corners on the Luckawanna railroad are extensive limestone quarries which have been in operation for many years and have penetrated deeply into the rock, says a Syrucuse correspondent of the New York Tribune. Through the cut thus made and into the quarries a branch track has been laid from the Lackawanna road for the hanling of the hewn stone. Night work being necessary a large part of the time, an arc light has been placed high over the track of the darkest part of the cut. Several cars were loaded for shipment and left on the switch pending the observance of Memorial day. At night, in preparation for drawing the cars out, the electric light was put in and an engine with the necessary erew left the city for the quarries. What was the surprise of all hands upon reaching the scene of operations to find the track beneath the electric light completely thronged with strange insects of great size, some of them lying perfectly still it bunches and some of them playing a sort of leap-frog game. They covered a space of not less than sixty feet along the tracks, though toward either boundary of the occupied territory they grew fewer, as the rays of light began to grow dimmer. These pickets, or skirmshers, were one and all of a most lively disposition, and ran over the ground with that lightninglike rapidity which characterized the movements of the electric light bugs that made their appearance all over the country soon after the system of electric lighting became of general adoption in cities.

The locomotive continued on its way, and as the drivers rolled over the insects the insects died with a cracking sound like the successive explosions of toy torpedoes. But this was at the beginning of the swarm. As the iron monster plowed its way along the bugs became more numerous and the erackling grew to a monotonous din, as though some firecracker storehouse had been touched off in a hundred places, until in the thick of the swarm the engine was brought to a stop, the drivers refusing to catch on the now slippery ralls, greased by the crushed and slaughtered burs. An examination of the insects showed a resemblance to the electric-light bug, though they are somewhat larger than those bugs, the outer shell of the back being about the size and shape of half a shanghai-egg shell. It was this turtle-like armou with which the insects are equipped that made the erackling sound as the wheels passed over them. The shell is black and partakes of the nature of stone, having a slatey structure and being brittle. This property of the shell set the more thoughtful people to time search along the sides of the cut revealed innumerable small holes in the rock, which seemed to have been bored into it by some agency not that of man, and in them were traces of a peculiar ovula some handled and some apparently blighted. An erudite recluse whose abode is in the neighborhood of the quarries had by this time appeared, for news of the strange occurrence had spread rapidly. His opinion was that the bugs that blocked the track were the issue of a rare species of lithodome, a rock-boring mollusk-crossed with some kind of predatory insect. To secure the shipment of the freight it became necessary to let the loaded train from above in the quarry come down the grade of the cut. Gathering momentum all the time, its impetus when it came to the obstruction carried it by the

. IT WAS RAINING.

New Story Which Hiustrates the Imbeellity of Some People. Many of our everyday remarks, said

Eli Perkins, when analyzed philosophically, are very absurd, but still they Nervous Prostrution, Sleeplesshave a humorous side. The other morn-The Pastor Keenig's Nerve Tonie I ordered was ing, while the rain was pouring down for a young lady of my household, who was aland everybody's umbrella was trickling most useless to herself and others, owing t most useless to herself and others, owing a nervous prostration, sleoplessness, weakness, ac., ac. lo-day there is quite a change. The young person is much botter, stronger, and less nervous. She will continue to use your nedicine. I thruk it is very good.

REV. P. SAKVIE. over everybody else, two old friends met at the post office. "Raining, isn't it?" inquired Mr.

"What say?" asked Thompson, who was hard of henring. "I say it's raining.

"I don't quite eatch what you say." said Thompson, putting his hand to his

"I say," roared Johnson, with full force, "it's raining-rainy day!" Thompson's face colored with suppressed rage as he passed on. Then, turning suddenly, he looked at his friend and shouted:

"Johnson, step into this doorway a mo-As the two men stood there gestienlating wildly. I heard this dialogue. only interrupted by min drops and

gleams of lightning: "Mr. Johnson," said Mr. Thompson, earnestly, 'you have known me for many years?"

"I'm generally rated a pretty shrewd business man, ain't 1?"

"Yes; you are rated high." "Well, you see the rain running of this umbrella, don't you?"

"Of course." "Your own feet are wet?"

"Now, I don't earry this umbrella to keep the sun off, do I?" "I carry it to keep off the rain, don't

"Of course" "Well, then, it rains. You know it rains. Everybody knows it rains. People are not ufiots. Now, what infernal design have you got in pushing aside

my umbrella and saying: 'Raining, isn't "But- But-" "Now, that's all. You just let it rain. She knows her business. You just at tend to your own affairs and let the weather alone. If you don't know enough to know when it's raining, don't ask me. Good day, sir!"
And then Mr. Thompson shook the rain off his umbrella, stepped into his bank and commenced cutting off his

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THE earth is gradually growing larger from the fall of meteoric matter. An astronomer estimates that the globe is annually pelted with 146,000,000 projectiles.

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Since the ice age there is evidence in the fossil faunas and floras of marine deposits and peat bogs that northwestern Europe has experienced for some time a climate considerably warmer than that of the present day.

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A Creature That Is a Combination of Animal and Vegetable. One of the officers of the steamer Mariposa recently had a sort of missing link on exhibition, says the San Fran-

cisco Examiner. It is a combination of animal and vegetable life called bulrush caterpillar in New Zealand, in which country "it" (or they) is (or are) The caterpillar part of the specimen

A MISSING LINK.

is just an ordinary, everyday caterpil-lar, of the kind scientists call the sphooria robertsia. The bulrush part of it grows out of the back of the worm's head, and but for the fact that it has a fork in it, it if you have discomfort and suffercould pose as a miniature American bul-

ing, take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant rush of the kind commonly known as Pellets, or Anti-Bilious Granules. cattails. It is about eight inches high, and has They're made to assist Nature in 'whiskers" at the top just as a cattail her own way-quietly, but thor-

oughly. What the old-fashioned The caterpillar is only three inches pill did foreibly, these do mildly and gently. They do more, too. He was quite dead, of course, and Their effects are lasting; they eareful dissection showed that the root regulate the system, as well as of the bulrush had eaten out every parcleanse and renovate it. One little ticle of the worm's interior, so that the Pellet's a gentle laxative; three to hairy hide simply formed a shell to cover the root. four act as a cathartic. They're

The plant is scientifically known as the smallest, cheapest, the easiest to take. Unequaled as a Liver metrosideres robusta. It grows in New Zealand in more profusion than this particular variety of caterpillar does. While the bulrushes are frequently found without the caterpillar, it is selof the stomach and bowels, are | dom that the caterpillar is found without some bulrush is using him for a vegetating pot, and the extra size of the shes that spring from the caterpillar betoken that there is a natural affinity for flesh on the part of the plant. give satisfaction, or your money is

Those who have investigated the subject of the strange combination state You only pay for the good you that the caterpillar burrows in vegetable soil prior to its metamorphosis, and its burrowing gets some of the minute seeds of the bulrush lodged in the scales of the neck. Nourished by the warmth, moisture and richness of the nsect's body, the seeds strike root into the unfortunate caterpillar's brain. The change into chrysalis is at once stopped, and after a few days the caterpillar dies, whereupon the bulrush proceeds to convert the entire animal sub-

stance into plant life. The hide undergoes this change also, but does not lose its form, and many specimens possess the horns, legs and claws intact, but for the transformation of substance from animal to vegetable.

The bulrush pursues its way uninterrupted until every part of the enter-pillar is transformed, when it, too, dies, and the bunch of seeds at the top blow away to chase other worm victims. The native New Zealander is very fond of the combination when it is fresh for food, and when evolution is complete for coloring matter to be used in their tattooing.

A LION AS A PILLOW. dow a Tamer Avoided the Service of a

Jury Summons. An amusing sketch of two lion whelps which were adopted as pets during the writer's residence in South Africa is given by a contributor to Forest and Stream. The lioness appeared to amuse herself by playing pranks on human strangers of her own sex, lying in ambush for them under the dining table. Fearing that something serious night occur if I allowed my pets their iberty any longer, I had a large cage onstructed, and for the first week or two was obliged to spend much time in t with them. The lioness fretted a great deal, and the only way I had of quieting her was to go in and lie down, asing the lion as a pillow, while she stretched herself beside me with her

One day the sheriff informed me that he had a summons in his office for me to serve as a juryman. I begged off, out he was inexorable. A few days afterward he rode up to my gate, and I called my servant to open it for him while I hurried to the lion's cage.

Presently I heard him calling me, and on my answering he gradually found his way to the den, in which I was seated on the lion's recumbent body, while the lioness sat behind me with her chin resting on my shoulder. As soon as he saw me he sprang back and cried:

"Come out of there!" "Hand that summons in here and I will do so." "Do you want my arm torn off?" "No, but I want you to make a legal

service of that paper by handing it to "I shall not take any such risk, but I will tear up the paper if you will only come out and save me from seeing you orn into pieces."

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B. J. LYNCH, AN EYE FOR BEAUTY. UNDERTAKER

Sick Men Like to Have Good-Looking If ever a man likes to have a pretty roman near him it is when he is sick. When a young man decided to go to a FURNITURE ospital, says the Detroit Free Press, is greatest inducement was the hope f having one of the young and beauiful nurses he had read about in books ninister to him. He imagined a sweet reature, tender and belpful, bending LOUNGES, BEDSTEADS, ver him, her charms enhanced by a bewitching cap and apron. When the doctor called the following day he found his patient restless Mattresses, &c.,

and disturbed. The hospital seemed to have no charms for him. "Homesick, eh?" asked the doctor as felt his pulse. "Oh, no."

"What is the trouble, then?"

"Doctor," said the young man faintly, it's the nurse." "Oh, I see. Too rigorous. But you know that is for your own good." "It isn't that. I expected she would be young and beautiful, but she's old nough to be my grandmother, and as mely as a hedge fence."

"All the better," said the doctor.
"You won't fall in love with her." But the homely nurse scored a suc-As the weeks rolled on she waited upon the patient so kindly and her service was so faithful that he outgrew the desire for the pretty face. Another proof of the proverb: "Handsome is that handsome does."

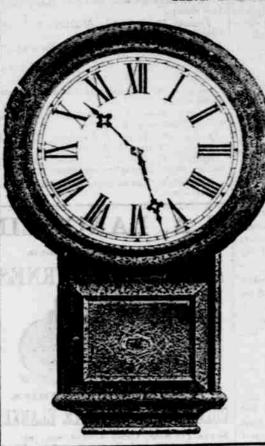
The Phosphorescence of Diamonds In a recent article on "Precious Stones" a most beautiful experiment in the absorption of light by diamonds which was carried out in Paris during the exposition was referred to. On this occasion a collection of one hundred and fifty diamonds was placed in a dark room. In a side of the room was inserted a lens, outside of which an are lamp was hung. The lens, which was employed to concentrate the light, was covered with violet-colored glass so that only ultra-violet rays fell on the gems, of which but three of the entire number proved to be phosphorescent. All the others assumed a beautiful violet tint. The two stones whose phosphorescence was most marked were perfectly transparent white stones, one having a bluish tinge. The phosphorescence exhibited by these stones is described as extremely beautiful and remained visible with gradually diminishing intensity for fifteen minutes after a metallic cap was put over the lens.

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if to calculate the leap. "My observations on this subject have inclined me to think that matters of concerted action with starfish have not infrequently to be effected by first obtaining the assent of an individual ray that is willing. It is known that these creatures sometimes divide themselves voluntarily into a three-armed and a two-armed portion, which may be regarded as the violent dissolution of business and domestic relations once happy, but grown inharmonious. A starfish will often east off one of its arms and leave it behind, perhaps because the member is not found agreeable to live with. If a rubber band or string is fastened around an arm of one of these animals and it cannot push the annovance off with its other arms the starfish will throw the troublesome arm away, not desiring to retain the companionship of such a cripple. Starfish are like human beings in many ways. Then the animal which has thus deprived itself of a ray grows a new one in place of the old. "As for the arm that is dropped it

promptly proceeds to grow four new itself. Being the biggest it is presumably for a long time the boss of the five, which must be gratifying. A few years ago people who caught starfish in in the oyster beds destroyed them, as they thought, by cutting them in halves and throwing them overboard, but the process was not very effective, inasmuch as everyone thus treated promptly becomes two."

ON MOUNT SINAL

Magnificent Library in the Monastery a "Rus Saffet." During the last two days of the jour-

ney the Sinai group is reached, and its significance begins with the Christian era that gave birth to the first monk. This mountain group vies in grandeur with the Serbal, and its highest point, Mount Cathrine, overtops the other by a stretch of over sixteen hundred feet. Steep passes and hazardous mountain ways lead to the broad plain of Raha, and from here the view opens upon a powerful mountain panorama. The English biblists regard the barren cone of rocks, "Ras Saffaf," as the indisputable mound of divine legislation. At the foot of Mount Moses, or Mount Sinai, lies the monastery of Sinal, which is visited by nearly every tourist to Egypt, writes a correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. It looks much more like a fortified stronghold than a peaceful cloister retreat. Only the cypress garden belonging to the institution is situated outside of the inclosing walls. According to tradition it was Emperor Justinian who founded this monastery in the year 530 in order to give shelter

to the inmates against the frequent invasions of the murderous Saracens. The monastery chapel contains a magnificent library, and a precious collection of old manuscripts on parchment and paper. One of its chief treasures is the famous Bible from the time of Emperor Theodosus III. (middle of the eighth century). The text is written in gold on single sheets of parchment, and the title pages are marvels of miniature painting, representing Christ, the Virgin Mary and five of the apostles. No visitor should fail to view this precious document of the Christian faith

at that time. There are about twenty-five monks at Mount Sinai, and they regard their more or less protracted stay within its walls as a sort of exile. Communication between them and the motherhouse at Cairo is carried on through the Bedouin brethren, who always go the way of Tor to reach Cairo. The former s now a little scaport town on the Red sea, hedged in by magnificent coral reefs, through which a narrow strait leads out into the open sea. Mail and transportation facilities at this point are in the hands of an old priest of the Greek church, and whatever small traffic there is between the Asiatic and African coast is looked after by him.

SOME MEAN PEOPLE. A FAIRTON (N. J.) man locked his wife in the hencoop because she had not

gathered enough eggs to satisfy his appetite for dinner. A NEW YORK magistrate sentenced a girl of fourteen to ten days of hard labor and three months in the reformatory for stealing a magazine worth twenty cents.

A MAN in Bloomington, Ill., recently gave \$30,000 to his children, intending to spend his declining days with them. They accepted the money and then had him put in the poor house. Accessing to a local paper there are

actually some people in Rome, N. Y., so selfish that the only way they patronize a public benefactor like the street railway is by walking between the tracks when the sidewalks are icy. THE meanest man to date has just been sent to the Joliet penitentiary from Chicago. His name is Charles Perkins and his crime is grand larceny for the theft of his dead brother's clothing, including a pin and cuff buttons, which he took from the corpse.

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grandchildren of the beroine About the dute I have given a Ser man named Labiliaw, belowing of the great American for traded extensively with the no ern Indian tribes. On one of hi ditions his headquarters were for eral weeks among the Song. that time a few men of the bill some fancied injury, or livens of some netual disagreement h mortally offended with him, and mined to take his life. One my skillful archer, was to steal app tepec, and, while Laidlaw was

A MODERN POCAHOND

How an Indian Maiden Save

She Was Pierced by an Arrow In

for Mim but Recovered and h

The recent troubles between the

have recall to the memore

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athetic incident which occur

came His Wife-The Sug-

rows of Her Old Age

White Man's Life.

with his accounts, send in arrow his heart. An Indian maiden overheard the discussing their diabolical tcher determined to save the Scott ife. She crept quietly to the r but just as she reached it, and h be could warn him, she saw the ! t the opening of the tent with he coady drawn. Quick as thought she threw her

before Luidlaw's breast, and their went through one of her arms. Indian fled, leaving the suffering gr her fate. Laidlaw, surprised shocked by the auddenness and hor the affair, knew not what to do, b girl's fortitude and presence of min not forsake her. She told him to assist her in remthe arrow, which he did by curr stem in two and gently pulling ; They then sought her purents applied their cruste remedies to

After the maiden's recovery Laide n gratitude for her heroism, may er, and brought her to thy on Mo., where he died after about tue three years. Mr. Laidlaw built an elegant ha

with spacious and levely ground kept a retinue of servanta. Hi was visited by sightseers and a with guests. He had, I eight children, whom he sent a best neademies for education laughters were fine booking the showing in a marked degree the dian blood. The mother told men only the two sons had pretty blue like their father.

The mansion was provided alms ly with comforts and luxuries. full Mrs. Laidlaw seemed to pr solitude and simple food and coties. For many years of her widows !! she lived with one of her daughten kind neighbor of mine. I often via her, and she talked of her husband parents and her tribe with my eeling that I was often moved to She told me that after she had married sixteen years a Slour passing through Missouri hand of and came to see her, but she could talk to blen, for she had formitten

native language. She said it broke her heart. To was so much she wanted to ask about her people, whom the still i o dearly, and so many messages would have liked to send to old fri and kindred.

In her last days, even when putily blind, she wandered every day th the woods, defected and alone, I she had kind friends and affect shildren she seemed to shun com ship, and her stately figure, but ill bent with age, coming slowly from the woods, was a sight touching in the #

treme. WITNESSES OF THE PAST. Many Statues of Bonaparte Ereds

One eannot fail to be struck by fact that the influence, I might sny the presence, of the Bompa ily is everywhere apparent "Green Island," says a writer New York Sun. At Ajmeet market place the woman curl the statue of the first cons other square he towers amid his ers in the garb of a Roman et Behind the citadel in the cal they show the basin that held the for his baptism, and in the old the hard sofa on which he was and the trap door leading to the terranean passage by which b to the harbor one night when 2

of his family are. Their portral in the museums, their works libraries. His mother is but Bonaparte chapel with the si taph, Mater Regum. His fathe erect at the Hotel de Ville in a gold-laced cost. There also are his brother

covered that he was tracked h

Where he himself is not the

in a royal mantle, Louis in a f form, Jerome on a ship lac structly dreaming under a tre tragical antithesis the bast of of Rome faces the mask of dead, and the contrast between silent witnesses of a distant painfully accented by the bus ful hum of the bright adjoining

oughfare. STRANGE WEDDING PRESENTS Anything from a Lizard to as Es Serves in Summira-Among Kubus of Sumaira

ities have but slight of ment among so untity. people. Their lives are by progress; they seem their ways exactly as the and foremothers have t Very simple indeed ceremony. A Kubu tled in his own mind views the parents of t tioning what he can offlate bargains with the have been gratifying, h hand a knife, a spear, of gay cloth-possibly acted as guide or bu travelers. There may a and beeswax, rare fruits and animals for food (a daim nimble lizard), all the eyes of the father er. Should this queet be satisfactorily large called together, who due formality under a t of the maiden then po

and expresses his pleasure

Guest-My room pleases much. What a host of pleas tections this view of the m brings to mind! Proprietor (to clerk)-Make A that! Room 27, host of pleasa

Fliegende Blactter.

passion is most prosas It would seem that delicate

his consent to the beir presents received from the you At a Tourists' Botel.

lections brought to mind; five a