

THE BASKET WORM.

destroy evergreen hedges, must be the last crop on the land was potatoes. picked off by hand and consigned to and the rows could be plainly seen The work must not be when the timber was cut. the flames. delayed until spring, but should be spray the hedges once or twice with Paris green and water.

A DESIRABLE SHADE TREE.

The maple is one of the most desir able of shade trees, and of the varieties it is difficult to select, as some others. The rock maple (or sugar ing deep foliage, and will bear considerable ill-usage, thriving where some trees fail. As a shade tree it has no superior, and where a residence is surrounded by them the value of the farm is largely increased.

IMPORTANCE OF THOROUGH MILKING

that drawn from the udder as the may be worth more in the barn than the matter it was found that the dif | terial ready for use to be converted ference was so great that with some cows the stripplings consisted almost in the raw condition the transportaentirely of butter fat. It is import. tion charges and commissions for sellant, therefore, that milking the cows ing reduce its value. Even when a be done in a thorough manner, leav. crop, such as corn, is converted into ing nothing in the udder. If this be meat, milk, butter or other products, done the cow will not be so liable to its value cannot be estimated, as there become dry as soon as when the milk is always a portion remaining over is not entirely removed at each milk. in the manure heap which may be The practice of carefully strip. equal in value to that sold. ping also serves as a check upon careat a loss to the farmer.

Both the sick pig and the herd, which the estimate, but experiments in one and their yards, nests and feeding per cent. of all the nitrogen, 80 per chances are that your herd has this much the larger proportion goes into they have been subject to direct in application to the soil for assisting in

We are convinced that every farm vided with a dipping tank for swine, ance.-Nebraska Farmer.

CULTIVATING AN ORCHARD.

Cut through bluegrass sod, even after foods purchased the manure alone will a heavy rain, and you will find the give a large profit, as the larger profertilizer would find little chance to to the refuse heap, but, having passed of them have the advantages of red value of a food is sometimes greater clover. The roots keep the surface than its feeding value, and if the manof leaves give shade and moisture and fully understood its real value it under every two or three years, the it is more economical to retain it than fertilizers.

cultivating and raising some vegetable vantage, but a large profit will be serest of the orchard was as barren as | phia Record. usual. He extended his experiment and soon had the entire orchard under cultivation, and one of the finest apple orchards in the country. Of course it is troublesome to raise potatoes in an orchard, but it certainly pays to do so. The farmer who is a success utilizes every foot of ground, and studles how to get the greatest return for the soil and labor .- J. L. Irwin in The Epitomist.

RAPID GROWTH OF FOREST

TREES. If it was not generally known how quickly timber could be grown on land that had been cleared of primeval forest, there would be many waste places mistaken idea, as trees will grow to rare china and paintings. the size of one foot in diameter on land that has been cleared and laid to the

of an original forest. Thirty years ago, when pulling up Robinson families.

stumps on the homestead, an oak tree was torn out by the roots that showed thirteen years' growth and measured thirteen inches in diameter close to the ground. When visiting in Susquehanna County, Pa., I happened where a carpenter was finishing a house with pine lumber, some of it The obnoxious basket worms, which twelve inches wide. He informed me

During one of my rambles through done now, and the hedges examined the forest many years ago, in search again in a week or two, so as not to of wild bees, a line led me on strange overlook any of the pests. In April ground. While searching the tree I came across an old board fence that was supported in position by small trees. There was nothing to show the land had ever been cleared, and I concluded the fence had inclosed forest for pasture when the pioneer had only a little cleared. On making thrive in certain climates better than inquiries I found several persons, not old enough to be in their prime of life. maple) is one of the handsomest, hav. who had seen a fine crop of wheat growing on the land .- J. H. Andre in New York Tribune.

RAW MATERIAL ON FARMS.

Crops are grown for use on the farm as well as for market, hence the value of a crop does not depend solely upon what it will bring when sold, but also upon the uses to which it may be ap-The richest portion of the misk is plied upon the farm. In fact, a crop In experiments made to test in the market, as it is so much raw mainto beter products, while if marketed

The value of the products of all aniless milkers, as the farmer can, and mals on farms depends so largely up should, examine each cow after she is on the individual characteristics of the milked in order to observe if the milk. animals as to render it almost imposing has been done thoroughly. Where sible to estimate the wealth of the there is no supervision the milking is farm manure. When food has passed sometimes performed carelessly and through the bodies of the animals the manure from each will differ from that produced WATCH THE HOGS CAREFULLY. by the others, as the proportions A hog that does not care for its corn consumed, the digestive capacity of is an object of suspicion. It should each animal and the kinds of foods at once be separated from the herd. used are factors to be considered in are as yet apparently well, should be case show that with a lot of animals, thoroughly disinfected—themselves tested for two weeks, as much as 62 troughs-and put on a laxative, cool | cent. of all the phosphoric acid and ing diet. On a failure of the off-its- 6 per cent. of all the potash in the feed pig to recover at once, or the ap | foods consumed remained over in the pearance of further disorders in the manure, which demonstrates that less herd, resort immediately to stringent than one-third of the food is converted measures to cure hog cholera-for the into marketable products, and that fatal disease, whether the disease is the manure heap, because of being known to be in the neighborhood or only partially digested. It is, hownot, or whether or not you know that ever, so much raw material awaiting providing crops another year.

The profit on the raw materials on which swine are kept should be pro- will be but little if the materials are not of the best quality, and the gai in order to keep the stock free from will be large if the raw materials are lice and skin diseases by an occa. of themselves valuable. For instance, sional dipping, and especially to disin. where such concentrated foods as linfect the hogs in case of a threatened seed meal and cotton-seed meal are outbreak of cholera. The dipping purchased and brought on the farm tank is a comparatively cheap appli. the value of the manure will be great er than when it was produced from bulky foods, hence if the prices obtained by the farmer for his milk, beef Sod is a detriment to an orchard. and butter are no greater than the Trees require a cool, moist, rich soil, actual outlay for the concentrated ground hard and dry. An artificial portion of the foods will find their way reach the roots of the trees. There through the bodies of the animals, will are several kinds of orchard grasses be in proper condition to serve as that are widely advertised, but none available plant foods. The material loose and open, the growth and deposit | ure should be sold to a customer who mulching. The rain sinks directly would be as much a marketable prointo the soil. By turning the clover duct of the farm as meat or milk, but soil will receive a dressing of the best to sell it, as its removal adds to its cost. Many foods are even cheaper But while clover probably possesses than their manurial value, and may be the most good points of all grasses, applied directly to the land with ador root crop between the rows of trees | cured by feeding the foods to animals is doubtless the best care an orchard and using the manure. The farmer, can have. It keeps down the weeds, therefore, produces many articles of stirs the soil thoroughly, and enriches value, though they can be changed on the ground with a twofold purpose, to the farm into crops, the crops into benefit the crop and also the trees. more concentrated produces, and a A friend who had an unfruitful orch profit secured because the more conard stumbled upon this knowledge, centrateed the product the lower the His potato field bordered the orchard, expense of marketing. There are and as he lacked room he ordered the many sources of profit on farms that first three rows of trees plowed up. are overlooked, but the farmers who The next season he was surprised to give careful attention to the manure find a fine crop of apples on the trees heap are those whose farms become that had been plowed around. The more valuable every year .- Philadel-

> Whom Kipling Called the Greatest. In his capital biography of Cecil

Rhodes, Mr. Hensman says that when Kipling was interview in 1898 as to his opinion of Cecil Rhodes, he described the Prime Minister as "the greatest of living men." While every one may not agree with this enthusias. tic statement, it yet remains that those who know Mr. Rhodes best are those who estimate him most highly, though they admit not being able entirely to understand him. Despite his vast wealth and powerful influence, he is the most demogratic of men, brusque, unconventional, his clothes designed planted with trees. Most people, for comfort rather than smartness. He when measuring the diameter of a tree is an omnivorous reader, devouring and counting the growths of each year history, biography, and fiction with to ascertain its age, get the impression gusto, his favorite novel being "Vanity that is the average growth for all Fair." His mansion at Groot Schuur trees of the same kind. This is a is filled with antique furniture and

In London there are, according to sun for a few years in one-third the the latest directory 1,500 families by time they will among the large trees the name of Smith, 950 by the name of Jones, 700 Brown families and 350



CARDS A QUEEN'S FAD.

The principal hobby of the Queen number of curious packs, many of which have no little historical interest. One set, made of ivory, is believed to have belonged to Prince Eugene, who fought with the great Duke of Marlborough, and to have accompanied him in all his campaigns. Queen Christina also owns some exceedingly rare cards of Egyptian, Arabian, French and Spanish manufacture.

SCHOOL FOR WOMEN EMBALM-ERS.

One of the latest occupations which women have taken up is that of embalming. A training school for women embalmers hase been established by a French woman, who has taken degrees at several European institutions and has had had an extensive experience as a trained nurse. The idea advanced by her is that the bodies of women and children should be cared for after death by women, and she is supported in it by many prominent in the community.

A PATCH OF VIOLETS.

pear on the neckband of a maroon vis- taut by strapping or stitching. iting costume. The patches do not Strapping, too, is here to stay. the opposite edge of the velvet tabs.

BECOMINGNESS OF APPAREL.

A strong plea for becomingness in feminine apparel was made by Mme. Durand, editor of the Paris woman's paper, La Fronde, in an address on the woman's rights movement in France at a recent conference in Berlin. Her hearers were mainly leaders of the movement in Germany, and her admonition never to lose sight of the necessity of dressing well to please the men was listened to with surprise. The German women who are at the head of the "emancipation" effort may, it is said, be told a mile off, as they seem to think that carelessness in dress is a sign of earnestness. Mme. Durand wore an elegant white gown and a picture hat decorated with red

NEW HEAD DRESSES.

A word of approval can be given to strap. out well.

Little head dresses of white lace are phia Record. used well as those of black lace. They must be arranged with much chic, so as to look smart, and so as to deprive

them of all semblance to the caps worn by old people, or to the lace pieces of the nursery. Elderly persons are wearing these lace bits. One of stiff wired lace, with six pointed wings, attached to a center of pearls, was set into the coiffure of

smartly, and very pretty it looked. Colored lace is also used for headdresses and it is very becoming. properly made up it is more effective than the same bow would be made out veilings but the black and white efof ribbon.

an elderly woman, who still dresses

HOW THE TIRED WOMAN RESTS.

There is a woman up town who begins to dust the pictures when she is tired. That is her way of finding repose. Her family always know when she is on the verge of giving out from weariness. It never occurs to her to notice how the pictures are dusted until she is worn out. Then she arises and begins to wipe frames and wires and wash glasses. She de med with passementerie or designs clares it rests her.

Another woman comes home weary after a day's shopping and straightuntil she feels like herself again.

This seems more rational than the popular last year. picture dusting performance. It is more normal. So is the course of another woman, who always, when she is tired, gets out of a tight-fitting gown floral designs, and the most brilliant and a corset, sits back in an easy chair and eats an apple. If she is very tired she takes two and in peri- in flowers are the most realistic this ods of great distress she has been known to consume three. Then she arises, a giantess refreshed, assumes conventional costume once more and returns to work.

All these are comparatively harmless ways of resting, and even the methods of another woman who when nervously weary displays it by changing the position of the furniture in her around the wrist.

room are not of necessity painful to others. One woman, however, confesses with shame and confusion of countenance that when she is tired, she always scolds the children.

"Nothing else seems to rest me," she laments. "I know it is dreadful but when I come home after a day's shopping, tired out, I always scold the Regent of Spain is the collecting of infants. Luckily, they have come to playing cards. She possesses a large the point when they don't mind it New York. He has since returned to especially."

> Fortunately for children at large most mothers do not find rest in that Even at the risk of seeming way. shockingly convenional, one must own to preferring the plan of another moth er, whose modes of seeking repose verge upon sentimentality.

"When I am weary," says she, "I always go into my own room, close the blinds and take a copy of Tennyson that I have bad for a long time, and ered him and protested mildly. The put it under my pillow and then lie Frenchman waved him to one side and down and think of green fields. Is continued to draw. It was a Paris a little while I find myself refreshed as though I had had a country walk. The idea of the book helps me as the head waiter and complained that much as the closed blinds and the the artist was spoiling the tablecloth. peaceful thoughts."-New York News

MANDATES OF THE MODE.

While the coat tail cannot be said to be new, it is to play a conspicuous part in spring attire. In renovating a costume, therefore, these appendages may be left on with perfect safety if doctors and other persons of standing they are becoming. If not there are plenty of models showing nothing of the sort. A peculiarity about them is the fact that they are not restricted A new place to look for a violet to any one class of costumes. Long patch is directly beneath the chin. plaited ones often figure on the most These dainty single violets in purple statly dinner dress. Shorter plaited and white are thickly sprinkled on a ones are almost trevitable on the after background of shaded lilac penne vel- noon dresses of volle, grenadine and vet. Violet panne is not cheap and open canvas. When we come to the so very small portions of it are used, chic tailor-made we find them still conit appears to be precious because the spicuous, either in the shape of an fragmentary tabs are all displayed as extension of the back or attached tabs; if quite rare. Two violet patches ap in case these are plaited they are held

quite meet beneath the chin, but are Those who like it may indulge in separated by a small tab of lace. plain stitched strapping; it is especial-Two small silver buttons are set on ly good on the heavier tailor-mades. On the lighter and dressier ones, however, as well as on costumes not in the tailor class, it is oftener chosen in the half-inch width and so elaborated in lyre-like figures and branching scrolls as to suggest splendid embroiderv. Inlaid strapping is a feature, too; this is merely a matter of show

ing a two-inch band of moire velour between two stitched straps of taffeta Another very lovely scheme is to show tween strappings. In this case there

long since made its appearance there the disputants' nests are soon scatrather composed of small creamy times there is a disturbance on a more

the new head dresses. Without ex | Box plaits are noted in great numcuse for being they have come into a bers and all varieties, but the single pretty prominence, and are worth al! and triple box plaits prevail. One the attention bestowed upon them. very attractive castor-cloth suit in Take the Hollan' windmill bow, with half-tallored effect shows three box its ends pointing four ways. This is plaits at the back of the blouse and set just over the forehead, a little five in front. Each plait is stitched back, and so as to make a great dis- down three-eighths of an inch from the play bow. From the middle there edge. Three of these plaits are also may come a jetted wing which stands down the narrow front gore of the skirt, the stitching ending seven Then there are the velvet bows, all inches short of the foot; one broader loops and the loops pointing every one is down the centre back. Each a very ordinary denizen of the border, way. Right in the middle there is side of this a graduated side plait is who drew his six shooter and emptied poised a jet butterfly upon a spiral, taken in. It starts four inches below it in a second and a quarter. It takes arranged to flit as the wearer moves. the waist line and broadens until at a tyro that long to pull trigger once These devices, if in large size, are the knee, where it is let loose, it is when he is all ready. The experts do worn as theatre head dresses of white nearly four inches deep. This holds not pull trigger at all. Long ago it lace are used are in place of the theat the skirt in down to the knees in the was demonstrated that it was vastly desired serpentine effect .- Philadel-

B-BITS OF FEMININITY-

New designs in parasol handles are small and made of gold, silver, motherof-pearl and gun metal. Curved and twisted designs are prominent. White skirts have a wide graduated

flounce trimmed with two narrower flounces with scalloped edges, from which hang full ruffles of thin lace. Combinations are still popular in fects are being replaced by lighter hues to harmonize with spring millin-

Black dresses are being made covered with embroidery and colored silk; all have waistcoats lapels, gauntlets and pockets of the new Dresden china embroidery on satin.

Short jackets for spring wear are made with loose straight fronts, having revers extending the full length. These are faced with white and trimoutlined in velvet.

Parasols covered with silk in brightcolored flower designs rival those in way puts herself into a chair that will black and white in general favor, and tip back and allow her to get her feet one of the ideas of the season is to on the mantelpiece. There she sits have the flowers in all over designs as well as in the wide border effects,

> Some of the handsome thin black goods have the most gorgeous designs in colored silks. These are in colorings in rich reds and other deep shades. The most beautiful designs year.

A simple child's coat of white pique is trimmed only with embroidery, a simple handworked scallop. This fin | it. '-New York World. ishes the edge down the front, the lower edge, the top of the little standing collar, lower edge of the two coachman's collars, and the sleeves

FRENCH ART NOT APPRECIATED.

He Was Not Allowed to Draw on the Tablecloth

A story is going the rounds of New York studios just now which deals with the experience of a French artist who is not unknown to fame in his own country and who recently visited Paris, and the story can be told, though the artist must remain nameless.

He dined alone one evening in the Holland House, and he was well pleased with his dinner. While lingering over a cordial he decided to show his approval of the meal and service by drawing an elaborate sketch on the immaculate linen cloth which covered the table. A waiter discovcafe scene which he was doing, and he was interested. The waiter went to

"You must not mark up the linen." said the lord of the dining room. "It is against the rules.

"I make you a very fine sketch, to which I attach presently my own name," replied the artist, continuing to make lines.

"I tell you to stop spoiling the

tablecloth," repeated the head waiter. In vain the Frenchman explained that the hotel was welcome to cut out the sketch and have it framed. He said any cafe in Paris would prize such a tribute from his pen and would have it framed and hanging on the wall of the dining room. As he explained he kept on drawing until the head waiter could stand it no longer, and had him deposited on the sidewalk.

The Frenchman was sadly offended. Indeed, if the whole truth was told, he was angry, as angry as he had ever been in his life. He crossed Fifth Avenue at the risk of being run down by the stream of cabs. When he was safe on the opposite curb he turned and faced the hotel. His rage hardly permitted him to speak, but at last he succeeded.

"Pigs!" he cried, and he spat at the hotel through his teeth .- New York Tribune.

English Books.

When the English rooks are building their nests frequently a rookery is disturbed by big quarrels over the placing but a cord of white velvet or cloth be of those huge bundles of sticks in the treetops. The trouble occurs mostly should be three double rows of strap- with young birds wishing to place their nests too near an old nest. A council Though the plain pearl buckle has of rooks is called, with the result that is yet a pearl tuckle, likewise a but tered to the winds and the ton, which is a novelty. It is not a claimant and the defendant both plain milky expanse of beauty, but is have to begin a new foundation. Somepearls at intervals. Such a buckle limited scale when a pair of birds is fascinating on an all-black or a do their very best to pull the sticks white dress hat. The buttons also from the nest of another pair, each of figure for holding down a millinereal the contending parties doing all they can to prevent the other from building. Rooks are curiously weather wise, and they scent a storm and set to work to repair and strengthening their nests before that imminent gale has been evident to the farmer. The rook's powers of sight and hearing are remarkable. - Chambers' Journal.

Use of Revolvers.

I was present at the trial where a man with a split-second watch timed quicker to file off the pawl that locks a gun and trust to "fanning" the hammer than it was to shoot even the easiest of double-action revolvers in the ordinary way. This explains how it was possible for the famous mankillers to accomplish marvels against other and equally desperate men as well armed as themselves .-- Munsey's Magazine.

When Corn Was Discovered.

Before the settlers landed at Plymouth they sent out a number of parties to explore the country. One of these parties consisted of sixteen men, under Captain Miles Standish. On their route they discovered several small hillocks, which they conjectured to be the graves of the Indians, but proceeding still farther they discovered many more, and, on closer examination, each hillock was found to contain a quantity of Indian corn. It was buried in the ear, and excited no small degree of their curiosity. By a few of the company it was thought a valuable discovery; others who had tasted the corn in its raw state, thought it indifferent food and of but little value,

When He Spelt It the Wrong Way.

"Which reminds me," said Representative Ryan, of Buffalo, "of a man up in my city who was a mighty poor speller. One day he was in the Hoffman House in New York, and a friend, thinking to have some sport, said: "'Bill, I hear you are the worst

speiler on earth. I understand you can't spell "bird." ' "'I'll bet you \$5 I can,' said Bill,

The money was put up and Bill straightened up and spelled 'bird.' "'Pshaw!' sad the other man, 'I understood you spelled it "b-u-r-d."

"'Might have sometimes,' said Bill, as he tucked away the five-dollar bill, "but never when there's anything in

The lord mayor of London receives a salary of \$50,000 a year, and has to spend twice that sum to maintain the dignity of his position.

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFLY TOLD.

The Latest Happenings Gleaned From

All Sources, MAN KILLED: HIS WIFE TORTURED.

Misked Robbers Commit Murder and Ransack a Moure, Taking \$200 Worth of Booty-The Suspects Captured-Borrowed Coin to Sue Her_Feared Consumption; Killed Herself_ Bodies of Mine Victims Recovered.

Jeremiah Pennsylvania Pensions: Spriggs, Johnstown, \$8; Robert B. Mc-Night, Erie, \$6; Daniel B. Mowry, Washington, \$12; John W. Scheonover, Knoxville, \$12; Theodore W. Hillyer, Bloomfield, \$8; Miller Ickes, Newville, \$10; John Walbert, Pittsburg, \$8; James McAfoos, Decker Point, \$12; Samuel Robertson, Harshaville, \$10; Mary J. Stowder, Huntingdon. \$8; Barbara Orr, Pittsburg, \$8; Mary Grandan, Conneautville, \$8; Eliza A. Spaulding, Port Allegheny, \$12; William Cheeseman, Girard, \$8; George W. Taylor. Edgecliff, \$8; Robert W. Thompson, Washington, \$12; David Clark, Venetia, \$8; Warren Graham, Northeast, \$8; Orren D. Chandlers Valley, \$14; Alex. O'Donnell, East Waterford, \$10; James Vance, Allegheny, \$12; Elias Powell, Rankin Station, \$8; Mary Erb, Wormleysburg, \$8; Catherine Brant, Latrobe, \$8; Margaret Schugarts, Punxsutawney, \$12.

The recent floods throughout the Schuylkill Valley have left unusually large deposits of coal dirt on farm land along the river and many suits for damages will result.

Tyron, a thoroughbred running horse connected with the stable of John J. Ryan, was struck by a trolley car while prancing at Third and Townsend streets, Chester, and fatally injured.

Because the inability of M. Howard G. McGowan, manager of the Berks county farmers' institutes and lecturers, to reach Stouchsburg owing to the badly drifted public roads, the institute at that place was indefinitely postponed.

The first of a series of institutes to be given by the Fourth District of the Delaware County Sabbath School Association, was held in the Upland M. E. Church, Chester. R. D. Miller, president of the district, presided. The principal speaker was Rev. A. B. Van Ormer, whose subject was "Systematic Bible

Orders have been issued from regimental headquarters calling an election March 19 in the company armory at Indiana to elect a captain in Company F, Fifth Regiment, N. G. P., to fill the vacancy caused by Captain Hughes being elected major. Major Hughes will conduct the election.

Three masked burglars broke into the house of Henry Smith, an aged resident near Saxonburg, a little country town, brutally murdered the old man, tortured his aged wife in a fiendish manner and escaped with \$200 worth of booty, after having ransacked the place. All day long the suspects were tracked by a posse and in the evening they were caught, Mr Smith was the father of L. H. Smith and W. A. Smith, prominent Pittsburg business men and members of the L. Smith Wooden Ware Company. The burglars crushed his skull with an ax and to make their work sure sent a bullet through their victim's head. Mrs. Smith was tortured until she revealed the whereabouts of the money in the house. While torturing the woman the robbers vented their fury by breaking every thing within reach. Mr. Smith every thing within reach. was a farmer of wealth and led a retired life. It is supposed the robbers believed that he had a large sum of money in the house, which is one and a quarter miles from Saxonburg. The murder occurred about midnight.

Michael Gwatt, who was arrested on complaint of his wife for beating her and trying to get away with a sum of money for which she had sold her property, was sent to jail at Wilkes-Barre by Alderman Donohue. As he was being led from the squire's office Gwatt cried to his wife, "Won't you give me \$5 to hire a lawyer?" "Sure," she said, and handed him a bill. 'Now he will enter a counter suit against her.

Charters were issued by the State Department to these corporations: German-American Savings and Loan Association, Allegheny, capital, \$1,000,000; Eureka Knitting Company, Philadelphia, capital, \$50,000; the Pennsylvania Kniting Mills Company. Reading, capital, \$5,000; Majestic Apartment House Company, Philadelphia, capital, \$5,000.

Harry McMullen, the 14-year-old son of Charles McMullen, of Lebanon, was found dead in the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad yards. No one saw the accident. The body was found by a car inspector. Deputy Coroner C. D. Weirdecided that death was due to an accident.

It is said that when Mayor-elect Vance C. McCormick, of Harrisburg, takes office he will appoint Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph B. Hutchinson, of the Eighth Regiment, National Guard, as his chief of police. Colonel Hutchinson is a strict disciplinarian.

Buildings containing five stories and tenements were destroyed by fire at Shenandoah. Loss, \$20,000. They were owned by Fitzgibbons Brothers, of Ringlown.

Lawrence Colliery, at Mahanoy Plane. owned and operated by the Shaffer estate, of Pottsville, was permanently shandoned. The colliery employed neary 500 men and boys and had a monthly pay roll of \$25,000.

D. Lloyd Thomas, a young lawyer. who campaigned with the Governor's Troop in Porto Rico during the Spanish-American war, was thrown from a sleigh et Mahanoy City, fracturing several ribs Alice Finnegan, aged 37, a married woman, living on Duquesne Heights, committed suicide with carbolic acid. because she feared death from consump-

Incendiaries attempted to burn the Armory Hall at Summit Hill, but the fire was put out before much damage was

The five bodies of the victims of the firedamp explosion at Catsburg mine were recovered. They were dead when

found by one of the rescuers.

The Lackawanna Railroad Company has given a subscription of \$10,000 for t new railroad Y. M. 'C. A. building in Scranton and the work of creeting a 130,000 building will begin at once.

The Montgomery Square Postoffice has been removed to Montgomeryville, a mile distant.