#### A RHYME OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

Rhyme on, rhyme on in ready flow Rhyme on, oh rhymer, ever swee; The story of thy love is meet, The stars stand listening to know.

Rhyme on, O river of the earth: Gray father of the dreadful sea Rhyme on, the world upon its 1: Shall yet invoke thy wealth and w

Rhyme on, the reed is at thy mouth. O, brother minstrel, mighty stream; The Crescent City like a dream Hangs in the heaven of thy south.

Rhyme on, rhyme on, these broken strings Sings sweetest in this warm south wind. I sit thy willow banks and bind ▲ broken harp that fitful sings. [Joaquin Miller.

THE HOME LIFE SLIPPING AWAY.

New York's Young Men and Women-Drifting into Apartments-Mystery. We are still nothing if not English in New York. Our young men affect clothes which are ill-fitting and ugly in color; they walk with heads forward and elbows out,

and carry their sticks as if in constant fear of their premature discharge. It is curious and astonishing how soon this devotion to a cockney ideal mounts to the brain, or to the place where the brain is supposed to be, and obliterates even the semblance of mental activity or business alertness from the face.

When I see a young man on the avenue in a suit that looks, in material and fit, as though it came from a Bowery clothing store, with an awkward gait and a vacant face, my first impression that he is a youth from the agricultural districts on his first visit to town, invariably gives place to the conviction that he is a man of fashion and society, clothed by a tailor who advertises "the latest London styles." How the girls on whom they inflict their brilliant presence ever tell them apart is a mystery which I am as yet unable to solve. They dress, walk, talk, and look as if they were ground out by an improved British machine and warranted in all respects like the original sample.

But in one important respect New York is not following the English example. Its home life is slipping from its hold. People are drifting into apartment houses-we don't talk about flats any more-and the struggle to keep up appearances is costing a price, in comfort and honesty of living, which they illy afford to pay. Said a lady who just returned to New York after an absence of several years abroad: "I don't dare to look at the back of anything here." She will have little opportunity, for people have grown very dexterous in keeping their backs out of sight and presenting gorgeous fronts to the world, which graciously pretends to believe them genu-

ine, while it never fails to detect the sham. A whole house is a luxury beyond the reach of people of ordinary means, and in the better residence portions of the city a small house is unknown. One finds street after street of four-story and basement houses, presenting an unbroken line of brown stone fronts, without the slightest variation in design or appearance. Another mystery that confronts me (by the way, New York is rich in mysteries) is now a man who comes home late at night, and perhaps a little unsteady from the pressure of "extra work," ever knows when he reaches his own door. He must maintain the most intimate acquaintance with his street number or he would be in danger of drifting helplessly through the length of half a dozen blocks.-New York Cor. Chicago Times.

With Toothpicks Between Their Teeth. I don't know why it is offensive for a man or woman to carry a toothpick in the mouth any more than I know why soup should be taken from the side of a spoon or that the fork alone must be used in the

## BTULY OF HUMAN COUNTENANCES.

What the Ancient Philosophers and Astrologers Observed-Signs of Character.

Among the questions which ancient philosophers found worthy of their discussion was one which at the first glance appears trivial. It was: Why does one man differ from another in personal appearance? It was noticed that men's personal appearance changed; that as certain mental traits or characteristics manifested themselves, they were not infrequently attended by peculiar physical manifestations. The man, swinish in his habits, sometimes in advanced years, looked like a hog; the foolish man, like a sheep; the shrewd schemer, like a fox; the habitual deceiver, like a snake; the gester, like a monkey. It was thereupon concluded that in some occult way, mind had an influence over matter; that traits of mind had their outward sign in peculiarities of personal appearance, and when this con-clusion was reached there was a foundation for the sciences of physiognomy, phrenology, metoposcopy and palmistry.

THE LINES OF THE FOREHEAD. The astrologers judged of the tempera-ment by the lines of the forchead, the length, depth, straightness and general appearance of these being considered when forming a judgment. The lines when complete in a forehead are seven in number, the upper one nearest the hair being the line of Saturn, next in order below the lines of Jupiter, Mars, the Sun, the Moon, Mercury and Venus. When any particular line was long and fair, it denoted an excess of the temperament indicated.

The lines of the forehead were good only when they were long and fair, that is, not broken or intersected by other lines. When this was the case, the character of the individual was judged by the nature of the interruption. A forehead seamed with lines in every direction was always evil, especially if the lines turned downward at the temples, while long, regular lines were favorable, and especially so if they had in the middle of the forehead a depression toward the nose. Circles upon the lines intensified the favorable tendency of the line on which they were found, while crosses were unfavorable.

MEANING OF NOSE AND EARS.

A large nose was always a sign of much character of some kind, but what was determined by other characteristic marks. A Roman nose was a sign of a courageous temper and a disposition to face and overcome difficulties, while a more strongly aquiline nose was an indication of rapacity, the idea being evidently borrowed from the similarity of this description of beak to that of the eagle, the most rapacious of birds. The snub-nose showed little character but much temper, while the Greek nose, even, straight and regular, was a sign of the temperament of its Large dostrils indicated good owner. lungs, health and long life, while swelling nostrils showed a war-like spirit and fire. A very sharp nose was considered an indi-cation of a busy body, while a bluntness at the end of this member was an outward sign of the possessor's mentai lack of acuteness.

Large ears were always bad, the similarity between their owner and the donkey being supposed to extend farther than the ears, while small ears were always good. The lobe of the ear passing insensibly into the cheek was a sure sign of a thief and a liar, while an exceedingly sharp division between the two indicated honesty and candor. Thick ears meant thick brains, while thin delicate ears declared their possessor to be a man of refined intelligence.

SIGNS IN EYES AND MOUTH.

sign, though when other characteristics were favorable, the eyes were sometimes ignored, but small eyes invariably deintelligence. Half-shut eyes, noted through which the owner looked as through a partly closed window, showed not only great intelligence but secretiveness and a habit of watching others while wishing to appear unobservant. These, by the ancients, were considered to be the most dangerous eyes of all, seeing everything while appearing to see nothing. Fleshy eyes were those of a sensual person thinking much of the good things of this world and little of the pleasures of intelloctuality. Eyes slanting up from the nose were the eyes of a hypocrite and deceiver, while a downward slant told of inward cruelty and malevolence. Black eyes were those of a snake and not to be trusted; brown eyes were those of a gazelle and were to be loved; gray eyes belonged to the eagle and were to be respected, while blue eyes were of the angels, and were to be adored. The month and chin were much regarded as striking features. A prominent chin indicated firmness and decision of character, while a receding chin was a sign of irresolution. Thick lips betokened coarseness of disposition, and thin lips, sharpness of temper. A mouth cut straight across, like a gash in the face, indicated resolution without delicacy, while a mouth and like a woman is. He pinches his feet large mouth was an indication of strong A frog, and was supposed to betoken a gluttorous disposition. All these indications, with many more of the same kind, showed that the astrologers of the middle ages were by no means backward in guessing at the characteristics of an individual by his facial marks, and their judgment has in many cases been confirmed by the researches of modern physiognomists and phrenologists .-- Cor. Globe-Democrat.

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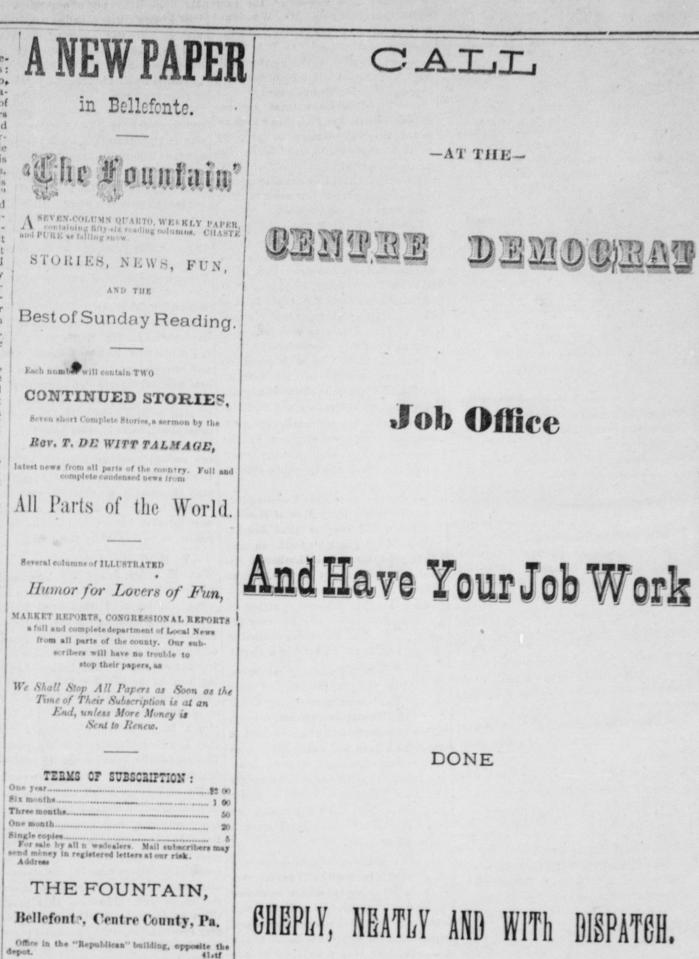
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spectable people who will rise from the table habitually with toothpicks between their teeth and carry them there for half an hour. It's a small matter, but for the sake of my nerves wish they would for-bear.-Kansas City Times.

### King Alphonso Getting in a Bad Way.

Apropos of King Alphonso, I hear that his health is seriously undermined. He is undoubtedly consumptive and will probably spend the coming winter on the Riviera. He has been leading a very dissipated life since he came to the throne, and his constitution being naturally weak, he has now to pay the penalty of his ex-cesses. His wife is of a fearfully jealous disposition and treats him to "scenes" without end, but the real love of his life lies buried in the tomb of poor, pretty Mercedes, and he has always been indifferent to his present spouse, the plain but intellectual Christina.-Lucy Hooper's Letter.

#### The Cubans an Interesting People.

I have never seen a Cuban with a dumb face or an uninteresting eye. This man is in outline like Cupid's bow showed both a dandy. He wears jeweiry like a woman, refinement and delicacy of perception. A into agonizing shoes. A Cuban town is will; a small mouth of little character. full of such figures, and few of them work The upper lip beyond the lower was a at anything. The men go to balls in black hint of weakness of intention, while the dress suits, white neckties and green lower being the more prominent showed shirts, They let their nails grow long arrogance and conceit. A mouth turned and trim them to a point. Lots of Cubans up at the corners showed a merry dispoare named Jesus, and they have a passion sition, and downward, the contrary. for saintship, at least in their shop signs and business advertisements.—Havana head and thin cheeks was the mouth of a Letter.

#### At Last Got Down to Steady Work.

As she sat on the steps one Sunday evening he claimed the right to a klas for every shooting star. She at first demurred as became a modest maiden, but finally yielded. She was even so accommodating as to call his attention to flying meteors that were about to escape his observation and then got to calling him on lightning bugs, and at last got him down to steady work on the light of a lantern that a man was swinging about in the distance where trains were switching .- Exchange.

#### Skulls of Servian Heroes.

Twenty years ago Belgrade was bombarded by the Turks, who held the citadel. and the heads of the Servian heroes who had struggled for the independence of their country for the space of nearly half a century were set on poles and lined the public promenade, the Kaligmedan. At the cates of Nisch, the present residence of King Milan, the famous Kele-kalessi tower, built with the skulls of the warriors who fell in an unequal struggle, is visible.-Chicago Tribune.

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### Promoted to Be a Floor Walker.

Frank James, ex-Missouri bandit, lately poloyed as a clerk in a dry goods store in that state, has been promoted to the mition of floor walker.

#### Seeds Germinating at Low Temperature.

A German scientist has undertaken a series of experiments to ascertain the lowest temperature at which seeds are capable of germinating. He found that rye and winter wheat germinated at 32 de-grees, barley and oats showed their cotyledon at 32 degrees, but the root did not start till 35 degrees were reached; Indian corn required 48 degrees; the turnip germ-inated at 32 degrees; flax at 35 degrees; the pea and clover at 35 degrees; the bean and the hupin at 38 degrees; asparagus at 35 degrees, and the carrot at 38 degrees.-Scientific Journal.

### Original of the Fabled Roc.

It has been hoped that a few of the gi gantic ostrich-like birds (Eoyornis) of Madaguscar, supposed to be the original of the fabled roc, might still be living: but a thorough search of the deserts of the interior of that island shows that this hope is unfounded, though the species ne doubt existed within comparatively recent times .-- New York Sun

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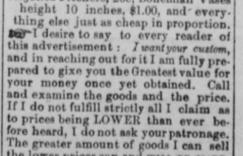
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