THE KISS AT THE DOOR.

In the days of the lance and the spur. When the hero went forth to the fight. Oft he carried a token from her

Whom he worshipped as lover and knight,

And when fierce surged the battle around. And when close pressed the merci-

less foe, "Twas that token that drove off de-

spair And gave victory's strength to his

blow.

Not a hero of knighthood am I. But a warrior in industry's strife. Where the lance that I wield is my And the lady I serve is my wife. Yet a token I carry each day, Full as precious as any of yore, And it stoutens my heart for the frag; 'Tis my love's morning kiss at the

For his faith will the martyr endure. By the sunset the artist's inspir'd, At the blast of the bugle and fire Is the soldier to gallantry fired. But whatever may others exalt, For myself I shall ask nothing more As a prompter to worthiest deeds Than the kiss that I get at the door.

-Newark Advertiser.

Goor.



When I was a boy of fifteen, my father, who was a government official, he was dead, we pulled the boat alongtook me on a trip to Key West, and side of him, and made fast to his body thence up the Florida Reef as far as with a small line. We then prepared Cape Florida. There I was left to to disentangle him from the net, the spend a few days with the lighthouse whole length of which, about seventykeeper and his family, while my fath- five feet, was wound in an apparently er went on up the coast, intending to inextricable snarl tightly round the stop for me on his return.

told me so much about the hunting From the wound in his head the blood and fishing to be had in the vicinity was flowing, streaking the water with that I was most eager to go out with red as it was carried up the channel by impaling them on the end of this him for a day's sport. So he prom- by the current, which was setting diised to take me with him early the rectly toward the man-caters' hole, hext morning to visit his turtle net, Seizing the axe, I first cut off the saw The trappers fried to smoke the chinwhich was stretched across a narrow close to the head, and then laid it in chilla out by making great fires near channel leading up between two shoais the bottom of the boat. I then helped the entrance of the burrows, but the thto Biscayne Bay, about a mile from Dick to unwind the net by rolling the smoke, it was found, caused the skin the lighthouse.

midnight,

at short distances apart, extended adds, 'and I unhesitatingly pronounce about four feet forward of his head. rible feast progressed, bubbled and "If we don't kill him pretty soon," boiled like a huge caldron, rocking our said Dick, "he'll tear the net all to boat, and combining with the current ed his profession the other day by pieces and ruin it. But we haven't a to drive us farther away from ou. thing in the boat to kill him with." enemies, "Can't we pound him to death with the oars?" I inquired. "No," replied Dick. "It is dangerous softly paddled up to where the water to go near him. He can strike a blow was only eight or ten inches deep. with his saw hard enough to smash There we were safe from the attacks

through the boat anywhere; and be- of the maneaters, sides, he might give us a slap with his The reaction now set in, and I broke tail. No, our best plan is to go back down completely. Burying my face in

settle him."

home and get our guns, and an axe to my hands, for I could no longer look chop off his saw-you'll want his saw on the horrible scene. I begged Dick to to carry home with you. We'll soon pull back to the lighthouse as fast as possible. I had been through a terrible

So we quickly pulled back to the experience, and the strain for the molighthouse and got our guns and the ment was too much for me. But by axe. Then, with a warning from the the time we reached the lighthouse I keeper to make sure that the sawfish had somewhat recovered from my exwas dead before we approached him citement and nervous exhaustion, and too close, we went back to the scene. long before nightfall had completed ar-The sawfish was now resting quietly rangements with Dick to take a stroll on the surface, with his back and the up the beach in search of turtles' eggs. top of his head, including the whole Dick always insisted that my prompt

length of his saw, out of water. He action in throwing the net overboard was held in position by the anchors and cutting the line made fast to the fastened to the net. To Dick's satis- sawfish had saved our lives, and I befaction, I claimed the first shot at the came quite a hero with the keeper and sawtish. Then slipping a couple of his family in consequence. We after buckshot cartridges into the No. 10 ward captured an immense man-eater, English breechloader which my father and I have his jaws and backbone, as had kindly loaned me for the trip. I well as the sawfish's snout, in my natwas ready. When within about twenty ural history collection at home .feet Dick stopped the boat, and I fired Youth's Companion.

into the head of the sawfish. For a few moments the sawfish lay quietly, and I thought he must be dead. But suddenly he began the most violent struggles, and for a short Dynamite Used in the Capture of the Liftle time made the water round him fairly foam, as he rolled about, lashing the surface with his fins and tail. But soon his struggles grew weaker and weaker, until finally he lay on the wat-

er motionless. As soon as we were convinced that body, with large rents in it through Dick, the eldest son of the keeper, which his saw and fins protruded.

body over and over, and dipping the to turn yellow, which seriously de-At the first dawn of day he routed net over the head and fins where he preciated its value. Now the more Are out, and after a hasty wash and a had thrust them through it. In this progressive Indians use dynamite. rup of hot coffee to keep off the ma- manner we had recovered about twenlaria, we started, in the best of spirits, ty feet of one end of the net, when I form a network of grass and hardy

# **MUNTING THE CHINCHILLA.**

"Now is our time, Dick!" I said, and

we quietly took up an oar apiece and

Fur Bearing Rodent.

Killing chinchilla with the aid of dynamite is one of the lucrative pastimes of the South African Indians world very considerably. This season more than ever before chinchilla has been the fashionable fur used in the

manufacture of cloaks, muffs and for the trimming of costly hats. High in the mountains the nimble-

footed chinchilla are caught and killed by half-savage Indians, Tact and skill are needed to allure the cautious little animal from its hole in the earth. Originally the Indians used to use cactus prongs, which are long and natural formed spear. This punctured the skin and impaired its value.

After locating the chinchilla they As we passed the lighthouse tower, heard a sharp, cutting sound in the plants, which is placed around the the keeper called out to us from the water and saw it came from the gaff- hill on which the animal digs its top, where he had been on watch since topsail-like fin of a huge shark which holes. A dynamite cartridge, with a was rapidly cleaving the surface close time fuse attached, is then discharged in the center of the net. and be sure to get back in time for "A man-eater!" should Dick. "We'll which frightens the chinchilla so that have to get away from here right off. they leave their holes and scamper in-The man-eaters' hole, as Dick ex- before he attacks the sawfish. The side the net. The Indians then dash plained to me, was a large, deep ba- smell of the blood has brought him. into the arena with clubs and kill sin, not far from where the turtle-net Look, there's another one of the them by striking them over the head. This is considered the easiest and best sharks were usually lurking. It was The two sharks slowly circled about method of killing them, as it does not vary in value from \$3 to \$15 each. Wkely to attack. Indeed, Dick and his "Throw the net overboard and cast When it is considered that as many father had several times been followed off the line. They are going to eat the as 100 animals are killed in one sortie so closely by one or more of them that sawfish and us, too, if we don't hurry. of this character the value of the they had run their boat into shailow Dick was trembling all over, and skins to the Indians, who are shrewd water to get rid of the annoyance. The seemingly unable to control his move- commercial traders, may be imagined. sharks would bite savagely at the oars, ments. Fortunately for both of us, I Some of the tribes own ferrets, or anything that might be trailing had not as yet realized the danger of which they use to good advantage. overboard. Upon one occasion a large our position, but remained perfectly They pay as much as \$5 for one. The shark had almost capsized their boat cool anod collected. Hastily bundling ferrets are taken to the mountain by rising up under it, and the creature the net over the side. I grabbed the tops and sent through the furrows,

# NOTES AND COMMENTS.

saving a man from death.

With portable school houses and traveling Brooklyn school children ought at least to make progress.

A popular writer says that men, like children, are "pleased with a rattle." Not much if it is at the end of a snake.

The esteemed Shah of Persia, who has been living on \$5,000 a day, is pect a fellow to get along on fifteen cents!

Recent explorations show that Brazli could, if pushed, furnish fifty per itless.

In France a tax is levied upon all foolishly thrown away? doors and windows opening upon streets, courts, and gardens in houses, mills, or factories throughout the nathe year 1899 aggregated \$18,694,394.

You might as well ask whether cambric tea will supplant oolong or dried peas coffee.

One who compiles selections of beyond the poets of the last generation out a sense of discord.

farming, as it is usually conducted on incompetency of the hired help, hence full-grown saurian. the need of apprenticeship in the handiwork of the farm.

The fine old gentleman of 70 years who travelled 2,000 miles to horsewhip another old gentleman of 70, whom he had not seen for twenty-five years. exhibited an amount of persistence and energy that might well have been devoted to a better cause.

An act for the prevention of cruelty to wild animals has just become effective in England. The new law extends the provisions of the act, which has heretofore applied only to domestic animals, to all birds, fishes and reptiles not included in that measure. and makes offenders liable to three months' imprisonment or a fine of \$20.

for 50,000 persons. In some cases as many as 150 persons of all ages and both sexes live in one large wigwam.

The Duke of Abruzzi, nephew of the late King of Italy, has written his name at the top of the list of Arctic explorers. By reaching a latitude of 86 degrees, 33 minutes he surpassed Nansen's record and got about nineteen miles nearer to the pole than any other expedition has done. It was a remarkable performance in a way, but one cannot help but ask what good has it accomplished queries the Washington Star, We are told that the scientific results of the expedition were most satisfactory, but it is doubtful if growing thin. And yet some people ex- they will prove to be of any great value after all. Eminent scientists aver that there are few, if any, important problems that would be solved even if the pole itself were reached. Certainly they are not commensurate cent, more raw rubber than at present, with the expense and dangers involvand that the possibilities of Africa as ed. The Duke of Abruzzi's expedition a rubber exporting continent are lim- is considered to have been very fortunate in that only three lives were lost, But weren't those three lives

A novel scheme is that projected by a Georgia man to make a fortune by tion. The revenue from this source for raising alligators. He is fencing in 300 acres of swamp-land for an alligator farm, and will be ready for business The question is frankly asked in the fall. Thirty-seven alligators whether sacharin will displace sugar. have already been placed on the farm, Not as long as you can get the sugar. and the promoter expects to realize \$600 on his scheme next year. The alligator, next to the rabbit, is said to be the most prolific of animals, and where there is a ready demand for them there is more money in raising poetry for reading at funerals soon them than any other animal. That learns that it is useless to look much there is a demand for them, now is shown by the fact that the promoter of which enriches the commerce of the for anything which can be used with- this farm has filed away in his office more orders for alligators than he hopes to be able to supply in two years. The Breeder's Gazette says that one There is a steady call from tourists of the chief difficulties in the way of for small alligators, while the many uses now made of alligator-skin give the overlarge Western farms, is the a profitable value to the hide of the

> The latest stories of a submarine boat, which is to blow opposing battleships out of the water and revolutionize naval warfare, come from England, where the authorities hitherto have exhibited much indifference on the subject. It is said that the machine dives with facility, travels well under water, and is perfectly capable of attaching a mine of 500 pounds of guncotton to the bottom of the largest ironclad and getting out of danger before the explosion which is to dissipate her enemy in unappreciable particles. The boat is further able to discharge torpedoes above and below wawater, and is armed with quickfiring and machine-guns, with which she can give a good account of herself

mon the surface. It is noteworth

# THE JOKERS' BUDGET.

A Query. "Why do they call them sleeping cars, Since people always keep Declaring when they ride in them That they can never sleep? Why do they call those places barns Where trolley cars are kept Since never a single horse within The arching doors has stepped?"

-Chicago Times-Herald.

#### BI-fold Qualification.

"What is your idea of a club-able woman, Portia?"

"Well, a club-able woman is one who has something to say and wants to say it, and she has good clothes and wants to show them."-Puck.

#### He Was Experienced.

"Catch me proposing to a girl by letter!"

"What makes you so timid?" "Why, three girls in this town have my framed proposals hanging up in their 'dens'."-Detroit Free Press

#### Her Best Day.

Mr. Sappeigh-Er-er-Miss Frostem, I came this evening to-er-er-press my suit.

Miss Frostem-Well, you had better come some time on Tuesday. That is our ironing day .- Baltimore American.

#### A Modest Chap.

McJigger-I never met any one so free from conceit as Meekton. Thingumbob-Modest, is he?

McJigger-Well, he admits that he is "the average man." - Philadelphia Press.

#### One of the Profession.

Jobley: "Doing anything now, Hobley?

Hobley: "Yess; writing for the press."

Jobley: "Stories or editorials?" Hobley: "Wrappers." - Equitable Record.

#### Unprofessional Suddenness.

Miss Bunker-And was his proposal o very sudden, then?

Miss Brassey .- Sudden! Why, he didn't tee up at all. Simply plumped down on his knees and said: "Lec me caddie for you through the links of life"-Puck

#### The Ways of a Climate.

"Is this what you call a changeable climate?" asked the stranger.

"Not exactly," answered the native. "It experiments around until it gets about as disagreeable as it is possible for weather to be. Then it hangs on. -Washington Star.

"Don't go near the man-eaters' hole, to us, breakfast."

was set, in which a number of big brutes!" vicinity in a small boat, for they were the boat or the sawfish. upon his back with the oars.

with unerring aim, to emerge shortly ness of the mosters, from the water with a writhing, glittering fish in each beak.

At the boat-landing we took a at us!" I shrieked to Dick. vicinity of the turtle-net.

ed: "What in the world is in that bility have been capsized. net? It must be an awfully big fish of One of the sharks had darted under some kind!"

and throwing the spray high in the air, struck the keel with his back. the surface. We approached with cau- in two by one of the monsters, tion, until Dick saw the thing clearly. At this I became enraged, and pick-Then he said, excitedly, "It's a big ing up my gun fired the remaining sawfish, all wound up in the net! charge of buckshot into the exposed Times-Lerald. That's his saw sticking up in the air!" back of the nearest shark. It was an-

through it, and had wound it round his view. tody in a large ball

fifteen or sixteen feet in length, and moments the sharks, living and dead, that year was Sunday; if 1, Monday; were in the time of the ancient Ro- is about eighty-nine miles an hour; we could see that his body would and the sawfish, or what remained of 2 Tuesday, and so on. For the last mans. Then they were mostly slaves, while in winter they have sometimes measure fully four feet across the it, were all mixed up together in a century do the same thing, but add 4 but well housed and fed, while to-day been known to travel at the rate of widest part. His saw, on each side whirling, tumultuous mass. of which large, strong teeth were set The water above them, as the hor- all 2 instead.

considered dangerous to cross in their us, as if uncertain whether to attack in any way damage the skins, which

was driven off only by repeated blows axe and cut the line attaching the boat chasing the chinchilla out into the to the sawfish.

was stirring, but the water was alive made a rush, and cleaving the water The skins are removed immediately with innumerable fishes of all kinds like lightning, ran his nose up over and placed on shrubs to dry. The and sizes, that leaped flashing into the the back of the sawiish and fastened evening meal of the trappers often air, or darted to and fro in the clear his jaws into the flesh. Tugging at consists of the bodies of the slain roddepths below. Over them hovered my- it with all his might, like a huge bull- ents, the meat of which is white and riads of noisy, expectant gulls, grace- dog, he tore a large piece out and tender. The hearts of the latter are ful man-o-war hawks and ponderous, gulped it down at one swallow. At given to the ferrets as a requital for flapping pelicans. As these birds chose this I experienced for the first time a their work. their victims, they plunged one by one realizing sense of the power and fierce- A great part of the trapping is done

hurried glance into Dick's turtle-pen, There now appeared to be five or where the chinchilla are caught, the with its score or more of large green six of the maneaters round us, and mountains are for a long period each turtles, awaiting an opportunity for they were gradually closing in on us. month illuminated by the rays of the shipment to Key West, whence they as if emboldened by numbers, Again moon, enabling the Indians to move would go by steamer to New York, there was a fierce rush at the sawfish; about with great agility for their prey. Then, launching Dick's small "White- this time by two of the sharks, which The chinchilla lives principally on hall" boat, we jumped in and started fastened upon the carcass at the same herbs, and often when they come out off, each pulling a pair of short sculls, instant and pulled in opposite direc- to feed are trapped by the Indians, Across the main channel that leads tions. We sat as if spellbound, wit- Four times a year the tribes descend by the cape into Biscayne Bay we nessing the horrible struggle without into the semi-civilized village at the rowed until our oars touched bottom making an effort to escape, until sud- base of the mountains with their on the shoal at the opposite side. Then denly there was a grating sound under skins. There they are met by the following round the edge of it, keeping the keel, and our boat was lifted agents of the various European fur in shallow water, we soon reached the bodily several inches out of the water, houses. One American house has its If Dick had not promptly fallen down representative there, too. The occa-

the boat from the opposite side to at- agent there, says he paid one tribe Indeed, a large body was splashing tack the sawfish, and as he rose had of thirty Indians for the firm by

while something that looked like the An oar which I had put over the side broad, flat blade of an ore was way. and was holding on to mechanically. ing to and fro three or four feet above was torn from my grasp and snapped

Sure enough, a monster sawfish other most successful shot. The charge (Pristis pectinatus) had become en- evidently penetrated to the backbone, tangled in the net, and in twisting and as the shark instantly became paral- what day of the week any date of this turning to free himself, had torn large yzed and began to sink, slowly turning century fell. Divide the year by four tute of Rome, Professor Celli, has 315. holes by thrusting his saw and fins over and exposing his white belly to and let the remainder go. Add the written a book in which he declares

Dick said the sawfish was at least ed by his companions, and in a few and if the remainder is 0 March 1 of a more wretched condition than they fleecy clouds of the upper atmosphere

open, where they are clubbed to death Out on the bay not a breath of air At that instant one of the sharks with celerity by the waiting Indians.

> at night, the chinchilla seldom being "Get out your oars and help me pull visible in the day time. The nights up on the shoal where they can't get are cool and clear, and there being but little vegetation at the height

As we drew near to it, Dick exclaim- in the bottom, we should in all prob- sion of the Indians' arrival is usually made a religious festival.

George Herzig, the only American whom he was employed as much as \$\$0,000-in native money, which is equivalent to \$30,000 in American money-last year for skins. This the Indians converted principally into mule and llama stocks, by which they estimate their wealth. - Chicago

#### A Handy Rule to Know.

Here is a simple way to find out on quotient and the year together, then that the peasants of the Campagna, He was almost immediately attack- add 3 more. Divide the result by 7 about 50,000 in number, are to-day in The average velocity of the tiny

England, according to the St James's Gazette, has still 82,000,000,-000 tons of coal unused and available. consumption, it will be more than 500 years before this quantity is exhausted. The official returns for last year showed a consumption of 157,000,000 tons in Great Britain and Ireland,

Garibaldi, to whom is given the credit for the inception of the shirt waist idea, is now said by Thomas Nast to have got it from the red shirts of the old New York Volunteer fire department. Where the fire fighters low it. got it is another matter. It seems to be but another endless chain. Verily there is nothing new under the make coke from the soft, bituminous

Recent statistics show that although promising success. The product has the seaman of the present day is betof the respiratory organs have inpneumonia, and phthisis has more than gone.

One of the curious and suggestive ity as was manufactured there." If Two years later the same laborers recause it lacked that ventilating ap- ovens of Connersville. paratus.

ago as 1871, 22,000 children received and pants and even weeds.

Late English criminal statistics show | tial lead of 8,137 over Milwaukee, the | about raising children, do you?" umberland,

that nothing is said about either of the two vital qualifications, equilibrium According to the past average rate of and vision; and, also, that the vessel has not yet been accepted or tested by the Admiralty. Her true value, therefore, is still quite problematical. Meanwhile the French profess to be satisfied completely with the behavior of the Gustave Zede, the Narval, and

the Gymnote, and are preparing to construct a flotila of forty of these travelling submarine torpedoes. It does not appear that they are to be equipped for fighting above water as well as be-

> Efforts, noted some time ago, to coal of Tennessee, have been repeated in Missouri and are meeting with

been placed before experts for inspecter cared for and less exposed than tion. Charles Evans, the Missouri the seamen of former days, diseases Coal-Mine Inspector, says that the process is a complete sucess, and that creased enormously in the British navy the work has passed beyond the exand invaliding for bronchitis, pleurisy, perimental stage, "I have seen the coke taken from the Pennsylvania doubled since masts and yards have ovens, near where I was raised," he adds, "and I unhesitatingly pronounce

the Missouri article of as fine a qual-

details in the latest report of the Swiss | further developments fulfil the promfactory inspectors relates to the atti- ise, the result will mean much to the tude of the operatives in a certain fac- | coal districts of Missouri, and those of tory in regard to an improved venti- other States which produce much the lating apparatus. They objected to it same kind of coal. Hitherto the great because it would breed rheumatism. smelter districts of the west have imported their coke from Pennsylvania, fused to go to another building be- most of it coming from the great coke

For fifty years Detrolt and Milwaukee have been close rivals in the mat-In France gardening is taught, prac- ter of population, the parallel being tically, in 28,000 primary and elemen- more notable than the one furnished tary schools, each of which has a gar- by St. Paul and Minneapolis. Half a den attached. In Sweden even as long century ago the Michigan city led by 958, and it closes the century with a instruction in horticulture, and each of lead of only 389. In 1850 Detroit had 2,016 schools had for cultivation from a population of 21,019, and Milwaukee one to sixteen acres. Not a day la- 20,061. Ten years later Detroit had borer but could tell the names of trees grown to 45,619 and Milwaukee to 45,-246. Between 1860 and 1870 Detroit made a spurt and gained the substan-

that Glamorgan, after Monmouth, is figures being 79,377 and 71,440. But by the blackest county in the island for 1880 Milwaukee had almost closed up the number of crimes in proportion to this gap between them, and Detroit, the population. The drunkards' map with 116,340, was followed closely by shows Glamorgan in a bad light also. Milwaukee with 115,587, the rivals Northumberland is much the worse holding the eighteenth and nineteenth 1 am sleepy." county for drunkenness, London and positions in the list of American cities. Lancashire have hardly half the pro- In 1890 this pair had gained the fifportion of hebriety found in North- teenth and sixteenth places, with populations of 205,876 and 204,468, respectively. By the present census De-

The director of the Hygienic Insti- troit has 285,704 and Milwaukow 200,-

## The Speed of the Clouds.

instead of 3. For the next century they are on the verge of starvation, 230 miles an hour. They are comand there are only about 500 houses posed of ice dust.

Just What She Used to Hear.

Miss Knowlton (exhibiting her engagement ring) .-- What will you charge me for a stone to match that one? Jeweler-My dear Miss, it would be very hard to match it perfectly and might cost you five hundred dollars .--Jewelers' Weekly.

#### An Ingenious System.

"This comes from making love to the daughter of a genius."

"What is the trouble, Tom?" "Why, her father has just invented a parlor clock that sounds an alarm at 10 o'clock, turns out the gas and opens the front door by a wire spring."

#### His Guarantee.

"Gee whizz! That blamed watch is stopped again! What an awful liar that jeweller is!"

"What's the matter?"

"I left the thing for him to fix. He charged me two dollars and said it would work like a charm now."

## All Sound.

"What are the wild waves saying?" murmured the woman as she stood on the silver lining of the mighty main. "Nothing, Maria," replied the man, hoarsely: "they are like some people we know-they make a great deal of noise, but don't say anything."-Tit-Rits.

#### Could Remember It Anywhere.

"Say, old man, I saw your wife lown town."

"Did you? Why, when did you ever meet her?"

"Never met her until this morning." "Then how in the world did you know her?"

"I recognized your necktie."-Chicago News.

## The Mother's Limitations.

"Mamma," said three-year-old Flossie, "I guess you don't know much "Why do you think that?" asked her mother.

"Because," replied the little miss, 'you always send me to bed when I'm not sleepy and make me wet up when

## Golf.

"I tell you, golf is going to be the salvation of the nation. It is going to make athletic men and women cut of our puny offsprings, and lengthen our

days by decades, "But our ancesters didn't go in for golf."

"And where are they now? Dead! All dead!"-Boston Journal.

The average depth of sand in the leserts of Africa is from thirty to forty feet.