[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.] Out of literature have, directly or indirectly, grown a number of callings which, innocent in themselves, when pursued in moderation, have, when carried to the extremes sometimes noticed. become symptoms of a diseased mental condition too unmistakable not to attract attention. Take, for example, the passion of book collecting, which, in moderation, is commendable as an indication of a cultured mind, when carried to the excess sometimes seen becomes little less than a mania. Some years ago there was sold in London a library of uncut volumes. Now, a library of uncut volumes is, of necessity, a library that no one had ever read, and who but a lunatic would have ever thought of collecting a library of books which he would not read for himself, nor allow other people to read, because he wanted the books to remain uncut that 'their value as an uncut library might be as-

But the book collectors have by no means confined their attention to uncut volumes. Some have turned their thoughts to the bindings of books rather than to their contents, have bought them for the sake of the outside rather than the inside, and not a few of these amiable lunatics have been known to buy any kind of a book so it had the particular style of covering they were in the habit of purchasing to ornament their shelves. In some cases this may have been affectation, in others it may have been caused by ignorance, and in others again by ignorance combined with a desire to gratify a showy taste, as in the case of the parvenu in New York who ordered so many square yards of books to fill his cases: was utterly indifferent about both the prices and the cost, stipulating only that about half of them should be red and the rest either of green or blue and gold. The desire to heap up or hide away useless or trivial objects, or to attach a fictitious value to them, is said to be strong in some species of insanity, and may not the mania for bookbuying and hoarding up be a mild form of this species of insanity, often developed, but not so often noticed, since the charitable mantle of a literary taste is too often spread over it by a not too diseriminating public?

Akin to book gathering and hoarding is the fashion of collecting autographs. Every man of any prominence knows what an insufferable bore the autograph hunter is, and how utterly impossible it is to elude his clutches. Take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth, even there, also, is the autograph man with his book and fountain pen, ready for your signature and determined to give you no chance to escape. Now, by no sort of possibility can an autograph do him any good, but the desire for it is by no means stifled by that fact, for the business of collecting autographs goes on with as much zeal and earnestness as if autographs were gold and their collectors bent on getting rich by the quickest process known to man. This also must be described not only as vanity, but as a vanity approaching madness, if, indeed, it is not already within its confines.

the business of relic-hunting, for it has, of late years, really reached the dignity of a business. Not as pursued by a professional for that is mere trade or barter, but as followed by an amateur.

The eagerness with which people will break off chips from anything, or cut off pieces of wood from any noted tree or structure, amounts almost to a mania, and though not strictly literary in its character, is yet sufficiently related to the kindred profession of the book-buyer and hoarder to be worthy of classification under the same general head. Relies are, in fact, a sort of reminder of the days when men were idol worshipers, and a relie is but a fetish in disguise, and perhaps all the more appreciated because it offers a tangible object for our adoration without actually receiving the worship under

A Left-Handed Barber Wanted. [Milwaukee Sentinel.]
"Is there a left-handed barber in this

shop?" asked a man as he walked into a tonsorial establishment on Grand av enue early in the week.

"We have one, sir, take a chair." A reporter watched the strange customer as the left-handed knight of the brush scraped his chin, but could not discover anything different from the manipulation of a right-handed man, but there was, just the same, and here

"You see," said the boss barber, "when a man is shaved all the time by a right-handed barber, the beard is pushed over toward the right, and when it grows out it looks like a lopsided mop. The left-handed barber counteracts this tendency, and the roots are directed in the way they should go. A left-handed barber is a new wrinkle, but he is a good thing to have in the house."

Increased Use of Tropical Fruits.

[Chicago Times,] One of the best evidences that the American people of this generation live better than their fathers did is found in the steady and rapid growth of the trade in tropical fruits. It is not many years since the great majority of the people scarcely knew what a banana was, and considered oranges and lemons as luxu-ries to be afforded only in sickness or on great occasions. Now not only these, out other tropical fruits, are bought and eaten almost as generally and freely as apples, and the consumption of melons, peaches, pears, plums, and berries is on the same universal and extensive scale.

The Worst of All,

[Chicago Tribune\*]
This country has the reputation of countenancing repulsive exhibitions, but the great nose show, which was recently held in Vienna, was probably as repulsive as anything which has ever been chronicled here. Eighty beings competed for the prize to be awarded to the biggest nose, and their appearance as they stood in line was most sicken-

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#### A THREATENED FAMINE

Over a Thousand People on the Verge of Starvation in Virginia.

Five Large Cotton Factories Closed In Account of Over-Production. The Pittful Condition of the Unfortunate Operatives.

PETERSBURG, Va., Oct. 11 .- There are in this city and immediate vicinity five large cotton factories, namely: the Battersea, Et tric, Matocka, Swift Creek and Petersburg, which stopped work some time ago in con-sequence of overproduction. At the time these factories closed they gave employment to over 1,000 male and female operatives. A large proportion of them have large families of small children dependent upon them. Quite a considerable number are widows, so that at the lowest average estimate there are now at this mement fully 1,500 people who are on the verge of dire want-in want of bread to keep them from

None outside of Petersburg know the true condition of those poor unfortunate opera-tives. The merchants with whom these poople dealt while at work have allowed them credit for small quantities of meat, flour and bacon to keep them from death's door, but unless these mills resume work very soon, or the operatives got work elsewhere, these storekeerers will be unable to allow them redit any longer, as their resources are not

equal to the profracted strain.

The great question, in fact the only question, to be considered is how long will these factories be closed, and what is best to be lone to rentect this helpless class from hunger and the cold weather that is now so men

From one who is theroughly conversent with all the facts of the suffering among the peratives formerly employed at the Switt Creek cotton mills, in Chasterfield county. about two and a half miles from this city, it is learned that, with the exception of about fifty persons who workel in these mills, the rest are belpless women and children, and they must be fed or storve.

The condition of these people has been made known to the board of supervisors of the county, but as yet they have taken no action in the premises, but it is probable that they will do so at an early day. When the matter was first reported to the supervisors they su-gostel that possibly the best thing would be to send these starving creatures to the county poorhouse, but when it was found that even to provide shelter for them would require a heavy outlay of money, coupled with the fact that this was not a class for an almshouse, they withdrew their suggestion and promised to do what

they could for the relief of the sufferers. It is possible that the next session of the legislature, which is soon to convene, apolication will be made to that body for help for these sufferers. At the last session of he city council a small appropriation was nade for the relief of those of the sufferers living in Petersburg. Since then there have been some few pecuniary contributions from the charitably disposed of the community.

A week or more ago a number of ladies and gentlemen of this city arranged for an entertainment to be given for their benefit, and The Index-Appeal, the only newspaper published here, has extended the free use of its columns to extend in every way possible to make the affair a success. Last night this intertainment took place at the Academy of Music, when "Pinvior." was put upon the stage before one of the largest audiences ever gathered within the walls of the acremy. It is probable that other like benefit entertainments for the sufferers will soon be Under the same head may be classed

A Mother's Strange Conduct.

VANDALIA, Ill., Oct. 11.—Last Friday a ttle child of Mrs. Michael Wagoner, living near Ramsey, died. The fact did not become nown until four days later, when a neigh-bor discovered the dead body of the c fld lying on the bed in a state of decomposition. The mother appeared unconcerned, saying he child was dead, and that she would "have to throw him out pretty soon." The peculiar circumstances attending the death of her husband two years ago and her strange actions at that time elicited much surpleion then. Wagoner had been dead three days, and when a number of men went to investigate the woman refused to admit them, say-"No one has a right to interfere me and my dead." When the coroner ordered the body to be interred she stoutly protested and declared that she would keep her huspand in the house thirty days. The people n the neighborhood are very indignant, and leclare that Mrs. Wagoner, if insane, must be taken at once to the asylum or leave for other quarters.

Under an Frou-Clad Agreement, PITTSBURG, Oct. 11 .- For several weeks Mr. Philip Dorner, a well-known labor contractor of the city, who recently broke the strike among the miners of H. C. Frick & Co. by filling their places with foreign miners, has been making frequent trips be-tween Pittsburg and Hocking Valley. It has just been ascertained that Dorner has a contract with the Hocking Valley operators whereby he is to receive \$5,000 if he is sucpessful in breaking the strike. The men supplied by him already greatly outnumber the strikers, and with their families occupy the houses of the evicted strikers. They are being paid at the rate of 50 cents a ton. which is 20 cents cheaper than the old men were receiving. These men are all experienced miners, composed of Polanders, Hun-garians and Germans, and are under an on-clad agreement.

Perlloys Position of French Troops

in China, PARIS. Oct. 11.-La Liberte urges upon toe government the necessity for sending reinforcements to Tonquin, stating that, notwitstanding the victories of the French forces there, they are suffering a daily re-fuction in numbers, while the Chinese losses can be indefinitely replaced. It may that China, where life is held cheap, ust otherwise prevail, and that it is eviient that a large and costly French army must be dispatched to Tonquin to save the commant of the French forces there unless it

Fittsburg to Have an Exposition Rullding.

Pittsbupe, Oct. 11.—At a meeting of over lity promisent business men of the city, it has been decided to organize a stock corporation having a capital of \$250,000, with privilege of increasing to \$500,000, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining an exposition building in the city. A committee are this morning engaged in making the a cessary arvangements towards incorporation.

Thioves Fall Out. St. Lours, Oct. 11.— Henry Brown toolored, sket and mortally wounded a companion named John Knex, last night, luring a fight over the division of some tolen property. Both men were turglars. Brown charged his pal with giving matters away to the detectives. Knox tried to punish Brown with his fists, but Brown pulled a revolver and sont a bullet through Tnox's left lung and escaped. A WESTERN ROMANGE.

The Secret Marriage of a Pretty Girl and a Dashing Young Man.

CHICAGO, Oct. 11,-The prevailing elope ment's usation is the secret marriage of Miss Julia Robbins, the pretty cousin of the wife of Senator L. D. Condee, of Hyde Park, and Snmuel E. Thrall, son of the general ticket agent of the Northwestern Railroad company. Miss Robbins was 17 and blonde, Mr. Thrail 20 and dashing. The two met and loved, and ran off to Niles, Mich., where they were married nearly a month ago. The affair was kept a profount secret up to Wednesday last, when it came out through a sensational report printed in a Lafayette, Ind., n-wspaper, to the effect that the young bride had alrealy tired or her targain, and was flirting de perately with the young men of that town, whither she had gone on a visit, and was just waiting for a divorce in order to marry a young blood who had been paying marked attention to her.

This start ing story was an entire revelations to the unilies and friends of both parties, who did not know of the marriage. The young woman's folks have accepted the situation and forgiven all. The bridgegroom has thus 'ar kept out of the way of his father, and if the at er is not disposed to make the best of it he will establish his some at Smater Con ee's residence

Incidentally i, may be remarked that the illeged post nuptin flirtations of the young bride are denied in toto, and, on the contrary, the young couple are as happy as can be, and are living tog ther in love and con-

SMART WILLIAM H.

A Very Profitable Operation in Jersey Central.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 11 .- There was a break in Jersey Central and Reading stocks when it became known that Jersey Central stock certificates belonging to the Reading Railroad company, a part of the 50,000 shares on which Mr. Vanderbilt advanced \$45 a share and agreed to carry for the company, and appeared on the street. It become known test Mr. Vanderbilt had notified the Realing company that he had sold the 50,000 of Jersey Central stock for the account of the company. This stock cost the Reading company an average of \$78 a share.

When it began to fail and kept on failing, the Reading company margined it down with the Lankers and brokers who were carrying it to \$45 a share, and then Mr. Vanderbilt took it up, agreeing to carry it for the company. He sold it from 55 dowr. it is said, receiving an average of \$50 a share This amounts to a loss for the Reading company or \$25 a share, or a total less of \$1,400,-900 on its Jersey Central transaction, it is said that insiders in this city, on whose sales in this city and New York Jersey Central was broken down this week from 50% on Tuesday to 44% to-day, have been for some time in possession of the information here given, and which was not allowed to leak

Restrained from Interfering. EALTIMORE, Oct. 11 .- The officers of the Baltimore and Onio railroad have just been informed that the United States court for the eastern district or Pennsylvenia has granted an order without bond restraining the Pennsylvania from interfering with the arrangement now existing between the two companies, by which Baltimore and Ohio cars are run through to New York over the lines of the Pennsylvania company. Judge

McKinnon states in his decision that the Pennsylvania company must observe the contract and traffic arrangement until further orders of the court. Judge Kelley's Labor Bill. WASHINGTON, Oct. 11. - Representative Kelley, of Pennsylvaria, it is understood, will introduce a bill at the next s suon o

who work at half the rate of wages paid Judge Kelley is opposed to the importation of foreign pauper labor, and was incited to the preparation of the bill by the statement, which an investigation proves incorrect, that Italian laborers were to be brought to Washington to work in constructing the large sewers in the outskirts of the city.

A Jewish Pedler Murdered. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct 1 .. - The murder of a Jewish pedier is reported from St. James parish, Louisiana, The body was found concealed in the trush on the bank of the river. The murder was for the purpose of robbery. The victim's head was crushed with a blunt instrument, and the general appearance about the place showed that the fortunate man had a desperate struggle with his assailant. His jewelery box, rifled of its contents, was found close by. There is no clue to the perpetrators, and the body of the man has not been identified.

Where Killing was Justifiable.

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 11 .- Will Thomas, a planter, was assaulted at Sulphur Springs sursiay by a negro, who fired a charge from a double barrel shot gun at him. Thomas was not bit. The negro then attempted to fire the other barrel, but the cap snapped, whereupon he threw down the guu and attempted to use a club on Thomas. Tointter secured the gun, put a cap on it and shot his assailant dead. The peroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide, and Thomas was diseas. g sd from custody.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.-Considerable excitement has been occasioned among t . laborers engaged in constructing the ta-mile tunnel from Great Falls, on the Lo omac, to the new water reservoir, just nor h of the city, by the discovery of gold, assay was made, and the report was uch as to dash the hopes of those was expected as achieve wealth. This report show do hat a chief control of the contr gold would pay about nine dollars to t'e on -not enough to pay for mining.

Fairbury, Ill., in Flames. FAIRBURY, Ill, Oct. 11.—Benjamin Wa-ton's mill and the business block adjoining were burned early this morning. The flames were brought under control at 6 A. M. addition to places named already, John Decker's lumber office, Smith's commission store and Your saloon were destroyed. Total losses about \$150,000; partial insur-

A Three Bile Scull Race

Woncester, Mass, Oct. 11.—All ert Hamm, of New Bedford, Mass, and James Hamm, of New Beelford, Mass., and James A. Ten Eyck, of Peckskill, signed arti-es-last night for a three mile scull race, w.t. three turns, to take place on Lake Quinsignmend between 3 and 5 P. M., on Oct. 15th for \$300, \$100 from each of the oarsman and a subscribed purse of \$100.

Destructive Fire. JOLIET, Ill., Oct. 11.—Blast furnace No. 11 at the rolling mill north of the city, burst about 11 o'clock last night, setting fire to the stock house, consuming it with several cars, the elevated railway, stock, and other property. The loss is heavy.

The Report Confirmed.

CARO, Oct. 11.—The mudir of Dongels legraphs that he has received information offrming the report of the murder of Col. wart and his companions.

TROUBLE IN AUSTRALIA.

Unemployed Immigrants Bolding Public Indignation Meetings.

[San Francisco Call.] Australia just now is full of people without employment who have been coming from England by the shipload for the past year. The cities, towns, and country are overrun with eople in a most destitute condition. The understanding made with the home government by the Australian was that imployment would be found for each and every one of the English working class that would emigrate to the colonies. The experiment was started with the irst shipment of 80,000 souls, consisting of young and old, married and single. The contract stipulated that all should be able people in a healthy state; that on arrival they should be taken hold of by the immigration agency, and provided for until distributed throughout the country, where labor was in demand. The affair has proved a failure, and what with bad times and other obstacles the people of the antipodes have arrived at the conclusion that their country is not sufficiently advanced or prepared to give homes or employment to the stranger. At one time it appeared as though the affair would result in a serious controversy between the governments of the different colonies, owing to the fact that some of them were reshipping the immigrants sent to their po.ts to the ports of other colonies. New South Wales has suffered the

most. In Sydney the streets, parks, and public grounds, termed domains, are full of the unemployed, the majority being in a most destitute condition. Hundreds landed without sufficient money to buy a loaf of bread or a night's lodging, and, there being no accommodation provided, were compelled to sleep in the parks and domains in rainy weather as well as tine, most of them having but ne ire's blanket for a covering. The government began to supply them with blankets and rations, in the manner practiced by our Indian ogencies, some four years back; such as cutting blankets in two. Some very pitiful cases came to the notice of inany. One of the saddest was of an old man and his wife, their ages being over three score and ten, with their granddaughter, a pretty girl of 16, who after landing had to beg sufficient funds to secure them a night's lodging. Women who are single and unaccompanied are looked after and situations provided for them, but many of these are entirely unsuited for the place. The result is deplorable. Those girls who cannot retain their positions lose their employment, and are thrown on their own resources. Many of the attractive young women that emigrate obtain positions as barmaids, and it is not long before the surroundings demoralize them. Mass-meetings were held daily in Sydney by the unemployed immigrants to consult as to the best course to pursue to obtain redress for their troubles and grievances. On every public plot of ground or open thoroughfare were found crowds assembled listening to the speeches condemning their treatment by the government. For the citizens affairs looked serious. They were afraid riots would ensue if some thing was not done to rectify the un-fortunate state of things. When the government found that the drouth did Congress making it a penitentiary offense not break up until too late to do any for a contractor to hire imported laborers | good for the country this season, and not break up until too late to do any the hospitals becoming full of rheumatics, the jails full of thieves, and vagrancy reigning supreme, then they cabled to the home government to stay the shipment of more immigrants until those that had arrived were well distributed throughout the colony, and employment found them. They also charged the agent with having misrepresented affairs to those that were leaving their homes for Australia.

The reply came back: "No such thing -misunderstanding in cable messages; can not stop shipment of people immediately; several hundred already en route; other ships chartered to take more, but will be able to draw it mild the following menth; will ship the remainder so many thousands at intervals,

say two to three months." And still they come, and the only satisfaction these poor people have is to grin and bear it. Those who come out with the intention of farming have certainly arrived when everything looked its bluest; the country dried up and even the cockatoo and kangaroo, like the grasshopper, after devouring all vegetation, have been compelled to live on

Blowing up the Cataracts,

(Gen. Stone in New York Tribune, 1 "I have noticed in the recent dispatches that dynamite is being sent out to Egypt to be used in blasting the cataracts, as they are called. This, which seems so simple a matter, should be very seriously considered if the welfare of Egypt is at all to be regarded. Any great change in the cataracts of the Nile might seriously alter the flow of that river, which is the life of Lower Egypt. The cataracts act as natural regulators of the flow of water in the Nile. Should that flow be made more rapid by changes in the cataracts, it seems to me that Egypt would be in danger of having both Boods and drought, to which she is not now subjected.

Odor and Ozone.

[Chicago Times] Prof. Mantogazza, of Pavia, has lately discovered that ozone is generated in immense quantities in all plants and immense quantities in all plants and flowers possessing green leaves and aromatic odors. Hyacinth, mignonette, heliotrope, lemon, mint, lavender, narcissus, cherry, laurel, and the like, all throw off ozone largely on exposure to the sun's rays. So powerful is this atmospheric purifier, that it is the belief of chemists that whole districts can be redeemed from the deadly malaria that infests them by simply covering them with aromatic vegetation. The bearing of this upon flower culture in large cities is also very important.

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