THE OLD STORY.

[Mary F. Tucker in Chicago Herald.] Alas for the head with the crown of gold! The tempter came as he came of old.

Alas for the heart that was glad and light! Alas for the soul that was pure and white!

Censure who may-condemn who must: " It was perfect faith—it was utter-trust That asked her promise; nor pledge nor sign. He was hers—she was his by law divine.

He was lifted up; he was set apart; He filled her thought; he filled her heart; She called him great; she believed him true, As women will, as women do.

Oh, to betray such tender trust! (God will repay, and He is just)through wrong and ill she loves him still,

Giving little and taking much. Fickle and false—there are many such—Selfish and cruel!—you know the rest—He broke the heart that loved him best.

Norvin Green and Jay Gould.

[Joe Howard in Boston Herald.] A singular character is Norvin Green, president of the Western Union Telegraph company. I believe he is a native of Kentucky; at all events he came here from that part of the alleged west, bringing with him many of the typical habits of the old-time southerner. He is very tall and fine looking. His manner is deliberate. His walk exceedingly slow. I never saw him without a cigar; I never saw him with a fresh one. He generally has a tiny butt of a cigar in his mouth, and, as he strikes a match every other minute, I infer he rather enjoys the sulphurousnicotine combination. He is a liberal patron of the man behind the bar, of theatres, of game keepers and of all without one word of explanation. the numerous army of caterers to has many friends outside of business and is regarded as a sterling element in our cosmopolitan population.

10 minutes after Green had passed, the in extenuation of this conduct?" chief stockholder of the Western Union Telegraph company made his appearance, attended by a very young gentleman, and followed, as usual, by a very tall and muscular attendant. Many people have an idea that Jay Gould vears horns, a cloven foot and forked tail; but he has neither the one or the other. He is a small, dark-haired, full | heaved with passion. "I could not have dark-bearded man. hollow-chested, thinarmed and thin-legged. Ho dresses neatly, has no small vices, bears himself with extreme modesty, is a good listener, beel he strode away in the gathering although a fluent talker, and, when not twilight. excited, utterly devoid of imperiousness. He was talking very earnestly with his young friend, who, in response, said flowed fast through her clenched something which made the little man fingers, "but I could not," and she fell laugh very heartily. I was interested to note as they passed along that no one in the group of twenty or thirty of the bulls and the bete noir of the

The Sicel Pen Trade.

bears.

[New York News.] The steel pen in the many types in which it is manufactured-and there are more than 1,000 different numbers-isa signal instance of triamph of mechanical skill in combining and varying the extreme niceties of distinctions to an extent that faw other industrial arts demand. Our entire sunual trade in steel pens, demestic and imported, may be placed at \$1,500,000, and is a steadily progressive one. The larger proportion of those sold are American pens It is a matter of difficulty to ascertain the relative amounts disposed of in different sections of the country, pens being mainly distributed by large wholesale houses who make shipments from the east. The chief retailers of pens throughout the country are in the stationery, publishing, notions, dry goods,

Our own manufacturers are reticient as to their annual production, but, taking the ascertained output of Birmingham, which supplies between 15,000,000 | rushing to Guillaume, "Oh! Prince, and 16,000,000 pens per week, with that of the few manufactories of France, the one in Germany and the one in Austria, there being none in the other European states, and the leading American establishments, in Meriden, Conn., Camden, N. J., and in Philadelphia, the weekly production for this country and Europe 23,000,000 pens.

and hardware trades.

Lighting Up the Falls of the Rhine. [Cor. Baltimore American.]

After table d'hote, which ends about half-past 9 o'clock at night, every one goes on the grand terrace or piazzas of the hotel to witness the illumination of the falls. After a few signal rockets, Arkansas court for a trifling offence, and the old castle on the ledge above the among the witnesses was an old woman falls is lighted up by colored lights. who, in giving her testimony, made Then suddenly the falls are one blaze such efforts to shield the old man that of many-colored lights. All down the the judge asked: "Madam, have you cliffs, on either side, up and down the known this man very long?" sides of the great island rock, in the sir," she replied. "I have known him very centre of the falls, red, green, a very long time. When I was a young blue, and pink lights flash forth. The girl he used to visit me. In fact, judge, electric wire has touched all simultane- we were sweethearts," and she twisted ously, and the water is one boiling, her apron and looked down. "Ah, I seething, spluttering, foaming mass of see," the judge replied, "used to be each other with the delicacy of a rainbow. The people at the hotel sit in each other then?" "You are mistaken, silence, and while the illumination lasts only admire it. Then, as suddenly as and are husband and wife now." it began, the lights go out and all is deed!" the judge exclaimed, "this is a darkness. Only the roar of the waters remarkable case. Liberate the old felis heard. I have seen Niagara illumin- low, Mr. Officer." ated, but this is grandeur, for here the whole falls are ablaze.

A Touch of Nature.

(Exchange. A boy met a youthful acquaintance in the street and exclaimed: "Didn't I which to burn infected clothing. tell you, Jack Busby, that I was agoin' to whip you when I caught you out?" "Go away, Bill, I don't want to fight." "Maybe you don't think I can whip "It don't make any difference whether you can whip me or not. I don't want to fight. My mother—" "Yes, your mother knows I can whale you." "My mother's dead. She died this morning." In a moment the braggart boy was transformed into a gentle child. "I didn't know it, Jack," he said, "and you musn't think hard of number of cases of small-pox were deme. I ain't got nothin' agin you. I veloped in that part of the town over waster come up and hit you now, I'd other part of the town did the contagion knock him down. There, don't cry. What yer got in that bundle?" "A black dress." "Come on, and let me should fail it would burst "the greatest carry it for you."

Oh, Leave Me, Leave Me, and Ask Me Not Why."

[Evansville Argus.] They were lovers. He, tall and stately, with eyes which could blaze with the fire of manly courage or soften till they beamed with liquid lustre when touched by the torch of love.

figure that seemed but too frail to battle with the cares of life.

They had been walking together down a shady laue whose sides seemed a bower fit for such a queen as she, and while the wild roses made the air heavy with their intoxicating fragrance they had talked of love, love which was now their only dream of happiness.

At the rustic stile he had crossed, and holding his arms outstretched he had lifted her down, she springing like a frightened fawn, and then as he started on, she simply said, "Come, Amphri-

No answer; no hand in his; no velvet step by his side, and in wonder he turned

There she stood, close to the stile. and on her face, instead of the trusting look of love, was a look of wild terror. "What! darling, what is this? Will you not come to the one who loves you?" cried Percy, a cold chill, as of some undefined horror, surging up in his heart.

cried, sinking down and clinging still more closely to the fence. "Leave you, darling? Oh, no, I cannot. I will not. What means this sudden change? But a moment ago you loved me, and now you bid me go, and

"Oh, leave me! Leave me!" she

"Oh, Percy. I cannot explain. Oh. mental and physical enjoyment. Ho leave me, and ask me not why," and take during business hours in Wall street sobs convulsed the fair young form. "And am I thus to be driven from you; thus cast aside as the child casts By a singular coincidence, in less than aside a toy? Have you nothing to say "Nothing. Oh, leave me. At some fu-

> "No, false girl. Now or never!" and the dark eyes flashed with intense pas-

ture-

"Then go," was all she said. Percy stood but a moment with his arms folded across the broad chest that thought it of one so guiltless. Oh, woman, woman, you have much to answer for," and then turning scornfully on his

"Oh, if I could only have explained." mouned Amphridite, as the bitter tears with a dull thud, fainting to the earth. You see, she struck the ground too hard when she jumped over the stile,

standing near me recognized the terror and she split her Jersey from the armpit clear to the waist. And she didn't want Percy to see that she had on her week-day corset. MOBAL. - Always examine the seams

Bismarck's Beginning. The Post, of Berlin, says that Bismarck's wonderful political career grew rom a very triff was in August of 1851 that he was interested with the legation at Frankfort. Prince Guillaume, then crown prince of Prussia, halted there, and took him among his escort when going from Frankfort to Mavence, where a grand review was to be beld. Military etiquette is exceedingly strict in Germany. However, it was so hot in the royal car that every officer and the prince himself loosened their uniforms. On arriving at Mayence the distinguished party were to be met at the railroad station by troops under arms. The crown prince buttoned up again his uniform, but he forgot one button. Fortunately, as he was about to leave the car, Bismarck, always on the alert, saw the awful infringement of soldierly etiquette, and, he said, "what were you going to do?" and forgetting that no one is allowed to touch a royal personage, he forced the refractory button into its proper place. The prince thanked the diplomatic young man who had been so rigorous, and whose name and features were now fixed in his memory. Hence the brillcannot be less than from 22,000,000 to lant fortune of the "Iron Chancellor." Why not? Did not poor, humble Jaques Lafitte, son of a carpenter, pick up a pin in the yard of Perregaux, the rich banker, and make out of it a fortune of more than \$15,000,000?

Old Sweethearts.

[Exchange.] An old man was arraigned before an The various lights shade into sweethearts and think so much of each other now because you did not marry judge, for we did marry each other then

Danger in the Smoke.

[Cincinnati Enquirer.] The sanitary committee of the Philadelphia board of health has appropriated money for building a crematory in physician writes to a newspaper of that city that if the retort can be so constructed as to allow the clothing to be burned without the escape of any smoke from such burning the object may be attained, but if any of the smoke from the infected clothing escapes, it will carry with it the germs of infection, and will be a most effectual method of spreading contagion. He says that an old house was burned down to get rid of small-pox contagion, and that a large worldn't hit you, and if another boy which the smoke was blown. In no spread.

Inter Ocean: If the peanut crop show on earth" wide open.

WHAT BROKERS DRINK.

Financiers Who Find Forty Whiskies a Day an Easy Load.

[New York Journal.] One of our reporters has been interviewing saloon-keepers on the subject of what brokers drink. "How many drinks She, a timid, trusting girl, with the lab brokers take in a day?" replied a face of a Peri, with a lithe and graceful well-known New street saloon man. well-known New street saloon man. 'Let me see. Well, I should say they will average up fifteen apiece between 10 in the morning and 3 or half-past 3 in the afternoon."

"What do they most drink?" "Straight whisky; almost entirely; generally a little seltzer with it. A drink called 'whisky daisy' was introluced down here a few years ago, and became quite popular. Somehow it fell out of sight; but this summer it was revived and has become very popular again. It is made something like a whisky-sour, with the addition of seltzer. But plain whisky is the landiest for brokers. When they do come out for a drink they only have a minute to spare, and few care to wait to have a fancy

drink made up." "Do they drink just the same whether ousiness is good or bad?"

"Well, I think they drink more when they are not doing their best. The work and excitement, you see, is just the same in unprofitable times, sometimes more. and then there is the additional want of something to cheer the drooping spirit. Brokers are not drinkers in the sense of drunkards. You will, in fact, never see them under the influence, or very rarely. They require above all things a level head, and when they get down in the morning you will find them as clear as a whistle. I know several brokers who twenty and twenty-five drinks of whisky, and there are some who can and do drink as much as forty drinks, and are never what is commonly called 'full.' "What is the size of a broker's drink?"

was asked. "Well, that has a great deal to do with it; they take what I should call small drinks, not a finger deep-with the finger held sideways alongside the glass, mind vou.'

It is well known to all who are observers of Wall street men that it is seldom one is found under the influence of liquor. When the stock exchange loses there is a rush for home, and by half-past 3 few brokers can be found in the vicinity of Wall street. They are great home people and are much devoted to their families. They live in such a whirl that the quiet of the fireside is a great boon to them. They differ as much in their choice of brand in whisky as they do in their opinions on the workings of the market, and certain prokers go to this resort and none other because their peculiar flavor is there, and others to that for the same reason. One reason why brokers are given to the occasional stimulant is that they seldom find time to lunch, and the in a ready-made Jersey before you put | drink is made to answer.

English Opinion of the "Hub," [London Telegraph.]

puritanism; and it may be that a good deat of puritanical gall and wormwood entered into the concrete of their foundation of learning. The sages who, in the midst of a half-cleared wilderness. were so sternly resolved that their upon the study of Aristotle and Thuvdides, of Horace and Tacitus, and the Hebrew bible," used their own intellectual gifts and their own scholastic attainments in a certainly eccentric and not altogether beneficent fashion. They were very earnest and very conscientious, but the Spanish inquisition was not fuller of intolerance and of the rage for persecution than were these exiles trains. for conscience' sake. The rind of Boston culture was very harsh, but the fruit within, when it ripened-and it took a long time to ripen-proved very sweet and of a most excellent savor.

The Boston of the present day is as oyous a city as any other in the United States. Opera and drama, concerts and lectures, flourish there abandantly. Fine art is extensively and appreciatively patronized, and, as for science, an average Bostonian young lady possibly knows much more about organic remains, the old red sandstone, and vertebrates fossiled in blue lias than a dozen average English girls fresh from a finishing school. A great many more publishing firms, with their books, and magazines, and reviews, must migrate from a city full of agreeable places of meeting and refined society ere Boston ceases to be "the hub of the universe"from the Bostonian point of view.

A Thirty-Three Years' Sleep. (Chicago Times,)

In the very heart of the Adirondack wilderness is located what is known as 'the deserted village." Fifty years ago 90,000 acres of land were purchased by a man named Henderson, and other capitalists, a St. Francis Indian having disclosed to the party that the region was rich in ore. A blast furnace, a forge, a saw mill, tenement houses, a store, a school-house and a bank were erected, and hundreds of thousands of dollars expended in cutting roads and other improvements. Operations were carried on twenty years. In 1849 Henderson was accidentally shot dead, and five years later business was suddenly suspended. The ponderous waterwheel and machinery are just where they stopped thirty-three years ago. Wheelbarrows and tools lie around as though operations had been discontinued only yesterday. The village is now the headquarters of a New York sporting club, and the greater part of the year Myron Buttles, agent of the club, and his family, are the only inhabitants of this once busy spot.

Ready to swear Any Way.

[Cor. Pall Mall Gazette.] A Chinaman had to give his evidence, and was asked how he would be sworn. His reply was: "Me no cate; clack 'im saucer, kill 'im cock, blow out 'im matches, smell 'im book, all same." He was allowed to "smell im book."

French Writer: Do you complain joice that the thorns have roses,

A VANDERBILT'S CHURCH.

A House of Worship Right Underneath a Big Railroad Station. [New York Letter in Inter Ocean.]

A Moody and Sankey hymn rousingly and melodiously sung stopped me alongside of the Grand Central depot. There was a noisy banging of baggage on the sidewalk, where a wagon was being unloaded of trunks with reckless celerity; street cars were rattling past; travelers were making a train-time hubbub; but the devotional vocalism made itself heard over all opposition. A brief investigation enabled me to locate it underground. Descending by a stone stairway, between one that led down to a barber shop and another to a restaurant, I was astonished to find myself in a church, right underneath the big railroad station. It was of a size to acommodate two or three hundred persons. A platform held a lecturn and a cabinet organ. The walls were neatly frescoed in an ecclesiastical style, and an inscription said: "Live in deeds not years." The floor was carpeted and the pews were quite ornamental in wal-Altogether it was a handsome place of worship, and the congregation was correspondingly good looking, though evidently containing a wide range of financial conditions.

It was about evenly divided as to sexes. Young fellows and girls in clothes that fell a little short of prime fashionableness, or if cut just right were made of cheap material, were in a decidedly sightly predominance. In a front seat was a row of contrastingly dressed persons, though their richness of apparel was all in quite good taste. In their midst was a bearded ordinary man of nearly 40, to judge by appearnaces. recognized him as Cornelius Vanderbilt, the oldest son of William H. Vanderbilt. His presence was nothing unusual. The cellar church is his own.

Cornelius is a Presbyterian, with strong indications of devoutness. Religion is not plentiful in the Vanderbilt family, and he has nearly all there is of it. He believes that it is wicked to run trains on Sunday, but has made no progress in bringing his father to that way of thinking. Failing in his effort to Christianize travel on the Vanderbilt lines, he concluded that the next best thing to closing the Grand Central depot on the Sabbath was to open a church in it. William H. readily gave him space in the cellar, and this he fitted up in the manner described.

It was a prayer meeting that I went into. A girl of 14 kept the singing well together by her clever use of the organ, and I have seldom heard revival hymns more inspiringly rendered. Much less confident and telling were the efforts of a young minister, who made the only considerable address. He told us that he was from Kentucky, and all that was pertinent to the Vanderbilts in what he said was that Christ did not come to the rich and powerful, but to the poor and lowly.

He thanked God for that. Whether it was the boldness of such an utter-It is obvious that what Americans in | ance in a Vanderbilt's church, or modern times have learned to call, and whether merely ordinary fervor distracted his mind from temporal surture," was based on the most rigorous | roundings, it is certain that he lost sight of the platform's limits, and inadvertently stepped off the edge, nearly jerking his head from his shoulders by the sudden change of six inches in his level. The rest of the exercises were made up of brief and ordinary prayers young men should "forthwith enter and experiences. Young Vanderbilt took no part, except to join with his immediate party in hearty singing. But I was told that he frequently speaks, and once a week instructs a bible class. He has recruited the congregation chiefly from railroad employes and their families, and there is a transient element drawn from travelers who happen to be in the building waiting for

The Richest Man in the World.

[Saratoga Cor. Texas Siftings.] "But here! what is this?" There is a gentle flutter on the piazza, and an unusual craning of necks. A pair of fast horses dash up the steps. There must be something very big, indeed, here to even create a ripple in this distinguished crowd. I thought so-the richest man in the world. I see the poarse face of William H. Vanderbilt rising above the top step. He stalks on to the piazza, and, approaching a portly grey-haired gentleman, who is cotemplating the street, says, rather cheerily:

"How dy'e do, Jim?" "How do, Bill," growls the old gentleman, without turning his head or even

moving a muscle. Vanderbilt stalks on, and it looks very much as though he had been snubbed. He seats himself at the other and of the piazza-no one salutes him, as he rests his face heavily, and it strikes me, even savagely, on his hand. A lonely "cuss," it seems, in spite of all his millions. People, as a rule, I think, are afraid of millionaires; they are ifraid of their airs, not their millions. They are something like dynamite, very powerful and very wonderful; but one feels they may blow up and hurt us.

The Roar of London. [W. J. Stillman in The Century.]

As I write, sitting by my study winlow, full five miles from the city proper, I hear the roar of the traffic like the sea on a rocky shore—the rush of incessant trains along the iron ways, the rumble of myriads of drays along hundreds of miles of stone-paved streets (for which wood is now being in part substituted), each no more to the general symphony than the hum of a gnat to the sounds of a summer day-a volume of sound unintermitting from dawn till dark, Yet I am bowered in green trees, with cowskip and daisyflecked fields spread out under my eyes -not a spire, not a chimney-stack of the metropolis visible; and the carols of larks and thrushes, the song of the nightingale, run through the web of sounds like gold and silver threads through a dingy fabric, with the twitter of scores of sparrows like tiny spangles thrown on at random. Out of the monotone flashes the individual roar of a nearer train, the scream of a whistle, and the roar dies away again into the that the roses have thorns? Let us re- sullen monody. This is audible London.

THE POUR CONGRESSMAN.

How He Must Economize to Save Money While Living in Washing-

[Judge Ramsdell in Philade phia Press.] I ran across a congressman the other day, who was looking for quarters for himself and family for the coming session. He is a poor man, who 'a obliged to live on his salary, and who is, therefore, compelled to count the cost of everything and cut his cloth close. A congressman's salary is \$5,000 a year and mileage, and an allowance of \$100. I believe, for postage. I cannot mention the name of the one I allude to, but he has a wife and three children. His mileage amounts to about \$200 or \$300 a year; so his whole income is less than \$5,500 a year. Out of this sum he must pay three or four or a half dozen country newspapers for printing tickets (a mere nominal service for a good deal of money); he must pay for banners, transparencies, flags, brass bands, handbills and I don't know how many other things, to say nothing of his own expenses in the campaign. Added to all this, ten chances to one he has to pay pretty dearly for his nomination-not. perhaps, in buying delegates, though that is often done, I am told, but in paying car fares, hotel bills, etc. So you see that when a congressman comes to Washington he does not have \$5,000 a year to his credit.

My friend, as I have said, is a poor man, although he is one of the ablest men in the house. He never made a dollar improperly, and does not know how to be dishonest. He stands as high as any member of the house. Said he, "I don't know what to do. I have lived in every way. When I first came to Washington I went to a hotel, with my wife, leaving my children at home and at school. I kept up my house at home, and my expenses there were little less than if I had been there. My hotel expenses, including washing and the outrageous extras one always finds on his bills, were never less than \$300 a month. My expenses at home were about half as much; so, you see, I could not stand that. The next winter I went to a boarding-house and left my family at home. Of course I had to have a parlor and bed-room I paid \$100 a month at the boarding-house. But I did not live; it was simply a miserable existence. A boarding-house table may give good, well-cooked food, but you are obliged to meet and be polite to people whom you do not care for, whom you detest, in fact. Then I was deprived of my wife's company which, strange as it may seem, I still appreciate. Well, that fear, by close conomy and many deprivations. I came out about even. The next year I hired rooms and had my meals sent in from a neighboring restaurant. But this life was very unsatisfactory. I had to take my breakfast at a certain hour, whether I wanted to cr not, and my dinners were served at the same time every day. and they were nearly always cold when brought. But a member of congress cannot always be at his dinner at the exact minute. The house may sit late, or there may be a cancus or a tee meeting, or you may be detained by constituents, or a dozen things may happen to detain you. Well, last winter, as you know. I took a furnished house and brought my entire family here. I shut up my house at home, but, Great Cæsar! my expenses drove me wild, though I tried to live very quietly and cheaply. What I shall do this winter heaven only knows. I suppose must go back to the boarding house. congressman's life is but a dog's life.

Amsterdam and Rotterdam.

[W. A. Croffut in Pioneer Press.] Amsterdam and Rotterdam look like no other cities in the world. They have hydrocephalus, like Veniceoceans of water everywhere. Amsterdam is built on eighty islands, connected by 300 bridges across the muddy ditches they call canals. The buildings nainly are of unpainted brick, with gable-ends to the streets, and they are erected, like those of Venice, on millions of piles driven into the mud. But this alluvial deposit is not so firm as the sandy sediment in the Adriatic lagoons, and so it happens that almost all of the houses here and in Rotterdam are out of plumb. You cross a bridge and instinctively hesitate to advance, for it seems as if the buildings ahead were about to tumble down and crush you. On both sides of the street they bend forward toward each other, so that their cornices are two or three feet nearer than their bases. You gather courage and proceed, and further on you see other houses bowing. Here is a tall, toppling chimney, and around it in a circle are various houses gravely saluting it. None of the buildings seem to fall down-at least I did not detect any in the act-but they rise and engage in their bricky salaams at almost every angle from the perpendicular, and in utter disregard of the feelings of wayfarers. Crazy little steamboats traverse the dirty little canals; great brick warehouses boldly bend over and look down into their turbid mirrors; merchantmen from Java stick their yards up through the branches of sycamore trees upon the banks; here and there ships climb up the ladder-locks; bere and there windmills churn the air and pour the water out into the sea. This is a queer old town. But I should think the Hollanders would wash their

Ireland's Reformatories.

[Chicago Times.] Ireland has ten reformatory schoolsfive for girls, five for boys. There were at the close of last year 956 boys and 186 girls in reformatory schools. The yearly decrease since 1877 in the number of young female offenders in the schools is very remarkable, but opposite results have been obtained in the boys' schools, the inmates numbering more last year than ever before; 984 are Roman Catholics and 156 Protestants. There are sixty-one industrial schools, in which there are 2,418 boys, and 3,660 girls, being an increase of four boys and

Don't hope to squelch a courtship by abuse; When hearts are trumps clubs are of little —(Taunton Republican.

An English View of Our Familiarity of Speech.

[W. E. Adams' "American Cousins."] Democratic institutions are probably responsible for the extraordinary familiarity with which the citizens of the republic treat one another. Nobody seems the least offended if, in print or in public, he is addressed as Tom, Dick or Harry. We have examples of this kind of popular treatment in our own country. But in America it is almost universal. Jim Blaine is as of en heard as James G. Blaine-Bob Ingersoll and Ben Butler oftener than Col. Ingerscil and Gen, Butler. Not that any disrespect is necessarily implied or intended in the familiar mode of speech; for Wendell Phillips, in the stateliest and most eloquent of his discourses, speaks in endearing terms of the valiant services of Sam Adams. Was it not a proof of the affection of his fellow-citizens that President Lincoln was described on banners and devices as "Honest Old Abe?"

It is as customary in newspapers as it is in conversation to speak of Gen. Grant and President Arthur as simply Grant and Arthur. Equally common is a form of address peculiar to America-William H. Vauderbilt, Cyrus W. Field, Samuel J. Tilden, etc. 1 noticed, too, that intimates here and there, used only the first syllables of the names of their friends if they happen to have more than one—as Cope for Copeland, Pat for Patterson, Brew for Brewster, etc. Titles are abbreviated in much the same way. Thus captain becomes "eap," and doctor "doc." Sometimes nicknames are adopted by the nicknamed persons themselves. I was introduced to a gentleman of the press whom I knew by no other name than that of the German chancellor. And this gentleman was so little annoyed at the effacement of his own proper designation that he invariably referred to himself as Bismarck. "Familiarity." according to cynics, on the contrary, is more often the outward show and semblance of personal regard.

The Morgue of the Grand Central.

[New York Cor. Inter Ocean] The morgue of the Grand Central is the place in which, during the rush homeward of New Yorkers who have been spending the summer out of town, baggage not promptly claimed, is stored. It was nearly full of trunks, and the amount of wardrobe-finery enclosed could only be guessed at. My impression was led, however, to thinking of all those garments as shrouds.

Unpleasant idea. Well, the baggageman suggested it, and you can't expect a trunk handler to have seemly notions about trunks' contents.

"They say that every trunk that's kept over night here in the morgue goes away haunted," he remarked. gloatingly.

"What makes them say that?" I asked.

"The corpses of the passengers killed in the disaster up at Spuyten Duyvil was fetched down here, and laid out in that storage-room. That's what give it the name of morgue. Some of the boys got scared of going in after that, ially in the dark; and a lot of stories was started about spooks. had a helper-a drunken chap, that didn't know whether he saw a thine or dreamed it-and he swore to the toughest of the yarns. He says he went in to get a trunk. It was a whooper, and he braced himself for a big strain, but when he gripped it, it came up just as if there wasn't nothing in it more'n air, or gas. That unexpected kind of a lift is like kicking at nothing-it's straining, don't you know?"

"I should think so." "Well, Joe felt as light-headed as the

trunk, he says, but he brought it out. When he was putting it down, he was stunned to see a ghost sitting astraddle "What did the ghost look like?"

"Joe was so scared that he can't tell, except that it had grave clothes on. And it went out of sight as soon as he got into daylight-floated off, and at the same instant the trunk became as heavy as such a trunk generally is. Some of us believe Joe's story and some don't, and he's one of them that does. He tarowed up his job rather than go into the morgue again. But there's folks that wouldn't have their trunks put in the morgue for all that's in them. I 'spose they're afraid of getting their trunks haunted, and bringing spooks into their houses that

Ocean Life. [Cor. St Louis Globe-Democrat.]

Given a fine ship in faultless trim, a jolly captain, and weeks of smooth water and glorious scenery, what more could a mortal want for a memorable pleasant time, and it is worth taking this Alaska trip simply to learn the comfort and pleasure of sea travel. Life on shipboard in these still northern waters has shown us the very luxury of travel, and with all these perfect conditions I for the first time appreciate the fascination of seafaring life and feel the sailor's fend attachment for the good ship be sails in. This pretty ship Idaho is 180 feet long, and the main deck, upon which the saloon and state-rooms open offers a clear promenade of all that length. Above is a hurricane deck half the length of the ship, and in the clear space aft the life boats, smoke stack, and masts we spend unnumbered hours pacing the broad deck and watching the enchanted shores sweep by. The captain's bridge and pilot-house forward are the sanctums which no profane foot dare invade save by special grace, but in these calm waters and on such a prolonged voyage, the barsh discipline of a ship is sometimes relaxed and the flutter of female raiment enlivens the bridge and the chart-room when we reach the most famous bits of scenery. The two diningsaloons below are the places of popular resort, and something in this fresh sea air gives us three such phenomenal appetites in a day as are never known on

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The Digger Indians say there will be a hard winter because of the large crop of manzanita berries, while in Nevada the Piutes assert that there will be light winter for the reason that the crop of pine nuts is light.