### NEWS OF THE WEEK

-The President on the 19th signed the bill to increase the pensions of widows and dependent relatives of deceased soldiers and sailors.

-A freight train on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad ran into a landslide near Stoop's Ferry, Penna., on the 20th, was thrown down an embankment. The engine and nine cars were demolished. William Clymer, conductor, and Frederick Kirchner, fireman, were killed.

-The heaviest snowstorm at Du buque for five years visited that place on the 20th, and continued until late on the 21st. The snow was over two feet on a level and drifted badly. Limbs of damaged and some weak buildings were crushed in.

-John Boyd Thatcher, ex-State Senator, was nominated for Mayor of Albany by the Democrats on the 20th.

-Secretary Bayard on the 20th transferred to the New York Frant Monument Fund the sum of \$600, covering two contributions-\$500 from the President of Mexico and \$100 from Senor Romero, the Mexican Minister and steadfast friend of General Grant. The total is now \$119,588.

-Propositions submitted by Vice President Hoxie, of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, after conferences with the Governors of Kansas and Missouri, of Lab r in St. Louis.

-A serious overflow has been caused by an ice gorge in the Missouri river, fifteen miles above Sioux City, Iowa. North and west of Elk Point, Dakota, as far as the eye can reach, only a vast sheet of water is to be seen. The farmers in flooded district have driven their cattle to the ridges.

Wayne, Indiana, on the 21st, doing great damage. In the village of Williamsport, two churches and all the barns were demolished, many houses were damaged, and cattle were killed.

-A fall of top rock occured early on the 21st, in the Pottsville and Mahanoy Railroad turned at Horseshoe Curve, near Pottsville. Twenty workmen, mostly Italians, were buried. Two of them were killed, and about fifteen others injured, three perhaps fatally. Meyers Patterson, an employe of the Electric Light Company at Lynchburg, Virginia, while repairing a light on the twenty feet from the ground.

-The President on the 22d nom . nated J. Richard Winfield, of Virginia! to be Consul at San Jose, Costa Ricaalso John W. Brophy, to be Postmaster at Mount Carmel; Charles B. Whitehead, at Bradford, and Emmet W. Mc-Arthur, at Meadville, in this State.

-A convention of delegates from all the Irish societies in New Jersey was held on the 22d in Newark to arrange for a more thorough organization of the Irish National League throughout the State. It was resolved that all moneys collected for the benefit of the League ss through the hands of Dr. O'Reilly. of New York. The following permanent officers were elected: President, Jos. Atkinson, of Eewark. Secretary, Horace J. Kenney, of Newark; Treasurer, John Kennedy, of Jersey City.

-A charter was granted at Harrisburg on the 22d to the New York-Bloomsburg and Western Railroad Mauch Chunk to Newcastle, a distance of 250 miles. The capital is \$10,000,000 of which \$1,400,000 has been subscribed.

-The eighteenth game of the chest championship was played on the 22d as New Orleans, and was won by Steinitz, his antagonist resigning on the fortieth move. The score now stands: Steinitz 8; Zukertort, 5. According to the original terms of the contract, if the game should stand 9 to 9, the match would be a draw. In St. Louis the number to make a draw was reduced by agreement to 8. Steinitz, therefore, claims that he cannot lose.

-In the New Jersey House, on the 22d, the Chase bill was passed over the Governor's veto by a vote of 39 to 15.

-The War Department has received no information of the reported surrender of Geronimo and his followers to to 2. Lieutenant Maus, near San Bernardino. The report is contradicted by a later arrival at Tombstone.

-The Secretary of the Treasury on the 22d, issued the 135th call for the redemption of bonds. The call is for ten millions of the Three Per Cents of 1882, to mature on the 1st of May.

-On the 23d the Cabinet meeting considered measures for the more rigid enforcement of the Chinese Restriction act, particularly with reference to preyenting the landing of Chinese laborers on fraudulent certificates. "It was represented that trouble constantly arises in cases where immigrants claim to have lost or mislaid their certificates, and bring witnesses to prove that they were in this country at the time of the passage of the act, and were actually provided with the certificate prescribed by law, which entitled such persons to return to the United States after a visit to China, '2 The Cabinet also considered the steps necessary to protect the Government's interest in the Union Pacific Railway.

-The Government papers to test the validity of the Bell Telephone patents were filed on the 23d in the U.S. Court at Columbus, Ohio. It is understood that the first question considered in connection with the case will be that | ofjurisdiction.

-General Crook reports that there is Geronimo and his band. The War De- should be fixed for taking a vote on the partment has been advised by the General that he was to start on the 23d from Fort Bowie for San Bernardino Logan army bill was laid over as unfinto receive the surrender of Geronimo.

-The Governor of California has appointed George Hearst U. S. Senator, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Miller. He was the Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator when Leland Stanford was elected by a subject with which Congress had the Legislature.

The President on the 23d nominated James W. Romeyn, of Detroit, to be Censul at Valparaiso.

-Secretary Manning was reported somewhat better on the 24th, but he will probably be laid up for several weeks at least. He is threatened with

apoplexy. -Ward Hunt, ex-Associate Justice of the Superme Court of the United States, died on the 24th, at his residence, in Washington, aged 76 years. He was born in Utica, New York, graduated at Union College, studied law at Litchfield, Connecticut, was elected a Judge of Appeal in New York in 1865, and was appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1871. He was retired about six years ago in consequence of a paralytic stroke.

-While William R. Baker, Mayor trees were broken off, telegraph wire of Houston, Texas, and an Independent candidate for re-election, was returning from a political meeting on the 23d, a a horseman rode up to him, and asked him to withdraw in favor of Smith, the Democratic and Labor candidate. Baker refused, and the unknown man fired three shots at him in quick succession, and rode away. The assassin missed his aim, Baker dodging the

-President Cleveland on the 24th received about 600 visitors mostly New England excursionists and members of the Salvation Army. During the reception Lawrence Barrett, the tragedian, stood beside him.

-In Richmond, Virginia, on the were on the 20th under consideration 24th Judge Atkins, of the Hustings by the representatives of the Knights | Court ordered that an election be held on the 26th of April next, to decide, in accordance with a law passed by the last Legislature, on the question of license or no license for the sale of

-The New York House of Representatives on the 24th, by a vote of 72 to 28 passed a bill imposing a tax of 1 per cent. on the capital stock of corpo--A ternado passed north of Fort rations for the privilege of organiza-

-The Signal Officer at Chicago on the evening of the 24th reported that a cold wave was coming, and the temperature would fall 20 to 25 degrees within the next forty-eight hours.

-The nineteenth game in the chess contest between Steinitz and Zukertort, was played on the 24th at New Orleans. It was won by Steinitz, his antagonist resigning on the twenty-ninth move.

-The debate on the Riel question in the Dominion House of Commons ended on the 24th, and a vote was taken 22d, was killed by a shock from the on Mr. Landry's motion censuring the electric current. He was on a pole Government for having executed Riel, which resulted in the Government being sustained by a majority of 53, the vote standing 125 to 72.

> -Secretary Manning's condition was slightly improved on the 25th, but he is not out of danger.

in Montana.

-The Senate has confirmed Henry P. Kitfield to be Assistant Appraiser Marian A. Hulligan, Pension Agent at Chicago, and Roswell A. Fish, of Caltfornia, Assistant Register of the Trea-

-The Republican State Convention of Rhode Island met on the 25th in Providence. George Peabody Watermore, of Newport, was nominated for Governor, E. Lucius Darling, of Paw-Company to build a new line from tucket for Lieutenant Governor, and Joshua M. Addeman, of Providence, for Secretary of State.

-The Democratic City Convention of Cincinnati on the 25th nominated the following ticket: Comptroller, Edwin Stevens; Board of Public Works, C. R. Chesley; Police Commissioners, Isaac B. Matson (three years), Wm. Means (two years), Thos. J. Stephens (one year); Infirmary Directors, J. H. Grueter and L. L. Armstrong. Messrs. Means and Stephens are ex-Mayors.

-At Charleston, South Carolina, on the 25th, in a game of base-ball between the Charleston and Philadelphia Clubs, Bryan, centre field of the Charleston Club, broke his knee cap, and Lanser, catcher for the same club, broke his finger. Bryan will be disabled for life. The Philadelphians won the game-13

-The Cabinet meeting of the 25th, was devoted to a general discussion of the labor troubles in the West.

## FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

SENATE, In the U.S. Senate on the 22d, Mr. Logan submitted a resolution, which was ordered to be printed and laid over, providing for open sessions for the consideration of Executive nominations hereafter. The Urgent Deficiency bill was referred to a committee of conference. Mr. Logan's bill to in. crease the efficiency of the army was discussed during the morning hour. Mr. Edmunds' resolutions then came up

utive session the Senate adjourned. In the U. S. Senate on the 23d, the House bill granting a pension of \$2000 a year to the widow of General Hancock was reported and immediately passed. Mr. Logan introduced a bill, which was referred, repealing the prothat, when a vacancy occurs in the office of general or lieutenant general of the army, such office shall cease. The Edmunds resolutions were debated by Messrs. Jackson and George. Mr. Morgan obtained the floor but yielded to a motion for an executive session. The motion was lost. After as he rattles his dollars in his pocket, no truth in the rumored surrender of arranging that this afternoon a time

> resolutions the Senate adjourned. In the U. S. Senate on the 25th, the ished business, and the Edmunds resolutions were considered. They were debated by Messrs. Voorhees, Evarts and Call. Mr. Evarts argued that, "if the President had the right to say whether the papers called for related to a right to deal, he could refuse papers affecting his own conduct which it might be important for Congress to secure." After an executive session the Senate adjourned.

In the U.S. Senate on the 24th the bill to increase the efficiency of the army was discussed. The Edmunds I Two dimpled hands the bars of iron grasped resolution came up at the expiration of the morning hour, and was debated by Messrs, Morgan, Mitchell, Hoar, Gray, Harris, Butler and Edmunds. The latter tried to secure an understanding that general debate should close this afternoon, and that whatever Senator should then be in charge of the resolutions might, at that time, have one hour in which to close the debate, and that then a final vote by taken on the resolutions. Owing to the uncertainty, however, as to what Senators might wish to speak and how long a time they might wish to occupy, no understandng was arrived at except a somewhat Indefinite one that they should be disposed of before adjournment on the 26th, and that in the meantime the debate should be resumed immediately after morning business. Mr. Voorhees obtained the floor and the Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE

In the House on the 22d the bill granting a pension of \$2000 a year to the widow of General Hancock was passed-yeas, 169; nays, 47. Mr. Henley, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill to forfeit certain lands granted in aid of the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Mr. Wheeler, of Alabama, offered a preamble and resolution reciting the postponement of the consideration of the Blair Educational bill by the Committee on Education, and directing the Committee on Rules to report a rule by which the House might by a majority vote direct any of its committees to report back any bill referred to it, Mr. Willis said that an opportunity would be given to take action on this subject without reference to the rules on the 29th, and Mr. Wheeler withdrew the resolution. A number of bills were introduced under the call of States, among them one by Mr. Anderson, of Kansas, for the creation of a commission to arbitrate in cases of strikes. Mr. Van Eaton, of Mississippi, introduced a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy. At the conclusion of the call the House adjourned.

In the House on the 23d, bills were reported to establish a National Live Stock highway and promote commerce in live stock between the States; to prevent the introduction of contagious and infectious diseases into the United States, and to establish a Bureau of Public Health ; to amend the act establishing a Bureau of Animal industry; to extend the immediate letter delivery system; to repeal the pre-emption laws; to provide for the special and uniform instruction of the State Militia, and to provide for the equitable compensation and classification of certain officers of the United States. The Indian Ap--The President on the 25th, nomin- propriation bill was considered in Comated Mark D. Baldwin 10 be Agent for | mittee of the Whole. A conference rethe Indians of the Blackfeet Agency, port on the Urgent Deficiency bill was

agreed to. Adjourned. In the House on the 24th, Mr. Blanchard, of Louislana, from the ter get ready to start." at Boston; Rule Letcher, of Missouri, Civil Service Committee, offered a Consul at Rio Grande do Sul; Mrs. resolution, which was adopted, calling on the various Cabinet officers for in formation "as to whether or not employes in their departments are permitted to employ substitutes to perform their duties, whether such substitutes are employed or appointed and, if so, by whom, and whether they have passed the civil service examination." An order was made allowing the Committee on Labor to report for action at any time (not to interfere with revenue or appropriation bills) legislation for tion in strikes on railroads. The Indian Appropriation bill was passed finally-226 to 5. The House then went into committee of the whole on the Post-office Appropriation bill. Pending debate the committee rose and hundred dollars, now, to give him."

the House adjourned. Eaton from the Committee of Public Lands, reported a bill "to promote the introduction of fresh water into the Colorado desert." Mr. Hill from the Committee on Territories, reported a bill for the organization of the Territory of Oklahoma. Mr. Dunn, from the Shipping Committee, reported the Free Ship bill and it was placed on the calendar, Mr. Dingley, of Maine, presenting a minority report. A bill was passed granting a fifteen days' leave of absence to employes of the Govern- called home, and furnished it very pretment Printing Office. The Post-office Appropriation bill was debated in Committee of the Whole. An evening session was held to express the sorrow of the House at the death of the late Representative Rankin, of Wisconsin.

## SUNBEAMS.

"WAITER, this chicken is very tough. It's all I can do to get my teeth through "Sorry, sir, but I haven't time to

chew it for you now." A POET asks: "What face is this, in order and were debated by Messrs. that through time's heavy veil, peers Colquitt and Jackson. After an execdon't know, unless mayhap it be the

not be able to make his next "age"

good. the poor people who in this cold weathvision of existing law which declares er have scarcely enough clothing with which to cover themselves and who have no money to fill the empty coalbins. But while thinking of these minor hardships we are too apt to forget the sufferings of the expatriated cashier in Canada, who looks sadly out had possession of money. Her mother upon snow fifteen feet deep, and sighs,

> for his dear native land, "ARE THERE"-ejaculated Mr. Henpeck, as he stepped into the back door of his residence yesterday noon. His wife was dishing up the dinner, dropped her cooking-fork on the kitchen table

> and exclaimed: "Joseph, don't you ever let me hear you use that expression again. The idea of saying 'ah therel' to a poor woman who is just making a slave of her-

self for your sake." "I beg your pardon," said Mr. Henpeck; "I simply wanted to ask, are in the country better than in the city. per order, there any potatoes in the house for Always busy, she had not been to "Such of breakfast to-morrow?"

Beyond the Gate.

Two blue and wondering eyes the space looked through. This massive gate a boundry had been set.

Nor was she ever known to be but true. Strange were the sights she saw across the

A little child had died some days before-And as she watched, amid the silence hushed. Some carried flowers, some a casket bore.

The little watcher at the garden gate Grew tearful hers such thoughts and wonderings were. Till said the nurse: "Come here, dear child.

Weep not. We all must go. 'Tis God has sent for "If He should send for me"-thus spoke

the child-"I'll have to tell the angel: 'Do not Though God has sent for me, I can not

come; I never go beyond the garden gate."

# ELLA BOWEN'S LUCK.

"It never rains but it pours!" voice, and handed a letter to her husband. He had just come in from his offer it.

"Don't look so doleful, Nell. We month ago.!"

had five hundred dollars!" "But we have not! The next best thing is to be contented without it. Who is your correspondent?"

mother's aunt, but she has always been | when Ella was free to return there. very fond of me. The letter is not directly from her, but from her servant, Anne Smith, who has lived with her for years. Aunt Margaret is very sick, and wants to see me!"

"But it is dated Magnolia!" "Yes. It will cost me considerable

to go, and yet Anne seems to think she is very ill. She is ninety-two years

"Oh, no, indeed! She has nothing of her own, unless it may be some clothing and furniture. She lives upon an income from her son's property that goes back to his family when Aunt Margaret dies."

"Then you must go! If she were wealthy, there would be plenty of others to comfort her death-bed, but erty?" as it is, if she wants you, you had bet-

"But you?" "Oh, I'll get along. Jane will give

me my meals until you come back. "I do think, Harry Bowen, you are was blest with," said Nell, putting her arms around his neck.

"Thank you, dear. For a wife of five years' experience that is a charm-

ing speech." "Five years!" Nell thought, as she busied herself about the tea table, "so the purpose of providing for arbitra- it is! And Harry is a lover yet. Perhaps if we had children we would not be so fond of each other, but he is all I have, and excepting his sister, Jane, he

By which wish, many times made In the House on the 25th, Mr. Van | during the month just passing away, it will be understood that the Bowens had not a large bank account. Harry was manager and head clerk in a hardware heavy large pieces of mahogany and store, the only one in Creyton, the little | black oak. town where he lived. Ella had been the district school teacher until her

pretty face had won Harry's love. They had married on a narrow income, but by economy had saved enough to buy the small house they tily. But it had taken all they could save in these five years.

Just one month before this story opens one of the partners in the firm where Harry was employed had died, and his widow had moved away from Creyton, taking out the money that had been her husband's share of the business. It was a very desirable opportunity, as the business was settled and prosperous, but Harry was not willing to sell or mortgage his hardly earned We be the refrain in all Ella's musing, and often spoken aloud, "If we only had poker player's who is afraid be will five hundred dollars!"

It seemed to work itself into the jog of the train, the puff of the locomotive, IT is well enough to sympathize with the jar of the steamboat machinery, as she sped over the road and river to Magnolia.

It was ten years since Ella had made her last visit there with her mother. Her life until then had been a carefully cherished one, alhtough she had never had taught music in a large city, spending her summer vacations in Magnolia, and her income had been sufficient to give Ella every advantage of education. and to make her childhood and girlhood

She was eighteen when her mother's death-a very sudden one-threw her upon her own resources for daily bread. and after teaching music for a time,

Always busy, she had not been to Magnolia since her mother died, al- pack up," he told Ella, "and send your

changed with Aunt Margaret. It was fashloned stuff go for 'costumes.' " the pleasantest part of her life.

the little cottage home, saying softly:

"Oh, Miss Ella, dear, I'm glad you've come. Your aunt's fretted sore to see you," everything else was forgotten in the duty before her.

For the dear old aunt, who had always loved her bright, pretty niece, was ill unto death, with a painful illness that required incessant care. Anne was nearly worn out by months of faithful nursing, and Ella wrote to Harry:

"If you can spare me, dear, I am sorely needed here. Aunt Margaret's children are all dead, and her grandchildren are none of them here. I have written to Gerald Cooper, the eldest of her son's children, to whom her income will return if she dies, but even if he comes on she will still need me."

It is hard nursing, incessant care, but Ella felt more than repaid by the inva-Ella Bowen quoted the well-worn lid's gratitude. Every service was so saying in a very rainy-weather sort of fully appreciated, and met with such warm thanks, that it was a pleasure to

day's business, and his face had a Dear child," the old lady said one shadow on it, too, although he spoke day, "you will soon be released, and your good husband will be no worse for an old woman's most hearty blessing. are not any worse off than we were a I cannot pay you, Ella, nor leave him a fortune." I have nothing, dear, but "I know that! But, oh! if we only the few chairs and tables in the house, but God will reward you for your love and care to me."

Days slipped into weeks, weeks into months, and it was nearly three months "Aunt Margaret Hooper; she is my later than the day she left Creyton, Gerald Cooper had been with his grandmother a week before she died, but no other relative excepting Ella had come

to Magnolia, The funeral was over, and Ella was alone in the little parlor, when Mr. Leigh, the lawyer who had been Mrs. Cooper's friend for years, and had known Ella from her infancy came in. two tables, three chairs, and a cabinet, In spite of the solemnity of the occasion that cost him just double what he there was a twinkle in his eyes as he

"Have you seen Gerald Cooper since we left the cemetery?"

"No, he has not come home yet." left a will?"

"A will! I thought she had no prop-

and the furniture of this cottage. She has left all that to you."

money value, is it? "That remains to be seen, Now, the best husband that ever a woman Nell, make me a promise. Promise me you will not accept any proposal of osity."

Gerald Cooper's without sending him to me."

dered. "Do you want to sell the furniture?" nolia > "reed her myself." "It would cost a great deal to carry

it to Creyton, would it not?" "Yes." "And our cottage there is furnished."

"Then you do not care for the old has no one but me. If I only had five furniture. Some of this is very fine, more than a hundred years old." But Ella was not educated up to old

furniture, and thought her pretty modern sofas and tables suited her little cottage far better than Aunt Margaret's

But for Mr. Leigh's call she would have closed at once with Gerald's care-

"By the way, Nell, my wife has rather set her heart upon grandmother's furniture, and had no idea she would will it away. You won't want to move all this stuff to Creyton. Suppose I give you a hundred dollars for the lot, as it stands."

Without warning, Nell would have accepted at once, but, as it was, she was surprised to see Gerald Cooper's face grow black as she said:

that for me. You can tell him you want the furniture."

after him.

the follies or freaks of fashion, seeing aggeration. nothing of them and scarcely heeding what she read. The value of old furniture was unknown to her, and the fact that her inheritance was a choice and rare one was something that had not occurred to her.

But Mr Leigh was well aware of the fact, and having a cordial liking for Ella, had resolved to make the legacy as valuable as possible, understanding that the furniture itself would be of but little value to her. A carefully-worded advertisement in the leading papers of the cities nearest to Magnolia, a circular letter to some of the prominent dealers, were as high walls in the little plans Gerald Cooper had made to buy taking her mother's pupils, she had ac- his grandmother's furniture for a trifle, cepted the district school at Creyton for A sale was announced, and Mr. Leigh the sake of country air, loving the life sent an agent to put the cottage in pro-

"Such of the clothing as you can use,

though frequently letters were ex- trunks to the depot, but let all the old-

pleasant to recognize all the landmarks | Magnolia had never seen such a sight familiar in her childish memories, when as the cettage on the day of the sale. the yearly visit with her mother was Every train brought crowds of fashionably attired ladies and gentlemen, pro-But when Anne opened the door of fessional and amateur collectors, till the house and garden were packed, and the road in front crowded, when the auctioneer stepped upon a table on the porch and opened the sale.

Elia and Mr. Leigh were at an upper window, looking through closed blinds at the scene. Gerald Cooper, with a face darkened by frowns, stood leaning on the fence, ready to make bids for what he had ealculated to possess much more easily.

It seemed to Ella that she must be in a dream as the bidding grew more animated. Could that old claw-legged table actually be worth fifty dollars? Was the man who gave two hundred dollars for the carved black teak sideboard a maniac? Had she actually heard a bid of one hundred dollars made for the high-post bed that nearly filled the cottage bedroom?

Mr. Leigh chuckled and rubbed his hands; Gerald Cooper fumed and fretted; and Ella's eyes grew large and bright as a great possibility shaped

itself to a certainty.

The partnership! Already she could count upon her fingers more than double the sum required. She could go back to Creyton and give Harry the five hundred dollars twice told. It was too good to be true. She must be dreaming!

She told Mr. Leigh about the partnership, as they watched the crowd stream away in the direction of the railway station, and received his hearty approval and congratulations.

"I will see what it realized," he said. "I stipulated for a ready money sale. You can get away this afternoon, Ella, f you wish.

And Ella did get away, carrying with her twelve hundred dollars, the result of Mr. Leigh's advertising. "All expenses are paid; and this is

your legacy," the kind old gentleman said to Ella. "Mr. Gerald Cooper has offered you for the entire lot.

And Ella did not give one sigh of regret over the fact that she had not one piece of that "beautiful old furniture" when she put the bank notes into "Did you know your Aunt Margaret | Harry's hands, and told him the story

of her legacy. But Mrs. Gerald Cooper heartily echoed her husband's words of vituper-"She owned nothing but her clothing ation lavished Mr. Leigh, when he wound up his story by saying;

"Ella knew nothing about old furni-"So she told me, But it is of no ture. But for that abominable old lawver's interference I could have bough the entire lot for a hundred dollars, and Ella's life-long gratitude for my gener-

"It was just Ella Bowen's luck," said Mrs, Gerald, spitefully, "If I had "Certainly," said Ella, rather bewil had any idea your grandmother would make a will, I would have gone to Mag-

## Selling Crown Jewels.

Many of the famous crown jewels or France, which the Chamber of Deputies has just resolved to sell to provide a fund for aged workmen, are curiously associated with the history of the old empire and the young republic. Among the objects which are to be melted after the jewels have been removed, instead of being sold in their present form, are the sword of the Dauphin and that of Louis XVIII, and the Imperial crown made in 1854 for the coronation, which never took place. The "Regent." the famous diamond purchased for £135,-000 by that Regent of Orleans to whom it owes its name, will probably not be sold. The Orloff diamond, which is said to be the purest if not the largest of the famous jewels, was worn in the crowns of the kings of France. Napoleon 1, however, transferred it to the hilt of his sword, and at Waterloo it fell into the hands of the Prussians. After the restoration it went back to "Mr. Leigh said he would see about France, and in 1870, when the capital was about to be invested, the famous stone was taken to Bordeaux for safe An expression more forcible than keeping. Napoleon I exhibited during home and the money was not within his polite escaped Mr. Cooper, as he strode the palmy days of his ascendency, 37, reach in any other way, So it came to out of the room, slamming the door 393 precious stones of various kinds, valued at 18,922,477 francs, but many But three days later, Ella began to of these were afterward lost. The understand the situation. In her quiet amount mentioned in a dispatch as the country home. occupied by her domestic prospective result of the sale-\$40,000,duties, she had taken little interest in | 000-is probably a mistake or an ex-

## Pet Witches.

The natives of the Caroline islands are firm believers in sorcery, but instead of burning their witches they try to conciliate them in every possible way, especially by leaving presents at their door in night-time, never doubting that the wisdom of the bruza will enable her to divine the unknown benefacter. Witches are propitiated by gifts of cocoa, cakes and honey whenever the storm clouds loom on the horizon of the setting sun, as well as in times of protracted droughts, for bruxus are supposed to have specifics for evils of that sort. Women credited with proficiency in such business branches of the black art are therefore considered desirable matches, and do not fail to inpress their admirers with vague hints of magical