#### THE DEAD LOVER

A BOUMANIAN FOLK SONG. He whom I loved so well Is in his long, long sleep: Yet I lament him not, For he told me not to weep.

More dear to him the grav. Than I could ever to: For though I go to him, He does not come to me.

I envy not the grave What yeste day was mine But bow my head and say, Keep him for he is thine.

But keep not, grave, my youth, Which cannot p ofit thee; My smile and my light step-O give them back to me!

But the grave answered, No; For these things still are dear, Since he, dep ived of them, Wou d be too lonely here.

Then to the dead I pray: Restore my youth to me, That wh -n we meet again I be not old to thee

But he hears nor sees, For his eves like mine are dim: So to his grave I come, To get them back from him.

For only in the grave Are tears no longer shed, And the living happy made Besides the bappy d-ad. - R. H. Stoddard, in Harper's Magazine.

## WATSON'S EXPERIENCE.

Jack Watson drank heavily while he was in college, but we called him a good fellow. After he left college he began to drink heavily and to be a good fellow, but we called him a drunkard. him as a lost man. I believed that he would die miserably before he was 35.

then, after a chance meeting in New It was a matter of business to preserve York, I dined with him most happily in the comfort of his home and in the light The next thing I remember distinctly in the reward of the good man and the of a beautiful woman's eyes. When the I might have said it was his marriage, and had thought the worst of Jack. Yet | midnight. I could not doubt that he was at last in

of course, but--'

drank a little. I drank a barrel. Moderadeath of drunkard.

"Metaphorically?" but it is only the truth. Nothing but to do, to die without a struggle, to death could save me." "Not even-"

"No; not even Alice."

ness at the mention of his wife's name.

be saved by love alone. Any person who more potent right would plead again. has had experience in such matters This fall should be my last. knows that an added motive for sobriety is an added temptation to the drunkard. such thing. At first he does not drink because the novelty of the situation keeps his mind off the subject. Marriage | self more secure. seems like a great vacation from the stronger until he begins to realize what tis. The preciousness of his possession in, a murmur as of the weeping of one reveals itself to him. He who has more

"Yet you escaped the consequence." said. I will tell you the story. You I been guilty of someting more an make a farce comedy or a tragedy graceful than drunkenness? In the out of it, just as you like. It was a darkness which concealed the last three days what madness and folly lay, forlyn Times. grimmest practical joker, after all, and this is the way she played it on me. past? But perhaps she was asleep. I But first I must let you into the myster- made a loud noise at the door, as loud ies of our early housekeeping. The details seem trivial but they contributed to final catastrophe.

"I began with the usual drunkard's We took a flat in that long row I pointed of course, but you should have seen how were equal models of punctuality. Then I let it go for a week. Nothing of Israel in Egypt. Another week hear, unmoved, from one she loved. slipped by, and another. Various "It came into my mind to burst came, I promised immediate settlement, and he departed. I was to receive my

about a few sticks of furniture, but when | ly that the Lawrences who occupied the a man is newly married and has a home flat above were away from the city. for the first time in ten years, he may be | What was the man doing at that door? and was dragged over the brink.

but a true friend. The poverty which age suited to his profession, drunkenness entails is not nearly the "Don't be alarmed," said I. "If drunkenness entails is not nearly the worst of it, and yet that alone is heart | vou do what I tell you and do it promptly, rending to endure or to look back upon. I will let you go. What Alice suffered doubtless I do not gave the Angel of the Book must have itself at last into the words 'What do recorded in words we have not learned | you want?' on earth. Through it all I think her principal anxiety was to preserve our and lit the gas in the hall in order to

"I will not weary you with the story with me," I said, and made him go down mean as money, and the less you have of him. self-respect. May Heaven forgive the opened with the small latch key. My man who will not guard his wife from heart beat like a trip hammer. I had no that, if he can; and I could, but did not, voice to tell the burglar he might go. I

for the sake of my appetite. "At last there came to me a day like second. Then I entered. are hanged-as the probable occasion of empty. My wife's name came from my a humiliating experience for me. After lips in a tone such as a man may use when many heartbreaking disappointments I he pleads for mercy in the face of death raised the necessary amount. I had pre- and has no hope. We lost each other for some years and friend. Here was certainly an excuse. give me.

light was withdrawn and we were left to I thought at first I was blind. How pardon of the evil doer-the common lot dim the remaining illumination with a long it took me to discover where I was of us all. If there had been any hope in haze of tobacco smoke, I fell into the I am unable to say. In reality I was my soul that I could ever make amends deep thought upon the agreeable failure lying in the little vestibule of my office. to her I would have lived in torment if of my prophecy. What had saved Jack? I got upon my feet, opened the inner necessary to do it. But I had utterly door and turned on the electric light. despaired of myself.

My watch had stopped, but from the "I tell you, Harry, I was dead when I but I knew that he had fallen into the My watch had stopped, but from the depths again soon after. Hearing that window I could see the illuminated dial left that room. The function of locoreport, I had pitied her exceedingly, in the tower of City Hall. It was nearly

the sure way. Knowing him so well I whether I had been unconscious three exist and my heart to suffer. Doubtless felt that some surprising incident must days or a month. My mind was so muscular energy of my frame would have have changed the course of his life, and stupefied that I could not a certain the carried me to the actual physical conmy euriosity craved the story.

"I know what you're thinking about," date of any of the ways which would summation of suicide; but mentant had died of despair and degradation. date of any of the ways which would summation of suicide; but mentally I

tion wasn't in me. I was a drunkard. I my desk, and, somehow, though my patient for dissolution. lived the life of a drunkard. I died the hands trembled so that I could hardly "Literally. That may sound absurd it it seemed an idle and cowardly thing accept the consequences of my fall as final. I put the pistol into my pocket and hastened from the office. But one His eyes filled with tears of tender- thought was in my mind, to learn the worst at once. She would forgive me "I was never so wrong headed," he certainly. Even a brother can claim opened a door, and walked into a pretty continued, as to suppose that a man can seventy times seven, and I with a far little parlor. Then it passed into a room

magic. The key turned in the street loved. My bodily eyes saw that, and You see a man marry and keep sober for door. I climed the dark stairs and came then my soul came back. I fell upon my a while. Then you see him take a drink to the third landing breathless with my knees beside that bed and covered the again. You say it is because his love haste. The small key turned in the white hand with kisses. has waned with the honeymoon. It's no lock but the door did not open. There was nothing alarming about that; Alice often used the second lock to make her-

"Alice!" I called, and shook the door. dullness of life. And then love grows There was no response, I listened. Surely there was a confused sound withwho is exhausted with the shedding of feel secure." than his due is never free from fear. It was almost a relief to find that What if he lose her? He reviews the she was there. We had no friends to dangers. In the front rank of them he whom she could go in an emergency, sees his appetite. And that is the end but if the rooms were bare she might of him. As soon as he knows that it have taken refuge even with comparative will be absolutely fatal for him to touch strangers. I spoke her name again. It a drop of liquor, he is certain to do it. seemed as if the noise within ceased. I That was my experience; and my sin was thought that she was coming to the the greater because I knew it all before- door, but she did not. Certainly she had heard me.

"Did she deliberately exclude me? "No: it killed me, as I have already Had she learned of my debauch? Had said. I will tell you the story. You I been guilty of something more disgotten but irrevocably written in my as I dared, fearing to let the other inmates in the house know of my disgrace. There was no answer.

"Confused, alarmed, and utterly sick balance on the wrong side of the books. at heart, I sank down upon the floor and human beings should sleep with their sat there leaning against the wall, I do heads toward the north is now believed out to you as we came up town on the not know how long. At times I felt re- to be based upon a scientific principle. L. Our furniture we procured on the sentment against her, and then I excused Some French savants have made experiinstallment plan. It was not luxurious, my own fault with weak arguments; ments upon the body of a criminal who again, I fell into abject pleading, with had suffered death, and these tests go to pretty a home Alice made with it. There my lips almost against the door. And prove that each human body is in itself were weekly payments to be met; and for a month or more the rising sun and I weapon in my pocket, and was on the were equal models of punctuality. brink of death. Yet through it all one by the feet. The body of the subject idea grew stronger as the others faded; happened. I was somewhat surprised I longed to see her again. Pledges rose tioned above were made was taken imat that, for my contract with the dealer to my lips which no man could utter and had been more binding than the shackels | then violate; which no woman could

"It came into my mind to burst the causes reduced our funds to a low ebb. door, and I had got upon my feet to portion turned toward the north and re-Presently I owed \$40. A polite collector make the effort, when I was aware of the mained there stationary. One of the exsound of some person ascending the stairs perimenters took hold of the pivot and below me. I had no wish to be discovmonthly check from the Philadelphia office in a few days, and I relied upon that. Something delayed it. I borrowed \$50 from John Ennis, and, as he did not see the man who passed, nor did

To prove that the head pointed south, but upon being freed it almost immediately resumed the first-named position —turned until the head pointed north.

To prove that this was neither accident gave me the cash he looked at me in a he have a suspicion of my presence. He nor coincident upon muscular twitching,

then I added 'Great heavens, what if I come. Instead, I heard a light, peculiar sound which even in my miseries aroused "It seems absurd to be sentimental a faint cariosity. I remembered sudden-

pardoned for an excessive anxiety to keep it undisturbed. That anxiety was, of course, my chief danger. The drunkard is always on the edge of a precipice, who kneeled before the door examining and if he looks down he will cast him- the lock. In an instand a wild and abself into the depths. It is the same, surd thought came to me. I drew my perhaps, with all moral perils: they have my revolver and advanced upon this a fascination. I looked down that day man. He heard me and turned. Enough of the light from his lantern struck upon "That was the beginning of such deg- his face to show me a picture of fright. radation as I could not name to any man This burglar evidently had not the cour-

"He looked at the revolver, and then even know. How she unfailingly for- he uttered a sort of growl which resolved

"With my left hand I struck a match

have light enough to shoot by. "Come

of her struggles. There is nothing so the flight of stairs carrying his tools with it the meaner it is. One can reap a for- "Now," said I, "you have nippers in tune at arm's length, but a few pennies that little bag. Turn the key in this will snesk into an intimacy with their lock." He did it, for he had no choice. owner which will desperately assail his I assured myself that the door could be

waved my hand and he vanished in a that when I borrowed the money from Ennis, only far more serious. It was before the parlor door. The windows "The hall was bare; no curtains hung Wednesday, and the polite collector had stared at me. Enough light shown in mentioned Friday-the day when men from the street to show a room absolutely

Graves, and was still in charge of their New York office, but my position was in 'Not here.' Even the bare walls, I jeopardy because of my habits, and my thought, retained some sacred memory salary was overdrawn and squandered. I of her which stayed my hand. That borrowed that money of one of our cus- room, I said, had to me the one chance tomers, Andy Playson. You know him, of my life; and I had thrown it away; When he was 25 years old I looked upon He said that he wanted to 'talk busi- but I would not die there. I would at ness.' Andy cannot talk business com- least hide my disgrace from the eye of would be a mere sot at 30, and that he fortably except in a liquor saloon. The mecenary curiosity. I wished no such demon inside me welcomed him as a epitaph as the papers would be likely to

is opening my eyes in total darkness. is the reward of the good man and the

motion was all that distinguished me from one who had passed through the "But what midnight? I had no idea great change. My mind had ceased to

said he. "You're wondering why I am normal condition. There was a newshere instead of being in the gutter." normal condition. There was a newshere instead of being in the gutter." "Oh, no, Jack," said I, "nothing of it without intent, but at least one word the step. In the sky was the glimmer the sort. I always knew you'd come out seemed to detach itself from the page. of dawn. The physical sense which yet allright. You drank a little at one time, It was the day of the week in the date survived in me perceived it and was line of the paper and that day was Friday; more weary of living at the sign of re-"No, I didn't, said Jack. I never then it was already too late.

"There was a pistol in the drawer of the soul was gone and the body was im-

"And yet the habits of this life perhold a key, I managed to open the lock sist strangely in the body. What do and at last to secure the weapon. Yet you suppose, Harry, that this present shell of my spirit did when I ceased to direct it?"

I shook my head. "Well, sir, it walked fifty-six feet to the left-the width of two city lotsturned to the left again and entered a house. It mounted two flights of stairs, where a dim light burned and a woman lay asleep with one white arm stretched "It seemed I was at home as if by out as if it to greet a man whom she

> "That's the story, Harry. The soul when it came back to me was better than before. It can resist temptation; it can do its own will, being no more the slave of that witch who poisoned my blood centuries ago, perhaps; and above all, it can love without fear, being now sufficiently in harmony with what it loves to

> "Of course you don't need to be told that it wasn't Saturday morning," he continued. "That paper in my office was almost a week old. I had been unconscious from drink not more than six hours. As for my getting into the wrong house, I discovered the next day that the man who built that block of flats got his locks and keys cheaper by having them all alike. One of the reasons why we moved out; and yet I forgive him for his parsimony. Indeed, I bless him for it.

## Man as a Mageat.

The old-time superstitious belief that upon which the queer experiments menmediately after death and placed upon a pivotal board, free to move in any direc-

After some little vacillation the head mained there stationary. One of the experimenters took hold of the pivot and peculiar way.

"'He thinks I'll go off on a spree and specific and there paused. I waited for the noise of this money, said I to myself, and of the door's closing, but it did not freed, but always with similar results.

#### BILLINGSGATE.

#### A Description of the Most Famous Fish Market of London.

Billingsgate fish market is the best abused institution in London, and yet its sturdy health is unimpaired. Hundreds of years have passed since this was first declared a free and open market. To-day 10,000,000 people are dependent on it for their fish supply, and the combined efforts of its enemies, from the Royal Commission downward, do not seem to be able to effect any radical change in its condition or couduct. Men of experience in the fish trade confidently declare that it can never be removed from its traditional

except the rarest kind of fish is a frac- Japan tion of over one penny a pound. It has gained in value ere it reaches the conbut the consumer has an obvious remedy. us describe the process.

day overtake him before he seeks the the sides of its face. famous fish market will find it dirty, malodorous, foresaken to the scavengers, about an inch in length, grow from the who sluice and swill its remotest corners chin of the animal, looking for all the in a vigorous way that bodes ill for world like a forked beard. These manbest one must be up betimes, while the seas of Japan. streets are dim and silent.

At 5 o'clock the market opens, and from either side the steamships and the wagons bring their finny freight into Billingsgate, which at this moment presents a vivid picture of industry. A thousand a fine meadow to herself, and was so porters run to and fro, till the 200 rough petted that she became very proud. She stalls that fill the floor space begin to groan beneath the weight of turpot, brill, soles, John Dory, mullet, plaice, hadgeon, hoke, dabs, thornback and gur- angry. according to the season. The work of the fish porters is extremely arduous, but well paid as such work goes. his few hours' toil. Fish porters are as a rule rough fellows and free drinkers.

In round numbers 100,000 tons of fish pass through Billingsgate each year, about two-thirds of this aggregate arriving by land and one-quarter by water. be inexhaustible. The trade is carried on by boats or smacks working in fleets on the Dagger bank or off the German coast, and also by boats fishing singly nearer home, which return at short intermouth, whence their fish is conveyed by train to Billingsgate.

Fish that arrives by land is usually down into the water. consigned direct to commission agents. They in turn sell it by private contract end fishmonger to the East-end coster.

The second channel of the Billingsgate trade, the river, is different in its methods. The fleet that fish the North bring their catch to London, the voyage jumped on?-[New York World, out and home taking about seven days. Two such steamships arrive in the Thames most mornings, the fish they bring being generally sold at auction by the appointed agents of the fishing companies. Round the auctioneer and his clerk a thick ring of "bommarees"

The rapid bidding is to a layman unintelligible, but apparently very clear to the bommarees, who acquire all the fish up at suction in an incredibly short space of time, and then put it through the same process of retailment as the land borne fish. The rapidity by which sales by auction are effected may be gathered from the fact that a shiplosd of 3.000 trunks of fish is disposed of, generally by single trunks, in less than three hours, the prices recorded being the prices current of the whole market

So fish comes to its ultimate consumer through five hands-those of the fisherman, the carrier, the salesman, the bommaree and the final retailer .- [London Black and White.

## Trained Machinists.

There are plenty of men who will, by the impression carried through a pair of calipers and the fingers' ends, determine, within a very small percentage, the amount of pressure which shall be required to be exerted by a hydraulic press in order to force on to its shaft an engine crank or a locomotive driving wheel; a measurement in which a thousandth part of an inch variation in diameter causes much more variation in pressure than is

Indeed, on some kinds of work done in the machine shops, a thousandth of an inch has now become the most commonly employed unit of measurement; a unit which is divided and subdivided into at least ten parts in order to express the degree of refinement arrived at. This, of course, far surpasses the frequently mentioned but supposedly superfluous hair-splitting operation, since an ordinary human hair is about two and a half thousandths of an inch in diameter.

The paper upon which this page is printed is about three-thousandths of an inch thick, and one ten-thousandth part of an inch is therefore one-thirtieth the thickness of this sheet. Considerably smaller variations of size can be detected by the trained sense of touch, or rather by the variation in resistance of a pair of calipers passed over the work, and it is even possible for the sense of magnitude and the sensitiveness of the finger ends in relation to it, to be so highly developed as to detect unaided, and by merely rolling a small steel ball between the thumb and finger, a variation from true sphericity amounting to 1-12,500 of an inch, or about one thirty-seventh part of the thickness of the paper of this page, Ambrose Webster, a machinist of Waltham, whose business is the making of machinery and tools for watch manufacture, having demonstrated his ability to do this.—[Scribner's Magazine.

Sea-green crepe sewn with tiny pink blooms forms a fasc-nating neck ruff.

#### FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

THE BABY'S RIDE. K-jiggity-jig goes old roan Prig When baby rides out with Ned; K-thumpity-thump, with a bounce and s

Till his dear little face gets red. K-lollopy-lolly, O hie away, Dolly, You sleekest and fattest of bays! Now baby is grinning at such a fine spin-

With mamma alone in the chaise. -[Babyland.

THE MAN-FACED CRAB.

One of the most singular-looking creatures that ever walked the earth, or swam "the waters under the earth," is The average cost at Billingsgate of all the world-famous man-faced crab of

Its body is hardly an inch in length, yet the head is fitted with a face which sumer 800 per cent. The process of is the perfect counterpart of a Chinese this remarkable growth is inexplicable, coolie—a veritable missing link, with coolie-a veritable missing link, with eyes, nose and mouth all clearly defined. By the grace of his deceased majesty This curious and uncanny creature, be-King William III. any person can visit sides the great likeness it bears to a Billingsgate and buy his own fish. Let human being in the face, is provided with two legs which seem to grow from The laggard sightseer who lets mid- the top of its head and hang down over

Besides these legs, two feelers, each trespassers. To see Billingsgate at its faced crabs fairly swarm in the inland

#### THE PROUD COW.

There was once a cow who was very highly prized by her mistress. She had thought no other animal good enough to look at her. There were some sheep in the next field who watched her over the dock, cod, skate, roker, whiting, stur. hedge, and this made the cow very

"Every night when we pass each other on the bridge going home that biggest sheep has the impudence to stare at me A porter carns as much as 10 shillings for in a most unpleasant manner," said the proud cow to herself. "I wish I could find some way to punish her."

She thought about the rude sheep all day, and that night pondered how she might resent her familiarity.

The next morning as she crossed the The chief source of the fish supply is the bridge she noticed that the broad central North Sea, which specialists declare to plank hung loose. It was only held in place by a beam under the middle of it. and the ends hung loose over the water. "Ha! ha!" thought the cow. "I have

it! When that vulgar creature crosses here to-night I'll wait until she steps on vals to port, say to Grimsby or Yar- one end of that plank. Then I'll szep on the other, and, being so much heavier, I can easily toss her up into the air and

So when night came and it was time to go home the cow waited at one end of to the "bommarees" or middlemen, who the bridge until the sheep began to cross break up the ninety-pound packages at the other. The rude sheep came first. into smaller lots to suit the needs of When the sheep stepped upon one end their customers, ranging from the West- of the plank the proud cow, eager for revenge, jun.ped on the other. And then-what happened?

Suppose some unkind big boy put a Sea are away from home for weeks and saw intending to toss him into the air even months together. Fast steamships when he jumped on the other end himwait on them from time to time and self. What would happen first when he

## SOME NATURAL HISTORY.

Tigers, leopards and jaguars all belong to the same family. It is generally sup-posed tigers cannot be tamed, but they can, just as easily as the lion. The tigers' skin is so like in color the long jungle grass amongst which it lives that it is not always easy to distinguish the animal.

The leopard is found in Africa, India, the Indian islands and Java. They live a great deal on trees, and on that account are called "tree-tigers" by the natives. They can spring from one limb to another with the greatest agility. The panther, which is really the same

animal as the leopard, is very fond of perfumes, especially lavender water, and by means of this has been taught to perform several tricks. The jaguar lives in America. It is

larger and stronger than the leopard, which it resembles in color. It is fond of climbing trees and can climb any tree, no matter how smooth the trunk is. is a great hunter after monkeys. It is fond of turtles, also, and scoops out their flesh by turning them on their backs and sticking its paws between the shells. It is very fond of turtle eggs, also. Woe betide the sheepfold if a jaguar is anywhere around. It has been known to even go into water after fish. and will capture them in the shallow water by striking them out of the water with a blow of its paw.

When it captures a large animal it destroys it by leaping upon its back and twisting the head around until the neck is dislocated.

The puma, which lives in America, is also called the panther, and is much dreaded by the natives. It is of a gray color. It lives much on trees and usually lies along the branches.

The oscelot, of the tiger-cats, is a native of Mexico and Peru. It is about eighteen inches high and three feet long. It is a beautiful animal and easily tamed. It lives principally on monkeys, and resorts to the most clever tricks to catch

The domestic cat was formerly supposed to be the same as the wild cat, out it is a different species altogether, its tail being long and taper, while that of the wild cat is short and bushy. Cats are very fond of aromatic plants and powerful scents. If they find a musk or valerian plant in a garden they will roll over it and scratch it up until not s bit is left. Their perseverance as a mouse hunter is well known .- [New Orleans Picayune.

## Forests vs. Hall Storms,

Hail storms rarely occur in well wooded countries. In the great pineries of Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as in the wooded districts of Arkansas and Georgia, a hailstorm is a novelty. In Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and other States where there are no extensiva belts of timber, they are annually becoming more common. What the reason is may be hard to tell; the fact is well known .- [New York Journal.

# WORLD'S FAIR.

#### \$150,000,000 Under Nearly One Roof.

#### ARTS EXHIBITS LIBERAL

Transportation Day-Locomotives Old and Quaint Brought Out For the Edification of the Crowds-The Fair Or-chestral Music.

Nearly \$150,000,000! That is the general value placed on the exhibits in the Liberal Arts Building in the office of the chief of the department. This figure will be a surprise, perhaps the more so as not a few of the exhibitors themselves have been putting the figure at from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000.

As the costliest goods of every description from all over the earth are to be seen here and as there are some sixty solid acres of these things (including the galleries), this high figure does not seem out of the way. No figures in detail have been gathered, but the officials believe the total valuation will reach the amount given above.

September 9 was something more than Morman Day. It was Transportation Day and Chairman Pangborn, of the transportation exhibit, invited all foreign and American exhibitors to unite in making it one of the potable days of the Fair. A special track was laid on the promenade outside, whereupon over twenty reproductions in wood and metal of the oldest pioneer engines exhibited by the Baltimore and Obio and Pennsylvania Railroads was rolled for the edification and enlightment of the multitude. In addition there was a parade of the antiques and horribles from the Midway Plaisance; and at the indoor exercises in Festival Hall President Chauncey M. Depew. of the New York Central, and President Roberts, of the Pennsylvania, with other prominent railroad men made speeches. An arch of the transportation building had to be taken down to facilitate the egress and ingress of the exhibits. When the big locomotives are taken out at the close of the Fair they will be towed home "dead," that is, without steam, in freight trains.

WHAT INSTITUTIONS ARE DOING. That American institutions for the feebleminded are doing a grand work is shown by case exhibits in the educational department. Among the institutions represented are the celegrated one at Elwyn, Pa.; Port Wayne, Ind. ; Gienwood, Ia. ; Fairbult, Minn. ; Lakeville, Conn.; Barre, Mass.; Glen Eller, Cal.; Boston, Mass. It is sad to look over those scores of photographs and notice the drouping under lips and contracted eyebrows that tell the story of dwafted intellect, which good sanitarians are trying to start into growth. Manual training and industrial schooling of course form a large part of the instructions in such places, and that wonders can be accomplished is shown plainly enough in case after case of needle work in every branch, drawing, writing, painting, the work of tools in wood, iron, leather and other material.

The photographs evidence a marked intellectual advance in the older pupils, which is borne out by individual likeness accompanied by written descriptions.

## THE FAIR OECHESTRA.

The World's Fair orchestral music threatens to get into chaos again and the cost of maintaining that great o chestra of 100 men is nearly \$900 a day as not a few of the performers are artists of established reputations, both in this and the old country, and their pay is by no means small. The largest daily receipts, however, so far have been only \$600, and the musicians are restive under the shortage. The present income would sustain an orchestra of seventy men, but, considering the magnitude of the Fair, nothing less than a hundred men is thought of, Conductor Bendix is in doubt over the outcome. But really, this orchestra is one of the exhibits in the Fair.

It is one of the two great orchestras of the World, the other being the Boston Symphony, and as an educator of the people in the line of musical art its value cannot be overestimated. The Musical Committee are much pleased with the success of the musical part of the Fair as an artistic exhibit They did not expect it to pay when they began. If some wealthy citizens are willing to put up for the deficiency the orchestra is sure to continue. The plan of presenting such eminent soloists as Mlle Nikita and Emil Liebling is proving a good thing, France's organist, Dr. Alexander Gullmant, drew big audiences at Festival Hali.

## A MINE EXPLOSION.

Men Return to Work and Four Will Die From Their Injuries.

At Sheldon, Ind., on the Evansville & Terre Haute Road, a force of men went into a coal mine to resume work after weeks or idleness.

There was a gas explosion and the mine was wrecked. Eleven men have been taken out badly injured and mutilated. Four will die and probably more.

## RECOVERY TO BE RAPID.

Comptroller Eckels Says the Financial Trouble is Over.

Comptroller Eckles of the United States Treasury Department, says in an interview. "I believe the recovery from the financial depression will be more rapid than the peodepression will be more rapid than the people have ever witnessed before. Conditions are favorable all over the country. There were seventy-two bank failures in July and only thirty-two in August. The first week in July we had thirty-one banks to close, the first week in August there were but thirteen and the last week in August we had only one. During the past two weeks fifty-two banks have resumed business, and of the others in the hands of the Bank Examiners ninety per cent. will reopen their doors. There has been a net increase of \$20,000,000 in the circulation of National bank notes during the depression."

THE recent riots in Paris costs the government something. Troops to the number of 20,000 were brought into the city to strengthen the garrison, and their maintenance there amounted to \$15,000 a day.