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EGGS - Streetly fresh Pennsylvania and ono cases, 125g/cl5c; goose crgs, 60/c65c; duck, POULTRY-Large live chickens, 50000c per The per pair, as to size; dressed chickens, its lüc per pound, turkeys, 14015c per pound un.ks, lawled: live turkeys, lowlle per pound

live geese, 90eg\$1.00 per pair. East Liberty, Pa. April 9. CATTLE-Receipts very light, demand steady and market strong at last week's price Prime, \$5.7546.25; good, \$5.2545.75; good butchers, \$4.7505.25; rough fat, \$2.7504.00; buils, stags and cows, \$2.0065.00, fresh cows and springers, \$15,00 a.Scion. HOGS-Receipts very light, demand is

steady and market steady at a shade stronger prices than last week. Philadelphins \$5.50.05.60; best mixed, \$5.450.50; best Yorkers, \$5.50.05.40; fair Yorkers and page, \$5 2005.25; roughs, \$1 5005.00. SHEEP-Re-ciptelight and demand steady; market opening slow on sheep and lambs at unchanged prices. Export wethers, \$5.193 5.25, extra. \$4.5054.70; good, \$4.5054.60; fair, \$10064.70; common, \$1.5052.00; best lambs, \$ 6905.50; good lambs, \$4.8065.30; common to tarr lambs, \$2.3064.30; veal colves, \$4.5005.30; heavy and thin culves, \$200,63.00; cirpped

CINCINNATE APRIL 9 HOGS-Market active and strong at \$4,500 \$.55 receipts, 1,500 head; shipments, 1,700 CATTLE-Market easy at \$27585.65; re-respits 300 head; shipments 300 head SHEEP AND LAMBS Sheep, market steady at 5.3084-30 recepts, 400 head; shipments, 50 head. Lambs, market in fair demand at

\$3.00 45.75 NEW YORK, April 9. WHEAT-Spot market doll and slightly red, stere and elevator wege; affoat, 619c; f. o. b., 624c; No. 1 hard, 68c. CORN-Spot market dull and heavy. Steamer mixed, 569,50° gc; No 3 yellow, 50° gc. OATS—Spot market weaker: No 2, 32° gc, 50°; No 2 delivered, 53° gc, 54°; No 3, 32° gc; No 3 white, 1994 31754c; No. 3 white, 355c; track CATTLE-European cables quote American steers at 12015c per pound, dressed-weigi. ; refrigerator beef at 194 #10% per pound. SHEEP AND LAMBS - Market perfectly flat.

HCGS-Market steady at \$5.3035.60 Diptheria Causes a Business Failure. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., April 10.-Miss Emily Nelson, proprietor of Golden Hill seminary, a fashionable school for young ladies, has gone into insolvency. Her liabilities are \$25,000, with uncon-

ble real estate, valued at about that amount, as assets. Last fall diptheria broke out in the school, and all the pupils left. Since then her business has been very poor.

Married to a Chinaman. KANSAS CITY, April 10.-Miss May Sharp, a teacher in the First Cumber-Presbyterian Church Sundayschool, which is attended by several Chinese, has been married to Charlie Ying, one of the Chinese pupils of the Sundayschool.

New River Raging. HINTON, W. Va., April 10. - New River is on the rampage. Two men drowned at Ronceverta while catching logs.

J. S. Coxey, the populist leader, has roroved from Massillon, O., to Philis delphia. The change of home, Mr Coxy says, is made in the interest of his tamily from an educational point of

Joux M. Thurston, Mr. Manderson's successor as senator from Nebraska, is a untive of Vermont and forty-seven years of age, and has never bold polar ctil obice. He has been one of the legal vicers of the Union Pacific railres to 0.559, and general solicitor for the

Mas. Ben Harden Helm, a sister of he wife of Abraham Lincoln, has been positific ress at Elizabethtown, Ky. occ tests. Her term expired January and notwithstanding the department is officially advised that the administra tion of her office is A1, an effort is make

ing to retire her. SIR CHARLES ALGERNON COOTE, Bart. of Donnybrook, the last male descend ant of the carl of Bellamont, who was governor of New York in King Willinu's time, is pilloried in Trath as a professional writer of begging letters. His pront-grandfather was made a baronot because he was the illegitimate con

of the last early PRINCIPAL LOOKER T. WASHINGTON of the Colored Normal institute at Tulargere. Ala., who is appealing for mone, for that institution, is one of the beknown colored men in the south, and i esteemed by all who know him. His work for the colored race has received the huancial and moral indersement of a large number of northern people.

DOINGS IN EUROPE.

Tuant between France and Algeria. which in 1830 amounted to 12,000,000 frames and in 1850 to \$4,000,000, lead risen to 148,000,000 francs in 1893. Some of the London papers are get-

ting ready to publish an early edition which may reach all important place in the provinces in time for breakfast. This duke of Argyle is engaged to be married again, according to the Realm of which Lady Colin Campbell is editor. this time to a canon's daughter. His late wife was the daughter of a bishop, In a murder trial at Dusselderf lately the jury, after being locked ep, made it way out through a window and wen' a beer saloon, where it agreed on a ver dict. The result is an appeal for a new

At the 100th performance of Wagner's "Meistersinger" at the Berlin opera house, which occurred recently Herr Betz, the Hans Sachs, was the only member left of the cast of the opera when it was given for the first time in 1870.

CURIOUS FACTS.

The fly eater of Cuba can nest in a working thimble. In Corinth, about the time of Christ,

wenty firs brought two cents. Pastage stamps are gummed by a starch paste made from potatoes. Brans fly by developing about three times as much horse power per pound

of weight as man. Ar the Bombay Zoological gardens the skin of a sea serpent sixty-four feet in length is on exhibition. The white house corner stone was

laid in 1792, and the building was first occupied by John Adams. A PATAL full from a great height is said to be painless, as unconsciousness precedes the crash of concussion.

DEEPDALE'S OPERATOR.

How Guy Hazleton Found a Long-Lost Fiancee.

It was difficult for society to acknowledge that Guy Hazleton was a man whose mental caliber was far above the average and did ample justice to the educational advantages that had been lavished upon him.

quite sufficient for society to receive him with cordial welcome, and when smiled approvingly. the belle of her circle, and being the

princes the engagement when announced caused quite a flutter. Mrs. Hazleton, Guy's mother, was the first to call upon the fair fiancee after her son's offer had been accepted. She found Irene, her hands

Then followed long, close caresses,

"So I am to have a daughter?" the old lady said, lovingly.

leans next week, and will not return until May. He thinks it will take him three months, at least, to settle his affairs there; and he will be ready for Europe again. I shall be getting your nouse ready, Irene, and you must aid

"He has been home now, how long?" married an ugly girl. He worships beauty. I think there is something in his sensitive nature that positively recoils from defect.

his journey to New Orleans, with the pressed forward during his absence. future content not one foreshad owing cloud warned her of the storms that were to break upon her life.

preparation. When they reached home, a gentleman to see Mrs. Hazlestairs to remove her hat and closic while her hostess went to the drawingroom. Her visitor proved to be the confidential clerk of Mr. Curtis, with an appalling story. Irene's father had

a speculation in which his entire fortune was involved, and had committed suicide. In the hours of grief Irene learned more fully the value of a friend who loved her as a daughter. She was not allowed to return home: the funeral, the sale of her father's house and property, the weary details of business were all taken out of her

her grief in seclusion. she took at once to Mrs. Hazleton. It

luxurious home. but I have a home to offer you. You will miss the luxuries of your father's house, but I will give you consort.

"Am I very poor?" the young girl

"Are you not Guy's promised wife?" said the old lady, reproachfully. "Your home is here, Irene, until you leave it as Guy's wife. Write to your uncle, my child, and tell him your mother claims you until your promised husband re-

But the letter was never written. It Irene was roused from sleep by cries of pain from Mrs. Hazleton's room. She ran at once to meet a sight of horror. Her old friend had fallen asleep had fallen upon the hearth, caught fire from a coal and communicated the flame to her dressing gown. When

Irene reached her she was in a blaze. by Irene's strong arms, while she cried aloud for heip. The flames were sub-

and Guy was not summoned home. would bring her son home.

"Now, Irene, dress yourself. See, it much longer."

A FLAT A AILURE. will not let her see, Guy, that you feel any alteration in her face. It was to save your mother's life that she gave

gone, only a hideous mask. My poverty your

heart everlooked, but your mother said to me

on that happy day when I knew you loved me

replace that of

away in a hired hack.

father's guests.

from his seclusion.

to the office with me."

metropolis:

the name-Hugh Conway.

Juy could never have married an ugly girl He worsh ips beauty.' May some happier

The servants were summoned and

Mrs. Hazleton thought at once of the

uncle's letter, but she had taken no

note of the address, but remembered

"It is some comfort to know there is

"But she is mine. I have been a fool-

ish fop, with my absurd talk about my

sensitive nature recoiling from per-

sonal deformity. I will find her, I

One year passed, and in the little

town of Deepdale, and the country

seat of Col. White, a gay party had as-

sembled to pass the summer. Clara

White, a sparkling brunette, was the

acknowledged belle of the gay circle;

and rumor coupled her name with

that of Guy Hazleton, one of her

Those who knew Guy Hazleton be-

fore Irene Curtis fled from his moth-

er's house would scarcely recognize

him now. He had become an earnest,

thinking man, something of a poli-

tician, and had resumed the study of

law, meaning to adopt it as a profes-

sion. It was not an easy matter to

coax him from his mother and his

office to visit at Deepdale, but he had

consented to spend a month there, and

the gossips had decided Clara's black

eyes to be the magnets that drew him

"Will you ride to the village with

me?" said Clara, as she rose from

breakfast one morning. "I have to

am at your service," said Guy

buy some trifles, and want an escort."

readily. "This is my holiday. But I

want to send a dispatch, if you will go

The shopping over, the dispatch

came next in order, and the young

people entered the little office where

the wires connected Deepdale and the

"How soon can I have an answer

from New York?" asked Guy, as he

handed a slip of paper to the lady who

answered his tap at the office window.

Clara shuddered as she saw the face

"In about an hour," was the answer.

The window was closed, and Guy,

In the little office the telegraph op-

erator sat down, faint and white.

looking at the dispatch, which was

directed to Mrs. Hazleton, and worded.

"Went to Auburn yesterday. Hugh Conway

Auburn! The village where she had

sought and found a home with her

uncle, learned his business and left

upon his death. How had Gny traced

her there, and why had he done so?

The message was sent and silence

From the outer room came murmur

"I have had no chance to speak to

you since you came from Auburn,

"None! and a whole year has passed

"And you love her in spite of that

"Does it not make her a thousand

"I wonder if Charley would love me

"If he would not his love is not true.

Did I love only Irene's beauty my love

would now be dead. But were she

hideous beyond description my heart

will be hers till death stills its throb-

While he yet spoke a gentle hand

was placed upon his shoulder and he

looked up. A tall, black clad figure

stood beside him; a pale, agitated

"Has my answer come already?" he

"You see how fearfully I am altered,

In an instant his arms were around

"How you have suffered, my dar-

The carriage took two ladies back to

ling. Your heart is unaltered, Irene?"

Col. White's. The telegraph office had

a new operator, and Guy Hazleton had

a three-mile walk home. Did he know

how he walk 1? Did he think of time

Col. White claimed Irene as Clara's

guest until Mrs. Hazleton could be

summoned to a double wedding, when

a young Bostonian claimed Clara's

hand, and Guy Hazieton married the

The Dog That Went to the Poorhouse.

prove that a dog learns to understand

the language of his country was re-

lated by one willing to voneh for its

truth. A dog had come to be very old

in a family in a country village. One

of the family remarked on a certain

day, as the dog lay in the room: "I

think Sancho ought to be put out of

the way. He is only a nuisance now.

That afternoon Sancho disappeared,

and as the days passed did not return.

In the course of a week a neighbor

said: "I see that your dog is up at the

poorhouse." On inquiry, it was learned

that Sancho, having called at the poor-

house and been kindly received, had

continued on as a guest. And ever

after although he sometimes made a

brief call at his own home, he lived at

the town farm, and there peacefully

a French cook at our boarding house

now." Dumpling-"Notice any differ-

ence?" Starvling-"Yes; the hash is

-A Change.-Starvling-"We've got

An incident which would seem to

only love his heart had ever known-

Irene - N. Y. News.

ended his dog's life.

served up as soup."-Puck.

since you do not even recognize me,

as well if I were to be distigured," said

of voices, and Irene heard Clara say:

is dead. No trace of I-. Have you any

placing a chair for Clara, resigned him-

of the operator, and even Guy's heart

thrilled at the painful spectacle.

"Can we wait here?"

self to an hour of waiting.

reigned in the little office.

Cousin Guy. No success?"

since Irene fled from me."

"Certainly."

news? Answer.

alteration?

times dearer?"

face looked into his.

A gentle voice answered:

a home open to her," he said, sadly.

could only say that Miss Curtis drove

her own beauty.'

"A note for you, sir. I was to hand it to you as soon as you arrived." said a servant. "From Irene," said he, wonderingly, as he tore it open. "Mother! Read "DEAR GUY." the note said, "you are coming now to take my place, and I can leave your He was a handsome man and heir to mother to your care. The Irene you loved is

Irene Curtis accepted his hand society Miss Curtis was acknowledged to be only child of ohe of our merchant

the Hazleton property - two facts

idle, her large eyes looking far into

the future One word roused the young girl. "Darling."

that told how warmly these women loved each other.

"And I a mother. I see so little of father that he is more like a friend than a near relation.

"You know Guy goes to New Orme in trying to keep Guy at home."

"Not quite a year," said the old lady, abruptly; "do you know how lovely you are? I know they could never have

There were other calls of congratulation, and a week passed swiftly over Irene's head before Guy started upon understanding that the preparations Irene found herself so busy and so happy that over her day dreams of

She had been spending a day with Mrs. Hazleton, and together they had visited stores and selected dainty goods for the beautiful trousseau in active ton was announced to be waiting her return, and Irene ran lightly up the heard that day of the utter failure of

hands, and she was allowed to nurse

Just one week after her father's death Irone received a letter, which was from a relative of whom she heard for the first time, a brother of her mother's. He wrote to her, informing her that her mother had been a poor factory girl at the time of her marriage, and that her family had never intruded themselves into her

"I am a poor man," he wrote, "earning my living as a telepragh operator, Come to me now, or at any time when

asked realizing for the first time that her father's death involved also a loss of property.

was long past midnight on the night following this conversation when over the fire and slept until her book

One moment of hesitation increased the frightful peril. In an instant the little figure was wrapped in thick blankets from the bed, pressed closely dued, a physician summoned, and the sufferer's injuries dressed before Irene thought of herself. Not then, not until days later, did she fully realize that she had saved a life and lost her beauty. The burns were not severe, but one side of her lovely face was drawn out of shape. Mrs. Hazleton's injuries were serious but not mortal,

May had arrived, with its balmy air and fresh foliage, and Mrs. Hazieton was able to sit up the greater part of the day. She knew well that much of her rapid recovery was due to Irene's careful nursing. Now Guy was coming, and the tender nurse would have her reward. The noon train

is almost eleven o'clock, and Guy will be here by twelve. Put on your white collar and cuifs, dear, to relieve this heavy black. You will not wear it frene made no reply. She knelt

do wn beside her friend and embraced her lovingly and then left her. At length the welcome sound of carriage wheels greeted the mother's ear, and a moment later she was clasped in her son's arms. Even then his eyes wandered around the room. "Irene, mother!"

"She went to change her dress. You

The Matrimonial Mishap of a Sioux Warrior.

He Weds a Modern Maiden and Then Pines for Oblivion His Fin de Siecle Bride Would Not Chop Wood Nor

A tragedy occurred near the mouth of Willow creek, S. D., recently which for humor and touching pathos has yet to be equaled in the history of this section of country. Paul Medicine Body, a Sioux warrior, becoming tired of life and disgusted with the perfidy of the weaker sex, attempted suicide at the end of a rope, and his aged father brought the instrument of destruction to Fort Pierre, appealing to the coroner to go out and "sit" upon the body of his son, who, he averred, was "much heap dead—gulp a heap." As there was not sufficient evidence that the man

was dead, however, the coroner declined

On October 20 last, says a recent dis-

patch, Paul Medicine Body and Martha

Head wended their way happily over the hills and down through the canyons of Bad river to Fort Pierre. They were to be married, and all the pent-up joy of sizzling love could be seen spreading itself over their swarthy features as they realized that the fruition of their hopes and desires was soon to be consummated. No more of the aimless life of a bachelor for Medicine Body. No more rude awakenings from long and blissful dreams of hunting grounds of fabulous wealth, to the dull, prosaic necessity of building a fire and cooking breakfast. The cobwebs which had accumulated in the apex of his tepee would no longer impede the blue smolo from his wigwam fire as it curled heavenward to be lost in the clear atmosphere of his beloved Dakota land. He believed that "as the cord unto the bow is, so is woman unto man." Thus sang the joyous Medicine Body, and as he fondly conjured up scenes of his dutiful wife patiently cutting the pile of wood he thought what a noble being was woman! In adversity how comforting, and in prosperity how lovable Medicine Body was given much to day dreaming on that eventful October morning, and the more he dreamed th faster grew his pace toward the clerk of the court's office. Johnston Jeff ries, who was then clerk of the courts, happened to be in a barber shop getting his whiskers trimmed, and it was there that Medicine Body found him. He applied for a license to wed the coy maiden, and Mr. Jeffries, who always carried one or more of those necessary documents about him, forthwith produced one. Medicine Body. being of a thrifty and economical turn. then made overtures to the clerk of the courts, who was also a justice of the peace, to marry them on the spot in consideration of a cord of dry ash wood. The bargain was struck, and there, while the barber occasionally nicked his customers as he told a funny story. the solemn rites of holy matrimony were performed from the standpoint of

a frontier justice of the peace. Medicine Body and his wife, with thumping hearts and minds full of anticipations of joys to come, bestrode their ponies and set their faces toward the setting sun. Back over the hills and through the canyons they went to the ancestral tepee, where they expected to live a long life of unalloved happiness together. But Medicine Body was doomed to be disillusioned. Marth. would not cut the wood nor yet brush the cobwebs from his tepee, nor do many other things, small in themselves, but which in the aggregate go to make up the qualities of a dutiful, loving help meet, while her liege lord, the descend ant of a long line of noted warriors, sat and smoked his pipe in peace. So he became morose, sullen, and would no longer masticate the more or less savory dishes which Martha prepared for him, until at last life became an intolerable burden to him and he took his trusty lariat and went hunting for a tree. No tree being in sight, he took the next best thing, a rafter in a barn, and sought a happy hunting ground where women's rights had not entered its enlightening wedge and he could follow the traditions of his race without molestation. His friends, however, discovered him in time to save his life. One more argument on the side of those who claim that marriage is a failure. THE OCEAN WAVE.

NATURALISTS are still in doubt as to whether the sponge is a plant or an ani-The saline matter held in solution in

sea water comprises one-thirtieth of its weight. THERE are springs of fresh water in the Persian gulf that furnish supplies

The sea-nettle stings its prey to death by means of a poison secreted in its tentacles. For a long time the coral was supposed to be a plant. Even Reaumur

treats it as such. The water of the Dead sea yields about two pounds to the gallon of saline substances.

THE water of the Mediterranean contains a greater proportion of salt than that of the ocean. The average depth of all oceans is

supposed to be between two and three thousand fathoms. WHEN the gulf stream passes out of the gulf of Mexico its temperature is about seventy degrees.

Over seven thousand varieties of

microscopic seashells have been enumerated by naturalists. No PART of the Atlantic ocean between Europe and Newfoundland exceeds twenty-four hundred fathoms.

In a cubic foot of phosphorescent sea water there have been found twentyfive thousand living creature

Made the Sallors Swear.

Several hundred cases of genuine sauerkraut broke loose in the hold of the British steamship Westhall while bound from Hamburg to Philadelphia, and the contents ran out among the cargo, producing a smell that pervaded everything, and was almost intolera-The English sailors, says the Philadelphia Record, swore like pirates over this new affliction forced upon them, but there was no relief until the steamship reached this port. The responsibility for the loss has been settled by putting it on the shippers, because of not having placed the sanerkraut in strong cases.

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NOT TROUBLED BY NOISE. Literary People Who Could Work in the Midst of Turmoil.

All that concerns the men and women who give distinction to their day is of interest to those who admire, criticise and perhaps envy their achievements, says Chambers' Journal. A special and legitimate curiosity is felt in reference to the conditions under which success ls won. Glimpses are occasionally given into the methods of eminent

toilers, and a wonderful variety is revealed. It is at least plain that no guidebook to great performances—the anxions author can have his choice of several will determine the point where exactly the best results are to be obtained. One man's help is another's hindrance. Many famous writers, for instance, have only been able to perfect their thoughts in silence and secusion. But there have also been those who could work in the midst of babel and defy distraction. Jane Austen, whose unpretentious canvases are full of some of the most life-like portraits in fiction, was never in the habit of seeking solitude to compose. She wrote sitting in the family circle, and under perpetual risk of interruption. It was the same with a successful lady

novelist happily still living. Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote her best-known story on a plain pine table, by the aid of an evening lamp, in a tiny wooden house in Maine About her were gathered children of various ages, conning their lessons or at play, and never guessing what a treasure mine of excitement was coming into existence for other young people in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." A large part of the "Roman History" of Dr. Arnold was composed under similar circumstances. Dean Stanley has sketched the Rugby student, where Arnold sat at his work, "with no attempt at seclusion, conversation going on around him his children playing in the room—his frequent guests, whether friends or

former pupils, coming in or out at will." Thomas Lovell Beddoes, a poet of luxuriant fancy and true genius, though much neglected, also found a stimulus to the creative faculty of his muse in working in playful and even noisy company. Such cases recall the tory of the learned man of Padua wh assured Montaigne that he actually needed to be hemmed in by uprour be fore he could proceed to study.

BATS IN A CHURCH.

Frequent Fights with the Rats and Mice Upon Which They Prey. In the unused basement of an old church in Riverdale there is a colony of bats that rarely go out, but find their subsistence among the rats and mice they catch there, says the New York Sun. They hang during the day head

downward from the sides of the stone

foundations by the aid of the peculiar

hooks which are at the joints of their

wings and when they are not sleeping hey scurry around after food. The janitor of the church whose duties frequently cause him to go into the basement has several times witnessed battles between the bats and the large black rats which infest the place. A dozen of them will watch patiently for hours for such small prey as a mouse and when one appears they swoop down upon him and after a lively struggle amid much squealing and flapping of wings against each other they generally subdue him. After that fight is over there is another among the bats themselves to see which shall get the biggest share of the prey. If in the conflict any of the bats is wounded or otherwise incapacitated from tak-

ing care of himself the other bats set upon him and eat him, too. Last summer the church was entirely freed from them for a short time. This was brought about by the furnace tender, who left the window open till midnight and then when the bats had flown away on their nocturnal journeying he closed it. When the bats returned they flapped around the window trying to get in and finally had to seek another abode. Since that time the windows have been left open and the bats are just as much at home as

COST OF A RAINY DAY.

Toilers Lose Hundreds of Thousands in Wages and Retail Trade Suffers.

"An article the other day mentioned the losses sustained by dealers in dry oods in consequence of rainy days. said a contractor to a reporter of the New York World recently, "but the cal sufferers by the rainy day are the ay laborers and those who do business irectly with them. Rain means an idle day to every laborer and mechanic employed on outdoor work, such as exeavators, quarrymen, railroad builders, stone masons, bricklayers, carpenters, painters, furniture movers, ong-shoremen, etc. What they do not

earn they cannot spend. "There is no way for this class of read-winners to regain the day once ost. They are men who deal with their grocers, butchers and others on a rash basis. If a man works steadily all the week he is enabled to buy a certain amount of the necessaries and luxuries of life. If he works but three days he must get along with just half of what ae would otherwise have purchased. The storekeeper's business falls off just that much. It will be readily seen, then, that a rainy day in New York site means a loss of the working population of hundreds of thousands of dollars in wages, and this loss in turn falls upon retail tradesmen. A rainy season means distress and deprivation to the toilers."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE Chinese drink all their wines hot. A WHALE can remain under water for an hour and a half.

OXEN and sheep fatten better in company than when kept alone. According to Chinese law, a wife who s too talkative may be divorced.

A Boston electrician asserts that the ommon poplar tree is a natural lightning rod Some of the insurance companies of

Paris refuse to insure people who dye their hair. THERE hairs from the prophet Mohammed's beard are in the new mosque at Tripoli, Syria.

Persian ladies, when at their menls, quat on the floor, and eat with their fingers. They never use a knife or fork. Diamonds worth \$150,000,000 have been taken from the mines of Kimberly,

South Africa, since 1871, the year of their discovery.