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SETTLE IT THOROUGHLY.

The attitude which the overhead electric wire question has taken within the past few days contains some interesting features. The interviews with representatives of the various electric companies, apropos of the order by the Department of Public Safety to remove all dead wires, produced the assertion by the experts that there are no dead wires. Experience may induce the public to take statements of this sort with considerable discount. But it must be said that the statement does not improve the situation. If there are no dead wires then it must have been a live wire that killed a horse in Allegheny the other day, and consequently the necessity for putting the live wires underground is all the more urgent.

The proposition to lessen the danger by adopting the plan of overhead cables is an- agricultural product escaping from Clareother feature which naturally evokes unfavorable comment. The overhead cables doubtless secure more perfect insulation at the start than the ordinary wires; but, like | it is also in place to remark that the land them, they are subject to wear and deteriora- now occupied by a number of them is ention. They present far more obstruction in | tirely too valuable for the purpose. Both at case of fire, and more disfigurement of the the workhouse and at the City Farm the streets, which are the constant and vital ob- investments in land have grown so greatly jections to all overhead wires. The resort to | in value as to warrant the early sale of the over-head cables would therefore be but an holdings and the selection of cheaper aggravation of one great objection to over- grounds. The Prison Board will doubtless head wires, and only a postponement of the look carefully into the whole matter before

other peril. in disposing of this question. The exam- this part of the country as the building of ples of European capitals show that the good, solid and lasting macadamized roads. electric wires can be put underground with practical success. Mr. Westinghouse has announced the value of a new system of unsettle this question on a permanent basis | shows that a material diminution has taken when it is once taken up.

A CHEERFUL OPENING FOR 1890.

poor state of the health of the community- double that total in 1888 and 1887 was some- river facilities that can be obtained there the and few families without some one suffering ments. Beyond that there is little doubt from the epidemic of distressing colds-the that the variations in the mileage of new New Year 1890 opens up rather gayly than railways brought to completion, generally reotherwise in Pittsburg. Last night the fleet the financial conditions of two or three Duquesne Club celebrated brilliantly the years previous to the date at which they are taking possession of its commodious and reported. The large totals of 1887 and 1888 elegant quarters; to-morrow night the Bar | reflected the activity of 1885. The decrease Association will gather at the festive boards of last year was caused by the contraction of in cheerful annual reunion; and, later in the | 1887 and 1888; while the present expansion month, the Press Club will have its yearly of business will doubtless produce a belated people from at home and abroad.

features of the recent development of the two years,

ASTRONOMICAL LAWS ASKEW.

great flourish when they come within speaktherefore, to call attention, as the Chicago of his class who claims to base his weather predictions "according to mathematical calculations based on mathematical calculations." This worthy opened his predictions for last year by asserting: "We gave warn- for singing their familiar song this winter. ing of the drought of 1886 and 1887; now we | Cold wave after cold wave has been heralded | Newburgh, N. Y., is announced to take place give warning of the still greater drought of from the West, and dissolved in mere damp-1889." The same prophet predicted a mean temperature 25 degrees below the average, mildness. So far the only intelligence confor last month. A prophet who set up a cerning ice is that a boy out in Iowa disgreat drought for 1889, and predicted a cold covered enough ice to break through December to close the year, should conclude and get drowned. Yesterday the news that something has got askew with his as- from the far West, told us of snows and

TREAT US ALL ALIKE

The proposition of Secretary Windom to furnish a guaranteed market for the silver of blizzards only to meet with early dissoluproducers, evokes the following query from | tion, is yet to be determined. the St. Louis Globe-Democrat: "If the silver bullion on which it issues guaranteed turn it into a huge warehouse for the receipt of cotton, corn, hay, lead, zinc and other

Of course the principle of equitable treatthis proposition has been made by a writer in the National Economist, the economic organ of the Farmers Alliance. A recent issue of that journal contains, as a solution | the consumption of tenid soda water and of the currency question, a detailed proposition that the Government shall establish warehouses for the reception of cotton, and issue guaranteed certificates for its value,

corn, pork, lard, iron, coal or any other of a hundred staples of production? In short, why not let the Government be the warehouse for all classes of production and let the people trade warehouse receipts as a means of carrying on commerce?

How such a scheme would work we are not likely to learn from experience: but it is only fair to insist that when the Government goes into the business of furnishing market to one industry it shall do it for all alike.

FARMING OR BOAD-MAKING!

It is the opinion of the special committee of the Prison Board which looked into the facts that the best thing to do with the workhouse inmates is to make farmers out of them. We do not know what lights the committee had on the subject, but it is more than doubtful if the public will agree with expected must be named. The courtesy of re that view. The most practical suggestion, turning rejected manuscripts will be extended at least the one eliciting the greatest volume when stamps for that purpose are enclosed, but of indersement, was to put the workhouse people upon the roads of the county, which are in a simply atrocious condition. To this the sentimental objection was offered that POSTAGE-All persons who mail the putting offenders on public view would harden and disgrace them; but, again, that was met by the obvious suggestion that only the repeaters, the second, third and and triple number copies of The Dispatch | fourth term men need be included; while the additional argument presented itself that whoever esteemed road-making a disgrace would the more sedulously avoid the qualifying criminally for that useful but

apparently obnoxious industry. The board has not yet neted on the comfarming at Claremont. If the object aimed at is merely to put the workhouse folk at some calling in which they will not compete with free labor, farming is as good as anyfor it is doubtful if enough enthusiasm will be inspired into the new departure among the detained citizens to produce anything more notable than a deficiency in the annual financial exhibit of the operations. The occupations of the field are only too apt to produce upon that class of labor philosophic reflection and leisurely contemplation of the landscape. Neither the wheat fields of the Northwest nor the market gardens of Florida or Neville Island would tremble with the apprehension of any possible surplus of

mont into the general markets. If farming is to be the vegue at our penal, reformatory and eleemosynary institutions, acting; but they will look long before hit-It is not necessary to resort to makeshifts | ting upon a work so absolutely needed in

RATLEDADS AND THE IRON TRADE

The statement of the statistics that 5,000 derground wires. Pittsburg might as well miles of railway were constructed in 1889. place from the mileage of new railway in the two previous years. The decrease need Notwithstanding the unprecedentedly the probability is that the construction of the Ohio. With the command of railroad and with so many houses turned into hospitals, what in advance of the national requirewhich will increase the totals of 1891 or 1892.

These are but a few of several such events | So far as its local effect is concerned, the on the programme. Collectively and sev- showing contains a gratifying fact for Pittserally they signify, in their way, the growth | burg. It is that with the demand for new of Pittaburg from small to large proportions. railway construction cut down to the small-It is not merely the numerical or material est total for several years, the iron and steel growth, either, which is significant; but, industries of Pittsburg have attained a far more than that, the growth of good feel- period of the utmost activity. The demand ing. Whatever the competitions of business from other sources has been so great as to or of the prolessions, these reunions of make our leading industries practically inclubs and associations are not only a demon- dependent of what used to be considered a pected to have a clearidea of all the successive stration of numerical strength, but a recog- controlling factor in the trade. That railnition that there is room enough in each road consumption of iron has entered the calling for all who have the talents, the market once more, and has filled our mills capacity and the conduct to commend them. | with orders for a great part of next year, is This spirit does much to eliminate petty and | not to be questioned; but the fact that our unworthy jealousies. It substitutes, in- industries have made last year's splendid stead, constant suggestions of the value and record, with this factor of demand reduced possibilities of concerted, co-operative efforts | to a minimum, contains the best promise of for worthy purposes. Its expansion in so uninterrupted prosperity with the expanmany directions in Pittsburg is one of the sion of that consumption during the next.

THE ABSENT ICE HARVEST.

The abnormal tardiness of winter weather The case of weather prophets who, either in making itself felt in the temperate zone, at by themselves or their admirers, make a least of this hemisphere, is producing its usual effect in the talk of the ice dealers ing distance of the weather, has been often about an ice famine next year. Talk of a commented on; but less is said of the horde short ice supply is not by any means conof guesses by the same gentry, which fly | fined to open winters. It is customary for the wide of the mark. It is a public service, lords of the ice houses to inform the people at about this stage of the winter that they of Michigan, and Don Cameron, of Pennsyl-Tribune does, to one of the most pretentions | must pay dearly for the luxury of solid cool- vania. Stanford and Stockbridge are famous ness in the next summer, even when they are as horse breeders, and both own noted stock preparing to fill their storehouses to overflowing on the next cold snap.

They have a little better reason than usual ness upon contact with our unshakeable blizzards beyond the Rocky Mountains, severe enough to cause the loss of life; but whether this will meet the fate of former

Nevertheless it is not discreet for our Government is to serve as a market for friends of the ice trade to leap to the conclusion that ice will be almost as scarce next certificates to be used as currency, why not | year as the more imperishable diamonds, or that it will command a corresponding value. There are many days yet to come in which blizzards of greater vitality than these so far experienced may sweep down on us and fill ment demands that if this is done for one the ice houses to overflowing. Of course producing interest it should be done for all. | the ice men will continue to be the lords of It is interesting to notice that substantially the torrid months whether the ice harvest will be small or great; but it is not yet time to predict that the people of the United States will be condemned next summer to

> THE formation of a mutual protection society of the young women of Plymouth against the wiles of that designing creature, man, is a warning to the trifling persons of the male persons in that town. The informa-

un-iced sherry cobblers.

what is proposed by the Secretary of the gation and unless he has got a release card Treasury with regard to silver. If it is from the last girl he went with, is of the class done for silver, why not for cotton? And if for silver and cotton, why not for wheat, Plymonth young ladies have found that the strict enforcement of this standard will deprive them of male attentions, the organization may be expected to come to a sudden if not tragic

> JUSTICE BERWER will take the oath next Monday. The public may be permitted a mild hope that his New Year's vow will include the swearing off from taking quite so favorable a judicial view of the sch corporation manipulators.

> Among the other interesting disclosures with regard to the New York Star is the fact that in addition to having cost Mr. C. P. Huntington \$810,000 it owes the Grant monument fund \$1,000, which it had collected and failed to turn in. Steps should be taken at once to secure the payment of that little balance. The Republican millionaire may be able to afford \$510,000 for the pleasure of owning a Demogratic organ; but the Grant monument does not possess any such amount of wealth that it can lose \$1,000 for the pleasure of telling that organ to collect the money. Mr. Huntington should make its losses \$611,000.

THE Chief of the Department of Public Safety does not propose to have the city pay \$1,000 more for an engine house site than the operty is worth-when he finds it out, and he found it out this time.

PENNSYLVANIA has on her records the case of a man who stole the roof off a public milding; but the ambitions young State of South Dakota shows its ability to beat that record by a call for military aid to prevent a town site from being stolen. It is true that the site has no buildings on it; while in view of the danger to the real estate it is fortunate for the men who might have owned the buildings. When roofs and sites are subjects for the depre dations of thieves the security of the property mittee's report in favor of an extension of left between them is not satisfactory. What good would there be in a house with neither a roof to cover it nor a site for it to stand on?

> Some of the newspaper stories about the grippe require the remark that the best way to cure the sufferers who get a bad cold in the head, emphatically is not to scare them to

> A NEW YORK paper proudly points to the fact that the District Attorney's office of that city has secured 1,963 convictions during the past year, with only 335 acquittals. But the trouble is that the acquittals contain so large a proportion of people who should have been convicted; while the much larger number of convictions was principally made up of persons for whose conviction there was no more decided public need than that of some of the people who were acquitted.

THE cold wave, which really comes after the repeated predictions, will be as unexpected as the wolf in the story, who had been the subject of so many previous false alarms,

"IT IS against the law to sell liquor in South Dakota, but there is no penalty for doing so It need searcely be said that 'drunks' are to be found there," remarks a Philadelphia cotemporary. It is also against the constitutional law for railroads and telegraph compapies to buy up parallel and competing lines in Pennsylvania, but the penalty is not enforced; and the suppression of competition goes on just as usual.

RUSSIAN influenza and Russian Nibilists are products of the Muscovite empire, which we should mildly, but firmly, object to having sent to us.

Brunot's Island may indicate a new location for suburban lots, but it more probably includes the addition of an important manufac not be regarded as an unfavorable sign, as turing suburb on that former garden spot of new manufacturing suburb ought to be a

> Ir the grippe produces a financial panie in London, we suppose that all the rest of the money markets of the world must go to sneez-

THE statement that 1,800 pass books of the defenct Lawrence bank are still out and that, therefore, a statement cannot be made up, is doubtless meant to express the limitations of the assignee, but it speaks in more exbanquet and reception for representative effect in an increase of rallway building pressive terms of the fearful and wonderful

> SPANISH plots are getting almost as numerous and quite as shadowy as the Russian

THE man who can keep track of the reports and tell whether Peters is alive or massacred, according to the latest story, can solve the mysteries of chaos, and might even be exglass pools, otherwise called "associations,"

PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

THAT Tennyson is ill is denied. He walks about daily. IN FUENEA has found out the New York de aulting banker, John C. Eno, in Quebec. ENGLAND is to have Charles Bradlaugh gain. He is on his way there from India. JUSTICE HABLAN'S daughter Mary and Chief Justice Fuller's fifth daughter, Mildred, were among the recent debutantes at Wash-THE date of the dinner to be given by the

from Tuesday, February 4, to Thursday, Febrnary 6. MR. GLADSTONE is at work upon six imper tant articles for magazines, one of them being a critical review of Lord Tennyson's poems. A great literary man was spoiled when Mr. Gladstone became a statesman,

President to the judiciary has been changed

THREE of the most noted horse lovers of the Senate are Stanford, of California, Stockbridge,

THE marriage of Miss Clara Bigelow, th younger daughter of John P. Bigelow, of London, formerly of Washington, to Edward Fanvel Powers, son of the Rev. Mr. Powers, of

in London this week. OLIVE LOGAN is doing literary work in Washington this winter, though she has not decided how long she will stay. She has written a Washington novel of 40,000 words, and it is said that the story has a good plot and is full of interest. Mrs. John A. Logan is doing remarkably well with her new magazine. She is living at her home in Calumet Place, and she has her regular hours of editorial work.

THE revival of the question of the removal General Grant's remains to Washington cold waves that have started from the region | calls attention to the General's family. Hysses S. Grant, Jr., was there a few days ago. His rosy face is now shaved as clean as a haby's cheek, and it is wonderful how like his father he now looks. He has the same cast of seen in the photographs of General Grant.

JOURNALISTIC CHANGES.

James Gordon Bennett's London Paper Has a Shaking Up. IBY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH, I LONDON, January 4 .- [Copyright.] -- Some im portant changes have been made in the staff of

the London Herald, this week. John C. Reid and Joseph Hatton have retired from the paper, and Louis J. Jennings has been placed in control. James Creelman, of the New York Herold, has arrived to assist Jennings as news ditor. Reid, whose health is not good, will spend in Africa, and expects to arrive in New York in May.

WASHINGTON, January 4.- The Navy De which are intended to be used as currency.

This will, of course, be sconted by the financial and silver class as the wildest infinancial and silver class THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Cariously Ill-Informed Man-The Ohio Situation-Pathetic Incidents of Mr. Rapp's Death-Other Matters. T would be supposed that a man absolutely ignorance of McGinty's identity could not be

found in Pittsburg.

At a meeting of the elders of a suburban church before New Year's, one of them re-marked that the janitor had several times re-cently left the transfoor leading into the furnace room open. "One of these days some of us will meet with McGinty's fate," he said.
"Oh, Mr. B.—." broke in the pastor with a mild curiosity, plainly marked in his question. "Who is this Mr. McGinty everyone is

talking about?" Elders are not supposed to laugh uproau ously, but they did on this occasion. The paster laughed, too, when he learned the profan origin of the gentleman whose body is still

This man has his Thomas, That man has his Brice, But surer still, they whispe Each man has his price! MISS MINERVA-How wonderfully cheap things are getting. Why, I saw a set of Lamb's works for \$3 00 to-day.

Miss Dressy—Oh! that couldn't be. Korne's have marked theirs down, and

EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE.

THE BURNT CHILD DREADS, ETC. I've looked at the words you've writen, John; It seemed like a bit of the dear old past, Your awful writing again to con, Again on a single word stick fastdon't mind telling you either, sir, Your writing's worse for writing to her. The old year's gone, as you truly say, Gone for good-would I call it back? Not for a month or a week or a day,

Not if to-day were ever so black!

Persian lamb capes are \$25 00, dear !

So she's false—she never was fair! Sham from her soul to her yellow hal Lucky for you that you found her out, The goddess for whom you deserted me: Proud of your choice, sir, I've no doubt, My! how proud should your handmald be! Chosen, jilted and chosen again— Your lordship's preference makes me vain.

And you want to solder the chain anew? You've painted me, sir, a pitiful view Of an ox who yearns for the lifted yoke, You say: "Let's bury old '80, Forget and forgive and-and be mine!"

courtesy, John, and I give you thanks; I ought to jump at the chance, I know, I'm a voteran now in the maiden ranks; But I'm unselfish, and I say, No! Your shop-worn love I refuse to don, It would not fit if I tried it on.

THERE were some quaint and touching in depts about the death and burial of the renerable Miss Rapp, one of the presiding pirits of Economy in her day.

She was at church, as usual, on the Sunday before Christmas, and she was as well as usual till the festival itself. But though she was up able to attend divine service on that day her illness was not serions. So it went on till last Sunday, she lying in bed and a girl walting on her. It was after midnight when this attendant, noticing that Miss Rapp seemed unusually quiet, entered the room. To her horror she iscovered at once that the old lady nad quietly passed away. Unaccustomed to see death even n such quiet guise, the girl ran into the street shricking for help.

Only those who have slept in Economy can realize what an unusual thing it was thus to have the dead stillness of the night broken. Asstance soon came. Mr. Henrici, who sleeps or the other side of the old house where Miss Rapp died, was summoned. He entered the oom, and after searching for the pulse, told the weeping witnesses that their beloved sister

THE next day one of the oldest members of the Economy Society, an old lady who is greatly beloved, went to Mr. Henrici and beought him to break for once the well-known rule in Economy that the dead shall be buried before the next going down of the sun. She pleaded that Miss Rapp had come into contact with the world more often than most of them and had many friends outside the society who would like to be present at her funeral. Mr. Henrici consented, and so the funeral was set for Tuesday at I o'clock, and word was sent to a chosen few of the friends Miss Rapp loved They were representative people of the eldest

and best families in the county. Visitors to Economy know that old-fashioned parlor in the residence of Mr. Rapp, the society's founder, with its hardwood chairs, its two sianos, the dazzling chandeliers, and a rare old tove, the like of which is no more to be seen. You remember, if you've been there, the dark oil painting by West of "Christ Healing the Sick," and the more beautiful copy of one of the old masters' Madonnas; and the white silk curtains made by the society, and many other curious things. But best and brightest of all you must recall the picture of kindly neatness

in the person of Miss Rapp herself. In this room the coffin was laid when the time for the last rites came. It was a very plain coffin of wood painted black, but the lovelies flowers covered everything in it but the calm face of the dead. Twelve of the society's counciliors sat around the head of the coffin, and the rest of the room was filled with visitors and members of the society. Mr. Henrici passed in and out of the room constantly. But no word was said over the coffin there, and presently after a solemn period of silence—far more mpressive, a witness says, than the most elocoffin and carried it out to the hearse.

I VERYONE in the room followed the hearse to the artless, simple cemetery which lies on the eastern outskirts of Economy. It is a beautiful orchard with soft, velvety turf-a lovely spot in spring or summer. There the mortal dust of the good woman was laid in the grave. Jonathan Lentz spoke briefly of her virtues in German, and those around the grave cast flowers in abundance upon her. Three simple hymns were sung. Mr. Henrici did not speak at all; his emotion prevented him. One of the last things Miss Rapp did before her death was to think of her people's comfort at church. She chose a carpet and brought it flown and superintended the making of it, and the worshipers will be reminded of her kindness every time they kneel in church. This is the first carpet ever laid in the church.

HEPBURN JOHNS. NEW YORK'S WORLD'S FAIR BILL. Ex-Mayor Hewitt Prepares the Docum

and Dr. Depew Praises It. NEW YORK, January 4-The Committee or Legislation of the World's Fair Committee, at a meeting in the office of Chauncey M. Depew this afternoon, received the memorial to Con gress which ex-Mayor A. S. Hewitt had pre-pared. It will be presented to the Congres-sional Committee on Wednesday by Messrs. Hewitt and Depew.

Mr. Depew said: "It presents the claims of New York for the World's Fair in an admirable fashion. It sets forth, without fresco or flow-ces why this city is the only place where the ars, why this city is the only place where the fair would be a success, and shows conclusively how elsewhere it would meet with unsurmount-able obstacles."

Rushing the Senson. From the Chicago News.] Now is the time to plant garden seeds and put your lawn mowers in repair.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Herbert Smith. THY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH A

LONDON, January 4.- (Copyright, J-Herbert Smith, of Philadelphia, died at the Victoria Hotel terday or bronchitis. Mr. Smith came over o yesterday os bronchitis. Mr. Smith came over on the Umbria, arriving in London Sunday, to meet his wife and children, who have been traveling abroad for a year, and were in Switzerland. He was taken sick Tuesday, and Wednesday tele-graphed for his wife, who arrived after his death inst night, without previous knowledge of his stekness. Mr. Smith's body will be embatmed, and hirs. Smith and her family will sail with it for America next Thursday.

Captala Rufus P. Staniele. CONCORD, N. H., January 4.—Captain Rufus P. Stanicla, a prominent locurance and Grand Army man, died to-day, aged 58. He was attacked with s grippe yesterday, which developed into typhol neumonia in the evening and terminated fatal-nia morning. He leaves a widow, who is Pres-ent of the State Women's Bellef Corps.

George C. Shearer.

LAWHENCE, EAR., January & George C. Shearer, an old and wesithy ciffren, died this morning from cancer in the throat.

IT STANDS WITHOUT A PEER. Cotemporary's High Opinion of the Merita of the Disputch.

[From the Greensburg Tribune-Herald.] Many of our readers in the country have some knowledge of the kind of newspaper THE PITTEBURG DISPATCH is. Its daily now occu ples a leading position among the journals of the country as a live, newsy sheet. The proprietors leave nothing undone, of energy or ex-pense, to get hold of all that will interest or instruct the reader. They are, so to speak master of the situation in news-getting machinery having leased telegraph lines to all the princi-pal points, from which to gain the intelligence the people want, on all matters pertaining to dependent position on all public topics, at the ame time is progressive. As a matter of course its daily issue is sought after and taken by all who have access to it by railroad facilities, in every town and hamlet for hundreds of miles. Those who patronize Sunday papers never fail to arrange for its weekly visit. THE SUN-DAY DISPATCH has had a wonderful growth, increasing in popularity with the masses, un-til its edition is now over 50,000. Each number may be said to be a monster magazine of choicest pen productions, as well as an accurate and aborate chronicle of current news-in letters from abroad as well as from all prominent points in our own country, furnished by conributors of the highest merit and reputation. Not the least attractive of its contents are the pictorial illustrations, always chaste and free from deserved criticism. The writer of this can scarcely resist the conclusion that he must be cetting old when he calls to mind the fact that when he first had anything to do with newspapers THE DISPATCH was but an infant, so to speak, just being nursed by his esteemed friend of those days, J. Herron Foster, who years ago passed to the beyond. But he and his co-laborers on it imparted to it an impulse from which it grew into vigorous manhood-attained its majority long since, and now stands forth without a peer-at least west of the Alleghenies.

A UNIQUE PUBLICATION. Editor Stead's New Magazine Reviewed

From Its Proofsheets.

IBT CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.1 LONDON, January 4 .- [Copyright.] -- Stead's new Review of Reviews will be issued next Wednesday, an edition of 50,000 being under way. He allowed me to see the proofsheets today. The new periodical is what its name implies. The articles in the first issue are simply reviews of other magazine articles, with Stead's opinion thereon. The frontispiece is a portrait of H. W. Johnston, the young English Consul who is disporting himself, as elsewhere related, in Central Africa, with his autograph at the bottom reading: "A Souvenir in Case I Get Killed Picturesquely in Africa." The first pages of the Review are devoted to fac simile autographs from men of such diverse political views as Gladstone and Balfour, Davitt and Salisbury, Labouchere and Churchill, with those of Tennyson, Froude, Huxley and a score of others, all acknowledging the necessity for such a publication as Stead has introduced. The articles reviewed include several from the North American Review, and others from the Atlantic, Harpers' Scribner's, The Forum and Joseph Cook's Our Day. In the review of

"Why I am an Agnostic," Stead calls Ingersoll a "curious amalgam of Henry Ward Beecher and Mr. Bradlaugh."

A unique feature of the Review of Reviews is a confessional established at the end. Stead invites "any among the readers who feel a craving for counsel, sympathy and consolation of pouring out the soul's grief," and who "reject priestly guidance, but long for friendly counsel," to apply to him and he will endeavor to arrange matters for them.

BERKS FARMERS WILL RAISE BEETS. They Claim That Wheat Colture is No Longer a Paylog Business.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR. county intend to go extensively into sugar beet culture. At the meeting of the County Agricultural Society, this afternoon, a special committee of five appointed to inquire into the subject, reported that they had thoroughly canvassed the county: that nearly every farmer promised to put out during the first year two to five acres in sugar beets, and that total would amount to thousands of acres. The farmers have obtained assurances that Claus Spreckels will erect a sugar factory near here and consume their products. The society at once appointed another committee of 150 well-known farmers to push the project.

The farmers are thoroughly alive on the subject. They see that farming wheat no longer pays, and they are anxious to go into something else. In a letter written here recently Mr. Spreckels assured the Berks farmers that sugar beat culture would pay them twice as well as well as wheat. The Shariff is elling farms and farm stock nearly every day Many farmers will retire in spring, wh numerous farms are for rent. The farm who will remain in the business are eager to who will remain in the business are eager to go into anything which will pay them better.

MARRIED EARLY AND OFTEN.

A Woman Says Her Husband Had Pour Wives in Three Years. POTTSVILLE, January 4.-Mrs. Louis Micha a fashionably dressed young woman, yesterday asked the Shenandoah police to arrest her husband on the charge of bigumy. She says that in February, 1887, she married Michael in St. Louis. Fourteen days after the marriage he disappeared. After a tireless search she learned a week ago that her husband had a clothing store in Germantown, a suburb of Philadelphia, and a store in Shenandoah. She charges that Michael, under different names, has since married three other women, and Squire Monagha issued a warrant for his arrest. The police watched his Shenandoah store, but he could not be found. He is said to be in Philadelphia, and Mrs. Michael will go there to ask the aid of Chief of Detectives Wood, Michael was worth \$35,000 when he skipped from St. Louis.

A Good-Natured Father.

From the Kansas City Star. ] A Dickinson county farmer, who is the father of seven rosy, healthy daughters, goes to Abiene once every three weeks and buys a box of chewing gum containing 200 pieces. And he never kicks unless he happens to want to sit on talk for two hours at a stretch and advance a the fence around the house, and then he thinks there can be too much of a good thing.

He Thanks the President. WASHINGTON, January 4.-Justice Brewer to-day resigned as United States District Judge in Kansas, and afterward, in company with Atorney General Miller and Associate Justice Field, called at the White House and paid his respects to the President, taking occasion to thank him for the honor conferred in his ap-pointment to the Supreme bench.

Grip Stops a Town Cleck. POTTSVILLE, January 4.-The "grip" has br ken out in the county jail here, Warden Tools several of the assistant matrons and a numbe of the prisoners have it badly. For the first time in years the town clock has stopped. Offi cial Clock Winder Green has the "grip."

SAYINGS OF STATE MCHANGES. On Ciry Blizzard: If at first you don't, etc

Flip over another lesf. HARRISBURG Call: These days many political tomahawks are receiving keen edges. GREENVILLE Progress: A quiet Secretary of State may become a very loud candidate for Johnstown Tribune: As the South is now

raising something else than cotton, the protection sentiment in that quarter is rapidly grow SOMERSET Democrat: "Coming events cast their shadows before," and the rumblings of the political earthquake in Spain and Portugal may portend the ultimate overthrow of mo rchial absolutism in Europe. Mr. PLEASANT Journal: Three thousan

kegs of beer for the Christmas celebration wasn't doing so awfully bad for probibition Mt. Pleasant; now, was it? Perhaps the warm weather excited an undue thirst. PUNKTUTAWNEY Spirit: "Four things says the Caliph Omar, "come not back: The poken word, the sped arrow, the past life and ne neglected opportunity." Had the hardy the neglected opportunity." Had the hardy old Arab lived in this age he might safely have

added Silcott to the list. CHESTER News: A Georgia court has deeided that patent medicine proprietors are pe-qualarily responsible for all the injuries inflicted by their nostrums. This will be a death blow to their business. Heretofore the patients have had to pay doctors to oure them after taking the patent infallibles.

GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE.

Stories About Cal Brice, Who Wants to be Ohlo's Senator-How He Los. \$175,000 and Made a Fortune Some Famous

ISPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.I WASHINGTON, January 4.-Cal Brice, the New York millionaire, is making his canvass for the Ohio Senatorship at Columbus in a slik hat, broadcloth coat and patent leather boots. He cuts a different figure now than he did when I knew him there nine years ago. He was building the Ohio Central Railroad, out of which he got his start in 1880, and he used to come around the Ohio State Capitol with his pantaloons in his boots, a rustic coat spattered with mud and a slouch bat pulled over his steel-blue eyes. He worked with a will and came up to Columbus to scheme for millions with Charlie Foster, who was then Governor. Ex-Congressman Lamison, of Lima, who has long been one of Brice's right-hand men, tells me that Brice lost in the first instance on the Ohio Central, and when was done he owed Charlie Foster \$115,000. Foster and he had been engaged in railroad building before, and Brice had cleared \$60,000 out of the strip of road which runs from Fremont to Lima. He had put this into the Ohio Central with Foster, and he had lost this as well as the amount above mentioned. Foster, however, had confidence in him, and the result of the plottings was that they ran a branch from the Ohio Central into the great coal fields of the Sunday Creek Valley. This branch paid so well that Brice was able to pay Foster the \$115,000 he ewed him and to have \$135,000 left. It was after this that he originated the Nickel Plate scheme, pushed it through, and made, in connection withsev-erat others, about \$13,000,000 out of it. Since eral others, about \$13,000,000 out of it. Since then he has continued his railroad speculations, has lost some money and made more. He moved long ago from Ohio to New York, and he now owns a house there which cost him \$250,000. He is worth at least \$50,000,000, and is, I am told, getting richer every year. All of his prosperity has come within the last ten years, and a decade ago he was a red-whiskered, blue-eyed young lawyer of 30 odd years on the ragged edge of a country practice.

Brice's First Diamond Purchase. IT was at this time that Brice made an investment for his mother, the story of which I heard last night. His father was, you know, a poor Methodist preacher and money meant a great deal to the family. His mother inherited it to him, although she had four young children yet to educate. She warned Cal to be careful, heritance, Cal pompously handed her the case containing the gems. Mrs. Brice was in de-spair. She thought the purchase very foolish, and she said that, notwithstanding he had in-creased her investments and had got her back twice as much in money as she gave him, she could not see how any good could come from a man who squandered his first earn-ings on anything so uscless as jew-elry. "She had," says my friend, "the finest diamonds in Lima, but her income was still in-sufficient for her to carry out the education of her children. Her predictions of her son, how-ever did not come true, and his successful ever, did not come true, and his successful career soon supplied her with all the money

How Brice Became a Fraterulty Man. PEPRESENTATIVE OWENS says that when Brice went to college he was by no means rich, and he often found it hard work to make the swell one of the college, and its members embraced such men as General Sam Hunt, of Cincinnati, and others. A number of the boys saw that Brice was a brainy fellow and his name was proposed. The rule of the society was that one black ball would prevent the election of a candidate, and Brice's name was twice blackballed. The members of the Fraternity demanded who had cast the opposing vote and they found that it was a young aristocrat named Fisk, of Covington, who said he didn't want Brice, but the bears by the customs inspectors in charge of the bears. Collector Erhardt decided to-day that the bears, being practically the tools of trade of the Piedmontese, were not dutiable. He also decided that the Piedmontese, since they had bears, to say nothing of money, were not paupers. The men thanked the Collector and escorted Victor Emanuel and Garibaidi to this city. The sextet will delight outdoor audiences in rural towns where there is no law against bears. vote and they found that it was a young aristo-crat named Fisk, of Covington, who said he didn't want Brice in the Fraternity because he was a poor fellow and had not what he consid-ered a ligh enough social standing. The re-maining members of the Fraternity were, however, so desirous of admitting Brice that they informed Fisk that the question had resolved itself into one of himself or Brice, and that if he again voted against Brice he would be expelled from the Fraternity. The result was that Brice became a member of the D. K. E. and that Mr. Fisk voted for him.

Kate Field and Her Paste Pot. THE noted women of the country are making an onslaught upon Washington. Kate Field has established herself at the Shoreham. The first edition of her journal numbered 25, 000, and she tells me she has come to stay. She has a den on the sixth floor of Vice President Morton's flat, and when I called upon her last night I found her grand plane turned into a library table, and it was covered with piles of newspaper clippings, stray bits of manuscript, a paste pot as big as a two-gallon crock, and a pair of scissors as long as your arm. An antique mahogany writing desk in a corner ear the window and under the gas jets was likewise filled with proofs and copy, and I noticed that the ink on Kate's quill pen was still moist as she arose and hade me good evening. She took me from her den into her reception room. It is one of the coziest and most
characteristic of the parfors in Washington. Its walls are hung with rare
engravings and beautiful etchings, and
just opposite the den shows out
an autographic receipt of Alexander Pope for
the 2 guiners which he received for his translathe 2 guiners which he received for his transla tion of the Iliad. This is no index of the prices which Miss Field will pay for literary matter. Just now she is running her journal of a business basis, and her first edition. In addi a ousiness usus, and ner neet edition, in addition to the salaries of her editorial force, ossiher but \$1.50. She is going to make it pay if hustling will do it. She is a bustlor, too, and, in the forries she has as much energy and youth as when she stepped out of her teens into her twenties as a correspondent of the Philadelphia Press and the New York Tribune in London and Paris. Later on she became an actress, and l nderstand she even did some of the song and lance business, inheriting a remarkable dra-matic talent from her father, who was an actor, editor and play writer. She was a success as a lecturer, and, though she failed in the co-opera-tive dress reform scheme, there is no reason why she should not make a good thing out of this Washington journal. She is a tight, bright, wiry slender lady of about medium height with brown hair, bright eyes and a tongue which can

new idea in every sentence. Sasan B. Anthony and Phobe Couzins. CALLED upon Susan B. Anthony last night at the Higgs House, and found her firmly im. planted on her women's rights fortifications. with her guns pointed toward Congress and a lighted fuse in her hand. She looks not a day older than she did ten years ago. Her hair has grown no whiter, and there are no more wrinkles in her face. She is in good health and spirits. During the past summer she stumped the Western States in favor of wemen's rights, and she tells me the strength of her party in Congress is growing.

With her I adjourned to another parior and

called upon Phœbe Couzins. Miss Phœbe has not been well for two years, but though the gray strands are creeping into the black hair, she is as bright as a dollar and she still has she is as bright as a dollar and she still has enough iron in her blood to make the life of the present Controller of the Treasury decidedly miserable. The Controller's office seems to be run on the principle of how not to do it. Miss Phobe's complaint relates to about \$1,300 of legal marshal's fees, which some of the clerical whippersnappers have disallowed, notwithstanding that they have been sworn to by half a dozen clerks of courts and district attorneys away out in Missourt. Mins Couzans has been here for several weeks trying to right her claims, and she seems as far from her end as she was when she came. claims, and she came, she was when she came.

FRANK G. CARPENTER.

HIS DEBTORS TO BE GARNISHEED.

Peculiar Proceedings in the Case of the Missing Banker Ditman. PHILADELPHIA, January 4.—Lawyer Shields to-day brought a peculiar and unusual proceed-ing in the Common Pleas Court, under the do-

stic attachment act of June, 1886 on behalf of Charles H. M. Stoever, and against Joseph G. Ditman, the missing bank president, who it was supposed had committed suicide by drown-ing in the Schuylkill river. The writ on this domestic attachment has issued, and all parties indebted to Mr. Ditman will be served as gar-The affidavit made by Mr. Stoever sets forth

The sificavit made by Mr. Stoever sets forth that Ditman is indebted to him in the sum of \$500 and avers that Ditman, on December II. ISSS, absconded from his usual place of abode in this city and has concealed himself cise, where with design and intent to defraud his creditors, and that the said Joseph G. Ditman has not left in Philadelphia county sufficient estate to pay his debts. The writ is returnable on Monday next, and when the return is made further proceedings under the act will go on.

Pittsburg, January 4.

IN PITTSBURG SOCIETY.

Pleasant Social Events Occurring During the Past Week. Small dinners, teas and luncheons have the most prominent part in the resume of the week's doings in society. Of them there has week's doings in society. Of them there has been an unusual number. One of the most delightful was given by Mrs. C. L. Magee on Thursday at loclock at the Hotel Duquesne. Sixteen young society ladies enjoyed the hospitality of the charming hostess.

A very pretty pink dinner was given by Mrs. W. E. Schmertz, of the East End, to a few friends on Tuesday evening.

A 7 o'clock New Year's dinner was given by Mrs. Frank Ciark, of the East End.

The Monday evening dances were inaugurated last Monday in the Pittaburg Club assembly room.

A number of young friends enjoyed a 4 o'clock tea with Miss Agnes Dickson on Monday afternoon.

For Mr. and Mrs. George C. Smith, of New York, a dinner of 14 covers was given during the week by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sever-

ance, Jr.

A very pleasant dance and reception was given by Mra John M. Kennedy, of Wilkins avenue. on Thursday evening in honor of Miss Elizabeth Tindie.

From 3 to 6 Mrs. Henry Hays received friends, and served them with ten and delicious light case Friday.

The Tuesday Night Club filled the Pittsburg Club Theater with a stylish audience, and presented two plays, entitled "An Old Master" and "Barbara."

A very pleasant party was given Monday eveniug last by Miss Alice Wood Tindle at the residence of her father, Dr. Thede, on Penn avenue, A number of the little folks, who with the young hostess, assisted at the newsboys benefit, were present wearing the quaintly fashioned, elegant costumes in which they appeared on the stage.

A pleasant dancing party was given by Miss Marka Miller, was is benefit was a soliday week.

A pleasant dancing party was given by Miss Martha Miller, who is home for holiday vaca-tion, at her home on Lincoln avenue last Mon-

LADIES WIN A MORAL VICTORY. tenbenville Women Compel Showmen

Tear Down Objectionable Bills. ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR 1 STEUBENVILLE, January 4.—The ladies of Steubenville's Social Purity Society, who on Thursday had Duncau Clark's Female Minstrel Company arrested and fined, have this afternoon won another victory. The Rose Hill English Folly Company, which are booked to appear at the City Opera House here to-night, have scattered through town and plastered the a small sum, and when Cal told her that he saw | bill boards with pictures and show paper which a good place to invest it, she gave every cort of it to him, although she had four young children

Accordingly its Superintendent, Mrs. Dora yet to educate. She warned Cal to be careful, but Mr. Brice, with the sanguinity which has made his future speculations a success, put the money into the Ohio Central, and, by the aid of the Sunday Creek branch, trebled it. He received his profits from the deal somewhere in the East, and he was so pleased with the success of his mother's investment that he put a third of the money into diamonds, and when he returned home and his mother timidly asked as to the state of her inheritance, Cal pompously handed her the case containing the gems. Mrs. Brices was in despair. She thought the purchase very foolish, and she said that, notwithstanding he had increased her investments and had got her back and within the ban of the law, they will endeavor to put the statutes for such ca

> PERFORMING BEARS ARE TOOLS. Collector Erhardt's Decision Rounites the

Animals and Their Picdmontese Musters. INPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE. NEW YORK, January 4.- The two young perorming bears chained in the hold of the steamship Lake Euron had an affectionate meeting with their four Piedmontese proprietors on Friday night when the proprietors arrived here from Boston on a Fall river steamer. They were compelled to spend the night with the bears by the customs inspectors

TEN AMBITIOUS OFFICE-SEEKERS

Want the Wooster Postmastership, But Are Apparently Left. WOOSTER, O., January 4.—Congressman Smyser left for Washington to-night. He has decided to recommend Samuel Metzler for the Wooster postmastership. There were ten cancity, and does not pay taxes in the township, his

farm being in another township. He gets his mail at the Wooster office, however. Henry W. Grady's Successor ATLANTA, January 4.-Mr. Clark Howell was to-day chosen by the stockholders of the Constitution Publishing Company to succeed the late Henry W. Grady as managing editor. Mr. Howell was formerly night editor, and has for the last year been assistant managing

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Jungs. Boulanger fires off nothing but paper wads nowadays. Lacking bullets, he has to content himself with bulletins. CHICAGO News: "La grippe" does not travel by contagion, but leaps all over a country at once. It seems to be really, as is claimed, a Rushin' disease.

seem to be the first to catch the "grip," But what is the use of arresting it, when nobody is willing to give it a trial? Sr. Louis Globe-Democrat: Roger Q. Mills is still trying to smash the tariff, but the records show that the tariff continues right along building up the industries of Mr. Mills' own State

BALTIMORE American: The police of a city

and the rest of the country. CHICAGO Inter Ocean: Governor D. B. Hill may not be the Demogratic nominee in 1892, but before that time Grover Cleveland and his friends will smile on him sweeter than spring violets, It's policy, my boy. The Governor holds the poker at the cold end.

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MEMPHIS Appeal: An eminent scientist says that the grip is simply the old horse complaint, "pink-eye." Pink-eye is somewhat of a novelty in this country; if it is anything like the disease called by courtesy "red-eye," we join the Kentuckians and take off our hat to it.

ST. PAUL Pioneer Press: As an efficient arm of attack or defense in modern warfare, the musket of 40 years ago is considered useless. But if you hang it up in your house as an article of bric-a-bracial virtu, nine times out of ten it will explode and kill you, your wife, or ten it will explode and kill you, your wife, or some of your joint relatives. CHICAGO Times: Senator Teller proposes to make the fight of his life this winter in the attempt to abolish the secret sessions of the Senate. If the Senator succeeds he will be en-

doors.

titled to the thanks of every woman in the

land. The only proceedings of Congress that the women are interested in are the executive

sessions of the Senate, held behind closed

In farther Ind, where Ganges' waters roll, belfish and strong, each passion unrestrained, Rose daily to that Power swift to hear,

But fell unnoticed on their despot's ear; My hand I slackened not till life was spent. From earthly splender centuries ago I passed, yielding to never vanquished foe, In the still tomb Justice can overtake; At Vishnu's vivifying touch, an age
Thereafter, I, bewildered much, awake
To find myself imbedded close in rocky cage.
A hundred years I breathed its fetld gloom. Loathing myself, and starving for the light.

At length, mid blinding flash and thunder boom. At length, mid dindring mass and includes seem, any dispasses of the seem of t Whose loathsome presence all do shun and hate. This garden set apart for my abode,
My task is now in these blooms to watch, and

wait. The bidding of a base parlah's shade. One gnat or fly that feeds the flowers among From morn till eve, must not escape my tongue, Else on my back his cruel whip is laid. Relentless Fate, thy fixed decrees are stern; But owning Henven's awful vengeance lust, A wise and kind intent I still discern, A wise and kind intent I still discers,
Since in my daily bondage see I must
That quenchless and eternal truth unfold,
Which even Brahms's kingdom dosh uphold,
"Serve other souls and count thine own but

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-A Chester, Vt., woman dislocated her ulder in making her bed. -Vienna's death rate has increased 50 per ent above normal in one week. -The New York Bible house since April

last has issued 725,000 volumes. -All the Jamaica railways have been taken by an American syndicate -The imperial cable from Bermuda to Halifax will be completed in June.

-It requires 22 volumes to register the different cattle brands of Arizona. -A pear raised at Modesto, Cal., mensured 8 inches high by 19 inches around. -New South Water and Queensland have erected 887 miles of rabbit-proof fences, -A fetter containing \$90,000 has been

stolen in transit between Vienna and Pesth. -The Baldwin Locomotive Works expect this year to turn out not less than 1,000 locomo -The commission of French engineers to

nvestigate the Panama Canal has arrived on -New York last year spent \$17,000,000 on her public schools, hiring 31,987 teachers to in struct 1,803,607 pupils.

-The International Electric Exhibition to be held at Frankfort has been postponed until the spring of 1891, -The Baltimore Committee of One Hundred have fixed upon \$1,000 as the full retail license fee for that city.

-At Tucamehe, in Guatemala, the boys in a school recently seized the master and hanged him in the schoolhouse. -While walking through the woods last Sunday, a woman of Alliance. O., saw and killed a blacksnake four feet long. -A letter was recently received by a

Kaneas Congressman at Washington which had eight special delivery stamps on it. -The condition of a certain cat in Lamoine, Me., is literally at sixes and sevens. She has seven toes on her hind feet and six on her fore feet. -The police detectives of New York made

1,578 arrests last year, resulting in sentences aggrogating 802 years. \$298,716 worth of property was recovered. -A tree was recently cut on the land of J. E. Widdowson, in Banks township, Indiana county, Pa., making 15 sawlogs, the largest of which scaled 3,600 feet.

-A Salem, Ore., man sold a three-quarter short-horn cow to a Portland butcher last Wednesday. It weighed 1,600 pounds. The same farm owns a sheep that weighs 283

-Here is journalistic enterprise. A young man has started a newspaper on the Sloux reservation. There are no white people there yet, but they will have a newspaper when they -The two tallest convicts in the Salem Penitentiary were sent from Jackson county,

Ore. Caldwell, a life-termer, stands 6 feet 5½ inches, and Roten, who went in for one year last week, is 6 feet 4½ inches. -A telegraph message costing \$2 37 a word was recently sent from Portland to Hong Kong, and an answer received in 12 hours. It was first sent to New York, thence to London, across the continent to Yokohama. -The late Thomas Parker, of Washing-

ton, became so attached to a cane, which he had carried for years, that he kept it in bed with him all during his illness, and before dying expressed a wish that the favorite stick be buried with him. His wish was carried out, the came being put in the coffin. -An eccentric old German living in the town of Milwaukee recently went to the city and chartered a street car for his exclusive use. He rode all over the line and would

not permit anybody to get in the car with him. At another time he attempted to charter a special train to take him to his station, some four or five miles north of the city. -Fish charms have been met with amount many nations. The fish called the bullhead is used by some of the Russian peasants as a charm against fever. Many kinds of fish have two hard bones just within the sides of the head; and one species, the maigre, has these

banes larger in proportion than most others. These two bones, called colic stones, are regarded to possess medicinal virtues. They were mounted in gold and hung round the neck. -Master Henry Butter Bair, son of Collector C. G. Bair, of Pottstown, is the owner of a gun which is 100 to 150 years old, and is now in the fifth generation of the family since it young Harry's great-great-grandfather, who re-sided in Douglass township, in lower Berks; from him t descended to his son, Harry Bair, then to Harry Bair's son, Henry L. Bair (father

of C. G. Hair), who gave it to the present -Medicinal rings were at one time very seriously believed in. Physicians were went to wear finger gings in which stones were set, and these stones were credited with the possession of many virtues. Sometimes the patient was simply touched wish the ring; sometimes he put it on his finger for awhile. Many a patient has worn such a ring to stop hemorrhage. If the desired result followed, the ring was unreservedly regarded as the healing agent; if the cure did not follow, we are told nothing about

-A peculiar result of the drinking of icecold water from a spring in Stonington, Conn., is reported. The water flows from a crack in a high rock, and the veins of the man who drinks from it begin to swell, and he looks and feels as though he were about to burst for the next ten minutes. The swalling gradually subsides and no serious effect is felt, except a slight buszing the ears. It is the talk of the neighborhood and everybody is eager to try the effect of the water. A specimen has been sent to Boston

for analysis. -Sergeant Curtwright, of the Atlanta police force, tells of a man named Christian, who was cared of rheumatism by the burial treatment. Somebody told the family that if they would dig a hole and bury young Christian in the earth for 48 hours, first putting on him a mixture of turpentine and other homely medicines, it would cure him. They decided

AS YOU LIKE IT.

Odd-Having stopped sneezing, you are grateful because you have lost your grip. -Judga. While the true American does not believe in a king he will bet his last cent on four of thom. -- Terre Haute Express.

A cold-weather present .- Ted-They say Dolly handled Dejinks without gloves.

Ned -Yes; she gave him the mitten. -- Judge. "Golly !" gasped little Johnny as he finished the second crock of stolen perserves, "I feel as if I had been smoking pa's pipe, "-fudge, A necessity.-Architect-Now, sir, do

ou wish any bow-windows? .
Pater-Beau-windows? Well, I should say I did. Put in one for every daughter I have got !-Ponsonhy-I understand that Digby's with is deaf and dumb. Sunggs—Inst sor I won-der if she converses with her ingers? Ponsonby—Guess so. Digby is about the baldest man I over taw.—Burlington Free Press.

"Did you read in the papers this morning that account of 'A Romance of a Check?' "
"No-o (sadly): but did you see anything in the same paper about the check of a romance? (Weaklly): I proposed last night."- Fime. A soft thing.-Proud father-Charles, why don't you study at school? What will become of you when you grow up? Son-O, I'll be a grandfather. I'll just sit

around and do nothing and have the best that's on the table. - Texas Siftings. EN BOUTE. You hear the sweet, faint echo of a kiss Like the gargie of the water in a funnel, And you realize that someone's tasted bliss In the gloom and lasting darkness of the tunnel,

OMNIA VINCIT AMOR! When I with Phyllis fell in love, Did I the realms of verse invade, Or with guitar 'neath moon above Then serenade? Oh, no! A simple way I learned That did the Muse's sway deter, And all such fancies overturned-

I married ber!