The man who cannot rest to-day, But says he will to-morrow, Finds, when his work is cleared away, New tasks or sits in sorrow-The merry time, the happy time, The blissful day in view Is never gained by them that wait To triumph and to celebrate With nothing more to do.

The man who folds his hands to-day And contemplates with sorrow The pressing task that's put away Unfinished till to-morrow Has neither rest of heart nor mind, For he that looks ahead To duties long delayed destroys The sweetest of sweet leisure's joys-But borrows doubt and dread.

The man who mixes work and play At present and to-morrow Keeps life's poor little ills away And finds few cares to borrow; The merry time, the happy time,

The blissful day in view Is every day for him whose hand Is tuned each day to fair deeds, and the blind lion had been well kept. His cub did not attack. Who plays in reason, too. -S. E. Kiser in the Chicago Times-

Herald.

The Blind Cougar.

BY FRANKLIN WELLES CALKINS.

en, and the air seemed soft and heavy. Debaw, and myself set out from our shack to make a circuit of the nearer

sheep, grizzles, black bears and moun- made a leap to the right, then directly intense excitement. He stopped over tain-lions. On that November day, toward me. Then he lost the scent and the bodies of his dead mate and cub one cotton buck. Then, in close pur- tail whipped to and fro. dent befell me. Hot upon the trail, I gully. He seemed to reason that the ward the canon cleft and leaped into was pushing through an undergrowth scented creature must have shifted its its abyss. of cedar, when I burst from cover upon position. Again his nose took wind of Was it a case of suicide? It has aland dropped off the rim of a ledge rock, I gave myself up for lost. some fifteen or twenty feet in height.

rock and one of my arms overhung had leaped many times upon the shelf get the meat he found three lions had perilous position; yet with a curious watched him gather himself, and then missed, and as the lions ran he had sense of helpless indifference I looked vault in a sweeping curve above the followed, shooting at them as long as which I knew well was the "hidden in four or five steps of where I lay.

side was a mass of rocks rounding off leaped back across the cut,

notch. "A poor place to look for deer," was peared with his lair. my thought, and there was little liken- It was now snowing very fast, and hood of my hunting companions finding in the next few minutes, relieved of

voice for shouting.

sis of my nerves had partially abated, pearance of the puma, or, worse yet, of and I succeeded in rolling over and its mate.

rocks just across the narrow canon. grown cub. toward the higher ground.

fallen, I felt a thrill of fear. If the tails. the rocks.

seemed to be looking directly at me. It passed on and gone into their lair. It ful male of the human race. walked deliberately down to the edge was but a moment, however, before "What did your little friend have to of the cleft, and for an instant I they reappeared, and this time the say?" asked mamma after the small thought my time had come.

gan trotting back and forth in front dutifully to conduct him to the feast. | bashful."-New York Times. of its lair. It travelled over a beat of Under safer curcumstances, I should some forty yards or more, wheeling have felt the keenest interest in this. The average girl rather admires exeach turn, and going over its path flerce beasts, and, with perfect oppor- ries him.

twelve yards of where I lay. And a tragedy. now, with awakened faculties, I dis- The lions had been gone a half-hour, its half-closed lids.

this unfortunate beast! Fascinated, be heard at a considerable distance. curious, and forgetting my helpless Then, as if by magic, I was confrontlum stroke.

red-yellow coat was sleek and hand- Some new fear seemed to possess some, and his great muscles moved and them. They whirled about repeatedly, parts of perfect machinery. He drop- themselves upon the snow, and lashed ped his lower jaw now and then, and their tails excitedly. the skin of an alligator. Once only he at them. Perhaps for the first time suggestive fashion. I rejoiced, indeed, and the hissing whine of bullets. padded the path for his feet.

Instantly the gliding, graceful figure ledge.

For some time I lay paralyzed, physi- growling louder and louder, I knew astonished at our meeting. Before it. I had no power to retire from this where I lay. Horror-stricken, I torn down the carcass. He fired and down into a black and dismal gully chasm and alight upon the rocks with- they were in sight.

masses of rock. It must have been snarling, sniffing lion did not spring Companion. nearly one hundred feet to the bot- upon me. He had jumped to windtom, and a small stream leaped and ward of me, and the air currents no tumbled through the boulder-filled longer carried the scent. He reared again upon his hind feet, snuffing anx- trial recently. He went out to hunt So narrow was the cleft where I lay lously. Then to my joy his bristles for news, says Tit-Bits, and after bethat an active man could have leaped lowered, his savage espect changed to ing away all day returned with the it at a running jump. On the opposite one of distrust, and he turned and following, which he said was the best

to the left, and below this a rough, He stood upon the brink for a monarrow slope along the rim of the ment in a listening attitude of suspic- froze our blood with horror. A cabion, and then, trotting away, disap-

me soon, unless I could send my shouts intense reacting pains, I did some hard to their ears. But as yet I had no thinking. I dared not shout to attract the attention of my fellow-hunters, and At the end of half an hour the paraly. I was in momentary fear of a reap-

gaining a reclining posture against the The weather was warm, hardly at ledge. In so doing, I discovered that the freezing point, and I was warmly my right shoulder was dislocated, and clothed. I might, I concluded, survive that probably two of my ribs were twenty-four hours and longer if let cracked. I found that I was upon a alone by the lions, and long before that shelf of rock some thirty feet in length, time Curtis and Pete would be scourand not more than seven or eight in ing the hills for me. Camp was not more than two miles distant. I decid-Still nothing seemed to matter great- ed to lie quiet in the snow until I ly, and when presently a gust of wind should hear some sound of searching.

whirled by and great feathery flakes Within half an hour the wisdom of began dropping spirally into the notch, this course was made apparent. Then I felt a lethargic sense of indifference. I saw, coming down out of the storm-From this hazy condition I was upon the far slope, two more red-yelroused by seeing a great reddish-yel- low beasts, which soon proved to be low beast come out of a cleft in the the blind lion's mate and her well-

It was a "mountain lion" of great size, I shrank in fear under my covering and it paused upon the slope with up- of snow. Some taint of my presence lifted head and pricked ears, appar- there was yet in the notch, for both very small ladies. The little tenently listening and looking away the lions paused, at fwenty steps or so, and snarled angrily, with bristling Now, for the first time since I had backs and nervous twitching of their

big cat were hungry, how easily it For a moment the two seemed to be might leap the gully and devour me glaring straight at me, and I closed my ing. Undoubtedly that is a feminine where I lay! Most feverently I hoped eyes in fearful suspense. I waited, perquisite, but this particular young the creature might trot away beyond hardly breathing for some seconds; But the lion turned its head and I looked again, to find that they had noted lack of confidence in the youthblind male was with them. The three boy visitor had departed. Still the animal showed no sign of passed together up the ridge beyond. "Oh, you know how boys of that age having seen me. On the contrary, it There had been a kill somewhere, and are, mother," replied the little lady, turned immediately to one side, and be- the blind lion's mate and cub had come with a commiserating air, "terrible

each time with precisely the same tunity, I should have hesitated to kill movement-a shuffling, gliding trot. It either the dam or her cub. As it was, thus passed and repassed within ten or I was to witness something very like

covered that this big male lion was perhaps, when I heard the booming blind. Instead of the yellow-green crack, crack of a rifle just over the balls with cruel slits there were two rock ridge in front of me. I answered prominent grayish-white disks under the shots with a hallo as lusty as I could give, and hitched myself to a It was a blind cougar out for exer- more conspicuous posture against the cise. Surely, with the notch between ledge. I shouted again and again, a us, there could be little danger from rather feeble wail, but loud enough to

condition, I watched the lithe, power- ed by the three lions, which had slid ful, enormous cat promenading his down an inward curve of the rock ledge beat-a path which he had doubtless upon my left. They came on in great trodden many thousand times. Just so bounds to within fifteen or twenty with the individual scientific cognomany steps in one direction, just so yards of my perch. There catching men of Porifera, probably on account many back over the same line. At one sight of me, the two foremost came to point he avoided a projecting boulder; a halt, and united their voices in menat another passed round a broken cedar ace. It was easy to be seen that somesapling. He swung himself back and thing exciting and unusual had hapforth with the regularity of a pendu- pened to the puma family. The blind one, apparently cowed by his helpless-Here, despite his infirmity, was no ness, slunk to his cavern, muttering caged, hampered and rod-beaten crea- hoarsely as he ran. Despite their savture of the menagerie. By some means, age demonstrations, the dam and her

that he was blind. And so I lay Then a rifle cracked again, this time watching, while the big panther glided close at hand, and I saw the cougar Therefore, at about sunrise, my part- out of a cross current nearly in front of the firing, I saw our Indian, Pete, ner, Curtis, our Indian helper, Pete of his lair the lion caught my scent! searching for a way to descend the

beast reared upon its hind feet, snuffing the blind lion ran out of his lair, which hgir shrank upon his skin. A great

I dropped my gun upon the snow, and the gaping cut as if to make sure of sudden sense of loss, in his great fear grasped in vain at bush and boulder the direction. Then, as his ears were and excitement, the creature may have come the sponge of commerce. to stay my downward flight. I pitched laid flat, and his yellow talons were had no other aim than mad flight, and down an incline, rolled over and over, unsheathed to take firm grip upon the may have gone to his death quite by accident.

With his snarls menacing me and I was as much overjoyed as Pete was

By making a strenuous effort I canon," as we had named it, of Spring I expected instant death. My nerves found that a could stand on my feet, were suddenly racked with cutting but I was not released from my shelf It was from twelve to twenty feet in pains, which ran through my chest un- until the Indian procured an axe and width, a huge split between two til I gasped for breath. And yet the bridged the gulch with poles.-Youth's

Well Worthy of the Pest,

A newspaper took a new reporter on he could do:

"Yesterday we saw a sight which man, driving down Market street at a rapid pace, was very near running over a nurse and two children. There would have been one of the most heartrending catastrophes ever recorded had not the nurse, with wonderful forethought, left the children at home before she went out, and providentially stepped into a chemist's shop just before the cab passed,

reaching the crossing, thought of something he had forgotten, and, turning about, drove in the opposite direction. Had it not been for this won- | in the gulf waters, either with or withderful concurrence of favorable circumstances a doting father, a loving mother and affectionate brothers and sisters would have been plunged into the deepest woe and most unutterable funeral expense."

The new reporter will be retained.

He Was "Terrible Bashful,"

The mental superiority of the immature young woman to the immature young man is generally acknowledged. It is a fact that is recognized by some year-old girl in the country was visited the other day by a small boy neighbor of the same age. The two sat in the hammock for a time swinging, and it might have been noticed that the young woman did most of the talkwoman felt that she was obliged to do then, hearing no more of the cougars. more than her share, on account of a

FLORIDA SPONGE FISHERY.

HOW THEY ARE CATHERED IN SOUTH ERN WATERS.

Professor Wilson's Experiments - Why fication before it is fit to use. When of the Sponge.

nied to the sponge the honor of being or pens on shore, where the animal classed among those things in nature matter, which is called gurry, decays which possess animal life, but now the still more. Next, the men beat the sponges have been placed above the sponges with a wet wooden paddle, protozoa in a subkingdom of their own, and scrape them with knives. The of the multitude of pores. Other scientists class the sponge with the corals, sea-feathers, and jelly-fishes. H. V. Wilson, Ph. D., professor of

biology in the University of North Carolina, has recently conducted a series of most interesting laboratory experiments to demonstrate "The Feasibility of Raising Sponges from the Egg." He thinks that the probability is that every sponge is hermaphrodite, and that at one period this peculiar individual proglided over each other like well-oiled to guard against surprises. They flung duces chiefly male elements, and at another period mainly female elements. Thus the egg is fecundated within the once gave a mighty yawn, displaying I understood that some one-Curtis body of the mother, and there underrows of fangs which might have rent or Pete, doubtless-had been shooting goes its early development. Later on the lively little embryo sponge bursts halted upon the stone in a horribly they had heard the thunder of a gun away from maternal control, and, with a feeling of individual importance, perhaps a presentiment of the wounds of a hero to be washed, strolls out into Odd Experience of a Medical Missionary It was a good day for deer-hunting. back and forth and the whirling snow- dam flatten out upon the snow with a one of those pores, where it is caught Two or three inches of snow had fall- flakes slipped off his glossy coat and bullet through her brain. The cub by the ocean current. It is a wonderbounced about wildly, spltting and his- fully interesting atom, as it paddles And now again the wind whirled by sing, until two or three more shots along. It is an oval solid body about mined to utilize the favorable weather in eddying gusts, flinging snowflakes were fired, when it, too, dropped in its a twenty-fifth of an inch in diameter, for the killing of our winter meat. and dry leaves across the notch; and tracks, dead. Looking in the direction and can be plainly seen with the naked eye. It is covered with a slender hairlike formation of protoplasm that is called cilia. The hours of comparative was transformed, and a fierce, snarling While Pete was hunting for a path, freedom of the cilia are brief, at the best, for they are ever more or less at In 1875 this rough Black Hills coun- in eager anxiety to find the prey. The he must have considered unsafe the mercy of the current. But in from try abounded in big game-elk, deer, lion whirled about several times, then against the new foe. The beast showed twenty-four to forty-eight hours it must go down to the bottom, attach itself to some rock or solid foundation. at one o'clock or a little later, I had crouched, his red muzzle quivering, and suiffed at them in apparent great and there be metamorphosed. The killed and hung up four blacktails and his ears twitching curiously, while his anxiety. Then his tail drooped and his body of the minute infant sponge flattens out into a thin disk, so diaphanous suit of a wounded doe among a rough Now he rose again and moved, sniff- fear seized him. Suddenly he uttered a and unimportant looking that the castumble of rock ledges, a serious acci- ing cautiously along the rim of the strange, whining lament, sprang to- ual observer might fancy it a mere incrustation of some of the salts of the sea. But, if left undisturbed for one or two years, it will grow to sufficient a precipitous slope and fell headlong. me, and crouching, he sniffed down at ways seemed so to me, and yet, in his size to pass the four-inches-in-diameter requirements of the law and be-

> sand square miles that constitute the of a visiting card. around on the uneven, rocky beds of work of some passing trader. the ocean upon which the sponges grow fast, destroy the next year's tice there was scarcely more than the crop. Some expert divers in the Med- thickness of a piece of parchment left iterranean sea were brought out to the of the skull over the brain, and the Florida coast a few years ago. With wound had practically healed. It these three Greek sponge divers there turned out that Lapule had made the was also an experienced diver from long journey to his distant home to see dent. New York; but the experiment was not me, because this degree of damage a success. The salary of each of the troubled him. He had the idea that divers was \$150 a week, the sponges the piece of the skull should be set back were nowhere found in dense beds, and in place, and he seemed to have great the hookers, in the same length of time, secured more sponges than the divers. So destructive of the crop of young his skull chip could not be stuck back. sponges have the cumbersome apparatus of the divers proved, in Europe and in Turkey, that laws prohibiting div-"Then, too, the cabman, just before ing for sponges in this way have been kept harping on the fear that he might passed in those countries; and there is still on the statute books of Florida a law that prohibits diving for sponges thus play the mischief with him. The out armor.

> > in the shoal waters off the coast of mercial. Florida, the fishers used a short pole weighing from one pound and a half to two pounds, with a shank of six inches; but the longer poles necessitated by the deep-water fishing have fore Mr. Langham, deputy coroner, at shank, and they weigh about five London Daily Mail, when he inquired pounds. The only other apparatus that into the death of a little girl named the sponge fishers require is a water- Lydia Marja Chamberlain, aged nine, manipulates the water-glass and the ually sank and died. grappling pole. When, by the aid of Dr. Nixon, the house surgeon, in his water-glass, he locates a sponge, answer to the coroner, said they had he inserts his; hook, detaches the records of one or two cases of the spenge, and pulls it to the surface. kind, but they were very rare. Death The sponge fisher, like any other ang- was due to general blood poisoning. ler, does not always succeed in land-

surface is by the spongers called a "roller," or a "rolling John."

The sponge that we use is merely the skeleton of the sponge that the sponge fisher throws into the bottom of his dingey. It has to go through a number of different processes of purithe Divers Are Not Successful-Use of it is first taken out of the water it is the Water-Glass-We Use the Ske.eton black and slimy. It takes several days of exposure in the hot sun on the decks of the large vessels to kill it. Then, For a great many years scientists de- for a week longer, it is put in crawls residue, with what water may be in them, is squeezed out by hand. Then, with a large needle and coarse twine, the sponges are strung in bunches

about five feet in circumference. The sponges are usually sold at Key West, and it would seem that the successful buyer must be divinely guided. The sponges are unloaded on the deck, where the buyers have the privilege of looking them over, but not of weighing them. After they have looked over the cargo on the wharf, the entire lot is sold at public auction. The sponges now undergo a second cleaning and trimming, which entails a loss of about 8 per cent.; a part of which is recovered by selling the clippings, which bring, wholesale, about five cents a pound.-New York Post.

IDENTIFIED BY A SKULL CIIIP.

With a Native African.

Probably the oddest case within my experience was that of Lapuie, wno made himself known to me through the use of a detached piece of his own skull," said a medical missionary on a furlough from his work among the heathen. "One morning I went out to look over the specimens of real or fancied injury which were awaiting treatment. There was pretty nearly every kind of tropical disease in the outfit, from sore finger to dropsy. Most of the patients were well known to me, but among them was one man whose face was unfamiliar, and who seemed to belong to a different tribe. As I stopped at his place he leaped to his feet as actively as a cat, and from somewhere in his scarty apparel dug up an object which he promptly handed to me. It was a circular piece of human skull as big around as a dollar, and very nearly as thick. On the outer surface some one had carefully written in ink the name Lapuie. This There are many sloops and schoon- must be, I think, the first case in which ers sailing around over the three thou- a man has used part of his skull instead

sponge fisheries off the gulf coast. "I looked the man over at once to These craft range from five to forty- find out what the trouble was. He had For some time I lay paralyzed, physically, by the shock of my fall. My face the creature was certain of his ground. noon the Indian had hung up a deer on seven tons, averaging about thirteen had some sort of a difference of opinlay on the edge of a narrow shelf of He had not been blind always, and he the ridge, and when he returned to tons. The larger of these vessels will jon with his chiefs and as the result of carry from five to thirteen men, and such presumption had received a stout the smaller ones five men. Two men clubbing. One of the blows had fracgo in each of the dingeys or small tured the skull, and for the time had boats, from which the real sponge knocked him out. When the old womgrappling is to be done, while the odd en who look after the science of medman stays in charge of the vessel. So icine among these particular heathen valuable is the sponge, and so depleted got hold of Lapuie they found that on the top fillers at the furnace, neceshave the fisheries in waters of about part of his skull was loose. To save fifty feet depth become, that the man difficulty they pried the loose piece off who shall discover a means by which with the blade of a knife, poulticed up sponges can be raised from a greater the wound and let nature do the rest. depth than that has a fortune in signt. The patient kept the chip of his skull Divers, in their heavy suits, walking and the inscription upon it was the "When the case came under my no-

confidence in my ability to do it. It was a great disappointment to him that Although I did all that surgical science prescribes for the protection of the thin spot in the cranium, my patient lose his fragment of bone, which might fall into improper hands and only way to pacify him was to string the chip on a copper wire and solder When sponges were to be obtained it about his neck."-Louisville Com-

Killed by a Ply's Bitc.

A case of extreme rarity came be-

glass, which is nothing more nor less It was shown by Mr. A. L. Chamthan an ordinary water-bucket, from berlain that the deceased, his niece, which the natural bottom has been re- was playing at the window on Friday moved and replaced by one of glass, with his own little girl, when she By pressing the water-glass down a suddenly complained having been bitfew inches into the water, the sponge ten by a fly. Next morning the spot fishers in our country clearly see ob- where she was bitten was much injects on the bottom of comparatively flamed and swollen. Afterwards she deep waters. One of these water- became delirious and lapsed into unglasses is carried on each boat. One consciousness. She was removed to man paddles the small boat along, the hospital, but despite every attenwhile the other leans over the side and tion on the part of the staff she grad-

ing his fish. If the sponge gets away The Maoris of New Zealand attach from him it is with the greatest dif- the highest value to the greenstone. some forty yards or more, wheeling have felt the keenest interest in this or more, wheeling have felt the keenest interest in the case of the law is in the case of of the ocean and floating free on its of admiration of his prowess.

KEYSTONE STATE.

LATEST NEWS GLEANED FROM VARI-OUS PARTS.

THEY THWARTED A PLOT.

An Obstruction Placed on the Track Near Laffin-Farmer Used a Razor and a Shot-Gun in His Vain Efforts to Die But Will Recover-George Carter Thrown From His Wagon at Phoenixville.

Powell Ruchinski was arrested at Mill Creek on the charge of attempting to wreck the Delaware and Hudson express train.

An obstruction was placed on the track near Laffin. The spot is a desolate place on the mountain side, with a twenty-foot embankment at one side of the track and the woods on the other. If three hunters had not discovered the attempt, the train would have swept around a sharp curve and crashed into the obstruction.

Three short rails were laid on the track, backed by a number of large stones and several railroad ties. The hunters say that Ruchinski was putting the last log on top when they emerged from the woods near by. They saw him long enough to get a good description and then he ran.

They did not attempt pursuit, but worked hard to clear the track, and finished the work a few minates before the train came down the mountain. Detective Crippen was notified and arrested Ruchinski, who was sullen and would say nothing. He was sent to jail in default of \$5000 bail.

His Valn Efforts to Die. Possessed with the idea that the devil was fighting him, Wilson Glenn, a wealthy farmer of Orwell Township made desperate attempts at self-destruction. He is a bachelor about 60 years of age and has lived alone for

many years. On Wednesday morning he was found nearly dead from loss of blood. When revived by a doctor he of his own accord told how on Sunday morning he had slashed both arms with a razor and caught the blood in a pail. Before daylight on Wednesday he went to his barn and made an unsuccessful attempt to die by placing the muzzle of a gun in his mouth, but

the charge failed to explode. Then with a razor he made two deep gashes in his neck, but failed to cut a large vein. Finding he had not reached a vital point he attempted to enlarge the wounds with his fingers. He will recover.

Killed in a Runaway.

George Carter, aged 70 years, was instantly killed at Phoenixville by being thrown from his wagon.

He was driving on Main street under the Pennsylvania railroad bridge. when his horse was frightened by a passing train and ran off. Carter was thrown to the ground, his head striking a stone. His skull was crushed, and a wheel of the wagon passed over his face.

He leaves a family of grown children, all residing here.

Four Shots in a Riot.

In a riot at the Shenango furnace, in Sharpsville, between strikers and imported labo four men were shot and wounded, but

Three armed negroes were intercepted by the strikers and a fight ensued. All night long strikers lay in a field and kept up a continuous fire sitating a temporary shutdown. Twenty men were chased out of town and one had his head badly cut. Severa! deputies are guarding the furnace.

Two Fingers Worth \$5,000. James F. Newton, who sued the Vulcan Iron Works for \$15,000 damages the loss of two fingers, was for awarded \$5000 by a jury at Wilkes-Barre. Newton was employed as a molder in the Vulcan works, and while he was at work on a casting it fell on him. The allegation was that the Vulcan Company was negligent in not properly guarding against the acci-

Despondent Girl's Suicide.

Elizabeth Murray, aged 25 years, of South Avenue, Allegheny, committed suicide by swallowing poison. Miss Murray, it is said, was engaged

to be married, but the engagement was recently broken. Since then the girl frequently declared that she had nothing to live for and that she would take her own life.

Tired of Suffering. With his throat cut and both wrists mutilated with a razor, Philip Myers. aged 78 years, threw himself from an attic window of the almshouse at York, and, landing on the brick pavement thirty-five feet below, met instant death. The dead man had been a suf ferer from allments which were in

Robbers Ransack a Store-

curable.

Robbers entered the general store of A. R. Pennington, at Fairmount Springs, and stole a quantity of goods. This place is only two miles from Camhooks measuring over two feet in the St. Bartholomew's Hospital, says the bra, where an unknown burglar was shot and killed at midnight Tuesday The Pennington place was robbed six months ago, when \$1500 in government bonds were stolen.

Blew Open Two Safes. Thieves entered the feed store of John Swayne, at Sharon Hill and blew open the safe. An hour later the safe in Collingdale Station, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was blown open. The thieves secured little booty in either place.

Gifts to a Hospital. Generous gifts have been announced by Dr. Estes, of St. Luke's Hospital, at Bethlehem, including a fund of \$10,-000 from former President E. P. Wilbur, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, for the support of a children's ward. and a new \$20,000 operating ward to be erected by Samuel Thomas, of Hokendauqua, plans for which are already 'n the hands of the contractors.

Won't Collect Tax on Bicycles The Franklin County Commissioners have decided not to attempt to ollect the \$1 tax on bicycles provided