# AT THE FAIR.

## A TOUR OF THE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING.

### Most of the States Poorly Represented in the Agricultural Department-What Foreign Nations Show.

Fair I had seen some of the workmen using very odd looking caps. Similar in shape to the affairs usually placed on South of the main branch of the lagoon at the Fair stands the structure known as the head of a "Punch," they seem to be the Agricultural Building. A low dome in texture nothing but common silk paper. They are of a dull chocolate graced with the gilded statue of Diana, the Huntress, is its chief architectural shade. I had often wondered what they were but did not find out until I came beauty. The statue is the already famous upon this exhibit from British Guinea. one from New York. Standing on one The early flower stalk of the Trooliefoot in the attitude of a runner, the loose veil that she carries about her form Palm has been given by Mother Nature is blown by the wind in swelling folds such a covering. The natives transfer back of the fleet-footed Huntress. In these to their heads. Some one had sold this position it proves a lever for the a number of them about the Fair and breeze and the heroic figure is in conse- this was the origin and nature of the quence a most artistic weather-vane. At strange head-gear I had seen. each of the four corners of the building cieditable exhibit. Her showing of her is a dome similar in design to the central one but much smaller. These domes are animal products is very noteworthy. Ostrich feathers, mats from the fur of surmounted by a group of statuary symthe springback, the long and silky hair bolical of the four seasons. Four maidens stand with their faces to the four of the Angora goat, may be seen in corners of the earth. On their shoulders plenty. A number of objects more curithey support a small globe rounded by a ous than anything else have also been band which bears the signs of the zodiac. set up. For instance, the rude instru-Frequent groups of statuary symbolic of ments of warfare used by the Zulus. the building's purpose crown the cornice Those spears called assegais that have bein various places along its length. Com- come historical because they brought paratively speaking, no other building death to one of France's princes of the has as large a gallery area as this one. A royal blood: Poor Louis Napoleon! man must have a wonderful stomach to Poor Eugenie, the mother that has re-"do" the gallery after the fashion its mained to weep her darling's cruel takoccupants desire. This gallery is main- ing away. I hope she will never look on one of those awful weapons. ly occupied by the results for the table and household produced from from the yield of the farm.

Somebody said a man may visit the cent display. The implements that have gallery and feast sumptuously for noth- rendered the farmer's work a compara-The exhibitors up there are offer- tively easy task are legion. How differing samples. Soups, pickles, sauces, ent to-day from the days when Ruth went gleauing in her kinsman's field! beef teas, farinaceous preparations for the breakfast table; cake flavored with The machines of this blessed age scarcethis and made from that; horseradish, ly leave a straw behind them. The peptonized milk, new "designs" in gleaners now live alone in history and cheese, cook books, pancakes made with the poet's fancy. - [New York Tablet. cotton seed oil as a lubricator, root beers, canned fruits, preserves, jellies, chocolates, teas, coffees, wines, etc., etc. And wherever something to eat is offered | He Claims to Be Divine and His Peofor sampling how the ladies old and young gather around that spot! It is so consummately womanly! I stood by and observed one of the crowds. The gusto the captain and commander of the faithful, the chosen one of the prophet; I am with which they smacked their lips and the King of Kings; I am a Prince in licked their finger tips would have set a Paradise; then obey me without murmur, dyspeptic wild with envy. To see them was positively appetizing. I might have as my cameis do." felt like stepping forward to get a taste the Sultan of 'Moroeco, and it is genermyself, but never having been centerally allowed. It is refreshing to find a rush in a game of Rugby football. I country where not only has the divine moved away feeling that my early educaright never been contested, but where as tion had been sadly neglected.

yet it has not even been questioned. I must confess a certain disappoint-Now and then a pretender to the throne ment in viewing the agricultural display has turned np, and the annals of Mormade by the generality of the States. occo are red with stories of civil wars. While they are all there and have their But the pretender has never been a revodisplays set out in a most artistic way, lutionist; he has always based his conthe absolute lack of anything like comtion upon having a more divine right, pleteness is most pronounced. I had exand the alleged possession of a more pected that each State would have generous direct flow of the blood of the enough home pride to make a showing of prophet in his veins, says the Century. something that would betoken a little The loyalty of the people toward the more than an A B C acquaintance with its own products. I looked for an agricultural display that would be won, and the soldiers who have fallen worthy of the name. I did not find it. As I understand the terms, agriculture is the theory of farming and farming the practice of agriculture. Consequently when our States put out their hands to make a display in the Agricultural Hall, it is shameful to find them showing nothing more than vases of wheat and bottles of corn, a fow sheaves of rye and barley, etc. Actually some of them have nothing but samples of the grain produced in the State. Indeed some of them limit themselves to a few of the most important products of the State! The one redeeming feature is the fact that the Agricultural Department of the General Government is represented. As with all things done by the Government for purposes of political necessity he of the United States, thoroughness is the characteristic. France has a grand showing-grand in his gracious sultan. its detailed completeness. Nothing seems to have been forgotten. All of her display is made with the utmost taste. Does she show a wheat sheaf? Beneath it, sunken in the board to which the sheaf is attached, may be seen, covered by a glass face, a handful of the There are colored plaster modwheat. els of many-may I not say all?-of her products. Then her agricultural colleges have a showing that is simply magnificent. Diagrams indicating the method followed in many of the experiments, the text book used in the schools, the volumes issued by her agricultural departments-nothing is forgotten, nothing omitted. Russia and Mexico deserve a similar milk meed of praise. I saw these exhibits and felt as though I had learned something. Indeed, I made up my mind to return and give them a more careful scrutiny. Some of the foreign peoples seem to have taken the Agricultural horseback at full gallop, says James Building as a place in which to bring before the eyes of the world some particular product of their country. Consequently their coffees or their teas have received all their attention and the rest of the agricultural products of the country scarcely appear. Again a disappointment to the visitor. British Guinea makes a display that for its completeness is very satistactory. She shows no end of her sugar productsfrom the finest whites to the heaviest and darkest browns. The crystals of these pretty good, but nothing like the skill sugars are, as a rule, very large. They are notably so in the medium grades displayed. Then the cassava's product may be seen. This plant has several names. It is known as States it scarcely goes by any other name save tapioca. Then comes almost endless varieties of her fibrous woods. In one case alone some six or eight specimens of these woods are shown. The long threads they give and the strength thereof render them particularly useful in the manufacture of cordage, hammocks and similar objects. A class of beautifully plumaged birds is on exhibition. They are simply wonderful in the variety and the richness of their hues. But more beautiful than "Colinga."

# NOTES AND COMMENTS.

very much interested in the details of

The Cape of Good Hope has a very

In the Annex of the Agricultural

Building the inventors have a magnifi-

MOROCCO'S SULTAN.

ple Believe It.

"I am the Caliph of the Lord; I am

This is the magnificent pretension of

this display, one object, by reason of its THERE is a man in Shepherdstown, W. be civilized and then cover their nakedcuriosity, being especially attractive. It Va., who could be a veritable Brutus, if ness with American cotton goods and JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY is about the size of an ordinary tomato and formed as the tomato is, except that the occasion ever arose. Heisthe Mayor cook their food in American pots and of the town, and the other day he fined pins? the sections are smaller and consequently more numerous. It is the seed of the himself for allowing his cow to run at large, in violation of the town's ordinsand box tree. Hot lead is sometimes poured into it and it is used as a paper ance.

Or every 1,000 clergymen between the weight. During my various visits to the ages of 45 and 65 it is found that only 15.93 die annually. But of every 1,000 hulks are in the sailing route of the doctors between the ages of 45 and 65 no equator, and the record of their movefewer than 28.02 die every year. That is to say, the mortality of medical men is almost double that of clergymen, and the rate is increasing.

> A BILL before the English Parliament aims, by a somewhat singular method, to prevent drunkenness. According to its lessly unmanageable or waterlogged and provisions, any party convicted of drunkonness twice within a year shall not be allowed on the premises on which liquor is licensed to be sold. A licensed vendor who breaks the restriction imposed in such a case shall be liable to a penapply to centers of population with inally appeared just north of the southalty. The bill in question is not to more than 20,000 inhabitants.

RAVENSTEIN, the noted statistician, has just published the result of a series of interesting calculations, which are that the earth cannot nourish more than last reports previous to its recent hailing 6,000,000,000 people. At present the population of the earth is estimated to be 1,457,000,000 souls, and according to Bermudas, and was seen in about longi-Ravenstein's ingenious combinations the 6,000,000,000 mark will be reached in 180 years, so that the day is not very far valuable cargoes of lumber, and could off when the earth can no longer maintain her children, unless by that time beefsteak and potatoes can be chemically derelicts, whose journeyings were well made from air, earth and water.

OF cities with more than 100,000 population England has thirty, Germany twenty four, France and Russia each twelve, Italy ten, Austria Hungry six, Spain five, Belgium, the Scandinavian ashore at Stornoway, having traversed States, Roumania and the Balkan Islands each four, the Netherlands three, Por- forty-five times by passing ships. tugal two; the total in Europe being 116 great cities. Asia has 105, China having fifty-three and British India thirty. In Africa there are seven, in States have twenty-six; South America from lemons the peels may be utilized America forty, of which the United nine. Australia has only two large for cleaning brass. Dip them in cities

"Few persons," says a railroad man, "have any idea of the enormous cost of rolling stock. The price of a single car by an emul-ion formed of two parts of ranges from \$15,000 down to \$280. The ammonia shaken up with one part of former is the price of a first-class Pull- turgentine. It will soften them so they man car, while the latter is that of what | may easily be scraped off. is known as a flat car, such as are used flat-bottomed coal car costs \$500, while gage and mail car costs \$2,500, and a without nap. first-class coach is valued at \$5,500."

little settlements within a bundred miles with a soft cloth dipped in oatmeal. of New York are those built at the foot The cloth must be changed as often as it of the Palisades. The fishermen who becomes covered with the dirt removed live there appear to be as far from the from the paper; otherwise it will soil inmadding crowd as though they were stead of clean sing. alone on the prairie. The tall cliffs and agged rocks about them cut them off One of the hardest things to keep neat

center of Africa in the wild expectation | THE JOKERS' BUDGET. that the inhabitants of the jungles will

THERE are, according to the recent official reports, fifty derelict vessels floating in the Atlantic Ocean that are regarded as dangerous to navigation. The large number of these abandoned ments shows that they cross and recross the track. Some of them have made long journeys since they were deserted by their crews, who took refuge in some passing vessel when their own craft threatened to sink or had become hopeuninhabitable. Some of these travel so near the regular ocean lanes that an almost unbroken record of their wanderings is reported and sketched on the Atlantic pilot charts. One of the latest of these well-known ocean wanderers heard of is the bark Ocean, which origern track of the western bound steamers in September. It has since been reported at periodical invervals and has gradually drifted south, almost to the sailing route from the equator. The was in March, since which time it has they be towed to port would prove rich booty. One of the most notable of the recorded, was the Maine schooner W. L. White, which, after being abandoned

# AROUND THE HOUSE.

After the juice has been squeezed common salt and scour with dry brick dust.

Old paint and varnish may be removed

To wash windows and make them clear to haul gravel and dirt. A common and bright, use ammonia and borax, but no soap. To wash glass tumblers and a car with a double hopper-bottom is make them brilliant and clear use strong quoted at a hundred more. A refriger-ator car costs \$550. A combined bag-coid water and dry with a linen cloth

Dingy wall paper may be improved, PERMAPS the quaintest and quietest though not restored, by rubbing gently

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MEN OF THE PRESS.

Avoiding Offense-What She Could Do -Ready for Business-A Difference, Etc., Etc.

AVOIDING OFFENSE. Jimson-I say, old boy, come in and

take pot-luck with me to-day. Billson (who has tried Jimson's potluck before)-Um-really, I'd be delighted, but--er-important matter to attend

Jimson--Oh, nonsense. Business is duller than a country churchyard-nothing going on at all.

can wait, of course, but this is-er a domestic matter, you know.

Jimson-Get out! Your folks are out of town, and I know it. Billson (in desperation)-Yes, that's

so; but my-er-mother-in-law doesn't leave until to-day, and I want to go toer-the railway station and kiss her good-by .-- [New York Weekly.

## BREAKING IT GENTLY. It was the first she had ever baked and

she said proudly: " Don't you think I could go into the

bread business?" "My dear." answered her husband,

gently, "if they sold bread by weight you'd make your fortune."-[Washington] Star.

### READY FOR BUSINESS.

Tramp-Please, mum, if ye'll kindly help me on me journey, I'll be much obleeged.

Housekeeper-Huh! On a journey, eh? Tramp-Yes, mum; I'm goin' West to start a bank .- [New York Weekly.

### FASTIDIOUS.

Haversup More-Weary Walker's too much of a 'ristocrat fer de business. Mancy Steppes - What's he doin' now?

Haversup More-Got so he won't sleep anywhere 'cept on a flower bed.--- [Puck.

They were out looking at the comet. One of the guests said he thought he

"That's nothing," put in the enfant terrible. "I've heard ma say that pa

## A VAIN SEARCH.

Von Blumer - I hear that burglars broke into your house last night. Did they find anything ?

house.-[Judge. A GREAT INVENTOR.

Mrs. Crimsonbeak-My husband is a great inventor.

Mrs Yeast--Indeed! What does he invent, excuses?-- [Yonkers Statesman. | mute-elated.- [Buffalo Courier.

AN EMOTIONAL ROLE. She -- Why were you so awkward and embarrassed when you proposed to at all. He can't pronounce his r's, and me?

Bowwow. -- [Tit-Bits.

She (drawing away from him)--Whatt He-I believe woman to be eminently uperior to man.- [New York Press. DISTANTLY RELATED.

Livingston-I didn't know you and Miss Featherspray were so well acquainted.

Nina-Oh, yes; we are distantly related.

Livingston--How? Nina---We are both sisters to the same young man,---[Vogue.

### ROMANCE ON THE ROAD.

Tramp-Please, mum, I am told that most women save a piece of their weddin' cake for years.

Mrs. Suburb .-- I presume that is true. I have mine.

Tramp-fes, mum. Would you be so kind as to lend it to me to put under Billson-Yes-er-of course-business my pillow to-night, so I'll dream of th' one I'm goin' to marry?-[New York Weekly.

READING HIS MIND.

She-It can hardly be questioned that every woman is more or less of a mind reader.

He-Do you think you could read mine?

She-I'd rather not. Mamma is a little particular as to the character of my reading.-[Boston Globe.

THANKS TO THE OYSTER.

She-O, Tom, here's a pearl in this ovster.

He (excitedly)-Grace, may-may I have it set in an engagement ring?---Judge.

EXCEPTIONAL.

"Say," said the regular customer of the side-street restaurant, as he stopped at the desk, to pay his check, "where did you get that beef you are serving today?

"What's the matter with it?" aggressively asked the cashier, who scented another kick.

"There's nothing the matter with it; that's why I asked."-[Life.

### WHAT SHE COULD DO.

Mr. Staylate-At any time when in company I can, by mere force of will, prevent myself from sneezing.

Miss Wearie-I never tried that, but I can prevent myself from yawning .--Good News.

### ODDS AND ENDS.

It is better to give than receive. But it is pretty good to be a receiver. - [Chicago Post.

The Fiend--Her face is her fortune. The Enemy-How interesting! Made it herself, too, didn't she?-[Life.

Kentu ky had another shower of fish Witherby-No. My wife is cleaning the other day. It is a strange State where the fish have to go to the clouds for water -- [Boston Traveller.

> Although fully as sensitive to pain as other people, it is a fact that the deaf and dumb man is happiest when he is

He-How do you like Lord Foppington. Miss Barrow? Miss Barrow-Not

BEATS TWO TAILS. could see two tails.

often sees two moons."--[Judge.

from the rest of the world, and they about the kitchen is the dishcloth. Some-have few visitors. There is not a horse how it will grow to look dingy and

# northwest coast of Scotland and went 5,000 miles of ocean and been reported

# off Delaware Bay in March, 1888, after ten months and ten days, arrived off the

# taken a northwesterly course toward the tude 60 and latitude 30 on May 30. Some of the abandoned vessels have

wetakes of the nature of adoration. When the battle is fought and sorely wounded are brought off the field and placed in a circle around the white pavilion in which the mysterious monarch lives, as unapproachable and invisible in his camp as in his court, then, it is said, the dread Sultan walks up and down among them, smiling with silent pity upon their agony; and they, the poor ignorant Kabytes of the valleys and the nomad horseman from the desert, cry out until their cries give place to the rattle of death, "Allah ibark amer Seedna" ("God prolong the days of our Lord"). And this, too, is the cry of the malefactor as he goes toward death or mutilation, and these are the words of the disgraced vizir who, when must disappear or be effaced, takes the cup of poisoned tea from the hands of

The mantle of the Prophet of Medina that he wears must, indeed, be broad and ample, for it is called upon to cover a multitude of sins; that is, viewed from cur standpoint, but the Moors believe that, try as he may, the Sultan can do

no wrong. He is like the saint I saw in Tanglier, who spends his entire time in drinking gin and whisky. One might think that this saint was drinking an undue quantity of strong waters, but such is not the case; at least, it has never appeared to the Moors in this light, for he is such a holy man, they say, that the moment the strong waters come in contact with his person, they lose all their fiery qualities and become innocent mare's

# Expert Persian Archers.

Tavernier gives a good account of the Persian archer who shot from Payne in the London Illustrated News. The incident of one of the bowmen declining to shoot before the Shah, upon the ground that his mission was to trans. fix the enemies of his country and not a turf target, was obviously exceptional. "He drew the arrows, and, taking one in his mouth, shot it when at full speed in the Parthian fashion-i. e., backward, into the centre of the butt; then, turning about, he shot the second arrow exactly into the same spot." That was of the Emperor Domitian, who placed boys in the circus at various distances, with their fingers separated, through which he shot his arrows without doing them the slighest injury. This would Brazilian arrowroot, but in the United make a great sensation if practised in nublic by even the junior members of the royal family.

Most of our perfumes come from flowers or are made in imitation of the scents of flowers, so attar of roses, by a common consent, ranks at the head of the list of perfumes. Other preparations from roses, too, hold a high place and have long been esteemed. Rosewater is historic. When Saladin entered Jerusalem in the twelfth century, he had the walls of the Mosque of Omar washed with it. But attar, or oil They are of a species that the label calls of roses is by far the most precious and most prized of all. An Eastern prince these are the King Humming Birds. The will present to an honored guest rich

or wagon among them and no road to drive on. Springs of good water are found within a rod of the salt Hudson, but beer and groceries are a long way off, unless one takes a boat and crosses the river to the metropolis that swirls and roars on the other bank.

cinnati, is probably the oldest survivor of the oldtime circus. He is over eightytwo years of age, and was actively engaged in the business from his boyhood up to just before the war. He says that in those days the regular charges in the South were twenty-five cents for whites and thirty-seven and one-half cents for slaves. Spanish coins were plentiful, and a dollar could be split up in nearly any way desired. The slaves were charged the higher price in order to, in a certain measure, restrict their patronage. It was nearly as easy to get thirtyseven and one-half cents as it would have been to get twenty-five cents. The

slaves came in droves generally, accompanied by some member of their owner's family or in charge of a trusted slave. In the North twenty-five cents was the usual price, but business was not so good as in Dixie.

A QUEER story comes from Ashland, Kan. In common with the rest of the \$1,000, say, to be given to relatives or country, the people of this town have been feeling the pinch of hard times. for grafting purposes. Mr. Lee has, in They therefore determined to conomize. The town is not very large, but it has seven settled ministers, and it was determined that one would suffice until better times came. So a vote was taken on the question which of the seven should be retained. The poll showed a plurality of votes for the Methodist minister, and therefore the other six were discharged. It is proposed that other towns in Kansas, especially those suffering from drought, shall adopt the same plan, and that the money thus saved shall be given to the needy. This is a practical movement in the direction of Christian unity that will hardly be pleasing to the discharged clergymen, however strong may be their theoretical belief in Christian unity.

In many ways the United States have educated the world in politics, and I, for one, do not hesitate to say that their scheme of government is the best that has ever been established by a nation, says London Truth. But in nothing do we owe more to Americans than for their having afforded us the great object lesson of a State pursuing the even current of its way, without that meddling in the affairs of other States which have been the bane of European powers. Here we have a country, rich, powerful, industrial and commercial, yet never troubling itself with what happens outside its frontiers, or annexing foreign lands on the plea of philanthropy, or on the tremens. He was unconscious. ground that in some centuries its area. The sharp clang of the am ground that in some centuries its area will be too small for its population, or in order to create markets for its goods. The sharp clang of the ambulance bell rang, but he did not hear it. A little patient was brought in and placed in an And what is the result? No one dreams of attacking the United States or of her pitiable means sounded through the picking a quarrel with them. The less corridor. Suddenly she spied the form picking a quarrel with them. The les corridor. son to be learnt is that a State should on the cot. rest satisfied with promoting the wellbeing of her own citizens and leave it to males are like fire opals. A play of gleaming red and yellow flames makes the resemblance almost perfect. I was filled with this E iceless essence.

rinsed after each dishwashing. Of course, after tinsing it should always be thoroughly washed with plenty of soap and hot water, and then hung out to dry. Use one cloth for china and glass and another for pots and pans, for the latter blackens the cloth, no matter how well washed JOHN ROBINSON, who now lives at Cin- they may be. The careful drying of the dishcloth after each using is very necessary, for damp cloths of any kind lying about the kitchen, certainly encourage water bugs and roaches as well as black beetles and other insect abominations. Kcep your kitchen sweet and clean and you have the first requisite for a whole-

# He Wants New Arms.

some healthy house.

Theodore Lee, the armless newsdealer, who went East recently with a vague idea that he could get arms grafted on to his stumps has been heard from. He has been inquiring among specialists regarding his case, and he finds that he may vet secure arms. First, the arms that are to be grafted on to his stumps must be takep from a healthful man or woman, and the hope is held out to Mr. Lee that he may find some person, condemned to be hanged, for instance, who would for charity, allow an arm to be amputated substance, been informed that the splice

would have to made just above the elbow When Mr. Lee has found a person who will submit to the operation they will have to be brought together in such a position as to permit of the arms of both which are to be operated upon being placed in plaster of paris casts, so that they cannot be moved. Then it is proposed to cut the back part of both the arms, also cutting through the bone arm that is to be grafted on to Mr. Lee's stump, or that portion of it that is cut away at the first operation, is to be adjusted and fastened to the stump and allowed to remain until it heals and there is evidence of circulation between the stump and the part that is grafted on. The second operation will be the cutting of the remainder of the inside portion of the arm, together with the artery and the nerve. This operation, it is propo sed, however, is not to be undertaken until the surgeons are satisfied that the circulation through the part of the arm already grafted on is sufficient to nour-

ish and support the new forearm. -- [St. Paul Pioneer Press. Pathos in a Hospital.

He lay on a cot in the surgical ward of the Pennsylvania Hospital, recovering adjoining bed. She was very ill, and

"Papa; there's my papa," she said. He did not hear her. Two days later he could see and heat

He-Oh, I was trying not to look black, no matter how thoroughly it is so cock-sure of being accepted as I felt. --- Age.

### HE STOPPED HOARDING.

Mrs. Snaggs (reading)-A man in this way .- Drake's Magazine. South Duxbury, Mass., has coughed up a ten-cent piece he swallowed some time

Mr. Snaggs-Yes, I've noticed other indications that the hoarding of money, is coming to an end .- [Pittsburg Chroni-

### THE BEST OF IT.

Lawyer-When I ask you your age why do you say eight and twenty instead of twenty-eight? Lady Witness-I believe in putting

the best foot forward.

### A COUP D'STAT.

Weary Walker-See here, Walter! we're desperit, an' you gotter try a new game. Go up to dat house an' ask de lady for a drink of ice-cold water, an' perhaps you'll git a pie.

Walking Walter (horrified)-Yes, but wha-wha-whad if she offered me de wa-1-0-1?

Weary Walker-Why, den cut an' run, an' we'll t'ink up a new scheme .--[Judge.

"REPARTEE IN THE BARNYARD.

The chanticleer announced with joy: "The day, my dear, doth dawn;"

And the hen, engaged in hatching eggs, Rejoined in brief: "I'm on." -[Puck.

### MAKING PREPARATION.

"Smith is very busy getting ready to attend the fair.' "What is he doing?"

"Learning to live on one meal a day." -[Chicago Inter-Ocean.

#### SHOES TO FIT.

The funny man's wife was reading an English almanac and he was smoking and resting his gigantic intellect on the back of his chair.

"I notice here," she said, "that in the matter of shoes, temperance people should wear pumps. Now what sort of shoes would you say drinking people should wear?'

The gigantic intellect began to roll over and exert itself.

### "Well," he said, thoughtfully, "I think they should wear tight ones."-

[Detroit Free Press. A DEFENDER OF PURE LANGUAGE.

"Did you enjoy seeing the foreign tribes at the Fair?"

"Naw. I tried to chin wid t'ree or four of dem an' dey can't speak a word of decent English."-[Chicago Record.

### RELATIVE IMPORTANCE.

Mr. Skidds-It may seem to you an odd time to ask the question, but before we start to the theatre I want to know if you will marry me, Delia.

Delia-I, too, have a question to ask. "Ask it."

"Is my hat on straight?"

"Yes. Will you marry me?" "Yes."-[New York Sun.

### HE SAVED HIMSELF.

She (slightly tinctured with woman's quality of woman? He (emphatically)-I do not.

She-Oh! isn't that a bull? He-Yes, but you needn't be afraid so long as I am with you. She-But I am afraid you wouldn't be with me long if he came

Mr. Biggleswade-My, dear, how on earth did you ever choose such an awkward, slatternly, ignorant creature as that new servant girl? Mrs. Biggleswade -My love, I didn't choose her. She chose me---[Puck.

"How did Chadler discover that drinking hot water would cure head-ache?" "By drinking coffee at his boarding-house continually."

Solicitous Mother-My son, is your fiancee a girl of thoughtfulness and foresight? Son--Foresight? Well, I should say so! She keeps a piece of chewing-gum under every chair in the house.- [Puck.

### The Burro as a Pioneer.

It is difficult to see what the people of the Rockies would do without the burro (Spanish for donkey), "the sad-eyed phil-osopher of the West." He is a great pet with children, and seems to grow very fond of them. But he is used principally as a beast of burden. He boards himself, nibbling the grass that grows along the trail.

On his patient back the lonely prospector ties blankets, pick and fryingpan, while he himselt piods behind with rifle and staff. The miner, far up in the mountains, uses him to carry ore in sacks to the smelter, and bring back in return flour, sugar, coffee, and even water. When the galleries and shafts of the mine are ready to be braced, the timbers are brought up in the same way, as are the lumber and furniture for the miner's house

And finally he brings the rails that are to connect the mine with civilization by an iron band. This is the last, Slowly and sadly the burro turns his back upon the work in whose completion he has been such an important helper, and picks his cautious way over the rugged trail that leads to fresh woods, if not to pastures new .- [St. Nicholas.

### Two Strange Friends.

Not long ago I was passing a barnyard in this place, and stood to look over the gate at a pretty half-grown lamb stand. ing alone outside the barn. But the sight of me so enraged a fierce, shaggy hairy dog tied up to his kennel between the lamb and me that he barked himself nearly into fits, showing all his teeth, and straining so furiously at his chain as to make me quite nervous lest it should give way. In the meantime I struck such terror into the heart of the lamb that it fied across the yard to place itself under the protection of the dog, and stood close by his side, while he barked and danced with fury. As I drew a little nearer, the lamb backed right into the kennel, and when, after I had made a circuit in order to watch the further movements of this strange pair of friends from behind a tree, I saw their two faces cautiously looking out together, cheek-by-jowl, while the dog's anger was being rights notions)-Do you believe in the equality of woman? reduced to subsiding splutters of resent-ment. He was not a collie, but a very large sort of poodle .- [London Spectator,