#### ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS OF EVERY-DAY LIFE.

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

MR. LE MORTEMORE, who has a selection on Tinana Creek, Wide Bay, Australia, has discovered a sort of treeclimbing pig. For a great number of years the wild pigs have been numerous in his locality, and his theory is that the original or common pig must have amalgamated to a certain extent with some aboriginal animal, or that the necessities of climate, etc., have caused the variety. The captured animal weighs about one hundredweight, and is pretty fat, with bristly brown fur, small black spots, snout and ears like a pig, but the jaw is furnished with front teeth like a rodent; it has large canines and powerful back grinders. The fore feet are furnished with hook-like claws; the hind ones have two hook claws on each hoof. The tail of silver, and now about a hundred men is thick, about a foot long, and highly prehensile, and in a state of rest is usually carried in what is known as a Flem- eler. ish coil. The animal is also furnished with a pouch, which it only appears to use for carrying a supply of food in while it is traveling to fresh pastures. In drought the animal climbs trees and hangs by its tail while it gathers its food by the hook claws. Mr. Le Mortemore intends capturing some live specimens and breeding from them. The Wide Bas News suggests that this variety is with the Queensland tree-climbing kan-

It seems that there is really a whisthing language. A French traveller, M. Lajard, has written a work on the subject which has just been occupying the in greenbacks. Clark was hanged on ter-logged moss, so that it was easy to ences. It is in the Canary Islands that mains of five men and one woman were as possible we crept on from tree to tree the people whistle instead of speaking found in a cave near his home. They in the gloom of the mighty evergreen when they hold converse with each other. Nor is the whistling language a him. mere language of conventional sounds. It is composed of words, as it were, like any other language, and the inhabitants of the Canary Islands attain great proficiency in it, so that they can converse on all sorts of subjects. The whistling noise is produced by placing two fingers inside the mouth. M. Lajard declares that the language has a great affinity with Spanis; being in fact, a sort of whistling Spanish. He has jotted some of it down in a sort of musical notation. and it is found that any sentence has exactly one syllable more than the equivalent sentence in Spanish, the extra sound being accounted for by the fact that the first syllable serves as a mere explanation designed to attract the attention of the person addressed. M. Lajard learned enough of the language to converse to a certain extent with the natives.

Kemington rifle, and one recent Satur. day afternoon, while killing sparrows for a convalescing grip patient, made a peculiar and wonderful shot. Noticing a sparrow pearched on a telegraph wire, he aimed his rifle and fixed at the bird. He was standing almost directly beneath the bird when the sh,t was fired, but, strange to say, the bird remained fixed without showing signs of having been struck or any fear of bodily harm. Wilson, who is crack marksman and rarely misses, refused to fire another shot. After the lapse of two hours the hird was observed to be sitting apparently in the same spot. A lineman who was passing that way was slight in stature, refined in manner, and induced to climb the pole, when he discovered that the sparrow was pinned fast to the wire, the conical ball from Wilson's rifle having hit a flaw in the wire and torn out'a strand about two inches long, which passing directly through the bird, had transfixed it to the wire.

A curtous story of lost treasure comes from Australia. A diver engaged in the pearl fishery in the vicinity of Torres Straits came across in the course of his work the wreck of a large vessel imbedded in the sand. Curiosity and a hope of finding something to pay him for his trouble induced him to make a careful examination of the ship. The search was proved to be an old Spanish East Indiaman, and part of its cargo was silver specie in dollars of a period about seva profound secret, known only to a very a charge of dynamite, the fuse of which cause of its odd customs. the wreck to considerable advantage. A pounds, and there is more to follow. It only a broken leg and arm. is extremely improbable, however, that the discovery can much longer be con-

A TERRIER dog saved the lives of his mistress and her friend at Corey, Penn., this country in 1846, and for thirty years recently. The two were talking before the natural gas fire, not noticing that that time she had been laid out as dead you!" after sneezing, originated with the one of the pipes had sprung a leak. Sud- three times, but on each occasion she denly the visitor fell to the floor, and came to life in time to put a stop to the Mrs. Humphrey, who started to her as- funeral arrangements. Only a few days sistance, met the same fate. They lay before her death an undertaker was there in a stupor, and would have died called to prepare her remains for burial, to be the custom among savages to do had not the family pet, a Scotch terrier, but when he arrived she had not the family pet, a Scotch terrier. but when he arrived she was sitting up rescued them in a queer manner. Angry in bed. at being kept from his mistress so long. the terrier began jumping at the door and finally forced it open. The dog ran into the room ane shook his shaggy and snowy coat over the women. coupled with the fresh air, reviv d them so that they were enabled to reach the door and call for help. The dog is a hero now. His mistress insists he knew what he was about all the time when he insisted on coming in the room, as he had never before disobeyed orders to "stay

LIEUTENANT MUNCIS of the Sixty-first Georgia Regiment, was a very remarkable man. He was a slender, cadaverous-looking man, with apparently no physical strength, yet he lived through what would have killed a dozen ordinary men, and is alive to-day. In the early part of the war he was shot through and through. The ball struck the brest bone | tip. and shattered it, passed through his body and came out within an inch of his spine, between two ribs. After a desperate struggle for life he recovered and regained his regiment. At the battle of Professor Langley it appears that, after dom of the region.

SOMEWHAT STRANGE. Monaceasie Creek he was again wounded, all has been said and done, the firefly's the ball entering between the correspondpain.

THERE is a silver mine near Sarhad. in Afghan Territory, which has a curious history. Three men were sent from that country to Cabul, the residence of the Ameer, to be executed for an offence against the State. They told the Ameer that if he would let them off they would tell him where he could find abundant supplies of silver. The Ameer deferred the execution and sent them under guard to Iskansham, where they went to work digging. They, and the men who went to work with them, dug for twenty days, finding nothing. The Ameer's officer told them at length that they could dig for seven days more and if they did not find silver within that time the sentence of death would be carried out The next day they came to a very rich vein are employed in the mine, which was visited last summer by an English trav-

are believed to have been murdered by

A WELL-KNOWN firm of eaterers in Philadelphia, who have gained an international reputation for preparing terrapin, ship regularly every week to a gentleman in London two quarts of terrapin, which is served at the Sunday dinner. The terrapin is already prepared and is put up n tin cans. The firm preparing it claim that it loses none of its delicious flavor or qualities by this process. It comes a little high, but to a gentleman of means the price appears to be no considera-The price paid per quart is \$5, which, with the expressage, brings the total up to \$6.25 per quart. The Lon-doner, to whom the weekly consignment is made, is a former American, who doubtless cultivated a taste for this American delicacy while in this country.

transcend her possible normal consciousness-facts about the lives of people I make this statement deliberately, know-My own impressions are that the trance condition is an immensely complex and fluctuating thing, into the unlerstanding of which we have hardly besure to be premature.

the West is Emma Perry, a young widow, fair of face. She is also a clever conversationalist, intellectual in her tastes and very fond of painting, to which she devotes the leisure she can secure after attending to the large estate she manages entirely herself. She is a daring rider, and rides miles over the prairie in fair days or stormy ones, followed by her greyhounds. In winter, wrapped up warmly and mounted on a pony, she personally superintends the rounding up of her cattle, facing the driving snow for place of shelter.

very fruitful of results. The vessel raculous escapes from death. He was al personages. They met in the paintstanding near a quarry when a keg of ing-room of the Covent Garden Theatre, powder exploded and hurled him a con- and dined upon beefsteaks. The club enty years ago. So far the discovery is senseless condition he landed just above dred years, and became quite noted befew, who are now engaged in exploiting had aiready been lighted. Before he strange name was that of the "Scriblerus recent steamer from Australia brought and Swanson was blown a second time to which Pope, Gay, and other literary to London a large quuntity of the specie, into the air. Nothwithstanding this men belonged. amounting in value to many thousand double accident the man escaped with

> A woman who died at the almshouse at Biddeford, Me., recently, aged nearly one hundred years, had passed through some queer experiences. She came to she was an inmate of the almshouse. In

years younger. They have been mar- fell down dead. ried twenty-three years, and in that time they have had eighteen children, ten of Mr. Blanchet lived formerly, the authori-

ERASTUS CLARK, a hunter of some re nown, brought into Piovo, Utah, recently two huge mountain lions, which he had killed in Hobble Creek canon. One of the lions, a male, measured nine feet tail, and weighed, when killed, nearly four hundred pounds. The other, a fe-male, measured seven feet from tip to

# The Firefly's Light and Heat.

light is not emitted without generating ing ribs on the other side of his spine, certain amount of heat glow and warmth and issuing from the same hole that the seeming to be inseparab'e. Langley first entered at. The second shot must finds that the firefly's light is substantihave taken the passage inside Muncie's ally from the green side of the spectrum. body that the first ball made in going in As far as human contact with the insect the opposite direction. He was in prison is concerned, there is no appreciable hea! later and appeared to suffer no unusua | contained in the light, but the professor's wonderful and delicate little instrument, which he calls a "boloscope," and with which he measured the heat emitted by the "bug," shows that it is about onehalf of one-per cent. of that given out with an equal amount of light from the candle and other common combustible

illuminants. That the light produced by the firefly is a chemical product would seem to be indicated by the fact that it is decreased by the processes which check combustion and incereased by the opposite; that nitrogen quenches it and oxygen stimulates it, while the product of the operation, whatever it may finally prove to be, appears to be a fine carbon dioxide .- St. Louis Republic.

#### Shooting an Elk.

The first elk I shot in the season of 1891 was obtained in this manner, says Civil Service Commissioner Roosevelt. I Considerable excitement has been oc- was travelling with a pack train in the casioned near Bedford, Ind., by the mountains, riding at the head. It was a finding of \$4,000 in greenbacks at the dark, lowering, rainy morning, and we roots of a tree on which Stephen Clark were going up a small valley with steep, densely wooded hills on either hand. It was supposed that Clark had hidden Suddenly, as we came out into a little large sums of money, and the boys in glade, we heard, half a mile to our right, the neighborhood have from time to time the challenge of a bull elk, speedily angone searching for it. One night Clark's | swered by a more distant note of defiance, due to the breeding of the common pig lantern under a tree in her yard, and mountain. I and my companion, a tall, vidow was awakened by the light of a evidently from a rival further up the discovered some boys at work with a silent old mountain hunier, instantly pick. They dug about two feet into the slipped off our horses and began to steal ground, and found an old coat. After through the woods toward the sound. It unrolling it, they discovered a revolver, was a great tamarack forest, and the attention of the Paris Academy of Sci- the same tree, and after his death the re- walk without making a noise. As silently forest, every minute or two stopping to listen for the challenge. The elk was evidently very much excited by the pr sence of his rival on the distant mountain side, and he kept repeating his call at short intervals. When we first went into the woods and heard it from afar it sounded most musical, but as we draw nearer the sound had a harsh ring, which detracted from its melody, but nevertheless sent a thrill through our veins. Nearer and nearer we crept, and each minute the roar of the challenge came booming down through the woods louder then before. Then we got near enough to hear the rattle of the great antiers as the buil savagely thrashed the young tre s and saplings. Still nearer we crept. and from a particularly dense clump of young evergreens the roar came so near as to make it sound like the cry of some ferocious wild beast. The old hunter PROPESSOR WILLIAM JAMES, a well-dropped behind and I raced sitently for-Hoseman William Wilson of Engine house No. 7, in Frankford, a suburb of Philadelphia, is the happy possessor of a Remington rifle, and one recent Saturing shirt, which harmonizes so well with the tree trunks that it is difficult for even whom she never saw or heard of before, the sharpest eye to distinguish it. For a moment or two evidently the elk could ing the liabilities to which it exposes not quite see what I was. Stepping to one side of the tree he walked a couple of paces toward me with the peculiar, stately grace of his kind, his shapely head and lordly antiers borne aloft by the gun to penetrate, and concerning which great swelling neck. Then, as he halted, any very sweeping generalizations are my bullet took him straight in the chest. Round he wheeled and started off, and with the second bullet I hit him in the Oxe of the most successful ranchers in flank. Either of the shots was fatal, and after a thirty-yard run the lordly beast staggered, stopped, fell over on his side, and was in the death struggle as I drew near. In a minute afterward the old hunter and I were standing admiring his huge body and beautifully formed, clean

# Some Curious Truths.

There are a number of societies in the world that bear strange names, but probhours, until the last horned head is in a founded in 1735 by an English actor. It ably one of the most curious was a club was called "The Sublime Society of In the space of two minutes John Beefsteaks," and had among its mem-Swanson, of Omaha, had two almost mi- bers the Prince of Wales and other roysiderable distance from the spot. In a was in existence for more than a huncould be rescued the dynamite exploded. Club. which Swift founded in 1714, and

Sedan chairs were first used in England by the Duke of Buckingham during the reign of James I. The first chair aroused much indignation among the people, who said that men were being used to do the work of beasts, but later on they became

very fashionable. The fashion of saying "Cod bless ancients. These people believed that some danger attended sneezing, so they generally made a short prayer, such as Jupiter, help me!" It has been found mention of the fact. An old Roman writer says that the custom originated EDWARD BLANCHET of Lewiston, Me., is during a plague, when people who were forty four years old, and his wife is two seemingly in good health sneezed and

Bagpipes are generally ascribed to Scotland, where they have been in use whom are alive now. In Canada, where | for a long time, but it was an instrument upon which the ancient Greeks and ties give a section of land to the father Romars played. Nero is said to have of twelve living children, but in losing performed upon it, and an old piece of eight children by death he lost the Grecian sculpture represents a player on the bagpipes dressed in the fashion that is known to-day as the Highland costume .- [Harper's Young People.

A FEW old toll bridges in Maine bear signs that perpetuate the memory of a from the tip of its nose to the tip of its curious law. These signs proclaim that all persons, save "paupers, Indians, and clergymen," must pay toll in crossing the bridge. The indulgence shown to paupers and clergymen is easily understood from the practice elsewhere, but why the Indians were exempted is not so clear, unless, indeed, it was a recog-From some recent experiments of nition of the aboriginal right to the free-

# THE JOKER'S BUDGET.

JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS. take it.

Unaccountable Delay-She Felt Relieved-A Sliding Scale-Then and Now-No Flies, Etc., Etc.

UNACCOUNTABLE DELAY.

In the days when the stage was still the prevailing mode of travel in the West, a traveler one day grew incensed at the slow progress made by the vehicle in which he was a passenger. Remon-

strating with the stage-driver, he said: "What's the matter with the team this trip? We're going as slow as a New England prayer-meeting. I was over this route ten years ago, and we went fast enough then.

"We do seem to be gittin' a leetle less hump on oursel's than we did then, fur a fac', pard." said the driver; "but the why of it beats me. These here's the identical broncos we had then."-[Harper's Magazine.

SHE FELT RELIEVED.

He-Will you marry mo? Your answer, quick! She (as he makes a motion to take

something out of his vest-pocket)-Oh,

don't, don't, Fred! I will marry you,

but don't, don't. He-Don't what? I was simply reaching for the engagement ring. She (relieved)-Oh, I thought-I was afraid it was a dynamite bomb. - Boston

A BLIDING SCALE.

"Tommy," said the employer, one chilly morning, "I wish you to regulate the heat so that the mercury in the thermometer shall stay around seventy de-

"I suppose," said Tommy, "that seventy degrees will do for this kind of weather, but when it gets colder we'll need the mercury higher."-[Philadelphia Times.

THEN AND NOW.

When mother held the little chap And sang to him a tune At night, while he sat on her lap, He cried to get the moon.

Now more than half a century lies Between him and his birth; No more to get the moon be cries. To-day he wants the earth. - New York Press.

THE ROAD TO RICHES.

Ponsonby-That man yonder came to America two years ago. He was a poor watchmaker; he went West and opened a little store. He is now worth three

Popinjay-Thought there was no money in the business. Ponsonby-There isn't. He married an heirosz. - [Jewelers' Circular.

A mermaid in the darkness deep. Wa ged her slippery tail with glee, And w rbled thus, in liquid tones, "There are no flies on me -- New York Herald.

AN HONEST EFFORT.

"John." said the minister's wife, "how many more times are you going to recite that sermon of yours? "Don't bother me, my dear, if you please," he returned. "I am practising what I preach."-[New York Sun.

FISHED FOR A COMPLIMENT.

Alice (looking at her portrait)-Don't you think that Van Brush has managed to make rather a pretty picture of me? Edith—Yes; he really has—what a remarkably clever artis he is.

A BACK HAND COMPLIMENT. "Yes," said Miss May True, in a con-

versation with Chappie, "I can remem-ber things that happened when I was a wee, wee girl." Then Chappie, wishing to pay her a compliment, said:

"You must have an excellent memory, for that must have been many, many years ago.

THROUGH THE REGULAR CHANNELS. Manager-The latest general order says we should economize in every possible way. Hereafter you must pick up all the waste paper and send it to me. Chief Clerk-If I must do this extra work I want a raise of salary. Manager-All right; put fyour appli-cation in with the waste paper.-[Tele-

graph Age. ARMED FOR THE FRAY.

A tramp applied to a lady for work and, was given some carpets to beat. He did the job so well that she commended him for it.

"You must have beaten carpets frequently to be such an expert," she said. 'Never beat a carpet before in my life, lady; I've allus teached school, he answered promptly .- Detroit Free

CONSISTENT IN HER TASTES.

Fangle-It seems to me very strange that Mrs. McJunkin should lavish so much affection on that homely pug Camso-Not at all. You ought to see her husband.-{Epoch.

FATHER TO THE MAN.

Georgie Gazzam (aged five)-Let me tell you the latest smart thing my father Benny Bloombumper (aged four and a half)-Thanks, no; I'm tired. I have

RAPID GROWTH "This town seems to be making great progress." said a visitor to a resident of

Boomville, Oklahoma. "You are jist right, stranger. Why, we've had to enlarge the jail twice."-[Epoch.

APPEARANCES AGAINST HIM.

Manager-How is he dressed?

Office Boy-Oh, he is "out of sight" -silk hat, patent leathers and boxcoat. AN APT RETORT.

Optimus-You can rely upon Frankeigh. He always keeps his word. Cynicus-Ah, because nobody will

HIS SKELETON.

Featherstone-Do you believe in ghosts? Travers-Well, for years I have been living in a haunted house. Featherstone -- You don't tell me? Who is it haunted by?

Travers-By my tailor. - [Clothier and Furnisher.

NO TIME FOR TRIPLES. Mr. Bilyans-What kind of a girl is

this that John is courting? Mrs. Bilyuns-She is very handsome. Mr. B.-Is she what they call cultured and cultivated and all that? Mrs. B. -Why, no, she hasn't time for culture or cultivation. She is in society you know .- New York Press.

HE TOOK HER UNAWARES.

Harry-Miss Nettings-Carrie, what would you say if I should ask your hand in marriage? Carrie-How absurd of you, Mr.

spooks; how can I tell what I should do until asked such a question. Harry-But may I ask you? Carrie-It is not in my power to con-

trol your askings, Mr. Spooks. Harry-Carrie, will you be my wife? Carrie-Really, Harry, this is so sudden. - Boston Transcript.

SOMETHING WE DON'T BRAG ABOUT. Englishman (grumpily)-There is one thing that I'll buy up as a curiosity if J can find it in your blawsted country.

American -- What is it? Englishman-Something that you do of boast about. American - I'm glad to hear that.

Just go and secure all our Anglomaniaes. - New York Sun.

NOT SO BAD.

He-Ethel's face has haunted me ever since I first saw her.

She-I do not consider her face handsome myself, but I think your remark is girls stared at her an instant, and then unnecessarily cruel. THE GREATEST LOTTERY.

"Did you ever take part in a game of chance, Mr. Satton ?" "Well-I'm married, you know."-St. Joseph News. ANY PORT.

Ethel-I made George promise last

aight to spend our honeymoon at New-Maud-That will do as well as any place; any port in a storm, you know.

ADJUSTING THE PHRASEOLOGY. "Your bill," said the tailor, "is over-

"That's bad English." replied the customer; "you should say over dun."

ONE OF THE GENUINE BREED. "That dog is one of our famous Maryland breed." "Vos Irocor

last night."-- Baltimore American.

Sucker-What is your particular line, stranger? Sharper-Well, I'm in the fish line

just at present. SATISFACTORY.

Peck (the grocer)-So you want a job in the store, do you? Freddy Gazzam-Yes, sir.

"Do you know anything about arithmetic? "Yes, sir.

"How much would ten pounds of sugar ome to at four and a half cents a

"Fifty cents, sir." "I think you'll do."- Epoch.

GOING PREPARED.

(Mamma explaining to her little girl aged 5, that everything she does and says is written down in a large book in L. G. asks-And all the naughty things too?

Mamma-Yes, dear. L. G. (pensively)-Then I think I'll take a piece of india-rubber with me .--London Truth.

PARTIAL APPROVAL. Ethel (showing her engagement ring)-Don't you admire his taste? Maud-Ye-es, as far as jewelry is concerned.

# A Solid Fog.

The deleterious influence of fogs may be estimated from some results obtained from examination and analysis last month at Kow Gardens, London, Eugland. The director speaks of the leaves as being covered with a substance like brown only be scraped off with a knife. On analysis this shows over fifty-one per cent of carbon and hydrocarbon, with magnetic oxide of iron, and mineral wature must affect both the lungs of man plants, as regards respiration. Strangely enough, the deposit appeared to be more marked at Kew than at Chelsea .-- The Young Man.

# Armed Against Starvation.

a smart father myself .- Brooklyn Life. The London Pall Mall Gazette says Africa, recently, he took the precaution of providing himself and his party with somebody's "Essence of Lite." This substance "warranted to sustain an adult Office Boy—There is a man outside small cake of soap, and one is supposed who says he has a play he wants you to lick it—as a mule licks rock salt—three times a day. Lord Randolph himself. cakes. This "essence" is the secret pre-paration of a professional faster; and al-—silk hat, patent leathers and described though it does not appear to be very unamust be an amateur.—[Clothier and Furnal and Furnal

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

As incident occurred in Valparaiso harbor on the night that the Chilian manof-war Errazuriz arrived She began throwing her search light round the harbor at 1 o'clock in the morning and threw the glars all over the bay, in what was supposed to be an effort to find the Yorktown, the only United States cruiser then in the harbor. She finally turned the light across the forecastle of the Americon gunboat and some of the rays penetrated through the perts to the berth deck, where the "watch below" was sleeping. The blue jackets were aroused from their slumbers by the light, and a number of them went on the forecastle and sang the "Star Spangled Banner" until the illuminations ceased.

A RECENT report of casualties to shipping shows some remarkable facts in regard to the great age of some craft still in active service. Thirty-nine sailing vessels mentioned in the report are between fifty and sixty years old, eighteen between sixty and seventy years, thirty between seventy and a hundred, while six have been affoat during a century. This is, of course, only a part of the list of ancient craft still in service, and the vessels referred to are sea-going craft, and not barges or river boats. It is, however, probable that there is exceedingly little of the original structure left in the old ships. Constant repairing and refitting has almost rebuilt them: but while one plank of the original remains, the vessel retains its identity.

An Ohio paper tells a story of two young girls who were recently travelling on a train in that Stafe. As the train stopped at a station, two ladies entered and took seats in front of them; then a stout lady came forward and greeted them and kept up a lively conversation until the train started. Then one of the two said; "Sit down here near us, and tell those girls to sit somewhere else." So the stout lady turned and said, in freezing tones: "I wish to converse with my friends, and would like that seat. I am Mrs. President R., of this road." one of them drawled, "Pleased to meet you, I'm sure. I suppose you know I am Mrs. President Harrison, of Washington." The other girl, settling herself comfortably in her seat, said, "And I am Mrs. Queen Victoria." Neither of them moved, and Mrs. President R, had to go back to her own scat.

The Journal of the American Statistical Association gives some curious facts concerning the number of suicides in the ranks, and more especially among the officers, of all the great European powers. The Austrian army takes the lead in this matter. From 1875 to 1887 a yearly average of 122 suicides is recorded for every 100,000 effective troops. In 1889 the number was 149. Death by suicide represents a fifth part of the whole mortality of the Austrian army. No disease is more deadly. The Germans report about half the number; the Italian army about one-third; the French army about one-fourth; the English army in the home service about one-sixth; the rate in the Russian army is nearly the same, while in the Spanish army it is least of all. There are some curious facts about these suicides. In the European armies, especially in Austria, it is the young soldiers who kill themselves during the first month of their service. Suicides are the most frequent among the cavalry and infantry, and in the latter among the soldiers who are accused and awaiting trtal. The most frequent method is shooting, though hauging and drowning are frequent methods. The infantry use firearms, and usually aim at their heads. The mounted soldiers hang themselves by their horse bridles. The Algerian soldiers almost always shoot themselves through the body, perhaps because the Arabs think it is infamous to mutilate the head. In Austria a third of the suicides are attributed to a distaste for military duty; in France, love trouble is a very frequent cause; the fear of punishment is everywhere a great incentive. The maximum of suicides is reached in the hottest weather, and the minimum is reached in the coldest weather. The late Mr. Buckle affirmed as a law of civilization that there is a periodic regularity in the suicide mania. and this testimony of the suicides in the European armies goes far to confirm it.

THE need of an enlargement of the

national Capitol for the effective tran-

saction of business becomes more urgent

with every session of Congress, declares

the New York Post. The spacious building is now all too small to accommodate the great and increasing host of Representatives. It will be remembered that the Fifty-first Congress bought the neighboring Maltby House, "for the use of Congress and the executive departments under control of the Senate Committee on Rules." The House concurred in the resolution of purchase, which emanated from the Senate, but before paint-"tarry hydrocarbon"-which can the Representatives could secure any of the rooms for offices the wilv Senators preempted them all. . Much the same thing happened in the case of the acforty-one per cent of metallic iron, quisition of the Butler mansion, which cost \$275,000, in this instance the Treaster. Any one at all acquainted with the ury Department taking possession. The physiology of plants and animals can Hore complains that in its wing there apprehend in a monent how such a mix- are not rooms enough for the use of its various committees, and that it is often and the leaves-which are the lungs-of necessary for two committees to "double up" and occupy one room, an arrangement that is provocative of much unpleasant friction. Even the prehensile Senate is now confronted with the dilemma of having no accommodations for its Committee on Enrolled Rills. In this state of affairs Architect Clark comes forward with the plan of an extension of that while Lord Randolph Churchill was the Capitol. It provides for sixty-five traveling through Mashonaland, in South additional rooms for the east and west fronts. To make the design an architectural entirety, the eastern and western This | central porticos would be enlarged. The new additions would be constructed of for one month," was taken in order to marble, and would shut out from view all lessen the chances of starvation through | the unsightly sandstone portion of the being lost in the bush. It resembles a old structure. The cost of the enlarge-small cake of soap, and one is supposed ment would be \$6,500,000 or just half what the construction of the Capitol has cost up to this time. If Congress did with characteristic sagacity, carries three | not desire to incur the total expense, a cakes. This "essence" is the secret pre-paration of a professional faster; and al-though it does not appear to be very fill-for which call for twenty-four new rooms, and provide for an ddditional connection between the House and Senate.