there are so many brands on the market, good and bad, one hardly knows which to select. In such



to the legitimate heir. It is rather curious how little s known of this fund at the present day. The best encyclopedias are silent upon the subject; books of referslightest intimation of

what it really is. It is only through the most tortuous channels, personal memoirs, biographies and the like that knowledge can be gained of a subject that a score of years ago was placed officially before every crowned head in Europe. They were asked to take sides in a controversy, which might—on smaller pretexts the greatest conflicts the world has seen have been precipitated—have involved many nations in war. As it is the fund has been a bone of contention between the German Government and the subjugated Hanoverlan province for nearly 26 years, since Prussia gained the upper hand in German affairs.

hand in German affairs.

When the blind King of Hanover was deposed in 1866, he was plastered with a sort of golden balm in the shape of \$16,000,000. At first George V. was disposed to accept the provision, but political movements not only in Germany but in France engendered the belief in his mind that he would before long regain his kingdom. In looking over the history of the time, no good reason can be found for this belief. The only excuse is that King George was rather weak is that King George was rather weak mentally and disposed to believe anything flattering courtiers might say to him. Be this as it may, the Government endeavored this as it may, the Government endeavored to subdue him finally by fighting him with the income of his property. Then a bargain was proposed. In return for a complete renunciation of his rights of succession, he was to receive the fund. He again refused, and in March, 1868, King William confiscated his entire fortune. But by some mismanagement the Landiag did not ratify the action, and the so-called Guelph fund has been held illegally ever since by the Prussian Government. In the time that has intervened, the uses to which the money has been put have been really scandalous. There would be some excuss if it had been used to defray the expenses of opposing agitation against the Prussian Government by the Hanoverian King and since his by the Hanoverian King and since his death in 1878 by his son, the Duke of Cumberland. But since 1871 it has been at the disposal of the Chancellor's office which institution has spent nearly \$5,000,000 yearly upon spies, subsidies for newspapers and other dirty work. other dirty work.

King George repeatedly appealed to the other courts of Europe for justice, but with-out effect. When the Duke of Cumberland succeeded to his rights he issued a circular announcing his claims. This was done at the dictation of his father. Some think the present reconciliation is a renunciation of this promise, but it is not. He, in fact, does not give up his rights. That arrange-ment is to remain in statu que. It is under-stood that when his son succeeds to the Brunswick throne, of which he is the heir, he, and not his father, is to renounce all claims to Hanover. It is said this reconciliation was brought about by the Duke of Old-enburg, who argued that Cumberland's obstinger was robbing his children of an enor mous heritage. Among the bezeficiaries by this settlement will be Queen Victoria and her daughters, each of whom will receive under George's will \$750,000. Victoria will also have an opportunity to display her ability as an executrix.

The Civilization of the Incas, One of the most interesting exhibits that South America will send to Chicago next year will be the collection of antiquities which Peru is now making ready. The products of that high civilization which Peru enjoyed under the Incas will take some of the conceit out of our manufacture ers and artists. The most remarkable of all the relies of the empire which Pizarro de stroyed, the ruins of the great palaces, the immense remnants of masonry which to-day with all our mechanical skill would be hard to excel, and such monuments of majestic proportions as the fragments of tangestic palace and fortress on the plain of Tiahu-anaco, of course, cannot be brought to the Exposition, but there are plenty of antiqui-Exposition, but there are plenty of antiqui-ties, in the shape of pottery, weapons and ornaments of gold and silver and other metals, which can be transported easily. The pottery of ancient Peru is not very beautiful, but it is quaint and curious. The tombs of the Incas have yielded great quan-tities of pottery, which must be at least 500 years old and mostly much older, and is yet in good condition. Most of it is of a black, thoroughly burned clay, resembling the thoroughly burned clay, resembling the work of Roman potters in Etruria that has also come down to us. The decorative ideas of the Peruvians in the Inca period were crude, and most of their pottery runs to the grotesque in form. A considerable collection of Peruvian antiquities is to be seen in the British Museum, but the exhibit now being prepared for the World's Columbian Exposition, the Peruvians say, will be far

finer and more comprehensively illustrative of the arts of the great nation whose grave of the arts of the great nation whose grave the Spaniards dug.

The Peruvians, it will be remembered, were the only American people who had made any progress in the fusing or alloying of metals before the old world civilization reached America. The researches of the modern explorers have established the fact that the Peruvians were more advanced than the Mexicans as one writer observers. than the Mexicans, as one writer observes "Both in the necessary arts of life and in such as had some title to the name of ele-gant." This is the more singular seeing that in other directions the Aztecs of Mexico were the superiors of the Peruvians; for instance, the former possessed a hieroglyphic language for communication and record, whereas the Peruvians had nothing

of the kind.

The exhibition in Chicago of these relics of sucient Peru will also enable us to judge for ourselves how much foundation there is for the theory that the civilization of Peru was exotic in its origin and that the mysterious pale-faced strangers, Manco Capac and Mama Ocello, who appeared upon the banks of Lake Titicaca somewhere about 1000 A. D. and founded the dynasty of the Incas, were simply a pair of Chinese adventurers who had been blown out of their course and landed by chance upon the Pe-

A Hessian's Love for the English. The Grand Duke Ludwig IV., of Hesse Darmstadt, who died Sunday last, was a

very popular man in his own country, notwithstanding his excessive affection for Englishmen, their customs and their clothes. His Anglomania had a na tional origin through his marriage to Princess Alice, second daughter of Queen



gland. It would naturally be supposed

PRICE OF A THRONE. that he would be a great favorite of the English royal family, but he was not. Al-Story of the Sixteen Millions Constituting the Guelph Fund.

AUTHOR OF A POPULAR SONG.

The Exhibit of Peru at Chicago Showing the Inca Civilization.

FACTS ABOUT TWO RECENT DEATHS

It is announced that the Duke of Cumberland and the German Empire have kissed and the German Empire have kissed and that the famous accumulation, the Guelph fund, will at last be restored to the legitimate being the last be restored to the legitimate to the legitimate to the functivities of the court within a few days after the ceremony Ludwig informed Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales of what he had done. A tremendous scene followed, both the Queen and the son charging the Duke with disgracing the memory of his dead wife by wedding an adventuress. The affair ended in the bride's being unceremonically "fired out" of the castle. But the Grand Duke did not give her up legally for a long time. It is believed he had really loved her for many years.

Ludwig succeeded to the throne as the nephew of his predecessor. In the remarkable seven weeks' war of 1866 between Prussia and Austria he commanded a brigade in the Hessian Division. In the Franco-Prussian war he was at the head of the Ninth Army Corps, and distinguished himself at

Twenty-fifth Infantry Division of the Ninth Army Corps, and distinguished himself at Gravelotte and on the Loire. He suc-ceeded to the Hessian crown in 1877.

ency of Geographical Names. Nothing is more uncertain than the origin of geograpical names, and the most curious nistakes have been made by explorers in christening newly discovered rivers, coasts and mountains, especially when they have, as they thought, taken native nomenclature as a basis. A monumental instance of this is the river Congo, which Diego Cam, who first visited that part of the African coast, so designated because when he asked the so designated because when he asked the natives to whom the land thereabouts belonged they replied that Mwani Congo was its lord. So Mr. Explorer Cam called the territory the kingdom of the Congo. Now the word Congo in the Bantu language means a mountain, which is not the most appropriate name for a river. The scrupulously careful map-makers who have given the alternative name of Zaire to the Congo have not improved matters. The origin of the name Zaire is simply comic. The Portuguese discoverers of this coast took back with them to Portugal a Congo neero to tuguese discoverers of this coast took back with them to Portugal a Congo negro, to whom the king gave audience. Among other questions the king asked for the name of the great river of which he had heard so much, and the intelligent negro replied, "Zer-oco," which was interpreted to mean that the river wus called Zer. "Zer-oco," however, simply meant, "I don't know."

This reminds one of the Spaniards who turned up their noses at the cold climate of the north and contemptously declared that

the north and contemptously declared that the whole country that is now Canada amounted to nothing—Acanada, whence some seriously insist the name is derived. This is hardly more far-fetched than the derivation of California from caliente fornallar "fiery furnace" said to be the term ap-plied to the Pacific slope by the first Span-

Composer of Kathleen Mayourneen. When did you last hear that sweet old



wonderfully, and yet very few who touching appeal to I'll be bound, know that the man who composed it is but now on his deathbed in Baltimore. F. Nicholls Crouch has had a rather checkered

F. N. Crouch. eer, and his name is connected with some odd people and some incidents stranger still. He was born in London, almost within sound of Bow Bells, in 1808. From his father who was a violincellist, he inherited his musical talent. When still a boy he joined a theatrical orchestra, rising rapidly with the help of a remarkable voice and skill as a violincellist to be leader of the Drury Lane Theater Orchestra, cal concerts at which royalty was present.
He was only 27 when he composed "Kathleen Mayourneen," the song which of the
many he wrote alone is likely to long survive him. Its pathos may have been an echo from his life, for he had just con-

an echo from his life, for he had just concluded an unfortunate matrimonial experience and was living apart from his wife. He spent some years conducting concerts and lecturing through the British Isles, and then in 1849 emigrated to this country.

As usual America gave a warm welcome to 'alent, and Mr. Crouch had considerable success, giving for the first time in this country Rossini's "Stabat Mater." He gradually drifted southwards, and when the War of the Rebellion broke out he was assistant overanist of St. Paul's Church, Rich. War of the Rebellion broke out he was assistant organist of St. Paul's Church, Richmond. His service in the Confederate army did not improve his fortunes, for at the close of the war he was forced to work for a time as a farm laborer, though he finally returned to Richmond and set up as a music teacher. From there he removed to Baltimore some 15 years ago, and his declining years have been made more easy by the singular affection he inspired in a certain paymaster's clerk in the navy, James Roche by name. Mr. Roche admired the author of "Kathleen Mayourneen" so much that he by name. Mr. Roche admired the author of "Kathleen Mayourneen" so much that he insisted upon taking Mr. Crouch's name and legally becoming his adopted son. As practical proof of his fitial devotion, Mr. Roche has steadily contributed to Mr. Crouch's support, and the last years of the aged musician have been spent chiefly in the congenial composition of music. Although his first experiment was unhappy, Mr. Crouch was married four times in all, and he was the father of no less than 33 children. One of these was the woman children. One of these was the woman whose heauty and reckless life in Paris gave her a world-wide notoriety, Cora Pearl.

Served Nine Years as Speaker. Sir Henry Bouviere William Brand, Viscount Hampden, died Tuesday last. Vis-

count Hampden was a lineal descendant of the sturdy patriot, Sir John Hampden. who opposed Charles L almost up to the head-chopping finale at Whitehall. But it is not as the descendant of a famous warrior that Hampden is

entitled to consideration. His own personal abilities, of which he made good use during a long term in Parliament, nine years of which he served as Speaker, would alone entitle him to distinction. He was the most satisfactory Speaker of the House of Commons it had known for years. He the most satisfactory Speaker of the House of Commons it had known for years. He was elected under somewhat remarkable circumstances. From an extremely partisan "whip" of the Liberal party he developed into one of the most impartial of Speakers, and this in face of the fact that he occupied the chair during most trying times, when the Irish policy of obstruction brought about a crisis every week, and when ugly epithets were hurled nightly at the Speaker who had the nerve to carry out the policy he believed right.

Viscount Hampden, who was then plain Mr. Brand, the Speaker, made some errors, but it is questionable if any man living could have handled better the many difficult problems arising during that time. It is sufficient to know that he left the onerous position to assume the coronet of a peer of

is sufficient to know that he left the onerous position to assume the coronet of a peer of the realm with the good will of all parties. The details of his fatal illness have not reached this country vet, but it would not be surprising to find that the all night sessions and red-hot debates, when Parnell forced the fighting, had their effect upon the Speaker, who bore the brunt of the fray. Usually the position of Speaker, with its fat salary of \$25,000 a year and a pleasant town house, is regarded as a mighty soft job, but during the time Brand held it nobody envied him.

W. G. KAUFMANE.

How Alliance Congressman Clover's Wife Has Saved His Fortune.

And Took to Calamity Howling While She Looked After the Debts.

SHE RAISED \$14,000 IN MORTGAGES

NDENCE OF THE DISPATOR. son of Mra Clover is responsible for the happy change in the financial situation of the erstwhile calamity howier.

Mrs. Clover at the present time is about the most widely-talked-of woman in the State of Kansaa She is the pet of the Third Congressional district, and if uni-versal suffrage comes with the other political changes in this State she will certainly be urged for the Gubernatorial chair. Congressman Clover came to Kansas in the spring of 1871 and settled in Cowley county. In the early days he proved him-self an expert land grabber, and succeeded in freezing out his neighbors until he has secured some 1,600 acres of the best land in

Then Mr. Clover began farming on a large scale and made a dismal failure of the venroosting places for the birds and the lements played sad havoe with them.

She Would Do the Farming.

She Would Do the Farming.

His wife encouraged his ambition and announced her willingness to look after it. "You can take it," said Mr. Clover, "and do the best you know how. If things get very much worse we will let them foreclose and we will move to town."

Mrs. Clover does not look like a farmer's wife. She is always nattily dressed, has a much better education than her husband and is a leader in the society of her neighborhood. Mrs. Clover is a trifle taller than her husband. He is portly, she is spare. Mr. Clover is a slow thinker and a slow talker. Mrs. Clover thinks quick and acts promptly. When Mr. Clover entered upon his canvass the crops were all in the ground but had not been cultivated. With the assistance of the younger son, who remained at home, and two hired hands, Mrs. Clover undertook to cultivate and harvest the crop. The wheat yield and the corn crop were fair and it was carefully harvested and housed.

Out of Debt In Another Year.

Mrs. Clover expended her surplus in improving the farm and building outhouses for the agricultural implements. It was the management of the farm in 1891 that told on the financial standing of the Clovers. Mrs. Clover planted the crops and cultivated them, harvested and sold them. In addition to paying the taxes and interest on the mortgages, Mrs. Clover paid all the mortgage indebtedness except \$5,000, which bore an easy rate of interest, and which can easily

oron year in 1892.

Mrs. Clover did not wish to accompany her husband to Washington. She confided to one of her neighbors that Mr. Clover had sent her \$2,000 out of his salary, which had sent her \$2,000 out of his salary, which had been applied to meeting their indebtedness. Mrs. Clover never asks for credit with the merchants of this town, and has settled bills of long standing. In her purchases she is hardly what the merchants call a "shrewd trader," as she does not handle

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## A WOMAN ON A FARM

HE WASN'T MUCH OF A SUCCESS

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Wholesale Farming at a Loss.

ture. His magnificent farm went to rack, the plows and reapers were left to make Neighbors of the Congressman even declared that his corn cribs were so poorly constructed that the rain beat down and ruined his crop before the expected rise in the market ever came and everything about the old homestead was going to the doga. When two of his grown sons left for Oklahoma affairs were in such a bad way that Mr. Clover concluded that the iniquitous Legislature was responsible for it all and he left the Republican party and joined the Alliance. He was elected President of this organization, but still continued to manage the farm, which had been plastered with mortgages for all it would stand.

Mrs. Clover up to this time had contented herself with looking after the chickens and the garden. Mr. Clover bad the finest chickens and the best garden in the country, but, although he appeared industrious enough, the farm itself would not meet the interest on the mortgages and the taxes. It was at this time that the Cowley county farmer received the Alliance nomination for Congress. that his corn cribs were so poorly con-

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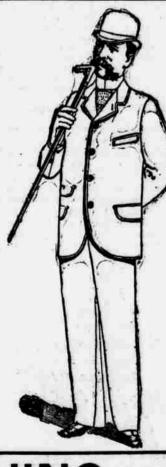
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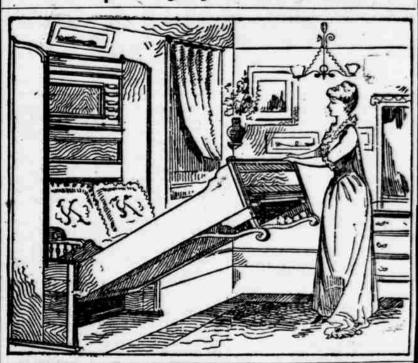
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