## THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH.

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AS GOOD AS AXLE GREASE. How Local Physicians Treat Consumption and Other Lung Diseases. WHISKY USED MUCH LESS,

But Cod Liver Oil Remains a Prime Favorite With Most Doctors.

MORE STRESS LAID ON HYGIENE.

As Koch's Remedy Only Claims to Cure Early Stages of Lung Troubles,

IT WILL NOT BANISH CONSUMPTION

A reporter of THE DISPATCH went to a number of the most prominent physicians in novelties comprised in No. 2, of the prothe city yesterday and asked the following questions of each:

1. If called upon to-day by a consumptive for medical aid, what would your treatment be? 2. Is whisky still prescribed for consumptives as much as it once was?

3. Is not cod liver oil the standby for treatment of lung diseases? It is said that 30 and 40 years age, when a victim to consumption called upon a doctor, he was invariably told "to live on whisky!" Answers to the above questions would seem to prove that whisky is not used to such a great extent nowadays. Even among old-school physicians the treatment of consumption is based largely upon rygicule measures, rather than the use of a single stimulant. Still, they yet prescribe whisky in a great percentage of consumption

Homeopathic doctors don't believe in the doing of consumptives with whisky, but they do use cod liver oil.

ROCH TO DISPLACE WHISKY. So that if Prof. Koch's discovery of a new remedy for consumption stands the test, it will probably displace an enormous amount of cod liver oil and drive another cork into the whisky medicine borrel. Appended are the answers of the doctors:

Dr. W. T. English-I would prescribe cod liver oil in some form, together with a rigid course of exercises tending to strengthen the lungs and increase the breathing capacity. I do not always pre-scribe whisky, though in some cases and in certain stages of consumption it may be em-ployed to stimulate the patient, as in other diseases. Cod liver oil is still our great mainstay in pulmonary diseases. Owing to competition the market now is filled with the very best quality of cod liver oil obtain-able, and it is made into palatable emul-stons, nowadays, too, which is an advance over former years.

There is a great variety of cod liver oils now to choose from, and they are really all good. I am yet young in the profession, but within my experience whisky has about held its own in the treatment of consump-

tion, generally speaking.
A Sixth avenue physician—An ounce o whisky before each meal; a tablespoonful of end liver oil in emulsions after each meal; stay out of doors all day; sleep with your windows heisted all night and you will pro-

cases of tubercular consumption have heretofore been cured by the remedies in vogue. Of these, col liver oil stands foremost in use ranked the hypophosphite salts and next whisky. But both cod liver oil and whisky are beneficial in only a minority of cases. In any case, with much fever, whisky is positively injurious, and in any case where od fiver oil disturbs the stomach and interferes with direction, it also is injurious, My experience of nearly 35 years has led me to discard the use of whisky in consumption, except in rare instances. In any case it is worse than folly to depend on medicine alone, however valuable it may be. All the practicable resources of hygiene should be employed in every case, and Dr. Koch pleads that this should be done in connec-

tion with the use of his new remedy. A FEAR FOR THE FUTURE. "There is every reason to hope that Dr. Koch's remedy is all that he claims for it," continued Dr. Sykes, "yet it is doubtful whether it will greatly diminish the rayages of consumption, because the disease is unfelt, and therefore unnoticed and neglected, until far advanced; and Koch says distinetly that his remedy is chiefly valuable in the early stages. In uncomplicated consumption, there is no pain, no depression or general bad feeling—on the contrary, there is very generally a hopefulness and animation of spirits, and unwillingness on the part of the patient to admit the presence of danger and consent to treatment. This is disease is so generally fatal. The older methods of treatment have not, as a rule, and early adoption, and it is to be feared Koch's remedy will be equally neglected."

A Penn avenue physician-While I believe whisky has its proper place in the treatment of consumption, I would prefer seeing patients get well on nutritious foods and drinks. Cod liver oil and whisky used to

be the invorite remedies. It still is, to a certain extent, but there is to-day more common sense treatment than ever before. I would use whisky to stimulate a patient over a weak place, but once over I would stop its use and try to make my man gain health without it. MORE DISCRIMINATION NOW.

Dr. J. C. Burgher-The old-school treatments still rely largely on stimulants, but with varying results. I believe whisky is still prescribed for consumption as much as ever, but with more discrimination. We homeopathists use it for medicine very sparingly, and we do not prescribe as much cod liver oil either, as the other school. We try to build up the system with nutritious food, milk, farinaceons diet, etc. Dr. McCielland-I would not prescribe :

gill of whisky in treating consumptives. It is too dangerous in after effects. Cod liver oil is a food and good in all lung troubles Millie Chapman, M. D., the lady physician-I would not prescribe whisky at all in treating consumption. I never do, and I think I have had as large a

percentage of successful cases as the physicians who have used this stimulant, or it is nothing more than a stimulant. I don't think, on the whole, that there is as much whisky used these days as formerly. I use cod liver oil, which is a standard medicine, but am guided by circumstances in what form I prescribe it.

Another Penn avenue doctor-Whisky and cod liver oil will always be used, whether Koch's theories are right or wrong. Whisky has tided many a weak man and

woman over a bad spell, and cod liver oil has made them fat afterward. Let us stick A Wylie avenue M. D.-Whisky is by all odds one of the best strengtheners we have in lung troubles, but I have always studied well each individual case before great many years ago, I prescribed it freely in the case of a young friend of mine. It

recovery from incipient consumption he died in a saloon. I have never forgotten that, I must know the appetite and charac-teristics of a patient now when the necessity presents itself in his case for a stimulant.

Dr. Joe Dickson—I think cod liver oil is about as good for medicine as axle grease would be. I have had very little practice in the line of pulmonary diseases, but I don't believe I would ever prescribe that stuff. It is just good enough to pour into an excessively feeble man so that he will not absorb his own fat, nothing else. I have seen cods killed, and I know just what disgustingly filthy stuff the oil is. Whisky is aiways a good medicine. It can be used readily and has good results.

An Allegheny doctor — Whisky, cod liver oil, egg nogg, roast beef and plenty of

air-"them's my sentiments."

A great many other doctors declined to express opinions, except through the col-umns of medical papers first. In deference to the wishes of others, names were omitted in some of the above interviews.

SOME FAMILIAR STRAINS

To Greet Those Who Attend To-Day's Free Organ Recital.

Some familiar strains will greet those who at Carnegie Hall this afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock. There are three gramme, but the other numbers are interesting because of novel treatment in combinations of tone. Organist Wales will improvise a minuet in the the key of E, as a matter of interest to young students, who attend in such numbers. The vocal music will be given by Miss May Ward, of Allegheny, who has a fresh voice and sings

A remarkable free organ concert is to be given on Thanksgiving evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. All the instrumental numbers will be of the brilliant school of music, and Mrs. Mary B. Lucas will sing in her usual charming fashion. Mr. E. A. Wall, the solo clarinetist of the Bijou Theater Orchestra, has kindly consented to play the Paganini variations on the "Carnival of

IRON FROM OLD STEEL RAILS.

A New Process to be Used by a Reading Company.

READING, November 21 .- A new iron manufacturing company has been organized in this city under the title of the Inter-State Iron Company for the purpose of making a special brand of merchant bar iron by a peculiar process invented by H. Harris, the secret of which is in the sole possession of the company. It is proposed to manufacture the bar iron from the discarded and second-haud steel rails, which are now a drug on the market and can be purchased at a cost but slightly above that of common iron.

It is asserted that, by a simple process invented by Mr. Harris, the steel in the rails is easily decarbonized and changed to iron of very superior quality. A number of tests have been made, and specimens of iron where to dear the city, said:

There can be no doubt that thousands of asses of tubercular consumption have been received from Frederick Md. Rechanan and Buens Vista, Va., and from Glenrock and Wrightsville, Pa., but the company prefers to locate in Reading. Mr. Harris, the inventor of the process, is a resident of this city and was formerly superintendent of an iron works here.

> TWENTY-FOUR Pages to-morrow. Ren/ Pittsburg's Greatest Newspaper, THE DIS-PATCH.

ABDUCTORS ARRESTED

On Their Way to a Colony of Spiritualists When Captured.

TOPEKA, KAN., November 21 .- Governor Humphrey to-day gave Sheriff Gordon, of Humphrey to-day gave Sheriff Gordon, of and William Lane, both prominent on the Cowley county, a requisition on the Governor of New Mexico for Mrs. Alma Mc-Clurg and Lawrence Emeryck, who were arrested yesterday at Albuquerque for abducting three children from the house of Kyle McClurg at Winfield last Saturday night. Last spring McClurg received a divorce from his wife, and the Court gave him the custody of the children because of the extreme socialistic and spiritualistic ideas of his wife.

Three months later he again married, at which his divorced wife was highly incensed. Saturday night she, accompanied by three men, went to McClurg's house, and while one of them intimidated McClurg she and the other two men took the children from their bed, and putting them in a wagon drove away.

The night was dark and stormy, and it was impossible to follow the abductors. It was learned later that they drove to Udali, ten miles from Winfield, where they purchased tickets to Old Mexico, their intention being to join a colony of Spiritualists and Social-

TO SUE FOR HEAVY DAMAGES.

Miss Hastings Will Seek Reparation Fro Her Persecuting Employers.

Anniston, Ala., November 21 .- About the first of October Miss Effie Hastings, a beautiful young woman from Baltimore, Md., and who comes from a prominent family of that city, accepted a position as saleswoman with H. C. Marks & Co. in this city. Three or four weeks ago Sol Edel, the business manager of the firm, caught her sitting down during business hours, which was a violation of his orders. For this he repri-

discharged her without assigning any cause. The girl then went to Birmingham and secured a position, but she had been there only a few days when she was notified that Edel had sworn out a warrant for her, in which he charged that she had stolen a

sacque from the store.

The trial was had to-day, and Miss Hastings proved that she had paid for the sacque, and that he had seen her wearing it before she left here. The Judge acquitted her, and she will enter suit for \$10,000 damages for defamation of character. The feeling here against Edel is very strong.

TURNED CHARITY TO PROFIT

Serious Charges Against an Educationa

St. PAUL, November 21 .- Attorney General Clapp has filed a complaint in the District Court against the Educational Endowment Association of Minneapolis.

Charges of fraud are made against the officers, who are said to have threed all receipts into salaries for themselves, and the allegation is made that the books and records have been wrongfully, illegally and

fraudulently kept. Hathaway Indicted for Murder. CHICAGO, November 21 .- George Hathaway, the gambler who shot and killed excured him of all lung disease, but it left him a drunkard, and three years after his murder by the grand jury to-day.

FOUR OIL MEN TALK.

Ex-President Nicholson Upon the Present Commercial Situation.

ONE WHO PREDICTED THE FLURRY.

and Stock Exchanges. SOME PESSIMISTS AS TO PETROLEUM

Views of Operators on the Consolidated

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH. ] NEW YORK, November 21 .- W. H. Nicholson, formerly President of the Parker and Oil City Oil Exchanges, was a visitor on the floor of the Consolidated Exchange to-day. Mr. Nicholson lives at Erie, Pa., and is now entirely out of the oil trade. am told he is worth \$500,000, all made in oil, and the bulk of it as a speculator on the floor of the exchanges.

I had a talk with Mr. Nicholson to-day, and although he is apparently out of busiattend the twenty-seventh free organ recital ness he keeps abreast of the blackboard, as it were, and there is not much going on in the commercial world that he is not acquainted with. Mr. Nicholson lately made an extended visit to Europe and had special opportunities for studying the business situation in England.

AN ERA OF SPECULATION.

"There has been an era of new specula-tion," said Mr. Nicholson, "chiefly in Eng-land, though the United States has not been wholly free from it. And we see the out-come to-day in the distrust and anxiety which apparently pervades every financial community. Englishmen got tired receiv-ing a moderate interest for their money and branched out in the syndicate line with a reoklessness which was surprising. The so-called 'industrial' enterprises had a fascicalled 'industrial' enterprises had a fasci-nation for them, having a start, I think, in the buying out of the great Guinness brewery in London. The syndicate which purchased this enor-mous concern probably made money, and from that beginning has developed the extraordinary buying craze which we bave lately seen here in America. There was hardly any concern which English capitalists were not ready and anxious to take off our hands, from our livery stables to our great rolling mills and cotton factories. This frenzy to invest their money took them into South America, where millions have been invested. They expected to get these millions back, with a big interest, but when the emergency came they were unable to re-cover even a portion of their investment, hence the crash which has overtaken Eng-lish houses. These houses have their safes filled with securities, such as they are, but they are not securities that are available at

the banks."

In regard to the markets in general, Mr. Nicholson took a rather pessimistic view. Although values were on a much lower level than a few months ago, he doubted in they had yet struck bed-rock prices. Some things, for special reasons, might advance from present prices; but, taking the market as a whole, he thought prices would have to recede. There was too much distrust in the air for any successful bull movement,

ONE MAN HAD IT RIGHT. A man who has been right on the market for the past six months or more is Charley Symmes, who is associated here on the Consolidated Exchange with Harry Marlin, the Fittsburg iron man. It is all of six mouths ago since Symmes predicted exactly what has come to pass. "Some of these days," said he, "we will have a rich man's panic, and the way things are going now we will not have to wait many months to see it."

Symmes maintained this position against considerable ridicule in the Exchange, and now sees his judgment fully vindicated. In a conversation which I had with him at the ime, and reported in these columns, he pointed out the source whence the trouble would come. "These bloody Englishmen," he said, "are floating all sorts of crazy schemes in South America, and there will have to be a day of reckoning." And ye

Symmes does not pretend to be a prophet. ALL BEARS ON OIL. Symmes was formerly in the oil country with the United Pipe Line Company before it was sold to the Standard people, and is generally well informed on the oil situation. He is a bear on oil, even at these prices. For the matter of that, however, I have failed to find any brokers either in the Consolidated or in the Stock Exchange, who were not bears on oil. Charley Nelso contingent to be usually pretty near right

in their calculations, talk lower prices fo "I see nothing to keep the stuff up." said Mr. Lane to me to-day, "and I took for lower prices. There is absolutely no sustaining power to the market, either here or in the West. Nobody seems to want it, and the Lord knows there is plenty of it to be had. So far as we can see the production is increasing all the time." Mr. Nelson tool about the same view of the situation and like opinion prevails among the oil brokers generally. Whether the general gloom in Wall street has impaired their judgment re-

mains to be seen. THE DISPATCH is now regarded in New York as the chief authority on oil matters and there are few brokerage or commission houses in the city that do not keep it on file for the benefit of their customers.

R. W. CRISWELL. TRYING FOR LOWER PRICES.

Action Taken by the Farmers' Alliance the Hoosier State.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 21 .- A the annual State meeting of the Farmers' Alliance, held here yesterday, plans for the wholesale purchase of supplies, to be sold to members at 10 per cent more than cost price

were under consideration, A committee will be appointed to go be-fore the next General Assembly to demand the State.

OIL MEN CALLED TO ACCOUNT For Causing the Naphtha Explosion on the Tioga at Chicago.

CHICAGO, November 21 .- The grand jury to-day returned 25 indictments against J. C. Bright, President, and W. Bright, Vice President, of the Genessee Oil Company, of Buffalo, who shipped the naphtha which caused the explosion on the steamer Tioga in the harbor some months ago, killing They must stand trial for manslaughter.

A PILFERING POLITICIAN.

San Francisco Assemblyman Caught i

an Act of Embezzlement. SAN FRANCISCO, November 21.-Luther L. Ewing, who represented one of the districts of this city in the State Assembly for the past four years, has been arrested on the charge of embezzlement from a street rail-way company, of which he was a collector. He was caught in the act and confessed his guilt. It is not known how much he has stolen, but the company thinks it will amount to fully \$6,000.

Charged With Robbing Boarders. Frank Wood, a boy of 15 years, was arrested by Officer Hanna last evening, charged with robbing the inmates of Mrs. Meehan's boarding house, on Grant street. The boarders at this house have been sys tematically robbed for some time, but the thief could not be detected. A man named Kuntz is also suspected of complicity in the

CANDIDATE BYNUM'S VIEWS He Joins With Springer and Wilson in

Praise of Mr. Cleveland. WASHINGTON, November 21 .- Discussing the recent elections Representative Bynum, of Indiana, a prominent candidate for the Speakership of the next House, said in an interview to-day: "It is the people's vic-tory, and it is a declaration of the popular

opinion on the subject of the McKinley bill and the radical course of the Republicans in Congress during the last session.

"Indiana," he says, "is in the Democratic column to stay. What the Democrats have now to do is to avoid partisan legislation, and to practice economy and conservatism. No bitter party feeling provoked during this Congress must be carried over by the Democrats to the next. They must handle the crats to the next. They must handle the tariff so as to give the relief that the people

have asked for at the polls."

Speaking of 1892, he said that at this time it seemed to point to Cleveland as the Demo it seemed to point to Cleveland as the Demo-cratic nominee, "The people in the West," he said, "have a confidence in Mr. Cleve-land which cannot be shaken. They will stick to him because they believe he has sterling qualities which make him a man of the people; a man who has the welfare of the whole country at heart. They may not agree with him on the silver question, but, notwithstanding that, they are for him. To be with them would convince anyone that be with them would convince anyone that Cleveland has the hearts of the Democrats of the West. They talk of no one else

Speaking of the Farmers' Alliance, Mr. Bynum said that as a separate party if would not figure. The interest of the Alliance lay with the Democrats; their principles were mostly Democratic and whatever they accomplished must be through the Democratic party. Mr. Bynum says that the Democrats should go back to their old rules and should treat the Republican minority with the greatest mirness.

MR. BLAINI'S HEALTH.

The Maine Statesman Ready to Make An other Campaign.

WASHINGTON, November 21 .- A very common topic of conversation just now in this city of discussion is the health of James Gillespie Blaine. The result of the recent elections has enhanced materially the Presidental stock of the man of reciprocity, who was unable to find in all the amplitude of the McKinley bill an added market for a barvel of flour or a bushel of American agricultural product. Everybody—including the hack-men and the hotel elevator boys—recognizes the fact that if the Republican party were called upon to name a Presidental candidate this week that man would be James G. Blaine. Naturally, therefore, the physical condition of Mr. Blaine is of interest to no end of people. Having twice denied him-self to his party as a Presidental candidate, as it is understood, chiefly upon account of his health, people are naturally inquiring, "Will Mr. Blaine be physically able to make the race in 1892?"

A gentleman who saw and talked with Mr. Blaine for several hours recently says upon this point: "Mr. Blaine is just as well as any man of 60 years could hope to be. He has not accumulated flesh, and in this respect he is all the better. His eye is clear, his voice strong, and he is as agile in his movements as a youth of 20. How much fatigue he could bear were he suddealy called upon is only a matter of con-

REMARKABLE PIECE OF SURGERY, A Little Girl to Furnish Her Sister With

DETROIT, November 21 .- Last week Matilda Orsechage was completely scalped by having her hair caught in the shafting of a grain elevator. It was decided to graft skin from the body of the little girl's sister, Emchild's head before the operation presented exactly the same appearance, from the eve brows over to the nap of the neck, as that of

The skull was entirely bare, except in places where small portions of the muscle and tissue adhered. A piece of skin 8 inches long by 51/2 wide and of an oval shape was cut from the right side of Emma's body, leaving the upper end at-tached near the breast. When this flap of cuticle was prepared the children were laid together on a table and the flap was firmly fastened with stitches to the right side of the injured child's head. Then the children were bound together in such a way as to prevent them breaking their Siamese bond. If this preliminary operation is successful the remaining portion of the head will be treated by a similar operation.

LETTERS of Travel and Papers on Science and Electricity are features of the Sunday issue of THE DISPATCH. It aims to instruct as well as please. A great storehouse of fact, 24 Pages, 192 Columns. The best Newspaper in the State. An educator always.

BULLS NOT ANARCHISTS

Woman Wearing a Red Shawl Fatally Injured by an Animal.

RACINE, WIS., November 21 .- Mrs Maria Wolsely, of Raymond, was fatally injured by a buil, enraged by a red shawl she was wearing. The woman was tossed into the air by the bull and trampled upon when she descended.

The fall rendered her insensible. It is

supposed that the attention of the maddened animal was distracted from the woman by some shreds of her skirts that he had rent off with his horns.

SWINDLING BROKER ARRAIGNED

For Beating Chicago People Out of Sc Aggregating \$50,000.

PHILADELPHIA, November 21.-W. S. Wharton, the Chicago broker, who was arrested here last night on the charge of swindling a number of persons in that city out of amounts aggregating about \$50,000, await the action of the Illinois authorities.

MYSTIC SHRINE NOBLES.

Annual Ceremonial Meeting Held Last Evening.

The approval ceremonial meeting of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was held in Oriental Hall, on Penn avenue, last evening. A number of prominent men from Western Pennsylvania were present. There were 75 novitiates. After the meeting a very pleasant banquet was served.

Objections to a School Board Rule Some residents of the Twenty-first ward are indignant because, since the completion of the Lemington school, they are not per-mitted to send their children to the Lincoln school. Legal proceedings, it is expected will be shortly instituted against the School

Pushing the Work.

The Pittsburg, Akron and Western road will be completed to Ft. Wayne by January 1. As stated a number of times in THE DISPATCH, this road will probably form an important part of a new proposed trunk line, but the inside of the deal does not yet ap-

A Sewickley House Burned. Fire broke out early yesterday morning in the house of John Dolan, at Sewickley, and the building was destroyed before help could be secured. The family had time to escape and a little of their furniture was saved.

AN AERIAL INCLINE

From Mt. Washington to Pittsburg a Future Possibility.

CARS WILL RUN ON HUGE CABLES.

Stretch of the Imagination That May be

Realized Some Day.

LOCAL RIDER HAGGARD LET LOOSE

Profs. William H. Lehner, of Seventeenth street, and Frank I. Longnecker, of Nineteenth street, strolled into THE DIS-PATCH office yesterday afternoon and fairly wilted the tissue paper flowers on the desk by relating about a stupendous enterprise which, if carried out, will astonish the world, and extend the fame of Pittsburg to the remotest corners of the globe.

Prof. Longnecker said that just before he left his office he had nearly choked to death on a chunk of Monongahela water, and was in no shape to talk, so Prof. Lehner pro-ceeded to explain his scheme. Said he: "Have you heard of the new Southside incline from Mt. Washington to the foot of Wood street? You haven't? Well, now you are evidently not informed of what is going on in this corner of the woods. I sup-pose you haven't heard anything about the company being formed, either? Well, I THE COMPANY FORMED.

"There has been a company formed with a capital of \$30,000 to start with, for the purpose of building an incline from Mt. Washington to the foot of Wood street. The present members of the company are the professor here and myself, H. J. Weimer, W. T. Guylor, A. A. Alles and Robert T.

"The company proposes to run an incline on cables between the points named. Four large and strong cables will be stretched from a convenient point on Mt. Washing-ton to the foot of Wood street. The cars will run on the cables by means of pulleys, each car will use two of the cables.

"Just each side of the rivers the cables will

be supplied by large towers, or it may be that they will be unnecessary. The engines will be powerful ones. The trip will require only about 4 minutes as we have figured it out. Remember this incline is only for passengers. "Now you see the same principles will be applied in the main as in other inclines, and he dead weight will be greatly equalized by

the cars going in opposite directions and helping to pull each other. The company has unlimited capital at its command, but thinks the incline can be built for \$30,000. NOT A NEW IDEA AT ALL. "The idea is not a new one at all. When Prof. Longnecker and I were up in the Allegheny Mountains last summer buying up tracts of fresh air in the inter-ests of an English syndicate we found the farmers applying this principle to draw water from the river to their houses on the hillside. The same idea, on a smaller scale, has been applied in Switzer-land long years ago and the rope and basket

is as old as—as the free bridge question.
"Yes, sir; it will be the greatest thing for Pittsburg that ever happened. Peo-ple cau go to Mt. Washington in no time and it will build the hill uprapidly. We have also thought of extending our operations to other points, but will build the Pittsburg and Mt. Washington aerial incline first-good day."

After the boys left the office, exploding

with mirth, amusement changed to philosophy, and a number who still lingered commenced to talk the matter over. Said one: "I believe that would be possible, and what from the body of the little girl's sister, Emma, who heroically consented to the operation, which was performed to-day. The engineering, and, as Lehner said, the principles of the little girl's sister, Emma, who heroically consented to the operation, which was performed to-day. ciple is not a new one at all. Who knows' Stranger things have happened."

THE DOCTOR AND PROFESSOR

low the Former's Wit Got the Better of the Latter's Resolution A good story, says the Boston Courier, is told in the privately-printed "Reminiscences" of the late Dr. S. K. Lothrop, con-

cerning old Dr. Kirkland, whilem Presi-One evening the President and a certain Prof. Popkin were sitting together, and the conversation turned upon smoking. The two worthies were agreed that it was a bad habit, and they agreed to give it up, as both were addicted to the use of the weed. Some time afterward at a meeting of the faculty, which took place in the President's study, the cigars

Prof. Popkin he declined the cigars, observing with a pointed emphasis; "I keep my resolution. "An excellent plan, Dr. Popkin," coolly responded Dr. Kirkland, lighting his eigar, "only I have sometimes observed that one may lose by self-conceit all that one gains by self-denial."

were passed around, and Dr. Kirkland took

one with the rest. When the box came to

JAPANESE SUPERSTITIONS.

They Have Them for Various Conditions and Classes of Society. Japanese people, says Spare Moments, are very superstitious, and have innumerable signs and tokens by which to regulate their conduct and belief. They never sweep the rooms of a house immediately after one of the inmates has set out upon a journey-this would sweep out all the luck with him. At a marriage ceremony neither bride nor bride-groom wears any clothing of a purple color, lest their marriage tie be soon loosened, as puple is the color most liable to fade. If a woman steps over an egg shell she will go mad; if over a razor, it will become dull; i over a whetstone, it will be broken. If a man should set his hair on fire he will go mad. Children are told that if they tell a lie, an oui or an imp, called the tengu, will pull out their tongues. When husband and wife are quarreling, a devil is believed to

be standing between them, encouraging them to go on from bad to worse. STRANGE PROPENSITIES

The Old French Custom of Hoarding Up

Great Supplies of Linen. Spare Moments. ] Among the old customs still in vogue in France that of hoarding up linen is one of the most inveterate. The following is a singular example of this habit: An old maid, 78 years of age, died recently at Tocqueville. This person, who possessed rather a large fortune, lived with extreme parsimony. Her only luxury, her only ex-penditure, was for linen, which she laid by in her closets. An inventory made afte ner death proves that in 14 closets she had in reserve more than 500 pairs of stockings. nearly 600 chemises, the enormous quantity of 100 dozen of napkins, 12 dozen sheets, an innumerable quantity of caps, handker chiefs, etc.; and, lastly, linea cloth sufficient to provide for the wants of 500 persons.

A Minister Robbed in the Parks, Rev. John Fox, pastor of the North Presbyterian Church, was robbed of his satchel by several men in Allegheny Parks Wednesday night. His grip, however, con-tained only a nightshirt and a Bible.

A Banquet for Employe Percy F. Smith will give his employes : banquet at the Duquesne, to-night, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the founding of his business. Some of his men have been with him during the whole of that time.

A Lawyer Speaks Warmly of the Chinese Both as Litigants and as Men. New York Telegram.] Lawyer William C. Beecher, son of the

famous divine, Henry Ward Beecher, has an extensive practice among Chinese litigants, and his opinion of Mongolian character is considerably at variance with that of the general public. In a talk on the subject the other day he said very earnestly: "The Chinese are much more honest in their dealings than is generally supposed. I have had business relations with many of them, and have invariably found them straightforward and satisfactory. They are naturally suspicious of all who are not of their nationality, which is not to be much won-dered at considering the treatment they have received. But, once you gain a China-man's confidence, he will trust you entirely. In my professional intercourse with them I have never had one express a desire to I have never had one express a desire to win his suit through sharp practice or deceit. On every occasion the litigant was hooest in the belief that he was justified in bringing suit, or in defending himself, as the case might be. Neither is there any danger, as often happens with Caucasian clients, of a lawyer losing his case through the failure of his client to impart all the information he has either for or against

information he has, either for or against "As to payment," said Lawyer Beecher, with a smile, "well, the legal profession would be much more lucrative than it is if the litigants of other nationalities would follow the example of our Chinese residents. The latter have a pleasant custom of finding out how much the cost of the legal contest will probably be and then handing over the money in advance—that is, when they know you."

NOVEL USES FOR BAGPIPES,

Highland Piper Blew His Chanter in Spain to Scare the Wolves. emple Bar.]

An amusing episode recorded of the Peninsular war seems to prove that even the charms of our beautiful national bagpines fail to soothe these savage beasts! It happened that while one of the Highland regiments was marching across a desolate part of Spain, one of the pipers for some inexplicable reason found himself separated from his comrades. Halting on a lonely plain, he sat down to eat his breakfast, when to his horror he saw wolves approaching. When they came very near, he flung them all the food he had with him, fully conscious, however, that the meager meal would not stay their advance for many sec-onds. With the calmness of desperation he then said: "As ye've had the meat ye'll hae the music, too," and thereupon he pro-ceeded to "blow up his chanter." No sooner did his unwelcome guests hear the first "skirl" of the pipes than they turned in wild terror and fled as fast as their long legs would carry them. "De'il hae ye!" said the piper; "had I thocht ye were so fond o' the music ye wad hae gotten it afore meat, instead o' after!" Then hungrily he went his way, not forgetting from time to time to blow a blust so wild and shrill as might effectually scare any prowling foes.

HOWARD FIELDING excels himself for o-morrow's issue of THE DISPATCH. He tells about the first Thanksgiving turkey in his own home. His humor is of the very highest class. All the News. A man newspaper and magazine containing 192

THE MEANINGS OF S. P. Q. R.

As Used Abroad Their Meaning is by No Means Always Classical. eweastle, England, Chronicle.] Every schoolboy is ramiliar with the in itials S. P. Q. R. In classical language they stand for the Senate and People of Rome, out very different, it appears, is the mo

meaning of which they are susceptible. At the meeting of the Newcastle Society of Antiquaries, last, Dr. Bruce stated that his attention had been drawn to the following inscription, high up on a chimney in the old town of Hastings: "Orlando Beta, S. P. Q. R., Draper." How disappointing one on antiquarian pursuits bent, to learn that in this case the august letters meant "Small Profits, Quick Returns." When, added the doctor, he was last in Rome, he noticed that the earts gathered up the mud and dust of the streets of the city were distinguished from the carts of the general community by having marked on them the letters S. P. Q. R. He thought at the time that the Senate and people of Rome might have had a higher employment than that of street-sweepers, yet the promotion of the health of the people was a matter demanding the attention of the highest au-

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WHAT A STAGE DRESS COSTS.

PATCH.

Particulars as to the Cost of Dresses Parisian Actresses. Parisian actresses go to a very great ex treme in the way of costume, says Spare Moments. Many of them have to receive mmense salaries simply on account of the length of their dressmaker's bills. The sum of £1,200, which Mile, Marie Magnier, of the Theater Gymnase, Paris, receives an-nually, is insufficient. Her toilets alone faces turning to a sickly yellow, as they nually, is insufficient. Her toilets alone cost nearly £1,000 a year. In Halevy's comedy, "L'Abbe Constantin," she wore a beautiful dress of exceedingly delicate white lace and gold. This would cost two or three hundred. Mlle. Jeanne Granier ceives £20 a night to play "La Fille a Cacolet" at the Varieties. Nearly two-thirds of her salary goes in dress. The dresses which Mme, Doche wore in the title role of "La Dame aux Camelias" cost £120. The costumes worn by Mme. Sarah Bernhards in the same play will sell for ten times that sum. Rachel's costumes in the role of Louise de Ligneroeles cost £60.

The Scottish American.] A genuine judgment of Solomon was o the 26th ult. delivered in Falkirk Sheriff Court. Two men were contending for the possession of the fox terrier dog of which a romantic tale had been told. The Sheriff day. One could see a mouse stirring."

"True," said Vane, reflecting, "yet—stay! Court. Two men were contending for the romantic tale had been told. The Sheriff settled the question by taking both parties and the dog into a private room, and letting the animal choose its master. As it showed more attachment to Moonie, the pursuer, decision was given in his favor, on condition that he paid the defender £1, including ex-

Do They Crack?

Detroit Free Press.] Do your toe joints crack as you move about in your stocking feet? It so, don't think of going into the burglar business. The successful burglar has crackless joints, and he can catch hold of a would-be sneeze and hold it back until a more fitting oppor tunity.

To a Woman's Foot.

"He stole a slipper, filled it with Tokay, And tossed to her a bumper every day," we have always considered to be the higher compliment ever paid to a woman's foot.

From the Saturday Globe.]

The couplet.

Tillity of Scrap Books, New York Press.] Keep scrap books. It costs very little in these days of pictures and description, and in the end they are valuable, not alone as

THE SIEGE OF SUNDA GUNGE

On the 1st of July, 1857, the Indian mutiny was at its height. For ten days the little British station at Sunda Gunge had been besieged by the insurgent Sepoys.

The station was divided into two portions -the lower, consisting of the Indian village, and the upper, part of which, including the magazine and the British residency, was strongly fortified. Within this portion the English residents had retired on the first signal of approaching danger. The rebels fortunately possessed only one small piece of cannon, which had proved quite ineffectual against the walls of the inclosure. Provisions were not scarce; and up to the present moment the garrison had entertained strong hopes of being able to hold out until gelief arrived.

Suddenly a new and unexpected danger The buildings inclosed within the fortifications formed an open square. In the mid-dle of the square was the well which sup-plied the garrison with water. About 5

o'clock in the afternoon a group of several persons were standing within the shelter of

an arenway which opened into the square, and gazing with looks of consternation and dismay in the direction of the well.

The cause of their alarm was singular. The town was situated at the foot of a range of hills; and from one particular point upon the slopes outside the walls the well in the middle of the square was visible. This the Sepoys had at length discovered. Their single piece of cannon was at once posted at this point, and brought to bear exactly on the well within the town. The result of this proceeding is self-evident. If one of the garrison should now venture into the square for the purpose of fetching water he would run an imminent risk of being blown to atoms by a volley of grape shot.

take it, would never rest until his task succeeded, or he himself were killed in the attempt. But in warfare private feeling must give way to the general good. After a mo-ment the Colonel laid his hand on the young man's shoulder, and said briefly: "Try!"

II. An hour or two later Vane entered his

own room. It was a large apartment, situated at the back of the walled inclosure, which, on account of its size, had come to be used by the officers as a common room. Its windows opened on a wide veranda, which extended the whole length of the building, having the windows also opening upon it. The largest of these rooms had been set apart for the use of the ladies of the garrison, and, as the veranda was cool, shady and retired, they were often accustomed to sit there, in preference to breathing the close heat of the

room within. At the moment when Vane entered two figures were sitting on the veranda, not far from his own window-two girls. One of these was a tall, slight girl, pale and light-haired—not handsome, nor even remarkable, except for her eyes, which were large, gray, serious, and, when at rest, deep rather than bright. Her companion, on the other hand, was a girl of singular beauty; a girl with dark hair, dark eyes, rather full red lips, and skin of soft and flowerlike bloom. The name of the pale girl was Mary Sulland; that of the beautiful one was Lenora Dundas. The latter was the Colonel's daughter; Mary Sulland was his ward. Before the mutiny they had lived together with an old English servant, Mrs. Jessop, in the Colonel's bungalow, outside the fortified inclosure.

The characters of these two girls we will toms by a volley of grape shot.

The group of spectators looked in silence only recording the relations in which they



at the well. The same thought occupied at the well. The same thought occupied the minds of all. There were women in the garrison—delicate English ladies, girls and children—and within the rooms set apart for the purpose of a hospital wounded men were mouning for water. Water, at all costs, must be had—even in the face of a vigilant enemy and a loaded cannon. But

Over a fringe of mango trees and the roofs of some low bungalows to the right of the square a knot of dusky figures could be descried at a certain point on the hillside. The dark point marked the spot where the cannon was posted. Even as the spectators looked toward it the cannon boomed—there came a puff of smoke and a flash of fire and at the same moment the ground about the mouth of the well was torn up by a fierce hail of shot. The gunners were try-ing their range; and what is more, it was

only too evident that they had found it. The spectators looked significantly at one another. Four of the group were English soldiers; the rest were natives. Of the latter, two were water carriers, each of whom carried about his waist a large, hollow belt of skin, capable of containing several gal-lons of water. The duty of these men was, in ordinary times, one of no particular danger. But now the case was altered. stared at the space of shattered ground which the storm of shot had torn up all round the mouth of the well. The other untives were all Sikhs; and these, with the impassive courage of their race, looked on calmly and betrayed no emotion.

Of the Englishmen, two were private sol-diers; the other two were officers-Colonel Dundas, the officer in charge of the garrison and a young lieutenant, St. George Vane. The Colonel was a tall, gray man, grave, stern and martial. The lieutenant was a young man of not more than five or six and twenty, with blue eyes, fair mustache and careless, handsome features, much bronzed by exposure to the sun.

The Colonel was the first to speak, "This is an awkward business, Vane," he said. "We might drive these cowards to the well, but they will certainly be blown one of us might go out alone, and try to bring in water. If they hit him, as they most likely will, three or four others can be ready to rush out, and may bring him in, and the water as well, before they have time to load again," and he looked inquiringly at the Colonel's face, eager to learn what he

thought of the proposal. "The cannon is not the only danger," said the Colonel. "They have rifles there as well." "True," said Vane, "but a rifle at that range would most likely miss-a shower of

grape is different."

The Colonel hesitated. No commander likes to send brave men on desperate ventures. But he could see no other scheme which would not involve much greater risk of life, with still less prospect of success. And they must reach the well in some way -the necessity was vital. If once their supply of water were cut off their chance was gone. They could not last 12 hours. Vane had kept his eyes fixed upon the

Colonel's face. "Let me try," he said eagerly. Give me a few men—a score will volunteer—and we will laugh at these black scoundrels yet." The Colonel hesitated—but only for a moment. There was no man in the garrison whom he valued and trusted more than St. George Vane. He knew well the danger of the proposed adventure; and he knew well, also, that Vane, if he were allowed to underinstructors but entertainers. Remember that the gossip of to-day will be the history

stood to St. George Vane, who had known them both since they were children.

Like all men of her acquaintance, Vane dmired Lenora greatly and sometime half believed himself in love with her; and whether he was really so or not, he had been accustomed for years to call himself her worshiper. On the other hand, though he liked Mary Sulland very warmly, and

give her pleasure, he never told himsel that he was in love with her, nor even thought about it. Both the girls on their side regarded Vane with feelings far different from those of ordinary interest. But it is characteris-tic of each, that while Lenora never forgot that Vane was a rich man, Mary Sulland never gave the fact a thought, nor would

would have done anything in his power to

have considered the subject of much inter-est if she had, The girls were now alone on the veranda anxious, restless and uneasy. It is true that at that moment nothing alarming was either to be seen or heard. No noise of war was in the air; scarcely a sound disturbed the evening silence. In the earlier days of the siege there had been continued assaults upon the walls, but these had now been given up as hopeless, and except for the distant humming of the human swarms among the huts and bazaars of the Sepoys around the walls, the place was still. But "over all there hung a cloud of tear;" a sense of impending danger, as of the sword hanging by a single thread; the cruel uncertainty as to what was going to happen,

which makes the peculiar horror of a passive siege.

In such a situation the ear is always listening, the nerves are ready to start at every sound, and the mind is kept stretched

Vane, on entering the room, had no knowledge that the two girls were at that moment on the veranda, so near to his own window. He had just been round the sta-tion, and had got together with some difficulty half a dozen men who could be spared from active duty at the watch posts on the walls, and these, as he had given orders, were now collected about the door of the om, awaiting his arrival. Four were English, two were Sikhs-every man of them, as Vane knew well, to be trusted the death.

These men he now placed on one side of the table, while he himself stood on the other. Then, in a few words, he explained to them the nature of the service for which they were required, adding that he only wished for volunteers, and that any man who disliked the duty might retire at Not a man stirred, however. The Sikhs saluted gravely; the British soldiers, true to immemorial custom of their race when called upon to face a special danger, broke

into a cheer. Vane looked round him and his eyes glis tened, but he said, simply:
"The man that goes out first will run by
far the greatest risk. Who will undertake

There were, as already stated, six men present beside Vane himself. Six right hands immediately saluted—there were six competitors for the privilege of being first mark of the Sepoys' cannon. "We must draw lots, I see," he said, Opening a shallow drawer in the table he took out of it a pack of cards.

"Here are seven of us," he continued, "I am going to deal these cards all round, Whichever of us receives a certain card—we

will say the knave of spades-will be the

man selected."

fle cut the pack. The deal began.

A hush feil on the six spectators—
hush of rising interest. Except for
slight fluttering noise made by the fall