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THAT PENITENTIARY MATTER.

Mr. Dearden's remarks on the allegation of crookedness in the management of the Western Penitentiary yesterday at once served the purpose of disclosing the source whence the allegations proceeded and showed that the person who had made them was not prepared to back them up. The letter of B. C. Christy, Esq., which gives his reasons for not supporting the charges which he had privately made, forms a rather striking feat-

ure of yesterday's legislative proceedings. Without enlarging upon Mr. Christy's unique reasons for abandoning the grave assertion of corrupt administration in an important public institution, it is necessary to remark that charges of that sort should not be made unless the person making them is prepared to back them up. If there has been any crookedness in the penitentiary it is a matter of course that it should be investigated. But the characters of men in charge of public trusts should not be assailed either in public or private, without substantial grounds, which can be made manifest when called for by competent

The state which the matter has now reached permits it to be dismissed, as the House did, with the hope that charges will not again be made and abandoned on account of pressure in the license business or the prolonged absence of an unnamed witness

#### A NEW PAVEMENT.

The manufacture of asphalt blocks for paving is a new industry which is reported as likely to be added to Pittsburg's interests. The local article elsewhere on this subject presents two points of interest in connection with the project. One is the utilization of the islands down the Ohio as sites for establishments requiring a larger area than can be economically obtained in the city, and the other the introduction of a very valuable paving material in a new form. After a long digression in the way of experimenting on other kinds of pavement, Pittsburg is beginning to approach the conclusion that esphalt, though most the long run; and this conclusion is crystalliging in the use of that payement on the Center avenue improvement and several of the downtown alleys. The advantage of asphalt blocks remains to be demonstrated by experience, but its progress both as a local industry and a new paying material will be watched with interest.

### IN THE LINE OF REFORM.

The action of the Postoffice Department istration will earn the approval of most people. The action is in the line of the most intelligent administration, in putting an to operate it.

The Postoffice Department under Cleveland was most active in reducing his civil scribe a different course. service professions to a nullity, and that work was nowhere more evident than in the removals in this branch of the service. The rallway mail service calls for thorough experience in order to perform its work under the peculiar conditions which Its nature establishes. The displacing of men who were thoroughly acquainted with this work, in order to make room for Democrats, inevitably damaged the efficiency of the service, and was a distinct affirmation of the theory that the interests of the party must be placed above the interests of the public.

The new administration has restored the old men. It its actions in other respects are in the same line, it will make a good

### WHY THIS RESTRICTION!

gheny river, constructed so as to accommomodate a traction road to connect with the Northside, is stated to have assumed definite shape. In default of the perfection of electrue motors for street purposes, so as to be was to be expected. Some of the bridges, to the cable system; but the construction of | chances. a new bridge for that purpose will unquestionably afford accommodations that would be otherwise lacking. But what is the reason that such a structure should refuse all other business, such as that of foot passengers, which can easily be provided for? Has the courtesy among corporations reached a degree that restrains a new bridge company from cutting into the fat profits of the older

#### A WOLF'S LAW FOR LAMBS.

The Marquis of Queensberry, in a recently published article, attempted to knock out the institution of marriage, but though he fought under his own rules, it cannot be has had some experience in matrimonial matters, too. In the course of his argument alcoholic refreshment to the public. against the monogamous marriage system he says that precious few men are satisfied with one wife, and the noble marquis might have added that he himself had not been satisfied. So very numerous indeed were the Marquis of Queensberry's matrimonial alliances that the House of Lords, which may commit, expelled him.

But, as we have said, with all his technical knowledge of matrimony and pseudopolygamy, his 5,000, words of Herald type would convince any sane man that the noble Marquis is unhealthy in his morals and wofully impudent into the bargain. His morals ers' combination, pitching into the alleged old, and were born on the same day.

tributes, if applied in practice to the world, share of the pork or not. would reduce men to a mere horde of sayage sensualists, and women to a level of slavery such as only the Hottentots or the Zulus have favored. Luckily the nonsense in his lordship's harangue is so conspicuously nonsense, and the reasons for his condemnation of marriage as it stands to-day so plainly personal, that nobody is likely to imbibe the Queensberry mixture to his hurt.

When the world wants some one to re model and readjust such an important institution as marriage it will not look in the prize ring or the House of Lords for the

#### LEGISLATIVE ECCENTRICITIES.

The present Legislature seems to be trying to make up for the failures of its predecessor in one respect at least. The former body was unable to get a bill sent over in proper shape after it had been formally passed. The latter beats that record by sending over Mr. Wherry's resolution to the Senate and getting it referred when it had not been passed by the House.

The unique feature of the blunder was the stew in which it put Senator Cooper. The golden-haired angel of reconciliation was rather more red-headed, but not quite 1 25 so hopeful as usual, on finding that he had got a resolution pitching into the Sinking Fund Commissioners before the Senate under circumstances which made him technically responsible for the measure; and when he got the resolution safely on the table he was fitted to hang up a votive tablet commemorating his gratitude for an

escape from deep waters. Between the introduction of bills which the introducers have not read, and the sending over of resolutions from one branch to the other which neither branch has passed, the conclusion is perfectly allowable that the legislative methods of our statesmen at Harrisburg are fashioned on a fearful and wonderful model.

#### A QUEER CONFESSION.

It is somewhat amusing and withal instructive, to be confronted anew with that old report that the railway freight men are remodeling their classification to conform with the amendments to the inter-State commerce law. There was an immense tuss made two years ago about the reconstruction of classifications required by the original law, and the habit seems to have survived, It happens to be the fact that the amended law contains no requirements as to classification that were not in the original measure. All that either enacted on the subject was to forbid any undue preference or advantage to any class or interest, or undue disadvantage to any. The fussover classification made by the railway men two years ago, was therefore a practical avowal that their old classifications did contain unjust discriminations, and the allegation of a necessity of change now is equivalent to a confession that the classification established with such a flourish of trumpets, as in conformity with the law, did not do what it

pretended, but actually violated the law! There may be more truth than poetry in that avowal; but it is legitimate to suppose that a moderate degree of discretion would keep the freight men from making the charge against themselves.

#### AN ERRONEOUS JUDGMENT.

The statement that Captain Ericsson destroyed the diaries in which he had kept the private records of his life, on account of Mr. Fronde's injudicious use of Carlyle's papers, expensive at first, is the best pavement inof the wrong-doing of biographers who make too free use of private records. If the subject is considered carefully, however, it may show something quite different.

In the first place it is likely to impeach the judiciousness of Captain Eriesson's own action. On the postulate that the diaries of the late inventor contained a great mass of useful material, it was by no means necessary for him to burn them at all. In fact it may be questioned, if the matter of duty in restoring to office those division superin- entered into the subject, whether he ought tendents of the railway mail service that not to have gone over the papers, erased were removed under the Cleveland admin- and destroyed what he did not wish made known after his death, and preserved that which was of public value. He is represented as concluding it to be his duty to important and complicated part of the Gov- destroy the valuable material together with ernment machinery in the hands best fitted that which he did not wish published; but a liself wished to offer him a testimonial. Those clear view of duty, supposing that he had who think of Mr. Parnell only as a politician records of value to posterity, would pre-

Beyond that it is worth while to protest against the mawkishness of the idea that that if at such a time Lord Salisbury himself records showing the weaknesses and vices of the leaders in a past generation must be suppressed. This is simply a theory of falsifying history. It is not necessary that all the petty scandals should be preserved; but historical honesty requires that we shall have the chance to judge of the achievements of past leaders in the light of their frailties as well as of their strength. Froude's course in giving the world a full view of Carlyle, One of George Washington's Interesting as he really was, permitted a better judgment of the man, and a truer estimate of his works than could otherwise be obtained; and the general outcry against it is altogether

ill-founded. Let us have the truth in history, and not an idealized and altogether misleading por-The project of a bridge across the Alle- trayel of the men who have made great names, as persons without either weak nesses or vices.

THAT story of a plot among Mexican bandits to capture Robert Garrett sounds equal in practical service to the cable, this rather fishy; but, after his experience of the way in which his telegraph lines can be like the Smithfield street and Seventh street | captured, Mr. Garrett is justified in constructures, might be capable of adaptation cluding that he does not wish to take any

> IT it suggested by the esteemed Philadadelphia Times, that "If the late administration should come back from Cuba with a scheme of annexation it would put the present administration to its trumps." There is room for a difference of opinion on this question. So far there has been a failure on the part of the American people to make an imperative demand for the acquisition of the source of supply of yellow fever, bandits and sugar.

ONE hundred and seven applicants for license, put through the mill in a single day, promises mere for the dispatch of the said that he covered himself with glory. He | public business than it does for satisfying the ambition of the applicants to dispense

Ir being authoritatively aunounced that Governor Hill is to marry a young and beautiful lady, let us express the hone that she is going to marry the Governor for himself alone. If she has a Presidental bee in her new spring bonnet, a more impolite rarely takes cognizance of any crime a lord insect may be added by the suggestion that the contract to marry shall specify that it all, and get money on it. is not to take place except at the Governor's residence in the White Bonse.

ty, and his scheme for making divorce for mere | Twine Trust. It makes all the difference in convenience or indulgence of animal at- the world to some people whether they get a

HIPPOLYTE'S navy was done for before it got a fair start in the world. The Haytian insurgent may be exonerated for the disaster that resulted from his attempt to get a representative of his cause on the high seas; but the people in New York who have been concerned in sending out unseaworthy vessels should have a practical demonstration of the rule that such things do not pay

THE announcement that the crowds at Washington are falling off comes with significant promptness after the beginning of the season at which the roads dry up and the walking becomes practicable. THE Inter-State Commerce Commission

notifies the Grand Trunk Railway to come to time, as it is certainly authorized to do. But there is room for the question why the commission has never adopted this mode of procedure before, either as regards the Grand Trunk or United States roads, during the two years that it has been supposed to be trying to enforce the law?

WHEN the Senate confirms Fred Grant and shuts out Eugene Schuvler it affords evidence that its theories as to the qualifications for diplomatic services are constructed on a fearful and wonderful plan.

COLONEL ELLIOTT F. SHEPARD'S call upon the Secretary of the Interior to make the Senate meet at noon so that the afternoon papers may get the reports, indicates the mistake which the pious son-in-law made in picking out the office he wants. He is qualified by nature and his own tastes to be the editor of the Congressional Record.

MR. PALMER the new Minister to Spain can talk 'Spanish. Information as to whether Mr. Belmont can do so is lacking, but it is unuccessary in view of his demonstrated ability to walk it.

MR. JOHN L. SULLIVAN has delivered himself on the subject of a vigorous foreign policy. He enriches the subject with the apothegm that "any man who goes to war is a big chump." We are glad to note that Mr. Sullivan is consistent with his principles. He has for many years abstained from fighting any other way than with his mouth.

THE House of Lords has refused to exclude its black sheep. It remains for the eight members, and there is no doubt that people of England to take hold of the ques- Pittsburg has missed a veritable treat. tion of making them go altogether.

MR. THOMAS C. PLATT has expressed a lonel F. D. Grant's appointment to the whole nation." As the nation will have to pay for it, this may be the correct system of bookkeeping; but there are objections to putting that responsibility on every body.

THE honors paid to Fireman Snyder for his bravery will not make other firemen slack and dilatory when life is in peril.

PROMINENT PEOPLE PARAGRAPHED. MR, McKEE is a close student of German

VICTORIEN SARDOU contemplates a visit to for the celebration of their golden wedding. WHEN the Emperor of Germany dines with Bismarck the menu is said to be in French, but point. The maiden's sacrifice—and her fees, when Bismarck dines with the Emperor the | touched his heart, on is in German. Why this is no one

knows. JOAQUIN MILLER has been appointed by Governor Waterman a memoer of the Califor-nia Forestry Commission. The poet has taken great interest in the preservation of California's

SECRETARIES Blaine and Noble were boys together in the ancient town of Lancaster, O. Here Mr. Noble was born, and Mr. Blaine went there when quite young and lived some years in the family of Thomas Ewing, once Secretary of the Treasury. Ewing was the father of General Sherman's wife. Blaine and Noble remember each other well and the latter says that in those days he had a great admiration for the lean, rather domineering lad who is now his superior in Harrison's Cabinet. Noble playfully remarks that Blaine would never have been a famous man had he not lived in Ohio for a time.

THE Glascow Mail save At the St. James's Hall meeting Ar. Parnell appeared with hisarmina sling; he had hurt his hand testing gold found on his own estate in Wicklow, as if the old land would be surprised to meet him when engaged -as he really is, daily-with scientists and city men in discussing the development of the mineral resources of Ireland. We firmly believe walked in, bringing Mr. Balfour with him, but also bringing, as the Premier could, a valuable opinion on the subject—for the First Minister is a keen student of science himself—the Irish chieftain would gladly welcome both, and laying aside home rule for the hour talk of Irish nes as if he had never taken off his, historic coat to inaugurate the Land League.

#### A TIMELY RELIC DISCOVERED. Letters Found by a Maine Man.

Special Telegram to The Dispatch. LEWISTON, ME., March 26,-An old-time Federalist in Thomaston has been rummaging among the papers of General Knox. He found this letter, which, in view of the coming in auguration centennial, is very interesting:

Mr. VERNON, March 2, 1789. MY DEAR Sin-I beg you to accept my acknowledgement of, and thanks for, your obliging favors of the 12th, 16th and 19th of last month, particularby for the trouble you have had in procuring and forwarding for me a suit of the Hartford manufacture. It has come safe, and exceeds my expectations. I will take an early opportunity of paying the cost of it. The result of the lafe-elections will not soon be known, but the effects of them will soon be discovered. Of the nine Representatives (sinounced) for this State six are decided Federalists, and the tenth (not six are decided Federalists, and the tenth (not yet known), from Kentucky, it is presumed from the best accounts which have been received from thence, will be in unison with them. To hear that the votes have run in favor of Mr. Adams (for Vice President) gives me pleasure. The severe weather and uncommonly had condition of the roads in this quarter will prevent the members from this state giving their attendance in time. One of them went from here this morning only, and two yesterday. I hope this will find you perfectly recovered from your late painful disorder, and Mrs. Knox and the rest of the family in good health. Our affectionate compliments are offered to them, with sentiments of sincerest friendship.

### FELL IN LOVE WITH A PHOTO.

I am ever yours. GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Sequel to a Most Romantic Courtship, Con-

ducted by Mail. PHILADELPHIA, March 26.-Rev. H. C. Kis paugh, of Blairstown, N. J., has just returned from London with a wife whom he courted by letter, having fallen instantly in love with her picture, which was shown to him some years picture, which was shown to him some years ago by a classmate at college. He went to London, and found the idol of his heart all that he had hoped for. They will at once take up their home in Michigan.

Competing Country Countries. From the Oil City Derrick. ] Titusville is taking much credit to herself because she has a young man who can imitate the notes of a bird. Oil City has a youth who can imitate the notes of a man, signature and

Strange Coincidence in Death. PARIS, KY., March 26.-The child of Lafayette

#### . THE TOPICAL TALKER

Baseball and Arcillerists-A Theatrical Bonanza-It Must be New-Dental Love. It is very doubtful if any theater in the country is paying its proprietors better than the Bijou in this city. Mr. Gulick showed me on Monday night how the first 30 weeks of this season had panned out at the Bijou, and though I have not the permission to print the figures, there can be no harm in saying that a man might as well be owner of the Bijou as President of the United States, as far as the financial side of the returns is concerned.

SAID an artillery officer to me recently: "I think the popular craze for baseball is likely to show good results in case this country should be involved in war again. I don't refer to the reduction of physical giants by the game self, though of course that in its way is good for the race, but to the wonderful training the eyes of not only players of baseball but of the spectators of the game also are receiving. In a baseball game all the eyes of the multitude assembled and in the two nines are constantly watching the course of the ball. The players particularly learn to calculate with infinite nicety the elevation and striking point of the sphere. The artilleryman at his piece is required to do work of much the same sort as this with his eyes. So when the artillery arm of the army has to be recruited, in case of war, I have no doubt that the baseball player, and even the crankiest crank from the bleaching boards, will show special aptitude and eye-train ing for the service of artillery."

THERE are a good many men, preachers, actors, doctors, authors and newspaper writers, who find that the American public, like that of Athens in days of yore, is continually talking of the thing that is new; that the craving for novelty surpasses all other desires, and to those who have to furnish the public with new things that they may put bread in their mouths the iable desires becomes a horrible monster.

MUST BE NEW.

This is the cue: Something new! That is what is wanted of you. Black as night, or of morning hue, All the same in the public's view Down you'll go, into the stew, There to stay for a day or two. So if you'd sit in the primal pew, And wear, as 't were, a mandarin's cue,

Mark till you reach the fun'ral yew

That this is the one: Something new! That is what is wanted of you! A COUPLE of weeks ago the managers of the mherst College Glee Club informed me that that excellent organization proposed paying Pittsburg a visit next month. Unhappily this plan depended upon the completion of arrangements for a concert in Cleveland, and as that could not be effected, we shall not hear one of the best college clubs in the country.

The club has a banjo and guitar appendix of

THIS is the season of the year when Cupid is supposed to get in his best licks. The eccentricities of the beautiful disease of love are desire that the President shall "charge Co- probably more prominent just now than in mmer, fall or winter. This may account for the singular behavior

of a young woman of by no means low degree, who may live here and may live a tho miles from here. As to her identity in fact I'm not clear. But the story is true. This maiden has good looks in plenty and, it was presumed till recently, some sense. She fell in love with a young dentist. The young dentist did not return the affection—at first any way. But the maiden had no faint heart and paid the deutist visits with great regularity, alleging various dental troublet. After every ous tooth had been drawn, the maiden suspicious tooth had been drawn, the maiden was put to it to find an excuse for still pursuing the dentist. She found it in the allegation the removal of so many teeth made her face recede in places, and to remedy this he had all MR. AND MRS. GLADSTONE are preparing for the celebration of their golden wedding. the teeth remaining to her pulled. To prolong her seeing her beloved, she then had a false set

# A LOT OF LAND WANTED.

ult to Be Brought by the Government to Recover 200,000 Acres in Iowa. WASHINGTON, March 26 .- The Commission of the General Land Office to-day recommend ed to the Secretary of the Interior that suit be instituted in the name of the United States to recover about 200,000 acres of land, situated beween the Raccoon Fort, of the Des Moines ver, in Iowa, and the north boundary of the State, and known as the Des Moines river State, and known as the Des Moines river lands. Under the authority of the Land Department a large number of settlers, between the years 1855 and 1860, made entry of these lands, but of which the Des Moines Valley Railroad Company, acting under authority of the State courts, has been for some time active-

the State courts, has been for some time actively engaged in dispossessing them.

A bill having for its object the restoration of these lands passed the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Congresses, but it did not receive the approval of the President. It is said that the Lowa delegation in Congress is unanimously in favor of the course recommended by the commissioner.

Maritime Matters to be Discussed. WASHINGTON, March 26 .- The United States delegates to the approaching maritime conference met at the Department of State conference met at the Department of State to-day for the purpose of consultation and arranging a programme for the conduct of the conference. A number of subjects were re-ferred to sub-committees, and an adjournment was then taken till Saturday.

### DEATHS OF A DAY.

Mary Clarke Dawson. Mary Clarke Dawson, one of the oldest residents of Western Pennsylvania and the widow of John L. Dawson, member of Congress and one of the best known men in the State in his time, died yesterday morning at the residence of her son-in law, Charles E. Speer, Craft avenue, Oakland.

Mrs. Dawson was born at Brownsyllie January
25, 1814. In 1835 she married John L. Dawson, and
as a result of the union four children, only two of
whom are now living, were born. They were
George Dawsor, who died in 1835: Mrs. Henry W.
Patterson, who died in 1835: Mrs. Charles E.
Speer, of this city, and Mrs. Chauncey F. Black,
wife of the ex-Lleutenant Governor. Her
husband, who was a State politician, died in 1830
atter a bright and useful career. He was a Democratic leader and was identified with everything
that tended to the promotion of the State. He
died at the old homestead on the Albert Gillitan
farm at Geneva, where his widow has lived the
farcater part of her life.

The funeral services will be held this afternoon
at the residence of Mr. Speer, at 40 clock. The
body will be conveyed to Brownsville, where it
will be interred alongside the grave of her husband, whom she has gone to meet. At the time of
her death she was surrounded by her two children,
her grand children and her great-grand children. law, Charles E. Speer, Craft avenue, Oakland,

Mrs. H. F. Benedict. Special Telegram to The Dispatch. CHARLESTON, S. C., March 28. - The yacht Onelda, from New York, steamed into Charleston harbor to-day with her colors at half mast. Mr. H. M. Flagler and other members of his family had arrived here from St. Augustine on Monday to await her arrival, expecting his daughter and other members of the family. As soon as the yacht was signalled Mr. Fiagler engaged a launch, and was signalled Mr. Fiagler engaged a launch, and boarded her as soon as she came across the bar to find the dead body of his daughter, Mrs. H. F. Benedict, lying in the cabin. Mrs. Benedict died about 3 o'clock Monday aftermoon just as the yacht had sighted Morris Island lighthouse. There were on board her husband, and brother. Dr. Sholton, a New York homeopathic physician, and three trained nurses, all from New York. Mr. Benedict is the son of E. G. Benedict, a well-known New York banker. Mrs. Benedict was very ill when she left New York, and the sea yoyage had been recommended as a last resort.

C. F. Theodore Stelnway. ecial Telegram to The Dispatch. NEW YORK, March 28 .- Mr. William Steinway,

death from apoplexy at that place of his brother, C. F. Theodore Steinway. Mr. Steinway's health had been failing for the past few months. His only sister, Mrs. Jacob Ziegler, who was at Stuttgart with her son. Henry Ziegier, a member of the firm, hastened to her brother's bedside. On Monday evening Theodore Steinway cabled to his brother here that he was much improved and was preparing to go to laiy. The news that came this morning of his death during the night was consequently unexpected by the members of the family here. Hon, John R. Neal. CHATTANOOGA, March 26.—Hon. John R. Neal, member of Cougress from the Third Tennessee District in the Fiftieth Congress, died to-day at his home at Myc Springs, Tenn., after an illness of two months of consumption of the bowels.

P. R. Kissam. NEW YORK, March 28.—P. H. Kissam, a member of the New York Stock Exchange since July 22, 1884 slied this morning. He was a brother-in-law of the late William H. Vanderbilt.

#### GREAT BRITAIN'S COAL FIELDS.

Close of the Next Century Will See England Dependent Upon Foreigners. From time to time geologists and statisticians turn attention to the probable duration of the coal field of the United Kingdom, says, the Newcastle, Eng., Chronicle, and aharn coal consumers by fixing an approximately near future as the period when this useful mineral will become exhausted. The extent of the coal field of this country is known now with tolerably certainty, and the annual consumption ably certainty, and the annual consumption being also known, the period of exhaustion is

simply a matter of calculation.

Mr. R. Price-Williams, a well-known engineer, in a paper on the coal question read re-cently before the members of the Royal Statis-tical Society, fixed 102 years as the limit for the duration of England's coal supply. Northum-berland and Durham, though still pre-eminent as coal producing counties, do not produce so much coal as formerly, in consequence of other sources of supply having been opened up. Basing his calculations on the average rate of increase in consumption, Mr. Price-Williams finds that the coal mines in the east division of South Wales will be worked out in 46 years, those of Warwickshire in 53 years, South Wales 79, Yorkshire 90, Scotland 92, Northumberiand and Durham 94, while Denbigshire and Flintshire have enough at their present rate of output to last for 250 years. The adoption of other articles of suel and

other methods of raising steam may lead to a great economy in the use of coal, but if we continue to consume it at the present rate of increase, the close of the next century will see Great Britain, which has hitherto supplied other countries with this valuable commodity, dependent herself upon foreigners.

#### ERIE GAS FIELD.

The Territory in That District to be One More Tested.

Special Telegram to The Dispatch. ERIE, March 26 .- The scheme to test the gas territory of this section of the State is being agritated again. Several months ago a number of gentlemen of this city made up a fund of \$12,000, and made a contract for a test gas well 4,000 feet deep. When at a depth of 2,254 feet the drill struck a small vein of gas. The drill was driven the depth of 4,500 feet, and then a set of tools were lost and a set of fishing tool on top of them. A shot of glycerine was put in at the depth of the gas vein, which had been struck midway and was discharged. The agi-tation did but little good as it brought an in-creased flow of gas but for a short time. The creased flow of gas but for a short time. The well was sealed up for three weeks and was then found to have gained pressure of 200 pounds. The local committee are now at the Suburban No. 4, and opine that a big reservoir of gas exists under this vicinity somewhere, and that this gas-bearing sand was tapped at its thinnest point by the gas well and that it must connect and be a part of a thicker and more favorable sand at no great distance away.

and be a part of a thicker and more favorable sand at an great distance away.

One of the company which put the test well down will put a well down on his own property in the vicinity of the test well, recently put down, and will dirive it to a depth of 2.250 feet. Others will also put wells down to this same depth in different directions and it is believed that they will be able to trace the sand from which this 300 pounds pressure of gas comes, and that they will then be enabled to get the much desired supply of gas fuel which the industries of the city crave. A prollife gas field has been found at Wesleyville at 800 feet.

and try to persuade their friends in New York that he only requires to be better known to be at least tolerated. But this extremely qualified affection extends only to the "gator" when very young. The perverse lover of paradox

Admiral Chandler's Funeral. WASHINGTON, March 28.-The officers tached to the Navy Department are highly gratified at the information which has reached them of the participation of the British au-thorities and forces in the funeral ceremonies of Rear Admiral Chandler, who died in Hong Kong, the 10th of February. More than 700 Highlanders marched in the procession, and they were followed by 1,000 sailors attached to English men-of-war, each having a crape band on his sleeve. A company of the Northamptonon hissieeve. A company of the Fordhampon-shire Regiment, marines, artillery and marine artillery, preceded the Governor and staff, the heads of the Government departments, the consuls and a number of residents bringing up the rear. The services at the grave were very impressive and were conducted amid the booming of minute guns from the ships in the harbor.

Lieutenant Wadhams, called on the Governor, Sir G. William Desveaux; Vice Admiral Salmon, General Cameron, Bear Admiral Max-well and Colonels Craster and Roberts, and thanked them in person for the marked and spontaneous tribute of respect paid by those officers at the funeral of Admiral Chandler, assuring them that their considerate action was deeply appreciated by the American resi-dents in the East and highly esteemed by the

### BERTHS THAT ARE COVETED.

All the Naval Officers Want to Secure Pinces on the New Yorktown, WASHINGTON, March 26.-A good deal pressure is being brought to bear by naval officers to secure assignments to the new gun-boat Yorktown, which is soon to go into comission. While this is generally the case upon the completion of a new vessel, the Yorktown holds out superior inducements because of her fine officers' quarters and generally good qual-

It is the present understanding that the Yorktown will be commanded by Commander Chadwick, now attached to the American Lega-tion in London.

#### A FACTORY GOING SOUTH. One of the Large Philadelphia Cotton Mills

Removing to Alabama. PHILADELPHIA, March 26.—The looms other machinery of J. P. Jones' Calcutta Mills. of Frankford, are being removed as fast as they can be made ready for shipment to Birmingham, Ala. Cheaper labor is the reason given by Mr. Jones for his removal from Frankford. The Caicutta Mills until recently employed from 200 to 360 hands in the manufacture of cotton

A Dendlock in Rhode Island. PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 26.-The two branches of the Legislature cast their respective votes for United States Senator to-day to succeed Jonathan Chace, resigned. The vote resulted in no election, and both branches ad-journed till to-morrow, when balloting will be

From the Philadelphia Times. ] The delightful weather yesterday brought out the first street corner crocuses in large umbers. They all smoked cigarettes. THE PITTSBURG STAGE.

ADMIRING throngs are gazing at the sea erpent at the Casino.

"THE Boy Hero," a realistic melodrams will be the attraction at Harris' next week. HARRY WILLIAMS' Academy has an excellent attraction this week, and is crowded at each performance,

MISS NELLIE MCHENRY and a strong com pany, presenting "Three of a Kind," will be at the Opera House next week. The comedy describes the adventures of some city people at a country boarding house, which is run for revenue only; and the laughable adventures and complications are abundant. Miss McHenry appears as Dollie Dashwood, which is said to be the best role she has ever played.

A FEATURE of "The Crystal Slipper," the spectacular extravaganza which begins a week's engagement at the Bijou Theatre Mo day evening, that has attracted much atten-tion, is "The Halls of Time"—a superb allegori-cal transformation, which concludes the pertormance of the piece. It is in three scenes Hours" is described as the striking part of the very novel and artistic idea. A huge clock occupies the centre of the stage. Perched high above the dial stands a beautiful girl in classic robes. In her hand she holds a golden pendu-Around the dial revolves, in flying posture, twelve figurantes, representing the hours of the day and night, In fact, all the character of the piece are picturesquely grouped. The

### MOTHER AND CHILD.

sale of seats begins to-morrow morning

One night a tiny dew-drop fell Into the bosom of a rose;
Dear little one, I love the well—
Be ever here thy sweet repose!

Seeing the rose with love bedigit, The envious sky frowned dark, and then Seut forth a messenger of light
And caught the dew-drop up again.

'Oh, give me back my heavenly child--Eugene Field in the Chicago News.

#### THE FESTIVE 'GATOR.

Danger of the Extinction of the Mammot Reptile-An Unpopular Pet With a Pen-chant for Babies-Its Economic Value When Dend.

No very polgnant regret will, we fancy, be felt at the announcement that the alligator is in some danger of extinction. Indeed, so far from deploring the disappearance of this unfrom deploring the disappearance of this un-attractive reptile, a great many people in America and elsewhere would feel that the pleasures of life had appreciably increased, were it to share the fate that they hope will ultimately befall the mosquito and the rattle-snake. Civilization has proved pitiless in its dealings with the wild animals of the New World. The buffalo, the moose, and the wapiti are daily dwindling away; until before the boys now at school are middle-aged mon the sight of one will have become as rare as that of a Labra-dor duck on the Newfoundland coast, or a great ustard on the Wiltshire downs. The pola pear is getting scarce in Greenland; and though possibly the outlying settler, especially if he had forgotten to bring his gun, might bear with the deprivation, all those who have been enter-tained or inspired by the early literature of the Great West will deplore the fact that the grizzly is beginning to follow the pronghorn, the mountain goat, and the once-teeming berds of bison. But it is hard to imagine any one, except the tourist on the Kissimmee, or the skin hunter of the St. John's, who will bewail the loom of the alligator.

Its Extinction a Matter of Time.

of its rapid decrease, we venture to question whether the close of its career is even yet

within measurable distance. The spread of

settlement, the systematic hunting of the brute for the sake of its hide, teeth, oil and musk,

An Unpopular Pet.

It would be vain to claim for the alligate

even the smallest modicum of popularity. Idle

folks, it is true, affect to make a pet of him,

has never had much to say in favor of the

A Ferecious Saurina.

More than 300 years ago the huge reptiles

which haunted the vicinity of Porto Bello

would drag away and devour a man whom they

surprised asleep, though they were so timorous that they fled when attacked. In the "River of

Lagartaros," so called from their enormous

negro, "a very proper young fellow," was de-

abundance in its waters. Raleigh narrates how

make sure that there is a comfortable

However, though there cannot be any doubt

tor to Florida, and the extensive winter tour ist trade in little alligators as choice gifts to Northern friends, have all tended to thin the Southern swamps in an appreciable degree. But in the lagoons and backwaters of the Mississippi, the "'gator," as he is familiarly termed, is not likely to be a rarity for a great many years to come, and there are swamps and pools, dank and slimy, concealed among groves of trees hung with the funereal-looking Spa moss, as far north as the Red river mouth, and the Neuse in North Carolina, where this warmth loving reptile will find a refuge long after it has been slain in more accessible places. It swarms off the tourist routes in the Floridian everglades, and beyond the bounds of the United States, the Mexicans of the Gulf S ates and the dusky Republicans of Central America could desire nothing better than \$1 for every huge "Lagarto" between Tehuantepec and the Charres river. They are far too plentiful in the Lake of Nicaragua. Their log-like bodies bask on every sunny spit of the San Juan between San Carlos and Greytown, and even the canal diggers have not driven them out of the marshy jungle north of Colon. As for South America, the Cayma, a near ally of the more Northern form, is, in that still lone land of vast rivers and swampy lakes, scarcely disturbed. The Indians slay it. But, as the brute lays a couple of hundred eggs, the chances are all in favor of the fresh brood far exceeding the yearly slaughter. moss, as far north as the Red river mouth,

#### ATTENTIONS APPRECIATED.

Kindly Offices of British Naval Officers at

harbor.
On February 14 Commander Dyer, accompanied by Licutenant Commander West and Licutenant Wadhams, called on the Governor, Desvanys: Vice Admiral

youred by one when swimming at the mouth of the river; and at Panama, so Herrara relates in 1516, "an alligator has been known to take a man from the stern of a boat," All the old voyagers are in evidence to the same effect, and voyagers are in evidence to the same effect, and Bartram, a most respectable botanist, who visited Florida less than a century ago, is most circumstantial in his description of the de-termined manner in which the alligator stormed his skiff and tried to snatch him out

termined manner in which the alligator stormed his skiff and tried to snatch him out of it.

Still more recently, about 30 years ago, a woman washing clothes on the banks of the Nicaragua Lake, at Virgin Bay, was seized and killed by one, just as the Nilotic crocodile snatches up incautious bathers. Many similar instances have been put on record, one of the most painful being, perhaps, that of a well-known mining engineer, who in crossing a stream in Nicaragua, slipped from the fallen tree which served as a bridge, and, before his comrades could help him, was torn to pieces by the reptiles lurking in the thickets along the river banks. There are even more blood-curding tales told, though, as "gator stories," like those relating to bears and snakes, must be received with caution, it is better not to gin one's faith to that horrible legend of a huge reptile ascending through the clay floor of a Mississippi woodchopper's hut and escaping with a baby before the terrified mother could seize the family ax. At the same time no one pretends to affirm that in the water an alligator is harmless, though, as a rule, a negro baby seems to be more affected by it than any other is harmless, though, as a rule, a negro baby seems to be more affected by it than any other prey—perhaps, for the simple reason that in tropical regions black people are more nu-merous than white ones, and dusky children

#### nore left to themselves than those of the dom Degenerating in Size and Spirit.

It is, however, open to discussion whether the alligator has not decreased both in bulk and ferocity since it made the acquaintance the white man and his killing ways. It is seldom that one is shot nowadays of the size which the early visitors to the Mississippi described as quite common. The hunter always selects the biggest prey, with the result that the average length diminishes. Again, the constant attacks to which it has been subjected during the last three or four centuries must have made it timorous, while its slugmust have made it timorous, while its sluggishness, even in the water, which is its true hunting ground, is naturally in an inverse ratio to the abundance of food obtainable. In winter, when it passes most of its time in a half-doning the state of the negro to drag it out, tail first. At that period the beast is less active than in summer, or in spring, when its grunt may be heard in every direction. Fish and flies form its proper dietary, and cows, horses, and mankind are titbits entirely exceptional At best it is not a reptile calculated to inspire confidence. It is not pretty, and its bead-like eye is undeniable cruel and cunning, while the great tail and the peg-like teeth are too suggestive for admiration. There is a possibility that, before long, we shall have an Alligator gestive for aumiration. There is a possibility that, before long, we shall have an Alligator Protection Society, though whether the subscribers will be many may be doubted.

# At present its main interest lies in its habits and its hide. The natural history of the crea-

ture is, curiously enough, still far from being accurately known, as the disputes over its re ported ferocity prove. It is not improbable that, just as there are certain sharks and crocodiles notoriously addicted to human flesh, so there are man-eating alligators-"races," as the zoologist terms such peculiar breeds of a particular species. However, it is clear that, as a good hide brings \$5 from the tanner, the Cayman is not likely to trouble the settled districts of the South for many more generations. The teeth are extensively manufactured into ornaments, and among the other staple industries of Florida, the extraction of alligator oil, and of the inferior musk which is generated by glands in its lower jaw, deserve a prominent place. It is, to a certain extent, a satisfaction to know that such a reptile has some economic value. The mosquito has been shown to form the intermediary through which the hapless Chinaman is lefected with the curious bloodworm of which he alone is the victim. But this is poor consolation to the white man tortured with its bite. And the selfish lord of creation who imagines that the world was created for his behests alone is apt to doubt the ways of Providence when he escapes the snap of an alligator's jaws in the creek, only to trample on a rattle-snake's tail on the bank.—London Standard. clear that, as a good hide brings \$5 from the

#### NEW YORK NEWS NOTES.

Old Bones Put to a Good Une.

INEW YORK BUREAU SPECIALS, I New York, March 26.—The steamship Win-Island last week, brought a queer cargo to this port when she finally reached it. The vessel was from Alexandria, and her cargo consisted of 700 tons of bones gathered in the sands of the Sahara and Arabian deserts. The bones were of both man and beast, and were the collection of centuries, if not of thousands of years. They are to be used for the sands of years. years. They are to be used for the refining sugar, manufacture of paper, fertilizing the ground, and for knife handles, etc. It was a German who thought of putting the bones of

the desert where they would do the most good. Killed for Not Buying Something. Morris Mulinski, a "puller-in" for Harris Cohen's clothing shop, at Baxter street and Park Row, plied the part of his profession which gives it its name once too often to-day. When Charles Adams, a passerby, took no notice of his request to buy something, Mulinski seized him and tried to pull him into the shop. Adams' attempts to get away were replied to by Mulinski with a blow which knocked the unfortunate man down. His head struck the pavement, and he is now dying in the Chambers Street Hospital from a fractured skull. Mulinski tried to escape, but he was arrested and was committed with

Dropped Their Money on a Sure Thing. There was a ten-mile foot race for \$1,000 and the gate receipts, which proved to be \$750, in New Brunswick last night. The contestants were Robert Pendergast, the local amateur champion, and James Anderson, who said he was the amateur champion of Burlington, N. J. The New Brunswickers backed their representative heavily, and several thousand dollars were staked. Anderson won the race with ease, and when the battle was lost and won it

was discovered that he is a professional. The Tax Collector Hard to Meet. Ward McAllister's name leads a list of at least 400 delinquent taxpayers which has been issued by the Controller. Part of the property for which he is derelict is at 11 and 19 West street. The amount due on it is \$240 for taxes and \$15 for water rates. This is an accumulation of five years. McAllister is not alone in his glory as a delinquent taxpayer. Among the other members of the 400 fashionable folk who are also in the list are William Rhinelander, Peter Goelet, W. H. Aspinwall, J. Kernochan and John Stuart, Unless Mr. McAllis-ter pays up by June 10 the property will be sold under the hammer. The same fate is re-served for a building he owns at Battery Place

A Pretty Chorns Girl's Fate. Bertha Errington, one of the prettiest chorus girls of the London Gaiety Burlesque Com-pany, was buried from a Brooklyn undertaker's

shop this morning. She loss her health soon after her arrival in this country, but continued to sing in the chorus until a week ago, when she was obliged to take to her bed. Saturday she was removed to the Long Island College Hospital, where she died Sunday of an affection of the kidney complicated with typhoid fever, at about the time the Galety Company started for Chicago. The mourners at to-day's funeral were her sister, who is a member of the Gaiety Company, her husband and an aunt. On the coffin, which stood in the middle of the shop, were several wreaths, one of which was sent by Nellie Farren. The chorus girls sent adult reptile, and it is noticed that the theorist others. Rev. Warren Hubbard who affirms that the brute is harmless (unless in exceptional circumstances), is invariably anxious, when one is seen waddling out of the burial service. The interment was in Wood-

#### CALLED TO ACCOUNT.

water, either to put a bullet in its eye or to make sure that there is a comfortable distance between himself and the unappreciative theme of his enlogy. Nevertheless, the traveler who feels that his labors have been in vain unless he can prove all of his predecessors to have been simpletons, or something worse, has tried to make out a case for the alligator. His logic, it must be admitted, is somewhat defective. Many reputable voyagers—Raleigh and Herrara, and Velasquez and Bartram, to mention only the historical names—have with nessed and described its ferocity. But the latter-day visitor to New Orleans or to Tampa Bay, by producing a score of people who never saw the alligator eat anybody, considers himself justified in scoffing at the veracity of those who did. Canadian Railroad Ordered to Savaro Itself With the Inter-State Law. WASHINGTON, March 26 - The following order was to-day made by the Inter-State Commerce Commission:

WHEREAS, Information has been lodged with the Inter-State Commerce Commission to the effect that the Grand Trunk Railway. of Canada, a corporation incorporated under and by virtue of the laws of the Dominion of Canada, and also of the to have some fun, and the manner in which he laws of several States of the American Union, a common carrier of persons and property to and from various points in the United States to and from various points in the Dominion of Canada, and as to such traffic subject to the act to regulate commerce, has violated and is still violating said statutes in divers particulars by granting rebases on traffic taken and carried by it from points in the United States to points in the Dominion of Canada, and by charging less than its published tariff of raises on traffic taken by it from points in the United States to points in the Dominion of Canada. the United States to points in the Dominion of Canada.

It is therefore ordered by the Inter-State Commerce Commission that the said Grand Trunk Railway, of Canada, be and the same is hereby notified to appear before the Inter-State Commerce Commission, at its office in the city of Washington, on the 4th day of April, in the year 1880, at 10 o'clock A.M. of said day, then and there to answer the aforesaid commission concerning all the matters aforesaid, and then and there to submit to such investigation as may be made thereof by the said commission.

It was also ordered that a copy of this order be sent to the officials of the Grand Trunk Company, and to H. B. Ledyard, President of the Michigan Central Railroad Company.

## EMPEROR WILLIAM'S GIFT.

He Sends \$150 to a Charitable Institution of Baltimore. BALTIMORE, March 26.-Sister Benedicta, Superior of the new city hospital being erected at Calvert and Saratoga streets, to-day received a check for \$150, forwarded by Emperor William, of Germany, for the benefit of the in-William, of Germany, for the benefit of the in-stitution. A letter accompanied the gift from Mr. Emil Heydenrich, Acting Imperial Ger-man Consul, explaining the object for which His Majesty had transmitted the money. It is understood that the gift is a result of a report made by Consul Heydenrich to the foreign office at Berlin at the request of the latter to name some institution in Baltimore where a donation from the Emperor of Germany would be accentable. be acceptable. The money will be used to furnish a room in the new building when completed, which will be named in honor of the donor.

The Fruit of Electric Plants. From the Boston Globe. 1

The young lady who asked her professor of botany where electric plants grew, and what they had to do with the expense of lighting a city, does not yet know that \$70,000,000 of capital were invested last year in raising light-

#### From the Philadelphia Times. The Emperor-William's hesitation about calling on his grandmother is understood to be due to his reluctance to adopt the low-necked

An Explanation.

SOME CHOICE ADS. WANTED, in office of business man, a boy about 17. No young gentlemen need apply. WALTER-Have given Tiger stuff you sent. Poor dear papa has gout in toe. Shall be at home this evening. CLARA.

IF Mrs. Brown, who left her poor, sorrowing

husband a few days since, don't soon return there will be another Mrs. Brown. WANTED to hire for about six months, a good sound rhinoceros hide of not more than two inches in thickness. Address Baseball Um-

A Young man suffering intensely from hald. ness of the upper lip offers his entire week's salary, amounting to \$7, for a sure remedy. Have tried several infallible cures. A POOR widow woman is desirous of apnticing her only son to some bloated cap-list or monopolist. Would pay a small italist or monopolist. Would pay a small premium if he could be taught the business

eithin two years.

A Bracing Climate.—Native (in Dakota)

Ah, yes, you'il find this a glorious climate, glorious that a glorious climate, glorious climate, glorious that a glorious climate, glorious that a glorious climate, glorious that are some poor man, he will be owed a very heavy debt of gratitude the rest of his life.

A PUBLIC philanthropist, renowned far and wide for the extent of his hometics are with him?

"Unperchase was outdoors too long, probably, and will merchase was outdoors too long, probably, and wide for the extent of his benefactions, who but a year ago gave a' boy a nickel for merely

Lost, a pocketbook containing \$10,000 in gold

finding his pocketbook, bega to remind his fellow citizens of the disgraceful fact that no R. S. A VILE rumor having been set affoat among the select circle in which I move to the effect that my father acquired the immense wealth I inherited, as a gentleman's tailor and out-fitter, I do herewith declare said rumor to be

utterly false, and brand the low-born wretch whom I suspect of putting it into circulation as a liar and scoundrel. The old gentleman made his pile as a contractor of army supplies during the late war.

ALBERT EDWARD VAN STUYVESANT DE -New York Evening Sun.

#### CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

St. Petersburg is to have a \$7,000,000

—A 1,000-pound manatee (sea-cow) was enpured near Juptier, Fig., last week. -Five of the seven members of the Ver-

mont Supreme Court were born in 1855. -The late Melbourne Exposition was not much of a success. The accounts showed a deficit of \$1,230,000. -Henry C. Hunter, in jail at Crawfords-

ville, Ind., for bigamy, had the check to send to both his wives and ask them to go on his ball -Carriage manufacturers are predicting that in the not distant future wooden wheels will be done away with, and steel wheels substi-tuted, on account of the increasing scarcity of lumber for wheels.

-Continental swindlers are palming off upon British agriculturists great bargains in cloverseed that has been treated with sulphur fumes to give it a bright and new look, but that really is old and worthless.

—Frenchmen of science have produced

artificial emeralds by fusing silica, alumina and glucina with traces of exide of chromium, with acid molybdate of lithin, at a temperature of from 600° to 700° for 15 days.

-Joseph Matthews, of Talbotton, Ga., says that a chicken was hatched at his home a few days since that flad four legs, four wings and a head like a mouse. He has preserved this wonderful chicken in alcohol.

-A Michigan lumberman has adopted the use of pine roots as fuel for his hobby. He has the roots cut up into 18-inch lengths, and uses them in grates instead of soft coal, to which, he declares, they are superior. -Woodmen say that three-fourths of the

moss on trees grows on the northern side, that the heaviest boughs on spruce trees are always on the south side, and that the topmost twig of -A boy living near Abilene, Tex., was recently bitten by a snake, and was soon taken

with convulsions. An old Mexican scraped out the bowl of a briar pipe, applied the scrapings to the child's wounds, and the next day the boy -An English electrician has invented a material that he calls "alterion," for the prevention of corrosion in boilers. The meer of the boiler is coated with the material, as from time to time electrical currents are senthrough it.

-French engineers are - utilizing the poppy to strengthen railroad embankments. The roots of the plants form a network that cannot be exterminated without great difficulty, and are therefore admirable for the purpose named.

- A Taunton (Mass.) preacher has sued and Morris street, on which \$230 is due-arrears his church for salary. He was to receive 50 per cent of all collections, but the fund has only amounted to 77 cents, and he claims he did not get his share of that. He is the Rev. Thomas Harris, colored. -Russian officials have tested and re-

ported favorably upon a Russian invention for applying the revolver principle to the barrels of Berdan rifles. It is said that by this arrange-ment a machine gun is obtained which will fire 480 shots a minute. -William Verm, of Centerville, had both legs cut off Friday night in a singular

manner at Elizabethport, N. J. While standing in an empty coal car the bottom suddenly opened, dropping him under the train, the wheels of which passed over his legs. -T. H. Gray, a photographer of Lynn, Mass., while working in his shop one day last week, happened to overthrow some shelves in the room' on which were 20,000 negatives. The whole weight fell upon him, pinning him to the ground, and his rescue was accomplished with great difficulty.

-At the American Express Company's ale of unclaimed baggage, which took place in Buffalo on Tuesday last a toy trunk was sold for 50 cents. On opening it the purchaser discovered a number of letters, and among them notes aggregating \$800 in value. Two of the notes had been outlawed just three days. one for a small amount, and the other for \$2.2. The others are pronounced good, and amount to something over \$400. -One small boy, who ran away from his home in Camden Me, and was captured in

Boston, explained to the police that he wanted

intended to get it can be imagined from the list of the articles he had with him: Two trav-eling bags, five revolvers, a lot of comfortable clothing, novels of the blood-and-thunder sort, some cigarettes, five large rusty knives, soveral boxes of caps and a bag of powder. -Owing to the limited opportunities for elemnizing marriages in Blaine county, Nesolemnizing marriages in Biane county, Ne-braska, the story goes, there is great competi-tion among the ministers and justices of the peace there when there is a prospect of a wed-ding. "It became known the other day that one of the best citizen farmers living near Brewster was daily expecting the arrival of his bride-to-be from the Empire State, and the whole judicial and clerical force in the county has canned on his farm awaiting her arrival.

has camped on his farm awaiting her arrival." -Miss A. A. Crisp, a professional nurse, who had served in South Africa, Egypt and who had served in South Africa, Egypt and Turkey, and who had received the decoration of the Royal Red Cross from Queen Victoria, went to New Zealand five years ago to take charge of a hospital. She has just been married to one of the doctors there, and her wedding gown was the costume of her profession, while the bridemaids were 19 nurses, all in uniform. The crowd at the church was ogreat that a way had to be forced through for the bride to reach the altar.

-John Wingfield, of Washington, Ga., has a two-headed water-moccasin. He captured has a two-headed water-moccasin. He captured the snake last summer, near a wash-hole. The reptile is 10 inches long, and as large around as a pen staff. The snake has two distinct heads, two mouths, and four eyes. When stirred up at the wash-hole one head started for a small boy, but the other head moved to reconsider, and went back after another boy. After a short excimment the snake was captured and short scrimmage the snake was captured and given a dose of alcohol. He is now in a bottle of alcohol, upon which he subsists altogether.

CLIPPED BITS OF WIT. Merchant's wife (suddenly appearing in her husband's office)-Hah! I thought you said your typewriter girl was an old maid. Merchant (much confused)—Um—er, yes, m' dear, of course, of course; but she is sick to-day, and she sent her little granddaughter as a substitute. - Philadel-phia Record.

utive days for an old woman to act as housekeeper and never got a single answer. Wabble-It was your own fault that you didn't. You should have advertised for a middle-aged woman,-Terre Haute Express. Sure Signs .- Bridget-Shall I lave the hall lamp burnin, ' ma'am? Mistress-No. I am pretty sure Mr. Jones won't be home until daylight. He kissed me three times before he left, and gave me \$20 for a new spring

Wibble-Don't tell me that advertising

mounts to anything. I advertised three consec-

husband is beginning to reform.

Mrs. B.—Indeed? I saw him going into a bar-Mrs. A.-Yes, I know. He went in for a glass of whisky, but he takes water with it now.-The A Ghastly Joke .- Mrs. Crimsonbeak-

Ceased Taking it Straight,-Mrs. A,-My

Notwithstanding the fact that they are both made up of little things, there is a great difference be tween life and a newspaper Mr. Yeast-Explain, please,
"When a man gets fired of a newspaper he
stops taking it; but when he gets tired of life he
takes it."— Yonkere Statesman.

OUR OLD RESIDENTERS. Still come the yarns by wire and mail, Of men a century old, Whose sight has not begun to fail, Whose step is light and bold; Who take their ten-mile morning walks,

Then nimbly dance a jig.

And split a cord of hickory blocks
While the wind blows through their wig.

-Off City Bitzzard. A Bracing Climate.-Native (in Dakota)

"Um-er-he was outdoors too long, probably, and got braced a little too much. You see he stiff; more like east iron than steel."—, phia Record.

Fall Right Into It.-George-Ehl-You

got engaged last night! Gus, my dear friend, tell me how you did it.

Gus—Really I hardly know myself. Couldn't help it. Just like failing downstairs. I was on the edge of a proposal, she gave me a push, and the edge of a proposal, she gave me a push, and there I was-engaged.

"Well, I haven't had any such experience. Every time I try to start my knees knock together and my teeth chatter and my tongue cleaves to the roof of my meath. I've tried a dozen those to pop the question to Miss De Pink, and slumped every time."

"And did she let you slump?"

"Yee."

"You are courting the wrong girl."-New York