ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS OF EVERY-DAY LIFE.

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

The French customs officers who are stationed at the gates of Paris to guard against excisable goods entering without paying the oetroi, or, duty, have occasionally to deal with very ingenious attempts at smuggling. Last week, for instance, an attempted fraud was laid bare which goes to show how fertile the contrabandists are in expedients. At the Menilmontant gate a man in charge of a pony cart, in which were three large wooden boxes, attempted to pass the barriers, "Have you anything to de-clare?" asked one of the officials. "Nothing," said the man, "unless Government has put a tax on cemetery wreaths," and as he spoke he drew the lid off one of the boxes, revealing a number of the wreaths and crosses of artificial flowers so common in French burying grounds. The man was about to pass on when something about him aroused the suspicions of the chief official. He took the cover off one of the boxes and admired the beauty of the flowers and their remarkable fidelity to Lifting one casually in his hand he found it was remarkably heavy, and closer examination showed that when stripped of flowers and moss it was a zinc case filled with the finest brandy, daughter of Erin, who would give most The rest of the contents of the boxes men a hard tussle in a trial of physical was of the same nature and was at once strength and her nerves are usually as -confiscated. As frauds of the kind are strong as her muscles. Yet when Bridget severely punished by the Parisian authorities, the ingenious inventor of the of the house where she was employed as trick will probably be allowed leisure chambermaid and she saw a mouse run enough in Mazas to design something out from under the bed, she instantly movel.

By some curious circumstance one of the most wonderful prehistoric discoveries of Ohio has been scarcely heard of outside a narrow local area. Recently the residence of Joshua Kelly, at Union Landing, was torn down and its site turned into a field. During the work the plough was started, and derectly stratus, rise, on an average, to a height under where the house stood a skeleton of nearly 30,000 feet. The middle was turned up. The finder dug about and unearthed four more skeletons, four | 000 feet above the surface of the earth; adults and one child. It was at first supposed that a tragedy had been 000 or higher than 7,000 feet. The cubrought to light, but there was no one to mulous clouds float with their lower surclear up the mystery. After a few days face at a height of from 4,000 to 5,000 in the civil war, afterward on the Indian the news reached the outside world, and feet, while their summits frequently ex- frontier and claims to be a survivor of an excavation was made at the spot tend upwards to a height of 16 000. the Custer massacre. with astonishing results. Within a space | The tops of the Alps are often completeof forty feet square and five feet in ly hidden by clouds of the third class, depth more than a score of skeletons were while those of the other classes are frefound, and it was estimated that there quently seen shooting up the ravines were fifty bodies in the space. They like sheets of smoke. Prof. Moller took were piled one upon the other-men, than that the heads were generally toward the Ohio River. Around the necks of beads, and stone and metal rings were on their fingers. Many stone and metal implements and trinkets, mussel shells child to a middle-aged man. speaking, the skulls, femur bones and teeth were in an excellent state of preservation. Some of the strands of beads were five and six feet in length and some were engraved.

King paramount of the Swazi Nation, a determined that she would see how the warrior (called an impi) is sent out to downcast face looked, and finally got hunt for a lion, a tiger, a buffalo and a down on her knees upon the same mat large snake. This because part of the upon which the richly-attired bride sat ceremony at the coronation, consists of and took a good look up into her face. the King eating portions of the hearts of the three animals, the oil of the snake only being used. The medicine man rubs the oil on the breast, temples and between the shoulders of the King, this to prevent him being bewitched. The animal hearts are supposed to act on the liver and make his royal Majesty brave indeed. During the ceremony the King sits upon the skull of the buffalo, which has been placed upon the ground in the heart of the village. The exercises last three days. On the first he is clothed only in the skin of the lion; on the second, in the skin of the tiger, while on the third the skull is in the centre of the buffalo's skin and mounted by the King, who is perfectly naked. In this situation he receives the congratulations of his people, who hail him as "Great Lion." "Great Tiger," "Slayer of Serpents" and "Rider of the Buffalo." By the rare musical talent. She plays the piano above titles he is ever after known to with an exquisite touch. She is able to his people.

Though mankind may avoid a repetition of the great locust plagues of history-such, for instance, as that near the close of the last century, in which the locusts drowned on one part of the African coast were washed up in a bank fifty miles long and four or five feet high, or that, early in the Christian era, which resulted in the death of 300,000 persons such plagues have not yet entirely lost their terrors. Recent alarm has therefore been caused in Egypt by the farmer living near South Bend Ind., is most serious visitation recorded for forty attracting much attention. Sousley folyears, and has been increased by the lows threshing in season and quit last fact that the swarms of locusts instead September with a badly inflamed eye. of being migratory seemed to have de. It has pained him continually since, unveloped from eggs laid in the country til one day recently when an oculist last year. Every effort will be made to found that a grain of wheat had lodged exterminate the creatures before great in his eye, sprouted in its growth had exterminate the creatures before great in his eye, sprouted in its growth had of these the publishers have cleared damage is done. While investigating forced a passage up between the scalp thousands. There is a young man in the locust plague in Algeria, a member and skull, and had found an outlet near this city who began publishing songs of the French Academy, M. Kunckel the apex of the right eye. The stalk five years ago with a capital of less than Herculais, is reported to have fallen asleep from exhaustion, when he was at- in a hot-bed, where it is expected to grow. tacked by a swarm of locusts from which | Sousley is doing finely. he was unable to escape. When his corpse was found the insects had completely devoured his hair, beard and necktie. - Trenton (N J.) American.

wrecked on St. Mary's Island, near New- or kangaroo mouse, the white-bellied castle, England. A party, says the wood mouse and the common short-tailed Newcastle Chronicle, went in a boat to field mouse. The chopper thinks they the wreck. They had no sooner put foot crowded up into the hollow in order to on deck than they were attacked by an keep warm, and the hole through which army of rats and had to make tracks for they entered having closed up, they the rigging. Great hungry, lanky, leanlooking rats, many of them with their tails chewed off, swarmed along in neverending thousands, squeaking and squirm- similar conditions. ing over one another in a manner sickening and horrible te behold, particularly to those up in the rigging. How could they escape? At last they cut off some loose ropes, knotted them into convenient day and asked the teller if he had any lengths, and so armed descended and at- coppers. The teller said he had. Then tacked the rodents, eventually succeeding the boy poked a big pistol through the maintain my position. The office should in beating a passage to the boat. The window and remarked: "Hand them out, seek the man, but, by George, sah! the rats no sooner saw the men over the side hand them out!" The teller did not re- man should be around when the office is

SOMEWHAT STRANGE. down the ropes and try to enter the boat. deemed consistent, and he pulled the trying to swim after it. But they were too | sound lecture. far from land to swim ashore.

The different nations of the world. show the trident doubled or transformed into a trifid fascicle. This triumph of over all other representations of the thunderbolt. The Greeks represented the storm-fire with the features of a bird of prey. Later on, when they had begun the the use of the Asiatic form of symbol, they put it in the claws of an eagle and made it the sceptre of Zeus. Gaul received the symbol from Italy, but soon altered it to the familiar twoheaded hammer seen on the Gallo-Roman monuments. The same symbol is seen on amulets found in Germany, Scandinavia and Brittany .- [St Louis Republic.

A surprisingly strong bit of evidence in proof of a woman's inability to remain Mrs. Roberts. calm in the presence of a mouse was that contributed by Bridget Colgan, the servant girl who was recently treated for a broken ankle at the Philadelphia Hospital. Miss Colgan is a fine, strapping young was cleaning the second-story windows turned and leaped into the street below at the same time screaming' "A mouse! a mouse!" Perhaps no more remarkable instance of this strange fear has ever been recorded, and Miss Bridget's escape with only the injuries mentioned is not the least curious part of her adventure.

The highest clouds, cirrus and cirro clouds keep at from about 10,000 to 23,the lower clouds seldom lower than 3,observations on one cloud, the vertical

A Portland (Me.) lady, who is now on her way home from India, writes to a the women were found curiously wrought friend that she had a good opportunity to witness one of the ceremonies peculiar to that far land-a marriage of a girl and ashes were found in abundance. stance the bride, who was of high social rank, was regarded by her people as really old, having reached her twelfth year. Etiquette requires that the newlymade bride shall not be seen to smile or take notice of any person for a period of When a chief is about to be crowned three days. But the Portland lady was

A singular condition has developed in the buffalo herd at the Philadelphia Zoo. Late in last year the hoof and mouth disease affected the cattle of Europe very seriously, and there were slight visitations of it in this country. One of the buffalo. Eight of the herd were isolated. Since then the symptoms of this disease have disappeared from all but one of those isolated. This one, however, has lost a hoof, and is now hard at work raising a new one, hobbling around on three legs. This is the only case on record in America of a buffalo losing a hoof and growing a new one in captivity.

Miss Annie McCormick, besides being one of the loveliest and most popular young ladies in the city, is endowed with play on six different instruments at one and the same time, that is a banjo. guitar, bass violin, triangle, barp and tambourine. This is something almost unheard of; but what is far more wonderful, is her ability to carry three separate and distinct airs at the same time. playing with each hand a different piece upon the piano, and for the third singing some familiar song .- [Hawkinsville,]

(Ga.) Dispatch. The queer case of John Sousiev, a was carefully removed and transplanted

A lumberman at Wytopitlock, Me., recently split open a ho'low maple log and found among rotten leaves twentysix mice, all dead. There were three The steamer Gothenburg City was species in the collection—the long-tailed starved to death. Mice won't eat mice. evidently, although civilized men have been known to feed on one another under

A nine-year-old boy, in knee breeches, walked into the Wyandotte National Bank, at Kansas City, Kan., the other of the ressel than they begun to swarm spond so promptly as the youngster looking for him."-- [Washington Post.

It was with difficulty they were beaten trigger. The pistol snapped but did not off and, when the boat was clear of the explode, and other bank employees vessel, they squeaked in a horrible grabbed the boy. He was taken before manner in their anguish, many of them the Justice, who discharged him with a

Charles Barber, who lives near St. Mary's, Ohio, lost a valuable hound in a both uncient and modern, have employed remarkable manner the other morning. various symbols to represent the fires Mrs. Barber had cut a lot of biscuits out that flash from the thunder-cloud. The of dough and placed them near the stove Chaldeans symbolized it with a trident; to rise. Her household duites called her the learned Babylonians used a human away, and when she returned she found arm for the same purpose. The bas-re- the dog had eaten the biscuits. The liefs of Nimrud and Malthia, the work of miserable canine was terribly bloated, later and more refined Assyrian artists, and Mrs. Barber tried to relieve him, but the leaven in the biscuit dough was get- well to ventilate the subject and ascer- arched side seam is added in the back. ting in its deadly work. Within less tain whether my friend is mistaken or the classic art secured for the ancient than half an hour the hound became too not .- [S. V Clevenger in the Open Court. finer smooth quality, is being used as a Mesopotamian symbol the advantage big for his hide, an explosion followed and the dog was torn to pieces.

A strange accident has occurred be tween Potomas, Mexico, and Deming, New-Mexico, to a Mormon family. B. R. Young was driving along behind another wagon whan a loaded gun in the front wagon accidentally fell and was discharged. The ball piercing Mr. Young's shoulder, then his son's hip, and then, passing through the baby, it struck Mrs. Mary Roberts, daughter of Mr. Young. The bullet seriously wounded the father and son, kil ed the baby instantly, and slightly wounded

While gunning on Dog's Islan 1, about two miles above Anglesea, N. J., Capt-Samuel Chance found lying on the strand a moss-grown, long-necked, and tightly corked bottle. He broke the bottle and found it to contain \$15 in paper money. with the following words scrawled on a piece of wrapping-paper: "The finder whosoever it may be, will use this money as his own. We are sinking; death stares Here the note breaks off. There is no signature, nor is the name of any vessel given. The bottle had every appearance of having been in the water for a long time.

A unique triple wedding feast was enjoyed in a Bohemian village when a young couple were married on the same day that the parents of the bridegroom celebrated their silver wedding and his grandparents their golden wedding. On the came day a diamond wedding was celebrated at Heiligenkreuz, near

Ernest Russell of Muncie, Ind., who has long been mourned as dead, returned home the other day. He was a soldier

A Devilfish Seizes a Boat.

A big octopus, or devilfish, one of those sea monsters graphically described women and children-without order other dimensions of which was over 3.700 feet. by Victor Hugo in his "Toilers of the Sea." adorns a hook in Brown's fish stall, on the Washington street wharf. The book is driven into the casing of the door, considerably higher than a min's head, but the long, slimy tentacles, or arms of the monster trail on the ground, tapering to a fine point. On the inside the arms are the cup-like suckers which, once fastened on to an object. have a bulldog-like tenacity. The fish weighs forty-five pounds and its arms measure ten or twen yfeet from tip to tip. It is being kept till some Chinese, who consider the meat of the fish a great luxury, come along and purchase it. The captors of the monster were Fishermen August Dupont and Joe Michael, who had a hard battle before they succeeded in killing it. The men were coming up the bay with a boatload of fish, pulling lazily on the oars, when Dupout's blade fouled something in the water. The something proved to be the devilfish. Dupont raised his oar out of the water, and the fish-came with it. As it was these was at the Philadelphia Zoo among raised above the surface, one of the monster's strong arms fastened on to the boat, and in an instant it was half way into the boat, and striking wildly at the occupants. Michael was struck on the arm by the monster, but he whipped out a knife and cut the tentacle off. the meantime Dupont seized a club, used for knocking salmon on the head and killed the monster .- [Scattle Telegraph.

Profits of Popular Songs.

It may seem absurd, says the Pittsburg Leader's New York letter, but there is much more money in a topical song than in a popular book, but most of it is made by the publisher. A few song writers of experience will not sell their songs outright, but have them published on royalty. These make money, frequently several hundred dollars on one song that makes a hit and is sung in the theatres for a few weeks. But the song writers who are compelled to sell their labor outright for what they car get for it have hard work to make a living, while the publisher often clears \$500 or more on one of their songs. Not all songs written are profitable, by any means, but when one does make a hit the returns are large, and a song will sell longer than a book. Many popular topi-cal songs were purchased from their authors for \$5, \$10 and \$15, and on some \$500 and very-little experience. He was acquainted with a few struggling song writers and bought their best efforts outright for \$10 each. The song writers are still poor, but the enterprising young publisher has amassed a fortune estimated at \$100,000.

A Story for Campaign Years.

Congressman John Allen told a good story at Chamberlain's last night. ferring to election days down in Mississippi, Mr. Allen told of an electioneer who grandiloquently referred to the old saying: "The office should seek the man, not the man the office." A few days afterward, the speaker was noticed electioneering in old-fashioned style with drinks and cigars, etc. Being called down and asked about his assertion of a few days before, that "the office should seek the man." he replied: "I still

FOR THE LADIES.

EFFICIENCY OF WOMEN IN FINE WORK. A watchmaker friend of mine surprised me with the information that there were no women watchmakers.

I told him that the delicate manipulations required in watchmaking, it would seem to me, could be best performed by women, but he said they were very effi- tume. cient in such fine work as in the manufacture of the single parts, but when it came to the assembling of the pieces and the minute adjustment and general horological judgment, they had proven themselves incapable. I think it would be but when the figure is stout a gracefully

DENTISTRY NOT POPULAR.

American women do not seem attracted by the profession of dentistry. At the Philadelphia Dental School there have been a number of women students, but these are generally of foreign birth. At Zurich a number of women have studied and not so very expensive, considering have had unusual success in their own elects for the Louis Quinze tash, the country, and their example is being ends of which reach quite to the foot of followed by the Swedes. In Stockholm the dress skirt. a scholarship has been founded for women students desiring to study dentistry, and this has been recently awarded School of D. ntistry .- [New York Sun.

HOW TO MAKE UP THIN MATERIALS.

A dainty pink chiffon toilet just completed for a bridemaid has pink moire At a recent wedding the three bride-ribbon bordering the foot, with finest maids were dresses of lustrous corded arrasene embroidery of eglantines above silk. The bell-shaped skirts were finon a border. A wide pink moire sash is ished with a narrow fringed ruching at tied behind in girlish fashion. Accord- the foot and the Louis coats opened over ion plaiting is effective on chiffon or tulle dainty vests of cream lace. They each bric is veiled with one filmy fall of the ostrich tips and pink roses. tulle. Hems and tucks are again in evidence on diaphanous skirts, making them less like ballet-gowns than formerly. Low velvet bodices to wear with tulle skirts are very simply finished. They are very slightly pointed front and back, rounded in the neck and made with a short full-puffed sleeve. The neck is corded and finished with or without lace or lisse folds .- [Chicago Post.

SWELL GOWN OF THE SEASON.

If you have some old flowered goods that you have kept for a comfortable at long back with a Watteau plait. Have Stuart frill. it tight-fitting. Now select the shape that pleases you most in its colors and and have a "scramb.ed" front of that. bishop's sleeves and a Médici collar. Put a bow just below the collar at the back with long ends reaching to the hem, or take a wide sash, fasten the ends in the have the swell gown of the season .--Detroit Free Press.

WHY JAPANESE WOMEN LOOKSPLEASANT. Perhaps the secret of the sweet expression and habitual screnity of the Japanese women can be found in their freedom from small worries. The fashion of dress never varying saves the wear of mind over that subject, and the bareness of the houses and simplicity of diet make housekeeping a mere bagatelle. Everything is exquisitely clean and easily kept There is no paint, no drapery, no crowd of little ornaments, no coming into the houses in the footwear worn in the dusty streets. And then the feeling of living in rooms that can be turned into balconies and verandas at a mo- low, Wyoming county, Penn., missed ment's notice, of having walls that slide ing much for us, some things not to their the edges of the stones, and the young improvement We might begin, with men feeling certain that they had holed profit to ourselves, to learn of them .-- the sheep-killer, went home and drew a Newport Daily News.

STYLES FOR GIRLS.

Fashionable mothers who follow 6k. treme styles have adopted for their girls the so-calle! French dress, with abnormally long waist, and short skirt barely reaching to the knees; but, as a matter of fact, girls in Paris now wear the English gown, with short waist up under the arms, and long skirt almost touching the floor, and also the English Greenaway gowns that have long been familiar here. In selecting styles, however, everything depends on the child, a plain short frock suiting one best, and an elaborate picturesque gown being more becoming to another. Mothers of conservative taste are slow to accept the extremely short skirts, preferring those of medium length extending half way below the knee and the top of the high shoes. All skirts for small girls are straight and full. measuring from two yards and a half to three vards or a trifle more in width. A hem of four to six inches is at the foot. The top has usually two rows of gathers. with mu h of the fulness thrown towards the back, and is sewed to the waist with a welting cord. Rows of insertion and of velvet ribbon are the trimmings preferred; tucks and ruffles are also used .-New York World.

FARILION NOTES. match the evening costume. It is noticed that the high heeled to yank at the bait. French shoes are in fashion again.

As many silver bangles as the wristcan accommodate is the fashionable thing. Shaded chrysanthemums, yellow and brown are fashionable bridal bouquets. new chameleon India twilled dress silks.

tunity for "foolish extravagance." The girl of the period does not appear at her best in the new three-cornered "cocked" hat of the continental period. Patent leather shoes are no longer

fashionable for great occasions. Satin. cloth, suede and bronze are preferred.

in Paris. These are made to match the costume; of white kid, red kid with filigree gold, tan suede with bronze Leads and gray suede with cut steel.

Jet suspenders crossed in the back and tipped with ornaments are worn. In one of the new plays gilt suspenders adorned with colored jewels, but not crossed in the back, are worn on a tan-colored cos-

The French corsage without darts, save those in the very snug waist-lining. will be very generally adapted for thin summer toilets. It has usually only two seams visible-those under the arms-

Elastic wool, like ladies' cloth of a reaction from the multitude of corded and figured goods at present offered in the shops, and promises to find favor among well-dressed people for street and carriage wear.

The new sashes which are to be so fashionable next season are very wide, deutistry. These are for the most part | their quality and device. Five yards are Russians. The Russian women dentists often used where the wearer is tall and

Some of the new Russian blouses for young girls are made of the gray Persian sash ribbons, with a trimming of the same to Miss Elena Levin of the Gothenburg at the hem of the dress skirt, or showing as a simulated petticoat between the s'ashings of the outside skirt, with a sash of the same at the back of the blouse, or looped at one side if preferred.

skirts in long straight breadths or foot flounces, especially when the plaited fa-

Great attention is now paid to the style and decoration of traveling costumes. The idea formerly obtained that halfworn passe suits were good enough for a journey, but now the stylish outfit to be worn on car or steamer is as much considered as any part of the wardrobe. Harris tweed is just now a favorite material for traveling costumes.

Bretelles will be much used during the coming season. Upper French models bretelles of lace, velvet or silk are seen that are a mere point below the waist line, widening gradually to almost cover some future time, you can turn it now the shoulder. Sometimes the bretelles into an esthetic tea gown. The bigger reach from belt to belt over the shoulder the flowers and the orighter the colors and again they pass to the back of the cards having written addresses on them the more desirable it will be. Make a neck and end in standing plaits like a to represent ordinary letters. He is

Round waists appear even upon elegant evening toilets, but these are not always becoming and use is made of the fashion able corsage that is slightly elongateda waist that is neither a round one, nor one finished with basques, but something under arm seams-if you are slim-and between the two, extending slightly betie in a big, big bow under the bust, let- youd the waist line, with a point front ting the long ends fall to the floor, and and back, the fulness from the shoulders pleats.

Round waists appear upon nearly every other model sent from Paris. These may be belted in closely, or else they carve with the taper of the waist. The fronts open on a plastron and are girdled, or else on a vest which is broad or narrow as best suits the figure. Folix makes belted waists to the handsomest camel's hair gowns, with a slender oval opening closed at the throat and belt. the space between showing nearly a full breadth of bengaline closely gathered.

The Anvil and the Bear.

Henry and Jarvis Camp of Root Holsheep one morning recently and found away as freely as do the scenes on the bear tracks and blood outside of the barnstage, and let in all out-of-doors, or yard fence. They tracked the bear to a change the suites of rooms to the shape | gerge nearly two miles west of their and size that the whim of the day or the place, where they lost the track in a hole hour requires. The Japanese are learn- in the rocks. There were bits of wool on couple of anvils to the gorge in a wagon. They loaded one of the anvils with powder, put the other anvil on top of it, placed them on a plank, and pushed them as far into the bear's den as they could Then Jarvis applied a slow match to the powder, and he and his brother ran to a afe distance.

Presently the anvils boomed, the rocks shook, and smoke poured out of the hole. Henry was ready to shoot the bear with a rifle, expecting that the noise would drive him out. In a moment the bear dashed out of another hole a few yards up the gorge, ran along a shelving rock, and dived into a mass of brush just as Henry fired at him. He didn't hit the bear and the frightened old brute made tracks over the hill toward the north. The Camp boys followed him into Highriter's swamp, where they gave up the chase in an hour or so.

That night the bear returned to his den and stayed in it for eight days. On the eighth night he came out, walked around for awhi e, and went back. The Camp brothers had visited the gorge every day and they came to the conclusion that the bear had devoured the sheep and was getting hungry again. He gave them no chance to shoot him, and they made up their minds to trap him. That afternoon they nailed a calf's liver to the trunk of a tree a few rods down the gorge and hung one of the auvils fifteen feet above it, fixing the rope Slippers and stockings should now in such a way that the anvil would drop to the ground the moment the bear began

Jarvis went to the gorge the next morning, and from a distance he saw that the anvil had fallen. He carried a rifle, and hurrying to the tree he found a wildcat lying under the anvil crushed to death. He got Henry as soon as he One of the novelties for 1892 is the could, and the two pulled the anvil up new chameleon India twilled dress silks. again and reset it. On the third morn-Gold and silver hairpins are the rule. ing Henry found the bear lying dead They afford every possibility and oppor- with his nose against the tree. The point of the anvil had been driven three iches into the bear's skull. The bear's throat was pinned to the roots of the tree, and the bold sheep thief had died in his tracks. He weighed 334 pounds. -[New York Sun.

Heart-shaped purses of kid are carried London is 19.2 a thousand;

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It seems strange, almost facredible, that one, John Hogan, who died in St. Louis recently, laid out the site of Chicago in 1836, or fifty six years ago; and the eyes of the world are now turning to a magnificent city that is rushing to the front rank with giant strides.

THE Arkansas building at the Columbian Fair is to be built by a woman. Miss Jean Longborough has been notified that her plan of the building has been accepted, and that she will be made superintendent of its construction. The lesign is in the rococo style of architecture, which prevailed in the seveneenth century in France, as the first settlers of Arkansas were French. On the ground floor will be a fountain constructed of the many colored crystals found at Hot Springs.

A WRITER in the Fortnightly Review. has taken great pains to collect a numper of facts as evidence that women endure pain with much greater courage han men, that men swoon in the dental chair more frequently than women, who face the inevitable suffering more uncomplainingly and patiently, all of which every dentist and most women knew before. And then he seeks to draw the conclusion that women are physically ess sensitive than men, and do not feel the pain so acutely because they make less tuss about it.

THERE are nearly one thousand religious papers published in the United States, having a circulation of over three million each issue. None of these are dailies. Some are monthlies, and the majority are issued once each week. They represent all shades of religious views, but the largest circulation is among Baptists, Catholics, Methodicts and Presbyterians. The Protes and Episcopal are probably next in number, and the Congregationalists, with 150,000 in New England, follow. The s'atistics appear to show that there is one religious paper of some sort to every six or seven families in the United States. It will be observed that this leaves a large part of the population unsupplied.

THE modern torturer is the examination fiend. He shows more ingenuity than did ever the mechanics of Magdeburg in devising means to test the weak spots in ordinary human beings. One of the latest methods of testing the academic proficiency of mail-clerks has just been devised in San Francisco. It consists of a case of 144 pigeon holes. each of which represents a country post office. The victim gets a number of then timed with a stop watch in order to ascertain how long it takes him to get all the cards in their proper pigeon holes. In California alone there are 1,450 minor post offices, so it may be imagined that the task is not an easy one.

COMMENTING on the recent action of the City Councils in Philadelphia favoring the trolley system, o e of the electrical journals points out that of the 16 cities being concentrated there in the finest of | in the Union having over 200,000 inhabitants, 14, or 87 per cent., are equipped with trolley roads. Philadelphia and New Orleans, the exceptions, are now falling into line. Of the 42 cities having between 50,000 and 200,000 inhabitants. 41, or 97 per cent., have electric roads. New Haven, the exception in this class, is likely to have its road this summer. There are 391 American cities outside these two categories that have a population of over 8,000, and so far as is known, every one of them either has a road or a project on foot to start it or ex-tend a neighboring one. The statement is also made that these electric roads have already carried more than the population of the globe, but that the electric current has not yet inflicted injury on a single passenger.

> Many of the men now prominent in Congress had personal experience in the war days with the interior of military prisons. Frank Carpenter has made a list of a dozen men at pre-ent in public life at the national capital who were confined for a time in either Federal or Confederate dungeons. Crisp, Wheeler, Cobb, Grady, Kilgore, and Tarsney were among these unfortunates, and the story of Tarsney's imprisonment is especially interesting. He was one of the first Northern soldiers to be incarcerated in Andersonville, and as that was before the establishment of discipline at that place, he evaded his guards in many ways, particularly by assuming several names and drawing five rations in addition to the one to which he was entitled. Consequently he waxed fat, and when he escaped from Milan, whither he was transferred from Andersonville, he was in excellent physical condition. His escape he effected by impersonating a dead

A NEW invention called the submarine sentry is attracting much attention in nautical circles in England, and is honored by a column and a half description, with an illustration, in the London Times. It is an inexpensive device, simple in action and to look at, but it seems to contain a potency for good which it would be difficult to exaggerate. A written description would be difficult to understand, but the instrument consists of two pieces of three-quarter-inch board crewed together at right-angles and sharpened at one end. To the sharpened end a catch and bar are attached. When this contrivance is suspended at a certain angle from a wire attached to a ship in motion, it immediately takes a header towards the bottom and follows the course of the ship at any desired distance below the keel, according to the length of wire given to it. Supposing, for instance, that it is set at twenty fathoms, it goes quietly along until the twenty-fathom limit is reached. The sharp end always travels first, and as soon as the bar attached to it touches the bottom a spring is released which detaches the seniry and permits it to rise to the surfuce, while at the same instant a warning bell is rung automatically on deck. The invention has been tried under various conditions and has always worked to perfection, and it is claimed that no ship provided with this apparatus could get into shoal water without the officer of the deck being instantly aware of it. The importance of this, if true, is something that can be readily appreciated by the veriest landsman.