THE JOKER'S BUDGET.

JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

Pleasing a Boy-His Art-A Sordid Suggestion - Ample Explanation-

Meant His Watch, Etc., Etc. _

PLEASING & BOY.

Paterfamilias-Have you boys' Lieycles? Dealer-Yes, sir. Do you want a

safety or the other kind? "Hum! Let's see. Is a safety so

named because it is safe? "Yes, sir."

"Perfectly safe?"

"Absolutely, sir."

"Then I feel very sure my by will prefer the other kind."--[Good News.

HIS ART.

Hostess-Ah, Miss Budd, let me introduce Signor Barbini, the great artist. Miss Budd (enthusiastically)-I am so All my family died in their beds! Editor-Ah! I see. Shot 'em 'fore glad to meet you. What is your specialty in drawing? Signor Barbini (of the opera)-Crowds, signoriana; crowds.

"UNEASY LIES THE HEAD," ETC.

Edith-And so that is the great leader of society? Why, I thought he owned Have you heard that the trouble between tamilies wandering over the fields in that establishment, I have noticed him Caneby and Checkerton has resulted in a fearch of nuts. duel? coming out so often. Bertie-Of course. He goes in daily

to have his hat stretched.--[Judge.

A SORDID SUGGESTION.

Since this is leap year, isn't it Of course the proper thing For the young woman in the case To purchase her own ring?

-[Washington Star.

AMPLE EXPLANATION.

She (in affright)-Oh, Tom, why do and shell these peas. you make such awful faces at me? He (contritely)-I can't help it, dear. make me do everything and won't let me My eyeglasses are falling off and I don't do anything!"- Philadelphia Times. want to let go of your hands .- [Judge.

MEANT HIS WATCH.

Olivia-Say, Lily, I saw Fred Hardup going into a pawnbroker's yesterday. Whatever could he be doing there? Lily-Oh, I don't know-passing his time away, may be!

AN INVARIABLE SETTLER.

George-What's that? You don't call dipped in nitric acid. regularly on Miss Sweetie any more? Has she rejected you? strument has been invented in Germany

Jack (sadly)-No; I didn't propose. No use. George-Sure?

Jack-Sure as shooting. One night I pretended to admire one of her rings and hitched up a triffe closer to examine it more closely, you know. George (reflectively)-Y-c-s, 1 know.

Jack-Well, she took it off and handed it to me.-[Judge.

NOTHING IS MADE FOR NOTHING.

Every part of even the smallest ani- which it was stated that only those climai's structure is or has been of use to mates where even a delicate person can

CENTRAL PARK SQUIRRELS.

The Birds' Nests Arc Few on Account of the Gray Nutcrackers.

Central Park is the great squirrel center of the country. Probably more of the little rodents are found to the square acre in this public pleasure-ground than in their most favor ite haunts among the wild nut groves says a writer in Harper's Weekly. Their exact number has never been accurately ascertained, but irregular attempts to take their census have resulted in the remarkable disclosure of a population running up into the thousands.

The gray squirrel colony increases rapidly every year. So tame and lively do they become in early spring when hunting for food that they will often approach visitors to the park, and almost beg for food. If a nut is thrown to them, they will approach within half a dozen feet to get it, and then run away to some tree to nibble as to preclude the sunshine from year's

During their breeding season they are very wary and shy. They seldom approach their nests directly, but rus up neighboring trees, and jump from branch to branch until they have completely bewildered those below. Their antics at such times are of great interest to all pedestrians. When the young ones are first able so run about, the Park is full of small

rels were so abundant in the Easterv States that they were considered # scourge by the farmers; and heavy premiums were offered for their de struction. They destroyed grain crops as well as fruit orchards; but gunners and sportsmea have long since reduced their numbers, so that it is rarely one finds a large colony in any woods.

Mabel was sitting on the floor playing It is doubtful if many birds could "Mabel, put down your doll and come "Oh, auntie," answered Mabel, "you rodents are passionately fond of eggs. almost impossible for a -brood to TO CUT GLASS WITH CHEMICALS .- TO cut glass with chemicals all that is necessary is to draw a line across it with a quill pen dipped in a strong alcoholic solution of corrosive sublimate. After between the presence of the gray drying draw the same line with the pen squirrels in the park and the noted

bottom of the river, and, by means of a recording mechanism, the depth is auto- the hunters, but their numbers in THE SUN'S DIRECT RAYS .- The importance of having the direct rays of the sun grew around the place so that they in health resorts was recently made the were then hemmed in on every side, subject of an interesting address, in

MORGAN, THE PIRATE. set regiset the sea, by coptian-1 its piracies, and suffered no vessel to escape

ransom. His cruelties as practiced on DARING EXPLOITS OF THE BOLD BUCCANEER. ble to be dwelt on, even women and young children falling victims to his

After a Long Career of Crime and forthcoming, while religious subjects Cruelty He Ends His Days in were the victims of the most refined bar-

sistance and subsequent concealment of ous individual known as Blackbeard, property. With the division of the spoils came have stamped themselves and the stories of their piracies indelibly on the public dissensions in the ranks of the bucca. mind, but by some curious chance, a neers, and so great was the feeling shadow of oblivion seems to have fallen against Morgan, who was suspected of on the memory of another whose deeds having appropriated the lion's share, of blood and daring make a story more that he deemed it advisable to steal away like the extravaganza of a sensational with three vessels commanded and novelist than a narrative of cold and manned by only those in whom he had terr ble facts. This was Henry Morgan. confidence. With his ill-gotten gains he secured the favor of Charles II., who bestowed on him the honor of knighthood and the appointment of Deputy Governor of Jamaica. On the accession of end to year's end, finds here and there a James II. he was denounced by heap of moss-grown stones, which are some of his former companions, all that remain of a city which for lux-uriance and ostentation has no equal in who got him removed from office and committ d for a time to prison in the world of to-day, and which Morgan. England. He was too rich, however, to with his horde of buccaneers, destroyed remain long in disgrace, and after some in utter wantonness after glutting it of years was declared innocent of the its treasures.

charges--piracy and treason-preferred This remarkable man was the son of against him. Returning to Jamaica he a respectable Welsh farmer, but, findmarried there, and is said by history to ing the life unendurable to his restless. have ended his days in peace about the lawless nature, he ran away to sea in year 1690, though a tradition is still early youth and shipped as a common extant in the country that he was smitsailor for Barbadoes and afterwards ten with paralysis in his lower limbs Jamaica, where he joined the crew of a when his wife, to whom he was passionpirate vessel. He was of a sordid and ately devoted, starved him slowly to brutal character, selfish and scheming. death. without a spark of the generosity which sometimes relieved the abandoned nature of other freebooters, but wishal so brave and masterful that he soon won

the confidence of the outlaws with whom CHICKEN PIE.-Boil chicken till tender. he was associated, and who selected him Leave as much broth or soup with the captain. He soon became famous in the chicken as desired, and season well with Bay of Campeche, and joined Mansfield. pepper, salt, butter and milk. Line the an old buccaneer, and making several sides of a dish or pan with dough, a little valuable captures he was soon at the richer than biscuit dough. Now put the head of a fleet of twelve veschicken soup in the dish or pan, with a sels manned by 700 men. With a few bits of the dough and a sprinkling prudence almost unique in outlaws of flour. Cover with dough and bake he prevented his followers from wasting till nice and brown. Veal or mutton their spoils, promising to lead them into may be used instead of chicken. Potaenterprises far beyond their wildest toes spoil the flavor of the pie. imaginings. After capturing Porto Bello,

STEWED POTATOES .- For six people use the reputed wealth of old Panama excited two quarts of thin-sliced raw potatees, his greed, and he proposed to his company to capture it, but the bravest and three ounces of fat bacon, half a teamost reckless paused aghast. Such was spoonful of grated onion, half a teaspoonful of pepper, and one even tea-spoonful of salt. Use a deep pudding dish that can be placed on the table. the confidence, however, that he inspired, that they were soon won to his views. and he advanced upon the proud city Have the bacon cut in thin slices, and whose desperate courage its strong spread about one-third of it on the botfortifications could avail nothing. Pantom of the dish. Sprinkle the onion over ama, wrapped in a delicious sense of this, and then put in one quart of the power and luxury, was all unaware of sliced potatoes. Over them sprinkle the danger threatening, and had reached | half of the salt and pepper, then put in the very height of splendor when it was the rest of the potatoes, and sprinkle fulfilled. Most of the houses were of over them the remainder of the salt and pepper. Lay the remaining slices of cedar, though many were of stone, and numbered thousands. The churches and con on the potatoes and moisten the monesteries, of which latter there were no whole with four tablespoonfuls of water. less than eight, were wealthy beyond Cover the dish closely, and put in a computation. Their fittings, altar para- moderately hot oven. Bake for half an phernalia and jewel services were mines hour; at the end of that time take off the of treasure and famous all over the cover, and cook for twenty minutes There was a superb hospital, longer. The top slice of bacon should over 2,000 stately residences inhabited he cris; and brown at the end of that

DELIABLE RECIPES.

destruction or the payment of a heavy

the conquered Spaniards were too horri-

barity, as they were thought to direct

and influence the inhabitants in their re

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

One of the most beautiful of Patti' possessions, which she showed to several of her friends during her recent visit to Cinciun sti, is her watch. Its size is not larger than a ten-cent piece. It is completely studded with diamonds, so that he case is one mass of brilliant, sparkling gems. Experts value it at not less han \$1.000. It is a foreign, open-faced, stem-winding watch.

THERE is no European country in which women clerks are more employed than in France. Indeed, it is rare to enter a Fren h shop and find a man serving as an accountant. Bookkeepers are paid from £40 to £120 a year, and accountants much the same. In the commercial houses, where the women elerks are also employed, they often nave an interest in the business.

THE British Government spends about \$2,865,000 annually in supporting the royal family. Of this sum Queen Vicloria receives \$1.425.000; the l'rince and Princess of Wales \$250,000; their children together, \$180,000; the Duke of Edinburgh and the Duke of Connaught \$125,000 each; the daughters, Princesses Christian, Louise, Bestrice and the Duchess of Albany \$30,000 each.

Тик public schools in Deming, N. M., had to be closed recently because a violent sand storm prevailed. Little ineidents like that indicate the inconvenence, distress and positive danger, not easly comprehended by Eastern dwellers, caused by the miniature simoons in the dry, sandy prairie and the hot-plain dis-tricts of the West. The storms come up suddenly, the sky is darkened as by a thunder storm, everything is enveloped in a dlinding whirl of fine sand, and seeing is impossible. The worst lasts for a few minutes only usually, but for hours the sand is wisked about in a most distressing manner.

THE air-shaft, which was originally devised for the purpose of improving the ventilation and sanitation of the huge apartment and tenement houses, in New York, where scores and even hundreds of families are gathered together under one roof, is gradully-being diverted from its original use. Instead of remaining an instrument of health and life, it is becoming an engine of destruction. It is by degrees taking the place of po'son razors and pistols as a meane of suicide. The number of men and women who have sought the repose of death by hurling themselves down the air-shaft of the houses in which they resided is becoming alarming.

THE disastrons effect upon shipping of the storms that have been so frequent this past winter on the British coasts. and of such unusual violence, have suggested to the proprietors of the Daily Graphic. of London, to offer a prize of one hundred pounds for the dest means of establishing communication between a stranded ship and the shore. Many sketches and plans have been submitted already, but a few weeks have still to slapse before the various proposals will be submitted to the three judges, one of whom is an Admiral in the royal navy In the mean time there is an excellent opportunity for Yankee ingenuity to enter the competition, which is generously open to the whole world, and perhaps to capture the prize. SABATOGA POTATOES .--- If wanted for a "Mong has been done in the way of irrigation in California than in any other State or Territory. That it does pay there can be no question. Large areas which, in their arid condition, could not be sold for more than from \$1 to \$5 an acre, have been made in the highest degree productive, and are worth to-day from \$200 to \$1,000 per acre. Figures clearly show that irrigation has added millions upon millions of dollars to the land value of California. In some cases there are complete waterworks establishments, owned by corporations, which, by ditches and conduits, supply water to the surrounding region at an average cost of only from \$1.25 to \$1.50 each acre per year. For orchards, vineyards and grain lands this is not a great cost. Irrigation is making thousands of men rich. As nearly as can be ascertained, the irrigated lands of California comprise three and one-half million acres. Irrigation has cost \$20,000,000, but it has increased the value of the land \$500,000,000, perhaps twice that, Tux superintendent of the United States census has sent to press a bulletin on artesian wells for irrigation, prepared by Mr. F. H. Newell, special agent in charge of statistics of irrigation. The total number of artesian wells on farms in June, 1890, in the states and territories forming the western half of the United States numbered 8,097, representing an estimated aggregate investment of \$1,-988,461. Of that number 3.990 are employed in irrigation. The average depth per well is 210,41 feet, the average cost per well is \$245.58, the total discharge of water per minute is 440,719 gallons, or 54.43 gallons per well, per minute, the average area irrigated per well is 13.02 acres, and the average cost of water per acre irrigated is \$18.82. Over one-half of these wells are in the state of California, where 38,378 acres of agricultural land were irrigated by artesian water. Utah stands second in the number of artesian wells used for irrigation purposes, and Colorado in the area of land thus irrigated. It is well known that the United States are fast crowding Switzerland out of the watch market, and there is no part of the world, no matter how remote, where the tick of the American watch cannot be heard. To-day American factories turn out 35,000 watches a week. Almost the only time -pieces imported are repeaters, stop-watches, and those having special movements which bring a high price. Comparatively few key-winders are now manufactured in this country, the stem-winder being easily the favorite watch. The farming population in some parts of the country, however, still sticks to the old style. The size of watches has diminished, and only in the West can the big watches of our fathers be sold. A leading dealer was asked the other day if there was a watch trust. "No" he said, "only a combination between the larger concerns to maintain prices. There would not be so many watches made or such rainous competition if there was a trust, as the word is understood.'

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Cora (quickly)-Oh, I know you are. When you find two women conversing To listen, you'll surely hear one of them

they had a chance to escape!-[Atlanta]

breed in the park owing to the presence of so many squirrels, for the They will not only eat the eggs in the nests, but they will often destroy the young birds themselves, making it reach maturity. Although the park is the great resort for song-birds, it is a strange fact that comparatively few of them nest there, although they would not be disturbed by the people who visit the place. It is very probable that there is some connecting

The gray squirrels are in their natcould not retreat further north. They them by the Park Board their numbers rapidly increased, until to-day

Peace. Capt. Kidd, Lafitte, and the mysteri-

At one time the common gray squir

absence of many birds' nests. ural haunts in this central portion of the city. Long before the park was with a handful of resolute men before laid out, this whole upper section of Manhattan Island was the home and resort of the squirrels and birds. They were then only disturbed by matically and precisely regulated on a this way were kept down. When the park was laid out, a few old couples remained in it, and finally the city but as protection was extended to

him. Otherwise it never would have been developed. "Can you tell me. my friend," said an

menagerie, "what the hump on that ani-

mal's back is for?" "What's it for?"

"Yes. Of what value is it? "Well, it's lots of value. De camel Valley.

wouldn't be no good widout it." "Why not?"

"Why not? Ye don't suppose people

TIME TO UNDERSTAND HER.

Jones (who has quarrelled with his sweetheart, Cora Bellows)-And shall this parting be forever, Miss Bellows? Cora Bellows-Of course it shall. we ever quarrelled? It looks like you ought to understand me by this time.

MUCH OUT OF LITTLE.

"Shallow is a man of rather small calibre, isn't ho?"

"His wife makes much of him." "It's surprising where she get's the material to do so.

HAPPILY DESCRIBED.

"What a stir Belle and her young man are making down stairs," said Mrs. Brown, as the sounds of laughter came floating up from below at a late hour. "A stir!" said Mr. Brown. "That's very natural. They're having a spoon."

SURE ENOUGH.

Oh. my!" exclaimed Miss Passe, with a little scream of delight, "here's an advertisement in the paper which says, 'Wives wanted.' "What's that to us?" said Miss May

Ture, "We're not wives."

HE WAS A NOVICE.

Benefactor-Are you too weak to work?

Tramp (indignantly)-Sir! Benefactor-I mean, does it make you

tired to work?

Tramp-I don't know. I never tried It to find out.

WILLING TO CHIP IN.

Old Bagley-You couldn't support my daughter, sir. I can hardly do it myself.

Young Brace-Possibly not; but every little helps.

A WAY OUT OF THE DIFFICULTY.

"I haven't seen your wife out lately, Mr. Goodheart?" "No. She keeps at home these days.'

"Is she ailing?" "No. The fact of the matter is, I took her home two of the handsomest bonnets I could find in town, and said she might make a choice of either and I would buy it for her. She has been busy night and day ever since trying to make a choice, and was still as undecided as ever when I left this morning."

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"How can I?"

"Why, take one of them away from her and carry it back to the store, That'll be the one she'll want."- New York Press.

SEA SICK.

They wara is love, Gaei* parents op. [Desroit Free Press.

sit or lie for several hours a day during winter, basking in the subshine, are to be recommended for most complaints. elderly gentleman to the keeper of the Hyeres and Mentone have great advantages, for example, over other neigh. boring places, because these are so welsheltered from the mistral or northwest

posed the match, and, by a curious co-

incidence, they were sent abroad in the

same ship. "And held each other's hands all the

DIDN'T DOUBT.

cere when I tell you you are the prettiest

WOMAN'S TALK.

"And how are you having it made?"

NO COMFORT THERE.

Mad Subscriber --- My name's Smith,

Editor (coolly)-Yes; I've heard it be-

Mad Subssriber--You're a liar, sir!

HORRORS ON HORROR'S HEAD.

Algy-Yaas; you should have seen them face each othaw, pale but intwepid. Lots were dwawn, and Caneby, poor old

fellaw, must wear a turn-down collaw for

the next six months!---[Harper's Bazar.

MAKE AND LET.

with her doll, when her aunt said to her:

POPULAR SCIENCE NOTES.

PHOTOGRAPHING A RIVER BED .- An in-

by which the profile of a river bed may

be taken automatically with sufficient

accuracy. A curved arm rests on the

revolving drum

Algy (much agitated) - Gwacious!

fore. Three Smiths hung for horse steal-

-- New York Press.

With earnestness, if not afraid

and sweetest girl I ever saw.

Jake-Believe me, darling. 1 am sin-

way?

"No; heads."

to-day

say,

sir!

ing in 1860.

Constitution.

Jack-Mercy, no!

A FULLY-PEOPLED EARTH .- From a series of researches and calculations by M. Ravenstein, a French geographer, it 'ud pay to see a camel widout any hump on, do yer?" appears that over-population of the globe and the beginning of human decadence may be nearer at hand than most of

us have supposed to be possible. The present population, 1,467,000,000 individuals, is distributed over the continents and islands, exclusive of polar regions. in the proportion of 31 inhabitants to Haven't I told you it should every time the English square mile. Dividing the river in 1889. It is a product of the entire land surface, 46.350,000 square | western part of the province of Se-Chuen, miles, into three sections, this author in central China, where the wax insect finds that fertile lands occupy, in round flourishes best and finds its food most numbers, 28,000,000 square miles, abundant Early in the spring numer steppes 14,000,000, and deserts 4,000,- ous brown, pen-shaped scales appear on 000. He estimates that the maximum number of person that can be supported Chinese evergreen tree. They obtain a throughout the respective regions is 207 per square mile on the fertile, lands, 10 movements are almost imperceptible. on the steppes, and 1 per square mile on The female wax insects develop the the deserts. The present average for scales and deposit their eggs in them india is 175, for China 295, for Japan and the males excrete the substance 264. The investigator concludes that known as white wax, which is supposed the greatest number of persons the land to be intended by nature to protect the surface can sustain is 5,994,000,000. scales. The wax is spread over the whole The total increase in population is now branch to the depth of a quarter of an 8 per cent. per decade-being 8.7 in inch. When the deposit appears to be Europe, 6 in Asia, 10 in Africa, 30 in complete the branches are cut off and as Australia and Oceanics, 20 in North | much of the wax as possible is removed America, and 15 in South America-and by hand. The rest is secured by boil. at that rate the earth will have acquired ing the branches, which destroys the all the inhabitants it can maintain in scales and larvæ. The wax is put into about 180 years, or in 2072. Quite boiling water, where it melts, and, rising curiously, this date is about that fixed to the surface, is skimmed off and by geologists for the exhaustion of put inte molds. The white wax is a Great Britain's coal supply.

Potatoes Growing Like Pease.

Wellbaugh and Chemong, in their exlorations of the Colombian Andes, have discovered a species of potato the vines of which were covered with well developed tubers growing in the open air that the proportions of this industry are like pease or tomatoes. Each potato is protected by a thin film or membrane, not unlike that which envelopes the ground cherry." They do not grow in lusters, each being given plenty of space in which to thoroughly mature. The natives say that during the dry season the membrane surrounding each potato is filled with water, which in a mea-

sure protects it from the rays of the son. -St. Louis Republic.

A Simple Cure.

For a rush of blood to the kead try to get some of it down to the fest. Even in sitting you can use the same device as that which prevents cold feet in a "You should help her out of her di- church or horse car; rest the weight of the leg on the toe of each foot. Make as though you were about to walk on | ing at college? This diverts the blood from an tiptoe. apoplectic head, and is found to relieve Student."

giddiness or swimming of the head in a | Mr. Stokes-What studies do you few minutes. Perhaps the resolution to have?

the colony is about the largest in this country.

The rodents are great additions to the park, and their presence is al-ways to be desired. They give an interest to the scene even in midwinter, and it would be a great loss to wind, which is the scourge of the Rhone have them sacrificed to any prejudiced notion. They do little or no domage to the trees, and there are no fruits or grain-fields for them to destroy.

The White Wax of China.

One of the most curious products of China is insect wax, of which 1,539,280 pounds, worth \$460,000 in gold, were shipped from Ichang on the Yang-tse the bark of the boughs and twigs of the mass of small animals, like flour, whose substance of great utility in China. It melts only at a high temperature and is used chiefly to cover candles made of animal and vegetable tallow to prevent too rapid combustion. It is used also as sizing for paper and cotton goods, a glaze for silk, and a polish for furniture. Minister Denby and Mr. Hosie, the British consular agent in Se-Chuen, says enormous. Immense quantities of the wax have been shipped from other porta of the Yang-tse river, and some of it is sent across the mountains to Canton. Minister Denby has seen thousands of pounds of it in large round cakes stored away in a single room. The introduction of foreign kerosene, which is now used very largely in China, is having a discouraging influence on the gathering of white wax. The industry, therefore. is not thriving as it did once, and the decline is another example of the great changes which the entrance of foreigners into China are making in many branches of native trade. -- [Chicago Times.

HARD AT WORK.

Mr. Stokes-What course are you tak-Charlie Rahrah-Oh, I'm a "Special

send the blood to the toes has something Charlie Rahrah-Baseball and Old Tes-

by the king's officers and the wealthy time. classes, and 5,000 less pretentious for

the poorer. There were buildings allotted to the keeping of the king's horses, which were kept for the purpose of conveying the king's treasure over the paved way to Porto Bello on the Atlantic, there to load it on the king's vessels, which carried it to Spain. The surrounding country was divided into fertile fields and magnificent drives, and everything that luxury, fastidious taste and unlimited power could suggest was at the feet of the haughty Spaniards. The natives of the country were their slaves, and brought priceless pearls from the islands of the guif, and untold wealth from the mines of Darien.

world.

Such was Old Panama when the news of the fail of Porto Bello reached it, but the Governor of the city could not credit the astonishing fact, and it was not until courier after courier arrived, giving fearful accounts of the crueltics practiced by the buccancers, who actually tortured the miserable inhabitants to make them give up their hidden treasures. that he began to tremble for himself.

Encouraged by Morgan's success, adventurers from all over Europe flocked to join him, and his force as he advanced on Old Panama was 1,200 strong. Unprovisions, he pushed on to his goal,

couple of hours. unparalleled in history. The Spaniards liant crystals. quivering and bloody. During the con- ses of metal were laid bare. killed without mercy. presence of his wife and daughters.

failed, for the bulls took fright at the not perfectly clean, the metal will flake tumult and ran away.

carried by firing the powder magazine, which blew up part of the defenses. The manner in which this was done was not a little singular. A buccaneer was pierced through by an arrow from the fort. He drew it forth from the wound, wrapped cotton about it, and shot it from his musket into the castle, where it set fire to the palm leaf roofs of some sheds,

which in turn fired the powder. While plundering the land Morgan did | pounds.

certain meal, pare and slice thom the day before, using a cucumber sliver to get them as thin as a wafer. Always select nice, smooth, large potatoes. Dissolve a bit of alum in cold water, and into this put the sliced potatoes, allowing them to remain there all night. In morning wash off the potatoes in the cold water and dry with a towel or navkins. When dried, put on a kettle af lard, and allow it to get hotter than for fried cakes. Drop in the potatoes, a few slices at a time. They will puff up light and turn brown very quickly. Do not let them get beyond a rich golden brown, as they are apt to be bitter. Drain out with a wire spoon and place in a colauder, sprinkling salt upon them. Remove them to a large iron bread pan, lined an l covered with thick brown paper, and place it in the oven to dry. When dried, take out and place lightly in clean paper bags, tie up, and use, when wanted, cold.

How Silver Ore Looks.

Silver, as it is ordinarily found in nadaunted by numberless ambuscades and ture, is not pretty to look at. nor has it the fact that he could obtain little or no any glitter. The rich one from the Big Bonanza is of a bluish-gray color and and though the Spaniards fought with lustreless. There is plenty of glitter to maddened courage, carried the town in a be seen in the silver caverns, but it is the iron or copper pyrites mingled with In some respects these captures are the precious metal that shines with brill-

having taken care to burn and destroy all The great silver deposits-those of provisions in Morgan's path, the buc- tham which are known-were all discancers were glad to make a meai on covered by accident. Diego Hualca, in some leather bags found at a deserted the year 1545, found the wonderful minu station, and on reaching a valley where of Potosi in Peru, while climbing up the cattle and horses were found grazing. face of a steep mountain in pursuit of a rushed upon them, and hacking the still wild goat. He took hold of a bush which breathing animals. devoured their flesh was torn out by the roots, when lo, mas-

test itself at Porto Bello, Morgan com- The celebrated Comstock Lode, richest pelled his prisoners to place scaling lad- of all silver mines, was a chance find. ders on the walls. Priests and nuns In the summer of 1859, Peter O'Riley were forced to do this, Morgan believing and Pat McLaughlin were located at that the Spaniards would spare them, Gold Hill, Nevada. They were working and that under such cover his men could for gold, and were in hard luck. Needadvance, but the governor consulted ing water for their rockers, they dug a only his official duty, and the hole four feet deep, and came upon an friars and nuns were outcropping of the marvellous lode. It The gov- was a bed of black sulphide of silver. ernor himself died while fighting in the The men did not know what it was, but tried it for gold. Silver has one use that At Panama a number of Indian allies is very little known. Nearly all good of the Spanish conducted an immense mirrors are backed with it, and not with herd of wild bulls to be driven among the mercury, as generally supposed. Beranks of buccaneers and which were ex- fore it is put on, the glass has to be pected to throw them into disorder. But cleaned with the utmost care. Everyeven this extraordinary arm of war thing depends on that, because if it is

off. Finally the glass is laid, with its In addition to the capture of these back down, in a bath of nitrate of silver cities, Morgan sent a force of 400 men to to which rochelle-salts are added, causattack the castle of Chagre, which was ing it to deposit a film of chemically

> A mushroom described by a Brownsville, Tex., paper sprung up in a single night and expanded to gigantic proportions. A physician and an Alderman measured it and declared it to be 24 inches in gircumference and to weigh 14