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A LONG DISPUTE SETTLED. If the questions of leadership, patronage and personal supremacy in local and State politics had not been involved, the appointment of a new postmaster for Pittsburg would attract but little attention. Either the old one, Mr. Larkin, or Mr. McKean, who has been appointed, or Mr. Ford, who did not get the place, would do very well so far as the public know. The acknowledgment which all three are gracious enough to make of one another's fitness is not solely a doubtless quite honest and based upon fact.

In the factional aspect of matters, however, the appointment of McKean is another testimony of the influence of Senator Quay with the President. If there was at any time serious doubt on that score recent events

would remove it. The public do not care so much about the antagonisms and rivalries among the Republican leaders as they do about getting a good public service. If Mr. McKean will give this, the average citizen in handling his mail will not bother as to whether it was which seenred the appointment.

THE HIGH SCHOOL BANQUET.

As will be seen by our local columns, the Alumni Association of Pittsburg's High School takes a new departure this year, in giving its annual reunion the form of a banquet, with its attendant feast of reason and flow of soul, in place of the usual ball that has constituted the reunion of late years. Such a banquet with a list of postprandial speakers, representing the various classes from 1860 down, as well as the different professions, is rather more representative of an academic institution and the cause of public education than a young folks hop. The younger members and es pecially the girl graduates of that institution may have tender longings for the pleasures of the ballroom; but the public attention which will be drawn to the work of the institution will more than compensate for any such grounds of dissent. The cost of the banquet, it is a pleasure to note, is put so low as to keep the gathering true to its character as the representative of the "peoples college."

THE COUGH MICROBE.

The man who coughs in a violent, aggres sive manner when the preacher has his congregation spell-bound, or at the theater when the andience is absorbed in the powerful villainy of the villain, is a nuisance no doubt, but we do not think that the religious ess of England is instified in declarin that the disturbance of the peace is always willful. One clerical writer says: "Let them only exercise their wills and the coming cough will remain safely bottled up for future enjoyment." Perhaps this specialist knows how to bottle a cough, and if he does he surely ought to add to his infunction the way to accomplish it.

There are some people, male and female, who positively enjoy discomfiting a preacher or an actor with some more or less violent interruption. Such envious and disagreeable souls are incurable; they have coughs and speezes within them to order and are not to be restrained from uttering them when they please. You might as well try to coerce a 6-months-old babe in the matter o the full use of its lungs.

But there is another side to this question. There is something, a germ, a molecule, moral or physical, which we do not know, which seems to pervade the atmosphere at times when an audience is in a state of suppressed excitement. This mysterious something acts as an irritant upon the throats and other air passages of certain individuals, and the disturbing cough or sneeze is the result. We think this germ, or what you may please to call it, really exists, although it is not in our power to explain its nature. This view arises from our observation that the disturbing elements are often beyond suspicion of a willful intention to spoil a sermon or a dramatic situation. It would be well to investigate the subject and supply

THE MINERS' VICTORY.

The reported success of the Monongahels river miners in their strike for a three-cent rate for mining will be welcome news to the majority of the people, whose sympathies were with the miners, although they may have doubted the wisdom of the strike at the beginning of winter. No doubt the concession of the rate, by the firms which have given it, has been largely aided by the open character of the winter so far, and the fact that shipments could have been made almost steadily if the mines had been in operation. The public at large will agree that the wages secured by the strike are not too large for their hazardous labor, and will be glad that this strike has not, like so many of its predecessors, only made a return of suffering and loss to the strikers. The miners have not enjoyed very liberal wages for some time past, and an era of steady work at the three-cent rate will be no more than a modest share for them out of the

LEGAL AND ILLEGAL LICKINGS.

Justice in this country is apt to break out in new and irregular forms. This tendency was illustrated by Alderman Donohue, of Wilkesbarre, the other day, who became so much wrought up by the story which a wife told in his court of her husband's abuse that he left the magisterial bench, took off his coat and gave the wretch an extremely sound thrashing. The act will arouse the sympathies of most people, because, although the punishment was irregu-lar, the condemnation was by competent authority and the penalty was vigorously

The action is contrasted by the New York Sun to the deliberation with which a Colorado Judge, after hearing arguments for a whole day on the important point, decided that a lot of White Caps who were on trial before him should not be permitted to carry weapons in the courtroom, with the result that a dozen and a half of pistols and half rado Judge, after bearing arguments for a

a dozen knives were laid on the table during the proceedings. The deliberation of one Judge and the impetuosity of the other furnish a peculiar contrast; but it is not more remarkable than the practical agreement of the Wilkesbarre representative of the law and the Colorado White Caps that whipping is the proper thing for offenders. The difference between them is that the White Caps usurp the power of deciding who are the offenders and of administering punishment; and as the Wilkesbarre Alderman has no legal authority to lick offenders in his court, the distinction

15 not vital. Perhaps it would be a good idea to permit Aldermen to punch the heads of bullies and wife-besters in open court. The example would be telling and the able-bodied qualigenerally supposed to be requisite in the administration of justice. But before promen should go through the formality of getting a law passed, authorizing that summary and exemplary punishment.

CHRISTMAS AT THE STORES. For a few days at this time of year the enterprising merchants help to make the

newspapers more than ordinarily entertaining, by setting out their wonderful list of Christmas wares. Brisk, bright advertisements are always interesting and profitable, alike to advertiser and reader. But at the holiday season they are a distinct boon. product of the Christmas atmosphere. It is They save infinite exertion to thousands of the army of buyers who are looking for gifts wherewith to make friends happy at this testal time.

> The man, woman or child who cannot find in the vast array of attractive novelties, set out these fine mornings in THE DISPATCH, a variety of material to gratify and gladden every manner and kind of intended beneficiary would be hard indeed to please.

If an Aladdin's lamp were just newly rubbed, the stores of Pittsburg could not glisten with a more delightful array of treasures than they present this winter. The the Senatorial or the Congressional influence advertisements tell where taste and pocket can be quickest suited.

GIFTS AND IMPROVEMENT.

The gift of Sir Edward Guinness, the great Dublin brewer, of \$1,250,000 to be expended in erecting good houses for the poor of London and Dublin is a donation of magnificent proportions and undoubtedly with the best of intentions. It is his desire to have the money spent in some way which shall actually improve the homes of the poor; but it may be questioned whether that end can be reached so as to do any permanent good.

Doubtless, rich men can spend a large sum in building houses that will be better than the hovels now occupied by the poor; but even if he housed the poor in them, it is a certainty that other waifs of fortune will succeed to the occupancy of the bovels. It is to be recognized that the free gift of houses to any class will do that class little permanent good; but will be likely to do more harm in destroying self-reliance and the incentive to effort. The aim of true charity should be, not to give the poor better houses, but to establish such conditions of industry and such distribution of opportunities for gain, that what are now the poor can build improved houses for themselves, and owe the improvement of their home conditions

to their own industry and prosperity. Perhans a little insight into the attainquiry whether the opposite effect has not been produced in the acquisition of the vast fortune from which this donation is made. The fact that it was heaped up out of the "tuppence" and "thrippence" of the poor, may or may not have a bearing on this question, according as temperance or other views prevail. But taking the view that the sale of the beer was a legitimate business and gave the poor people as much good as they could otherwise get out of their money, does not the recent formation of a combination in the beer business, by which Sir Edward Guinness was able to sell stocks on his brewery for about four times its real value, indicate his participation in another method

by which great fortunes are concentrated at the cost of the people? Making immense sums by means which induce general poverty, and then giving portions of them back in charity is a favorite policy among some of the wealthiest people of both worlds. It is a great deal better than not giving back anything at all; but it can hardly be dignified with the name of a sincere attempt for the betterment of hu-

THE REAL REASON. Another remarkable illustration of the decline of farming in New England is given in a recent article by Judge Nott. It is the legation girls in Washington. Her figure presented by the case of a farm in Berk. Is tall and graceful. She is fond of outdoor presented by the case of a farm in Berkshire, which has twice taken the premium as the best managed farm in the town, and is now offered for sale at two-thirds of the back to England. cost of the buildings. The reason given for selling is that the owner is unable to work the farm himself and "can't get good help." This is a somewhat different view to that presented by the writer of the article, who, in to an invalid mother. She is very beautiful. addition to giving a minor place to the in-fluence of manufacturing and cheap West. her eyes are a deep brown, tender and exfluence of manufacturing and cheap Western lands, in enticing away the population from the New England farms, follows the time's silvery fingers. usual custom in laying the chief responsi-

Yet if there is one point that ought to be dustries. Supposing the contention to be work is heard throughout the largest balls. true, for the sake of the argument, that a of the farming interests as a whole, then the adversity would be expected to make itself

manifest in the farming districts most remote from the manufactures which the tariff protects. The complaints which come from the West, if well founded, might have some bearing on the tariff question. But here working on the farm he would think out his working on the farm he would think out his working on the farm he would think out his working on the farm he would think out his ment of farms right where protection ought to furnish a market for their products, and when he saw himself in print for the while there is a rush for the pre-emption of time he fest all the pride of a victorio unoccupied Western lands thousands of

To indulge in such a decided non causa pro causa, when the real and adequate resson is plain, discredits the free trade logic. The obvious reason is that the policy of railroad charges which carry the products of Minnesota and Nebraska to the Eastern less until the inequality is rectified.

give him a peculiarly gloomy view of life." Such an effect on the personal opinions of a political leader might be natural; but it is calculated to brighten the view which the outside public can entertain of political leaders to find that Mr. Mills is bonest and unselfish enough to frankly declare against the attempt to make the United States Treasury pay the personal losses of the suffering members.

THE Italian deficit this year is stated at 72,000,000 lire. The United States has a surplus it is well known, and a study of our politics would almost justify the belief that its surplus of liars would foot to the biggest half of 72,600,000.

A MAN out in Staunton, Neb., is re ported to have stabbed his companion because the latter refused to set up the drinks. This is a very foolish act, but hardly so foolish as the would be telling and the able-bodied quali-ties which would be necessary to make the punishment thorough are more easily se-cured than the mental attributes which are to supply, and to judge by the sequel he must have wanted it very much. Still it would have been wiser for him to have reflected that for setting up drinks, as for other purposes, dead men are wholly useless.

MR. QUAY can calmly survey the Western Pennsylvania field with the comfortable ousness that if there are any positions that his friends have not got, it is doubtful whether they are worth having.

Is it not a little unpleasantly suggestive to be told that the Republicans in the House of Representatives have decided how to settle four of the contests without listening to the evidence? Although no one nowadays supposes that contests are decided by the proof as to which contestant is fairly elected, it has generally been regarded as necessary to show enough respect for public decency to pretend to decide them that way.

THE sentiment of the real estate owner on the change in moving day appears to be that they wish the tenants to hold a meeting. Is there any reason to believe that the tenants prefer moving in mud and slush?

THE Canal Commission held its first meet ing yesterday, but has not got down to active work yet. The task is of such importance that it can be gone at deliberately and should be done thoroughly. But the sooner the gentle men of the commission can give the public re-liable data as to the cost of the work, the best route and the engineering characteristics, the better will they earn the public approval.

PERHAPS the fact that Judge McConnell put that Cronin jury on cold water rations may have had a powerful effect in forcing it to an agreement in that wonderful compromise ver-

MR. W. L. SCOTT is understood to object to the Wallace movement as a plan to swing the Pennsylvania Democracy to the sup-port of David B. Hill. In the dilemma between being swung for the benefit of Hill and being swung by Scott, the Pennsylvania Democracy could well be pardoned for taking to the

THE displeasure of the London Times with Secretary Windom's silver policy may be a desp-laid scheme to arose public feeling in the United States in its favor.

THE epigram of Mr. Speaker Reed, to the effect that "the Senate is where good statesmen go when they die," sounds telling, but it is not a correct statement of the facts. The Senate is where big millionaires congregate when they wish to show how much strength their barrels can exert in politics.

A NEW furnace at Sharpsburg does not look as if the Southern iron industry is going to run our Pittsburg pig iron out of the market this next year or so.

OUR new Postmaster, Mr. McKean, was not exactly born in Washington county, but it is noted in his biography that he moved there in about a year after the interesting event. Thus ment of that end might be gained by the in-Washington county for men of mark continues

> SUGAR Trust certificates continue to tumble with a steadiness which warrants the belief that the insiders have seen the handwriting on

> THE appointment of Captain Shepard, of the revenue cutter Rush, to be Chief of the Revenue Marine Service, is an indication that the authorities at Washington are full of appreciation of the success of that officer in the feat of letting go of the seal pirates.

THE signs of a green Christmas this year call for a warning to the festive celebraters against ill-judged attempts to paint it red.

danger will be welcome news to the people of the world. If the ex-Governor now avoids Mahdists and two-story balconies, there is no apparent reason why he should not enjoy long life and a green old age.

PROPLE OF PROMINENCE.

quently called the "banker poet," is one of the youngest looking literary men in New York, although he is a grandfather, and 56 years old. His literary work is done almost entirely at

daughter of Sir Julian Pauncefote, the English Minister, is one of she handsomest of exercise, chiefly walking. She has been presented at court, but she is so satisfied with this ountry that she says she never wants to go

MARIETTA HOLLY, author of the popular "Josiah Allen's Wife" papers, began to write when scarcely more than a child. She was born in the-village of Adams, N. Y., where she has resided most of her life, devoting herself pressive. Her head is crowned with masses of soft, brown hair, which is slightly touched with

DR. AMELIA B. EDWARDS, the learned Enbility for the change to the protective glish woman who is traveling around the country lecturing upon Egypt, is 47 years old, with an intellectual rather than a handsome face. plain with regard to this phase of the subject it is that the tariff cannot be charged with the decay of the farms that are closest to the location of the protected industries. Supposing the contention to be a John T. TROWBRIDGE was the son of a protective tariff is adverse to the interests farmer, and was born in the year 1827, in Westwent to school six months in the year; after that his schooling was cut down to three months in the dead of winter. His parents verses and stories which he wrote out at pight. me of these were sent to the country paper, eral when he sees an opposing army lay its arms at his feet. His first money from literature was \$1.50, which he received for a New Year's

with Lugius B. Northrop at West Point, the latter being one of the youngest cadets. One day an officer on duty insulted young Northrop, and the flery South Carolinian resented it with a blow. It was Davis' duty, as captain of the Minnesota and Nebraska to the Eastern markets for as little as it costs to get the products of farms in Western Massachusetts or Vermont there, practically brings the cheap and fertile lands of those States as near to market as the Eastern farms, and makes the more sterile lands actually worth less until the inequality is rectified.

**A blow. It was Davis duty, as captain of the carps of cadeta, to report the matter, but he had noticed the unprovoked insult, and admired the spirit with which the joung cadet promptly resented it, and he passed the matter over. From that moment Davis and Northrop became friends, and when the Houthern Controllers until the inequality is rectified.

THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Tip on the Fereign Mail Service-Mr. Lurkin Ready to Go-A Rich Man's Charlenble Plans-The New Glibert and Sallivan Opera.

THERE is a little rule affecting the interna-

thank is a little role ancoung the interna-tional mail service which is not as well known as it might be. At this time of the year the little rule is particularly important. A small parcel containing several articles, a couple of attenuated silk pincushions, an em-broidered doily and a calendar, was handed n at the package window of the Pittsburg quisite amount of stamps upon it, and the rule as to the tying thereof had been observed also. But the official who received it said it could not go to England through the mails because the articles were merchandise, and could be sold again. The official had a heavenly time undoing the various articles and re-inclosing them in tissue paper, but he explained the postal regulations with the courtesy for which the postoffice force here is notably renowned. The official was perfectly right. Such trifling presents as are so often exchanged at Christmas time cannot pass through the mails if sent abroad. Postmaster Larkin says that if one cares to chance such small things may be sent in sealed letters with first class postage, but then there is a risk of confiscation to be run. The only safe and sure way is to send Christ mas trifles, other than cards which the mails

will carry, by express. TALKING of postoffice matters, Mr. Larkin does not appear at all distressed because his term is now drawing to a close. He was just as cheerful and pleasant yesterday afternoon when the newsboys on the postoffice steps were crying out the name of his successor as he was early four years ago when I talked with him in the same room.

Practically, Mr. Larkin has served a full

tion of the four years is January 16, next. Mr. Larkin told me he was quite ready to hand over the reins to Mr. McKean whenever that gentleman was ready to take them.
"There is a good deal of business to be wound
up with this month, however," added Mr. Larkin, "for it is the end of a calendar quarter, and some 1,800 postmasters have to turn in their accounts to me. This will really make my presence here till the second week of next month rather essential. But if Mr. McKean desires it he can take charge on January 1,"

term, although the exact date of the termina

THERE are worse ways of winding up a life and disposing of an estate than that adopted by one of our wealthy and most philanthropic

He can leave his money to no direct heirsfor he has none—and he does not care about his collateral heirs. Living a quiet, retired life with his wife he has no need or desire for wealth. He has therefore for several years busied himself placing money where it will do good to his fellow creatures. Not long ago he urprised the pastor and church wardens of the hurch he attends by laying a check for \$5,000 in the contribution plate. There will be no charitable bequests to be disputed in his will. A NEW YORK paper printed this little bit of

indoubted news the other day: Gilbert and Sullivan and their agent, D'Oyley Carte, have nobody else to thank for the diffi culty they have experienced in placing their new opera in America but themselves. The terms which the Englishmen made for "Ruddi-gore" and "Princess Ida" were so steep and heir general management so severe that the American managers were badly hit on both investments. Efforts were made to get the English authors to make more reasonable terms after the failures of the operas was assured, but they held the American managers up in but they held the American managers up in the sharpest way, and the result was a very de-cided deficit in the bank accounts of several of the leading men in the theatrical business here. Gilbert drives hard bargains, and he is a diffiult man to get anything from which does no show a very handsome profit to the firm of Gilbert & Sullivan. This time their greediness, according to theatrical managers, will end in a direct financial loss to them, for the Gilbert and Sullivan opera is practically going begging among the big managers of the country. There are, of course, many of the younger and more ambitious theatrical men who are willing to take any risks, but they are not in a positi they are not allowed to make even a bid for it. want to make money out of their works incredible as it may appear, is that the new con opera from their hands will be played at the Park Theater, New York, by D'Oyley Carte, Gilbert and Sullivan's manager, with a com-plete English company before New Year's or very soon after it. If the piece is the succe the London papers say, and tickles American tastes, it will be Mr. Aronson and the striped

A NATIONAL SCHOOL LAW.

managers of New York who will be grumbling

and growling as the victims of their own greed-

Senator Ingalls Would Have the Govern

ment Establish a Curriculum. WASHINGTON, December 18.-A bill containng the outlines of a national school law was introduced to-day by Senator Ingalls. It provides for the appointment of a National Board of Education, consisting of one member from each State and Territory and the District of Columbia, who shall have charge of all the machinery of a school system, the districts of which shall be established wherever the parents of 25 children ask for the appointment of a All instructions shall be in English. The age

Probably Ironical.

From the Boston Heraid.) Mr. Carnegie's intimation that he may b able to accord Mr. Cleveland his distinguished support in 1892, in case the latter is the nomi nee, can probably be set down as a delicate touch of Pittsburg irony.

From the Washington Post. A pretty good idea of the quiet, peaceful harmony that prevails just now in the North Dakota Legislature may be had by the dump-ing of two parts of a sedlitz powder into a tumbler of water and watching them do business with each other.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

e . David Myers. David Myers, one of the oldest residents of Steubenville, died last Monday morning at the age of 71. He was the father or William H. Myer the manager of the Liberty avenue office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and James E. Myers of this city. David Myers was an old steamboat engineer, and was well known by the older men in the river business. For four years he was Treasurer of Jefferson county, and for Myears was a deputy collector of internal revenue.

CHICAGO, December 18.—William Sheets Harr son, a nephew of President Harrison and assist ant to the general freight agent of the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul road, died at his home in River Forrest yesterday, after a brief illness aged 25. His father, who was President Harrison's brother, has been dead several years. The young man was ulmarried. Renord F. Given.

Benard F. Given, an old river pilot, died yes-terday morning at his home, No. 147 Bluff street. He was 67 years old, for 40 years a resident of Pittsburg, and leaves a son and two daughters. His son, Thomas H., is cashler of the Farmers' Deposit National Bank. Edward Shaffer. Edward Shaffer died yesterday at his home, No. 7 Ackley street, Allegheny. He was 19 years old. He was the survivor of the sad accident in Connequenessing creek last July, when five of his young companions were drowned. He has been

Rev. Warner Long, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died yesterday morning at No. 622 Fifth avenue, in his 53th year. He was the first Super-ntendent of the Home Hotel. The funeral will be seld upivately to moreow forence.

Dr. C. H. Nichola. Naw York, December 18.—Dr. C. H. Nichols, uperintendent of the Bloomingdale Insane Asy-um, died Monday night, aged & years, of kidney

Mrs. Susan G. Tilden.

NEW LEBANON, N. Y., December 18.—Mrs.

Susan Gould Tilden, widow of Hanry A. Tilden, a brother of the late Samuel J. Tilden, died yesterday.

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PREIGHTING GOODS IN AFRICA.

Parcels Carried on the Heads of Natives

Hundreds of Miles. "The method of trading there is different from that adopted in Chicago," said a man who had been to Sierra Leone to a Chicago Heruld rejorter. "Tribes from 100 to 500 miles in the interior get up a lot of produce every year, and select the strongest men, who load the stuff in little bundles on their head and march away through forests to the coast. Of course there is not a sign of a road or a bridge, and nothing but in the matter of direction guides them, but they generally strike the coast just about where they aim to—that is, if any are lett, for they sometimes run afoul of a war party, or the wild beasts get them, or the fever carries off the weaker ones. But those who get through never make any reports of dead, wounded and missing. Little matters like that are not considered. Each man carries a long sharp knife with a book at the point like a hawk's bill, and with these they cut their way through tangled with these they cut their way through tangled underbrush and rank, twining grasses, such as this country knows nothing about.

"When they get within three or four days' journey of the coast two or three runners are relieved of their burdens and sent on shead to tell the traders the 'settee' is coming. They go about among the agents telling what their companions are bringing, inquiring about prices and learning what can be had in exchange. As the English Government is supreme at Sierra Leone, and one company of traders has the monopoly of British protection, of course, the natives' only alternative is to take what is offered or pack up and start on another jaunt up or down the coast—a thing they seldom do. But here is this ever before the trader: He wants them to come back next year, and so gives them as good treatment as he can consistently with private interests."

BILL DAY IN THE HOUSE.

Over a Thousand Measures Proposed !

Congress Vesterday. WASHINGTON, December 18.-Upon the call of States the following bills were introduced in the House to-day, among others, and referred: To reduce the tobacco tax: to refund the cotton tax: to regulate immigration and to amend the naturalisation laws; also, to probibit allens from acquiring title to lands in the United States; to repeal the pre-emption and timber culture laws; to prohibit members of Congress from acting as attorneys for aided lines of railroad; to provide for a graduated income tax; to tax trusts; to prevent a contraction of the currency; to repeal all laws requiring the accumulation of gold for the redemption of Treasury notes; for the free coinredemption of Treasury notes; for the free coinage of aliver; requesting the President to open negotiations with Mexico for the establishment of friendly and commercial relations, and for the adjustment of boundaries; to repeal the duty on sugar and to pay a bounty to aid in the cultivation of sugar; for the free importation of justices of the sugar for the free importation of justices in the sugar for the free importation of justices in the sugar for the free importation of justices in the sugar for the free importation of justices in the sugar for the free importation of justices in the sugar for the free importation of justices in the sugar for the free importation of sugar

wool.

The number of bills introduced under the call was 1,064. Many of these are duplicates, if not in language, at least, in the subject matter of their provisions. A dozen or more measures based on the Blair bill were introduced; and the silver men were not idle, and taily 20 propositions were presented for the free coinage of silver. Nearly every member of the tobaccogrowing States was armed with a measure for the repeal of the tobacco tax, while many of them went still further and introduced bills for the total abolition of the internal revenue system.

system.

The deaths of James Laird, of Nebraska, S.

S. Cox, of New York, N. W. Nutting, of New York, and R. W. Townshend, of Illinois, were announced to the House, which, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourned until Friday.

TO RECOGNIZE BRAZIL A Resolution to That Effect Introduced 1

the National Senate. WASHINGTON, December 18 .- In the Senate washindron, December is.—in the Senate to-day Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, offered the following joint resolution, which was read in full and laid over till to-morrow:

"Resolved, By the Senate and House of Repre-

entatives of the United States of America in Con sentatives of the United States of America in Con-gress assembled. That the United States of America congratulates the people of Brazil on their just and peaceful assumption of the powers, duties and responsibilities of self-government based upon the free consent of the governed, ex-pressed in their repudiation of monarchie rule, and in their adoption of a republicant and in their adoption of a republican form of government; and, that the United States of Braril's by the set recognized as a lawful and rightful flowernment. rightful Government.

"And that said Republic is, of right, entitled to excretise and eujoy international comity and all the benefits of the laws of nations as a sovereign power; and the benefit of all rights, privileges and advantages under the existing treates that were advantages under the existing treaties that were concluded between the United States of America and the late Empire of Brazil, and that this deciaration of the state of the public laws in the United States of America, shall be notified to the United States of Brazil by the President, and that the President, by his proclamation, shall results United States of Brazil by the President, and that he President, by his proclamation, shall require he people and Government of the United States, and of the several States and all persons in author-ty therein, to recognize the flag of the United States of Brazil'as the flag of a free, sovereign and independent State."

COL. SELLERS' EMULATORS Must be Among the Tri-State Inventors in the Latest List.

List of patents issued to Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia inventors, on Tuesday, December 17, 1889, furnished by O. D. Levis, patent attorney, 181 Fifth avenue, Pittsburg:

Gardner W. Baker, Painesville, O., ciamp; John C. Beckfield, Allegheny, gas engines; Henry Buttenhagen, Toledo, automatic cut-off for engines; Charles F. Bush, Erie, knife; John Dowling, Wilkesbarre, hydrant; Edward E. Dwight, Toledo, dumping car; Patrick F. Hanley, Homestead, rolling mill; Oliver J. Hess, Scottdale, oil can; John D. Williams, Scranton, tube expander; Sylvanus Kelly, Fremont, O., boiler tube cleaner; John M. Kincade, Wellsville, O., railway switch; George A. Marsh, Sandusky, relief vaive for steam engine; Abraham L. Rich, Allegheny, hot water locomotive for tramways; Jacob Schonnelier, Pittsburg, apparatus for the manufacture of gas; also burning hydro carbons; Henry Sima, Erie, low water lazm; Maro G. Smith, G. F. Palm and S. Irwin, Coshocton, O., roller cloth or apron for cigar-bunching machines; Jacob T. Wainwright, Pittsburg, reducing unsmelled ore; James Timina, Columbus, ear coupling: Henry C. Williams, Lovetts, O., hitching post; Joseph H. Rickes, Lock Haven, Pa., sectional boiler. Gardner W. Baker, Painesville, O., ciamp; John

SENATOR HOAR'S PENSION BILL District Courts to be Given Jurisdiction of

Delayed Claims. WASHINGTON, December 18.—Senator Hoar introduced a bill to-day to give jurisdiction of District Courts in certain pension cases. Referred. It provides that whenever any applicaferred. It provides that whenever any application for a pension, or for an increase of pension, has not been acted upon within one year
from fis date, or has been rejected, the applicant may file his petition in the District
Court, praying for the allowance of such pension or increase; that the District Attorney
shall appear for the United States; that the
Judge shall proceed to adjudicate the matter,
and that if the application is allowed, the decree of the Court rhall be certified to the Commissioner of Pensions, who shall cause the
name of the pensioner to be placed on the pension rolls. Evidence is to be taken either orally
or by deposition.

PRESIDENTAL APPOINTMENTS. The Names of 150 New Postmasters Sent to

WASHINGTON, December 18.—Among the nominations sent to the Senate to-day was that of Nicholas Enaley, of Indiana, to be Pensson Agent at Indianapolis, Ind. To be postmasters: Pennsylvania—R. J. Hesderson, Phoenixville; J. S. McKean, Pittsburg: John Stopp, Allentown; Levi S. Gibson, Sharpeburg, West Virginis—F. M. Whaley, Point Pleasant, Ohlo—J. M. Ickoa, Newark.

There were 150 postmasters in all appointed, as well as a large number of recess appointments.

A Fusion to Bent Fitter. IMPECIAL TRUEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. PHILADELPHIA, December 18.—The Mc-Mane's people and the Democrats are likely to form a fusion ticket to beat the Fitler adminis-tration candidates.

From the Toronto Globe.]

The spirit of independence is certainly moving anew throughout the land. THEATRICAL NOTES.

MAGGIS MITCHALL will commence a week's engagement at the Bijon on Monday next, appearing in three of her best pieces, as follows: Monday and Wednesday nights, "Little Bare. foot:" Teesday, Thursday and Saturday nights and Christmas matinee, "Ray:" Friday night and Saturday matinee, "Panchon." Mass Mitchell will be supported by Mr. Charles Abbott and a competent cast. The sale of seats begins this morning at the box office. THOSE who have not yet purchased their teats for the Juch opera season had better go to the Grand Opera House box office at once. Flore has been a great sale of seaso already, and choice out at growing scatte.

MAGGIE MITCHELL will commence a week's

THE STROLLER'S STORIES.

Odd Colsions and Quaint Observations From Curb and Corridor.

A Mono the gentlemen who were in the city
yesterday was Charles Gilpin, the Vice
President of the American Tin Plate Associao. He was on his way from Washington t Chicago, and stopped in this city for only three hours to visit the local office of the association. Mr. Glipin was formerly a resident of Pitusburg, but has been stationed in Washington to look after legislation affecting the interests of the association. Several big mills in this country have prepared to manufacture tip plate and have prepared to manufacture tin plate, and are waiting only until the tariff is raised suffi-ciently to protect them from English tin. The association will make a strong endeavor to st-cure an increase of duty at the present session. Mr. Gilpin expressed confidence in the success of the endeavor. If the customs duty is doubled at least three mills will begin operations in the manufacture of tin plate within six months. The filinois Steel Company has its tin plant up and ready for work. Its ore will be drawn from the Black Hills.

drawn from the Black Hills. There are always new plays on old jokes, and John Locklin, the gentleman who runs the stereopticon display on Liberty avenue, receives the credit for the latest variation. He was cating his dinner in Newell's restaurant. With a scowi upon his face he backened David Lauber from his desk. "Dava," he said, "why do you persist in using this vile tea. It's the only thing you're off on. Why don't you get some of that new brand?"

"What brand is that?" David asked.
"McGin-tea," said John, and fell to work on his Welsn "rabbit."

S. H. HAMBURGER, of Philadelphia, is a fine looking man, and counts himself one of the salt of the earth. He represents the Penn-sylvania Salt Works, of Philadelphia, and he swept down on the Hotel Anderson yesterday to see that the town was well salted during this warm season. "It is spoiling weather," he said, "and everybody must use sait so keep themselves well preserved. Why is there not a Salt Trust? That is one of the things that cannot be trusted. There is too much salt. All you have to do is to sink a well along one of these rivers or bore a new hole up in Michigan. Neverthe-less, there is money in the salt business. It is as cheap as sawdust, and many persons might think there was no margin, but there is. It is a staple article. Who can live without it? The demand is regular, and can be counted on Then we have a duty of 200 per cent on it, and the price must remain at a profitable figure. The money is made on the fine table saits."

A COOLNESS exists between Mayor Pearson, of Allegheny, and Detective John R. Murphy. The Mayor stopped in the midst of a serious police court hearing yesterday morning, and turning to Detective Murphy, said: "By the way, John, there is a dog over here in the barber shop that has his leg broken. I wish you would go over and shoot it." The hearing was resumed and Mr. Murphy hurried out. He has not reappeared at the City Hall. The dog was a terra-cotta one, but there are rumors abroad that Murphy bored it full of bullst holes and scattered its remains over the bar-ber shop. Several half shaven men were seen upon the streets of Allegheny yesterday after

ALTHOUGH there are few indications of Christmas in air or earth or water, the visitor to the haymarket square, in Allegheny, will be strikingly impressed with the fact that Kriss Kringle is waiting on the roof. The en-tire square is taken up with Christmas trees, spruces and pines, big and little, cut from the romantic hills of the Youghlogheny. They lie in long rows, like chevaux-de-frise, and at in-tervals those of finer form are planted erect. The square looks like a park, as good Alle-gheniaus hope to see it some day. All manner of people come to buy these trees. They bring with them suggestions of sad as well as merry stories. There is a well dressed man with silken tile and kid gloves, negotiating for a large, capacious tree, whose branches will bear up the iluxuries which his good luck enables him to afford. There stands a poor woman, with her toes almost out of her broken shoes, a red shawl over her shoulders. The tree which she selects is but a bush small and scant. Its branches, however, are just as green as those of the larger growth. So in her heart the emo-tions which the Christmas time awakens are as strong and deep as those that stir the besom of stronger.

AT a well-polished table near the door of Bihlman's restaurant there can be found every afternoon a crony crowd. The light fall-ing upon them from the window glints only on the tops of gray and bald heads. They sit and smile and yarn, discussing all matters pertain ing to civilization, from hair pins to postmas-ters. The other afternoon they naturally fell upon the subject of popular concerts, and talked THE DISPATCH idea up and down in all directions. "Do you like music, Jim?" the gravest man in the party asked of the gentleman opposite. "I certainly do," was the reply. "Do you like bands?" the questioner said. "Bands!" said the other, "I adore bands." Thereupon the grave man said: "Here's my hat band." "Did somebody call the waiter?" softly asked the gentleman across the table.

TROM the great booms upon the top of fhe new Federal building there flickered forth last night a number of brilliant lights. Pass-ersby on the streets looked and wondered, for it was a new thing. The lights were those of arge lanterns. They wavered and moved here and there until flually they became fixed, and there blinked out steadily all night long. The Stroller inquired of a policeman on Smithfield street why the lights were hung aloft. "Oh."

GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S LATEST.

The New Opera Goudolfers to be Produced In New York Next Month. SEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1

NEW YORK, December 18.-Manager A. M Palmer has secured all rights for New York City for the production of Gilbert & Suilivan's "Gondoliers." John Stetson has rights in all cities except New York, east of Pittaburg and Manager Henderson of Chicago, bas all the western rights. Mr. Palmer said this evening that the first performance would be some time between January 8 and January 8.

The opera will be produced here by a company from the Savoy theater. George Thorne and Fred Billington will be in the cast. The company will sail from Liverpool next Saturday.

ANOTHER LIMIT FIXED.

The Marine Conference to Continue Until Next March.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—The Speaker having laid before the House, a message from the President recommending that the limit of the International Marine Conference be extended for two months, Mr. Hitt, of Illinois. introduced a joint resolution extending that authority until March 1, 1890.

Mr. Hitt said that the conference had already accomplished great and important work. Unless the resolution were passed, the authority of the delegates of the United States would cease in the midst of their labors. The loint resolution was passed.

THROUGH DARKNESS TO DAWN.

The sunrise is his birth,
And soon, oh soon, the sunset comes,
And he returns to earth.
His little day flows swiftly by And evening comes at last. The day is sloking lower yet— His day of strength is past. And in the eventide of life,

Before the sun has set, The golden clouds of glory come, Before the night of death. The tide of life is ebbing fast, The crimson clouds are gone— But on the other side of death The brilliance of his noontide life,

The glory of his day,
The brightly familing golden clouds
Of sunset fade away,
But beyond the voil of death,
Research the month pricht. Beyond the mystle night,
That brighter sunrise waits him
Yet, in melody and light. When man has entered on his night,
His sun of glory set—
Then swiftly rends the mystic mantic
in the halfs of death:
The soul has burst the chrysalls,
The night forever gone—
The sunburst of Exernity breaks
In the roiden dawn!
Lesie S. Simoneos, in Philodelphia Ledge COMING CATHOLIC PAIRS.

All the Churches Propuring for Christman

Wook. Rev. Father Wall, D. D., rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, is completing arrangements for fair and basnar to be held in the basemen fair and bassar to be held in the basement of the church, beginning the Ilst inst. The pro-ceeds will be used to pay for the decoration of the interior of the church. The fair will be continued several weeks. The work on the church will be completed by the last of Janu-ary. The grand ceremony or opening will be held on Easter Sunday. Archbishop Ryan has been invited to be present and preach the ser-

been invited to be present and preach the sermon.

On Monday evening a two-weeks' fair will be opened in the Trinity parochial school hall, on Fulton street, for the benefit of the colored Catholic Church of St. Benedict the Moor. Meedames Anderson, Brent, Jones and Tull will have charge of the tables.

A fair and festival will also be held in the same place in the latter part of January for the benefit of Trinity Church, The officers of the fair are: Mrs. Groebuch, President; Mrs. Goelz, Vicas President; Messrs. Freitag and Freker, Secretaries, and Joseph Unger, Treasurer. Mrs. Mueller, Mrs. B. Weis and Mrs. Huns have the general management.

A fair will also be opened Saturday evening next for the benefit of St. John the Baptist Church, on Thirty-second street. The fancy table will be under the direction of Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. Gaven and Mrs. Quinn, assisted by other ladies of the St. Joseph's Association. The combination, fancy and refreshment table will be managed by Miss Hagerty, Miss Mahony, Miss M. Barry, Miss Flord, Miss Jennie McSteen, Miss House, Miss Kurtz, Miss Maloney, Father Neeson, pastor of the church, has the affair in charge.

A tea party will be held at St. Bridget's Church during Christmas week. The Committee of Managers is as follows:

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A fair will also be held in St. Agnes' Church next week. The object is to raise money to build a pastoral residence. The present bouse occupied by the priests at the corner of Fifth avenue and Soho street, costs the congregation too much money in rent, and is not suitable to many of the members of the parish.

THE ALUMNI BANQUET.

A Feast of Reason and a Flow of Soul for High School People.

The Pittsburg Central High School are proriding a feast of good things for the members of the Alumni Association. A banquet, which will be made interesting and intellectual by

will be made interesting and intellectual by speeches from some prominent members of the former classes, will take place at the Hotel Schlosser, Sirth street, Friday, January 2. Each member is limited in his invitations to non-members of the Alumni to one, and that one must be of the opposite sex. This rule will be rigidly adhered to and enforced by the Banquet Committee.

The speeches will be opened by President Charles W. Scovel. The various toasts will be responded to by Thomas D. Chantler, for "The Ladies." Principal Charles B. Wood. "The Alma Mater:" John T. Myler, "Industrial Education:" William H. Moore, "Cooking School:" Miss Blanche Jones, "Physical Culture." Professor R. C. Jilson, "The City of Natural Gaz!" Mr. John S, Lambie, "School Days;" Rev. John I. Hill, "Our Next Meeting." The addresses will be interspersed by music, by Gerneri's orchestra. Dancing will conclude the banquet. The Executive Committee hope a hearty response will be given on the part of members. Edward F, Hays will be toastmaster.

A Lawrenceville Wedding. Miss Nana Keller, of Thirty-eighth street was married yesterday to Mr. W. P. Smith. In the evening the bride's parents gave a brilliant entertainment. The house was decorated very tastefully. Pretty floral devices were arranged in the various rooms. A very enjoyable time was spent until the gray dawn of the morn chased the gloom of night away. An elegant supper was served at midnight. The tables were laden with choice edibles, and the folks did justice to the good things provided. Music and dancing was participated in by the young neonle.

Knights of the Golden Ragie. A musical, literary and social entertainment was given at Lafayette Hall last night by the lolden Eagle of Wes dresses were made by Major E. A. Mon and A. C. Lyttle, Grand Chief of Pennsyl

HER RELATIVES NOT PLEASED

Because a Widow Wills All Her Property to Her Intended Husband. ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW YORK, December 18.—Sarah U. De Groot, a widow, died in Brooklyn on July 21, one day before she was to be married to 21one day before she was to be married to Ilyear-old Edgar M. Hodgkinson. Some time before her death Mrs. De Groot, so Mr. Hodgkinson says, made a will bequeathing him all her
personal property and a house at 140 Cambridge Place, valued at \$15,000, and cutting off
all her relatives with a few dollars each.

The original will was destroyed, Hodgkinson
alleges, by Horatio St. John, Mrs. De Groot's
brother, but a copy was sayed and it was
offered for probate before Surrogate Abbott.
The relatives will contest the probating of this
document.

WASHINGTON, December 18.-Represen tive Springer's bill for the organization and admission into the Union of the State of Columbia provides for the necessary machinery to enable the five civilized tribes in the Indian Territory to form a constitution and be admitted into the Union as a State.

ecial meeting of the Randall Club will be held this evening to complete arrangements for attending the inauguration of the Hon. James E. Campbell as Governor of Chio, at Columbus, on January 13. The club will leave Pitteburg on Sunday, January 12.

Congressmen's Christmas Holiday. WASHINGTON, December 18.-In the House to-day, Mr. McKinley, of Ohlo, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a concurrent resolution for a holiday recess from December 21 until January 6. This was agreed to.

Assistant Sergeant at Arms.
WASHINGTON, December 18.—Thomas Canaugh, of Vermont, was to-day appointed Assistant Sergeant at Arms of the House of Rep

TRI-STATE TRIFLES.

A CANTON gentleman swallowed an overcos button which he found in a dish of restaurar hash. The button closed the cardiac orifice the stomach completely, and the case puzzled the physicians, as emetics were useless, because the medicines could not enter the stomach. After three days of terribe suffering, and when death was momentarily expected, he swallowed a buttonhole tied to a string and ished out the cause of all the trouble.-Akron

THE Grubbtown tollgate, near Johnstown now constantly under guard of a squad of officers. A number of persons refused to pay toll, and when the gate was closed on them they tore it away or chopped it down.

An old sallor who says he was born on the wave and has gone around the world five times, was seized with a deathly spell of sea sickness in Philadelphia while riding on one of the

SAMUEL STONE, a Meigs county, O., farmer set some turtles' eggs under a hen not long since. All the eggs were hatched and the fowl seems to think as much of the little turtles as a mother hen usually does of her chicks.

WATTERS in Wheeling restaurants have adopted various schemes to extract the regu-lar Christmas tip from regular visitors. One bas "Remember me" tattooed in the paim of

A YOUNG man named Shepherd, residing near Columbus, was engaged to be married to Miss Vandegriff, a young lady of Eagleport, on the Muskingum. He had rented a house and furnished it, and every thing was in readiness when he arrived at the lady's home yesterday propared to perform his part in the marriage ceremony. What was his consternation to discover that his fickie fiances had transferred her affections to a widower named Kennison-All his efforts to induce her to reconsider were fruitless. The young man in desperation tried to throw himself under the whoels of a train but was prevented.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-A New York school teacher compelled boy who was too wide awake to be real good owite the word "Chicago" 1,200 simes as a

-Farmer Hudson, of Templeton, San Luis Oblspo county, Cal., pulled a best the other day that weighed los pounds. It was seven feet long.

-George T. Prather, of Hood River, Ore. one day last week, in going to his cellar, found a sack of potatoes missing, but on close examination found a burned match and a \$5 green-back on the floor. It was evident that the thief, in shouldering the potatoes, had dropped the greenback out of his pocket and had not missed it.

-An important discovery of copper ore has been made on the farm of W. G. Stewart, about three miles from Dubnque. Miners were tooking for lead and struck a rich vein of cop-per about 80 feet below the surface. An analysis of the ore submitted shows at least 20 per cent of pure ore. Indications are that there is an immense quantity of the ore.

-A Paris paper recently offered an emi-—A Paris paper recently offered an eminent Frenchman 31,000 for his autobiography.
He accepted this offer, and, after getting a
check for the amount, sent on his biography,
which was as follows: "I was born in Lyons
in 1839, and since that time I can recall nothing
of any account, except that I have not been
allied in any of the uprisings."

Others have been been dead of the -Orders have been issued at the New Brunswick, N. J., public schools that the pupils

must not give their teachers any Christmas presents this year. The reason given for the order is that "there are often dissatisfactions and disputes among the classes as to what present shall be given and to which of the instructors the presentation shall be made." -A Gardiner, Me., merchant, in search or something new and striking for his show windows, hit upon the idea of a wedding ceremony, and so offered a bandsome chamber set to any couple who would take the parts. A young man from South Gardiner and his sweetheart are said to have accepted the offer, and the show is advertised to come off the evening before Christmas.

-For an all around mean man Obey Grif--For an all around mean man Obey Griffin, of Allapaha, Ga., certainly takes the cake. A few months ago his wife, a most estimable lady, died, and, after disposing of all other matters satisfactorily, he took a trunkful of her clothing out on the street and auctioneered it off plece by piece to the street ioungers and to women who were willing to get bargains under such circumstances.

—An Englishman who came to this country in years are leaving a wife at home to

try 30 years ago, leaving a wife at home, to whom he soon after ceased writing, was amazed Sunday at his boarding house. In Cohooa, N. Y., by coming face to face with her. They eyed each other for a moment and then embraced. She had been searching for years for him, going from town to town all over the country. He is a weaver, and went to Cohoes from Philadelphia.

-There was a very rare and beautiful sight in the eastern beavens presented to Thomasville, Ga., people returning from church Sunday night. The moon had arisen about balf way up to the zenith, and was shining brilliantly through a great expanse of the kind of cloud known by meteorologists as cirrocumulus. The cloud was a very thin one, and the light coming down through it produced a magnificently perfect rainbow. -George N. Evans, of Springfield, Ill.,

who has for years been working at his trade as a carpenter, has been notified by William G. Tallmage, an attorney at Washington, D. C., was deposited in the Bank of England by his great-grandfather for his heirs, most of whom emigrated to this country years ago and were loss sight of. Evans has been sought for for years by executors of the estate, and his whereabouts were only learned by accident. -A young lady school teacher of Sumter county, Fla., one night last week dreamed that she was whipping one of her scholars, and from

she was whipping one of her scholars, and from reports she certainly had a terrible time of it. She waked up the inmates of the house by screaming: "Won't you be a good boy—won't you study your lessons—won't you quit sticking pins in the scholars!" Her mother, thinking that something must be the matter, rushed into the young lady's room and saw her standing up in bed, beating, kicking and otherwise abusing a pillow. -The new lighthouse at Housthelm is the most powerful in the world. The beam is of 2,000,000 candle power, and shows clearly at Blokhus, a distance of 35 miles. It is produced by are lamps fed by De Meriten's dynames.

was given at Lafayette Hall last night by the driven by steam engines. To prevent the exunction of the light through an accident to the machinery, the latter is duplicated; one set coming into play should the other fail. The light is further supplemented in thick weather by two powerful sirens, or fog trumpets, working with compressed air. The fascination which a powerful light exercises on wild birds is curiously illustrated by this lighthouse. It is said that basketsful of dead snipes, larks, starlings, and so forth, are picked up in the mornings outside the tower. They kill tidemselves in dashing against the windows of the lantern. -In Algeria every girl born of native

parents is tattooed on her forehead between the eyebrows, and just on the root of the nose, with a cross formed of several straight lines of small stars running close together. These tattoo marks are a dark blue color. Algerian women are also considerably tattooed on the backs of their hands, their forearms and cheests, as well as on their shoulders, their wrists being especially adorned with drawings representing bracelets and flowers strung together. As a rule, women are the operators, and it is principally on children between the ages of 7 and 8 that they have to exercise their art. They me sometimes a needle, but more frequently a Barbary fig-tree thorn. They employ kohl as a coloring substance. It is a kind of fine powder made from sulphus of antimony, which is also in great request by the Algerian woman for the purposes of face-painting.

The most polite nation in diplomatic women are also considerably tattooed on the

-The most polite nation in diplomatic intercourse is not France, but Belgium. When the Belgian authorities addressed a letter to this Government asking if the United States still claimed as citizens all children of allen still claimed as citizens all children of allen parents born here, the communication closed with: "I should be grateful if your Excellency would have the great kindness to furnish me with this document and give me the information desired. Thanking your Excellency in advance, I embrace," etc. Wishing to know what were the regulations of the United States in regard to peddling, the Helgian Minister concluded with: "I have the honor to have recourse to your Excellency's good offices here concluded with: "I have the honor to have re-course to your Excellency's good offices, beg-ging you to be pleased to acquaint me with the laws and regulations which are in force in the United States regarding peddling. I avail my-self," etc.

SATINGS OF THE WITS.

Never kick a man when he's down. It's a waste of energy. Go for the man who is climbing above you. - Philadelphia Inquirer. Physician-What is your profession, sir?

Patient (pompously)—I'm a gentleman.

Physician—Well, you'll have to try something else; it doesn't agree with you.—Life.

Miss Penn (before the hyscinth exhibit)—
Do you like the display?

Miss Penn (before the hyscinth exhibit)— Miss Foote (Chicago) —I should giggle. This high cinder layout is immense. — Philodesphia Inquirer. Snodgrass (to grocer)—Those apples I got from you were not half bad. Grocer (chearfully)—I'm clad you liked them. "Yes: only about a third of, them were bad."—

"Broughne never swears at the proof-"He must be an angel."
"No. He's a proofreader himself,"-Philipdel

On account of recent cases of sandbagging in New York the papers say that a tramp around that city after dark is a dangerous thing. Nevertheless, there probably are many hundred tramps loading about the big city at night.—Boston

He (after a tiff)-So you persiat in breaking the engagement? [[Mature Fiances Certainly; what do you take me for? He-About 40. Better think it over; it may be

Visitor to the Tombs-What brought you here, poor fellow?
Prisoner—A copper, siz.
Visitor—What! locked you up for a cent?
Prisoner—Not that, sir. A copper's a policeman, and he took me in.—Boston Heraid.

and not too expensive.

Salesman—We've sold six of them to hired girls,
ma'ain, since the day before yesterday.

Customer (regretfielly but decidedly)—The stric
is all right, then, but you'll have to show me
comething a great desi chesper.—Chicago Tribuna. Texas (meeting the parson on the arrival

Parson—Why, I came to town to spend the day with firether Jones. How is the brother? Texan—Wasi, yet see, Jedge Lyneb decided a a case hyar yesternay, and the parson didn's 'assetly agree with the verdict, so he's hung to har a few days,—Ropton Metwood.

Costomer (hesitatingly)-I think this clock is about what I want, provided it is in style