There is a movement in the direction of woman's suffrage in France.

About \$200,000,000 worth of registered United States bonds are held by private individuals.

In order to protect an invention all over the world no less than sixty-four patents are required at a cost of about \$17,500.

The railway mileage of Europe, Asia and Africa now aggregates 159, 655 miles. The railways of the United States reach 168,597 miles.

New Zealand is bent on preserving her remarkable wild birds and other animals, and has set apart two islands on which all hunting and trapping is forbidden.

Scarcely a stream issues from the lower slopes of the Andes, either to the Amazon on the east or the Pacific on the west, the sands of which are not auriferous. The amount of gold in the country must be almost fabulous.

Thomas Godbepraised, of England, after the rush and excitement of the World's Fair, sought rest, appropriately enough, observes the St. Louis Republic, in Philadelphia. But one of the live reporters of that city found him out and wrote him up. Of course his name goes back to Round-head days.

A widower's association has been formed in Dresden, Germany. No man can join unless his wife is dead, and if he marries again he becomes an honorary member merely. One of the chief purposes of the association is to help newly-made widowers by looking after their wives' funerals and caring for their children.

Samory, the great Mohammedan chief of interior Africa, is about the last semi-savage of the dark country to yield to civilization and the force of arms. The French have been gradually driving them into closer quarters and now the British are conducting raids against his warriors. Samory is the greatest bandit king in the world.

Metropolitan fashions have long prevailed throughout the country. In no oze thing is this more plainly apparent than in the uniforms of policemen. In the smaller cities, and even in small towns, the policeman nowadays wears a uniform like that of his city brother. He may not have the city brother's repose of manner and cool jauntiness of bearing, but his clothes are strictly up to date.

The railway companies of the United States have no reasonable cause, asserts the New York News, to complain of their business for the fiscal year. Including all the bankrupt and nonpaying lines the aggregate net earnings were more than three hundred and fifty million dollars. This is equivalent to about three and onehalf per cent. of the capitalization, a very good rate of interest in view of the fact that the roads are generally capitalized at from two to five times their actual cost.

It is estimated that there are 10,000 books of poetry in the National Library at Washington. The rules of the library require the keeping of every copyrighted book, so that the collection must include an enormous amount of trash. The San Francisco Chronicle believes it is safe to say that ninetenths of this verse represents work which no publisher would issue without advance payment of cost, and which is absolutely worthless. Thera ought to be some provision for weeding out this trash, which is not worth shelf room.

It illustrates the need of a Pacifia cable that the news of the two most important events in the Hawaiian epi, sode passed between Washington and Honolulu only after traveling backward round the globe some 21,000 miles in order to compass a direct distance of some 5000 miles. The news of the decision of President Cleveland to attempt the restoration of the Queen reached Hawaii first by steamer from New Zealand, having traveled by telegraph under the North Atlantic and through the whole of Europe. Asia, and Australia to reach the port from which the steamer sailed. Similarly, the first news that the Provisional Government refused to accede to the President's demands reached Washington by steamer from Honolulu to New Zealand, and thence by telegraph back over the same roundabout route. A cable 2500 miles long. from Honolulu to San Francisco, would have saved 21,000 miles of telegraphic and steamship travel, and about two weeks of time in each in-

Only about four per cent. of the sea-going vessels constructed at the present time are of wood.

The development of college sports is indicated, thinks the Chicago Herald, by the fact that Harvard now has a salaried manager.

In Canada positions in the Civil Service are obtainable after examination and are held during good behavior, which, as a rule, means life.

In Japan a man can live like a gentleman for about \$250 a year. This sum will pay the rent of a house, the salaries of two servants and supply plenty of food.

The Hungarian Government has recently passed a law providing for the payment of indemnities to prisoners innocently condemned to penal servitude, and to their families in cases where such prisoners have been found to have suffered capital punishment.

The Argentine Republic is rapidly becoming a prominent competitor in the business of supplying grain to the European markets. Shipowners of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are taking advantage of the trade and finding employment for their vessels at remunerative rates between the River Plate and Old World ports.

The low price of wheat this year is due, maintains the New York Witness, to the fact that a very large surplus was held over from the big crops of the past two years. The farmers of the world are producing more wheat than the people of the world can buy, though not more than could be consumed if all the people who need it were able to pay for it.

A curious lawsuit has just been concluded at Brussels. A widow named Moeus died intestate, leaving a large fortune. A dispute at once began among her relatives and a lawsuit to settle the various claims was instituted. At the trial it was proved that no fewer than 3500 persons were related to the testatrix. Judgment has been pronounced in their favor-that is, in javor of relatives, even twelve degrees

The reclamation of the arid wastes of southwestern desert lands proceeds marvelously apace. Another reclamation company was incorporated at San Bernardino, Cal., a few days ago, with a capital stock of \$2,500,000. A dam is to be erected at Victor Narrows, on the Mojave River, in San Bernardino County, fifteen feet in height, which will make a lake nine miles long and about three wide, whose waters will be used to irrigate about 200,000 acres of land on the Mojave Desert, which will then be especially adapted for growing raisin grapes and alfalfa.

According to the Sviet, a St. Petersburg paper, Russia, unlike other European countries, incorporates in the army only one-fourth of the young men who are drafted every year when they reach the legal age for military service. The recruiting in 1892 enlisted 768,672 conscripts, but only 260,290 were actually sent into the ranks. Of these 196,000 were Orthodox, 16,000 Israelites and 9000 Mohammedans; the Russian army is therefore composed of men belonging to the National religion. There were also in the contingent called to service in 1892 193,000 men of pure Russian origin, 17,000 Poles, 4000 Germans, 16,000 Jews, 3689 Bashkires, and a small number of Lithuanians, Tartars, etc., so that the Russian army can be considered as being quite homogeneous in regard to its nationality.

Every little while the police arrest a man with a kit of burglars' tools in his possession, and one naturally wonders where they all come from. It is easy to buy a gun of any description, and the most reputable citizen would not be ashamed to be seen purchasing the most wicked-looking knife ever made; but who would know where to get a slung-shot, or a jimmie, or a device for drilling into a safe, or any of the many tools used by the professional burglar in the pursuit of his calling? There probably are places in many large cities where these things are made and sold to the users, but such places are scarce. Once in a while the police find such a factory, and then things go hard for the proprietors. It may seem a little strange to learn that most of the tools used in burglaries are made by mechanics who are looked upon as respectable men in the community. When a burglar wants any particular tool made he goes to a mechanic who can do the job, and pays him perhaps five times what it is actually worth for making the tool and keeping still about it.

HOW-DE-DO.

Say "how-de-do," an' say "goodby," Meet an' shake, an' then pass by ; Ain't much difference twixt the two. Say "goodby" or "how-de-do." "How-de-do," with chilly heart, Ain't much difference, meet or part; Jes' a look, an' jes' a bow, Sometimes only jes' a "how;" Ain't much difference which they say, "How-de-do" or tother way.

Meet a friend-yer grasp his hand, An' jes' stand, an' stand, an' stand-Gh d yer met an' hate ter part, Kinds trembly in the heart. Neighbors gred on "Moody Hill," He was "Tom" an' you was "Bill," Kinder stop an' look an' say "How-de-do?" an' then "good day!"

Been away from home a spell, Swing the gate back, stand, an' well, Kinder don't know what ter do. Heart thumps like 'twas bustin' through. Said "goodby" a year afore--Betsy standing in the door-Said "goodby," but "how-de-do." Seems the strangest o' the two. Brace right up an' waltz right in, Shake the tremble from yer chin, Betsy's waitin' there for you, Waltz right in with-"How-de-do?"

-The Housekeeper.

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THAT DOG JAGS.



hungry. Infact, he was almost starved. His ribs were sharply outlined against his mangy hide and there was an unquenchable 'craving inside of them for bones. It

seems funny when one thinks of it, when there was nothing to him but bones. He raised his head from his paws and snapped eagerly at a great, bulgy bluefly that buzzed lazily around, and swallowed it with a gulp. But one fly is not much when one has a hollow within him that feels as big as a

church. Those hollows were common in Rat Row. It was the river street of a large city, where squalid men, women and children fought, quarreled, cursed and stole their wretched lives long to keep that inner void just sufficiently filled to ward off the Potter's Field. "Stole," I said. The younger habitants, perhaps, limited their schievements to As for their elders-well, if a man with a comfortably filled stomach strayed into their power and would give up his "ticker" and other valuables like a gentleman and evince no disposition to "squeal," all right, perhaps; if he rebelled, the river was handy. Then a fresh flow of firewater, more desperate fighting, cursing and cutting for a day or two. Sometimes a rush of patrol-wagon and armed police, a bleeding body carried away, a living, sullen, horrible one or two to answer for it-it was an old

story to the blue-coats. Thus, Jags was a dog of the slums. kicked, cuffed and starved, with good points in him that once led an uptown clubman to coax him off the street when Jags inadvertently wandered. foraging, to a respectable quarter. For three days Jags was fed, petted and began to grow handsome. The first hour of liberty found him fawning joyfully at the feet of Blinks, the most brutal of all the Rat Row brutes, whom Jags followed with a worshiping fidelity only found in some women and most dogs. He was ready to starve with his horrible idol rather than desert him for soft treatment and unlimited bones with meat on them.

"Here ye be, be ye, ye cuss? Thought ye'd mosey, did ye? Been feedin', has ye? Thought ye'd speak!

Take that -'nd that -'nd that !" "That" was a series of brutal kicks that made the poor dog yelp out in piteous agony. When they ceased one of Jags's boautiful, loving brown bleeding socket by the master for whom he had sacrificed wealth and comfort. That was merely a variation of the to stay out, when the poor dog tried to tortures that Jags's master habitually put upon him. If it ever occurred to the dog that he had anything to foradoringly to the feet that kicked him. If he ever thought, wistfully, that his master might have done a more mercistomach, he never said so.

to the side of Blinks, keeping a watchful eye for kicks, and breathed along, sobbing sigh of relief when he got close to his idol without awakening him. The man was seated on a broken a little in his sleep as vague realizachair outside the tottering tenement tions of his wretched life and empty house where he and Jags had a kennel. His bloated red face was turned upward to the sun, his breath recked bad and listens. There is nothing unusual, whisky, the soft summer breeze stirred his loathsome rags. One wonders how even the breeze could touch him. of that unnecessary luxury, food, but mind, perhaps, but dog instinct-

His slumber was soon disturbed by wash-tub.

drowndid he is intoirely! Howly less streets. Mary! Run, ye murtherin' divils! Save 'im! Hilp!"

It would not have created much of half dozen little "rata" had been few draggled women lounged to doors little children, sleeping calmly in a it up again. - Boston Cultivator.

men, among whom was Blinks, lurched lazily toward the place where the small, dirty figure had gone under the muddy water, giving it plenty of time to drown in the most leisurely way before their arrival. Only the screeching mother and the dog were really alive to the situation.

but the instinct inherited from a long line of noble ancestors nerved him. In a flash, it seemed, his gaunt body was in the water and out, and Betsy had snatched her soaked "kid." drained the water out of him and administered a ringing slap.

"Ye spalpane? Will yez be kapin" away from the wather-will yez?" The child replied with a vicious squirm and an unchildlike curse. Betsy went back to her washtub, while Jags crept patiently to the side of his master who, with another, had dropped from sheer exhaustion on the yellow

earth. No one thought of praising or thanking Jags. Such small, sweet on the night. Clang, clang! courtesies were not customary in Rat Rattle, rattle, rush! Streams of sparks Row. Only Blinks's companion, who in the wake of flying engines. Sharp seemed more alive than his surroundings, looked approvingly at the dog. "Fetch 'n carry?" he said laconi-

cally, nodding in Jags's direction. "Like - !" drawled his maeter, with a laziness strangely at variance with the lurid comparison. "Hyar, dawg! Git it!"

Jags looked up imploringly as a stick flew far into the water. He was willing enough, heaven knows! But when one has had only one fly to eat for twenty-four hours, and had just dragged a heavy squirming body from the water, he may be pardoned for feeling trembly and averse to unnecessarv exertion.

"Git it!" snarled his master. There was a kick in the eye, Jags went meekly out into the turbid water and mind. He raises the sash and leaps came trembling all over to lay the out. It falls behind him. Jags is imstick beside the tyrant. Again it flew out, farther than before. This time Jags was almost swept down the river. "Let up!" said Blinks's companion; "the dawg's nigh croaked."

"Lazy, cuss 'im!" drawled Jags's energetic owner. Jags gave a whine of almost human entreaty when the stick was thrown again, but tottered away to almost certain death.

Amicable relations are easily disturbed in Rat Row. Big Andy caught Blinks by that part of his garment where the collar should have been and shook him into a stupid protest.

"Blame yer mizzable hide!" shouted furiously. "Call 'im back or I'll fling ye in arter 'im!"

Blinks fell limply to the ground and obeyed. But Jags had already turned to defend his master and bounded back with a growl at his assailant.

"Cussed if the dawg wouldn't fight fer ye now, ye sneakin' hound!" muttered Big Andy with an admiring grin at Jags. He went into his own nest in your neck!"

Jags snatched it with the fervor of me! I'll give myself up to anybody starvation, but his master was filled that'll save that dwwg. I mean it, with a sullen spite against the innocent cause of his shaking, and, looking to see that Big Andy was at a safe distance, he called:

"Hyar, ye imp." The dog came, clinging desperately to the precious food.

"Drop it!" The poor animal obeyed, eyeing it wistfully the while.

"Now, come git it!" Jags bounded joyfully forward to meet a kick that made him howl. Repeating this amusing performance until he was weary, the human brute finally threw the bone into the river. Jags started weakly after it, but obeyed with something like tears in his one pathetic eye when commanded

Well, he had been hungry before, and if his master willed this, he must know best.

It has been seen, long before this, that Jags was an ideal Christian.

Hours after this even Rat Row was wrapped in slumber-the heavy sleep of the drunkard or the leaden one of exhaustion and weakness. Blinks, after taking several more drinks from a eyes was gone, knocked out of its flat, black bottle, staggered into some corner of the Old Mill, after ordering Jags in language savoring of brimstone

follow him in. The stars shone as serenely down on the foul smelling city slums as upon give he did so, freely, generously and the clover-sweet meadows far away. lovingly, creeping all the more The river murmured and gurgled along the clover-sweet meadows far away. the black piers. Sometimes the "chug-chug" of a steamboat came clearly through the night; then its ful thing and relieved him of a hoarse whistle-one long-drawn, three real trouble by kicking out his short, another long-woke the echoes and it puffed past, its high, colored Just now he dragged his bony length lights and trailing smoke making it look through the darkness like some fiery-eyed demon of the mists.

Jags, lying prone on the rickety steps of the Old Mill, moans and cries stomach visit his dream.

Suddenly he starts up, nose in air, Jags! The river gurgles on softly, the stars twinkle undimmed, there is no variation of sight or sound that hu-Bijnks was happy. He was "full," not man mind can detect. Not human

Jags quivers, he sniffs the air and walks about uneasily. He stops and

or windows, two or three blear-eyed tinder-box, that tinder-box on fire and only he, Jags, a dumb, helpless animal, to know and save them! And he -his idolized tyrant, in there!

Jags throws himself against the door with a yell of agony. It falls open. A thin puff of smoke wavers to meet him. Barking, howling, fairly shricking, Jags tears straight for the room where Jags was weak from long fasting, he and Blinks have their kennel. He isn't there! Out again, jumping against doors in his frantic search, choked with smoke, rushing through curling tongues of flame, goes the dog. Are they all dead in there! His master, where is he? It is well that one in that vast hive is not too tired nor too drunk to awaken. Big Andy rouses to realize that the dog is making "a fuss," takes in the situation in a flash, and bounds out of the smoke-

filled room. "Great God! The house is on fire!"

"Fire, fire, fire!" Somewhere a wire vibrates above the city streets. A great bell tolls out and clear the engine and patrol gongs strike, in time with rattling hoofs and wheels. Over all booms slowly and solemnly, with pauses between the strokes, the great bell.

All this time a dog was flying, with feet scorched now by the heated floor, from room to room, hunting for one object. He finds him at last, in the second story, coiled up in a drunken heap on the floor. He springs upon him, tugs at his clothing, barks, whines and tries to drag him toward the door. At last the man awakes, stolidly, stupidly, then to a vague terror and abject fright. He bounds to the door.
It is a wall of flames. He reaches the window; no thought of the creature who saved him comes to the brute's

prisoned in a tomb of fire. The people have swarmed out, dirty, dazed, half-dressed. The cordon is thrown out; the engines throb and scream. The firemen work quietly,

streams of perspiration dripping beneath their helmets. Floods of water glitter like liquid fire in the red flames. The Old Mill is doomed. "Is every one out!" asks the Chief

brusquely, gazing up toward the tottering furnace. As if in answer there is a crash of

breaking glass at a second-story window and a living thing appears there, pitiful, pleading, ablaze with little tongues of flame. It whines implor-

Big Andy has private reasons of his own for preferring to remain incog. among a swarm of policemen. But now into the full blaze of light he dashes forward.

"The dawg, the dawg that saved all our lives! Git 'im, boys; git 'im out! My God! I hain't got no money, the tenement house and flung Jags a boys, but look hyar! They's a rebone. "Hyar, dawg! Put that down | ward of \$500 out fer me! I'm Big Andy, the safe-cracker. You know

> There was good in Big Andy; he was sobbing aloud. For the credit of human nature be it said, no one ever claimed that reward.

A quiet order through the Chief's trumpet, and a stream of water from the hose drove the crazy window in. The dog sprang to the sill and tottered weakly. A fireman ran lightly up the ladder and carried him down to the cool earth. There he fell, bleeding and scorched. He roused himself to gaze longingly around, dragged his mangled body to where Blinks stood, staring stupidly, and laid his head, with a faint moan, against his master's

"Speak to him!" bawled Big Andy furiously. "Pet 'im, or I'll kill ye Perhaps something human stirred

in the heart of the lower brute. He stooped and laid a not ungentle hand on the bleeding head,

"W'y, w'y, Jags, ole fel!" But with a rapturous look of gratitude from his one loving, beautiful Where? If eye, the dog had gone. there is no dog heaven, what will the Creator do with the faithful, martyr soul of Jags?-The Voice.

A Snake Story.

"I never realized the strength of the instinct of self-preservation in man," said John F. Thompson to the corridor man at the Laclede, "until I witnessed a test of it on a steamboat. Among the passengers was a man who had a black rattlesnake in a box with a glass top. The snake was a very vicious one, and would strike the glass whevever any one approached. owner of the reptile challenged any one in the crowd to hold his finger on the glass and let the snake strike at it. There could not be any danger, and there was not a man who did not think it an easy thing to do.

"One big fellow, who looked as if he never knew what nerves were, tried it, and, after repeated attempts gave it up. Then every passenger on the boat attempted, and failure followed in each case. It simply could not be done. Instinct was stronger than reason and will power combined."-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Increased Use of Mutton.

It is not altogether the cheapness of a splash, a chorus of yells from the whines, tries to push in the barred mutton that is leading people to use gamins on the river bank, and with door and fails. Then he breaks into a it more freely. They have learned bare, red arms dripping with soap long, plaintive howl. Surely that will that it is an excellent and healthful suds, her frowsy hair flying in the awaken some one in that narrow meat and the consumption of mutton wind, Betsy O'Riley rushed from her street, that crowded house! But there in the United States is six times as comes no other sound but the rippling great in 1893 as it was in 1887. We "The babby! The darlint! It's river, the roar of the far away, sleep- are undoubtedly killing off sheep faster than their natural increase. Again and again he howls. Silence! must lead to increasing scarcity of fat What is that? A mere shadow of a sheep for mutton, and higher prices sound, faint, stealthy, as if some one for the mutton when marketed. Sheep a sensation in Rat Row society if a had stepped lightly on a dry twig and cannot be increased very rapidly at the snapped it. It rouses Jags to frenzy. best, and if our stock becomes deswept away altogether by the river. A Scores of human beings, men, women, pleted it takes several years to build A SONG OF LOVE'S WAY,

What, sweet mistress, should there be "Twixt thy heart and mine this day?" There no barrier I see

Which Love may not kiss away. Do thou waft one smile to me-Love will find his way to thee!

If a rose should bar his path-Thorny, with a jealous frowr, Love such winning favor hath He would quickly kiss it down; Then would sweetly, tenderly Bear it on his breast to thee.

Love will come his own to greet, Though no light his day adorns, Through a world of roses, sweet-Through a wilderness of thorns! Do thou waft one smile to me, Love shall find his way to thee! -Frank L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A backslider-The crab.-Hallo. A spark of genius-Winning an heir-

ess. -Truth. The man who agrees with us doesn'tcome around near often enough. -Ram's Horn.

The stock exchange is where hope is exchanged for experience. - Florida Times-Union.

A man with an elactic imagination is too liable to use it for a conscience. -Rochester Democrat.

This is a world of compensations men who lack long heads generally

have long faces. - Truth. The worst of the rosy colors in which some things are painted is that

they are not fast. - Puck. "How much is this dress worth?"

"I really don't know what it's worth -the price is \$3."-Hallo. The pen may be mightier than the sword, but it's the uniform that takes

young women's eyes .- Judge. "Johnny, add seven apples to two apples, and what will you have?" 'Colic, sir."-Harper's Bazar.

A dog's tail is not necessarily a "has been" because it always points to the past. - Bimghamton Republican.

One reason why some men are so lean is because they have thrown all their fat into the fire. - Dallas News. Tommy (with pride)-"My pa's a

banker." Willie-"An' my pa's receiver for his bank."-Chicago Rec-"The foreign husband is the absorb-

ing idea!" said the American millionaire as he wrote the wedding check .-Cleveland Plain Dealer. He-"Do you believe in such a

thing as love at first sight?" She-"Certainly. A hasty glance does not discover imperfections."-Boston Transcript. Hungry Higgins - "Wot's right

nowadays-t'ank you, or t'anks?" Weary Watkins -- 'I guess tanks would hit us about right."-- Indianapolis Journal. The man who is always careful to

keep out of debt is seidom so well supplied with the modern conveniences of life as his less considerate fellow. -- Puck. He-"What would you do if I were

to kiss you?" She-"Are you very curious to know?" He-"Very! She--"Well, you might try-and see !" -Boston Traveler.

"It makes no difference to me." said the old theologian, "whether I came from a tadpole or a monkey. How to get out of the scrape is what bothers me."-Newport News.

In the cannibal islands. Mother-"What is the matter with you, my son? . Have you eaten anything that disagreed with you?" Son-"That is why I ate him." -Boston Transcript.

Tommy -"I guess he must be the best dentist in town." Papa -"Didn't he hurt you?" Tommy--"No; I just went up to the door and my tooth stopped hurting."--Chicago Inter-

"Did you get anything from that man you just applied to for help?" 'Only good advice." "What advice did he give you!" "I said I was cold and he told me to go to biazes."-New York Press.

The scarcity of food in Bage has compelled the beseiged troops to resort to canines dished up in various styles. There is a havec among the dogs of war in that locality. -Philadelphia Ledger. First Belle-"Then both Herr

Schulze and Herr Lehmann had made her an offer of mariage; which was the lucky man?" Second Ditto-- "Herr Schulze, Herr Lehmann married her.' -Oberiander Bote. "Have you had your new house in-

sured, Mrs. Dwight?" "Yes." "Your husband is afraid of fire, then?" "Mercy, yes; he will leave the house any time before he will make one."---Chicago Inter-Ocean.

"How do you know that DeVere is not in love with Mabel Sweetbriar?" "Because I heard him tell her the other evening, when they came from church, that he knew of a short cut home."--Detroit Free Press.

"Did you know that Miss Bjones was going to marry young Smith?" know it; but I cannot understand how a girl as intelligent as she is one consent to marry a man stapid enough to want to marry her."- Brooklyn Life,

"Angels have wings, haven't they, grandma?" "I've always heard so. 'I heard Uncle Gerald tell Mademoiselle she was an angel-in the shrubbery this morning-and she basn't got wings." "No, but she'll have to fly."

-Punch. "An' is your man workin' now, Mrs. Mullay?" "He is that, Mrs. Tooley." "Phwat do he be doin', Mrs. Mullsy?"
"Coachin' convicts, Mrs. Tooley."
"Phwat's that, Mrs. Mullsy?" "Drivin' the Black Maria, shure, Mrg. Tooley."-Elmira Gazette.