# THE KING OF DAYS.

#### CERISTMAS AND THE ORIGIN OF MANY OBSERVANCES.

#### How the Date was Fixed-Festivities Derived From old Customs-The such as masques and tournaments. Tho Decoration of Churches and Dwellings.

We have no means of determining the exact date of the Savior's nativity. The statement that the date was preserved in the public archives at Rome, though asserted by some of the carly fathers, is not now generally credited. As to the year, preponderance of opinion and of such evidence as we have seem to favor that of four or five B. C. As to the month. December is the height of the rainy season in Judea and therefore the fact. as stated by the New Testament, that shepherds were watching their flocks on its plains, while stars were shining in the heavens on the night of the Savior's ablaze for several months culminated in birth, makes it extremely unlikely that it the city of Rio de Janeiro, the metropocould have occurred in that month. lis of the country. This city is one of Many learned treatises have been written the most beautiful in all South America. and plausible arguments advanced to It received its name of Rio de Janeiro prove that it must have taken place in (river of January) from the fact that October, but the question will ever re- Martin Affonso de Souza, who was one main in abeyance.

For the first three centuries Christmas was one of the most movable of all entered the mouth of a mighty river religious festivals. The eastern church rivaling the Orinoco and the Amazon, and observed the 6th of January as the anni- named it after the happy month in which versary of Christ's birth. But in the fourth century Pope Julius I. ordered an insnomer now clings not only to the investigation of the matter, and after magnificent bay with its circlet of mounlong deliberation the theologians of both tains but also to the province in which it the east and west united in appointing is situated and to the populous city which December 25th to be kept as Christ's sits like a queen upon its bright tropical birthday.

Many of our most familiar Christmas custom of giving Christmas presents. and again entered and quitted the Bay now so universally observed, was de- of Rie de Janeiro when the billows were rived from the old Roman saturnalia or surging and when the calm mantled the feast of Saturn, at which it was custom- deep, and whether in the purple light of ary for all the members of a household a tropic morning, in the garish moon, or to offer gifts to each other.

Christmas fire-was derived from the my privilege to look upon some of the Saxon feast of Jul or Yul, at which a most celebrated scenes of both heinisimilar piece of timber gave the princi- spheres, but I have never found one pal fire and the principal light. The yule clog and the superstitions connected as the panorama presented in this bay. with it are among the most venerable of Christmas associations. The yule clogs drunk in as much beauty from that that blazed in the vast halls of the old curvilinear bay of Southern Italy, upon English feudal barons of the middle ages whose bosom float the isles of Capri and were huge trees, and we are told that Ischia, and upon whose margin nestle even just before the close of the last the gracefully shaped Vesuvius, the century the mansion of an English gen- long arm of Sorrento and the proverbtleman residing near Shrewsbury was ially brilliant city of Naples. I have totally destroyed by fire in consequence | yet to gaze upon a scene which surpasses of too large a yule log having been lighted on the hearthstone. When the these mountain-engirdled waters, poetyule clog was not all consumed before dawn and burned on into the light of 'Nitherohy' (hidden water)." Christmas day its ashes were carefully and were believed to bring good health

dagger.

with the most elaborate entertainments. cloth of gold for one of these occasions cost £6,000.

In the primitive church Christmas day was preceded by an evening vigil, and and at the crucial moment his nerve hence our Christmas eve of the present failed, he bungled and was lot .- Boston time, which in the associations that Transcript.

cluster around it in its sports and pastimes, its ancient memories and even in its devotions has ever been in all ages second only to Christmas itself.

#### METROPOLIS OF BRAZIL.

#### City of Rio de Janeiro, Where the **Revolution** Occurred.

The revolution with which Brazil was of the first Europeans to enter the bay where it is located, supposed that he had shores.

This bay of Rio de Janeiro compels usages are derived from the old heathen the admiration of every traveler, says a in cities are condemning its use after a feetivals which Christmas replaced. The distinguished one of it. "I have again in the too brief twilight of that Southern The yule clog or log-the great stick of timber placed in olden times upon the new glories and new charms. It has been which combined so much to be admired "On the height of St. Elmo I have in combined beauty, variety and grandeur

The city of Rio de Janeiro, or San Sepreserved until the next Christmas eve, bastian, is at once the commercial emporium and the political capital of Brazil. and fortune to all the household, but its position and scenery and internal deshould they be scattered and lost death velopments render it a metropolis worthy however, is the position of the fortresses islands and surrounding heights that if Those same old Druids attached much effciently manned by a body of deter-

each man to carry off as much meat as he ment, for it surely tells its own story, is could impale and bear away upon his furnished in the case of one of these

'honored guests' who picked a pocket That royal old Blue Beard. Henry outside the hall and was marched off to VIII., well understood the noble art of the police station instead of going to outside the hall and was marched off to keeping Christmas. He usually cele-brated it at Greenwich and Richmond the individual displayed a too areless regard for his surroundings, or it may be that the "crook" in question took pride in the pursuit of his profession and wanted to show that his skill could surmount more than ordinary difficulties,

### Sterilized Milk.

The true value of sterilized milk is just beginning to be generally realized, and the importance attached to its use for children and invalids has greatly been emphasized by scientific bodies and medical experts. Sterilized milk is nothing but beaten milk in which all of the germs of disease have been thoroughly killed by fire. There is no food or liquid that produces and feeds bacteria so well as milk, and the rapidity with which these germs develop in new milk is astonishing. When the milk is taken directly from the cows it is already sterilized and free from bacteria, but it deteriorates rapidly. The germs of the air quickly enter it, feed upon it, and multiply with alarming rapidity. In a few hours after the milk is taken from the cows one teaspoonful contains hundreds of bacteria. From this time onward the milk continues to deteriorate, and before it is exposed for sale in the cities a teaspoonful will contain hundreds of thousands of bacteria. Milk, then, filled with these germs is fed to babies and invalids, when the body is in such a condition that they can rapidly grow. It is an important discase producer in this way. Health boards

few hours' standing, and sterilized milk alone is being recommended for general as well as special use. Many different acids have been used to kill the germs in the milk, but in every case it has been found that they injure the stomach so that their use has been discontinued. Heat is the only effective remedy, and this must be done at a certain temperature to prevent the loss of taste, color and odor. True sterilization is when the milk is heated at exactly 140 degrees Fahr. This temperature is sufficient to kill the bacteria, and it will not make the milk lose its odor, taste, and appearance. - Yankee Blade

## **Protection From Furnace Heat.**

The protection of workmen from furnace heat, as practised at the Menden and Schwerte iron works in Westphalia, is said to be by means of a rectangular iron screen hung from an overhead rail. which can be made to cover the whole working side of the furnace, or can be pushed aside when not required, or when it interferes with the work going on. The lower end is bent into a gutter, having a slight fall in the direction of its length. and the upper edge is provided on the and misfortune were thought sure to fol- of the great country. It is the largest inside, that nearest the furnace, with a city in South America and boasts an an- pipe bored through with small holes about The custom of decorating churches. tiquity greater than that of any city in three-quarters of an inch apart, which is awellings and places of business with the United States. The harbor commu- in connection with the service pipe supnicates with the wide-rolling Atlantic by a deep and narrow passage between two bed. When in use, the inside of the granite mountains. The entrance is so plate is kept constantly wet from the ish Druids, whose belief it was that safe as to render the services of a pilot supply pipe, the small jets trickling down kindly sylvan spirits sought these orna- entirely unnecessary. So commanding, to the cooling-bosh at the side; a notch at the bottom is left for the passage of at the mouth of the harbor upon its the rabble, and a short inclined plate is provided for the cinders to run over; with these exceptions the whole surface is importance to the mistletoe, investing it mined men they might defy the hostile screened by the water-cooled p'ate. It is with a peculiarly hallowed and mystic ingress of the proudest navies in the said that this arrangement, which was first applied experimentally to a few Rio's streets are noted for their nar. furnaces, has worked so satisfactorily that it has been fitted to all the puddling old Draidical association of the mistletoe houses seldom exceed three or four eratives being thus enabled to work fail eratives being thus enabled to work full time even in the hottest weather .--

SOMEWHAT STRANGE. two young ones almost old enough to leave her.

E. A. BOYER, of Michigan City, Ind.,

is the owner of a Jersey cow, which recently gave birth to five calves, two

males and three females. They all ap-

become a mother. She is very fond of

A rootism fox was caught in a very

FRANK BIRCH, a farmer of Decatar

As electric light wire touched the vest

ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS OF EVERY-DAY LIFE. pear healthy and strong and are doing nicely. Considering the number they are quite large. The cow is of ordinary size and this is the third time she has

Queer Episodes and Thrilling Adventures Which Show that Truth Is Stranger than Fiction.

her family of calves and is as watchful of each one as an old hen is of a brood Oxy of the many anecdotes of the late of small chickens. Mr. Boyer has al-Dr. Loidy, the anatomist is to the followready received a number of flattering offers to exhibit his animal freaks in ing effect, says the Philadelphia Record. The doctor had heard of two petrified Chicago museums. bodies being accidentally disinterred in

an ancient graveyard down town. Very odd way in Glastonbury , Conn., recently. anxious to secure them for the Universi-He had a very long and bushy tail, and, ty of Pennsylvania, he soon found the official known as the superintendent of maybe, was extremely vain of it, for he the yard. That dignitary, however, swished it from side to side instead of wouldn't hear of such sacrilege. As the trailing it along the ground. A pack of doctor prepared to retrace his way, quite hounds chased nim, and to elude them he disappointed at his failure, the superintried to bolt through a barbed wire fence; tendent, in'a dwawling, half-conciliatory but somehow that tail curled itself about tone, ejaculated; "I tell you what I'll do; a barb and the fox was as fast as if the I'll give up the bodies to the order of jaws of a steel trap him. An hour later relatives." This hint was sufficient. the bunters despatched him. Returning home, the doctor bired a furniture wagon, and, fortified with a hastily County, Ind., has presented a petition to written order reading. "Please deliver to the County Commissioners to have the peare: the bodies of my grandfather and stone monument, erected in that county grandmo.her," drove to the cemetery. last spring to mark the center of popula-The coveted specimens were obtained. tion of the United States, moved two and are exhibited to this day in the muand a half feet toward his house. A few seum of the university. days ago his wife presented him with a

Tux Clifton Bridge by Bristol has bouncing set of triplets, two boys and a long been regarded as the great suicide girl, and he claims that by careful calcubridge of England, and on a recent week lations he has demonstrated that their it scored its tharty-second victim. It is advent has changed the center of popucurious how any man can want to take lation to that extent. his life from such a spot, as the scenery of the surrounding country is exquisitely of the janitor of the Chelsen Flats. in beautiful; but the attraction, of course. New York City, while he was leaning is, that the bridge, which is a suspension over to adjust it, and a strange experione, is very high and the valley below is ence resulted. The wire burnt a hole in exceedingly rocky, so that when once the his vest, came in contact with his watch, fatal leap has been taken, there is no gave him a slight shock, burnt several possibility of anything in the nature of small holes in the case, causing the globa hitch occurring to thwart the comple-tion of the desperate design. The latest some on the floor, and so magnetized the

ular notion is that the bird produces the the subject with a farmer once, and the latter laughed at the artist's idea and chickens, and I guess I know how a rooster flaps his wings." "Very good." said Mr. Gibson, "but you watch your own fowls for a week, and tell me what you think then." The scornful farmer

of a new kind of thieves promises to be the river by the shoating, and firing of big brass thing was, for he slouched interesting. Their method was to visit the rescuing party. His ammunition was toward it in a bee line, and he didn't unoccupied houses in the outskirts of the exhausted, and he had to be satisfied with turn his head to either side as he in the day time. They drove up in elegant carriages, and when they found nobody at home the house was marked. In the night they came in a wagon, broke into the house, and carted off their booty. When it turned out that they were mistaken, and that parties were in the house. they simply offered to sell photographs and albums. One of the members rode bicycle, and took his notes of the houses that were good for robbing. Mr. nuts, and nearly all of the Chinamen esand Mrs. Clarke were the leaders of the caped. gang. They lived in one of the suburbs. were highly respected by all their neighbors, and were extensively invited to tea parties, dinners, &c.

#### BRUIN FACED THE MUSIC.

#### Lured to Death by the Bass Horn of a Brass Band.

George Griswold, who lives an the Loyalsock Creek, a mile and a half north of Forksville, Tenn., plays the bass hora in the Forksville brass band. On a recent Saturday evening, Griswold tucked his big horn under his arm and strode down to Forksville to practice with the other members of the village organization. A little after 10 o'clock Griswold started for home in the bright light of the full moon. When he had gone nearly a mile from the village, where the road led through Andrew Harper's farm, he heard a noise in a field a short distance to the right, and looking that way he saw a bear pawing around and crunching nuts under a big chestnut tree.

Griswold watched the greedy animal for a moment, and then he stole up to the fence, squatted behind it, poked his bass horn between the rails, and blew a single blast that sent the echoes flying among the surrounding hills. The toot of the big horn gave the bear an amazing start. In his sudden fright he rolled over a number of times and then he jumped up and legged it across the meadows at full tilt. Griswold thought he had scared the bear half to death, and he was about to pull his horn out of the fence, when he saw the bear turn about and slowly march back toward the chestnut tree. He said the brute seemed to be eager to find out where the noise had come from and what had made it, and so he left his horu in the fence and kept perfectly still.

The bear cautiously approached the tree, but he didn't stop under it to paw up more nuts. He waddled directly toward the fence, sniffed the air frequently and hal his eyes fixed on the horn, the big end of which glittered in the moonlight in front of him. When the inquisitive animal was within a few yards of the fence, Griswold blew another blast with all the lung power he had, and the bear rolled all over himself and went dancing across the lot as though he had been shot at. Before he had reached the end of the field he faced about, snorted half a dozen times, and shambled back to find out more about it. Griswold kept the curious brate capering across the lots in this way for nearly half an hour, when Charles Harper, a son of the owner of the land, ran down the road to ascertain what the horn was being blown for.

As Harper drew near Griswold gave another blast, and the bear started off again. Griswold told Harper in a whisper how the bear had been acting, and Harper began to look around for something with which to tackle the bear when he came toward the fence the next time. He soon found a rusty old ploughshare near the roadside. By that time the bear had turned back once more and was tramping slowly toward the horn. Griswold promised not to toot the horn again, and while the bear was marching back, with his eyes beat on the shining brass, Harper took the ploughshare, crawled Me., while out for deer, got lost, and through the fence, crept along on his week with the humble confession that wandered in the woods for two days with- stomach to the chestnut tree, and concealed himself behind the stump.

The bear appeared to be determined. At the next assizes in London the trial four deer, which had been frightened to to find out what kind of a machine the neared it. The moment he passed the chestnut tree Harper tiptoed up behind him, sprang to his side, and drove the point of the ploughshare into the top of the bear's skull with all his might. bear gave a roar, reared up on his hind legs and wheeled around, knocking Harper off his feet. Harper rallied at once, and, before the bear had taken ten steps. he dealt him another blow on the head with the ploughshare and felled him to the ground. Griswold then jumped over the fence with a large stone, but before he got a chance to do anything Harper had killed the bear with the ploughshare. Farmer Harper was on his way to the spot when the bear turned up his toes, and the three men lagged the carcass to the barn. The bear was hog fat, and weighed 406 pounds .--- New York Sun.

victim is Mr. Stuart Boucher, of Bath. n | works of the watch that they are worthgentleman of independent means, whose less. mangle i body was found recently on the Sometimes in his sleep a man in Dun-dee, N. Y., gots out of bed and wanders high rocks on the Somerset side of the river. away from heme. He has struck upon WILLIAM HAMILTON GIBSON, who is a the ingenious expedient of having alongtrained observer of plants and animals, side his bed an easy-moving treadmill. satisfied himself some time ago that a Now, when somnambulism forces him to rooster makes the flapping noise that ac- exercise his limbs, he can walk himself companies his crowing by striking his tired on the treadmill without risking his wings together over his back. The pop-precious neck in perilous places. Ix June last a tree on the farm of

noise by striking his wings against his hash fat thighs. Mr. Gibson discussed Ind., was blown down and pressed into Ind., was blown down and pressed into the earth a large snapping turtle. Some days ago the limb which imprisoned the said: "I've been brought up among turtle was removed and the animal crawled, apparently unhurt. During all that time it had existed without food or water.

promised, and returned at the end of the out food or shelter. Just before he was Mr. Gibson was right. found he saw two herds, numbering fifty-

toe at the Christmas season is a perpetuation of an observance of the old Britments of living green, and hovered near them, untouched and unharmed by nipping frost, until the death of winter.

character. They regarded it as an em- world. blem of love, and believed that it typified the beneficent feelings of their gods rowness. Many of the principal ones toward munkind. It is doubtless to this are exceedingly well with love that the English custom, which stories, but are higher than those of a still obtains, of enforcing the forfeit of a kiss from any female who is caught under a brauch of it at Christmas time is traceable.

We are also indebted to the Druids for the Christmas game of "snap dragon." which is played, as every one knows, by trying to snatch raisins from blazing brandy in an otherwise dark room. But probably few of those who have played it are aware that the old Druids were accustomed to worship a flame of burning spirits into which they cast and from out of which they plucked certain objects. By the celebration of Christmas, with its grand liturgy, its magnificent music, and its pictorial and dramatic representations of the principal events in the life of Him whose birth it commemorated the church sought to replace these beathen festivities and to lift up the minds of the people to something higher and holier, though from the first the day was regarded both as a holy commemoration of a most sacred event and as a mirthful, joyous festival. In the middle ages the festive observances of the day often so far overtopped its more sagred features that the clergy were frequently compelled to check the unscendy merriment of their flocks. The name of Christmas assigned to the festival was derived from Christ and the Saxon maesse or mass, and the two words were combined to denote a special service in honor of the birth of the Son of God.

Probably one of the most generally known of the old Christians observances. next to the giving of presents, is the singing of the Christmas carols. These were pious canticles designed to replace the ribald songs of the old heathen festivals. and the custom of children, and even grown people, going about from house to Christmas cheer and Christmas spending money is maintained in many parts of England even to the present day.

One of the most elaborate celebrations minster hall with poor people and feasted then royally at his expense On another Christmas day he caused a great number of cattle to be slaughtere l. and throwing open his palace gates permitted the populace to enter, and allow

similar number of stories in this city. It has an immense foreign trade, as may be estimated from the fact that fully twothirds of the coffee product of all Brazil pass through its port, while numerous other articles are handled for foreign exportation from the entire country .---Mail and Express.

### Bugs That Eat Meal.

Insect Life calls attention to two recently observed instances where insects have gnawed metal. One was the case of lead pipe, cut through by a bug that was actually found engaged at its work on the metal.. The "wood wasp"--for of that species it was-had mode a hole in the pipe resembling a nail hole. A similar occurrence is reported in the shape of a "minie ball," which was gnawed through by a wood-boring larva. The ball had been fired into a red oak tree in Maryland during the rebellion, and when split out of the log it was discovered in the track of a full-grown grub, the animal's burrow leading directly through the bullet. The latter had been struck by the insect at its concave end, boring two-thirds its length and coming out at one side somewhat below the apex. The larva was found in the borrow alive, only a short distance above the bullet. So it would not appear that the story recently circulated of worms which were alleged to have attacked steel rails on railways in Europe is altogether incredible.

### Six Hundred Thieves at Supper.

A very curious supper, which has been widely discussed, was that given in Lonsouse singing them at the door on don on a recent night by the Salvation Christmas eve and being rewarded with Army tosix hundred professional thieves. The table was laid in the hall in Oxford all food, not even, being allowed a drop street and the guests were furnished with of water. Then the trough from which an excellent meal of meat, vegetables, they are accustomed to eat is exvered plum cake and pudding with tea and with strong wire netting, and the most of Christmas that ever took place oc-curred in the year 1252, during the reign furnished a splendid object lesson to smoking hot, are poured into the trough. of Henry III. The marriage of the those who care for studies of "crooks," The fumes ascend with grateful fragrance king's daughter, the Princess Margaret, while it must be confessed, those who be. to the porcine nostrils, the hogs all run with Alexan ler, king of the Scots, took | jieve in the innate goodness of man complace on that Christmas day. The arch- ing out when away from baleful influence, for a chance to get at the slops. The iron bishop of York gave 600 fat oxen and must have been shocked when they saw £2,700 toward the expense. In the year, these human beings or creatures with all food, and while they are still thinking 1248 this same Henry III. filled West- human attributes cating like wolves, and about the matter they are killed, and grosping and tearing the victuals placed their stomachs being taken out are before them as if they were starved. To found perfectly full of gastric juice. throughout the whole of Christmas week. judge from their appearance, they were from which the pepsin is prepared. Now On another Christmas day he caused a physically and intellectually unfit to if it was not the hog's imagination that fight the battle of life in a square and made the gastric juice flow into his honest fushion.

An incident which requires no core, was it?-[St. Louis G obe-Democrat.

## Flowers in the Window.

Boston Transcript.

In riding through the agricultural towns and villages of New England, flowers may be seen in many windows ; indeed, in some places nearly every house exhibits these signs of refinement and contentment. It is cheering, especially in winter, to be greeted by these many colored flowers in their green foliage, and it is an index, often, perhaps always, to the life that goes on within. If domestic peace and happiness were overthrown, it is certain that no attention would be given to plants or flowers. Flowers and discord do not grow together.

The cultivation of flowers shows that some degree of contentment and happiness is the portion of the occupants of the house where they are displayed, that there is a seeking after the beautiful, and that something more than mere life or existence is the object. Flowers are the most beautiful product of nature, and wheever appreciates and cultivates them is subject to an influence refining and ennobling. Flowers cheer and elevate, and the more flowers we have, the more cheerful and the better we ought to be. -[American Agriculturist.

## Pepsin.

The pepsin sold in the drug stores is the veritable product of an animal stomach, and generally of the stomach of the hog. One factory in New York has the oldest method of preparing the article. that ever entered into the human mind. A number of perfectly healthy hogs are fattened for market, and for thirty-six hours before killing time are deprived of squealing and fighting with each other netting prevents them from tasting the stomach in auticipation of a feast, what

finding the body of a drowned man by means of his shirt. Last spring a man was drowned in the river in front of the to forest mills. East St. Louis levee. Search was made with boats for the body, but without success. Some one recalled the superstition, State. and let it float away. It floated for a while, and then sank, and they searched for the body where the shirt went down, and, sure enough, found it not far away. One case of this kind of course does not job in this instance said he had seen it tried a dozen of times and it never failed.

THERE is a most remarkable swapping according to quality. The purest gum horse jockey in Belfast, Me., named 'Lije Walter, says a local paper. Just to give his boy an idea how to get along horse and a cow, while ahead was a dog. "See how your pap does it?" said "Lije" to his son, as he gazed at the time of day from a handsome watch. For a fact, he

had got the whole turnout for his jackknife and swapping the proceeds into one thing and another.

wonderful man in their midst. His on his mind. When troubles have name is Ebenezer Long, and he was born black, sixty years ago. "He is now perfectly iair, except a few dark spots that may be discovered by looking at him closely. His children are as dark as he was in his youth, while his now seems to be one of the whitest of white skins. When he was about twenty-eight years old the change began to appear at one place on his arm, and thence spread over the body. Ebenezer is quite healthy and looks ten years younger than he is." But Georgia enters a claim on him on the ground that it is his birthplace.

MR. J. E. Dixson records in the Viccame under his own observation. During a ramble along the Kooyong Creek, Oak- head and stiffened muscles, when behold! hanging, as he thought, by her claws, to the wave. a sharp-pointed limb of a guin-tree, But to worry! that makes the trouble a about twenty feet from the ground. Upon closer observation he found that shock that follows .--- The Argosy. the creature was dead, and that death

gazing at the remarkable sight.

CHINESE ingenuity seems equal to evory emergency. A man-of-war attacked a Chinese junk engaged in illegal traffic. and was eager to capture the crew alive. The sailors on the junk threw overboard thousands of cocoanuts, and then leaped among them. The man-of-war's men could not distinguish heads from cocoa-

Taz Rev. Mr. Whittaker of Machias.

## Sprace Gam Gone From Vermont.

It it said that genuine spruce gum has Ose of the queerest superstitions that almost entirely disappeared from Ver-ever entered the human head is that of mont, which used to produce it in great quantities. This is owing to the great increase of saw and pulp mills, and partly

But the gum-picker is still a picturesque figure in the Green Mountain The most famous one is Alonzo and the searchers took the shirt the man K. Bishop, of Woodford. In winter, had laid aside when he entered the water. carrying a bag slung over his shoulder. Bishop roams all over the Green Mountains examining spruce trees. With a long pole ending with a sharp chisel. he detaches the gum. His journeys often take him many miles from human habimake a rule, but the man who bossed the tations. When the hills are snow-covered, Bishop still pursues his industry, traversing the country on snow-shoes. He sells the gum for fifty cents to \$1.50 a pound.

is transparent or of a light amber color filled with minute bubbles of air. Vermonters who have made new homes in the world "Lije" started away from for themselves in the West consume a home one day on foot nothing in his great deal of the pure article, which is

pocket but a jackknife. He was absent sent to them by friends through the just one week. and returned driving a mails. The Ohio and Michigan branches pair of horses harnessed into a top-buggy. of the Olin family, who recently held llitched to the rear axle was another their annual reunion in Benningtown, bought up all the spruce gum in town.-Bosto a Cultivator.

## Why Do We Worry !

#### Any one who is eager to make a family record for old age must learn to stop and creep nearer he can lose five years from the latter end of his life just by fretting about the impending calamity, Now, the way he should do is to size up the trouble carefully and accurately. Surely, we have all noticed how such

things, if one looks hard at them and unflinchingly, really grow smaller as they come nearer. So, having got some idea of the true

extent and nature of the impending trouble, and having exhausted all his ingenuity in trying to find a way around it, then if it must be met, let him face it and meet it, boldly and calmly, with a toria Naturalist a curlous fact which full realization of its probable severity -let him stand up like a man with a cool leigh, he was somewhat surprised to see the frowning thing will dissolve like a specimen of the ring-tailed opossum vapor or he will ride it as the boat rides

real one and leaves us weaker for every

was due to the fact that in her flight she had become impaled. In the pouch were a family for one year in Madagascar.

#### Punishing Naval Cadets.

It is said that the punishment inflicted upon the cadets at the Naval Academy at Annapolis are carefully devised to have as much influence as pessible in preventing a recurrence of the offense. These regulations are the fruit of years of experience and are enforced with undeviatng impartiality. When a cadet is guilty of tardiness at any formation, he is required for a given period subsequent fo report to the officer in charge half an hour before the time of the formation, standing by until it takes place. Those who oversleep themselves in the morning are compelled for a month to turn out one hour before reveille, and at the first note of the bugle to report themselves and the room ready for inspection. Visiting during study hours is punished by solitary confinement on the prison ship Santce as a corrective for too great sociability. Inattention at drill carries with it the penalty of one or more extra drills during recreation Lours. Habitual untidiness is cured by requiring the careless cadet to report for inspection to the officer in charge every hour for a number of days, usually a month. Should nonregulation clothing be found in a cadet's possession, it is seized by the authorities as contraband and not restored until the offender leaves the academy. It is thus difficult to appear out of uniform .--- New Orleans Picayune.

### Well-paid Base-ball Players.

"Who wouldn't be a star base-ball player, especially a pitcher?" remarked festive Geary Rich the other day as he read of Rusie's engagement by the Chicago Association Club at \$6,000 per annum for three years. And Geary be-gan to figure. "The seas m is about six months; that's \$1,000 per month. They play about 120 games, of which Rusie will pitch in say 40, and 40 goes into \$6,000—well, \$150 per game. And each game lasts two hours; that's \$75 per hour or \$1.25 a minute. And there are Connor and Richardson who refused to play as Giants any longer for \$3,500 per year, and went over to Philadelphia, where they get three years' contracts at \$4,500 guaranteed. Tell you, base-ball is the rolession to adopt. Discounts anything dse." And Genry smiled. -[San Frausco Chronic e.