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We may now safely say that we are within sight of the starting point of the great baseball race of 1891. When teams begin to go abroad "to get into condition," and when the annual baseball guides begin to flood the country, it is a sure sign that the commencement of the season is not far off. Well, as the opening day gets nearer, baseball affairs seem to get pleasanter. When I say this I am mindful of the fact of the existence of the disgruntled Association; but to me the Association amounts to very little; indeed, if all talk about this "war" business were to cease, the Association would soon be forgotten. It has no foundation and just as sure as a structure without a foundation cannot possibly stand, just as sure will the Association fabrication topple over. When it does it will be a blessing to baseball, because there will then be some hope of rebuilding it on a safe and solid basis Whatever ills and miseries overtake the Association will simply be the result of the stupidity and fanstism of its leaders. I am glad to note that the National League is going ahead in a business like way and it is safe to say that as a result of the meeting of magnates in Cincinnati, an account of which appeared in THE DIS-PATCH of vesterday, the League will once more be absolutely solid and well prepared to have a good season. Affairs in General.

Judging from the tone of the magnates who met in Cincinnati Friday, the League's prospects are generally very bright. That there will be an excellent team in Cincinnati seems certain, and it is just as certain that Circinnati patrons of baseball will appreciate a good team. This being so, all opposition to a League team in Cincinnati will soon vanish, that is, if there ever is may to begin with. Most assuredly that city has had more than its share of turmoil and humbug, as far as baseball affairs are concerned, and it seems to me certain that the patrons of the game there will be quite ready to indorse the best club and the best opposing clubs that will eater to them. I cannot believe that the rank and file of baseball patrons in Cincinnati desire to have two clubs in their midst, and if two are planted among them they can soon kill the interior by withholding their patronage from it. And just as sure as eggs are eggs this is what will be done. I don't think that I am going outside my province when I say there is no sound reason at all why the Association ever should have attempted to put a second club into Cincinnati. This feature should not be lost sight of, Well, with matters all right in Cincionati, all that is now needed is for the officials of each club to get their teams into firstrate form, because, depend upon it, there will be some great ball playing this year. For a club to hold a good position in the race must be in fine form from start to finish. The public expects good work, and a disapantment will be a very great loss

Prospects of the Local Team. In some respects it may be premature to come to any definite conclusion regarding the baseball team who is going to do battle for the heretofore unfortunate cranks in Pittsburg this year. Now and again the advice of Josh Billings, who advised us never to prophesy until after the event, is of acceptance and particularly in baseball. But in this instance I am willing to run all risks and reject the admonition of Mr. Billings, but I am not going to "go the tenm's future in a very qualified way, be-cause, as I have just said, baseball is awfully uncertain; indeed, a good deal more so than the historic jumping freg. Well, I deem it quite safe to say that we have on paper the best baseball team that has ever been in Pittsburg; that is that has ever been known as the Pittsburg club. I am aware that it is not as strong, at least it does not appear as strong as it could be, but still we have the strongest team we have ever had, But it may be well to remember that when this is said, it is only what the players ap-pear to be on paper, and after we are ali tisfied on this point we must still wait to see and judge of the work of the team. This is the troublesome point; this is the feature over which we will probably have some very conflicting opinions. While I may feel certain that the team's work will be first-class, many patrons of the club may think quite different, and time only will show who is right. Now I am not going to say that we have an aggregation of pennant winners, because experience has proven to us that the very best nine that can, on paper, be gotten her can be very badly beaten in actual conflict. My renders will remember what I said regarding the great Chicago P. L. last year. I am just as reluctant yet in looking upon an aggregation of "stars" as sure winners. But while I decline to "spot" our team as sure penhant winners, I am prepared to say that they will make those who do win the pennant go through the season at a very A Few Comparisons.

If we begin to examine our team individ-ually I think we'll find that our representatives stand as well as those of any other I am not unmindful of the lact that we have an experiment at a very important position. I refer to Miller at short. Only a few days ago a very experienced player ex-pressed to me the opinion that Miller would not be a success at the position. This prethink that Miller will come out all right if he will take care of himself. But putting Miller to one side I fail to see where any other club in the country appears to be any stronger all round than the Pittsburg club is. When I say this I am taking everything into consideration, hitting, pitching, fieldthe and base running. Certainly the New York team has the appearance of an extraordinary one, and in some respects I am free to admit that they are the superiors of our lot. But I do not admit that the New York team appears to be as strong as the Pittsbarg team in batting and in pitching, and I question very much whether New York will be any stronger in catching than Pittsburg will be. I have referred to New York simply because it seems to be generally conteded that the team of that to be stronger than any other Learn. Well, & all goes well I will not be surprised to see even New York come off second best as compared with Pittsburg. This then suggests the question: What figure will the littsburg team cat in the I will be breedingly disappointed if the local team is not among the leaders from the start, and the means that we will me the start, and this means that we will once get far beyond that miserable sixth its. One thing is whe, and that is if our m does not keep among the leaders, the yers must be lar below their past records; other words if they play up to their form yeannot well be lower than second or the far below their past records; other words if they play up to their form yeannot well be lower than second or the far below their past records; other words if they play up to their form the gublic. The very fact that we have two men in this country who are both posing as the middle-weight champions of the world, and at the same time decline to fight each other, is extremely about A very great exent, I might say the club to a very great exent, I might say the club, the player. If they can all play in concert they are not to be winners as an aggregation.

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is a very delicate matter to handle because the depends on the performance of the players. I have always held the opinion that if we had a team here, who could hold their own against all comers, the financial success of the club would be assured. I stand by this assertion as prediction still, because we may depend upon it that as soon as we get a team of players who are at or about the top of the list, all quarrels and conflicts will be forgotten and everybody will be enthusiastic. People who patronize will be enthusiastic. People who patronize contests for amusement soon forget scores of discontent when their favorites are winning. Enthusiasm increases by leaps and bounds and everybody becomes affected by it. So will it be with our ball team if they prove to be winners. And the stockholders of the club deserve to be financial winners this year. I am sure they have paid out their money with unsparing hand since last fall and have contracted to pay out very large sums of money before this year vanishes. This has all been done in the hope that a winning team will be secured, and, when a courageous and generous policy, such as this, is carried out, it is the duty of the public to aid the venture in every reasonable way. There has been no niggardiness on the part of the club directors. When it has been necessary to go and make a heroic stroke to capture a prominent piayer the club directors have completely unlossened their purse strings and planked up the cash to a very high figure. Surely this deserves recognition on the part of the public, and I seel confident that the public will view the matter in this light. These thoughts, then, lead up to believe that the club will be a financial success this year. That is, it will make more than the ordinary expenses. And let me venture the remark that if we once secure a winning team this year. That is, it will make more than the ordinary expenses. And let me venture the remark that if we once secure a winning team here, and the fluances come out all right, no directors in the baseball business will not with better pluck than those of Pittsburg. They are thoroughly game, and if they turn out to be winners they will have a much bolder policy in the future than now.

Mark Baldwin's Case. About the most miserable, in fact, I migh add, the most despicable case that has ever tar-nished the annals of baseball is the alleged case of Von der Ahe against Mark Baldwin. That remarkable missit in baseball, Von der Ahe, as we all know, trumped up a charge of conspiracy against Baldwin, and had the latter lodged in a St. Louis jail. That was an outrage record of a character who has done more to derecord of a character who has done more to defame and disrupt the national game than all other defamers and disrupters put together. When Baldwin was arrested, this same character, Von der Abe, and his minions were loud in their declarations about the strong case they had against Baldwin; even one disreputable creature scribbled out descriptions of Baldwin in the penitentiars. Well, Baldwin appeared befor the Judge quite ready to face his accusers. They were not there, and the case was postponed. Baldwin faced the Judge a second time, and his accusers were again attent. The case was again postponed. Still a third time Baldwin faced the Judge to answer the charge, and again were his accusers absent. The case was again postponed. And all this was done in full view of the dire calamities resulting from the maladministration of justice in New Orleans. Was there ever a greater outrage perpetrated on a ball player than Von der Ahe and St. Louis Courts have perpetrated on Ealdwin? Can it be possible that St. Louis judges are under the influence of beer-selling-baseball-humburg? Surely matters haven't become so far degraded in St. Louis and yet it is difficult to reason out that Baldwin has had justice fairly meted out to him in St. Louis. The case so far is a disgrace to baseball and to St. Louis. But this is one more proof of the necessity of having Von der Ahe out of national agreement baseball entirely. He is in no manner or form fitted to participate in the business. Whatever his qualities as a lager beer vender may be, he is undesirable in baseball, and intelligent and honorable magnates should know this. Baldwin's sharacter cannot possibly be injured by the efforts of Von der Ahe. It is to be hoped that there are some fame and disrupt the national game than all snould know this. Ealdwin's tharacter cannot possibly be injured by the efforts of Von der Ahe. It is to be hoped that there are some people in St. Louis who have respect for justice and that they will aid Baldwin in at least getting the semblance of fair play.

Worthy Example. During the week I was reminded of an annual event which takes place in this city and which pleasing regularity it has taken place for brated to-day. I refer to the annual banquet of the J. H. Porte Fishing Club. Of course, there is nothing grandly improving in the affair, but the principle underlying it is what want to say a word or two about. Mr. Porte I want to say a word or two about. Mr. Porte is a very liberal patron of the club, which, by the way, is made up of a number of very intelligent, very hard-working and very steady living young men. The object of the club is to afford these young men pleasure of a wholesome and ennobling kind and it is to this end that Mr. Porte supports it. Well, he generously provides the annual banquet and the annual camp and to see the gathering together of these youngsters is, indeed, a very enjoyable sight. There are clubs and there are clubs, but a There are cinbs and there are clubs, but a fishing club of the J. H. Porte kind for young men is an organization that well-intentioned gentlemen of wealth should copy. They do good. They not only are the means of affording recreation and good sport for young men but they tend to keep in check the desires for questionable pursuits. I trust that the J. H. Porte Fishing Club will live long and will soon see quite a goodly number of others like it. I almost forgot to mention that the bunquet this year will be at the Monongahela House, and if it is like its predecessors it will be a first-class affair. I draw attention to this club because of the great tendency there is at presbecause of the great tendency there is at pre-ent for young men to organize themselves into a club, and before their organization is a month old they are in difficulties. A guide is needed, and while Puritanic rules are foolish there should be limits of conduct in these clubs if they are to like.

battle between these men is great. Smith has already had a "go" at some of our champions, and Pritchard is now before the world as the man who wants to fight any middle-weight in the United States. Of course many people will be surprised to find Pritchard going out of his class and arranging to fight a man like Smith. At first sight it appears extremely risky on the sart of Pritchard, but if we examine the man ter closely I think we'll find that is is not so very risky after all. I have never held a very high opinion of Smith as a puglilst, and I have declared myself on this point more than once. He is far from being first-class, and his contest with a moderate man like Kilrala settles this beyond dispute. On the other hand Pritchard is a first-class middle-weight. I hold this to be true even though his fight with Burke was in good form then Pritchard empletely settled Burke was the Burke we really have known so long. But entirely aside from that affair I hold Pritchard to be a first-class with a flair I hold Pritchard to be a first-class with a flair I hold Pritchard to be a first-class that fair I hold Pritchard to be a first-class below that affair I hold Pritchard to be a first-class of any importance in connection with them. is absolutely genuine; that is I need more evidence to convince me that Pritchard completely settled Burke in "up and up" style in three rounds if Burke was the Burke we really have known so long. But entirely aside from that affair I hold Pritchard to be a first-class puglist of the good old type. Last year when in England my readers will remember that I gave the opinion of a man like Tom Symonds regarding Pritchard. That opinion was to the effect that Pritchard was the best middle-weight there had been in England for years.

The Two Men Compared. Well then, to come to a point, we have Smith as an inferior heavy-weight and Pritchard as an extra good middle-weight. Now when we are bound to admit that Pritchard's chances are not so bad as at first sight they appear to be. Everybody who has taken any interest at draws in the air and oil vapor, another all in fistic matters must know that in very many instances good middle-weights have de-teated inferior heavy-weights, and the same thing will occur again. England has been prothing will occur again. England has been proverbial for having middle-weights as champions of all, and it may be that in Pritchard the Britishers have secured another Mace or Sayers. But it is not necessary for Pritchard to be either a Mace or a Sayers to defeat Smith, and this fact leads me to the conclusion that Pritchard's chances of defeating Smith are not at all bad. Of course, it is much too soon to come to any definite conclusion in the matter yet, as the men are not to fight until August. My only aim at present is to show that Pritchard and his backers have not done such a foelish thing as many people think they have.

While I am dealing with middle-weights let me say a few words about Hall and Fitzsim-mons. Whatever these men may be as fighters. theycertainly have proven themselves the equals of anybody as talkers and blusterers. Neither of anybody as taken and musterers. Neither of them have yet proven to Americans that they are the wonders they declare themselves to be, and I am gradually coming to the conclusion that Fitzsimmons is a wind-bag. He is playing a most ridiculous part, but a part that paid the very useful sum of \$20,000 for doing it. The truth is there is good reason to believe that Fitzsimmons is not at all inclined to face Hall. At any rate the former, to gain the respect of admirers of the manly art, must either accept Hall's challenge or give seme sound reasons as to why he declines. But Hall is also doing more talking than fighting. Of course he wants to fight somebody, but he wants to pick his man. He has offered to fight Carroll, of Brooklyn, and allow the latter to weich over 160 pounds. Why won't Hall concede this condition to Ed. Smith? Hall and his backer are in duty bound to answer this question. But Smith does not even demand any favors. He will fight Hall at middle-weight, and I am in a position to say more than this. Just as sure as we live, one of these days a forfeit will be put up for Smith to fight Fitzsimmons under London prige ring rules at 185 pounds, or under Queensberry rules at 185 pounds, or under Challenge is issued I really fail to see how Fitzsimmons can afford to ignore it. If he declines it, then I will be theroughly convinced that he does not want to fight any good man at all.

And we are not going to have the contest be-tween Joe McAuliffe and Pat Farrell. Few people will be sorry for it, because the disparity of the height and weight of the two men is too great to make the contest interesting. Mo-Auliffe's contest with Jim Daly is another proof that the "Mission Boy" has not been destined to be a knocker out; in fact, he is to a very great extent a pugilistic fraud, and it is only the scheming of "managers" that keeps only the scheming of "managers" that keeps him before the public. Broken hand or no broken hand, it is all the same to me. When a man like McAuliffe makes a failure against a man like Daly he should retire entirely. Well, now that McAuliffe has gone into obscurity for a while we are to have a contest between Daly and Farrell. This ought to be quite satisfactory to Farrell, for if he cannot defeat Daly it is useless for him to expect to make a successful career as a pugilist. If he defeats Daly, which he ought to do, he will have a better opportunity than he has now to secure a contest with one of the tip-toppers. Farrell is really an unknown quantity, and until he performs we will have little idea of what his abilities are.

Among the Lightweights.

Among the Lightweights. I have a letter from Billy Hawkins, the Western lightweight, who so far has had quite a victorious career. He is eager to come East and tackle anybody at 133 pounds, give or take 2 pounds. If Ed Smith is matched against either Fitzsimmons or Hall. Hawkins will train him and will at the same time try and secure a match with Austin Gibbons, Jack McAuliffe or any lightweight in the country. Now here is a chance for any of those alleged lightweight world beaters, but I am afraid that like the other "champions" they will have all kinds of excuses against meeting Hawkins. The latter excuses against meeting Hawkins. The latter will certainly make matters exceedingly warm for any lightweight he meets, and there is great probability that if ever ne meets Gibbons he will prove victorious. Gibbons is now enjoying a wonderful reputation, and has done precious little toward earning it, and why one of the great clubs does not offer a purse for him and Hawkins is a matter I cannot understand. That exploded "cyclone," Myer, of Streator, and Jack McAuliffe are still fishing for a big purse, and there seems to be very litstreator, and Jack McAuliffe are still fishing for a big purse, and there seems to be very lit-tle chance of their getting one. It is stated that they put up a forfeit of \$1,000 a side. This may or may not be true, but if they cannot get a purse why does not one of them turn his at-tention to Hawkinst Already McAuliffe and Myer have played a very suspicious part, and they ought to tackle a stranger. Peter Priddy and Darrin.

There is a strong probability of a three-mile race between Peter Priddy and the English runner, Harry Darrin, judging from the latter's challenge which appeared in yesterday's DIS PATCH. The challenge has every appearance of being bona fide, and as Darrin gives Priddy his choice of any distance from one to three miles I anticipate that Priddy will select the longest distance. I know that the Pittsburger has for some time past been auxious to run anybody three or five miles, and it is quite likely that he will at once accept Darrin's challenge. A race of three miles between these men is sure to be interesting, and personally I would like to see it take place in Pittsburg. Darrin, as we all know, is a great pedestrian, and if he and Priddy were to run here on and if he and Priddy were to run here on a fine day the event would certainly be an attractive one. But it is quite interesting to note that Darrin signs himself "champion of the world." I am at a loss to know where and when he ever earned that title, and I don't hesitate to say that Priddy has as much claim to any title of champion as anybody else who makes it a business to run three miles. But this feature is of little moment except that it means a race between the two men would be very much like a championship contest. Each man claims the title and a race between them would certainly settle their respective chaims as far as they are concerned. I trust the race will go on and that it will be arranged to take place at a time when we may expect good weather, and also that both men will be in their best form. If they are the race will be a great one.

A Few Words About Drugging. The following remarks about "polsoning athletes and also regarding the evils of "betting men" becoming connected with sporting affairs are made by Henry Sampson (Pendragon) and are of great interest. He says: Some day, are of great interest. He says: Some day, when the history of the prize ring comes to be written—the real, unvarnished, seamy-side history—the world may be astonished at a narrative of poisoning in which some famous fighting men of less than a generation ago figure. A pugllist, whose name at the time was on every tongue, but who knew the need of money, agreed, if a certain match could be arranged, to run second in it, providing he received a specific sum, and to take a dose in proof of the bona fides of his intentions. This pugllist didnot intend doing a crook; up to then he had Jem Smith and Pritchard.

One of the prominent events of the week as far as pugilism is concerned has been the matching of Jem Smith and Ted Pritchard to fight for the English championship. There are many reasons why American Interest in a battle between these men is great. Smith has already had a "go" at some of our champions, already had a "go" at some of our champions.

bona fides of his intentions. This pugilist didnot intend doing a crook; up to then be had been an iron man, and he depended on his constitution (and a ruse) to pull him through, especially as the match would be, if he were in anything like form, an absolute gift for him. The dose was strong, as it had to be taken the day before the fight; our pug, the moment he got it and the money with it, rushed out to the back and disgofged himself a la Heliogabalus. He didn't shake off the effect of the drug completely and next day was not half himself. be of any importance in connection with them PRINGLE.

A PETROLEUM TRICYCLE. It Will Run Forty Miles at Good Speed With a Gallon of Oil.

The petroleum motor tricycle here sketched says the Scientific American, will run 40 miles with one gallon of oil at a speed of from 3 to 10 miles an hour. At each side is a motor cylinder whose pistons operate in the four-stroke cycle-that is, one stroke stroke compresses the charge, which



is exploded at the third stroke and exsusted on the fourth. The diameter of the hausted on the fourth. The diameter of the wheels is 32 in., and the whole of the framing and the engine rods are made of oval steel tubing. The weight of the machine is 280 pounds. The arrangements of the parts is such that the motor is very compact, and it is said to be readily and easily started, the electric ignition not introducing any difficulty. Mr. Edward Butler, of Greenwich, is the inventor, SIGHT RESTORER

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PREPARED FOR THE DISPATCH. It is a well-known fact that higher civiligation is always attended by new and special forms of disease. The eye is peculiarly sub ject to ailments entailed by modern conditions, and their

specific nature and remedies have been clearly defined by P oculists. It may be mentioned inci-dentally that not long ago attention was drawn to the fact that a new disease of the eye, peculiar to New

York, was caused by the fine particles of iron disseminated through the air along the line of the elevated roads by the friction and concussion of the trains. But besides the more complex forms of disease there are simpler and more primitive classes for the cure of which less elaborate treatment is usually resorted to.

When any affection of the eye is depend ent on the state of the surrounding tissues, or a sluggishness in the circulation of the eyeball, and not due to an organic defect of the lens, or when the nerves of the eye are affected by sympathy with the nervous system generally, various simple remedies are brought into requisition. Among these are fomentation, rubbing of the temples and "dry cupping." The last named treatment is regarded as improving the circulation of blood in and around the eye, and as restoring the convexity of the cornea, thus curing longsightedness, shortsightedness, weakness of sight, dimness of vision and other affec-

tions of the eye.

For such purposes various cups and India rubber ball appliances are often employed, and a modification of this treatment is the subject of the illustration now given, which shows a new invention just patented in England. The merit of such devices as these can only be determined by experience but pending a thorough and reliable test of the invention, it is but fair to regard the claim of the inventor that he has devised an nprovement on the ivory cup and rubber ball for cases where the regulation of the suction and tension is of the utmost importance, and has rendered possible the more effective placing of the cup attach-ments on the cornea of the eyes, as a sound one; he has certainly devised an ingenious modification of appliances now used.

In using the instrument the mouthpiece is placed in the mouth, and the outer open edges of the hollow cups are placed airtight over the eyes to be dry-cupped. The suction then caused through the flexible tubes by the drawing in of the breath will cause a vacuum in the cups which will be retained on the eyes, and the cornea of the eye will be drawn to the proper convex or spherical form or sensation of comfort, the tongue meanwhile acting as a valve on the end of the mouthpiece to maintain the ex-haustion of the air. The instrument is also made with a single flexible tube and cup for operating on one eye at a time.

Folding Vapor Bath. The use of baths of all kinds has been rapidly on the increase in this country of late years, and the Turkish bath is not recognized as a necessity by thorough-going disciples of hygiene. By such a recent in vention will be gladly received. This invention consists of a flexible bath tub, that can be rolled and folded up in a small package, which can be easily stowed out of the way. It is thus a handy article for persons traveling or occupying rooms, and under all conditions it provides a prompt means of obtaining a Turkish, vapor or steam bath, the heat being furnished either by an alcohol lamp or a steamer. The cover of the bath is conveniently arranged and a flap in the top of it is left open until the person has entere the bath, when it is buttoned like the rest of the cover, a collar of soft cloth fastening around the neck so as to prevent the escape of steam or hot air, while at the same time allowing the person in the bath to move about. When a dry heat is required an alcohol lamp is introduced within the bath, and when steam is required it is provided by the use of a suitably constructed steame Should a douche be required after the bath a waterproof cloth with the edges turned up is used to catch the water.

Coin-Operated Reversible-Seat Chair. Among the thousand and one application of the nickel-in-the-slot principle may be mentioned a late invention, which may possibly have a curious effect on the sales of tickets in theaters. The device is a chair having a revolving seat and a revolving back, the respective position of both of which can be immediately changed by coincontrolled locking mechanism. Supposing that a play is in progress, and the spectator, with an eye to economy, is "taking it in" from the gallery. The seat, probably, is hard, and the back of the chair is straight, and the pleasure seeker is longing for th end of the play, so that he can seek something like comfort in his easy chair at home The dropping of the nickel now works beneficently, for as the mechanism is actu-ated by its weight the under side of the seat, which is softly cushioned, flies up and forms a luxurious back, with a gentle and inviting nclination, and a similarly cushioned seat is provided for the grateful playgoer for the rest of the evening. So that, in point of fact, the occupants of a gallery seat can for an extra 5 cents enjoy more than the comfort of those in the orchestra.

What Fog Means.

Prof. Reynolds recently gave a practical illustration of the effect of fog in connection with some new belting which had been running for four hours at Owens College during a heavy fog. The belting, which was new and bright when started; was found, when stopped, to be black and loaded with dirt. It had been running at 4,000 feet an hour. Prof. Reynolds pointed out the resemblance to the dirtiness of an express train, the phenomenon in both cases being due to the fact that the rapidly moving body comes in contact with a greater quantity of air in a given time than a stationary body, and, therefore, picks up s greater quantity of atmospheric pollution.

A Small Flower Holder. An invention which has been patented in England, and which is being utilized extensively by ladies going to the Queen's drawing-rooms, is a small posy holder. This device is so constructed as to fasten on the door-panel of the carriage and to slip into a small socket attached to the woodwork with screws. The slant of the holder throws the flowers forward, so that every bud, tern froud or orehard spike is pro-tected from injury. The flowers are found to keep much fresher when freed from contact with a hot hand, and ladies who have endured the strain of holding a boquet for hours in a tightly-gloved palm, will be glad to be relieved from such an ordeal.

A machine is said to have been patented in England whereby cows can be milked much more promptly and easily than by

hand. A number of cups are connected with a general conducting tube, which conveys the milit into a large vessel where the

suction is made. It is claimed that the cows rather like the process than otherwise, and that four or five of them can be disposed of in as many minutes, the quantity of milk not being affected. Importance of Breathing Properly. In all the various systems of physical culture now in vogue, the greatest impor Last Raid of Joe Wheeler, One of the tance is attached to taking the breath prop erly. The breathing should be slow and deep, six breaths a minute being a safe average. There is still a difference of opinion in respect to the relative value of abdomina and chest breathing, and each system has

its advantages. One of the best exercises for increasing the capacity of the lungs is to draw in a full breath slowly, and through the nose. Keep the lungs inflated as long as possible, and then expel the air suddenly through the mouth, and repeat the process. Care should be taken not to try to make the period of holding the breath too long at the start; the more gradually the power of doing this is attained, the better will be the perma-nent results. There are many breathing exercises, and one of the best is the taking of deep breath and swinging the arms, first one then the other, and finally both, while the breath is inhaled. Excessive practice of any system should be avoided, and the golden rule of taking moderate and judicious exer-cise should be observed.

Prevention of Rust in Bollers Prof. Smithells, in speaking before the Leeds (England) Association of Engineers, endeavored to answer the question "How can the action of rusting be prevented?" He said many things had been tried. Iron might be painted, and by the adoption of certain precautions an effective method might be arrived at. One precaution was that the metal must be perfectly clean. A spot of rust embedded below a coat of paint would often break out of itself. There was the method of covering the iron with oils and tarry matters. There was also the proeast darry matters. There was also the pro-cess of galvanizing the iron; the process of enameling, which was useful for small articles, although the enamel was liable to chip off, and the Bower-Barff process, which was admirable. Alluding to boilers he said that by putting soda into them, not he said that by putting soda into them, only was the acidity of the water correct but something was introduced which would absorb the carbonic acid gas, and prevent its acting in a rusty capacity.

A curious fact in connection with the effect of the progress of civilization comes from Australia. It appears that in the older parts of that country the kangaroo is practically exterminated. In Victoria the kangaroos formerly outnumbered the sheep in the proportion of two to one, and old shepherds state that it was not an uncommon thing to see the sheep and the kangaroo feeding together upon the plains; as many as 2,000 or 3,600 kangaroos frequently ac-companying a flock of 1,000 sheep. The re-duction in the number of kangaroos has materially affected the possibilities of profit on sheep farms, as will be seen from the fact that a "station" which, in 1850, could barely graze 5,000 sheep, can now be made to carry 40,000 without any danger of being over-

Combined Chair and Desk. A combination chair and desk has been designed for use in apartments where economy of space is necessary. The back of the chair constitutes the desk, which is held in position by bolts passing through the rear standards of the chair back. In this man-ner it is pivoted and can readily be turned down. A pair of jointed braces pivoted to the sides of the desk and to the inner sides of the standards supports the desk at a proper inclination. It is supplied with a swinging ink well, pen trays and compart-ments for stamps and stationery. A large drawer under the seat forms a receptacle for books and heavy stationery. When not in use as a desk, it is closed up, being held in ington. He told me the other day of his last

Novel Fire Alarm An original mode of sounding a firealarm s adopted in a town in Colorado. In that region the revolver is considered an indispensable article of daily wear, and affords the quickest means of announcing to the rest of the community the impending dan-ger. Whenever a fire is discovered a rapid and promiscuous discharge of this firearm spreads the news through the town. This method, though crude, is found to work fairly well. It has, however, one drawback, in that the fire department, as well as the public, is often uncertain whether a fire or fight is in progress, and whatever the truth may turn out to be, somebody is sure to be disappointed.

A Cheap Vegetal Butter. A pure and wholesome butter substitute, especially for cooking purposes, is being made in Germany and Holland. It is what its name implies, a fatty substance, which resembles butter, but contains no fat. It consists only of combinations of vegetal oils extracted from cocoaputs and other plants of fruit which contain oil. Vegetal butter requires salt when used, as none is employed in the process of its manufacture. Its retail price is 16 cents per pound.

The Reign of Steel A prominent technical journal says: "How long will builders of cable railways pile up huge blocks of solid brick for the walls of their power houses? Can't they be made to understand that steel and steel alone is the only material which will render their power plants a cheap, economical and indestructible shelter?"

SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN. Antique Civilizations Cannot Duplie Cincinnati Invention. Cincinnati Times-Star. 1

It is often said that there is nothing new under the sun. There are people who insist that Cæsar and Cicero knew of and used the telegraph and the telephone and that Shakespeare made a plaything of the phonograph. There are others who declare that the hanging gardens of Babylon were illuminated with electric lights, and that gas was used in Noah's ark. But it remained for a firm in the Areade to come to the front with something absolutely new. "Hot pop-corn fritters" is their specialty.

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STORY OF STOCKTON

Pen Picture of the Novelist Now Writing for The Dispatch.

HE DICTATES ALL HIS WORK.

Greatest Cavalry Leaders.

GEN. WADE HAMPTON'S EMPTY BOAST

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH. WASHINGTON, March 28 .- A sallow dark-faced little man who looked almos sickly by his contrast with the burly statesman's wife who sat by his side, rode up from the Capitol in one of the 5-cent herdies yesterday. The face of this man was extremely sensitive. His eyes were dark and full of soul. His jet black hair showed out from under a derby hat, and he seemed rather to shrink from notice.

As he got into the car he limped slightly, and he sat there packed between two big women like a sandwich until the car came to the transfer station at the corner of Lafayette Park. Here a crowd of women rushed in. They saw that the herdic was full, but that made no difference, and young and old, they stepped in and looked at the men, inviting them with their eyes to give them seats. A number of the men were Congressmen. These sat still, but when a gray-haired lady entered the herdic, this little dark-faced man stood up and gave her

The condition of his health, however, evidently prevented his remaining stand-

ing, and he quietly stepped from the herdic and waited for another car, on which he would have to pay an extra fare. This dark-faced man was Frank R. Stockton, the novelist. The gray-haired woman was twice as strong as he was, and she entered the herdic knowing some man would rise and give her

Frank R. Stockton is doing some literary work here. He carries his work with him wherever he goes, and he has some of the most curious literary methods of any of the American authors. He plans his novel and writes it out in his head, so to speak, before he puts a word down on paper. He thinks it out down to the conversation, includ-ing the commas, periods and exclamation points, and when he has the whole story ready, and not till then, he dictates it After beginning his dictation he goes right along from morning to morning until it is completed. He dictates about 1,000 words in a morning, and he walks up and down the floor while dictating. He once-told me that he could dictate better than he could his private letters. He sometimes dictates the last chapters of a book before the first, and he says he does not see how one can write a novel without he has outlined it peforehand. He does not revise his stories to any great extent, and his memory is a most phenomenal one. He likes Washington well enough to come here nearly every winter, but the most of his work is done at his home in New Jersey.

General Joe Wheeler's Last Raid. The memoirs of Jefferson Davis by hi wife say but little about General Jo Wheeler's connection with the last days of the Confederacy. General Wheeler was the greatest cavalry leader of the South, and he is as active now as he was when he followed the fortunes of Jefferson Davis down into Georgia. He is a short, slim, nervous, wiry little fellow of about 125 pounds weight. His black hair has become tinged with gray,

and white strands are creeping in his full black beard. His heart is still young, however, and though he has made a fortune since the war closed, as a planter, there is nothing snobbish about him, and he is one of the most popular Congressmen at Wash-"I saw him," said he, "when he was still President, at Charlotte, N. C. He had been driven away from Richmond, but he still kent up his show of authority. He held his

Cabinet meetings, and among others who were present at the time, were Wade Hampton, John C. Breckenridge, Reagan and myself. I know the war was over and wanted Mr. Davis to fiv. He did not seem to think as I did and he held a Cabinet meeting at which he told me he had decided to move my troops on to Cokesborough, N. C. I then had eight brigades under me, but I told Mr. Davis that my men thought the war was over, and I thought it doubtful whether I could hold them together. Wade Hampton was more sanguine, and he pomp ously said, 'Well, General Wheeler's troops may not obey, but whatever I order mine to do, they will do.'

The Soldiers Had Had Enough. "This put me in rather a bad light, but I doubted what Hampton said. Upon reaching my soldiers I found that they had all ded, and the best I could do disbanded, and the best I could do was to get 500 men who said they would stick to me and the President. This 500 were splendid fellows, and I started with them toward Cokesborough, but I soon received orders to go toward Washington and Georgia. As I went South I stopped at Yorkville, where Mrs. Wade Hampton was, and called upon her. She told me that General Hampton had just come in, and a moment later he en tered. He was as tired and as sad a man as I have ever seen. He had found that his boast about bringing his soldiers with him was an unfounded one. He had to start out with a single company, but his men had all dropped off before he got to Yorkville, and he had ridden 50 miles on a stretch in order

to get in.
"Well, from Yorkville I went South, but I received an order to disband my troops be-fore I reached Jefferson Davis. I had done so and was lying in the woods in company with several of my soldiers when a company of Federals discovered us. I had torn the stars from my coat and they could not tell my rank. I finally told them who I was, and they said as I wanted to be with Jeffer son Davis they would take me to him. Thereupon they carried me to Augusta and put me on a boat in company with Jefferson Davis, Alexander H. Stephens, Clement C. Clay and John H. Reagan. This boat took us to Savannah, and from thence we were carried to the Northern prison. I was sent to Fort Delaware, but was released after a FRANK G. CARPENTER.

WINDTHORST'S LAST SPEECH.

Wonderful Effort On His Deathbed, and

Similar Instances. Many people have no doubt read of the curious scene that took place at the deathbed of Malherbe, the great French poet, who awoke from a swoon, heartily reproved his nurse for using a word which he considered bad French, and then died; also that of Alonzo Cano, the Spanish painter and sculptor, who, during his last hour of life, emphatically refused to kiss a crucifix because it was badly made, and again that incident recorded of the famous Rameau in which the dying musician makes a last rally to indignantly exclaim to his confessor, who had wearied him with a long harangue; "What on earth makes you come here and chant to me, Monsieur le Cure? You have a deuce of a bad voice."

These were all remarkable events to take

place right at the gateway of death, but none of them surpasses the impressive scene at the death-bed of the late German statesman Windthorst, who, miraculously recovering his strength and voice, made one of the most eloquent speeches ever heard from one who, in his prime, was considered among the leading orators of his time.

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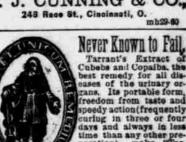
you must see that the card is not bent and will lie flat on the table. For a beginning No. 1 or No. 2 is the best kind. A boomerang with a sharp corner does its duty more easily than one in which the curve is gradual or the angle obtuse, as is No. 3 and

The way to make it skim is to lay it upon a book, with one end projecting ever the side. Hold the book up to a level with side. Hold the book up to a level with your eyes, and give the outlying edge of the card a smart rap with a small stick or a lead peneil, taking care not to strike the flat top, but only the side of the boomerang near the end. You can guide the stick or pencil by sliding it along the rim of the book as you strike. The missile will shoot forward five or six feet, and will then rise a little, turn in its course and sail back to a little, turn in its course and sail back to a place near that from which it was sent spinning. But the best way to become a good boomerang thrower is to practice throwing it and skill will soon come.

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