Nevertheless we must recognize one ex-ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 8, 1845 cuse for the flagrant clergyman. He had Vol. 84, No. 333 .- Entered at Pittsburg Postoffice , 1867, as second-class matter Business Office--97 and 99 Fifth Avenu News Rooms and Publishing House-75, 77 and 79 Diamond Street.

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THE ELECTRIC RAILWAY WIRES.

The gentleman whose interesting views on the electric wire question are given in our local columns is undoubtedly correct in his contention that electric railway wires are less dangerous and have a better raison d'etre than the electric light wires. But it does not follow that he occupies indisputable ground in the conclusion that they cannot be put underground.

THE DISPATCH has already taken the position that while other overhead wires are permitted the electric railway wires cannot be disturbed. But it does not follow that in socking a comprehensive and permanent solution of the overhead wire problem the electric railways should be considered as out of the question. It does not appear on the ince of the case that the burying of such wires would cause any greater interruption of business along the streets than the construction of cable conduits which is constantly going on; and if that work were made a part of a complete plan for relieving the streets of all the overhead wires, it might appear, in the end, to be a good investment.

The difficulty of the subject must of course be conceded; but when it is made to the interest of human invention to provide adequate methods for putting all the wires underground we believe that invention will be able to solve the problem.

GROWTH OF BUSINESS FAILURES.

The summary of the failures in the United States during the past year shows a steady increase in the number of these business casualties. The total for 1889 was 11,719, or an increase of 10% over 1888, while the total of 10,587 for that year was 9% per cent increase of the total for 1887. The increase in the ligbilities was less marked, being about 756 per cent more than in 1887, but as compared with 1888, which was exceptionally a year of small failures, the increase in liabilities is about 16 per cent. The steady increase of failures may be a legitimate result of the close margins upon which business has been done during the past few years; but if the tendency is not altered during the greater activity now in force, it should be construed as a decided and rather grave indication of some unsound factors in the

the task of praying for a House of Commons which gives a steady majority to the Tory Cabinet. A man with such a desperate job on hand, might be pardoned for seeking almost any form of gambling as a mild relief.

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and the legislative power on subjects of

TROSE ENGLISH INVESTMENTS. An interview with one of our leading

manufacturers takes a very unfavorable and rather apprehensive view of the large investments by British syndicates in this country. The aspect which is there set forth-that of absentee ownership and the diversion of profits to foreign countries-is doubtless one of the drawbacks; but there when, in our own city of Pittsburg, we can obdoubtless one of the drawbacks; but there are some mitigating features. The first of these is the exaggeration of the use of expending so much money in buying

the total of these investments. The state- those costly literary productions when in a ment of a nominal total of \$200,000,000 tor such investments as are already made, may be based on the nominal capital of the en-

terprises. But that any such sum of En-glish capital has actually been transferred to this country, is not to be believed, for two reasons. The first is that such a transtwo reasons. The first is that such a transtwo reasons. The first is that such a trans-fer would have required a heavy importa-tion of gold; when the fact is that we have will speedily be brought to see the error of their ways. Those pages are replete with matter, in-notable both for the originality of their conbeen exporting gold. The second is that if teresting in the highest degree, unusually extensive and varied to such an extent that every any such sum had been paid for property in man will find his own peculiar tasts in litera this country it would have created a very ture gratified therein. But "good wine needs no bush." Let the contents of yesterday's

easy money market; and the money market has been rather closer than usual the last sea- 16-page DISPATCH speak for themselves.

The Ohio Senatorial race still occupies the Another point which should not be forgreat political arens, and the accurate and inter-esting telegrams from THE DISPATCH staff corgotten is that to whatever extent English capital is invested in American plants, it respondent will be found to throw a vast deal sets free American capital, which must seek of light on the subject. Brice is still hopeful, other investments. The diversion of profits in spite of the very fierce opposition his can didature has apparently aroused. A scare has been started that England is buying up the to foreign countries will be a drawback; but in the case of foreign investments in Amer- United States niecemeal. Foreign syndicates ican railways and in Government and State are purchasing every American industry they bonds, it has been shown that the country | can lay their hands on. New York and Chicago are down with the grip. The Mills bill has can use the capital advantageously even to forced the bagging manufacturers into a com larger amounts than the bona fide investbine. Southern statesmen discuss the negro ments that have recently been made.

An equally unfavorable feature of these purchases is the undoubted fact that the en- | dent C. F. Black has appointed his Democratic Clubs' Committee. terprises are capitalized to several times The grip has laid its clammy bands on the their real value; but as this is permitted throat of London. It is also devastating every portion of Europe. Prince Bismarck is said to through the gullibility of English investors, who will be the chief sufferers, there is no be making ready to abolish the Austrian Empire. The Silesian miners claim that they need for the United States to waste any are being driven to starvation by the importatears over the fact.

THE MODERN SELECTION. The Ohio Senatorial contest will probably be settled within the next two or three days; and while there is a bitter fight against Brice, the indications are strongly in favor of his success. So far as any public evi- may be looked for. dence is concerned, it is fair to say that the charges that he is elected by the direct employment of pecuniary influences are not established. Nevertheless, the election of Brice is a strong illustration of the deterior-

ation of our polities. This is manifest not only in the fact that the sole qualification for which Mr. Brice is prominent in politics is his possession of a large fortune, but also in the way in which Americus Club officers has taken place. Citi the canvass is carried on. There is a strong contrast between the presence of the candidate on the ground and the constant besieg-

ing of legislators, by himself or his fries

treme.

to the public. The idea of Pittsburg without THE CRITIC'S REVIEW. the Monongahela House, as would have been the case if the building had been turned into The January Magazines and Their Most business property, would be that of a city with an old and famous landmark saken away. Prominent Features-An Unneually Rich

Number of St. Nicholas-The Forum and the Farmer-Dr. O. W. Holmes in the Atiantic-Edward Atkinson on Cotton, Its Future, Etc.

millionaire candidate for the United States Senate from Obio, that he would not give The Critic's monthly comment upon the mag-nines begins this time with *St. Nicholas.* The January number is unusually rich in attractive pictures. Katherine Pyle has a calendar page. ship, may have been based on a prevision of fact that the votes which are for sale at this functure will command much more than which we hope is to be a feature of the maga-nine the year through. Palmer Cox brings in his "Brownfes" again. This time they visit the that figure. But that is more than the intrinsic artist's studio and criticise their portraits, and peer into the ink bottle, and stain their fingers with paint, and stand about in their Yesterday's 16-Page Dispatch is a Really familiar attitudes, picturesque and comical. George Wharton Edwards has an effective tail piece to Mrs. Spofford's "Yuie Log Song." There are several spirited pauther What is the use of going far afield to put pictures by W. Taber. "Intercollegiate Foot-ball in America," with "The Drop Kick" for a tain matter quite as new, quite as interesting. and by quite as celebrated authors? What is pendant, is well set out with sketches, William C. Stoddard's new serial is introduced by a thrilling runaway seens by C. T. Hill, who has Pittsburg daily paper they can be secured for one-tenth of the price? These are questions a good deal of excellent work in this number The little jingle "There Was Once a Man With which are extremely difficult to answer, for the reason that no possible excuse, save ignorance ness in these days of "the grip." The most

> A KING IN EGYPT. I think I lie by the lingering Nile, I think I am one that has lain long while, My lips scaled up in a solemn smile, In the lary land of the loitering Nile.

ception and for their musical quality.

I think I lie in the Pyramid. And the darkness weighs on the closed syelid, And the air is heavy where I am hid, With the stone on stone of the Pyramid

I think there are graven godhoods grim That look from the walls of my chamber dim, And the hampered hand and the muffled limb Lie fixed in the spell of their gazes grim. I think I lie in a languor vast, Numb, dumb soul in a body fast, Waiting long as the world shall last, Lying cast in a languor vast.

Lying muffled in fold on fold.

With the gam and the gold and the spice enrolled, And the grain of a year that is old, old, old, Wound around in the fine-spun foid. question at length. The Kniffin murder proves a deeper mystery than at first suspected. Presi

The sunshine of Egypt is on my tomb: I feel it warming the still, thick gloom, Warming and waking an old perfume, Tbrough the carven honors upon my tomb. The old sunshine of Egypt is on the stone And the sands lie red that the wind hath sown,

And the lean, lithe lizard at play alone Slides like a shadow across the stone. tion of foreign employes. The monarchs of Europe are very cheerful over the coming year And 1 lie with the Pyramid over my head, in their various addresses. The King of Bel-I am lying dead, lying long, long dead, gium has lost \$1,000,000 by his palace being With my days all done, and my words all said, burnt. Mr. Gladstone is taking a great inter And the deeds of my days written over my head. est in Andrew Carnegie and his works. Con This is genuine poetry. The poems are

sul Johnson is, if anything, too energetic in Central Africa, and an Anglo-Portuguese war apitally illustrated by Birch. 3,3

The sporting news is full and interesting, and Almost everything in the Forum for January Pringle's column was, as usual, racy in the exwill be interesting to almost everybody. If the American farmer reads the Forum, he will find out, if he is not already sufficiently aware of it, II. what hard case he is. Mr. Cartisle, ex-Brunot's Island, containing 175 acres, has been purchased for \$200,000 by an iron manu-Speaker of the House of Representatives, shows what damage protection does to him, and Prof. Rodney Welch, under the heading and Prof. Rodney Welch, under the heading "Horace Greeley's Cure for Poverty," makes

facturers syndicate. The new Duquesne Club building was opened with flowers and feasting. Local clergymen stated their views on the free it out that about the worst thing a poor man can do is to "Go West." Prof. Welch says that pewidea. The grip is said to have come to Pittsburg. The exciting annual election of philanthropists, before advising a city laborer sems' views on electricity; its dangers and diffi-culties are ventilated. The American Patriotic to go West and grow up with the country, would do well to ascertain if he has the means League has organized branches in Pittsburg. to support his family for two years, to pay

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THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH.

MONDAY, JANUARY C.

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The mention of the name of Sylvanus Cobb,

made such progress of late in the improvement make such progress of late in the improvement of its type and pictures, and-stift better-in the raising of its literary tone, than the New York Ledger. To those who know it only by tradition the recent insues are a surprise and a revelation. "To be continued in our next" is no longer found at the end of every article in it; but short, incisive, interesting and bright pa-pers by the best writers of the day have taken the place of much that used to be less than the

"Instantaneous Photography," in Outing for January, is illustrated with some good pictures, of which "Chewing the Cnd" is the best. "To My Sweetheart's Kodak" is a pretty little bit of verse which goes charmingly with the scientiffe paper. Outing is making a mistake, in our opinion, in mixing up advertisements our opinion, in mixing up advertisements with its editorial department, Several articles in this number are contructions of last month's papers, "Wintering in, California" is pleasantly written and well illustrated. "Ice Yachting" and "Catching Frost Fish With a Shotgun" are seasonable contributions. So also is "Skipton Pedalwink's Herolsm," a blorde story. peg upward. It is a funny consummation of our republi can form of government, this division of offi-

bicycle story. Every number of the Century Magazine nowadays is not only worth reading but worth keep-

ing. The January number abounds in articles which possess not only present interest but permanent value. The Lincoln blography, now permanent value. The Lincoln biography, now in its next to the last installment, tells the story of the assassination, and is followed by an ac-count of "The Pursuit and Death of John Wilkes Booth," written by two Confederato officers who met Booth in his flight, and by a Union officer who commanded the cavalry that captured nim. The autobiography of research and the second number appears in the "Present Day Paper," being a discussion of "Andrew Montegna is the Italian old master who is described by Mr. Stillman and Mr. Cole with pen and pencil. Miss Amelia & Edwards contributes an Expirant historical study, re-omanting the exploration of the great temple of Babastis and describing the treasures found there. Pictures of these valuable antiques are paper on "The Nature and Method of Revela-papers on "The Nature and Method of Revela-tion". Frank & Stockton and Amelia E. Earr ontribute fresh installments of their serial of "The American Commonwealth," is the fordifice of the number, and abrief account of "The American Commonwealth," is the ford is ife and writings accompanies it, On the whole is the January Contary is a number of ex-transitive installment value. in its next to the last installment, tells the story 1,1

No. 18 Pell street, the New York 7-cent lodging house described in Scribner's Magazine for last month, has gone out of business. Presi-dent Wilson, of the Health Department, read the tenement house article, went down and veritraveling expenses, and to expend \$1,000 in fied the facts and promptly revoked the license ment, "The Point of View," which consists of several pages of bright, informal and unsigned comment upon topics of the time. The Barge Exhibition, Thackeray's Life, Social Life in Print, and the French as Artists, are discussed in this number. "The Paris Exposition" is considered at length by W. C. Brownell in a thoughtful paper. The effect on the Exposi-tion of the opposition of the monarchial party in France, and the salient features of the exhibi-tion are suggestively brought out. "Water Storarce in the West" is a description of how our Western descerts are made to bloason like the rose. "Tripoli of Barbary" is the first of a series of African studies in which both toxt and illustration are the good work of Mr. A. F. Jacassy. Some good pictures accompany the appreciative and discerning comments of Mr. Henry T. Finck upon "The Beauty of Spanish Women." Mr. Kennelly, chief electrician at the Edison Laboratory, has an article showing the manifold uses of "Electricity in the House-hold." Scribner's begins the new year keep-ing up its persistent advance in interest and worth, and with abundant promise of good ment, "The Point of View," which consists of

A SHABBY ARISTOCRACY.

1890.

Washington Cabines Ladies Draw Close Distinctions in Their Own Limited Radius of Privileged Persons-Mrs. Secretary of Agriculture New the Lowest of These Expired Open-Mighty Chiefs of

Divisions. (FROM & STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

publication of a series of articles under the general title of "Parnellism and Crime," in which an elaborate effort was made to estab-lish a close connection between the more prom-inent members of the Irish Parliamentary WASHINGTON, January 5 .- The New Year flummery is past. The usual "high" officials have passed through the usual ordeal of handshaking, standing for hours on exhibition. Persons who were just as much nobodies as party and the assassinations, dynamite con-spiracies and other crimes committed in Eu-gland and Ireland since the Land League was you or I a little more than a year ago have had their vanity tickled with the idea that they ormed. On April 18 the Times published a fac simile of a letter alleged to have been writ-ten by Parnell to Patrick Egan in May, 1882, are lions, for a minute at any rate, if next week or next year they are again retired to the "shades of private life." I suppose there was a expressing regret for the accidental circum-stances by which the murder of Lord Frederick ttle more flummery this year than usual. It s growing, you know. Increase of wealth Cavendish in Phœnix Park was made neceswithout increase of brains, and a growing tendency of officials to think that they govern sary, but approving the murder of Under Sec retary Burke. The Government refused to prosecute the Times for libeling members of astead of serve, crystallizes the classification of Washington society, and social ranks and grades are coming to be as clearly understood the House, and the Times challenged Parnell to sue the paper. He main-tained a dignified silence. The Times and recognized as at Windsor, or at Backingtained a dignified silence. The Times thereupon renewed the former charge and made new ones. Mr. Parnell then moved for a special committee of the House to inquire into the authenticity of the letters. The Govern-ment refused to allow even the discussion of the motion, but soon after proposed to appoint three doministoners to inquire into all the statements made. The Times accepted. Par-nell would not express approval or disapproval of the commission which was appointed. The appointment of Judges Hannes, Smith and Day was regarded as especially favorable to the Times. The whole fabric of the Times case rested on Piggott's shoulders. Piggott ad-mitted that he was allar, perjure and black-mailer. The letters were shown to be forgeries. ham Palace. Would you believe it, that the act that the law found it necessary in providing for the Presidental succession to designate sho should come into the Presidency in the event of the death of President, Vice President, and so on, has been taken advantage of to decide the rank of the "court ladies?" According to this arrangement, it is recognized as an almost national enactment that the wife of the Secretary of State shall stand first at official sceptions, after the waves of the President and receptions, after the wives of the President and the Vice President, and in their order the wives of the Treasury and War Secretaries, the Attorney General, Postmaster General and Secretaries of the Navy, Interior and Agricul-tural Departments. Here the rank of each is distinctly and unalterably fixed as by the laws of the Medes and Persians, and no one dare step across the sacred line. Of course the nearer you approach to the domain of labor the more insignificant the actor becomes, and so the poor wife of the Agricultural Department, who is the official embediment of the sublimest, most useful, oldest and most po-etical of occupations is crowded to the foot of the line, and will remain there until there is mitted that he was a liar, perjurer and black-maller. The letters were shown to be forgeries. Figgott fied to the continent and committed suicide. July 16, 1887, Parnell withdrew from the case. July 25 the commission adjourned to October 24, when Michael Davit delivered a speech of several days' length, forcibly deline-ating the Irish side of the Irish question. Sir Henry James made the closing speech for the Times in November. Parnell has brought auit for \$500,000 against the Times for libel. The commission is now engaged in preparing its re-port and the libel suit has not come to trial. Recently Captain O'Shea has brought a divorce suit, naming Parnell as correspondent. Many the line, and will remain there until there is created a Department of Labor, when the wife of the Secretary of that department will move the Hon. Mrs. Secretary of Agriculture one

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS. OUR MAIL POUCH. -During December money in circulation

The Parnell Trial.

[In March, 1887, the London Times began th

To the Editor of The Dispatch:

PITTERURG January 4.

in the United States increased \$13,018,394. What, in brief, is the history of the Parnell -At McConnellsville, O., a few days ago a colony of bees swarmed and alighted on a coal-house door. C. D.

-Officials of the Eastern Indian schools say six have died after returning West since 1884, and 60 before that.

-Great Falls, N. H., has a Justice of the Peace, J. B. Shapleigh, who has been in office continuously for 52 years.

-A bird of an unknown species flew into a Salem. O., office the other day and was cap-tured. It was about as large as a quail and had bright plumage.

-Forty-four thousand pounds of flour for Western Indian reservations is to be furnished by C. H. Searing, of Arkansas City, Kan., at from \$1.40 to \$4.60 per 100 pounds according to place of delivery.

-Depletion of the Chesapeake oyster beds is cutting short the supply for the packers and several of the largest firms in Baltimore have begun cultivating the bivalve in Southern waters, and establishing packing houses in those localities.

-Pensacola, Fla., customs officers found choice cognae and cordials aboard the Swedish lph and sezzed them for duties. The bark Ad master said they were ship stores. When the Treasury Department heard he had tried to sell them, it was concluded they were not for sail-ors, and sustained the Collector.

-More than 10,000 plated Roman coins, dated between 200 A. D. and 300 A. D., have been found beneath a tile at St. Pabu, Finisterrs. The question is, were these the result of a queer private enterprise, or did Valerian, Di-celetian and other Emperors play off these plated imitations for the true coin of the realm?

-A novel and amusing sight was recently witnessed at Washtucna lake, Washington. That large body of water was frozen over, with the exception of about an acre in the center. The open space was so completely packed with ducks and geese that there was not room for another, while thousands were crowded around and were holding a cackling indignation meet-ing, because the more fortunate ones would not come out and give them a chance for a SWID

-A dispatch from Portland, Me., tells of nost remarkable weather there. Last winter and so far this winter the mercury has not touched zero. No snow is on the ground, while usually at this time of the year the streets of the cities and the roads of the country are piled full of drifts. Animals and insects that usually come from winter quarters in April and May are now abroad and dandelions are blooming in the fields. Similar reports come in from all along the coast. Men concerned in the lum-ber and ice industries, which bring millions of dollars to the State every year, are anxious.

-There are in Erance 877 associations of employers, 891 of workingmen, and 597 of farmera. The workingmen's associations, which were formerly political organizations, have become for the most part purely mutual benefit societies of late years. The agricultural assosocieties of late years. The agricultural asso-ciations do not agitate politically like our Gran-gers. They are to a large extent co-operative and technical. The farmers' association near Fontainebleau, for instance, owns a slaughter house at which every member has his cattle killed at very low prices. This and other simi-lar co-operative devices of the French farmers' associations show that the French peasant is not so stupid and helpless as he is generally supposed to be.

-Jephthah E. Brill, of South Griswola, Conn., strolled in the Rixtown cemetery on New Year's Day and saw a big blacksnake thawing in the grateful sunshine. In looking for a club Jehpthah encountered several more snakes of the same kind: the gravevard anpeared to be streaked with snakes. Mr. Brill got only two of the serpents, which were four and three feet long. Eugene Conklin, of Bethel, bagged a striped snake 18 inches long, the same day, and Prime Wright, of Litchfield, while rabbit-hunting on the east sule of Pin-nacle mountain, near Bristol Swamp, came on two enormous blacksnakes that were sunning on a slanting ledge. He pulled his revolver and killed one of the pair, which was 7 feet 4 inches long, but the mate, which Prime says, was "al-together the biggest," got away. "It went

cials into ranks and degrees, and their wives into ranks social; but it is not the fault of the republican form, but of the artificial social life of the nation, which ascribes excellence to other things beside pure moral, intellectual and esthetic worth and development. So long as the possession of money gives standing and power in accordance with the amount pos-sessed, little matter how it is acquired, we can hardly find fault with assumption of official superiority in various degrees. Of course, if all minds were above petty considera-tions, such a regulation would be a dead letter, and the wife of the Secretary of State could speak to the wife of the Secre-tary of Agriculture without thrusting her feel-ing of superior rank into the face and con-sciousness of the latter; but unfortunately most minds, and especially most female minds, are just broad enough to be capable of taking advantage of the situation and making itss dispower in accordance with the amount pos advantage of the situation and making itss di agreeable as possible, and therefore among th ladies of the "court circle" there is often feeling of belligerence that threatens to breal out into open war, and in their daily inter course they always have, figuratively speaking, their hands on their hip pockets, and at night they sleep on their arms with one eye open. Scandals with and without foundation are the

Scandals with and without foundation are the results of these jealousies, and in some sense the penalty of rank is therefore greater than its honor. The leveling process goes on here as in all nature, and, if rank is at the top, num-bers are at the bottom, and the power of num-bers are at the bottom, and the power of sum-bers are at the bottom, and the power of sum-bers are at the bottom, and the power of sum-bers are at the bottom, and the power of sum-bers are at the bottom, and the power of sum-bers are at the bottom, and the power of rank. Scandal, like death, loves a shning mark, and the in-feriors of the court curcle delight to tear to pieces their superiors, and these inferiors in their turn find their Nemesis. It is the ancient story of the great fleas which have little fleas to hite them, and the little fleas that have leaser fleas, and so ad infinitum. have lesser fleas, and so ad infinitum.

Library Association Membership. This snobbery might not be anything but

sut, naming Parnell as co-respondent. Many believe this was done at the instigation of the Times. A Correction Corrected. To the Editor of The Dispatch: In your issue of Tuesday last, "Old Timer,"

a correcting "a slight inaccuracy" makes one himself, in stating that the "Branch Bank of the United States" was first located on Third venue. Now the fact is, that by deed dated avenue. Now the fact is, that by deed dated July, 1818, recorded in Deed Book 27, page 78, the Bank of Pennsylvania sold to the Branch Bank of the United States, lot No. 272 in the plan of Pittsburg, 67 feet on Second and Third streets. This lot is located between Ferry street and Chancery lane, about 60 feet from the corner of Ferry and Second streets. On the Second street front was erected the stoke building occupied by the bank. It had a flight of about each stone stome with a flat iron railbuilding occupied by the bank. It has a high of about eight stone steps with a flat fron rail-ing up to the bank office on the first floor of the building. There was no bank building on the Third street end of the lot. I lived opposite to this lot on Third street and have personal knowledge of the facts. ONE OF THE BOYS OF 1818. PITTSBURG, January 4, 1890.

A Few Facts About Cubs. To the Editor of The Dispatch:

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tons are exported annually, two-thirds of it to the United States, besides 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 gallons of molasses.

What is the area and population of Cuba? hat are the chief products and the system of

KITTANNING, January 4.

[Cuba has an area of 72,000 square miles, and by the census of 1880 had a population of 1,521,-684, half of whom were colored and enfranchised slaves. The island is governed by a Captain-Jeneral, appointed by the Spanish crown. Its chief product is sugar, of which 450,000 to 600,000

slambanging through the brush and leaves," says he, "faster'n n'express train, and made more racket than a Kansas reaper with a thun-To the Editor of The Dispatch: Will you please inform me if people residing utside the limits of the city of Pittsburg can der shower comin' up." ecome members of the Pittsburg Library As-A unique event was the reunion at Louisociation, and if so, how one may join. BENNETT, January 4. LIBER. ville recently of three brothers who were sep-arated fifty-one years ago and had never met There are no limitations as to residence Four dollars makes you a member for one year. Pay it to Miss Macrum, the Librarian.] since. They are Thomas G., W. H. and A. B. Earl. They were born at Newark, N. J., in 1830, 1832 and 1836. Soon after the birth of the Let McGinty Rest. To the Editor of The Dispatch

Junior, calls naturally to one's mind the New York Ledger. This was the stamping-ground of the ingenious Sylvanus, and of many others more or less popular than he. No periodical has

business world. A change for the better may, however, be expected during the coming year.

THE STAGE IN STEUBENVILLE.

The good people of Steubenville, in the absence of Mrs. James Brown Potter from the country, have undertaken the task of elevating the stage in a manner that threatens to knock it sky-high. Steubenville has already achieved a considerable reputation for having clean streets; and the next task which presented itself to the reformers of the little city was the cleaning of the stage even to a degree which amounts to cleaning it

The object of attack, as shown by the arrest and fining of one alleged dramatic company last week, and the notification of the same fate in store for another this week, if it does not mend its ways, is the class of stage performances known as "female minstrels" and "tolly companies." To city theater-goers, the moral value of this class of shows as an awful example of how utterly unattractive the undraped show can become, would be its chief feature. But the virtue of Steubenville could not look at the thing in that light; and the houris of soiled powder and dingy tights have received a stern notification to steer clear of Steubenwille.

There is certainly no great loss to Stepbenville in this decision, and, if the example were generally followed, we do not think that it would be any decided injury to the expurgated members of the drama. If the young women who try to attain dramatic fame through the female minstrel career were driven to some easy and honorable occupation like scrubbing floors, or taking in washing, their gain, both in profits and so-

cial position, would be decided. Nevertheless, when Stenbenville regards the female minstrel and folly company style of drama as dangerously seductive we caunot refrain from a wonder as to what it would do if Barnum should unfold before its astounded eyes the spectacles of "Nero," or some other manager should stun it with the sights of a real grand ballet.

A REVEREND RETTOR.

Following upon the reports of other English scandals, the statement that one of the Queen's chaplains, who also holds the more or less important task of praying for the House of Commons, is among the missing, arouses an apprehension that the disclosures | ket. will hit everyone in England. It is interesting, though not attogether reassuring, to be informed that the reverend and official representative of the Church in high circles has done nothing worse than break himself at betting, and has left the bookmakers to mourn his loss and uncollected losses.

Of course it is pleasant to learn that this select specimen of the clergy has done nothing worse than to indulge in the British sport of wholesale and inordinate gambling on horse races. If he had been discovered to be "Jack the Ripper," or as is pathetically asserted is not the case, had been a participant in the filthier scandals of English high life, it would doubtless have been worse. Nevertheless the fact as stated is calculated to arouse the inquiry whether the England of to-day has improved in morality over the England of Clarendon or the France of the Regency. Historians give us as the worst measure of the looseness of those times that the clergy were ready to gamble for a good appointment. and that the dignitaries of the church were as prominent as anyone else in the fashionshis dissipations. The fact that this clergyman feels obliged to run away is encouraging: but that mitigation is disturbed by the reflection that the scandal seems to be that he had lost all his money and cannot pay his beta; and by the possibility that if, in-stend, he had succeeded in getting the mouse of others without any honest consid-eration, he might still be a light of the guards and improvements, will be good news

and the way in which some of our statesmen have conducted themselves concerning their election. Summer at the time of one re-election was found by a friend at work in his office, and

on being congratulated, said with perhaps an excessive display of forgetfulness, "Oh yes, this is the day for the election of Senator." When Garfield was elected to the Senate, he declined to go to Columbus, although urged to do so by his friends. Men of reputation for broad minds and statesmanlike powers can afford to let their fame represent them in a Senatorial canvass. Those whose political prominence rests on a pecuniary basis may be obliged to take a

different course; but if they are, it does not speak well for our politics when the candidates who are not elected for their mental Payale contributes a very pretty fairy story. qualities are so general that the sort of canvass which has been going on in Columbus becomes the rule instead of the exception. If Brice is elected Senator he will not be an especially discreditable addition to the railroad contingent in the Senate: but it is not to the credit of the Ohio Democracy that all its representatives in that body during the present decade should be chosen from are to the fore. The fashionable intelligence that class.

WITH Congress and a score of legislatures the paper are in their places. resuming operations this week the country must turn for solace to the indomitable nature of the business boom.

THE proposition to whip wife-besters is WHEN Robert Carter was a school teacher, being agitated in the eastern part of the State. te taught Schuyler Colfax to read Latin and sibly the whipping post may be good for Freek. the brutes: but there is no better way to make DANIEL DOUGHEETY, of New York, will worthless characters useful than to set them at speak at the next St. Patrick's Day oration at some work that will be of service to the public, Ottawa. like the making of good roads, THE Kaiser has ordered that all civilians who

MR. WALKER BLAINE is reported as declaring that if the civil service law was applied to the diplomatic service it would save the heads of the State Department a great deal of trouble. What is more to the point, it might give us a diplomatic service of some value. The trained consular service of European nations is one of the most effective means of ex. Stark over that hero's grave at Manchester. tending their foreign trade. But as long as our consular posts are distributed as the spoils of each campaign, we may conclude that spoils that he enjoyed "The Quick or the Dead," but are of more importance in our politics than foreign trade.

THAT alleged \$200,000,000 which English syndicates are said to have put into enterprises of this country, ought to send a large amount of gold to America instead of taking away. But \$200,000,000 in water can be trans ferred without disturbing the exchange mar-Some of the opposition papers are trying to make a good deal over a reported declaration of the President's that Mrs. McKee should oc-

cupy the position of her mother at the New Year's reception, "if it busts the Cabinet." But, since the President's assertion means that if the Cabinet chooses to interfere with the arrangements under which his family shall extend its hospitality, in order to establish certain ideas of court flummery, it can go to pieces, the public will be likely to express its bearty indorsement to the sentiment

No one can blame the Signal Service for ren. Me., is dead. He was 101 years of age. the lack of cold waves. It has gone on predicting them every day with a persistency worthy of the cange. But the perversity of the ele years. ments still fails to realize any of the predictions.

THE syndicate which has just purchase not's Island shows an apprecia ion of th Erie ship canal in its willingness to give 10 per cent of the cost of its property to secare the canal. The investment would be a very profit-able one in the increased value of the property. If the whole of Pittsburg would take a similar view the canal would be an assured fact, whatever the Government might do in the premises

THE news that the last cargo of stone has arrived for the Government building begins to look as if the fullness of time will give Pittsburg a new postoffice.

There are two men in Colorado who will not self loose, and keeps us in for two whole columns. Hon. Henry Hall is charmingly descriptive when he writes of particularly enjoy Mr. Kercheval's paper on "The Wrongs of the IIts Indians." These two men, if half which is set down in this article is "London on Parade," and reviews the after true, ought to be hanged. The name of one man is Leslie, with the title of "Major;" the name noon scenes in Hyde Park. Clara Belle is a wee bit sarcastic over the blunders which fashof the other is Kendall, with the title of ionable New York would-be literary ladies "Sheriff." Both these men are in the employ make. Rider Haggard's latest work-in which of the United States Government. There he has eclipsed himself-entitled "Beatrice," oc-capies a place of honor. Claire A. Orr, in "A no more barbarous injustice in Siberia than is charged here against the representatives of ou Trip to the Sun," writes of the recent Government expedition to Africa with much verve. own Government.

Marriage and woman suffrage are considered Shirley Dare discusses the disadvantage of too from the orthodox point of view by Mr. W. S. Lilly and Prof. Goldwin Smith. These two much fiesh, and gives the best method of reducing it, Mrs. Frank Leslie talks about "Eating in Public," and the ways articles are as conservative as they are strong, logical and convincing. in which many folks eat, all the world over.

Next to these conservative voices speaks Mr. Brenan, while reviewing Superintendent Hor-Henry Labouchere, the radical of radicals, who naday's latest book, tells the story of the great expresses his opinion about people and things in the English political world with the sort of American bison, and his extermination. Rev. George Hodges writes with much earnestness frankness which most men save for private conof a glowing example in the life of Christ. versation. The Tories, he says, "thoroughly appreciate the value of the spoils of office, and Edward Wakefield writes about "A Fair-Haired Chief." "Go a Little Slow," says Bessie Bramble, there is no baseness that they would not com-mit, no principle that they would not recant, and in an interesting article she argues in favor of her maxim. B. P. Shillaber is, as usual, exno policy that they would not adopt, in order to retain their hold on these spoils. As for the cellent in "Ike and His Mother." Mrs. Par-Tory ruck in Parliament, they have prejudices, tington is always amusing. James C. Purdy but they have no opinions. A more contempt ible set of men it would be difficult to con writes of Pittsburg in the dark ages, i. e., in 1865. Bumbalo's "Latest Craze" contains some happy observations on the grip, its history and ceive." And so on. its spread. The "Every Day Science" articles

Many readers of the January Atlantic will and the art, dramatic and musical notes, as turn first to the pleasant pages which begin with the title "Over the Teacupe" and end with the name of Oliver Wendell Holmes. Old age well as the G. A. R. intelligence, will prove highly readable. All the other departments of is the theme of this month's installment of a series of essays which we hope may last long, and extend through many numbers with many pages every time. We wonder a little why Dr. Holmes said nothing in his essay about Cicero's De Senectute, and nothing about that thoughtful retrospect of Sir Arthur Helps on "Look-

ing Back Upon Life." Mrs. Deland's serial story, "Sidney," begins this mouth; enter the hero and the heroine, together with other interesting and queer peo ple. The scene is a country town, Sidney is a young lady who reads German pessimism by the light of a wood fire. Robert Steele is a take part in state ceremonies shall wear knee young man in bad health and considerable de MR. PERRY, the astronomer, who was sent to ression of mind, who has just been invited by Demarara at the head of the English Govern-Sidney's father to be their guest. Katherine Townsend and John Paul are apparently to SENATOR BLAIR, of New Hampshire, will have a love story of their own in the intervals of the main narrative. "English Love Songs" present to Congress a numerously signed peti-tion for an appropriation for a statue of John are written of with appreciation and evidences of wide and sympathetic reading, by Agnes Repplier. John Dickinson, "the great conserva-EMILE ZOLA recently met Amelie Rives Reppirer, Joan Dickinson, "the great conserva-tive of the Ravolutionary era," is the forgotten worthy who is brought into our memory by Frank Gaylord Clark. A "Precursor of Milton" is found in old Bishop Avitus, of Vienna, in the fifth century, Milton, it seems, was not so loyal as might have been desired to the exact truth, when he described himself as undertakcould not translate some of the words. Amelie would find the same difficulty if she attempted BEVERLY TUCKES, who came near to being

a Commissioner to Hayti, is becoming noted in "Things unattempted yet in prose or rhyme." Washington because he refuses to wear an The paper is one of decided literary value. Milton and Avitus have not before this had overcoat, Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some play the Victor Hugo, Hannibal Hamlin dodge. their names put together by anybody,

Edward Atkinson's paper in the Popular Science Monthly on "The Future Sites of the HENEIK IBSEN may be a great dramatic author, but he is not a Chesterfield. In a certain restaurant in Munich he has a favorito Cotton Manufacture of the United States," is full of promise for the South. The article is ilseat. If he chances to be late he looks in at instrated by a series of curious Chinese pic-tures. The pictures are the only allusions the door to see whether his place is free. When an intruder has taken possession of it, the poet marches up and down in front of the cafe, which the paper makes to China. There is, which the paper makes to china there is, however, a good deal about China, from an-other point of view, in Mr. Benton's paper on "The Taonist Religion." It seems that the deri of this singular demonopical creed. The panes which are filled with imprisoned derins sealed up in glass jars. The way in which the private catch the devils, and thus add greatly to their own income and to the contentiment of the people, is described. Benjamin Resce has a carefully prepared paper to show that the more people know, the worse they are, at something ought to be done about this meanes to ur national future. He has no plan to pro-pose. The teaching of Christian ethics in the into our mational future. He has no plan to pro-pose, on the Land Question," taken from the forden Times, appears to leave the question at the docean." There is a curious article on "Birds With Tere." however, a good deal about China, from anpausing every now and then to peep through the window, and gesticulating flercely at the DINAM ELLIS, & negress, of Boone county, LORENZO D. CARTER, the oldest man in War-ELLIS WILCOX, the oldest resident of Sangaion county, III., died recently, aged 101 MRS. AMOS ADAMS, of Joliet, Ill., is 98 years old and hale, though blind. Knitting is her FREDERICE WILLIAM DROUGHT, a native of Ireland, died Thursday in Kansas City, Kan., MRS, ELIZABETH PRICE, of Normal, III. is 99, and as merry as a cricket. She is a native

The January Lippincott's is a Julian Haw-thorne number. A handsome picture of Julian Hawthorne faces the first page; the complete novel, "Millicent and Resalind," is from his pen; so also is an account, of which the first in-JOHN GRANT, who was born in Maine in 1789. and was one of the first settlers of Kansas, died

An Editor Agreeably Surprised. pen; so also is an account, of which the first in-staliment appears this month, of Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Elixir of Life." The quotation from this singular and previously unprinted story are profaced by some interesting com-ments upon the elder Hawthorne's way of which he felt for many years toward the theme which is here attempted. It was in the mind of Nathaniel Hawthorne to write a romance of On Saturday evening the writing force of the Fime: gave Managing Editor W. H. Gutelius a pleasant surprise. The boys took dinner at his

and with abundant promise of good things to come.

THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE PRAISE.

A Catemporary Pronounces the Dispatch : Perfect Newspaper.

From the Huntingdon Journal.] THE PITTSBURG DAILY DISPATCH come

up to our idea of a perfect newspaper. All the news from every quarter of the globe worth printing is found in its columns, its market reports are reliable, while its editorials are able and fearlessly discuss the questions of the day from an independent standpoint. THE SUN-DAY DISPATCH, with its 20 pages of choice literature and latest news, is a marvel of newspaper enterprise. It contains more matter than the average magazine and its contribu-

THE DISPATCH building, which will add to the facilities for getting out the edition of more than 50,000 copies. THE DISPATCH has won its way to popular favor.

TARIFF HEARING SCHEDULE.

Programme of the Ways and Means Com mittee for the Week.

WASHINGTON, January 5 .- The Committee on Ways and Means have scheduled tariff hearngs for this week, as follows: Monday-Silk and sugar. Tuesday-Tobacco and liquors. Wednesday-Provisions and farm products. Thursday-Wood and paper.

It is not certain, however, that the above list will include this branch of the work of the committee, but until the tariff bill is reported the committee will prohably be more or less en-

the committee will protocoly de more of riss en-raged in receiving information and views upon the schedules to be included in that measure. It is expected that the bill will be reported to the House about the 1st of February, and that such progress will be made with it and the ap-propriation bills that Congress can adjourn about the first week in July.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Joseph Kimmel. Joseph Kimmel, the drorgist, the nead of the firm of Joseph Kimmel & Co., died at his home, No. 72 Center avenue, at 4:15 o'clock on the more ng of January 4, in the 42d year of his age. Mr. Kimmel was born and raised on the Southside, and is a son of the late Henry Kimmel. His mother, Mrs. Elusabeth Kimmel, still lives on Sharon street, Southside, with her son, Frank C.

Sharon street, Southside, with her son, Frank C. Kimmel. Joseph Kimmel first began work as a drugclerk for Joseph Abel, who kept on the corner of Fith arenue and Grant street, where James D. Kearns is now located. Mr. Kearns was at the time a clerk in the same store. After a few years there, Mr. Kimmel went to clerk for John Black, on the corner of Smithfield street and Liberty avenue. When Mr. Black sold out that store to Samuel S. Holisad, Mr. Kimmel and Mr. Holisad bought the Dickson drugstore at the corner of Penn av-sue and Minth street. They have occupied that stand for 13 years. Mr. Kimmel had been suffering from lung fronthle for over a year, but was confined to his bouse for less than two moths, The funeral merfees will be held at 10 o'cleek to-morrowffore-neon, in St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Pins strast, Nouthaide. The interment will be private. Mr. Kimmel Jeaves a wife, a daughter and two sont.

Hos. T. A. Edwards REPRCIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

WESTON, W. VA., January 5 .- T. A. Edwards ditor of the Weston Democraf, and at one time udee of the Circuit Court, died this afternoon, its was prominent in politics in West Virginia be-tore and during the war.

amusing if it were confined to the "cour circle." But it is epidemic, like the "grip," and so we find petty officers of all kinds aping the grand manner of the big fleas, both in social and official life, and so to the philo observer the spectacle in its geometrical progression becomes quite entertaining, not to say grotesque. Heads of bureaus and chiefs of divisions are caught furtively or openly asing the highfalutin of Cabinet officers or "Minis the hightalutin of Cabinet officers or "Minis-ters," and so it goes down to the lowest rung of the official ladder. We have Mr. Robert P., Porter, like the President, issuing a circular that members of Congress will be admitted to his presence only between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock, though in rank he comes about tenth in the Department of the Interior, and his office is merely temporary, for the collection of a few figures, which few people ever refer to, except in the matter of the number of inhabitants.

A newspaper friend of mine called the other lay to seek a bit of information from a chief of an obscure division. He stated his errand familiarly and confidently. The chief knitted his Socratian brow, hemmed and hawed as men do when they wish to appear profound but are

not, and said with impressive and freezing de-liberation that he was not at liberty to give an official opinion on a subject on which he might be called upon to render an opinion to the Sec-

"Tam not asking you for an orinion," said the correspondent, bristing. "I was not aware that a chief of a division had an opinion. At any rate you have no opinion that the news-paper I represent is pining to print, I merely asked for some information which you have on your files."

"I really do not think I can say anything about the matter. It is information for the use of my department and not for the press," said the chief. "Your department! Well, that is the latest. How long have you been here? Two years?

How long bave you been here? Two years? Well, that is two years too long. Don't you think it is about time for a change? I'll go than the average magazine and its contribu-tions are from the pens of men and women of the highest merit and national reputation. As good as THE DISPATCH is its manage-ment promise to make it still better during the current year. So rapid has been the increase in circulation that in addition to the fast presses already in use a Hoe perfecting press is being built and will soon be put in place in the state of the size of his head, even under a Repub-lican administration.

THE JOLLY TARIPP REFORMER.

A Fine Exposition of the Curiosities of Free Trade Philosophy.

From the New York Tribune.] What a jolly exposition of free trade phil-osophy Mr. Tariff Reformer Macheth, of Pittsburg, made the other day before the Congressional Committee. He wanted the tariff abolished, so that he could reduce the cost of his lamp chimneys to the dear public. And if the tariff were aboliahed, how much would the cost be reduced? Well-hum! Eal-perhaps 3 or Pittsburg. But the present process of combina-tion of cashier and Canada will continue to be 4 cents on the dozen, at wholesale. So? And how much of a gain would that be to the man who buys a single chimney-in brief, to the dear public, which buys its lamp chimneys at retail? Well-hum! hal-none at all; but it we just so much additional profit to Mr. Tariff Reformer Macbeth and the middlemen! So very solicitous, these tariff reformers

From the Troy Times.] about the dear public, you know! And so Influenza Sneezer, of Sneezerville, is in the afraid that some American manufacturer or workingman will make something under the city.

NOVELTIES IN JEWELRY. Not a Fallure With This Man. A SILVER toothpick receptacle that comes

sleigh bells.

From the Reading Herald.]

rom Paris represents a spool of sewing cotton. A man in Illinois has just married his sixth wife. Every one of his wives brought him a farm, and he is now one of the largest landed A RING that is taking the place of the diamond-shaped cluster is a square opal sur-rounded by diamonds. oprietors in this county. This shows that A PLAIN gold wire bracelet, worked into the arriage is a great success if it is managed properly, and that if a man sticks to that bus pattern of an ordinary hook and eye, is a deness, as well as any other, he is bound to come sign recently imported from Europe. AT a recent dinner given by a New York

LOVE'S LEDGER.

e winter winds are chill and drear, From leafless trees the crystals hang, and ice-chained waters once so clear fell not of days they rippling sang-Till "oa" boomed wheat on "change" that The autumn, flushed with foliage red, That kept its yow to seed-time given, And saw the buds to fruitage wed

And harvest-wains to garners driven, Nor brighter was with promise true Than the "deed-of-gift" assigned to yon. Through tangled brakes the peewits hon, And hees make sweets on summer days:

From littles tail the white leaves drop, Blown is they list in fragrant ways; Did love's warm tide throb quicker then, When compois leaped from five to ten? No, nol 'twas spring, when wild-wood flowers

CARE in execution and originality of design Sicked spiden stars on earth's paie green And ring-doves coold in nuptial bowers, Those stadsome days of silvery sheen; Oh, love that then, when you whispered low, "We've a cattle mach in idaho!" -Inda Barton Hays, in Judge, are shown in a lace pin of recent production. A rosette of small diamonds mounted in the center of a moonstone keystone, beautifully carved, formed the article. A row of pearis encircle the keystone.-Jewelers' Weekly.

1830, 1832 and 1836. Soon after the birth of the youngest their parests died and they were di-vided, each being sent to the home of a relative to be reared. Now Thomas, the oldest, is the owner of several thousand acres of fine land near Lyston, on the Canadian Pacific railroad, in British Columbia, and is extensively engaged in fruit-growing. A. B., the second, is a well-to-de contractor in Louis-ville. Both are married, while W. H. is a bachelor, and lives near Paxton, Ill. He has acquired a competency raising stock, and has retured from business. A large gathering of friends helped them celebrates their reunion at the home of the Louisville brother. Where can I get the song about McGinty? BRADDOCK, January 4, GROBGE. [The song "McGinty" is on sale at the music ores, but you would better leave it alone. I auses ins

DISTINGUISHED MEN AT DINNER. Count Von Moltke and Minister Phelp

Count Waldersee's Guests. BERLIN, January 5 .- Count von Waldersee

Texas Deep Water.

The Old Process Still Used.

From the Baltimore American.] A new steel process has been invented in

Rishon O'Doherty Approved.

DUBLIN, January &-The Pope has finally

approved the nomination of Dr. O'Doherty as Bishop of Londouderry.

A Distinguished Guest.

lady, small oxidized postage stamp holden were distributed among the guests as favors.

PRETTY and very acceptable to a young per-son, is a pair of earrings with diamonds mounted in the center of a circle of small gold

AN attractive ornament for the desk-on

A CHAMPIONSHIP emblem recently presented

to a New York chess player was a cheseboard

that is sure of securing immediate attention

is a miniature silver store of American patt The article is perfect in every detail.

-In an entertainment given at a village gave an official dinner last evening. All the in Illinois a few nights ago a novel use of inguests were military men except Vice Chan-cellor De Brueck and Royal Chamberlain cancescent lamps was made. Several young ladies gave a drill in military costume. Their Virthum. The Emperor's staff was repre-sented by Adjutant von Bulow. The military attaches from the German Legations in Europe, who had come to greet the Emperor as is customary on the New Year, were present. Count von Waldersee as between General von Moltke and Mr. Phelps, the American Minister, who was also present. General von Moltke in the course of conversation, spoke warmly in defense of Bancroft, the historian. This is the dirst important dinner since the death of the ex-Empress of Brasil. All the ladles present were dressed in black. The mil-itary attaches departed for their posts to-day. Vizthum. The Emperor's staff was reprehelmets were surmounted with three incandescent lights, with red, white and blue globes, In certain parts of the drill the lamps were suddenly illuminated and the effect was striking. The means by which this was accom plished was extremely simple. A converter was placed on the outside of the building in which the hall was located. The secondary wires ran under the floor to brass plates about three inches square, arranged in twos on the stage floor. From the lamps on the young ladies' helmets concealed wires ran down to little brass plates in the beels of the shoes. After concluding a series of evolutions each young lady would come to a stand in the front of the stage and plant her heels firmly on the plate on the stage. The lights would flash up and contribute greatly to the general effect." A COST OF \$300,000 PER MILE.

What the Government is Paying to Give -In the beautiful and valuable collection GALVESTON, January 5 .- The Central Deer

market.

of cut and uncut American gems that were Water Committee met here yesterday and were taken over the jetty now under construcsent to the great Paris Exposition are a numwere taken over the jetty now under construc-tion by the Government, to secure deep water at Galveston. The entire length of the jetty so far, to height of five feet above mean low tide, is 18,400 feet, of which 7,500 feet is what is known as the in shore jetty, leading to the shore line, where the jetty commences its pro-jection into the Gulf grouper. When finished the coast jetty will be seven miles in length. The present appropriation of \$500,000, under which the work is now being done, when ex-pended, will carry the wall a distance of \$50 miles, leaving it \$25 miles short of completion. The character of the work now being done costs the Government about \$300,000 a miles. ber of beautiful blood-red garnets which have a curious history. They came from Fort Defiance, Ariz, a locality that has produced some of the finest garnets in the world. Hore they are associated with the olive-green peridor, which also, when fine, cuts into gems. The peridot pebbles are called by the natives "Job's tears": the garnets are known as "rubles." Ants, as well as scorpions, abound in the re-gion, and their hills, formed of the earthy ma-terial excavated in digging their subtorranoan homes, are numerous on the plains. The In-dians-the Navajoes- and the soldiers from the fort go out among these hills, and upon their surface, mixed with other and worthless peb-bles, they find, of course in a rough state, scores of the gem stones-garnet and peridot. The jeweis they gather and well als good prices to collectors and jowelers. Many thousands of dollars' worth of gems have thus reached the market. ance, Ariz, a locality that has produced some

COMIC CULLINGS.

"Tis curious, but, as I have been told, To keep a fire hot, you must keep it coaled. Judge

-The Western Mayor who refused to "let the dead past bury its dead, " without a permit, wilted when informed that it had a postle license. -Time

-While an ounce of wisdom may be worth a pound of wit, it doesn's follow that the toot of the man-who-knows-it-all carries any weight .- Time.

-"Our correspondent at Hopetown lies still in destb, " said the *Clarion*, and then the editor couldn't understand why the bereaved brother came to lick him. I'me.

-Edison's latest invention is a loud-talking machine, but it is no improvement on the original one that was exhibited some years ago in the garden of Eden.-Trans Siftings.

"His Gain, Our Loss," was the motto which they told the florist to reproduce, but he gos it accidentally "His Loss, Our Gain," and now the widow is suing for libel.-Somerville Journal. -Flying machines will play an effective

part is futures wars, if the commanding gene can be induced to get into one of them. Bay promotion would be one of the results.-Ten Siftings.

-C.-Jones is making lots of money out of his piny. D.-He is, ch? I'm giad to hear that somebody

NEPTUNE'S trident, in variegated gold, with can make something out of it. I went to see it, and I couldn't make anything out of it.-Tanda diamond-tipped prongs and having a dorphin of diamonds and rubies sportively clinging to the handle, forms a handsome lace pin. Siftings.

Miss Thirty-eight (coyly)-What a pity It seems, Mr. Somerset, that a man like you should be a bachelor! Mr. Somerset-Yes, Miss Thirty-eight, it does seem a plity, but I can't help it. You know I was

of solid silver, with intaid gold for each alter nate square. A full set of chessmen which ac-companied the board was made of sterling born an -Somerville Journal "No." said she, with the complacency

"No," said she, with the complicency born of knowing that she had the prottless and most striking costiume in the ballroom, "I don's care much for dress. I like to feel that f, for une, am above such vanity, you know. "You are, Indeed," said her admiring compan-ton. "Head and shoulders above h, as everybody here will my."-Somerville Journal.

it abead in the end,

