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A THIRD ATTEMPT.

Councils started yesterday their latest effort to get the much-sought poor farm, This time they do not encumber their invitation to bidders by specifications of acreage, but, as we understand the ordinance vesterday introduced, throw open competition to almost the whole county. This is right. The discussion during the past few months has displayed a general conviction that neither a hig nor an expensive farm is needed. From fifty to seventy-five acres will give full play for all the talent or muscle that the innuites or the management are liable to expend upon amateur agriculture.

As for the mode of selection, it is left to rest ultimately with Councils upon the basis of a recommendation first from Chief Elliott head of the Charities Department. As the bids are to be all opened and inspected by the Controller and the Chief, and presumably will be laid before the public immediately thereafter, there will be ample criterion for comparison and judgment both by Councils and by the public upon the Chief's choice before it comes up for approval.

At the last bidding the purpose of some of the bidders to make the city pay a couple of prices for its whistle was tolerably apparent upon an analysis of the bids. In view of the poor success of that attempt it will scarcely be tried again, so that a marked decrease is sure to be noticeable in the next set of quotations for farm lands.

THE PROBLEM OF BAD DEBTS. The fact that the New York tailors' organization has resolved to try that resort against bad debts of advertising a public sale of their uppellectable accounts strikes that city as a new idea. One of the New York papers discovers in it the cerm of a great idea, in the shape of issuing what may, by a stretch of the imagination, be termed a catalogue raisonner, descriptive of the bitls to be sold and the cilded wonth who have got the clothing without parting with cash. This it declares will be "the book of the year."

The idea may be a new one in New York: but in this respect Pittsburg reverses her usual character by appearing as a city whose tailors have tried this plan for some years. A fidelity to historical truth compels us to say that the advertised lists of the sales did not create the sensation expected. The publication of the uncollectable accounts was made at one intervals, and the sales were notice; but it is doubtrul whether the publications or the sales resulted in any material

enlargement of the sartorial bank accounts. The makers of the man, from the fashionable point of view, have a better remedy for the trouble of bad debts within their own hands than the resort to publicity. The remedy is the simpler one of running their business on a cash basis. A good many Pittsburg tailors, after trying the sales of judgments, decided to adopt the cash plan, and some of them say they have found that it enables them to sell clothing cheaper and to do a larger business than the old practice of running long accounts and making paying customers pay for the raiment of the non-pavers.

PUNISHING THE UNSUCCESSFUL.

The sentencing in Philadelphia of a group of bank wreckers who got control of two financial institutions and, by convertbrought them to ruin, furnishes a warning profit. It is true, as the Philadelphia Press says, "that these men did more harm to the burglaries and highway robberies."

But, with the truth of this assertion recognized and the justice of the seutence approved, there is a pertinent consideration in likely to reach those who fail in the attempt to secure wealth by the abuse of trust powers in this way. The men who use their authority as directors to enrich themselves, and succeed in it, are able to ignore the law which punishes those who get caught in exactly similar practices without the funds which they have misappropriated. It is the case of Ives and Stavnor over nesin. Their stock manipulations deserved eriminal punishment, and no sympathy need be wasted upon them. But they were not more criminal than men who have carried exactly similar transactions to great success and are now rulers of the corporate

world. The law will make an effective example of such misdeeds when it takes some man who is in the possession of millions made by prison despite his ill-gotten wealth.

THE MORMON HEGIRA. The statement that the Mormon Church organization has secured a large tract of land in Chihuahua, and is rapidly transferring its adherents outside of the United States, points to two interesting conclusions besides the general and gratifying one of the disappearance of this relie of barbarism | past, is relatively better paid, and comforts from the country. In what light we are to are in greater variety and probably on the regard the addition to the Mexican popula- whole cheaper. With a moderate economy tion of a set of people whom we are glad to get rid of may be a question; but in view of should prevent most people from putting by the removal of this plague, we may be well something for the rainy day. There are cantent to let the Mormons and Mexicans also various safe and profitable methods of

vottle that between themselves, The first conclusion is that the efforts of the Government to wipe out polygamy themselves. which shields itself under the cloak o religion are thus proved to be succonful. For a long time it was held, they do not use care and judgment in its not only by the Mormons themselves, management they will die poorer than they but by many people outside of that were born, and so with their descendants sect, that the attempts of the Government to until the wealth has vanished. The exer-

wipe out this blot would be futile. The policy of attacking Mormonism in its home has not been vigorously adhered to for more than ten years; but its success is demonstrated by the act of the Mormons in removing themselves beyond the control of the Government.

The other conclusion is that the late revelation of the Mormon church abolishing polygamy was intended for local application only. If it were taken by the Mormon to be the universal law of their religion that they should abandon plural marriage, there would be no need of their moving to Mexico. The United States has no quarrel with their remarkable religion except as to its polygamous features, and with that abandoned they could maintain their religion in Utah as long as they could find converts. But the Mexican movement Brentano's, 5 Union Square, New York, and 17 shows that polygamy is what atAre, de l'Opera, Paris, France, where anyone tracts converts; and the revelation will doubtless be amended in due time to read that the Mormons must content themselves with one wife spiece while within reach of United States law, but can make up for it by expanding their families

to an indefinite degree when they reach Mexico. The prospect of this early termination of the Mormon question by the removal of the Mormons is a grateful one to the United States. If there should be any hesitation about their moving, the nation could well afford to offer to pay their expenses.

AN INCOMPLETE DEFENSE.

The remarkable increase in appropriations which appears as one of the achievements of the Congress just closed has received the attention of the Republican apologists. The defense is that the increase is caused by the enlarged payments for pensions, and the increased expenditure for the navy and coast defenses. The argument is that these expenditures are such as no correct public oninion can object to, and therefore the action of Congress is justifiable.

Beyond the begging of the question as to the propriety of the immense increase in pensions to three times the amount fixed upon, by such an authority as Garfield, many years ago, as the utmost limit for legitimate pension expenditures, the fault of this explanation is that it misstates the facts. It may be necessary, or at least excusable, to make a large increase of expenditures in certain specified directions; but a wisely economical public policy would, when such ncrease amounts to the scores if not hundreds of millions, try to make up for a part at least of the increase by cutting down expenditures in other directions. But so far from doing this the Fifty-first Congress did not even hold down the other expenditures to their former level.

As compared with the preceding Congress-which spent larger sums than any former Congress except in war times-the appropriations of the Fifty-first show an in crease of \$196,000,000. The increase in pensions, in naval appropriations and on ortifications, which are offered as an excuse, was \$87,000,000. This leaves an increase of \$109,000,000 on the other approprintions as compared with a standard which was in itself surely a liberal and many believed an extravagant one. The fact is that of the seventeen departments of appropriations, every one shows an increase except two-the diplomatic and consular and the military academy; and the saving on these two items is less than half a million

The fact can hardly be avoided that the Congress just closed was the most lavish in expenditure ever known in the history of the Government. It completely disposed of the surplus so that its disposition will not on Saturday night. trouble this country for many years to come.

POVERTY AND WEALTH.

If it were true that idleness is a source of poverty, the capitalistic class would not be ossessed of any property, for they have bee idle for generations. Or is it not a fact that presumably held in accordance with the those who work nowadays acquire nothing, while those acquiring untold wealth do no

The above paragraph is at present making the rounds of a certain class of papers, and, though generally published without comment, the fact that it is published at all is old homes. Wha a fascination they had for proof that the peculiar ideas contained in it us in the playtime days, too. Nurse's spook ment, the fact that it is published at all is are popular with at least a portion of the people. This popularity, however, has its origin in a cursory reading and an unthinking acceptance of its propositions. It does not contain a single statement made as such, but is skillfully composed of a supposition and a question, and while the former is in a measure true, the latter is unqualifiedly

Idleness is a source of poverty, but as idleness need be only temporary for a man who is willing to work, it has but a small influence on the financial condition of the human race. There is almost always work for those willing to labor, though every man ing the assets for their own speculations may not be able to secure perfectly congenial employment; and the man who reagainst the use of trust powers for private | fuses to accept a situation because he does not like the particular business has no one but himself to blame for empty pockets. security of property than any number of The law of labor is as old as the race upon which it is supposed to rest as a punishment, and it is a law that carries its own penalties. These penalties do not, or rather need not, fall on any but those who break the fact that the punishment is only the law, all statements to the contrary notwithstanding. He who will not work should not eat, and if his relatives or friends are satisfied to support him in idleness, any sufferings which they may endure are nothing more than they have a right to expect. This may appear to be a selfish doctrine, but it is not so much selfish as it is sensible.

That the capitalistic class is idle can be denied without fear of contradiction. The life of the capitalist, at present, seems to be one of unremitting activity, and so long as his activity is confined to the legitimate promotion of business enterprises he will be more of a public benefactor than is the man who attacks him merely because he has wealth. Of course, if he uses his capital for Dr. Ege, of Reading. He is trying to turn a the nurpose of crushing competition and sethe purpose of crushing competition and securing the passage of laws favorable to himself alone, his action will properly become the misuse of his trust and sends him to the subject of public censure. But it is the function and within the power of citizenship to correct tendencies in these latter direct

> tions. With regard to the question about those who work nowadays acquiring nothing, it is probably no more than truth to state that opportunities for acquiring a competence, is not wealth, were never better than they are at present. Labor, as compared with years nothing short of sickness or like misfortune investment for savings and many workers become in greater or less degree capitalists

> People who do not work cannot acquire untold wealth. They may inherit it, but if

cise of proper care in handling business or managing accumulations of money is work, though probably not so trying as some other forms of labor; and while every man cannot have inherited wealth sufficient to occupy his whole time in caring for it, he can have the satisfaction of earning his own living and, if he wishes, of owing a dollar to no one.

THE plan adopted in the Argentine Republic of suspending business for two days in order to avoid a bank failure awakens the arcasms of the press of this country. But is it more remarkable step than that which was nce adopted in the financial center of this nation of having all the banks suspend pay nents at once for fear some of them should be obliged to do so?

MR. CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW, who is now engaged in furnishing a large quantity of reasons why that Coroner's jury is entirely grong in holding the New York and New Haven directors responsible for the tunne disaster, turns out one of them to the effect that "the best mechanical appliances depend in the last analysis upon the human mind." This sounds all right in the abstract, but it i not calculated to convince juries that respons bility is avoided by relying on precautions against disaster in your mind.

THE alliance which the Republicans in the Illinois Legislature have made with the Farmers' Alliance is the first Republican alwith the Alliance, and is intended to send an Alliance man to the United States Senate. The Democrats don't like that sort of ar-

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE thinks that within two years the improvements in trans-atlantic steamers will enable them to cross in ive days; and the New York Sun dissents from that view because the ships to perform that feat are yet to be built. True, but if Mr. Caregie gets his star spangled Scotch spirit sufficiently aroused by the controversy he may mild the ships himself and show the Sun hor t is done.

THE success of the New York Recorder in its two weeks' career, in raising \$25,000 for a monument to General Sherman, indicates that ts journalistic mission may yet prove to be the heretofore impossible task of raising the Grant monument fund.

THE Liberals in Canada are figuring out victory for themselves in view of the fact hat they reduced the Government majority from about 50 to 29. But this does not take into account the skill of Sir John Macdonald in the American political plan of making a small majority grow into a great one. It is undertood that the Canadian leader does not need to take any lessons from Speaker Reed on that

THE fact that \$14,000 was recently paid for a Bible to take to Chicago is understood o have raised a serious division of opinion in the Western city, as to whether that excessive price is to be charged to the copyright bill or the McKinley bill.

THE offer is made by a New Hampshire paper to find men of means who will pay William E. Chandler's expenses "If he will go may be intended for a sarcasm on Chandler but it amounts to an assertion that Chandler's exposures of New Hampshire politics are hitting some men of means so hard that they wil gladly pay to get him out of the country.

THE Whisky Trust is reported to have discovered a new process for making whisky. It is to be hoped that they use dynamite and sulphuric acid in order to make it go to the spot more promptly and completely.

COMMENTS on the unshaven condition o Philadelphians by reason of their inability to get shaved on Sunday are widely made. Their pertinence is marred by the fact that Sunday having was abolished in Pittsburg years ago by joint action of the barbers, and yet Pitts burgers manage to keep their faces tolerably clean by the simple device of getting shave

SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

In the colonizing chess game now being played in Africa black moves and white wins.

DID you ever explore the old garret-the umber room of the old homestead? Of course those of you who belong to the movers, who flit from home to home and build a new nest every year or so, have no old relies stowed away unde the eaves, have no attic for the children to explore. But there be such cob-webby, dust-littered, mouldy old nooks in many homes-the stories and fear of the "bogie man" did not keep you from rumaging there, I warrant. Old books rusty with time tired your fingers and puzzled your young brain. stockings, bits of lace and linen, what you be lieved to be doll clothes, that had been care fully tucked away in the old bair-covered heavy-scented trunk were pulled out and crit ically examined. You couldn't see the drops underneath the dust warts them, of course. They belonged you never saw-to a doll you never dragged over the nursery floor. The radle, perchance, stood in a dark corner there and in it the mice had built a nest. Next came the old packets of letters tied with faded strings, bearing traces of snakes, ar hearts and arrows on their broken old was seals. Some crackled and split under your light touch: others parted at the time-worn reddish creases, letting fall bits of dry leaves, and perhaps tresses of hair. You read but you didn't quite understand. The names they did not know then, but later the secrets the old attic letters held were revealed by time, youth's greatest gossip. Into the dust you dove deeper turning over the papers and the packages, hold-ing a revel in the rubbish. The spiders stopped their spinning, and the only noise you heard was the buzzing of the web-snared flies and the chirping of the swallows under the eaves. And you sat there and wondered why such rubbish s hid away for the dust to defile and the moths to destroy. Then the time came for you to shut the attic door. As the years gave you inches the letters, and the leaves, and the bits of curled hair accumulated in your pockets, your desk, your bureau drawers. They are in the attic now, of course. Upon them the dust is settling, into them the moths are boring, over them the fly is buzzing in the death trap set by the spider. Perhaps childish hand will disturb them; but your secret is safe. see the skeleton in the closet they will close the door. And the dust will gather again-gather in lumps where the tears fell and make a pretty ring where the curled tress lies. THE latest skin game is being worked by

FAIR women-Legitimate blondes.

DANCERS depend more on their feet than their features.

THE Jeansville miners who faced death have entered a museum, and are getting a free "ad" by retelling the old story.

KENTUCKY Janes make good wives.

THE maid who waits will soon be found in some of the quiet summer hotels. THE airship's first flight will be from Chicago to New York, providing Pennington

THE Blarney Stone is merely a shar rock after all.

THE new Congressmen are preparing to act in concert. That's why Jerry Simpson is now wearing tights, we suppose.

can raise the wind.

THERE'S too much water in Philadelphia's mint julep, although it's a rum affair. THE naked truth will have to be draped

in Philadelphia hereafter. BLAIR will not be welcomed to China with a blare of trumpets, as he is not friendly

NEW YORK should be called the City of eglect, for her negligence is monumental

"LOOKING BACKWARD" has turned the heads of a great many neople.

A CONNECTICUT man has not spoken for

60 years, and he's not dumb either. If a woman to match him could be found what a museum team they would make. RECORS habble, but flushed surface

ewers have a sort of gutteral sound. CODFISH balls are the only ones that

hould be patronized in Lent. FOUL play-Raising fancy hens

usement instead of profit.

THE Indian appropriation bill carries ough money to prosecute another Indian

Dr. Fox has landed to take up a collecion for McCarthy. He may succeed in collecting

MRS. WHEAT of Baltimore, has secure divorce, and her big brother thrashed Wheat

MEN who lead dual lives are sometimes reed to fight duels.

IT is now claimed that Fruit's corporation bill is wormy. THE bar of Justice is the only one open

Sunday in Pittsburg, and the police ther rush the growler. COMING events seem to be casting their nadows before in the Ohio Legislature.

JACK THE PINCHER seems to be getting his work at Harrisburg. WALES is supporting Dilke. Birds of

IF the Indian Messiah should be caught and crucified a couple of Congressmen who voted for the billion haul would supply th nners called thieves for the side examples.

eather flock together.

THE attention of the proper officials is alled to the beastly condition of the brick pavements on Fifth avenue between Chathan

guns in that neighborhood every time it rain IF Annie Roonev ever marries she should take her wedding trip in a Jo-boat, RIPPING good fellows frequently go on

A STAY sale-Disposing of a pair of co

THE game laws do not interfere with th hooting of oil wells.

LAWYERS do not want a retainer for try ing a case of champagne. Succe and his followers might get some nsolation by reading "Stand Fast."

A LIVE corpse-The dead languages. WATER fronts are delaying Pittsburg' Poor Farm deal and the World's Fair WILLIE WINKLE.

NAMES KNOWN TO ALL.

MRS, ISABELLA BUCHER HOOKER b lieves in women being judges, lawyers, jury MR. McKEE, President Harrison's sonn-law, is almost as short in stature as the old

gentleman, and slender almost to thinness. ELIZABETH SARGENT, M. D., daughter our former Minister to Berlin, is an oculist of exceptional skill. She lives in California. PROF. HENRY DRISLER, Dean of Columhia College, who was supposed to have been lost in a wreck off the Island of Zea, is reported

GOVERNOR GORDON, of Georgia, after fooling the brethren three or four times finally became a member of the Farmers' Alliance of

the 6th inst. SENATOR SAWYER'S vest pocket caugh fire while he was sitting in the Senate Chambe Wednesday. It is commonly reported that

he had a car stove in it. JOHN McMAHON, once a partner of Flood, Fair and Mackey in San Francisco after losing several fortunes, is now attempting to make another one in the coal fields of Idaho, SPENCER PRATT, Minister to Persia, now displaced, is a bachelor of 35. He is tall and slim with regular features and a Vandyck beard. His salary was \$3,500, but his opportu-

nities great. SENATOR HIGGINS, of Delaware, says they still retain in a modified form the whip ping post and pillory, because the State is so near three great cities that it is in danger of

ecoming an asylum for criminals. MRS. FLORENCE BALGARNIE was th only foreign delegate to the Women's Council. at 25, with tall fine figure and a smi ing face. Her statement of facts was clear aud concise and the paper she read attracted much attention.

PROF. JAMES GEIKIE, the famous peolo gist, the author of "The Ice Age," and one of the deans of the University of Edinburgh, ba Prof. Gelkie is to deliver a very importan course of lectures before the Lowell Institute, beginning this week.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Rev. Christian Sans. JOLIET, ILL., March 9 .- Rev. Christian Sans, expastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of this city, died at his residence yesterday, aged 79. The deceased was educated in Germany, came to this country in 1832, and first engaged in missionary work among his people in Texas, preaching in both the German and English anguages. In 1840 he moved to New Orleans and founded a parochial school, which survived the war and is still thriving. Throughout the yellow fever scourge in New Orleans Father Sans, as he was called, ministered to the bodily wants of the poor and needy, and came near paying for it with his life. In 1845 he changed his field of labors to Calacoosa, N.: in 1845 to Archibald, Pa., and in 1853 to Watertown. Wis. In each place he built a church and raises the money arrely through one personal efforts. In 1869 he removed Joliet and succeeded in building two churc here. Father Sans was noted for his kindne generosity and charitableness.

Miss Clara Seif.

Miss Clara Seif, daughter of Philip Seif and sister of William H. Seif, business manage and sister of William H. Seif, business manager of the Times, died yesterday at the home of her parents at 3722 Penn avenue at the age of 19 years. The young lady was known and loved by everybody in that section of the city. She was an ardent worker in the Thirty-ninth Street Presbyterian Church and taught a class of little ones in the work of the gospel. The funeral will occur to-morrow afternoon from the home of her parents, the services to be conducted by Rev. A. E. Linn. Mrs. Sarah Newell.

PRESENT TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW CASTLE, March 9.-Mrs. Sarah Newell died at her home in this city this morning, aged 82 years. She was the wife of the late Alexauder Nowell, who was one of New Castile's first postmasters, and was for years collector for the Erie canal. Mrs. Newell has a large connection, and was well known throughout Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio.

Joseph Morris. MONTGOMERY, March 9 .- Joseph Mor ris, the richest banker in Alabama, died to-day of heart disease. He was largely instrumental in

Joseph Oliver. CHICAGO, March 9. - Joseph Oliver, man ager of the People's Theater, expired this morning of inflammation of the stomach.

Bishop Benjamin ff. Paddock BOSTON, March 9 .- Rt. Rev. Benjamir H. Paddock. Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts, died this afternoon.

Baker Philling CONTRAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR NEWARK, O., March 9 .- Baker Phillips

GATHERED ON ALL SIDES.

1891.

The Jury System of Sunny France-So thing About the Chinese—Blind People Are Not Peculiar—A Statesman's Mistake -Leather That Is Costly.

To be eligible for the jury in France, says Murray's Magazine, it is necessary to be a French citizen, not less that 30 years of age, to enjey all the political and civil rights, and know how to read and write; but, by exception, neither magistrates nor Government function-aries, nor salaried domestic servants are eligible. Men of 70 years of age are dispensed with ble. Men of 70 years of age are dispensed with, as also those whose labor is necessary for their daily bread, or those who have served as jurymen during the current or previous year.

Every year a list of eligible jurymen is drawn up by the Government authorities. Three thousand are chosen for the Department of the Seine: in all others the proportion is that of one to every 500 inhabitants; but fixed residence is necessary to be eligible. Ten days before the opening of the sessions of the assizes, the names of 36 jurymen are drawn by ballot out of the apnual list, with the addition of four supplementary jurymen, to serve during the out of the annual list, with the addition of four supplementary jurymen, to serve during the session, which lasts a fortnight. As in England, 12 men make up the jury, but in criminal cases one or two extra jurymen are present during the trial, in readiness to take the place of any one absolutely prevented from attending. The complete list of 36 names is handed to the prisoner the day before the trial begins. Any juryman failing to attend without sending notice of impediment to be submitted to the Court is liable to a fine of from 200 francs to 500 francs for the first offense, 1,000 francs for the second, and 1,500 francs for the sheepond, and 1,500 francs for the sit in any jury. When the trial opens the 38 names are thrown

when the trial opens the 20 names are thrown together into a jar and drawn one by one, the prosecution and the defense using the right of rejection till only 12 names remain. If these are finally accepted the jury is immediately called and the trial begins.

Chinese Customs

Miss Mollie Talmage, a niece of Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, was born on the Island of Amoy, 300 miles north of Hongkong, China, Recently she addressed a missionary society in Brooklyn, and in the course of her

"Very few native women know how to read. It is no unusual thing to find men of 85 and 90 years in the missions learning to read. The crime of infanticide still prevails in the case of female children. Infants are smothered or drowned and more often exposed to die. Venders may be seen on the streets with baskets of babies for sale or exchange. In view of this evil a home has been established where such are cared for. A native Dorcas society makes clothing for these children. Foot binding is much practiced, although an anti-foot binding society has been formed, whose members promise neither to practice it, nor marra our with much practiced, although an anti-foot binding society has been formed, whose members promise neither to practice it nor marry a girl with bound feet. That the barbaric taste for embellishment finds expressions in Bible stories was illustrated by the incident of a woman who explained that while Jonah was inside the whale he prayed and sang and played on the organ. It is regarded polite for a native to degrade his own possessions and exalt those of another; so that in speaking of a daughter this dialogue might occur, 'How is your 10,000 pieces of gold?' 'Oh, the little dog is well.' The language gives many meanings to the same word according to its tone. Kui signifies precious,' and with another intonation 'devil.' An American gentleman wishing to apply the endearing term to his wife created a consternation in his household by getting the epithets mixed. 'Four' and 'dead' are expressed by the same word. A lady, expecting a party of four, bade her servant prepare for dead people."

The Blind Not Peculiar. Some people, said a prominent instructor to a reporter on the St. Louis *Republic*, fall into the error of believing that blind persons are pre-eminently peculiar; that their habits and manners are not like those of the general run of mankind. This is a great mistake and has gained vogue simply because blind people by their infirmity are conspicuous. This is true of their infirmity are conspicuous. This is true of persons with infirmities of any kind. If you take a dozen blind persons and study their traits of character and single out those that strike you as being peculiar, and then take a dozen persons possessing all their senses and note their peculiarities you will find that there is but little difference between them. One of the most important points in the education of the blind is to impress upon them that they are not unlike their seeing fellows except that they cannot see. In fact, the successful teacher of the blind forgets that his papils are sightless.

After 16 years of active work among the blind I ought to know that my punils cannot see, and yet at this late day if 1go into a dark room where blind children are studying their books the first question that will spring to my lips is likely to be, "How can you study in the dark?" If I am talking to a class and become deeply interested I find myself gestleulating as energetically as if I were addressing an audience that could see. We never use any expression in talking to the blind that reminds them of their condition unless it is done in a light year. If a blind hear enter the targets and the condition unless it is done in a light year. condition unless it is done in a light vein. If a blind boy or girl stumbles over a chair, I don't say: "Poor thing, you are blind, you couldn't help it," but instead I rally them on not keeping their eyes about them, and tell them that they must be getting near-sighted. This has the effect of removing embarrassment and causing a smile, when ill-judged pity would produce tears. If I go into the yard to hunt one of the boys I will likely inquire of the first boy I encounter: "John, have you seen Henry?" The answer will likely be: "No, sir; I saw him just before dinner in the hall, but haven't seen him since." Now the fact is John never saw Henry nor anybody else in his life, but he uses the same expression as he would if blessed with vision. In the classroom when a teacher hands a model of some kind to a pupil for examination he does not say: "Feel this," or "Have you seen this?" but "Look at this," or "Have you seen this?" ion unless it is done in a light ven

A Mistaken Statesman The Chicago Tribune tells a good story as illustrative of the politician's tendency to

shake hands. It is as follows: Colonel William F. Vilas, of Wisconsin, was traveling from Madison to Chicago. Colonel Vilas has some reason to be jubilant about this time, and perhaps he has fair reason to believe that everyone in the State of Wisconsin knows him. Perhans also he has heard of those statesmen and politicians whose won derful memory for faces and names made them popular with the masses. At any rate, it was apparent that he was going to see how it worked, and if it was not a success in one instance it can hardly be said to be the fault of Colonel Vilas.

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He entered the smoking car a few miles out from Madison and recognized the man in the first seat behind the stove. He shook hands with him and asked after the various members of his family. Then he passed on to the next, His inquiries here were a trifle hazy, but the man evidently knew Colonel Vilas and was flattered. That emboldened the newly made Senator to go on; in fact, he was afraid to stop lest he should offend some one.

Near the center of the car was an old man with gray chin whiskers, a fur cap and top boots, who was an interested spectator of the proceedings. When his turn came Vilas shook him warmly by the hand and asked how everything was at the farm. The man grunted something in reply and the Colonel passed on. After he had left the car the old man turned to a neighbor and asked:

neighbor and asked:
"Who's that blamed idiot?" "What?" cried the man addressed. "Don't you know him?"
"Never saw him before."

"For heaven's sake, where do you live?"
"Madison." "And don't know Colonel Vilas?" The old man roused himself a little,
"O, that's Bill Vilas, is 117" he said, "No I never saw him before, and what in thunder does he want to make a pump-bandle out of my

arm for?"
"Why, he's been elected Senator."
"Humph!" grunted the old man. that's why he asked me about my farm." "What's the matter with that?"
"Nothing, except that I don't own a farm and never drd." And so Colonel Vilas' diplomacy went for

Elephant Leather is Dear

A well known Eastern drummer, says the Louisville Courier Journal, was in that city last week, and had with him quite a curiosity in the shape of a pocketbook made from genuine elephant hide. He was seen by a re porter, and in speaking of the purse and the tanning of elephant's hide, said: "The tanning of elephant's hide is compara-tively a new industry. The method employed

is practically the same as in the tanning of cattle hides, except that a stronger combin tion of tanic ingredients is required and a greater length of time-about six months-is greater length of time—about six months—is necessary to perform the work. When the hide is taken out of the vat it is about one and one-half inches thick. Articles made from elephants' hide are expensive luxuries. A small pocketbook of elephant leather, without any sliver or gold ornamentation, costs about \$40. A small satchel made of the same leather costs anywhere from \$50 to \$400.

"Cigar cases, card cases and similar articles vary from \$50 to \$100. Floor rugs are also made out of the leather. In finishing the hide no attempt is made to glaze or polish it. Everything is done to preserve its natural color and appearance. It is very enduring leather, several years' wear having but little effect upon it. The scarcity of elephants and the great expense entailed in the tanning of their hides precludes the ess assured.

tailed in the tanning of their bules precludes the bility of elephant leather ever becoming a hing of popular and general use."

The pocketbook was only of an ordinary size, with very plain trimmings, and cost \$38. He has ried it about three years, but it preserves its r and is quite a curiosity.

JEFFERSON AND FLORENCE.

The Opening of Their Week's Engagem at the Duquesne Theater—The Ever Popular Old Homestead at the Grand— Robert Mantell at the Bijou.

With such a performance of "The Rivals" as

as given in the Duqueene Theater last night it is not so much the province to criticise as to try and point out the merits distinctively. The comedy is presented by the Jefferson-Florence company. But is it fair to speak of Jefferson's Bob Acres and Florence's Lucius O'Trigger in particular as perfect renderings without men-tioning Mrs. Drew, George W. Denham, F. C. Bangs and all the rest of the coterie that help to present the harmonious and effective picture to which Sheridan's autograph is attached The charm of the company consists as much in the masterly attention to detail in the selection of its members as to the individual excellent of those that play the leading parts. Eac personage seems to have been cho up ready for the stage. We do not think of up ready for the stage. We do not think of any of them as actors, but as component parts of the representation. The Jefferson-Florence company is one of the three or four in this country of which this can be said.

Joseph Jefferson is the ideal Bob Acres. Good-natured, simple, and a most delightful coward, we love him in spite of his trembling knees, and, perhaps, for his bombastic endeavors to be brave. The dialogue, if judged by latter-day standards, is hardly witty-certainly not humorous (the lines in the mouth of Mrs. Malaprop excepted), and yet how laughable they are as rendered by Jefferson. There is a twang in his unctuous voice that we have never heard anywhere else, and shall probably never hear again when he leaves the stage. The never hear again when he leaves the stage. The baldest and most commonplace speeches be come epigrams when he utters them, and he come epigrams when he utters them, and he can throw an audience into convulsions merely by shaking hands and saying, "How are you?" Jefferson is Jefferson throughout, and yet, somehow, he seems to be Sheridan's Bob Acres, too. His performance is not different from what it has been any time these ten years, nor do we wish it to be. We are content to take it as the standard by which all future Bobs shall be judged.

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W. J. would be a supplied by the sup W. J. Florence has, in Str Lucius O'Trigger, created a part distinctively his own. It would have seemed almost impossible to take a character that had been played by scores of good actors and yet make a new and original creation of it. Yet this is practically what Mr. Florence has done. We all knew the fire-eating Str Lucius before, but when we saw Florence play it we knew that the author had produced a character that could be presented in more than character that could be presented in more than one way, and that Florence had hit upon the

character that could be presented in more than one way, and that Florence had hit upon the most pleasing of all.

The cast of "The Rivals" this season is almost identical with that of last, the only important change being that F. C. Bangs is now the Sir Anthony Absolute, instead of Mr. Varrey. It is needless to say that Mr. Bangs plays the testy old man to the life. Such a sterling actor as this could not fail to make a traditional part all that it should be. In the two scenes with his son, Sir Anthony has plenty of opportunity to exhibit power, and Mr. Bangs takes advantage of it as such a grand performer would naturally. He deserved the entusiastic recall he received.

Frederick Paulding is graceful and dashing as Captain Absolute, and Joseph Warren is a good Fag. Mr. Denham's country dialect as David is as natural as if he had indeed been brought up in Devonshire, and his conception of the houest, biundering servant is excellent. Whother Mrs. John Drew as Mrs. Malaprop is the cleverest, as she is perhaps the most amusing figure in the performance, is a question that must be left to those that sat and enjoyed "The Rivals" last night. What could be more exquisitely humorous than her frightful distortions of the King's English, delivered in that complacent manner that nothing can disturb? When she makes her first appearance through the center door in all the glory of a toilet of a by-gone age, she is like a figure in old china, or as if she had stepped out of a frame in a picture gallery of an old English country house. She is the Mrs. Malaprop. We are sure that the ridiculous misuse of polysyllables could never sound so funny from any other lins, and we feel that no one could simper and ogle so naturally as she. If there are any stars in this company she is one of them.

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Languish, and Elsie Lombard is a dainty little

The audience last night was a very friendly The audience last night was a very irrelarly one as proved by the warm greeting accorded nearly every member of the company, and the unstinted applause bestowed upon the performance, which culminated not only in curtain calls at the close of each act, but recalls of the performers at the end of nearly every scene.

Robert Mantell's performance of the dual role of Fabian and Louis dei Franchi last night, was a splendid one. When it is known under what circumstances he played, it was simply wonderful. He has been suffering from laryngitis, and when he arrived in Pittsburg on Sunday Dr. Dickson performed an operation upon his throat. Although the effects of the operation will be beneficial ultimately, they made the patient very weak last night. Dr. Gentry was on the stage throughout the performance, administering cocaine to allay the pain of his throat, so that he could his work. In spite of this physical disadvantage, it may safely be said that Mr. Mautell rarely gave a more forcible representation of the two brothers than he did last night. His work is always vigorous and soulful, and no one would have thought that he was suffering acute pain all last events.

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Mark Price is a powerful Chateau Renaud, while Charlotte Behrens, as Emilie, repeats her clever performance of last season.

The supernatural effects are well carried out, and one cannot lelp feeling a thrill of awe at each appearance of the ghost, which is saying a great deal for a stage ghost.

There are some very good specialties in the masquerade ball scene in the third act. The Davenport brothers are us clever as ever, and the three Lorellas, in their quaint dancing and posturing help to make the interlude enjoyable. The duel in the fifth act is exciting, both Mantell and Mark Price being expert swordsmen, while in the death scene of Fabian Mr. Mantell has an excellent opportunity to display his rare qualities as an emotional actor. One cannot think of another man on the English-speaking stage to-day who could so ably fill the exacting parts of the Corsican prothers. His performance is an intellectual treat that can be enjoyed by all classes of theatre-goers.

The Bijou was packed last night, and the applause was wildly enthusiastic at times.

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Grand Opera House. The "Old Homestead" is a chestnut. So ar the "Pickwick Papers." But one goes to see the "Old Homestead" just as one reads "Pick over and over again. The very biggest audience that the Grand Oper House has known for several weeks greeted the old-time character play play greeted the old-time character play last evening, and everbody laughed at its humor and grew sad over its pathos, just as though it had never been played before. Archie Boyd was a thoroughly natural Joshua Whitcomb; as clever an embodiment of a fine old fellow as one would care to meet. Cy Prime and Seth Perking, those inimitable bits of character was revealently handled by Ly. Prime and Seth Perkins, those inimitable bits of character, were excellently handled by J. F. Dean and W. W. Allen. Miss Repa Howard was delightfully hoydenish as Rickety Ann, while Miss Henrietta Irving in the part of the elderly spinster, was quite satisfactory. A double male quartet and a choir of 12 voices were introduced with happy effect. The company is a capable one, and the scenery, if old, is excellent.

Harry Williams' Academy Without any doubt the best all-round variety the Academy last night by Miaco and Morris City Club Vaudeville and Burlesque Company Harry Morris is well known as one of the pr prietors of the May Howard combination favorably known here, and the association o his name with a show is sufficient guarantee o

favorably known here, and the association of his name with a show is sufficient guarantee of its excellence.

"Studies in Black," a most amusing operatic creation of Harry Morris and Fred Solomon's, introduces a number of fancifully costumed girls, and several male performers, who count among them some especially dever artists. None too good a word can be said for Miss Phyllis Allen's singing of "Marguerite" and "Sally in Our Alley." The young lady possesses a particularly sweet voice and rendered the old favorites with a care, precision and feeling which was warmly recognised. William Everett, as the "stage manager," was very funny and proved himself a comedian of high order.

The performance, which was witnessed by one of the largest houses of the season, concluded with a burlesque on the "Old Homestead," in which six of the prettiest dudes imaginable made an appearance. In the company are two Pittsburgers, Messrs. Lowry and Evans, whose black-face act is well appreciated.

Sasie Howard, a new soubrette, essays six different characters in a play called "Nell, the Waif," at the above house this week. It is no flattery to the young lady to say that she ap nattery to the young lady to say that she ap-pears to equal advantage in all of the half dozen roles she attempts. The company is equal to the star, and nice versa. As for the play it is neither better nor worse than the star and the company. As for all together—well, there have been better combinations—much better. Still, a fair wock's business is doubt-less assured.

The midget convention opened at Harry Davis' Fifth Avenue Museum yesterday with a noom. At every turn one could see nothing but little men and women. The curio hall was given over to them, except the room occupies by Elmer Collins, the faster. Commodors Foote and his charming sister, Emma Nestel entertained a large number of admirers

Davis' Museum.

Major Atom, as minute as ever, amused with some of his songs. The German Rose evidenced herself an expert with musical instruments, and Major Littlefinger and wife, the newly married couple, were on hand with a troupe of trained birds. Everyone of the Lilliputians evidenced talent of some kind. In the theatitorium Fred Runtey presented burlesque juggling, the Kastline Sisters pleased everybody with their duets, Donavan and Dupois presented a new character sketch, John Traynon showed himself a talented Irish comedian and the Downeys closed the bill with something new in the way of perches, ladder dances and revolving globe specialities.

World's Museum The performances at the World's Museum and Theater this week are really good. The wrestling match between the gigantic Chicago wrestling match between the gigantic Chicago butcher, who weighs 423 pounds, and the Mil-waukee brewer, at 43334 pounds, is very funny. It is impossible to say so far who will win the greater number of falls during the week, the greater number of falls during the week, the two men being apparently evenly matched Miss Millie Zuletta, with her troupe of trained doves, is interesting, as was Frank Hatton, with his mechanical scenes on the Mississippi In the theater is Mr. Clarence Bennett, in a romantic Mexican drama "A Royal Slave." He is supported by Miss Maud Bennett and a good company. The play is well rendered. The show at the World's is good throughout.

THE SOCIAL DOMAIN.

Hannibal A. Williams Gave Another of His Delightful Readings Last Night at Carnegie Hall-A Chinese Reception-So-

ciety Small Talk. Hannibal A. Williams, of New York, gave another of his delightful Shakespearean re-citals in Carnegie Hail last evening. That beautiful creation of the poet, "The Tempest," was rendered. Mr. Williams gave a fanciful and poetic reading of this dainty comedy, takng all the characters as easily as if he were cast especially for each one. The play is so different from that of last week, "The Taming of the Shrew," that it enabled the reader to of the Shrew," that it enabled the reader to prove his versatility as well as his thorough understanding of the spirit of the bard.

There was a very large and appreciative andience, and the general verdict was that Mr. Williams had presented the comedy as faithfully as if it had been given with all the advantages of scenery, costumes and a full company. Mr. Williams is decidedly a genius in his way.

Marshall P. Wilder to Lecture. Bill Nye and company were dated for the losing of the amusen ent season of the Y. M. C. A. course, but the hairless humorist is not on the road at present, so his date was can-celed. In his place will be Marshall P. Wilder, the humorist, and the Ollie Torbett Concert Company will appear on March 27. Wilder's story telling is one of the best things ever heard from the lecture platform, and he will please his audience beyond a doubt.

Close of the Chinese New Year. The annual dinner of the Chinese pupils cor ected with the Fourth Aver Church took place last evening. There was a well-selected menu, and the dinner was enjoyed by a large number of members of the congregation and their friends. A musical entertainment brought the proceedings to a close. This dinner winds up the celebration of the Chinese New Year, which lasted for a week.

Dined at the Duquesne Club. riends at lunch at the Duquesne Club last night, The party consisted of Captain Logan,
James McKean, W. A. Wood, B. L. Wood, Jr.,
S. D. Warmeastle, S. L. Schoenmaker, A. J.
Edwards, J. H. Willock, H. S. Paul, Charles
A. Rook.

A SMALL dinner was given last evening at the Duquesne Hotel by Dr. Christy, of Allegheny MISS LIZZIE McMILLAN, of Sewickley, will ail to-morrow on the steamer Enis for Europe where she will remain during the coming year A LUNCHEON will be given next Thursday

by Mrs. Chessman, at which Mrs. Biddle Ar-thurs and Miss Wolverton will be the guests of THE Dramatic Club of the Western Uni versity is making arrangements to give another of its enjoyable entertainments in the near

tuture. REV. T. H. WILKESON will deliver a lecture this evening at the Riverside M. E. Church, Allegheny. His subject will be "The House We Live In." A Source is to be held this evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ewart, on Center avenue. The guests will be received by Frederick Ewart and his sister, Miss Ewart.

ward schoolhouse, Allegheny, next Thursday evening by a company of jubilee singers. The will be devoted to the Chartier A. M. E. Church fund. THE last of the series of public school lect ures in Wilkinsburg will be delivered next Friday evening by Hon, Henry Hall in the

An entertainment will be given in the Sixth

Prashyterian Church, Mr. Hall's subject will be "The Gospel of Get There." THE entertainment to be given in the Wil kinsburg Presbyterian Church next Thursday evening promises to be a unique and pleasant affair. It is the "C" tea that has been invented and arranged by the ladies of the congrega

UNDER the reduced rate of admission to the Verestchagin exhibition, the largest attendance of the season was reached Saturday. The atendance vesterday was also very great, despite close promptly at 10 o'clock to-morrow night, when workmen will at once commence taking lown the great canvases. NEXT Tuesday evening (St. Patrick's Day)

ertainment is to be given in the C. M. B. A. Hall, Wilkinsburg, under the auspices of St. ames' R. C. Church. Rev. A. A. Lambing will tellver an address upon the life and works of St. Patrick. An elaborate musical programs has been prepared in which a number of wellknown soloists will take part. THE flifty-eighth anniversary of the Third Presbyterian Church is to be celebrated on the 19th inst. with a reception and an elab

orate dinner and supper. The arrangements are under the supervision of the Ladies' Aid

and Heart and Hand Societies and prepara-

tions are being pushed forward with great en-

ergy. There will be two chairmen and eight aids to each table. In Despair, Probably.

Denver Times.] The important news is heralded that Senator Peffer will sit with the Republicans, but will vote with the Democrats. There was once a darkey who likened the telegraph to a dog big enough to reach from Macon to Atlanta, If you stepped on the dog's tail in Macon he would bark in Atlanta. So Senator Peffer, in the present state of inchoateness of the Alliance party, will sit among the Republicaes, but will lift up his voice for Democracy. Now where does the Alliance come in?

Death of James W. Moreland James W. Moreland, the wholesale liquor dealer at the corner of Frankstown and Penn venues, East End, died very suddenly yesterday morning, at the age of about 48 years. He was of a very peculiar disposition, and his mania was for collecting new money, he at one time having \$17,000 in new bills in his safe. He was married about three months ago, but it was not known by his friends until after his

But Will They Be Prosecuted New York World.] The railway magnates seem to be very much stonished that a Coroner's jury should hold somebody responsible for a preventable acci-dent in which six lives were lost. This unusual rerdict was perhaps due to the fact that the Coroner was in earnest and the jury remarka-

bly intelligent. A Sec-ondary Evil. Philadelphia Public Ledger.] An increase in the price of champagne, at-tributed to fear of future damage by phyllex-

rust formed by the producers. Too Valuable to Lose. incinnati Enquirer. 1 It is to be hoped that the Canadian campaign did not wreck the wily Wiggins. In the mi of this March mud a real, genuine weather

era, is much more rationally ascribed to the

resent existence of an equally galling pest-a

prophecy would soothe many a heart that A Texas Steer.

Sow York Sun.]

According to all reports the Hon. Roger Mills, of Texas, has not lost confidence in his own ability to steer the Democratic party during the year preceding a Presidental election.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-California farmers sell pumpkins at \$1

-A ton and a half of oread is eaten every day in Girard College.

-It costs the Americans about \$1,000,000 year to stop their teeth. -Over 100,000,000 cigars were imported

into this country last year. -In Lapland dress fashions have not changed for a thousand years.

-According to Chinese reckoning, the present year is the year 7,910,341. -There are seven ex-Speakers of the House of Representatives living.

-It is estimated that Indian wars have ost the Government \$700,000,000. -The number of sheep in Australia on March 1, 1890, was about 105,000,000. -A Savannah professor has a complete

ollection of old almanacs, dating from 1835 -The best harbor in the world is that of Rio de Janeiro, with Sydney, Australia a close

-Hyde Park, a large town recently inorporated with Chicago, has not a single

-The Speaker of the Japanese Parlianent and the chairman of the committee of he whole are Christians. -The underground system of telegraphs

of the German Empire, it is reported, has a total length of 3,600 miles. -Statistics show that men of thought live n an average of three years and a half longer -The Socialists of Germany number

400,000, and those of France 1,000,000. They have 104 newspapers, with 600,000 subscribers. -The British Balloon Society has entered sturdy protest against the threatened choice of Jerusalem as the prime meridian of the

-Sixty thousand people are said to be out of work in the city of Berlin. Ninety thousand are out of work in the East End of London

-Dentists are peculiarly susceptible to diseases of the kidneys. They stand still so long at their work that they weaken their vital -Infant mortality in England and Wales

during the year 1890 was noticeably large. The deaths were registered of over 130,000 children under 13 months of age. -A man who has just returned from Alaska says that several rivers in that country are richer in gold deposits than the noted Feather river of California.

-Seventeen hundred of the Sioux are members of the Episcopal Church, and Bap-tists, Catholics and Congregationalists are also well represented among them. -A San Diego county, Cal., horticultur-

ist is going to graft the many live cake on his place with chestnuts, which, he has learned, will succeed well on oak trees. -The amount of nutritive matter afforded by Indian corn is inferior only to that of wheat and rice. In the quantity raised and used for for foed, it is inferior to rice alone. -A French physician has declared in favor of a "good cry," He says that groaning and crying during a surgical operation bring down the pulse and benefit the patient.

-A bottle thrown into the Atlantic Norember 24, 1887, from the Cephalonia, about 400 miles out from Boston, recently washed ashore on a little islet in the Caribbean Sea, 6,300 miles away. -In the search for phosphates, many dis-

coveries have been made which have added materially to the wealth of fair Florids, but probably the most interesting one is the find of a deposit of genuine meerschaum. -Near Camilla, Ga., there is a justice of the peace who uses the oath to witnesses as follows: "The evidence you shall give in this

case shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and pay all the costs, so help you God." -The largest amount of wild honey ever taken from one tree was reported from Oregon recently. A farmer took 700 pounds from the cottonwood tree in which a buge swarm of bees had stored up the annual accumulations for many years.

-The greatest meat eaters in the world are the people of America, whose average con-sumption is 175 pounds per annum. The En-glish come next, with an average of a little over 110 pounds. The French eat only half as much meat as the English. -The directors of the English Great

train constructed on the American system, as an experiment. It will consist entirely of long e end of the train to the other. -Castor oil, it is said, if regularly ap-

Western Railway intend to run an express

plied each day to a wart, will remove it without leaving a scar. The time it takes may try the patience of the user-from two to six weeks being required—but if faithfully used it will re-move the most obstinate warts. -The first works in the United States, in which iron was puddled and rolled into bars, were built by Colonel Issac Meason, in 1816-17, at Plumsock, on Redstone creek, in Fayette county. This mill continued in operati 1824, when it was destroyed by a flood,

-A molder in Bridgeport, Conn., is regarded as a wonder by his fellow-workmen on account of his apparent immunity from burns. The other day he accidentally sat in a pan of "molten metal," and, while his clothing was burned from him, he received no injury. -The first heavy railroad iron of Amer-

ican manufacture was made at the Mount Say-age Rolling Mill, in Allegheny county, Md., which mill was designed expressly for this kind of work. The first rall rolled was what is known as the U rail, for which the Franklin Institute warded its silver medal in October, 1484. -A cablegram of over 1,300 words which ssed through New York from Lima to Lopdon one night recently over the lines of the Western Union Company, cost a pretty penny to transmit, the rate being over \$2 a word. This would represent an outlay of over \$2,600, and is probably the largest toil paid by an individual or company outside of newspaper corporations.

-The cells of the smallest plants, as soon as they have assumed the green color, assimilate their food from the atmosphere, or rather from the carbonic acid in the atmosphere, and from water. This is one of the most wonderful phenomena of organic life, and our greatest chemists have striven in vain to imitate the process. Should they ever succeed, they would, as remarked by the celebrated botants, Ferdi-nand Cohn, solve the first great social problem, that is, the bread problem.

-Dr. Santayana, instructor in psychology at Harvard University, recently proposed a curious experiment. He claims that the ex-citement in the different nerves is probably the same, but that different sensations are produced in different brain centers. It the optionerve and the nerve of hearing were to be cut, and the optic nerve connected with the center of hearing, and the nerve of hearing with the optic center, one might expect to see a sym-phony and hear a landscape. The symphony, he added, would probably look like a display of fireworks, and the landscape would sound like

a dull roar. SMILES AND SATIRE.

"Why do they call these tall buildings sky-scrapers?" asked Rivers. "They don't scrape anything. They stand perfectly still." "They scrape 25,000 miles of sky with every revolution of the earth," replied Brooks, pitying the other's ignorance.—Calcago Tribune. "I say," said the investor, "you advertised

single feature to recommend it for that pe "Hain't it? There is a tremendous chalk de posit just behind that hill over there," - Wasa ington Post. HIS MUSTACHE WAS WRAE. When Madre was kissed by her beau, wh'od

your farm as a fine location for a dairy. It hasn't

From a long trip through the South, She should have been very mappy.

But she only got down in the mouth.

-Brooklyn Eagle. she should have been very happy, indeed, Count Le Gagge-Mamzelle, take ze ring and re fond loafs I geefe you. Ze diamant— Mamselle's Farrot-Faste! Faste! Ninety-nine cents and dear at that. Count Le Gagge-Zounds! Ees ze bird von

diable? - Jewelers' Weekly. itable? - Jewelere' Weekly.

A Texas miser keeps everything under ook and key, and he even bolts his food. - Texas Siftings. "Amelia, darling."

"Yes, Arthur."
"You know we are soon to be married." "And we should learn to be economical in small

"Hadn't you better turn down the gas?