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A WOMAN POISONS HER PARENTS AND SISTERS AND SUICIDES.

Whitewater, Wis., Dec. 8 .- One of the most startling criminal cases in the histery of Wisconsin has developed here within the past few days, About four years ago the Horan family removed to Whitewater from Kosh Kanong, 6 miles from here. About a year afterward the mother died suddenly, six weeks later the father expired, and in one week more one of the daughters breathed her last. The matter excited considerable comment at the time, but it seems never to have been conspicuous enough to warrant a legal investigation. Now Miss Anna is dead. A few days ago Miss Horau complained of feeling ill. Monday evening she woke with great pain and asked for her friends. Three physicians were called, but they could not help her, and next morning she died. An inquest was held, and so thoroughly did they believe the girl had been poisoned that the contents of the stomach were sent to Prof. Bode, of Millwaukee, for chemical analysis. To-day the third sister, Miss Nettie, died of poison, making the fifth member of the family. In this case it was suicide, and before death Nettie confessed to having murdered her parents also confessed to poisoning another person, though this is doubted. No cause is assigned. Her own death was brought about by fear of exposure through the analysis of her sister's stomach. Nettie was a school teacher and has two sisters still living at Fort Atkinson.

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tour, said in an interview to-night regarding what might be expected of the Cleveland Administration :

good times as the Republicans. They want good money. Responsibility makes them conservative. They have success in 1888 in view. That will make them prudent, and there is no doubt Cleveland will do his best to make his administrating the Republican party out of office sufficiently hot to raise an immersed tented sort of way. Then there is the will send the world to wieck. There are as many Republicans now as before the election. Tuey will have an influence that the Democratic party will be compelled to respect. It Cieveland does well, lard oil. Then, to draw the temper, a a consumptive little whistle. As he as he probably will do, it will show that the country is safe in the hands of either party."

As to the effect of religious questions on the campaign, the Colonel said : The Protesiants were generally for Blame, except the Unitarians and Episcopalians-the Northern Protestants of course. Mr. Blaine's managers expected help from the Catholic vote, but it is not born a Catholic and had deserted the church. The meeting of the diergy in New York did great narm: The people They fear the old ecclesiastical spirit, and they want no President guided by priests or a spiritual adviser. The people are not airaid of a preacher in the pulpit, but when one gets loose they re-

## SOMETHING

gard the situation as unsafe."

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PLOSIN AT SHAMOKIN.

miners were at work in a slope off from the main shaft, and it is supposed were working with naked lights. About four o'clock there was a terrible expiosiou, filling the chambers with deadly gas. The occupants of the mine hastened to the surface as rapidly as they could and it was found that half a dozen were miss-

A search party was at once organized and the fresh air currents were directed man and Kable were found in a terribly mutilated state. Further on Williams was found saill living, but burned in an agonizing manner. Owing to the presence of "plack damp" the searchers were turned back before they could recover any more. Enough was learned to satisfy them that none of the other men can made to recover tuem but without success. All the men are married and leave families. It is thought the explosion was caused by cutting a large seam of gas,

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## Scientific

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A German paper trade journal says that a waterproof paper which will shine in the dark can be made of 40 parts paper stock, 10 parts phosphorescent powder, 10 parts water, 1 part gelatine, and 1 part bichromate of potash.

Of all the remedies, readily and easily applied, the fluid extract of serpentaria is perhaps the most efficacious in cases of rhus poisoning. Cloths well moistened with it are laid without any friction upon the parts affected. Immediate relief is experienced and two or three applications generally effect a cure.

trial at Toulouse a method of laying subterranean telegraph cables. The arrangement consists of beton pipes, having a longitudinal opening on the top, and two sisters. It is asserted that she and connected with cement sleeves. After the cables are placed in them, by | find an unwary stranger whose appearsimply unwinding as the work proceeds ance indicates wealth, will take an op-

and S. P. Thompson, and Mr. Thomas is robbed and left to die or recover, as Burt, the adjudicators in the Ellis Lever | the case may be, without further concern competition for the prize of £500 for a on their part. In Siberia a common and they hear what their patrons say as competition for the prize of £500 for a on their part. In Siberia a common to whether the medicines they buy work new safety lamp, have been unable to fungus, a common toad-stool, is used as well or not. Martell & Johnson, Rush City, Minn., say, "Brown's Iron Bitters gives entire satisfaction to our customers." Klinkhammer & Co., Jordan, Minscribed conditions. The Marsaut, with an infusion. Sometimes the fungus is three gauges, and a lamp designed by eaten raw, when first gathered; but this L. E. Hackley & Son, Winons, Minn., say, "All our customers speak highly of deemed worthy, however, of special drunkard will tolerate. The toad-stool

According to the Knowledge there is a sulphur deposit at Djemsa, Suez, in a perfectly rainless desert on the African coast, very near the sea, and constituting a hill 600 feet high, whose sides are blasted down as in quarrying stone. Cincinnati, Dec. 1.-Col. Robert G. Some 200 Arabs, employed under French Ingersoil, who is here on a lecturing engineers, succeed in mining 10 tons a day. A similar deposit occurs at Ronga, 500 miles from Suez, also near the coast "The Democrats are as anxious for of the African continent, which differs only in being buried under other strata.

It is said that the practice in factories in tempering coiled steel springs is as tion a good one, and the probability is follows: An iron pot filled with lead is fied with himself and the world he he will succeed I don't think that put- heated so that the lead is a full red, or generally whistles in a low, soft, conboiling point. The spring is dipped in the boiling oil for a few seconds and immediately immersed in cold oil.

garding the proposed ship canal across to be expected that the Catholics would Ireland. The length is intended to be largely support a man who had been 127 miles, with 30 looks. Navigation hand, and happen to hear his mother would be effected by a towage system, and it is estimated that the passage f.rom at large have no confidence in preachers. Galway Bay to Kingstown would be accomplished in 30 hours. For ships of 1,500 tons the cost would be \$40,00 0,000; how timid a boy is about going in the for ships of 2,500 tons, \$60,000,060, and cellar after dark, send him down with a for ships of 5,000 tons, \$100,100,000. coal scuttle after some coal, and you can The projected width at the surfame is 200 | tell the minute he gets into the dark. feet, and at the bottom 100 feet.

The mercantile marine of Russia, the Minister of Finance reports, consists of 6,383 vessels, of which 5,779 are sailing vessels, with a capacity of 6 57,574 tons, proved Liver Pills, and it you are not and 604 steamers, with a cap soity of 111,satisfied with the amount of benefit re- 802 tons and a propulsive er lergy of 30.-612 horse power. In the foreign trade are engaged 1,287 vessels, i neluding 108 Pulladelphia, Agents. steamers; the White Sea co atributing 10 steamers and 602 sailing vessels; the FIVE MINERS KILLED IN AN EX- Baltic, 31 steamers and 271 sailing vessels, and the Black Sea and the Sea of Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 8.-A party of Azof, 67 steamers and 306 smiling vessels.

From the data supplied by Mr. Thomas Schwarz, the manager of the Cologne Central Towing Company, a writer on stream wire rope towage 'feels justified in saying that altogether the results obtained on the Rhine she w that in a rapid stream the current to be contended to the slope, where the bodies of Duze- against the greater being the advantage of wire rope haulage. A similar system has been employed on the Eric Canal in this country.

Lettuce says the Lancet, is a neglected vegetable, although , it constitutes a prombe alive. To-night another attempt was inent ingredient i a every good salad. At one time the let suce was supposed to possess seporofic properties, but of late years it has, per haps too hastily, been though this is only conjecture. Precautions are being taken to prevent the therapeutist. Seme are now strong-leather turtle that was asleep upon the ly insisting that lectuce should be used more generally as food, and suggesting that the leaves or ight to be boiled, after which treatment they are said to be as palatable as spins ch. If this be the fact | sleeping turtle. The men did not atit is worth knowing, as a vinach is necestempt to disturb it, and their last view as sarily excluded from the diet of the they pulled away to the east was of the oxaluric patient, and it is precisely in flamingo attempting to lift one leg and this class of case s the soothin ? properties go to sleep, an act which the undulating in the Mexican war are entitled to three of the lettuce, if it have any, n'ould be motion of the floating turtle rendered valuable.

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### NARCOTICS.

Talking of poisons, the use of narcotics is not confined to civilized people. Victoria at Portland, Sale, and Ararat, The Peruvian Indians are so fond of narcotics that they have several beside the coca, the principal substitute for it being the thornapple. Of this the fruit is employed, and from it is prepared a drink which throws the drinker into a deep sleep in which visions of the most remarkable character are seen. The thornapple was formerly much used by the Peruvian priests in playing upon the superstitions fears of the people, as the latter supposed that by its use the former were transported into the immediate presence of their deities; and though the teachings of the monks have tended largely to dissipate these fancies, there is still a large element of the supernatural intermixed with the beliefs about the thornapple. Sometimes it produces strong convulsions or fits of nervous excitement similar to the haschisch, rendering the drinker dangerous. MM. Delune et Cie have undergoing in Europe, and in Germany and France has often been used for criminal purposes. In India there is a class of men very dangerous to travelers, since they make a practice of haunting the common resorts of travel, and whenever they quantity of the seeds of the thornapple. Intoxication of a whole day's duration Sir F. A. Abel, Profs. Gryll Adams then follows, when the unfortunate man is a wastefulness that no true Siberian brings out the natural dispositions of the individual to a remarkable degree, the talkative man being unable to keep still, nor the quarrelsome man to refrain from fighting. So extensive is the variety and so wide the geographic distribution of narcotics in one form or another, that it would seem as if they were intended for some good use, though the tendency thus far, it must be admitted, has been to their abuse rather than to render them of any benefit as a medicine. WHISTLING.

Whistling is a habit that probably everyone has indulged in at some time since the reign of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. When a man is satisspring to the temperature requisite for little child; long before he is able to hardening. The spring when hot talk he will pucker up his little mouth HARPER & KREAMER, enough is quickly plunged into water or and knock everyone silly by giving forth small vessel of linseed oil is heated to its grows older the whistle grows stronger, and by the time he is able to toddle around the whistle is the biggest part of him. It is now that the nervous mother wishes that the whistle was in "Chicago," Particulars have been published re- it is the child's best friend, and he always DRY GOODS, carries it with him. Should he be in the pantry with a piece of mince pie in each coming, the pie will suddenly disappear, an innocent expression will come OILS over his face and he will begin to whistle some Sunday school hymn. No matter He will begin to whistle as loud as he can, and when he emerges into the light again his face will be calm. He has been whistling and forgot all about the ghosts and bears. It is amusing to hear half a dozen young men as they leave the theatre attempt to whistle a selection from some opera. They never keep in time, and their whistling sounds more like a flock of geese that has been shot into than like a tuna

AN UNSTEADY ISLAND,

Once during a heavy gale from the ecat, a party of spongers in an open hoat were driven off shore, and so fierce was the hurricane that their only hope was to keep the boat before the wind and run out into the Gulf. For four or five hours the headlong race was kept up; but finally the wind abated, and by early morning the sea was as smooth as glass, a peculiarity often noticed there after a gale. They had been carried for out of sight of land, and were well-night worn out, when one of the spongers exclaimed that they were nearing shore, and soon the entire party saw a reef-a flamingo standing motionless in the water. As the boat drew near, the bird raised its graceful neck, straightened up, and stretched its wings as if to fly; then, seeing that they were not going to molest it, it resumed its position of security. To their astonishment, the men soon perceived that, instead of resting on a water. Indeed, the flamingo was in distress, like themselves, having been blown off shore by the same storm, and it had evidently taken refuge on the will-nigh impossible,



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