-A telegram from Topeka, asserts the best evidence, that can be procured." Not more than two deaths are known to have occurred in Kansas and two in Nebraska, "The crops in there but a short time and are poor. But they are not in a starving condiating, the thermometer ranging from day. 40 to 60 above zero,"

-A telegram was received in Hudson, Wisconsin, on the 23d, from New Richmond, asking for assistance from mond is a town of 1800 people, on the 26th, Omaba Railroad, 18 miles from Hudson.

obtained \$230 on a number of small was known, confessed. notes, to which she forged the signature of George Sessions. It is said she tory near Worcester.

-Luman E. Grant, 28 years old, and his younger brother broke through the ice on Onondaga Lake, New York, while skating on the 26th. Luman was drowned, but his brother was saved. Emerson Littlefield, while went into a hole and was drowned.

-Charles House, foreman of the pany's printing office in Washington, daughter, on the 25th. While stand- present. ing between the north and south tracks

-Edward Kendricks, 38 years of into the river. He was a telegraph tate is estimated at \$500,000. operator, and leaves a wife and daughter. Whisky caused the deed.

-Mrs. Sarah G. Ewing, living a few miles west of Shelbyville, Indiana, was found dead in her barnyard on the 25th, by her grandson. Her body was terribly mangled by hogs.

-While Mark Morse, a well-known citizen of Petersburg, Virginia, was unlocking his front door on the evening of the 26th, he was stabbed and five condangerously wounded by an unknown leaf. negre, who escaped.

-William Stance, color sergeant in the Ninth U. S. Cavalry, was shot dead from ambush at Crawford, Nebraska, on the evening of the 25th, while on his way to Fort Hobinson. As he was a very strict disciplinarian, it is be-

below. By means of a carriage pole scaled the outer wall and reached the street. A general alarm has been

prisoner, set fire to the Tococoa Jail on the evening of the 27th and was burned

-James Watson, mine boss of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, at Pitts- Royal. ton, was shot and mortally wounded by Samuel McDowell, weighmaster, on Mullen under arrest for drunkenness

robbed on the evening of the 26th. He | robbed of \$600.

-The steamer State of Georgia ar- died on the 27th from injuries received. -During a Christmas entertainment given in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, at Fairburg, Illinois, a little The structure, being built of inflammable material, including cotton, took fire that the dispatches from Wichita from the lights, and a panic ensued about the suffering and death in West- among the men, women and children ern Kansas, "are false according to present. Hundreds were trampled upon and many injured, several perhaps fatally. The church was saved with great difficulty, but all the windows were demolished. On Christmas western Kansas have been poor and a day two colored boys, aged 6 and 7 great majority of the settlers have been years, living near Louisiana, Missouti, were burned to death while playing too close to a lighted brush pile. Miss are comfortably housed in dug-outs llimois, was sweeping the hearth on and have laid id a supply of cow chips | Christmas eve, when her clothes caught for the winter, which will keep them from suffering. The weater is moder- was to have been married on Christmas

-A telegram from Springfield, Ohio, -The Newman Allen building and says Jesse Mead, a wealthy farmer and the City Bank block, in Holton, Kan- a politician, was drowned in Mad sas, were burned on the evening of the river, on the 27th, He was crossing a 23d. Loss,\$70,000; insurance, \$33,000. bridge in a buggy when his borse reared and backed off the bridge.

-Daniel Stillwell, aged 70 years, perished in a snowstorm within a short the fire department, as the city was distance of his home at South Pittsbeing destroyed by fire. New Rich- burg, Tennessee, on the evening of the

-John Williams and William Lynch, -Thomas H. Hood, defaulting the burglars who recently escaped cashier of the Board of Water Com- from the Pittsfield, Massachusetts, missioners of Norwich, Connecticut, Jail, and were recaptured, one in Yonwas arrested on the 26th and com- kers and the other in New York, have mitted in default of \$7500 bail. He been identified as two of the burglars is charged with having embezzled who attempted to rob the Farmers' \$6500. Lucille Foster, 20 years old, National Bank, of New Castle, Delawas arrested in Worcester, Mass., on ware, September 29th. Williams, the evening of the 25th, on the charge when told by Inspector Byrnes that his of forgery. It is charged that she connection with the New Castle job

-Several persons were injured by a smash-up on the Long Island Railroad, used the money to go to Boston and at Ralph Avenue Station, Brooklyn, have a criminal operation performed. on the morning of the 27th. The ac-She is in a serious condition. She cident was between two trains running has been a telegraph operator in in the same direction. A fog pre-Boston and an employe in a straw fac- valled and prevented the engineer of the rear train from seeing far ahead. All the passengers on the first train were shaken, and about a dozen were injured, but none severely. Two cars were wrecked.

-The funeral of ex-Secretary Man ning took place on the 27th in Albany, skating at Peoria, Illinois, on the 26th, New York. Private funeral services for the family were held at the resi dence of Mr. Manning's son, followed Richmond and Danville Railroad Com- by public services in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, President District of Columbia, was walking on Cleveland and his Cabinet and many the tracks near Alexandria with his other distinguished persons were

-Owen Connolly, a wealthy mer amusing the child, he was struck and chant of Charlottetown, Prince Edkilled by an express train. The child ward's Island, dropped dead in his was unhurt. H. Nichols, of London, store on the 27th, while writing an England, was killed while attempting order for a pair of blankets and a load to board a freight train on the Penn- of coal, to be presented as holiday gift burned on the evening of the 28th. sylvania Railroad near Huntingdon, to a poor woman. He was 67 years of His three little children perished in the Miller & Brother, at East Aurora, Pennsylvania, on the morning of the age, married, but childrens. After flames, and Newton was fatally in- New York, was robbed of \$1800 on age, committed suicide at Pittsburg, on | tion of poor Roman Catholic children the evening of the 26th, by jumping in Prince Edward's Island. The es-

24th, resolutions were passed asking Congress to aboilsh the war taxes on tobacco and to revise the Sumatra tariff law of 1883. Representatives were present from several counties. An organization was perfected, and it was them against foreign producers, and to Baltimore for declared in favor of a duty of seventy-six weeks ago. five cents per pound on imported cigar

Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad collided near Racine, Wisconsin, on the morning of the 28th. Both cabooses —The 'cannon-be and several cars were wrecked and left Chicago on the Albert Lea route burned, and two brakemen were inlieved that he was killed by one of his mea. He stood high in the esteem of his superiors, and wore a medal awarded by Congress for bravery in rescuing children from Indians.

—Isadore Pierce, a storekeeper in Boulder, Colorado, shot his wife twice in the presence of their four children on the 28th, and then killed himself. The wife is not fatality wounded. The cause was jealonsy.

—Paul Krause, implicated in the province of Lyman S. Weeks, in Brooklyn, New York, in March hart, escaped from the jail in that city on the even. jured by jumping from the trains. from the jail in that city on the evening of the 25th. He lowered himself Young Bryan picked it up and, touchtowels tied together, and dropped on blankets which he had previously thrown on the cobblestone pavement below. By means of a carriage pole flaming circle was called the sand the below. By means of a carriage pole flaming circle was called the sand the shake-up. Henry Blair, an old Penn. his head and face were so badly burned that his recovery is not expect on the morning of the 29th.

stock of the Knoxville, Carolina and after a debauch. He was taken to the Western Railroad. This subscription station house and upon searching him

the 27th. Both are over 60 years of port, Indiana, is reported to have fled city. age. No cause is known for the deed, but it is said that McDowell has months ago he married a respected lately shown signs of insanity. Constable Henry Moore placed Samuel sistant superintendent of a Sunday school. The safe in the store of H. B. in Weston, West Virginia, on the even miller & Brother, dry goods merchants of the 26th. Mullen was drunk and refused to go with the constable robbed on the evening of the 27th of to jail. A scuffle ensued, in which \$1800. "Buck" Harlan was arrested to jail. A scuffle ensued, in which Moore, losing his temper, drew his pistol and shot Mullen dead. A telegram from Rector, Arkansas, says a terrible affray occurred there on the evening of the 26th, in which A. M. Boyce, the Marshal of Rector. was killed and W. H. Lovejoy mortally wounded. A man named Davis is also reported killed. No further particulars have been received, but it is said the tragedy grew out of an old feud. Nathan Reid, who lived in Lee county, Georgia, on the evening of the 25th killed his wife and six children, set fire to the house and then killed himself. Jeremiah B.

Fry, a prominent colored citizen of treasurer, was chloroformed on the Louisville, Ky., was assaulted and evening of the 27th by burglars and

-Charles Leavitt, a burglar, was on the 28th sentenced in Buffalo, New York, to ten years' imprisonmeni. In 1874 he was tried in Toronto for murcabin was placed on the platform and der and sent to prison for life, but filled with presents for the children. | was pardoned after eight years, on giving evidence against his accomplice, Charles Meeker.

-William H. A. Savage, of Wilkesbarre, Penna, has lost two children within forty-eight hours by a mysterious disease. The younger, two years old, appeared slightly sick on the evening of the 26th, and died before it was supposed that his illness was a serious one. Another boy, five years old, was taken sick on the morning of the 28th. and died in a few hours. In both cases the bodies turned black a short time tion by any means. A large portion Belle Smith, living near Chauncey, after death. Post-mortem examinations will be made

-Richard H. Barringer, 24 years old, died in Troy, New York, on the 28th, from an affection of the heart, followed by dropsy. Several physicians attended him, and they all agreed that his system had become shattered by nicotine poisoning. "After his death one of his veins burst, and the blood therefrom was almost as black as ink." He smoked eigarettes to excess.

-There has been trouble at High Bridge, Wisconsin, a small station on the Wisconsin Central Railroad, for some weeks, the employes of the charcoal pits objecting to the presence of peace officers. On the 27th a gang of coal burners attacked Officer R. H. McPhale. He retreated and fired, killing Peter Collins, McPhale was kicked in a terrible manner and left for dead. Several arrests have been made.

-Llewellyn Jones and David Jones, two old miners, were brushing the gas out of their chambers, at the Empire mine, at Wilkesbarre, Penna., on the 28th, when a laborer entered with a naked lamp. An explosion followed, and the two miners were fatally burned. The laborer, who was on the outside of the chamber and in the current of air, escaped injury. John Smith, 28 years old, employed in Smyth's leather factory, in Newark, New Jersey, was attacked with vertigo on the evening of the 28th, and fell into a tanning vat and was drowned.

-While scraping ice off the lake on Eau Claire river, near Stillwater, Minnesota, on the 28th, eight valuable Tozer broke through and seven of drowning on Snake river, and William | the latter penetrating the right lung. Hanson has lost four horses near Hayward, Wisconsin.

-Adam Martin, of Liverpool, Perry county Pa., has been arrested on the charge of defrauding an old soldier named Scyoe out of \$1840 of \$3600 received by Seyoe on account of arrearages of pensions.

-The house of Daniel Newton, colored, near Janesville, Virginia, was with a debt of \$5,156,108 85. making several bequests, his will gives the residue of his estate for the education of poor Roman Catholic children in Prince Edward's Island. The estate is estimated at \$800,000.

—At a meeting of tobacco growers in Baldwinsville, New York, on the in Baldwinsville, New York, on the badly burned that he is not expected.

After flames, and Newton was fatally injured in trying to rescue them. James Black, who lived fourteen miles from Millerstown, Penna., "turned on the natural gas" when going to bed on the evening of the 29th to o'clock on the morning of the 29th to hadly burned that he is not expected.

New York, was robbed of \$1800 on the evening of the 27th ult. John Nelson, a former watchman for the natural gas" when going to bed on the evening of the 29th to o'clock on the morning of the 29th to o'clock on the o'cl his father's house, a mile distant.

-John McKewen, 36 years old, was killed in Batimore on the 29th by the decided to request Congress to protect caving in of an embankment. He went | teen miles from Pittsburg, and at the to Baltimore from Waterville, Penna., point of the revolver compelled the

-A snow storm began at Quebec on the 28th, and was still prevailing on -Two freight trains on the Chicago, the 29th. The snow is about eighteen inches deep on a level, with drifts of away. About \$19 worth of the stamps

-The "cannon-ball express," which on the 27th, ran into a snow-drift near ment, and two coaches were thrown across the track. The engineer and shake-up. Henry Blair, an old Penn-sylvania stage driver, was run over and killed by the cars at Carbondale, Pa.,

sent to the police of the principal cities.

—A despatch from Atlanta, Georgia, says Roland Taylor, a colored prisoner, set fire to the Tococoa Jail on stock of the Knoxylle, Carolina and after a delivery of the principal ted.

—Patrick O'Bride, 36 years old, was found huddled in a doorway in Cincinnati, on the evening of the 28th, apparently just about to freeze to death completes the sum required to finish the road from Knoxville to Port Royal.

—Professor E. McHubbs, of the mond jewelry. The locality in which he was found is one of the worst in the city.

—Henry Wise, a farmer, while returning home with a team near Austin Texas, on the 28th, fell out of his wagon while crossing a muddy bottom and his head and shoulders were buried in the mud. His body was found frozen, and the mules were also frozen to death while standing in the mud beside Wise's body. This is the first fatality from freezing ever reported in this

27th, called and invited Mrs. Herrig to take a drive with him. While the woman was getting ready, her husband shot and killed Matthewson, and then compelled his wife to drive to Matthewson's house with the body. On her return she found her home in flames, and was shot dead by her husband, who then fled. Mrs. Herrig was formerly an actress, and at one time belonged to Pauline Markham's Company.

-A violent windstorm struck Frederick, Maryland, on the morning of the 29th. Houses were unroofed and trees uprooted. Several wagons were lifted and dashed to the roadside. Much damage is reported throughout Fred-

erick county. -A mixed train on the Pittsburg and Western Railroad, consisting of seven freight and two passenger cars, broke through a thirty-foot trestle at D. White, Foxburg.

-A passenger train on the Clearfield and Jefferson Railroad ran off the track near Great Bend, Penna., on the 30th ult, and a car containing twenty persons went over a bank. Six een persons were injured, but only one, John Kelley, a railroad contractor, of Punxsutawney, dangerously.

-A son of W. O. Monnett, was shooting at a target with a rifle, in Norwalk, Ohio, on the evening of the 29th ult. His sister, aged 3 years, who was standing by, was accidentally shot and killed.

-William Herrig, who murdered his | inquiry. young wife and her lover near St. Francis, Arkansas, on the 29th ult. was hanged on the evening of the 29th ult., by a band of vigilantes. His wife's stage name was Julia Bennett. | drapery of their clothing affords ample John Connow, a saloon keeper, has been arrested in El Paso, Texas, for cies. They scan the daily papers beating his wife almost to death with a closely, note the principal deaths, and chair on the 25th uit. He also struck when the time arrives play off the her twice with a chair on the morning 'dear friend' racket to perfection. As of the 26th ult., while she was lying in they are generally quite pretty, and bed helpless from the wounds inflicted | the beauty they naturally possess is horses belonging to Musser, Sauntry & the day before. In the first attack, be- considerably enhanced by the sombresides bruising and cutting her, he ness of their attire, they succeed in them were drowned. Malloy Brothers broke her breastbone, her right arm, nine cases out of ten in securing ad-& McClure have lost three horses by her nose and two of her ribs, one of mission, no matter how private the

> -Governor Beaver, on the 30th uit., ssued a proclamation announcing that the total amount of the State debt cancelled for the year ending November 30, 1887, amounted to \$1,418,511. At the close of the same year the total debt amounted to \$15.840,471 28, and the assets of the Sinking Fund to \$10,-684,362 43. This leaves Pennsylvania

-The dry goods store of H. B. badly burned that he is not expected revealed the money, which was hidden to recover. He escaped from the in a grain bin." Nelson was arrested. house and walked, almost naked, to On the evening of the 29th uit. four armed and masked men entered the post office and general store of C. F. Thompson & Co., at Finleyville, fifclerk to open the safe. They took from the safe \$600 in cash and \$50 worth of postage stamps, and after binding and gagging the clerk rode were found on the road near Pittsburg on the morning of the 30th ult.

-While a number of little children were attending the holiday celebration Ely, Iowa, twelve miles from Ceder of the Haymarket Mission in Chicago

to be fatally injured.

Shellbark hickory, though growing ifest itself, the summer exertion en-in almost all situations, does best in larging the muscles and light clothing deep, rich loam. The Welsh onion should be sown in the Fall.

THE MARKETS.

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MOURNING THIEVES. Women Who Attend Funerals to Steal Uostly Articles.

"No, madam, you cannot enter, said the usher gently but firmly. "The funeral is strictly private, and no one without a card is to be admitted." "She was a dear friend of mine,"

said the woman, and a dainty white handkerchief with a broad band of black was slowly raised to wipe away the dewy mist that obscured her sight." "Can I not see her once more?" There was a deep pathos in the tone and a plaintive sob came from behind the linen, while a tear drop slowly coursed down her pale cheek.

The heart of the usher softened. He was only a young man, and she looked almost charming in her apparent distress, so he allowed her to enter. Tiptoeing softly into the parlor where no one but an aged lady was sitting, she St. Petersburg, Penna., on the evening bent over the open casket as if to take of the 30th ult. The engine alone reone long last look of the departed. mained on the bridge. The wreck Then, while convulsive sobs shook her caught fire from the car stoves, and form, she moved a few paces and was consumed. Strangely enough, no leaned against the mantel, upon which person was killed and only six were | was placed a large amount of valuable dangerously injured, as follows: James | bric-a-brac. Here she remained for a Hulings, Edenburg, Penna.; A. Kisson, moment with a look of sadness upon Elk City, Penna.; John Atkinson, her countenance besitting the occasion, Parker, Penna.; D. Hilliard. Eden while her lips trembled with supburg; W. Hann, St. Petersburg, and pressed grief. The old lady was intently studying the pattern of the carpet, and when the visitor slowly left the room with lowered head made no note of her departure. Once outside and away from the house, her steps quickened, and ten minutes later a valuable piece of bisque ware was handed over a pawnbroker's counter, while the clerk slowly counted out the requisite change.

When the funeral was over and the family once more alone, the loss was discovered only to be charged against seme one of the servants, or perhaps, kept a secret through fear of offending some of those present by a Learching

"Funeral sneak thieves are becoming more and more numerous," said a well known private detective recently. "They are always females as the heavy opportunity for concealing small artifuneral services may be. Once inside they cry a little if necessary, and watch their chance of stealing anything of value in the room. Having succeeded, they make their departure as quickly, yet decorously as possible, and without tarrying a minute for fear of possible detection and pursuit, pawn

the stolen article. "When the room is full of people the sneak thief proceeds very cautiously, often waiting until the prayer is being made before endeavoring to ecure anything. None of those present pay any attention to her actions, thinking that she is a friend of the be-reaved family. In some cases articles which are missed from upper rooms

have been taken by these women.
"An up town lady recently placed a valuable ring upon the finger of ber dead daughter, only to find when she looked at her before the lid was screwed down that it was gone. In this instance suspicion immediately attached gions of the country. to a woman whom no one present knew, but who had been noticed bending over the casket a few minutes before. She was called into another room, and when accused of the theft calmly handed over the ring. In order to avoid a scene she was allowed to go. In other cases, however, these

vampires have succeeded in removing jewelry from the dead and escaping with it."

Girlish Figures Spoiled by Athletics.

It is the athletic girl, the new type of girl who goes in for nearly all the sports her brother takes up, who is, if she has previously cultivated her figure, the worst deformed girl of all. a delighted shriek. There is nothing like athletics and corsets, mixed or in alternate doses, to bring out the possibilities of curves. twists and abnormal developments in a modern girl. All British femininity is at present engaged in screaming con-tradictions at Labouchere because he —During a fight in a saloon in tradictions at Labouchere because he Hecla, Dakota, kept by Reynolds, had the hardihood to declare that Donovan & Head, revolvers were used. tennis playing girls were crooked. In a half dozen groups at Central Park inflicting a fatal wound and was him-ielt shot in the leg and pounded on the head with a beer glass. He is thought to be fetally intered six or seven in whom the same thing, though less obvious, had begun to manthrusting them out of place and ac-centuating the uneven development of the body. Girls who row in corsets are a curious sight, the extra muscular development all taking place high up, where the blood has a chance to circulate, and making the shoulders tower above the rest of the body.

Bather Difficult to Believe, Even of Washington Society.

Young women sometimes do queer things, but seldom does one venture on such a remarkably bold line of action as one young person did in Washington city while at a dinner party not many moons ago. During a luli in conversation she quietly remarked to the young gentleman who took her to the dinner:

the dinner:

"Let me see your pocket-book." Not knowing what to make of such a peculiar request, the young man quietly produced his pocket-book and handed it to her. She took it, calmly opened it, and took out a roll of bills amounting to \$200, all the money it contained. Then saying to her victim, "I will buy me a ring to-morrow," also as calmly handed back the empty leather case to him and put the money in her own pocket.

The man preferred to lose the money rather than to press his claim for it upon her relatives, and submitted to what was simply a piece of

The Decay of the Clown

There is obvious truth, and not a little of pathos, in the declaration of Mr. Forepaugh's advance agent that "the day of the clown is nearly over." He has had a long and pleasant reign of popularity, but the mildew is beginning to gather upon him in a distinct way at ast, and early oblivion awaits him beyond any doubt. It is not his fault that fate is thus about to crack all his chestnuts in cruel mockery and silence his familiar songs forever. The case is simply one of outlived usefulness and power to charm. His procession has passed by, and he lags superflueus, or, in other words, the remorseless logic of evolution has taken away his occupation, and there is nothing left for him. accordingly, but tame submission to the rule of "the survival of the fittest." He is not to be refused the right of wondering in his grotesque fashion if he is really less worthy to endure than many other of the forces of civilization which seem to have an assured continuance; but with all his wondering he would yet face the ugly fact that the world has made up its mind to do without him, His salary, we are told, nowlranges as low as \$20 a week, where he would once have scorned to take less than \$100, and a few more summers of poor pay and public indifference will suffice to utterly abolish It is a bitter irony of fortune, surely,

that one who has done so much to perpetuate stale stories and conundrums should finally be himself cast aside as a joke that has been carried far enough. The time was, he can easily remember, when all classes flocked to the circus mainly for the purpose of laughing at his venerable wittleisms and immemorial trick of grasping himself after the manner of one who suddenly discovers that he has eaten too much watermelon. No hint reached him then that there was the remotest danger of decay in his happy and prosperous calling. He wagered bottles of wine with the ring-master in a spirit of carelessness as to expenses that was a persistent defiance of ill-luck, and when he mounted his wagon drawn by the kicking pony, his countenance shone with a confidence both in his present and his tuture, which every spectator secretly envied. To be a clown in those days was to be a king in the realm of amusement. The most daring bareback rider, the most skillful acrobat, the most adroit juggler, even the "queen of the arena" herself, could not compete with him for a moment. He was master of the situation. All other public favorites stood aside for him. and the applause that he gained could not have been greater had he been the surpassing prop and hope of the nation's life.

He has not yet actually departed, to be sure-this queer-striped and ridiculous figure; but he is vanishing so swiftly and unquestionably that it is permissible to speak of him in the past tense and ask him, as it were, to make personal grimaces at his own funeral. His decay cannot possibly be arrested, and he lingers merely upon the order of his going when he might better go at once, and thus shorten his humiliation.

An Adventure.

It was a giody, gushing girl from New York, with an amplitude of bang and a scarceness of vocabulary, which showed at once her romantic tendencles. She was traveling in a stage coach in one of the sparsely settled re-

"Oh!" she said to her mother, "I do wonder whether we are going to make this whole trip without even the sign of an adventure. Wouldn't it be hor-

Her mother informed her that she didn't have much common sense, but the girl didn't seem to mind it in the least. In the course of the next hour, however, the coach stopped suddenly and the muzzle of a pistol was shoved

through the door.
"Sorry to trouble you, ladies," said
the man whose head followed the pistol, "but if you've got any valuables, them's what we want, an' we're a little pressed for time,"

"Oh, mamma, at last we have found a real highwayman," said the girl with "You're a real live robber, aren't you?"

"Well, I reckon that's what I'm called." "And you tell people to hold up their

hands, and say, 'your money or your life,' to them, don't you?''

'I hev done so, Miss. But I am't got no time to talk. I'll have to ask—'' "How lovely! Just come right in and sit here beside me." "Ye see, Miss, I'm bere on business.

an' I'il troubie you-" "No, you won't trouble us at all. Just come in, we won't hurt you. I just dote on robbers."

The highwayman had dropped his pistol and was beginning to look appre-

"Do you have to go away and rob somebody?" she inquired, naively. "I hope you will not run away, because I'm just beginning to get acquainted with you. I always said I would hug the first real robber I-" But the stage door slammed shut

and the highwayman fled. A Valuable Gown.

The old door-keeper of the Hotel Milan at Florence, Italy, named Sal-vador Cechinic died recently and left his property to his nephew. The latter came and looked about in the dingy came and looked about in the dingy porter's lodge and was much dissatisfied at not finding anything worth carrying away. The deceased had for years worn an old gown made of coarse cloth and had never changed his attire in winter or in summer. The nephew took up the gown and threw it down again in disgust. As it slipped from his hand he felt some hard object striking him, and, taking up the gown again, he felt there was a thick paper parcel in it. It was sewed under the lining. Cutting the folds he found seventy-five government bonds in it of the value of about \$30 each. That gown was no longer treated with disgown was no longer treated with dis-

Bitternut is very rapid, growing or