# OFFICIAL CROP REPORT.

STATISTICS FROM THE AGRI-CULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

The September Condition of Corn, Wheat, Oats, Rice, Tobacco and Apples-The Area Under Clover-Heavy Decline in the Corn Average.

The report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture for the month of September shows a decline in the condition of corn to 63.4 from 69.1 in the month of August and 95 in the month of July. This is a decline of 5.7 from the August and 31.6 from the July condition. The change is marked in nearly all of the great corn States. The present condition is 75 in Kentucky, 70 in Ohio, 55 in Michigan, 80 in Indiana, 78 in Illinois, 51 in Wisconsin, 60 in Minnesota, 40 in Iowa, 70 in Missouri, 45 in Kansas, 15 in Nebraska, and 16 in South Da-kota. In most of the Southern States the condition has risen and a good crop is cer-

In addition to the unfavorable prospects arising from the low condition of the growing crop, reports from eight States, viz., Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota, in response to a special inquiry, show that out of an aggregate of 40,873,984 acres planted in these States there have been cut up for fod-der or abandoned 15,506,000 acres, or 38 per cent, which is a little over 20 per cent, of the entire area planted in the country. The percentage of that cut up or abandoned by States reporting is as follows: Indiana, .06; Illincis, 10: Wisconsin, 21; Iowa, 35; Missouri, 16; Kansas, 53; Nebraska, 81; South Dakota, 81.

The condition of wheat, considering both winter and spring varieties, when harvested, was 83.7 against 74.0 last year and 85.3 in 1892. The reported conditions from the cor-respondents for the principal wheat-growing States are as follows: Ohio, 102; Michigan, 91; Indiana, 103; Illinois, 101; Wisconsin, 92; Minnesota, 84; Iowa, 92; Missouri, 91; Kansas, 58; Nebraska, 40; South Dakota, 32; North Dakota, 74; California, 88; Oregon, 88; Washington, 67. In the East: New York, 86; Pennsylvania, 91; Maryland, 98. Virginia reports 78; Tennessee, 78; West Virginia, 93, Kentucky, 92; Texas, 92. In the principal wheat States there has been considerable improvement in condition since July report. In parts of the wheat region the crop is fully up to expectations, and in other parts the yield has exceeded anticipation.

The average condition of oats is reported at 77.8, against 76.5 on August 1, 77.7 on July 1, and 87 on June 1.

The returns for rye show an average of 86.9, against 82 a year ago.

The condition of barley has risen nearly two points during the month, the September average standing at 71.5 against 69.8 in Au-

There is a decline in September condition of buckwheat of 12% points from that of August, the general average being 69.2,

The area under clover seed is reported as 71.9 of that for 1893. The condition is given at 69.2, which is much below the average, thus indicating a very short crop.

The general average of condition for rice

The average condition of apples has fallen during last month from 44.0 to 40.8. The condition of peaches is 21.1; potatoes, 62.4, a decline of twelve points since last

The condition of tobacco is 74.5, against

## THE LABOR WORLD.

MACHINISTS have 450 lodges. THERE are 9000 Union bakers. Boston has sixty-five Unions. THERE are 160 barbers' Unions. CHICAGO has 1500 Union teamsters.

OMAHA has a Polish Federation of Labor. NASHVILLE has a colored barber's Union. Louisiana is to have an Arbitration Board. CHICAGO painters get 321/2 cents an hour. OMAHA (Neb.) city employes have a Union. TENNESSEE is to have a State Labor Con-

DETROIT (Mich.) Union brooms are la-

BRUSSELS, Belgium, makes 100,000 hats San Francisco Union carpenters get \$2.25

FEMALE farm laborers are numerous in

Kansas Cirr (Mo.) garment workers have a Union.

Boston Chinese laundrymen have fixed a scale of prices. San Francisco goldsmiths get twenty-five

A Pressumo restaurauteur says girl wait-

Kansas City (Mo.) packing house Unions The second Wednesday in October is Eight Hour Day in New Zealand.

THE municipality of Klingenburg, Germany, runs the local factories.

A HAMMOND (Ind.) butcher dressed a beef in six minutes and twenty seconds. REV. Dr. Pentecost, of London, has 300 domestic servants in his congregation.

FARMERS on horseback were a feature of the Nashville (Tenn.) Labor Day parade. THE English Amalgamated Society of Engineers has a yearly income of \$1,073,000.

A LONDON gas company distributed \$100,-000 of its profits for a year among its hands. Washington (D. C.) plate printers were a \$1 bill as a badge in the Labor Day parade. THREE clergymen made addresses at the Binghamton (N. Y.) Labor Day demonstra-

A NASHVILLE athletic club occupied a float on Labor Day and gave a continuous per-ITALIANS are deserting California. Many

are going home and not a few have embarked for Africa. THERE are 7000 people in Paris who are employed in the preparation of human hair for the market.

The trade unions congress at Norwich, England, resolved to demand that the Government prevent the landing of destitute

The Marquis of Lorne is a sympathizer with strikes where the men have a reasonable complaint. He has often been known to contribute his mite to a strike fund.

OUTRAGES by unionist sheep-shearers are causing much concern in Brisbane, Australia. Since the beginning of the month five large wool sheds have been burned.

JOHN A. HOWARD, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Wheeling (W. Va.) district, began his life as a glassblower and devoted his evenings to study in a commercial

THE petition of the collar, shirt and cuff operatives, 76,000 in number, recently presented to Congress, have been bound in one mammoth book, 72x48 inches, weighing 392 pounds. It is said that when the book is open a boy of twelve years of age can easily craw; through the back.

DAIST MAJORS, a sixteen-year-old girl, who has acted as Postmistress at Wampum, Penn., is found to have embezzled \$1500.

THE Chicago policeman who served as model for the Haymarket statue has been dismissed in disgrace from the force.

#### PROMINENT PEOPLE.

KING LEOPOLD, of Belgium, rides a bleyele. JUSTICES BREWER, Brown and Shiras are

THE first three sons of Emperor William, of Germany, are learning to ride bicycles. SENATOR DANIEL, of Virginia, is figuring as a writer of short stories for young people. THE Crown Prince, Frederick of Denmark, has celebrated his silver wedding. He is ffty-one.

AUGUSTIN DALY, of New York City, has just completed his first quarter of a century of theatrical management. SENATOR HILL, of New York, uses neither

bacco nor liquor, and is said to be in magnificent physical condition. GENERAL COUNSEL BANTER, of the Louis-rille and Nashville Baitroad Company, re-ceives for his services \$40,000 a year.

BARNEY LANGUET, the Democratic candidate for Secretary of State in Kansas, owns a ranch of 13,000 acres in Chase County. SENATOR ERICE, of Ohio, some time ago walled up the front door in his house in Washington so as to have nothing but a

arriage entrance. DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES is daily

engaged in dictating his "Recollections" to his secretary, but they are not to be pub-lished until after his death. CONGRESSMAN BLACK, of Georgia, enjoys the distinction of being the only member who never missed a roll-call in the House of Representatives last session.

PROMINENT Hebrew residents of New York are preparing for the erection of a bronze statue to the memory of the late Jesse Seligman, the banker and philanthropist. REV. DR. F. E. CLARK, founder of the Christian Endeavor Society, has gone to Europe for rest. While there he will intro-duce the society into Germany, Denmark

and Scandinavia. EMPEROR WILLIAM, of Germany, uses a rowing apparatus daily in his rooms to limber up and harden his muscles. It was constructed especially for him by a Berlin physician. He finds it of great benefit to his health.

SENATOR GORNAN, of Maryland, is a mar of frugal habits, but his expenditure of cash is large. Howlarge his fortune is nobody knows, but a lew years ago he received \$150,000 for some property near Cumber-

THOMAS NAST is to lecture in London on American Political Notables, and will Hius-trate his remarks with Hightning sketches.

ADMIRAL TING, commander of the vanish-ing Pei-Yang fleet, of China, has been de-prived of his peacock feather for cowardice

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has been a student of literature all his life. His reading covers a very wide range and he is very fond of the English novelists. He prefers Dickens to Thackeray and is a great admirer of Walter Scott. His favorite English poets are not English, Burns being a Scotchman and Moore an Irishman.

REPRESENTATIVE HOLMAN, of Indiana, if e lives to serve out the new term for which he has been nominated, will beat the Con gressional record. No man has yet served thirty years in the House of Representa-tives, although two members, both from Philadelphia, came near it-Judge Kelly. who was serving his thirtieth year when he died, and Mr. O'Neill, who had served twen-

## SHEEP OVER CLIFFS.

The Animals Fell a Thousand Feet Into Parachute Creek.

The details of the attack by masked men upon the sheep herds owned by Charles Brown and John Miller were brought to Denver, Col. Carl Brown, a sheep herder, who was shot in the hip while defending his employer's property, was brought to town upon a mattress. The men who made the upon a mattres. The men who made the attack numbered about twenty-five. They entered upon the Book Cliff Mesa by an un frequented trail at a time when everybody had gone to Grand Junction to attend the peach festival, They slaughtered 2000 sheep in Brown's corral and then drove over to the feeding grounds where Miller's sheep were grazing and drove 4000 animals over the cliffs, where they fell a dis-tance of a thousand feet into Parachute There the mangled carcasses lie in

The raiders left word that they destroyed no more simply because they lacked time. They promised to return and finish the job. The settlers are divided in sentiment. The cattle men have been fighting against the entrance of sheep men upon the mesas and the valleys of the western slope for years, and a r.umber of murders have resulted.

# AN OLD CHIEF'S EXPLOIT.

Though Seventy-seven He Dragged Hose to a Burning Schooner.

The two-mastol British schooner Man! Pye, from Moneton, N. B., loaded with hemlock bark, caught fire in the Malden River. near the Malden and Everett line in Massainsetts. The rear mast was burned off and the cabin and stern of the vessel badly dam-

The schooner was in such a position that it was difficult for the firemen to get a line of hose out to her. When the Everett firemen got their hose across the marshes to the river in which the burning schooner lay they heitated. While they were pondering how to get on the schooner ex-Chief Joseph Swan. aged seventy-seven, appeared upon the scene. He seized the nozzie, jumped into the river, and dragging the hose, waded nto the water up to his neck to the mast of the vesses, which was burned off. He climbed up the slippery mast with the hose and cot a stream of water on the thickest of the fire. He was loudly cheered by the spectators on the shore. The fire was easily

# A NOVEL BLACK LIST.

Position of the Crane Determines the Standing of the Applicant.

Omaha rallroad men are much alarmed over the discovery of what they regard as a novel black list being worked on all Western lines. Since the strike all men seeking employment are required to bring a clearance

from their last company.

The men claim that all companies are using a sheet of paper on which to write the recom-mendations that have the figure of a crane worked in it and while the writing may indicate that the bearer is all right the position of the animal on the paper, which is invisi

ble except to a close observer, really determines the applicant's standing.

In this manner, by a secret code of signals, the railroads, the men say, can write them a favorable letter and by using paper with the figure of the crane indicating dissipation, prevent, their secretary work. satisfaction prevent their securing work. The men are very much alarmed.

THE watermelon industry is really a great one in Georgia and an important one for At-lanta, which is the greatest watermelon market on earth. From all over Georgia water-melons have been shipped to Atlanta, and through Atlanta dealers, sold in other cities. Nearly 300 carloads have been shipped from that point to other cities this year.

The Spanish Government has issued a decree cancelling the reciprocity treaty between Spain and the United States on the application by the United States of the new customs

Oven \$20,000 was turned back into the United States Treasury on account of docking Members of Congress who have been absent from their seats.

#### THE NATIONAL GAME.

HAMILTON, of Philadelphia, led in the LACHANCE played a wonderful game at first base for Brooklyn.

BROUTHERS fell off in his batting, but his fielding has been brilliant.

THE Boston team carried fifteen men and a trainer on its Western trip.

Danten, the Chicago shortstop, covers lots of ground and does it well. BURKETT, McAleer and Blake make an outfield for Cleveland that is hard to beat.

CAPTAIN NASH played a better game this season than when he went to Boston in 1886. It seems impossible to properly strengthen third base, the weak spot of the Brooklyn

THE Louisville Club gave Pitcher Heming to Baltimore for Pitcher Inks and a cash bonus of \$2000. THE Buffalo (N. Y.) Club has a record of twenty-two straight victories, the best for

either a major or minor league club. The Clevelands took an awful slump in their batting, a feature of the game in which they were considered strong at the begin-

ning of the season. Captain Fourz and one or two of the Brooklyn players have been invited to join a combination that will give exhibitions in

Florida during the winter. New York is the only club in the League that did not add players to the team this season. It started out with seventeen men on the pay roll, and now has sixteen.

KEELER, of Bultimore, made a great hit this year in that city. President Byrne got the worst of the deal when he exchanged Brouthers and Keeler for Shindle and Tread-New York has done the best work of the

Eastern clubs against the Western teams during the season, while Chicago occupies the corresponding position among the Western Oxe of the rules which Anson, of Chicago,

promises to ask for next season is one par-ring all big "mits" in the field. He argues that catchers alone should be permitted to Wno will win first place in batting this

year? It is a question impossible to answer, though the unofficial figures indicate that the contest is narrowing down between Duffy, of Boston, and Delahanty, of Phila-Tue final tie for the National baseball championship in England on led in a victory at Ballam on Saturiay, August 25, when the Thespians, the winners of the championship last year, scored a decisive victory over the

Tun rulemakers can effect a few changes for next season that would be appreciated by the players. The most important would be to let players overrun second and third as they do first, with the same penalty for turning to the left each time, as originally

suggested by Harry Wright. THE race for the pennant among Baltiore, Boston and New York was the most exciting contest in the annals of the game and proved conclusively that the National game is a pastime of which every American should be proud. There is no gambling connected with it and every "patron" yells for his own club with the ardor of a genuine

The young players who have made a good showing in the big League this year are Hodson. Tenney, Connaughton, and Bannon of the Bostons, Lucid and Lachance of the Brooklyns, Meekin and Murphy of the New Yorks, Keeler, Jennings, and Beitz of the Baltimores, Mercer and Abbey of the Washingtons, Sugden of the Pittsburgs, Blake of the Clevelands, Griffith of Chicago, Clark of Louisville, and Ely of St. Louis.

THE Baltimore Club is winning the pen-Reitz, Jennings, and Clarke. He got Kelley from the Pittsburg Club in exchange for Van Haltren and \$2500, and paid that amount van Haitren and \$200, and pand that amount to St. Louis for Gleason. Hemming and Es-per were landed upon the payment of about \$2000, and McMahon and Robinson were Baltimore players when Hanlon took charge. It is estimated that the salary list does not loot up over \$35,000, and that the club will clear more than that amount on the season.

RECORD OF THE LEAGUE CLUBA Clubs. Wors. Lost. et. Chubs. Wor. Lost. et. Baltimore. 79 36 .687 Pittsburg. 55 59 .496 New York. 78 41 .655 Chicago... 51 68 .422 Boston.....76 42 .644 Cincinnati.50 68 Philadel...68 50 .576 St. Louis.47 71 Brooklyn. .65 52 .556 Wash'ng'n.41 78 .345 Cleveland .60 56 .517 Louisville.33 85 .280

# NEWSY GLEANINGS.

NEW ZEALAND has few tramps. Georgia teachers are organized. CHILE uses American locomotives.

THE influenza is raging in Australia. THE cranberry crop is a failure this year. THE Southern persimmon crop is short this

CHOLERA is raging terribly in Russian Po-NEW YORK CITT is our greatest coffce market.

Giascow, Scotland, operates its telephone Honolulu (Bawall) messenger boys use bleycles.

Curcago has 3738 toachers employed in her UNCLE Sam's navy is all of 2000 men short of its nominal strength.

Stoux Crrw. Iowa, has 300 men at work exterminating Russian thistles. THE South has been exempt from fire and lood and pestilence this year.

REPRESENTATIVE business men of New York City say trade is improving. TRADE reviews report remarkable improvement in business in the West. THE Chinese are manifesting the utmost

enmity toward all English residents in China. CHINA has sent a note to the European throwing the blame for the war upon Japan.

SLIGHT changes will be made in the Capitol, at Washington, during the recess of Congress. THE drouth, locusts and heavy cold rains

have caused a loss of 500,000 sheep to flockmen of South Africa.

THE distribution of the Krag-Jorgensen magazine rifle to the United States Army is progressing satisfactorily.

THERE are reports of a very short apple erop not only in England, but throughout continental Europe this year. Investigation shows that the cholera is

spread by the pilgrims to Mecca, Arabia, which is a nursery for the disease. It has been estimated that from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 worth of property has been destroyed by the forest fires in Wisconsin alone, mostly lumber and standing tim-

It is reported that fruit cannets on the Pacific coast, though working at their full capacity, are unable to take in the immense shipments of green fruit, and large supplies are being transported East and across to

LINE WAGGONER, a noted desperado of North Louisiana and Eastern Texas, was shot to death in his ceil in the parish jail at Minden, La., by a mob. Waggoner was a perfect type of manly beauty, and as brave as a lion. For the past five years he had been a terror in that country. Innumerable murders are laid at his door.

#### COUNT OF PARIS DEAD.

The French Royalist Leader Suc-

cumbs to Cancer of the Stomach. The Count of Paris died at Stowe House, London, shortly before eight o'clock, a few mornings ago. He began to sink visibly at midnight, but at intervals was clearly conscious, recognizing the Countess and his children as they bent over him and murmuring words of affection for them. All the members of his family were around him when he died. The official medical certificate says that death was due to intestinal obstruction, cancer and exhaustion,

Louis Philippe. Albert d'Orleans, Comte de Paris, son of the late Duc d'Orleans and grandson of the late Louis Philippe, King of the French, was born in Paris, August 24, 1838. He was only ten years old when the revolution of February, 1848, broke out, and he accompanied his family into crile. He was advented at Classenott in Fordand Louis Paris and Louis Paris Andrews and Louis Paris Paris Andrews Louis Paris Paris Andrews Louis Paris was educated at Claremont, in England. In the autumn of 1861 the young Prince, with his brother, the Duc de Chartres, accompanied by their uncle, the Prince de Join ville, came to the United States, and the two brothers entered the army with the rank of captains of volunteers. They served on General Mc-Ciellan's staff till the conclusion of the campaign in Virginia, in June, 1862, when they returned to Europe. In 1871 the Comte de Paris was, after some delay, admitted a member of the National Assembly at Versailles under M. Thiers, President of the French Republic, and, on December 22, 1872, the Assembly voted the restitution of the property of the Orieans family. After the death of the Comte de Chambord, which occurred on August 24, 1833, the great majority of the legitimists acknowledged the Comte de Paris as his successor in his claim to the French throne. In 1886 the French Government introduced and passed the Expulsion bill, forbidding the soit of France to the direct heirs of families that he invadid the Frence The of families that had reigned in France. The measure was chiefly directed against the Comte de Paris, who, accordingly, left for England in July. The Comte de Paris mar-ried his cousin; the Princess Marie Isabelle Francoise d'Assissa Autonia Louisa Fernanda, eldest daughter of the Duc de Montpensier, on May 30, 1884, and had six children—two sons, Prince Louis Philippe Robert, born February 6, 1869, and Prince Ferdinand Francois, born September 9, 1884, and four daughters.

THE Supreme Lodge, K. of P., adopted the report of the committee of the Board of Control of the endowment rank, recommending that no insurance shall hereafter be paid to beneficiaries of suicides.

## THE MARKETS.

Late Wholesale Prices of Country Produce Quoted in New York.

MILE AND CREAM. Somewhat decreased receipts and a fair demand gave a better tone to the market the past week, and sales generally were readily affected. The ruling price at the various milk-receiving stations for the platforms surplus has been \$1.47 per can of 40 quarts. Exchange price, 2%c. per quart. Receipts of the week, fluid

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# THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE. | handsome house next door is the par-

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

The Wrong Species - Sarcasm - A Sweet Danger-Slow Collections-A Real Heroine-A Hint, Etc., Etc.

She fell upon his neck,
In wild affright shricked he,
This picnic youth with the pale, sweet face
A caterpillar she.

A SWEET DANGER. He - "They say kissing is unhealthy."

-Detroit Tribune.

Puck. SARCASM. Barber-"You have a tender skin,

Customer-"I did have when I came in here. You have it now."-Judge.

A REAL HEBOINE.

He-"I expect to make you the heroine of my next novel." She-"On the strength of the fact that I read your last one."-New York

BLOW COLLECTIONS.

"What's Cholly doing?" "Trying to collect his thoughts." "Poor fellow. He isn't the first to have trouble with bad debts."-Washington Star.

EFFECT OF CIVILIZATION. Johnny-"Pa, what's the difference between cannibals and other folks?" Pa-"Cannibals, my son, eat their enemies; other people generally go no further than to live on their friends and relatives."—Boston Transcript.

THOSE NEEDLESS QUESTIONS. She-"Oh, Mr. Williams! did you

fall in?" He (dripping in his walking suit). 'Oh, no, indeed. I've just been taking a dip. I always bathe in this suit. No bother getting dressed afterwards," -Harper's Bazar.

THE DECEITFUL POETS. "It is pretty well established," said the professor, "that Mars has no at-

mosphere." "Is it possible," asked the spectacled young woman, "that the poets who tell us about the martial air have been deceiving us?"-Indianapolis Journal.

Wifie-"I've got to have some money and some new clothes and some shoes and a hat and a wrap." Hubbie-"Gracious, you don't have to have all that, do you?" Wifie (studying a minute)-"Well,

I'll compromise on the money."-De-

MARING A COMPROMISE.

troit Free Press. A GOOD ENOUGH SPEC.

Neighbor Whetstone-"D'ye think it was a good spec to send your son to college and give him larnin'!" Farmer Clovertop -- "You bet; There's that bully, Sanders, who owns the next farm. Ned's whipped him out of his boots since he came back."

-New York Press. MAKING UP FOR LOST TIME, Caller-"Is Mr. Tackson in?" Office Boy-"Yes, sir. But unless it's very important he can't see you. You see his baby is teething now.

Caller-"What has that to do with Office Boy-"Well, I don't like to

wake him up."-Now York Sun.

A USELESS ERRAND. "I walked up the street in the hot sun and overheated myself," said Mr. Bloobumber, as he sat down, puffing and blowing, and began to fan himself at a furious rate.

"What was your errand?" asked his "I wanted to consult a thermometer."-Puck.

A GREAT CONTRAST. Briggs - "Why, how fat you are looking, old man.'

Griggs-"Yes. I've been camping out for the last three weeks." Briggs-"So I heard. But I've seen the other members of your party and they are all as thin as rails.' Griggs-"I did the cooking."-New

York Herald. A HINT. "Why don't you get a boy to keep your desk in order?" inquired the

caller. "It looks awfully littered "I keep it this way," said the man at the desk, "to show that I'm always

"But why-Oh, I see! Good day!"

A SUDDEN SHOCK. Looking up suddenly she beheld before her the bearded face of a man, with a gleaming knife between his

teeth. Then she fainted. It was no wonder, for she had been carefully reared, and had never seen any one eat pie in that manner before.

-Indianapolis Journal.

busy.'

-Chicago Tribune.

FILIAL RESPONSE. "Harold, my boy," exclaimed the proud, indulgent father, "I'm glad to see you! How you have grown!"

had just returned from college, and his voice trembled. "Father," he said with deep feeling, 'your handshake is twenty-live years

ehind the style !"-- Chicago Tribune. A BEAR MOVEMENT. "Your church is a beauty.

sonage, I presume?" Descon De Good-"N-o. Fact is, the parsonage is some distance uptown, but we intend to make an offer for one of these nearby residences

"The price will be high, no doubt." "Um-I think not. We sha'n't try to buy until after our new chimes are put in."-New York Weekly.

A SEVERE ORDEAL.

The two ladies had not met for some time and they were vitally interested in each other's welfare.

"I hope your health is better than when I saw you last," said the first. She-"Everything has its risks."-"No, I grow worse every day," responded her friend, despondently. "Too bad! too bad! What seems

to be the matter?" "No one knows, and the doctors say they cannot tell till after the post mortem."

"Why, how awful. You poor, dear thing! In your weak state, you can never live through that !"-Life.

END OF HIS RESOURCES.

It was a little New Hampshire village among the mountains, where the country store served as a postoffice, circulating library, shoe store, grocery store, dry goods store and everything else combined, that a Boston lady, glancing over the books, inquired,

"Have you Browning!" "No," said the attendant somewhat regretfully, and not knowing just what kind an article Browning might be, "we have not." Then, more brightly: "We have blacking and blueing and have a man who does whiting. We occasionall do pinking. Would any of these do?"-Michigan Tradesman.

EVOLUTION OF THE POLDING BED. Mrs. De Flat-"Have you anything

new in folding beds?" Dealer-"Only this, madam, and it really is quite a success. On arising in the morning you touch a spring, and it turns into a washstand and bath tub. After your bath you touch another spring, and it becomes a dressingcase, with a French plate mirror. If you breakfast in your room a slight pressure will transform it into an extension table. After breakfast you press these three buttons all once. and you have an upright piano. That's all it will do, except that when you die it can be changed into a rosewood

coffin."-New York Weekly. THROUGH "SANDY" EYES.

A well-known litterateur not long ago delivered a lecture before a Buffalo club, and in the course of his talk he had occasion to quote Shakespeare's lines about "uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," etc. At the conclusion of his address he was approached by a Scotchman, who expressed his pleasure at the talk, but took occasion to say that his approbation of Shake

speare was only limited. "There's that bit you said about the uneasy head and crown. I dinna like it. It's muckle foolish. Now our Robbie Burns would na ha' writ such

The lecturer was a trifle surprised, but inquired politely why the Scot thought as he did. "Oh," said the Scotchman, "there's na a mon in Scotland, king or anybody else, sae foolish as to go to bed wi a crown on, Any mon o' sense

wud hang it over a chair before turning in."—Harper's Magazine.

A "Lost Atlantis" Clue. An idol's head of baked clay has been found in the sand dunes near Tangier, where it was laid bare by the wind. The mouth is large and wide open, the eyes small, the cranium very small, the brow retreating, and the back of the head flat. It is said to have in extraordinary degree a likeness to idols found in Mexico, particularly to the god called Xipe. Eyes and ears are very little modeled, and on the top of the head is a pointed object. Xipe was a god worshiped on the coast of Mexico with rites of uncommon cruelty; he was also the god of smiths and goldworkers. His human sacrifices were flayed alive. The Tangier idol has been decorated with gold mica. This discovery is sure to revive the old theories of a primitive connection between the Phoenicians and the Indians of Central America by way of the 'lost Atlantis."-New York

A Simple Optical Aid.

Times.

The introduction of the simple photometer, brought forth by a Russian inventor recently, is claimed to meet an important desideratum as a means for testing the power of the eye. It is described as consisting of a pamphlet of twenty-four pages, the first page being of a clear gray tint, the next of a double intensity, and so on to the twenty-fourth, the tint of which is nearly black, being twenty-four times more intense than that of page one. On each page are printed a few phrases in black letters of as many different sizes; with such an arrangement, it is stated, the degree of ease or facility with which the words are read on different pages, when held at a certain distance from the eyes, will indicate the precise illuminating power of light prevailing in the room, or, on the other hand, the power of the eyes them-selves.—Detroit Free Press.

A Bird's Linen Nest.

A housewife at Langholm, Scotland. The blood mounted to the pale, inhas just had a somewhat novel experitellectual brow of the young man who ence. She had just washed some children's collars, and hung them on a hedge surrounding her garden to bleach. They were missing and could not be found, but have now been discovered as forming part of the foundations of a thrush's nest situated in the cleft of an ash tree in a wood close to That the garden. -Glasgow Times.