-Workmen on the 19th replaced the ron railing around the Andre monugent at Tappan, New York. It is

-The amount paid by the Dominion pany for supplies, transports, commissions, etc., during the Northwest rebellion, was \$2,000,000. This is exclusive of claims by the company for losses.

\$250, and under 20,000, \$200; in towns, Pottsville, dangerously. \$150; villages, \$130; and townships, \$100. Saloen licenses will be \$300 in cities, and \$250 in towns.

California, and W. M. Campbell U. S. Marshal for Minnesota, The President nou to be U. S. Marshal for Maine.

-Secretary Endicott has been conined to his house in Washington for several days by a severe cold. Henry Wasterson was reported better on the cians. 19th, and his friends and physicians begin to hope for his ultimate recovery.

road Company's shops at Reading, increase was not announced.

-At Los Angeles, California, on the 19th, the breach of promise suit of Louise E. Perkins against E. J. Baldwin, millionaire, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$75,000.

-A fire in Wilmington, North Carolina, on the 21st destroyed two steamers, a schooner, the wharf and sheds of the Clyde Steamship Line, three blocks of stores on Water street, many residences on Front and Second streets, the First Methodist Church, two railroad freight depots, two grain mills, a cotton compress, etc. The loss is estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

-Nine buildings in Edenburg, Clarion county, Penna., were burned at one o'clock on the 20th, and a young man named Groves, who slept over the post office, perished in the flames. The ire is attributed to an explosion of nataral gas, and the loss is estimated at Learly \$15,000.

-Mr. Bland, chairman of the House minority report in favor of his bill for the free comage of silver, reported idversely by that committee. The minority report is signed by Messrs, Bland, Lanham and Bynum.

-Judge Ingraham of the Superior Court in New York, has issued an in Junction restraining the Broadway and Seventh Avenue Railroad Company from selling, leasing, or in any manner disposing of its interest in the Broadway Surface Railroad Company.

The Supreme Court of Indiana on the 20th affirmed the constitutionality of a law of that State reducing the charge of local telephone companies from \$5 to \$3 per month.

-Colonel W. P. Smedburg was on the 19th, elected Commander on the California Department of the Grand unrecognizable. Army of the Republic. Among the candidates for the position was Governor Stoneman.

-It is said that the Chinese Consul General at San Francisco has already presented to the State Department claims aggregating more than \$500,000 her damages resulting from the antiinese riots and expulsions on the

-The Secretary of the Treasury on the 20th, issued the 134th call for the redemption of bonds-for ten millions of the three per cents, on which interest will cease on April 1st.

-Rev. Chauncey C. Williams, of Augusta, Georgia, who was elected Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Easton, Maryland, in December last, has declined the office. The convention to elect a successor to Bishop Lay will reassemble in June

-The improvement in Henry Watand his friends and physicians hope that the crisis is past, and that rest and quiet will restore him to health.

-All the Chinese residents of Oregon City, thrirteen miles from Portland, Oregon, were driven out about two o'clock on the 22d by a mob of nearly fifty whites. The mob "knocked the Chinamen about, twisted their queues, and stole all the money found on their persons." The Chinamen wer: then escorted to the steamboat Latonia. which was lying at the wharf, placed aboard of her and conveyed to Portland, "their fares being paid out of the money stolen from them." Forty-two head of the movement."

-A train on the Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia Railroad run off the track at Mount Morris, New York, on the 22d. The forward coach tipped over and was burned. Eighteen persons were injured, among them Rev. S. D. Moxley and wife, the latter seriously.

-Senator Vest, of Missouri, who has been for several days ill in Washington from overwork, is reported convales-

-Henry watterson continues to impreve, and all indications point to his

-About one hundred and fifty additional car drivers and conductors on the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Comthe 22d became members of the Quaker City Car Drivers and Conductors' Protective Association of Philadelphia.

-At Corunna, Michigan, on the 20th aid the stone will soon be reset, and found in the pump, 'and tracks leadthe present inscription effaced. ing to the house of Mrs. Charles Gage, a neighbor and an enemy." Mrs. Government to the Hudson Bay Com- Gage's daughter and her husband, Henry Shafer, were arrested.

-A passenger train on the Reading Rattroad going from Pottsville to Wilhamsport was thrown from the track at Tamaqua, on the 23d, by a detective -A telegram from Toronto says the switch. The cars tumbled down an Fovernment has decided to fix the fol- embankment and caught fire. A numowing scale of liquor licenses: In ber of passengers were injured. Westcities of more than 20,000 inhabitants, ley Hammer and Joseph Fisher, of

-The old Seventy-fourth Regiment Armory in Buffalo, occupied as a skating rink, was burned early on the 23d. -The Senate on the 19th confirmed Loss, \$30,000; insurance, \$15,000. Four J. C. Franks to be U. S. Marshal for firemen were slightly injured by a falling wall. Mannheimer's dry goods house, a marble building in St. Paul, on the 19th nominated Charles B. Har- | Minnesota, was destroyed by fire on the 23d, to the extent of more than \$100,-

> -Henry Watterson was on the 23d pronounced out of danger by his physi-

-In the U. S. District Court at Dubuque, Pa., on the 23d Judge Shiras The two thousand men employed decided, in the case of a man who in the Philadelphia and Reading Rail- claimed damages from the city because he was arrested for peddling without Zenna., were on the 19th notified of an a license, "that the ordinance requiring increase of wages in all departments, to peddlers to pay a license was not in begin March 1st. The amount of the | conflict with the United States, and that the city is not liable for damages even if the ordinance be unconstitutional."

-The U. S. Senate on the 23d confirmed Charles B. Harmon to be U.S. Marshal for Maine, and Alfred B. Judd to be Pension Agent at Mil-

-In the U. S. Senate on the 19th a secret session, confirmed a number of nominations, among them Stephen A. Walker to be U.S. Attorney for Southern New York; F. S. Shields, Collector of Internal Revenue for Louisiana; J. P. Robinson, Collector of Customs Consuls: W. J. Black, of Delaware, at Nuremberg; D. J. Partello, of Dis- careful indeed in what we say. trict of Columbia, at Dusseldorf; Jasper Smith, of District of Columbia, at District of Columbia, Consul General

-Returns of the special election, of Wisconsin, for a successor to the necessities may have engaged him. Committee on Comage, has prepared a late Joseph Rankin, show that T. B. Hudd, Democrat, has been elected by a large majority.

on the 24th adopted, with some amendments, the local option bill passed by the Senate on Monday. The House amendments were subsequently concurred in by the Senate. The bill now his fate. goes to the Governor for his action.

-The bodies of a man and a woman of charity. were found under the ice in the canal at Indianapolis on the 24th. The woman's was identified as that of tainments in self-conquest. The Lord Zorelda Newton, a half demented middle-aged woman, who disappeared struggles. a month ago. The man's body was

-The funeral of John B. Gough took of yourself; but if you have nothing, side, near Worcester, Massachusetts, hand, and think not less of yourself. There was a large attendance.

-All the vessels of the North Athave been ordered to rendezvous at Key West about the 1st of March. The Brooklyn is now searching for the ship larty. Neptune, reported to have left this country on a filibustering expedition against Honduras.

-General Crook left Tucson, Arizona, on the 23d, for Modico, to meet Geronimo, with whom he expects to ar- | ing them. range for the surrender of all the hostile Apaches.

FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

In the U. S. Senate on the 23d Mr. Fryer introduced his bill "to promote the political progress and commercial prosperty of the American nation." terson's condition continued on the 21st, Mr. Morgan submitted resolutions, mits things small or great to fret him, adopted by the Democratic minority of the Judiciary Committee, in regard to the controversy with the President concerning papers in cases of suspensions from office, and at his request they were ordered to be printed and laid on the table for the present. The bill appropriating \$250,000 for a monument to General Grant in Washington was passed. The Education bill came up in order, and was opposed by Messrs. Gray, of Delaware, and Plumb, of Kansas. After an executive ses-

sion, the Senate adjourned. In the U. S. Senate on the 24th the House bill permitting national banks Chinamen in all were driven out. With to change their name, location and the exception of three or four, all were capital by vote of two-thirds of their employes of the Oregon City Woolen shareholders, subject to the approval of Mills, which also employ about eighty the Comptroller of the Currency, was shareholders, subject to the approval of white men. "It is understood that a considered and passed. The Educaprominent Portland agitator was at the | tional bill was taken up, and Mr. Blair replied to objections made against it, Mr. Hawley said he was opposed to the bill. Mr. George, of Mississippi, advocated it. After an executive session the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE In the House, on the 23d Mr. Ellsbury, of Ohio, from the Invalid Pensions Committee, reported a bill grant-ing pensions to all invalid soldiers or feelings are poured from time to time. their widows or children who are dependent on their dally labor for support. The bill authorizing the Executive Departments to exhibit articles at the New Orleans Exposition was laid on the quently emulate men in stations below table by a vote of 135 to 112. The bill forfeiting the unearned land grant of pany was passed, with an amendment providing that the forfeited land shall be subject to settlement under the The New York Assembly on the Homestead law only. On motion of Mr. 23d adopted a resolution requesting the | Morrison, it was ordered that Saturday Attorney General of the State to take of each week be devoted to general legal steps for the revocation of the debate in Committee of the Whole on Broadway Surface Railroad in New the State of the Union. The House

In the House, on the 24th, the bill an attempt was made to poison the forfeiting certain lands granted to the family of Robert Berry by putting Southern Pacific Railroad Company Paris green in his well. Several of the | was reported and placed on the calenfamily became sick, but were saved by dar. The Hennepin Canal bill was prompt medical aid. Paris green was considered in Committee of the Whole. After a speech by Mr. Murphy in support of the bill the committee rose, and Mr. James asked leave to offer a resolution making the bill for the free coinage of silver a continuing special order from March 2d, not to interfere with revenue or appropriation bills. Objection being made, the resolution went over. The half Gallon Whisky Tax bill was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported to the House and passed. The House then adlourned.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

He who speaks without modesty will find it dificult to make his words good. If the power to do hard work is not talent, it is the best possible substitute

It requires a great deal of power to secure consistency in life, speech and thought.

To be poor without murmuring is difficult. To be rich without being proud is easy. To have faults and not to reform

them-this indeed should be pronounced having faults. The best way for a man to get out of

a lowly position is to be conspicuously effective in it. If the way to heaven is narrow, it is not long; and if the gate be strait, It

opens into eternal life. Death to the Christian, is the funeral of all his sorrows and evils, and the

resurrection of all his joys, He who is not in any particular office has nothing to do with plans for the administration of its duties.

If you wish to know what most engages a man's thoughts you have only to listen to his conversation. He that procures his child a good mind makes a better purchase for him

than if he laid out the money for an addition to his former acres. For one word a man is often deemed at Alexandria, Va., and the following to be wise, and for one word he is often deemed to be foolish. We ought to be

Men, when their actions succeed not as they would, are always ready to im-Newcastle-on-Type; W. H. Parker, of | pute the blame thereof unto the heavens so as to excuse their own follies.

I would have no man discouraged with that kind of life or series of actions held in the Fifth Congressional District | in which the choice of others or his own

When we see men of worth we should think of equaling them; when we see men of a contrary character we should -The Virginia House of Delegates turn inward and examine ourselves.

Public opinion is a weak tyrant compared with our own private opinion; what a man thinks of himself, that it is which determines, or, rather, indicates

in the State except where local option | tolerating intolerance; charity covering | have any," Many a man who fails to reach perfection of life, has made surprising at-

> estimates the effort made in such Help and give willingly, when you have anything, and think not the more

place on the 24th at his late home, Hill- keep the cup of cold water always at Humilty is a virtue that all preach, few practice, and yet everybody is conlantic Squadron, except the Brooklyn, tent to hear. The master thinks it a

good doctrine for his servant, the laity for the clergy, and the clergy for the There is a burden of care in getting riches, fear in keeping them, temptation

in using them, guilt in abusing them, you." sorrow in losing them, and a burden of account at last to be given up concern-No way has been found for making heroism easy, even for the scholar. Labor, iron labor, is or him. The world

was created as an audience for him; the atoms of which it is made are opportunities. A man who has the elements so mixed within him that he naturally, as one says, borrows troubles, and crosses bridges before he gets to them, and per-

is bound to worry. Repentance hath a purifying power, and every fear is of a cleansing virtue; but these penitential clouds must still be kept dropping; one shower will not suffice, for repentance is not one single

action, but a course. What God calls a man to do he will carry him through. I would undertake to govern half a dozen worlds if God called me to do it; but if he did not call me to do it, I would not undertake to

govern half a dozen sheep. If we see or feel sorrow let us not be depressed, for the end of his counsel and working lieth hidden and underneath the ground: but as seed it shall spring up and bear a harvest of joy and essedness to all who love God.

We may lose Heaven by neutrality, as well as by hostility; by wanting oil in our lamps, as well as by taking poi-The unprofitable servant will as surely be punished as the disobedient and rebellious servant. Undone duty will undo the sonl.

Unspeakable are the emotions of silent cople; a sense of personal dignity or shame keeps them quiet; but to most of them is youched a single confidential friend, into whose ear all the pent-up

He who thinks no man above him but for his virtue, none below him but for suming in the wrong place, but will frequently emulate men in stations below him, and pity those nominally over his

It is very easy to spoil children by rearing them in idleness. A girl who is never allowed to sew, all of whose clothes are made for her, and put on her, till she is twelve, fifteen or eighteen years of age, is spoiled. The mother has spoiled her by doing everything for her. The true idea of self-support is to let the children venture.

Three Old Saws.

If the world seems cold to you, Kindle fires to warm it; Let their comfort hide from view Winters that deform it, Hearts as frozen as your own

To that radiance gather: You will soon forget to moan, "Ah! the checrless weather!"

If the world's a wilderness, Go, build houses in it! Will it help your loneliness

On the winds to din it? Raise a hut, however slight; Weeds and brambles smother: And to roof and meal invite Some forlorner brother.

If the world's a vale of tears,

Smile till rainbows span it!

Breathe the love that life endears.

Clear from clouds to fan it, Of your gladness lend a gleam Unto souls that shiver: Show them how dark Sorrow's stream Blends with Hope's bright river,

DETERMINED MOTHER.

"I say you did sir." "Madam, you certainly make a mis- of marrying me."

"I don't make a mistake, any such Don't dispute my word. He asked me of a thing. These are the very words | for you." you said: 'Mrs. Beasely, I have not spoken to Hester concerning the matter, He should have first asked my conthinking that it would be better to sent." speak to you first, but I would like very much to marry her.' These were your words, Mr. Lucas, and you needn't try to get out of it "

"Why, madam, I am much to old for Hester. I have never had a thought of marrying her. You certainly must have dreamed that I addressed you." "Look here, Mr. Lucas, I am a

woman-" "Of course. You have borne that reputation during many years," "None of your foolishness, sir.

say that I am a wom-" "A declaration which I have not dis-

She drew herself up, glared at him have never given you any trouble." and continued: "I am a woman, but I have the spirit of a man. I am always prepared to defend my word against attack, and let me warn you not to time comes." again question my truthfulness. You said that you wanted to marry Hester." | child. All conditions of life are "Mrs. Beasely, this is an unfortunate brought about by human agencies. I

affair. I am forty years old; Hester is shall soon have another conference seventeen." "When I told Hester what you said," she joyously replied: 'Won't that be

delightful!"" 'Mother, what are you and Mr. Lucus jowering about," exclaimed a young lady, entering the room. "I

Earth has not a spectacle more glori- have been trying to write a letter, but The bill applies to all cities and counties one or more fair to show than this; love your noise scatters my thoughts, if I Don't you love Mr. Lucas?" "Hester, keep quiet. I'll manage

this affair. I am determined that you shall not be cheated." "How cheated, mother?"

"Now don't put on such an air of astonishment. You know what I mean."

"I declare I do not." "Now, daughter, don't be foolish. When I told you that Mr. Lucas wanted you for a wife-"

tears rolling down her cheeks.

"I never saw the like. I don't know

sane on all other matters, and is the

ever seen. As God is my judge, though,

of such a thing; let me assure you."

I have never spoken to her about

The denial was a little too positive.

The young lady, turning with mock

phasis into your words. Other men,

are, doubtless, have thought about

marrying me. I have never begged

"Oh, never mind making excuses.

tion and a fine carriage, you think that

"Don't Miss Hester me. You and

mother ought to be ashamed of your-

selves. A poor girl never has a chance

anyone to marry me, I am sure,"

everybody wants to marry you."

"Miss Hester-"

lady burst into tears.

"Miss Hester I did not mean-

"She is certainly very strange."

talk over this business,"

what can ail mother."

lady had gone.

courtesy, replied:

crazy?"

"Delightful weather, Mrs. Beasely." "Mother!" screamed the young lady. "Splendid weather, Mr. Lucas." "What's the matter?" demanded the "I think, though, that we are needold lady. ing rain, Mrs. Beasely."

"You never in all your life spoke to "I think, though, that we are needme about Mr. Lucas wanting to marry ing rain, Mr. Lucas.' me. I don't know what to think of

"Mrs. Beasely, I know why you have called. Now, tell me. Is there not "Hester I have not lain the weight some way by which we can come to a of my hand on you since you were a satisfactory understanding?" child, but if you persist in disputing "Oh, yes, and it is concerning a ny word I shall box your ears, Lucas

had arrived.

satisfactory understanding that I have asked me for you. When I told you, a called." fact which you cannot dispute, you "I am glad to hear you say so. What clapped your hands and said that such proposition have you to make?"

"How do you do, Mr. Lucas?"

an arrangement would be delightful." "A very fair one. That you marry Miss Hester's face grew scarlet. Hester without delay." Without replying, she sat down near "My dear madam-" the window. Lucas could see the "Don't dear madam me."

"Your proposition is preposterous," "Mr. Lucas has disputed my word, "Very well, sir," she replied, drawbut he cannot deny the truth of what I ing herself up and glaring at him." say. Now I shall leave you here to

"I do not wish a neighborhood disturbance, Mrs. Beasely," "Miss Hester, this is a strange "Then do as I say." affair." said Mr. Lucas, when the old "I do not know that your daughter

loves me." "You are not prepared to speak. You have never sought her love."

"Is it possible that she is going "Then it is high time, sir." "I don't know what to do," said Mr. "I think not, for she is perfectly

Lucas. "Surely no other man ever found most accurate business woman I have himself in such a position." "Well, my daughter is at home, have business in town. While I am would throw away his life for such a marrying you. I have never thought away this afternoon, you'd better call challenge." On learning this La Gohil and see her. Good morning."

He found the young lady in a high overwhelmed. "Oh, you needn't throw such em- state of agitation.

"Miss Hester, I hardly know what to men who are quite as handsome as you say."

"Oh, sir, mother is awful."

"Quite beyond the bounds of rea-"I don't know, I am sure, what we shall do. Do you think that she is

Just because you have a large planta- rational?" "I don't see how she can be and maintain such opinions. As I told battle in the period named was Boroyou, I never told her that I desired to dino, where 250,000 were engaged and marry you,"

"I did not say that you did." "Oh, no, of course not. Now don't in this world, anyhow," and the young fly off so unreasonably. We must talk over the matter in a business-like "This beats any affair I ever heard way."

"I don't know what to say, Mr. of," mused Mr. Lucas as he walked toward home. "I don't know how 1 | Lucas."

"Hester, do-

am going to get out of it, either, for the old lady is as mule headed as a pig She looked at him eagerly. Fondness beamed in her eyes.

or as pig headed as a mule, I don't know which. I don't exactly under-"Hester, do you think that you could love me?" stand Hester's actions. I thought that

I would be doing ber a service by mak-"Mr. Lucas, how can you be so uning a vigorous denial, but hang the

reasonable?" "I do not desire to be unreasonable,

little girl."

"Don't you."

luck, it seems that she did not want me

Stephen Lucas, one of the most pros-

perous planters in southern Arkansaw,

never been in love with any one, and

that he was too honorable to marry

"I do not wish to humiliate you,

"Hester, let me give you warning.

"But, mother, I could not help that.

"It seems that your consent was

marriage with Mr. Lucas would be

"Why, mother, you are crazy!"

mind, I will box your ears."

"Hester, all girls must marry,"

"So must all people die, but it is not

intended that they shall die until their

"Marriage is a condition of life, my

"You did so, my daughter."

to deny it."

without love.

do not."

delightful."

yourself for-"

"No, for the best,"

"No, I don't."

quires additional preparation."

your poor old mother."

"No. I simply want to know? De you think you could love me?"

"Then I know that I could love-

owned a beautiful residence near the Ouachita river, He was a bachelor. "Any one could love you, Hester." Those who knew him said that he had "Even you?"

"Even I."

don't you tangle my hair! Oh, you've kissed me." "Hester," said Mrs. Beasely, when Mr. Lucas had gone, "why did you take so keen a delight in humilating

"Come in, Mr. Lucas." said Mrs. Beasely. "Several days have elapsed since I have seen you. Is your health mother, and you ought to know that I good?"

"Very good, thank you." "Well, what have you decided to

do ?" "Why, mother, you are surely beside "I have decided to marry Hester." yourself. I have known Mr. Lucas all I thought that you would prove my life and he has never had a thought yourself to be a sensible man. When

do you desire that the ceremony shall be performed? The result of this question was that the ceremony was performed almost immediately. Every one said that Hester looked beautiful. Lucas, every one agreed, seemed to be happy. About three weeks after tacitly given, for when I spoke to you their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas concerning the matter, you said that

planter said: "Hester, you are undoubtedly the most precious woman in the world." "Hester, as I told you before, I have

were sitting in their parler when the

"Why, have you just found that not lain the weight of my hand on you out," she replied, kissing him. since you were a child, but I'll declare "Well, I have been finding it out all to goodness that if you persist in dis-

puting my word and attempting to along. The most valuable discoveries make out that I am not in my right | are made gradually." "America was a valuable discovery

It was not made gradually," Miss Hester began to shed tears. "I "No; but at first sight no one knew don't know why you should want me how valuable it was. Do you know to marry," she said, "I am sure that I that I love you very dearly?"

> "Really now you are confidential." "Don't try to tease me, Hester. Re member that I am ac old man."

"What an old man and only forty?" "Well, I am old when compared with you."

"Then don't compare yourself with me. " Mrs. Beasely entered the room. with Mr. Lucas, and you must prepare

"You two seem to be happy," she said "Yes," they exclaimed. "The worst," suggested Miss Hester. "Now, I am going to tell you some thing, Mr. Lucas. Hester, if you "We are always prepared for the don't want to blush, leave the room.' best, mother. It is the worst that re-

"I don't want to blush, but I prefe, to remain." "Now, daughter, tell me the truth. "Well, all right. The duty of a mother who has a daughter, is to see that the daughter meets with no disag

"I think you do, Hester. Surely a pointments. Some time ago Mr. Lucas mother ought to know what is best for I heard Hester pray that you might her daughter. Don't say another word fall in love with her-" "Why, mother!" "Don't dispute my word. I have "Good evening, Mrs. Beasely," said

never lain the weight of my hand on Mr. Lucas, entering his parlor. A you since you were a child, but if you servant had told him that Mrs. Beasely question my veracity I shall box your ears. I saw her kneel by her bed, and I heard her tell the Lord-tell him confidentially-that if she did not marry you she would forever be miserable. know what a mother's duty is, and I immediately began to execute a plan which at once popped into my head. I knew that Hester would die of grief-"

"Why, mother." "Don't dispute my word. I have not lain the weight of my hand on you since-"

Mr. Lucas kissed the old lady,

A Hero Who Rode into the Sea.

At Mandwa, near Bhaonagar, England, there is a red Mahades stone which marks where La Gohil, the Rajpoot, rode into the sea to please his lord. The Rajah Sidhraj had visited the seacoast and come among other places to Mandwa. On a certain day the waves were very violent and the sea much agitated, at which time Sidhraj had gone down to the seashore attended by several horsemen The King said. "He would be a brave man who would ride a hundred yards into the sea on a day like this." One of the horsemen re-"I have never sought any one's plied: "There is no race so loyal and gallant as the Gohil. One of them might do it, but no one else would dare to do so." Another answered: "The Gohil race is brave in talk, but their bravery shows itself by boastings in the market-place; there is no Rajpoot who placed his hand on his moustache, bade them all farewell and urged his horse Mr. Lucas called on Miss Hester. into the ocean, where he was quickly

The Cost of Human Conflict.

An English statistician has been making calculations, and shows that since 1793 wars among civilized nations have caused the death of 4,470,000 men. A very large majority of these deaths came from wounds, hardship and diseases, the number actually killed being comparatively small. The bloodiest 78,000 placed bors de combat.

"I WOULD like you to help me a little," said a vagrant, poking his head into a country shop. "Why don't you help yourselt?" asked the proprietor. Thank you, I will," said the tramp, picking up a bottle of pickles and two loaves of bread, and then vanishing.