# HOLMES A HUMAN FIEND

One of the Most Remarkable Criminals of the Century.

MURDER WAS HIS MANIA.

He Ruthlessly Made Way With Men, Wo men and Children After Insuring Their Lives --- A Sketch of His Bloody Career -His Real Name is Mudge | and He Was Born in New Hampshire.

Weird and grewsome, beyond human coneption almost are the developments at Chicago in the case of Holmes, the alleged murderer, bigamist and swindler, now in jail at Philadelphia, awaiting trial. From almost every nook and corner of his malodorous "castle" are coming evidences of murder in the form of ghastly relies of bodies that were slaughtered. Each hour adds to the discoveries. In flendish cunning they were laid away and would have remained forever anknown but for the action of the authorities in ordering the place torn down. From the great vault, from the ruins of the cellar, from the vat in which chemicals were placed, from every place, in fact, that could hide a body are evidences of wholesale murder. Chicago is now vieing with Detroit, Toronto and Philadelphia in an endeavor to obtain possession of the accused that justice may be meted out to him. No series of crimes of the century, in cold-No series of crimes of the century, in coldblooded atrocity or in the number of unfortunate victims, in any degree approaches this. The victims ranged in age from nine to fifty years. Many were believed to have been murdered for the sake of the insurance they varried. Others were sacrified, fearing they knew the secret. They were made away with in divers manners. The body of one was cut up into small pieces and fed into a stove. That of another was put into a trunk and sunk in the lake. Two others were shut up in a vault and allowed to die there, the bodies being subsequently articulated and the skeletons sold to a medical student.

Not only is the cellar of the "castle" a tunate victims, in any degree approaches this. Not only is the cellar of the "castle" a

veritable graveyard, but the bones of other victims are scattered all over the country. One is believed to have been murdered in Arkansas and two in Canada. The trail of the murderer is an over the country, and in every case it was either the getting of insurance money or the fear of discovery that was the motive. These capital offenses were necessarily accompanied by minor ones, such as arson and perjury, but the grayer crimes may be summarized as follows:

The murder of B. F. Pietzel.

The murder of A. P. Pietzel.
The murder of Nellie Pietzel.
The murder of Howard Pietzel.
The murder of Mrs. Julia Connor. The murder of Mrs. 3 dia Conto.
The murder of Minnie Williams.
The murder of Emma Cigrand.
The murder of Milford C. Cole.

The murder of Dr. Russier. The swindling of insurance companies to the extent of at least \$250,000. the extent of at least \$250,000.

Criminal history is without a parallel for Holmes. He seemed to have a mania for crime. There was no form too revolting for him, no deed too daring. Murder and swindling was his life business. He pursued it as a profession and with a boldness that was startling almost beyond credence. He operated everywhere and anywhere, with headquarters at Chicago. His "castle" there was a ghastly mausoleum.

Like most other criminals of method,

Like most other criminals of method, Helmes was not born in criminal surroundings. His was an educated shrewdness, quickened and made alert by the risks he It was not common, low cunning, but evelopment of a plan that was the life

some tale. If written in fiction it would be denounced as unnatural and improbable. It would be deemed utterly beyond belief that in every city of consequence in the country, except the city of New York, he had plied successfully his criminal trade and finally was only brought behind prison bars through the accusation of a train robber, whose only grudge was that Holmes had not recompensed him for an introduction to a "useful"

This man Holmes, confessed bigamist, perjuref, swindler and alleged murderer, born & short distance from London, in the New Hampshire hills. His real name is Mudgett. Besides Holmes he is known to have used the alias Howard. His parents were plain, homely country folk, but with ambitions for their boy. He was the prize boy in his classes always. From his farm home he went to Gilmartin and there taught school. He saved money enough to attend a medical college at Burlington, Vt. Then he went West and entered upon ht crime, which included murder, arson, swindling insurance companies, bigamy and burk-

## The National Game.

Duffy again leads the Bostons in hitting. Fuller, New York shortstop, made his first sacrifice hit in his sixtieth game. Already five teams have at various times

held the lead in the League race. The Nashville Club excepted a \$500 offer from New York for Outflelder Butler. Cincinnati is utilizing Pitcher Parrott as an

outfielder because of his heavy batting. McPhee is the only member of the champ-ion '82 Cincinnati Reds still playing ball.

Cleveland was the first team since 1893 to win four consecutive games from Baltimore. Latham, of Cincinnati, this season, as usual, is up among the leading base run-Thompson, of Philadelphia, still leads the

League in home runs. He has made nine to

The closeness of the big League race has practically killed prospects of trades of any The Bostons bave more games to play on

their own grounds than any other team in the League. All five of Cleveland's pitchers—Young, Cuppy, Wallace, Knell and Wilson—are now in good trim.

Maul and McGuire, of Washington, for allaround work make one of the best batteries in the League.

Sheehan, first baseman of the Little Rock (Ark.) Club, takes Connor's place at St. Louisville has at last won two games in accession and has also reached double

figures in victories.

The Baltimores knocked all hopes of the pennant out of the Chicagos by defeating them three straight. Hoffer's work for Baltimore so far stamps

him as the best young pitcher developed this year. Wallace, of Cleveland, and Dolan, of Boston, come next.

New York has found Chicago and Louisville very easy this year, winning seven out of nine games from each.

Springfield, Providence, Wilkesbarre and Syracuse are making a grand race for the Eestern League pennant.

Clarke, who was recently purchased by the New Yorks from the Scranton team, is the coming first baseman of the League. Murphy seems to be a mascot for the New | fired, and his identity is not known.

Yorks, as their winning streak began with his taking Burke's place in left field. Roger Connor and Jack Glasscock, the League's oldest veterans, next to Anson, re-tired within two weeks of each other.

Brooklyn has already won the series with Louisville, having taken nine games. It was the first club to win a series this year.

#### TONS OF TOMBSTONE.

The Vast Monolith Just Placed Over California Pioneer's Grave.

The most massive tombstone ever set up in California has just been hauled to Cypress Lawn Cemetery, San Francisco, and placed over the grave of J C. Brickell. It is a single block of granite from the Raymond quarry, near Fresno, and weighs 62,300 pounds. In shape it is conical, and the only dressing that has been done to it has been to trim off the surface next to the ground so as to insure its abandoning the migratory habits at-



CALIFORNIA'S BIG TOMBSTONE.

tributed to boulders, otherwise the block is tributed to boulders, otherwise the block is just as it was hewn from the quarry.

The stone measures twelve feet in height, ten feet in width and six feet across the base. The loading of the stone on the cars was in itself an undertaking of considerable difficulty, but the chief task was to move it up the steep incline to the cemetery plot after it had been sideracked at Cypress Lewe. Cypress Lawn.

The only inscription on the monolith is the single name "Brickell" and a spray of ivy.

J. C. Brickell was a pioneer of 1849. He
left an estate valued at about \$700,000. The
idea of marking his burial place in this manner was his own suggestion

#### BOGUS GINSENG DISCOVERED. Cheap Ginger Roots With the Genuine Article.

The ginseng industry in the United States and Canada, amounting to \$5,000,000 annually, is threatened with ruin through the rascality of a smart lot of unscrupulous tradesmen. The plant grows wild in nearly every section of the United States. New York and Canada produce the choicest root. The Chinese are almost the sole users of ginseng. They regard it as an all round panacea. The root sells all the way from \$2. banacea. The root sens at the way for the \$10 a pound. New York is the centre of the trade. There are in New York City about twelve dealers and eight buyers. Fraud was discovered by the Chinese buyers. In looking over some lots of root they found scattered through the genuine ginseng a quantity of Japanese ginger, which sells for only thirty cents a pound. Further investigation showed that from 10,000 to 20,000 pounds of the Japanese stuff had been mixed with the American ginseng. It is feared that the country is flooded with the counterleft article. It is accepted that unless a feit article. It is asserted that unless a check is put to the fraud the legitimate industry will in all likelihood be destroyed. This would mean a loss of revenue to a great number of the farming class.

#### LICHTNING'S FATAL WORK.

#### Seven Persons Killed by Electric Bolts in Missouri.

During a tornado seven persons were killed by lightning at the town of Three States, Mo.

A shanty boat which was tied at the bank was struck by lightning, instantly killing the me, and laugh at my agile swimming owner, George McClellan, and wife, and antics. [Soon the river came to a turn fatally injuring their three children, who and I was brought close enough by my fatally injuring their three children, who have since died. Their home was said to be Kenosna, Wis.

Three miles west of the village, at Barnes Ridge, a farmhouse was struck and a man and wife of the name of Thomas were in-stantly killed. The gale was from the west. The smokestack of the Three States Milling Company's mill was blown down. The stack was 126 feet high, made of steel and well The tornado literally cut a swath through the woods about a hundred yards wide, uprooting trees and filling the air with flying wreckage.

## MURDERER JOHNSON LYNCHED.

#### Hanged and Shot in Mississippi, the Scene of His Crimes.

Tom Johnson, the colored murderer, was killed by a mob of 300 men from Marion, Perry and Jones Counties, Mississippi, at the scene of his crimes, the Hartfield farm,

fourteen miles from Purvis, Miss.

Johnson visited the Hartfield farm while Mr. Hartfield was at the primaries. His original intention was obviously robbing. He first met Kate Hartfield, fourteen years old. He cut open her head with a hatchet and then outraged her. Her sister Susie, sixteen years old, was his next victim. He split her head with the same hatchet and then shot down Mrs. Hartfield.

Johnson fled. The whole population went out searching for him, and he was captured and chained to a stake. He confessed his crime before he was strung up. and a volley from rifles and pistols ended his life.

## Burned on a Pleasure Trip.

The lugger Zenity has been burned off Baltime, Cork County, Ireland. The flames broke out shortly before midnight and spread rapidly.

The lugger had on board a crew of six men and twenty-one passengers who were out on a pleasure trip from Glandore to which place they were returning when flames burst through the hatchway. A panic fol-lowed and a boat which was lowered was swamped by the crowd of people who clam-bered into it. During the confusion nine persons were drowned.

## A NATIONAL BANK FAILS,

#### Liabilities, \$143,000; Cash on Hand, \$10,-000 --- West Superior Loses \$65,000.

A sensation was caused in connection with the failure of the Superior National Bank at West Superior, Wis. Alderman Brennan, who had \$1700 deposited in the bank, came to the door of the bank and demanded the money. He pulled a revolver and threatened to blow out the brains of the officers. After some trouble he was quieted down by friends. The Superior National Bank went into the hands of the National Bank Examiners. cause was the heavy withdrawal of deposits. The assets are \$275,000, and liabilities are \$143,300, with less than \$10,000 in cash on hand. The city is a heavy loser, having of deposit there \$65,000. This is the bank of which A. A. Cadwallader was President when he embezzled \$27,000 three years ago.

## Shot Dead in His Pulpit.

Services were being conducted in a colored church near Mitchell Station, Ala., when the report of a pistol rang out and the preacher. Eli Williams, fell dead in his puipit, the ball having entered his heart. The assassin stood outside of the church building at the time he

## To Build a \$12,000,000 Canal.

It is now a settled thing that work will be begun in a short time upon the \$12.0.0,000 Minnesota canal, which is to furnish pure water for Duluth and the northern portion of Minnesota.

## THE FIELD OF ADVENTURE.

THRILLING INCIDENTS AND DAR-ING DEEDS ON LAND AND SEA.

Towed by a Huge Catfish-A Woman Catches a Big Shark-An Encounter With a Wildcat.

WENT down into the Indian Territory with a crowd of boys to spend a few days fishing,' said W. P. Hackney. "Among With us we had all the modern conveniences used on a fishing and camping trip, and among the most convenient things was a keg of Hugo lucky day of fishing, I strolled down to the banks of the Salt Fork, the on the sheet, and ere long the dog was stream on which we were camping, dead. and concluded I would try my luck fishing in the old-fashioned way with hook and line.

"Of course, I had rejuvenated a little before going, which adds a little to the end of the story. I had not the water on the opposite side of the stream, where there was a lot of I saw that the cause of the noise was a drink. While in this position a wildbig fish that had floundered into a shallow place, and had been caught between two of the sharp rocks. I rolled my line around the road and hastily waded across to where the big fish lay helpless in the shallows. It happened that my hook was a very large one and the line accordingly alive. strong. Going to the fish's head I fastened the hook into his jaw, and then thought I would wade back to the other side and drag my fish with

"I got along very well till I got out into the centre of the steram, when the fish became unmanageable. I was soon off my feet, and the fish had me in tow down stream at a rapid rate. As I am big and fat, it is all I can do to swim at best, and under such unfortunate conditions I was perfectly helpless. The best that I could do was to set up a big yell. The boys heard me yell, and came down to the bank, where they had seen me take my place with the hook and line, but not seeing me, concluded that I was trying to play a joke on them. The faster and farther the fish dragged me the more I yelled. I soon got to yelling so loudly that the boys became alarmed, and started down the bank toward where I was bringing up the rear of my fish brigade. They saw me in the water, and thought from my actions and gestures that I had rejuvenated just a little too much, and was trying to swim a race with myself down stream. I could not convince the boys that I was in tow of a big fish, and all they did was to walk down the bank of the stream fast enough to keep opposite captured monster of halt River to grasp an overhanging willow from the banks.

"When I got hold of it I was so nearly exhausted that I could hardly draw in enough slack from my line to make it fast to the bush. When I did so the boys came up and wanted to know what I was doing out in theriver, and asked me if I had started to the Gulf. I told them I had captured Jonah's whale, and if they did not believe it, just to take hold of my line and try to draw it in. Ed took hold of my line and found that it took more of his strength to draw in the monster than any ordinary fish could exercise. We all took a hand and soon had a catfish landed that weighed 109 pcunds." -Kansas City Journal.

## A Woman's Catch of a Shark.

A shark ten feet long was caught on a hook by a young lady while fishing for halibut from the deck of the steamship Queen at Killisnoo banks, between Fort Wrangel and Sitka, on a recent Alasks trip. The Queen lay there at anchor for three hours to allow the passengers an opportunity to engage in the exciting sport of halibut fishing and a large number of highly elated fishermen with large hooks and lines were landing one and two large fish at a haul when the young lady, who Collector McDonald thinks was Miss F. A. Sprague, of San Francisco, discovered that upon her line was the strongest and largest fish of the seaby the help of a gentleman, the ugly, vicious-looking monster of the deep was pulled to the surface of the water and found to be a shark.

The excitement of the large crowd the line till a rope in the form of a and, running up the track three-quarlasso was securely fastened around the | ters of a mile, "dagged" the train. sea-fighter's tail, rendering it helpless. It was then shot dead, and by the efforts of several men hauled to the lower deck.

It measured ten feet in length and weighed 410 pounds. It was not of the man-eating variety, there being none of that kind so far north. It was more of a stupid, sluggish, ngly kind which live on fish and was probably making havoe in the halibut banks.

Captain Carroll, of the Queen, before returning, had some of the teeth of the sea mouster removed and preserved for the heroic young lady, who probably enjoys the distinction of being the only woman who ever made such a capture on the Pacific Coast. Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

## How She Caught a Rabid Dog.

A young woman made a clever capture of a mad dog on a recent Sunday afternoon. She is Miss Roberta West, the pretty Superintendent of the and thither to find his way out again. Spectator.

The black janitor ran for him with a broom, but on seeing his foam-flecked mouth, fled into the hospital. Miss West was at a window watching the

walk just beyond the fence through which the dog was trying to break. Spying the dog, she turned and grabbed a sheet from the bed and ran into the yard. The dog saw her and rushed for her. She took hold of the two upper ends of the sheet and let the lower end fall on the ground just before the dog reached her. Then the crowd was Ed Greer, who has been mixed up in Kansas politics lately. her end, bent it over the dog, grabbed the lower ends and then straightening up, had the struggling, snarling terrier caught like a rat in a trap. Amid Eyssell's Kansas City rejuvenator. the applause of those who saw her act One evening after supper, and an un- she carried her prisoner to the operating room, sprikled some chloroform

Suuday-school children pass on the

#### An Encounter With a Wildcat. Harry Prutzman, of Leesport, a

brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, had an exciting adventure this week on Fricker's Mountain, near fished long when I heard a scuffle in Gouglersville. He had a day off and was out picking huckleberries.

He came to a mountain spring and bowlders and shallows. In an instant lay down on his stomach to take a cat sprang out of a tree behind him and alighted upon his back. The animal sank its claws deep into his flesh, causing great pain. Having no weapon to defend himself his chances seemed very slender for coming out of the contest with the vicious animal

However, he turned, and after a desperate struggle succeeded in throwing the animal from him and regaining his feet. It immediately sprung upon him again, tearing his clothing and rending his flesh with its sharp claws. After several encounters, which greatly weakened and fatigued him, he managed to deal the animal a sound kick, which sent it away some distance and gave him an opportunity to grasp a club, which was lying near. With this he managed to keep it at bay, and after a duel of about ten minutes it apparently became tired of the attack and moved away, when Prutzman escaped. - Philadelphia Press.

#### Narrow Escape of Balloonists.

Lieutenants A. W. Watkins Grubb and R. B. Barkency, of the British Royal Engineers Balloon School, at Aldershot, narrowly escaped drowning in the English Channel recently. These officers were sent from the Aldershot Camp for military purposes. Their first day's journey brought them to Epsom, where they stayed the night, and the following morning they started off again, and for some time they were at an altitude of 5000 feet. When they had traveled some distance they noticed that the heat was causing the gas to expand rapidly, and found it necessary to make use of the escape valve. The balloon descended, and tude was carried over Tunbridge Wells and toward the south coast. They now east out the drags and anchors, and when the balloon was within a few hundred yards of the sea. one of them fortunately caught in a hedge, and the balloon was brought to the ground. The inhabitants of neighborhood, who had watched anxiously, came to their assistance and found them both badly bruised.

## Lassoing a Sea Lion.

Jacob Holgate, of Corvallis, Ore. started out to capture a sea lion a few days ago, and found in a very brief period that it was an elephant he had on his hands. The sea lion was lying on the beach, along which Mr. Holgate was driving in his buggy, drawn by healthy young horse. Mr. Holgate lassoed the lion, and, tying the rope to his buggy axle, whipped up his horse with the intentian of hauling the lion back to town. After being dragged along a few yards the lion decided to go home to sea, and started toward the breakers. Despite all the efforts of Mr. Holgate and his horse the lion got the better of the tug of war, and in a few minutes the hind wheels of the wagon were in the serf. Then Mr. Holgate cut the rope, and was glad to get home alone and alive.

## An Ornament for a Hearthstone.

The station agent and operator for the Memphis road at Sprague, Mo., is son; but imagine her excitement when, a pretty girl of nineteen summers. During a recent windstorm two box cars were blown through the switch from the side track to the main line track. Realizing that the westbound express, due there in a few minutes, was intense, but the plucky young lady did not lose her nerve and hung on to the cars, the girl took her lantern,

## The Emotion of Grief in Animals.

Dutch was a brown retriever of adranced years; Curly was reputed to be a Scotch terrier, but his appearance suggested some uncertainty in his descent. Dutch was chained to her kennel, and Curly, who enjoyed his liberty, evinced his friendship by frequently taking I ones and other canine delicacies to his less fortune friend. One morning Carly presented himself at the house, evincing unmistakable signs of grief by his demeanor and his whines. A visit to the kennel, where poor Dutch was found lying dead, showed the occasion of Curly's unhappiness. We buried Dutch decorously under a vine in the garden, and supposed that Curly would forget the incident, but we were touched to see him in the capacity of faithful mourner frequently revisit the spot where his old friend was laid, taking with him, by way of offering choice bones, which Emergency Hospital. The dog, a full- he carefully buried by the grave. This grown fox terrier, had run into the practice Curly continued for two years, hospital yard and was rushing hither when we left the house .- London

## THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

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

Dressed That Way-Discouraging-Nervous-Letting the Cat Out of the Bag-Not a Jut, Etc., Etc.

"I wish I were a man." she signed, He quickly raised his head, And looked at her in wild surprise; "I thought you were," he said. -Brooklyn Life.

DISCOURAGING.

Clara-"He is so obstinate." Maude-"In what way?" Clara-"It's the hardest thing in the world to convince him that I am always right."-Puck.

NERVOUS.

Uncle Treetop - "We must put in a day on the river; the fish are biting now.

Jess (a niece from the city)-"Is their bite poisonous?"-Life.

LETTING THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG. Principal (to new apprentice)-"Has the bookkeeper told you what you have to do in the afternoon?" Youth-"Yes, sir. I was to waken him when I saw you coming."-Da-

THAT SERVANT GIRL.

She spoke in accents of scorn.

"I can not be yours." He turned away despondently and sought another employment bureau. -

NOT A JILT.

"Have you broken your engagement with Fred?"

"When did that happen?" "Oh! When I married him."-New York Ledger.

AN UNSTEADY LIGHT.

"I'm very glad I don't live in Rome," remarked Mrs. Bickers. "Why?" asked her husband.

"I'm sure I never could learn to read by the light of Roman candles." -Detroit Free Press.

RELIEVED OF A BAD HABIT. First Sportsman-"Does your setter chase rabbits?" Second Sportsman-"Not now.

"How did you care him?" "I've peppered him so full of birdshot that he couldn't run if he tried." -Chicago Record.

A CHANCE IN THE CEY. Wayside Ways-"Say, Rogers, don't dese calamity howlers make yer

tired?" Restful Rogers-"Naw; dey ain't half as bad as der business revival shouters wot's inquisertive 'cause yer ain't at work."-Puck.

HOW HE BROKE THE ICE. Gus-"How did you nappen to ask

her to marry you the first time you ever met her?' Chollie-"Well-ah-you see I had just been introduced to her, and Iah-couldn't think of anything else to

#### say."-Harper's Bazar. ANTICIPATION.

New Customer - "Is that your dog?"

Barber -"Yes, sir." New Customer--"He seems very fond of watching you cut hair.' Barber--- "It is not that, sir. Some-

times I make a mistake and take a leetle piece off a gentleman's car!"---

THE EVENING PRAYER. Little Pet (on her knees, before re-

tiring) - "Mamma, may I pray for Mamma-"Y-e-s, if you want to,

but why?" Little Pet-"Susie Stuckupp didn't invite me to her picnic."-New York Weekly.

## UNMERCIFUL.

Miss Mature-"Do you know, people are always making the most absurd mistakes about my age. Why, some men guess me to be no older than some of the chits of silly girls one

Miss Smart-"Ah! that's when you talk."-Judge.

THE INEVITABLE CONCLUSION.

Freddy-"Mamma, our principal says that his school days were the happiest days of his life. Do you believe that?"

Mamma-"Certainly. He wouldn't say so if it were not true." Freddy-"Well, Isuppose he played hookey and didn't get caught."-Life.

## LIKE THEY DO AT A CIRCUS.

The performance of the comic opera, which was being rendered by the talented amateurs of Hawville, Oklahoma, had been going on for a considerable time without hitch or interruption, when suddenly Alkali Ike, the affianced husband of Miss Lillie Cusack, the prima donna of the occasion, rose up in the midst of the cultured and refined audience, with a loud sport of wrath.

"Yere, now, Ike!" remonstrated Colonel Handy Polk, who was officiating as stage manager and also acting as the heavy villain of the opera. "What in thunder is the matter with you? If you don't like the performance and hain't got the manners to keep still, git out!'

"I came yere to-night," answered Isaac, hoarsely, "with the firm de-termination to behave like a meek and humble rabbit, but, by hang, the next gentleman that flings a peanut into Miss Cusack's mouth will think that I'm a wolf and this is my night to howl!"-Truth.

#### SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL,

In civilized countries the average age at which women marry is twenty. three and one-half years.

What is left of potato pulp after the starch is extracted is used, among other things, in the manufacture of

M. Tassinari, a Parisian scientist, finds the smoke of tobacco to be one of the most perfect germicides and disinfectants ever used.

It has been found, on investigation, that the cucumber has a temperature of one degree below that of the surrounding atmosphere.

Trunk wires to connect London by telephone with Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Dublin have just been erected by the British postoffice. A small electric lamp is being used

instead of a bell in some of the telephone exchanges in England. The call for connection lights the lamp. Diamond dust was supposed to be

poisonous by the early chemists, but it has been settled that there is no poisonous matter in the diamond. Two cases have recently been reported of interference with electric

signals on a steam railway by the ground current from an electric trolley line. One of the most striking of the experiments in a recent lecture before

the Royal Institute of Great Britain showed frozen soap bubbles floating on liquid air. Schiffen & Kircher, of Grunstadt, Bavaria, have discovered a new mineral compound which is plastic in

water, but become extremely hard when dry. They call it apyrite. The concrete footing of St. John's Cathedral, New York City, is made of one part cement, two parts sand and three parts round, smooth pebbles. It

is made and mixed by machinery. The Berwind-White Coal Company, of Osceola Mills, Penn., have a new mine turning out 11,000 tons a month, in which no mule was ever employed. Electricity does the hauling.

An electric fire alarm now being introduced in Switzerland acts automatically through the expansion of a metallic rod under heat. This makes an electric connection, and it is said that the alarm is so sensitive that it is put in operation by holding a lighted match near it.

Bodies do not rise in Lake Geneva, Switzerland, in less than seventeen days, and frequently not at all. There is said to be an underground connection between Lake Geneva and the chain of great lakes, and some people have a theory that bodies are often carried into the larger lakes and never recovered.

## Attacked by Whales.

Captain Mitchell, of the steamer tug Thomas J. Smith, which arrived here from sea, having in tow the bone-laden takan bark, from Buenos Avre which she picked up to the southward of Fenwick Island, reports having been attacked by a tremendous school of whales while cruising forty miles southeast of Cape Henlopen. The whales surrounded the tug for a period of four hours, blowing large streams of water into the air, which completely shut out all view of the surroundings. Captain Mitchell says that in thirty years' service at sea on tugs he never before saw such large whales, nor were they ever known to congregate in such numbers so close to the land. It was a serious time on board the frail tug, and all hands were badly scared, as these monsters seemed infuriated and dashed along the sides of the boat with great force. Captain Mitchell ran the engines full speed and attempted to get clear of the school, but the huge marine animals followed the tug, almost swamping her with the immense volumes of water they threw on board. Finding that any attempt to get away from them was futile, Captain Mitchell loaded up a large horse-pistol he had on board and began firing into them, but the bullets took no effect. One monster he put six shots into, but it only infuriated the animal still more. It was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon when the leader of the school headed off shore, and soon the whole number followed and disappeared.-Philadelphia Press.

## Drowning Boy Saved by a Dog.

A large Newfoundland dog saved s boy's life at Baltimore yesterday. The boy is Howard Connanbaugh, eight years old, and the dog, formerly a tramp, is now cared for by Edward Lynch. The boy and the dog were romping on the dock in the morning, when the boy accidently fell overboard. There is twenty feet of water in the dock. The big Newfoundland saw the boy fall, and just as he came to the surface sprang into the dock and swam to the fast-sinking boy. The boy clutched the wooly hair on the dog's neck, which kept him afloat, and then the dog started to swim with his burden to the other side of the dock. A man rushed to the rescue, and when the dog reached the place, jumped into a rowboat and managed to pull both the dog and the boy out of the water. The dog became a hero in the eyes of the people who had been attracted to the scene, and he was given a first-class dinner for hie heroism. -Baltimore American.

## A Theory About Musical Prodigies.

It is believed by some who have examined the histories of so-called musical prodigies that they are developed by making when children the discovery that the tips of their fingers will produce on a piano the same time and tone they make with the tips of their tongues in their mouths. -New York