THE CLOCK.

Hear the music of the clock, Softly ticking time; As the water wears the rock, Se in rhythmic rhyme Does the ticking of the clock Seem to wear out time.

In the bustle of the day It is scarcely heard; Still it ticks and ticks away, Blithe as any bird, Careless that the sounds of day Make its voice unheard.

But at night it speaks aloud In the stillness deep, When the day-time's weary crowd Drops to realms of sleep; Then its voice, exulting loud, Wakes the stillness deep.

And the wakeful listener hears Strange and serious things: Hears the stream of flowing years As it flows and sings-Surgings of the future hears, And clash of coming things! James Raymond Perry in Youths' Companion.

THE CRIPPLE'S SWEETHEART. By Florence C. Reilly. $\sim\sim$

Garry Von Ritter, he laziest and most shiftless man in Farmdale, stood in Anderson's store, warming his feet at the stove. The men sitting about on the barrels eyed him expectantly. When Garry walked the three miles from his lonely, miserable cottage to the store, there was sure to be fun for the crowd there, and Garry's remarkable speeches were quoted all about the town. Now they waited, hoping that he would give them something to laugh at.

He was very tall, and so thin that heavy, sullen face, and slouching move- did not take him very long, and at last

"How's Elvina?"

ryin' way beneath me, and b'gosh, I think she was right for once.'

and a look of pain came into his great. soft eyes. The men laughed. Mrs. her good-for-nothing drunken son, er's warm shawl about her. struck them as being a rather good

no more attention to nothin' than a her's." rag doll is enough ter give a feller the

she ain't a bit grateful ter me for marryin' her." The men laughed again.

"Grateful! My Lord!" muttered Abe his thin hands and ground his teeth. He thought of little Elvina Allen as she used to be years ago, when she went to the district school. She was a oretty, gentle, simple little thing, with a frightened look about her delicate. sad little face. He, Abe Hawkins, then was strong and straight, like the kins's and Abe's motives were misother boys. She lived not far from the construed, and they were much censchool, with a wretched, drunken sured by the people in the valage. grandfather. ... any a time he had seen her walking from the tavern, with the man's wife for a stove!" old man leaning heavily on her shoul- It was the fifth day after Abe had in interest by that of any line of huder, her face crimson with shame, the taken Elvina from her cheerless home man endeavor.-North American Retears quivering on her drooped eye- that the people of the village reached view. lashes. How his heart used to ache such a state of indignation at "the with pity for her and nate for the old Hawkins's goin's-on" that they decided man who made her life so unhappy for to speak to Mrs. Hawkins and express her. It was to Allen, new dead, that their disapproval. Accordingly that As the little girl saw him, she stum- door. Receiving no response, they slipped from her shoulder, almost fling- and the doctor stood beside her. thrown him over the low bridge railing she was consumptive, poor child." thought of all this now, as Elvina's and trembling limbs. husband stood there talking to a lot of tected her. He did not doubt Garry's haps you would like to see her?" "Poor, gentle, little Elvina!" He was poor Elvina Von Ritter. awakened from his reverie by a loud laugh from the loungers.

Anderson. "This ain't no Indian settle- seen her look during the nineteen years ment, where a man can swap his wife of her young life-years so full of mis-

other old thing."

"Don't care," said Garry, doggedly, softly left the room. in' tracks fer home.

"Yer ain't got no more sense of morality than a rail fence, Garry.'

Anderson, an' give it ter me," and seizing the package Anderson handed him,

by Abe. "Garry," said Abe, touching Von Ritter's arm, "Der you mean it? Will you really trade yer wife fer a stove? "Sure I mean it, yer grasshopper," said Garry impatiently.

"Is the stove new Pete will give you?" "New! Pete nin't quite a fool. Why would be give me a new stove for a erazy woman? Certainly it ain't new."

of suppressed engerness, "I tell yer what I'll do. I'll give yer a bran new stove, just out of the store, if yer will let me take Elvina home to my mother. A bran new stove, and a cord of wood, and a ton of coal."

"Yer will?" said Garry. "Well, b'gosh I didn't think you was a fool as well as a cripple, but if yer mean it, I'll take the things and give her ter yer."

stove up." A little later Abe was sitting in the kitchen of the large Hawkins farm-

house, while his mother, a rosy, pleas-

ant, elderly woman, sat opposite him.

They had been talking of Elvina. "Certainly, my boy," she said, "bring to one side than the other. the poor little girl home, and I'll look poor child, and I'll do my best to make her happy for the time she has to live: but all this will cause a dreadful lot of talk, Abe. I wish you could have got her from that brute in some other

doing the right thing, don't we?"

III.

bare material of his single coat, and ter's cottage with the stove and fuel in feet walks faster than the other? stuck out of his sleeves, all raw and his wagon. Garry came slouching out bleeding from the cold. He had a and proceeded to unload the wagon. It

that's done fer her. Sometimes I think er Elvina coughed and then sank back of comparatively recent date. exhausted. There was a little stain of | For centuries it was used in Europe

Hawkins, the cripple, as he clenched little while, just long enough to know more years after it was first cultivated

IV.

"The idea," they said, "of buyin' a

strike the child, and Abe, springing for- was saying. "She was too worn out drunken fury had lifted the boy and life might have been prolonged, but

idlers of the girl whom Abe had loved make me send Elvina back to that time of the new moon, beginning small so devotedly when she was a little, brute?" he said, glancing at them. doses with the young moon and inhelpless child and he a big-hearted boy, "She won't be starved or frozen or creasing them to a maximum by the who pitied and, when he could, pro- beaten any more. She is dead. Per- full moon. Why this lunar observance

mind, never very strong, had doubtless little bedroom, and there on the bed.

happy, too, happier than those who ageous.-New York Times. "Trade her fer a stove!" exclaimed gazed at her so pityingly now had ever fer a knife or a keg of liquor or any ery, pain and sorrow. They looked at for the navy now being constructed at stage of girl life is over." her gravely for a moment, and then the Washington Navy Yard will be

but Abe will feel it terribly.

In the little room the cripple was gun's best initial velocity was 2,600 kneeling beside the bed holding Elvi- feet; the American gun's was 3,000 "I didn't ask yer anythin' about mor- na's hand in his. "Oh, God," he feet. For the new American six-inch ality. Didn't say nothin' about it. sobbed, "I thank thee that her suffer- gun a minimum initial velocity of 3,200 What I did ask yer fer was a package ing is over and that Thou did'st let her | feet is looked for.

of terbacker, so shet yer head. John die with friendly faces round her." Then he kissed her pale forehead and whispered, "You'll never know how Had to Admit Finally that You Can't Beat he walked out of the store, followed much I loved you, little sweetheart."-New York Mail and Express.

WHICH FOOT WALKS THE FASTEST?

A Few Simple Experiments Which May Give You the Correct Answer.

You may think this a very silly question to ask, but is it? There is no eatch about it. It is a simple demonstrable fact which you can prove to "Garry," said Abe, with a great deal your own satisfaction in a very few ment that is clear of other pedestrians. so that there shall be no interferance, and walk briskly in the centre, you will find that before you have gone a hundred yards you will have veered very much to one side. You must not make any conscious effort, of course, to keep to the center, or you may do it, and if you will think of something and endeavor to walk naturally, it is a hun-"This afternoon, if yer bring the dred to one you cannot keep a direct on his hat and went down town. He yarn. Years ago the head of this sort

The explanation of this lies in the peculiarity of one foot to walk faster than the other. Or, to be more correct, perhaps it should be said that one leg takes a longer stride than the other, and this, combined with the quicker movement, causes one to walk more

It is well known, for instance, that if after her. She has had a hard life, one is lost in the woods, the tendency is to walk in a circle and eventually to return to about the starting point. This demonstrates the fact also that one foot walks faster than the other.

You can try an interesting experiment in this way if you will place two "I wish I could have, mother," said stakes in the lawn about eight feet Abe, as he kissed her. "God bless you, apart, and then stand off about sixty dear, for standing by me in this, Even feet, allow yourself to be blindfolded, if there is talk, you and I know we are and endeavor to walk between them You will find it an almost impossible task, because one foot will go a bit It was late in the raw, chilly after- faster than the other, either to the his elbows literally pierced the thread- noon when Abe drove up to Von Rit- right or left. Now, which one of your

Sugar is a constituent of most plants, he walked into the cottage. Abe fol- in greater or less degree, at some per-"Well, Garry," said Anderson, the lowed him. In the wretched, fireless lod of their growth. The cereal grains, storekeeper, seeing that Von Ritter room a girl was sitting, her lap full of formerly supposed to be merely storeseemed disinclined to break the silence, crimson bittersweet berries. Abe re- houses of starch, have lately been membered, as he looked at them, how found to contain notable quantities of "Loony," said Garry, sullenly. "Do they used to search for them together sucrose or saccharose, the specific yer know, fellers, I begin to know I in the glen when they were children. name used by chemists to distinguish made a big mistake in marryin' that | She had twined some in her hair, and | the substance in question from its girl. My old marm said as I was mar- the ruddiness of the berries made her carbohydrates possessing a sweet pale face look ghastly by contrast. taste. The popular name for this sub-Abe walked over to her side, "Viney," stance, however, cane sugar, indicates A cripple lad, sitting in a far corner he whispered, "will you come with the plant containing it in sufficient of the store shifted his seat uneasily Abe?" She looked at him gravely, abundance to first attract the attention then slipped her thin hand into his, of mankind. This plant probably just as she used to years ago, and rose originated in Asia. whence it has Von Ritter thinking any one "beneath" obediently, while he wrapped his moth- spread gradually to all tropical regions, its easy propagation from eyes on the Garry grinned as he watched them cane itself assisting materially in its walking to the wagon, the little cripple dissemination. The cultivation of this "Yep," repeated Garry, "she was and his slim, white-faced girl wife, plant for its sweet qualities stretches right for once. Elvina is crazy sure- "There'll be a scandal sure," he said, far back into the past, "sweet canes" crazy as a loon. Ter see her settin' in with a laugh, and turned and went into being mentioned in the Hebrew Scripthat house of mine, with her big eyes the house, and then added: "I'm glad tures, and its use in China probably starin' out of her white face and payin' ter be rid of those starin' eyes o' antedated even this mention; yet the extraction of sugar from its juice, and As they drove along the darkening especially the use of the substance as creeps. She don't appreciate anythin' road and the air got colder and damp- a separate article of food, is a matter

blood on her blue lips. Abe drooped only as a confection or as a medicine. his head to hide the tears in his eyes. and it was not until the beginning of "God," he prayed, "let her live a the seventeenth century, a hundred or that we aren't all brutes in this world; in the Eastern Hemisphere, that it bejus long enough, Lord, to know a little gan to be an article of commerce and happiness! Her life has been so sad!" | was imported to any extent into Europe. Once begun, however, its mod-Garry and Mrs. Hawkins were right ern development down to the present there was a scandal-and Mrs. Haw- day, when it constitutes one of the world's greatest industries, the product cle, is little short of marvelous; in truth, its history cannot be surpassed

People Who Eat Arsenic.

The old adage that what is one man's poison is another man's food is strikhe owed his affliction. He had met the evening a deputation of five citizens ingly illustrated by an account of an grandfather and Elvina on the bridge. knocked at the Hawkinses kitchen Idiosyncracy of the Styrians recently published in a correspondent's letter in bled, and the old man's hand had walked in. Mrs. Hawkins sat crying Le Figaro of Paris. The Styrians are said to eat arsenic as the Asiatic eats ing him on his face. He had turned to "I did all I could, Mrs. Hawkins," he opium or the European chews tobacco -as a matter of taste. There are peoward to save Elvina from the blow, re- and too starved to last any longer. If ple whose doses vary from pellets the ceived it himself, and then Allen, in his she had been attended to in time her size of a millet to pills the size of a pea, of various kinds of arsenic, the favorite being the white quality known into the brook below, injuring his back. The five citizens stood abashed. Abe, as ratsbane. They will take it daily, or and making him a cripple for life. He entered the room with white, set face on alternate days, or twice a week, according to circumstances; generally "I suppose you people have come to they abstain from the luxury at the it is hard to guess, unless, as the correstatement that she was "crazy." Her They followed him silently into a spondent says, the arsenic makes them strong and healthy and they fancy given way beneath the suffering and with a few bitters weet berries on her that the waxing moon weakens them privations she had undergone in the breast, her vacant blue eyes closed and renders the greater proportion of cottage of her grandfather, and later and a happy, child-use smile on her the restorative necessary. But whatwith her shiftless, brutal husband, white face, lay all that remained of ever be their reason, the fact remains that the regular consumers live to good She looked very, very young and ages, and are strong, healthy and conr-

Our Six-Inch Gun is the Best.

The new six-inch fifty-callbre gun the best gun of that type in the "I'll trade Elvina for a stove, I tell | Mrs. Hawkins followed them. "She world. It will carry a one hundred yer. I don't want a crazy wife, and I | died ramblin' along about old school | pound shell and will use American do want a stove. Italian Pete has got | times, and at last she said, 'Abe, help | smokeless powder. The present sixtwo stoves, and since Marie hung her- | me up the rock 'There is a lot of bitter- | inch gun of the American navy, which self in Thompson's barn he ain't had sweet growin' there,' and she put her is of forty calibre, was tested against no wife, an' if he wants Elvina, an' poor hand into Abe's and closed her an English fifty-calibre gun about gives me the stove he kin have her, blue staring eyes and died. She thought three months ago at the Indian Head whether this is an Indian, or a Dutch she was a child again. - oor dear, she proving grounds, and under similar settlement. Give me a pack of ter- | wasn't much morethan one. Only nine- | conditions of charge and projectile backer, Anderson. I've got ter be mak- | teen. It's better that she should die, | beat the English gun by 400 feet per second muzzle velocity. The English

MR. JOBSON'S REVENGE.

the Women.

Mr. Jobson got home from his office at 4:15 one afternoon last week and ways treated them with justice. The found a note from Mrs. Jobson saying that she had gone to hear the performance of a long-haired planist, and that come ones. It was pleasant to drive he'd find his dinner all ready for the about the leafy forest roads or walk girl to serve it.

Mr. Jobson sulkily, when he had read smile a greeting or say cheerily. "Tathe note. "It's a wonder these mattress-headed genluses that come over here to this country and rake in American dollars, hating Americans all the time, wouldn't call their game at an akin in Polynesia.-Chicago Record. hour that 'ud permit a toiling man's wife to be on hand at home to give him something to eat when he wants Old Style with Stuffed Head, Moder: with

The opportunity was too good for Mr. Jobson to miss, so he declined to eat any dinner when the servant put for bass drums is made with the head it on the table. Instead, he slammed of sheepskin or chamois, stuffed with He ate an unsatisfactory dinner at a shaped; it is now commonly made til it was time for a variety theatre to which is inserted into the head by open its doors. He had to watch a lot winding around the neck of the head of poorly played billiard games in or- with waxed cord. That part of the der to put in this time, and to talk with | handle that is thus wound around is a lot of bachelors from whose ways of | turned with a slight flare in its shape, bored exceedingly by theatre time. The off. This sort of drumstick is usually stuck it out, for he wanted to get home sometimes with a handle of rosewood. in on Mrs. Jobson. By 11 c'clock he drums is made of felt. Three pieces unread, a poor dinner, idle talk with together into a compact body, that is fore, but was only so much ribaldry to turned down to shape in a lathe, the awful consequences of her conduct.

Mrs. Jobson was comfortably tucked | The handle is of rosewood. pinings. Mr. Jobson saw that she was of execution. he cleared his throat and said:

how was it?"

Mrs. Jobson didn't turn over at all.

inquired, sleepily. that kept you away from your duty is used, not in marching, but in orof serving a meal to your husband, chestral playing only. after his day of grinding labor, gave

with anybody by these methods, hey?" "Oh, the recital-that's what you're speaking of, isn't it?" said Mrs. Jobson, sweetly. "Well, I didn't go. I had intended to go when I started out note for you telling you so, but I run along in the brush fence some disme away from dinner, and so, when I was standing on the exposed root of this afternoon, I decided not to go to I lay motionless and examined the that took you down town. I saw you smooth greenish-gray root of the maple on the open car, and wondered why with no weasel in sight. Judging from dinner time, but, of course, you had or minks. knew that Mr. Jobson hadn't been ness that defies the keenest eyesight.

subsided into dreamy slumber. ington Star.

A Japanese Girls Wedding.

"Marriage in Japan is only a civil contract, and not in any way a religious one," writes Onoto Watanna in the Ladies' Home Journal. "It is protected by law and social obligations. The Church and State do not concern themselves at all in marital affairs. The chief peculiarity about the ceremony times the midwoman who works be maintain any sort of social position, tween the pair in making the engage- says the Herald, and, therefore, to set-'Takasago,' which narrates the loving grant. and happy life of an old couple. Thus | A little house for two-small, clean | the ceremony closes, the last notes of and comfortable houses are very rare-

Samonan Opinion of America.

Among the Samoans their war over the succession never has ended. The away. It even has been dangerous at lively was the Samoan hatred of the per day, and are second rate at that. Teuton. Englishmen were safe anywhere, but often unwelcome. Americans were the only ones who could be

i greatest nation on earth. the most powerful and the most just. To them England, Germany and France were far inferior to the Americans, who always had been their friends and al-American flag was the honored flag and American strangers were the welin the villages with the certainty that "That's a good thing, too," mused every man, woman and child would lofa," the 'love to you," that means the same whether in the "Aloha" of the Hawailan or the "Tofa" of the Maori in New Zealand, for they are all

DRUMSTICKS FOR BASS DRUMS.

Head of Felt--- Double-Headers. The old style, familiar drumstick wanted to give Mrs. Jobson a lesson. of bass drumstick, was made eggrestaurant, and then poked around un- pear-shaped and secured to the stick, thinking he had departed. He was so that the head cannot possibly slip show bored him still more. But he made with a hickory handle, though

as late as possible, the better to rub it | The modern drumstick for bass reflected that he had had a pretty poor of very thick felt of a size sufficient to sort of an evening-his evening paper form the drumstick head are pressed a slew of men that he didn't want to firm and solid, and yet has some detalk to, and, finally, a tawdry, cheap gree of elasticity. This block of felt variety performance that might have is bored transversely of its layers to got a laugh out or him ten years be- receive the handle, and the head is him now. He took in a couple more felt drumstick being made with an billiard games, however, after the apple-shaped head. At the base of the show, and smoked a couple of vile head and also at the top there is a cigars, not because he cared to smoke, metal cap, the cap at the top being but because he wanted Mrs. Jobson to held with a screw running through it smell his breath and thus perceive the into the end of the stick, the head being thus held between two metal caps.

in bed when Mr. Jobson got home The felt drumstick has been in use about half an hour after midnight. She about four years. It costs about three had not even left a light burning in times as much as the old-fashioned the vestibule or in the bedroom. She drumstick, but it is much more durawoke up very leisurely when Mr. Job- ble and more satisfactory in operason started one of the gas jets going. tion. The yarn-stuffed head with long-She didn't say anything, however. Mr. continued use flats down more or less Jobson had expected to find her up, when struck, and the stitching of the fully dressed and in tears. He was seams is liable in the course of time disappointed. He was more disappoint- to draw out. The felt head preserves ed that she didn't greet him with re- its shape and gives greater certainty

likely to go to sleep again, and that There is also made for bass drums a he wasn't causing any grief at all by stick called a double-header, having a being haughty and keeping still. So head at each end; it is in appearance something like a dumbbell, except "Did he play the Buck Dance Con- that the handle is longer than the hancerto in Z minor with his hair, and die of a dumbbell would be and the heads are made with one a little larger There was a lot of sarcasm in the than the other. This is a felt-headed way Mr. Jobson asked this question. | stick; it is used in ruffling the drum. as is done also with the old-fashioned "What are you talking about?" she stick; in that case the head and the end of the stick being brought alternately into play. The double-header

Bass drumsticks are sometimes you your money's worth; also, if you made to order, with head or handle of players. New York Sun.

A "Lightning Change" Artist.

As I lay stretched on the bank at the shopping in the morning, and left the foot of a great maple I saw a weasel thought it might annoy you to have tance away. A few seconds later he concluded my shopping about 4 o'clock the tree hardly a yard from my eyes. Fisher. The wounded man was taken to a the recital. The 14th street car that beautiful creature minutely, till sudbrought me up town passed the car denly I found myself staring at the prove fatal. you were going in that direction. I my own experience, I should say that was home at twenty-five minutes past this is the usual termination of any 4. five minutes in advance of our usual chance observation of either weasels

gone. I suppose you had gone back to Occasionally they may be seen to night fortunately prevented further destruct your office to work. It's shameful the dart into the brushes or behind some way they're overlooking you, you poor log or projecting plank, but much more old thing," and then Mrs. Jobson, who frequently they vanish with a sudden-

working at his office, turned over and In all probability this vanishnig is accomplished by extreme repidity of "You can't beat 'em." thought Mr. motion, but if this is the case then the Jobson, when he got into bed. He was creature succeeds in doing something thinking of women in general.-Wash- utterly impossible to any other warmblooded animal of its size. Mice, squirrels, and some of the smaller birds are all of them swift enough at times, but except in the case of the humming bird none of them succeed in accomplishing the result achieved by the weasels-W. E. Cram. in Appleton's Popular Scientific Monthly.

Living in Venezuela.

Any one going to Caracas with an to one against the proposition is the exchanging of cups of sake (a idea of economy had much better scan liquid) nine times; three times the a few figures which the Venezuelan bride, three times the groom, three Herald prints. It costs a good deal to ment. Teward the end of the cere- tle in Venezuela on a small salary is mony a singer sings a song called to partake of the life or the immi-

the singer's beautiful melody remain- rents at from \$40 to \$55 per month. A ing in the air, charming all. The last cook costs \$10 per month, and a maid. who does not know how to sew on a button, \$5, and it requires three maids to perform badly the service of one untrained girl.

Marketing is very high, and clothing forests have had their feuds hidden exorbitant. There is no such thing as a ready made suit. Cabs cost 80 cents times for Germans to go alone into the an hour, gas 20 bolivars per 1,000 feet, remoter parts of the larger islands, so and the hotels charge from \$2.50 to \$10

Encouraging House Building.

To encourage the removal of old assured of a hearty welcome in any buildings, the authorities, of Vienna, Samoan village, however remote and Austria, have decreed that if the ownhowever partisan in the struggle over ers of 1,263 specified houses will rethe monarchy. Samon is the only place them with new structures they country where the people believed spe- will be guaranteed a release from the cifically that the United States was the | payment of taxes for eighteen years.

Latest News Gleaned from Various Parts.

FIREBUG'S AWFUL WORK

Much Timbers Destroyed by Fires on Blue Mountains-Smallpox Discovered by Medical Inspector in Westmoreland County-Flagman Dazzled by Electric Light and Failed to Restize the Danger.

An incendiary is supposed to be at work in the vicinity of Manor Station, Westmore land county. In one night two stables in which the same man was interested, was destroyed by fire. On Saturday night the dairy plant of the Manorfield Stock Farm Company, five miles up Manor Vailey, was burned, the loss being \$20,000, including twenty-nine Jersey cattle. The barn contained 120 head of cattle, and all but twenty-nine were saved. The cattle which perished were worth \$3,500. Some of them were imported from the Island of Jersey. Dr. M. E. Griffith, of Manor, sold the concern to the Farmers' and Deposit Bank, of Greensburg a few years ago, but retained an interest. On the same night the private stables of Dr. Griffith was destroyed by fire, and the firemen say they detected an odor of burning oil in the ruins, pointing to possible incendiarism. The loss from the second fire was \$1,200. F. L. Fry, chief of the Manor Fire Department, says there is no doubt but that the fire was incendiary. Dr. Griffith is unable to explain why anyone should desire the destruction of the two stables, but is convinced that the fires were of incendiary origin.

Store and Hotel Fired. John Reed's store building at Falls Creek, two miles from Dubois, was partially destroyed by fire. Citizens saved the building from total destruction, and it was then discovered that the store had been robbed and set on fire. The loss on goods and building will reach nearly \$10,000. An attempt was also made to burn the St. Elmo Hotel, Dubols. Andrew Murray had previously been ejected from the hotel. It is claimed that he returned, and gaining entrance to a rear room emptied the contents of an oil can and set fire to the fluid. The blaze was discovered before much damage had been done, Murray was afterward's arrested, and he was taken to the county jail.

Sixteen Small-Pox Cases. The discovery of the existence of sixteen cases of small-pox in Westmoreland county has created considerable excitement. Dr. R. B. Hammer, medical inspector for the State Board of Health in Westmoreland

County, made the discovery. The cases have been treated as varioioid, and they are located at Layton, a mining settlement of 300 people, on the line of the Baltimore & Onio Railroad. In some instances convalescent cases within the past ten days have been permitted to leave the neighborhood. No deaths occurred.

Flagman Crushed to Death.

F. B. Ryan, of Wilmington, Del., a flagman on a Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad shifting engine, was crushed to death at Lamokin. It seems that Ryan and a fellow-brakeman were riding on the forward bumpers of the shifter, which was running on the side track, when the shifter crashed into some detached cars standing on the siding. Ryan's companion saw the danger and jumped with a warning cry, but think you're making any kind of a hit some special dimensions to suit the Ryan was dazzled by an arc light and did not jump in time. His one leg was cut off and the body terribly crushed.

Shot by a Policeman. H. Y. Fisher, a Lithuanian, was shot and seriously wounded by a policeman at Wilkes-Barre. The officer discovered Fisher at-

tempting to enter a residence. When apprehended Fisher murderously assaulted the policeman. The latter thereupon shot hospital. The officer's bullet lodged in Fisher's back, causing a wound that may

Fires on Blue Mountains. Fierce and destructive fires raged along the timber on the Blue Mountains, north of Hamburg, the serpentine trails of fire being visible for many miles. The origin of the fire is unknown. Heavy rains during the

Higher Wages for 2,500 Men. It has been definitely announced that the employees of the Philadelphia & Reading shops are to receive an increase of wages ranging from 5 to 10 per cent. About 2,500 men and boys will be affected.

News in Brief. The residence of Eugene Whitenight, on Railroad Street, Bloomsburg, was completely destroyed by fire. In preparing for a blast at O'Brien's quar-

ries, Conshohocken, a workman inserted a charge in a hole that was already charged. An explosion followed, wrecking the boiler house, but injuring no one. The movement in Colwyn Borough to bor-

Fow \$10,000, to be spent in the erection of a modern school building, met defeat at a special election. The taxpayers voted three John Thomas, employed on the Bridge-

port construction train, in alighting from his train at the Norristown station, stepped in front of a passing engine. He was knocked down and run over. His right arm was cut off and he was otherwise injured.

MILITARY DIVISION OF CUBA. The President Orders the Six Departments

Consolidated Into Pour.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special) .-- The first * fmportant result of Secretary Alger's visit to Cuba was an order issued by the War Department, by direction of the President, consolidating the six military departments of the Division of Cuba into four departments. The departments of Santiago, Puerto Principe and Havana City are related intent. Puerto Principe and Havana City are re-tained intact. The departments of Santa Clara and Matanzas are consolidated un-der the command of Brigadier-General James H. Wilson and the departments of Havana Province and Pinar del Rio are consolidated under command of Brigadier-General Fitzhugh Lee. Brigadier-General George W. Davis, who was relieved tem-porarily from the command of the depart-ment of Pinar del Bio, to become a mem-ber of the beef court of inquiry, will not return to Cuba. Brigadier-General Bates, who had command of the department of Santa Clara, will also lose that detail through the consolidation. Brigadier-Generals Chaffee and Ernst will remain on the staff of General Brooke. the staff of General Brooke