News Via the North Star.

Bill nye, var bekante humorist, slog gacken los i Torsdags morgon vid stortbaden i Saratoga, da hans fot siant pa marmorgolivet och han foll rakt pa en porsinsspottback och erholl ratt svara sar pa ryggen och sidan. Han blef ford till sittrum i Congress Hall, der en doktor sydde ihop saret. Han maste nu halla sig i sang en vecka och molligen isnere.

I am not so fluent in the Swedish lan

uage as I should be after having had a swedish cook for years, but if I understand

the above paragraph it errs in some of its statements. I was never in Saratoga in my

life, either on Torsdags morgon or else-where, and the allusion to "rum i Congress

hall' is purely gratuitous, and most every one knows how I abhor rum when I see what it has done for everyone but Mr. Keeley, and how I turn from it, especially

then I remember how many other things

An Exhibit for the World's Fair.

there are that taste better and come at the

same price. Moreover, when a paper says that "i sang en vecka och majligen" or

Explaining Away the Libel,

I am led to believe, however, that the

authority for the item is a paragraph re-cently printed in some of the American papers in which a man who has assumed my

under my name, and the gladsome news flashed over the wires that I had fallen on a

gauger of mine who three years ago stole a

carload of watermelons in Ohio, using noth-

But even other people are talked about, Here is what the Nordstjernan says of the

Jag har lvckat- fa rum pa Grand Pacific Hotell, der Cleveland demokraterna hafva

sitt bufvudqvarter redan ordnadt under ledning af Colonel John Tracy, hvadan jag saledes blir tillfalle att fa se dem i full verk-

Hitting Pretty Near the Bull's Eye.

Here it will be noticed that rum and its

jag, as well as the demokraterna, are closely

A CAT THEIR FOSTER-MOTHER.

Being Brought Up Nicely.

New York Recorder.]

ing but an iron bar and a pseudonym

Democratic Convention:

lsewhere it makes a mistake.

nojligen langre.

A REVIEW OF SPORTS.

Opinions Regarding the First Pennant Contest of the Ball Season.

DISAPPOINTING FEATURES.

Prospects of the Second Half and Its Probable Results.

THE SHOOTING OF LIVE PIGEONS.

Local Amateur Athletes Eaking a Very Timely Protest.

THE SULLIVAN AND CORBETT FIGHT

With its good results and bad results the first half of the baseball championship season of the year has gone into the past. It is over and is a metter of history. Nobody can say that there has been anything remarkable about it or that it has been characterised by anything of a brilliant kind. Generally speaking, the quality of ball playing has been poor, financial expectations have not been realized and the magnates have indulged in the most unfair and defenseless method of reducing the salaries of players.

There are facts to bear out all these statements and I venture to make another assertion, viz., that there is not that "kindly" feeling among the magnates that we were told so much about during the League surrender at Indianapolis. There is more suspicion existing now among the baseball magnates than there has been for a very long time. Altogether it is easy to see that the more that the baseball business is reduced to a mechanical or uniform and stationary basis the worse it is for everybody concerned.

The great object of the ruling magnates during the half of the season just gone has been to bring uniformity by reducing things to a lower level

Instead of a Higher.

There has been more effort made to bring strong teams to a level with weak ones than there has been to raise the weak ones to the power of the strong ones. To prove this nothing more need be cited than the adoption of that very ludicrous "13-rule," as it is called. That rule certainly places an embargo on the development of any team. It gives little or no chance for a club to try and develop a young player, as the rule keeps the number of a team so small that all the players must be ready for harness every day. Now it is quite easy to see that this is a bad principle and handicaps those enterprising clubs that are wishful to lay hold of young men in hopes of getting one or two good players from among them. A policy of this kind is simply thus: Jones is not able to keep up a certain pace, and he and his friends resolve to stop Brown

from doing so.

Certainly this rule is bad for the players, as it reduces their chances of employment This will, of course, increase competition among the players for work, and this competition will, in turn, benefit the employers. This may be one of the objects of the rule, and, if it is, the means of attaining the ob-ject are not good and cannot but have bad results. But the new methods and rules adopted in the first half of the season prompt considerable curiosity regarding the second half. It will be interesting to watch now matters proceed under all these novel

Some of the Disappointments.

To be sure, there have been many disanpointments resulting from the contest for the first pennant. Just before the first half commenced I made the remark in these columns that there were only two points I would venture an opinion about. One was that the Boston team would win the nennant and the other was that the Pittsburg team would finish in the first six. Both of these expectations have been realized. Although the local team is sixth on the list, they are within the limits I predicted.

I do not hesitate to say now that I really expected them to finish higher up than sixth place. Just as sure as "eggs is eggs" the team is capable of doing much better than they have done. Why they haven't accomplished better things may be matter for conjecture and debate, but it is just as plain as the noses on our faces that they should have been much higher than sixth place. I imagine I hear somebody talking about "team work." Yes, team work has had much to do with it and more so during the latter part of the contest than during any other part. Of course, there have been difficulties encountered that no management could help, but I do argue that many games have been lost more through lack of man-

I am told that Manager Hanlon, of the Baltimore team, offered Captain Burns, of the local team, any pitcher on the Baltimore team in exchange for Stricker. Burns took
Terry. Herein was a grave mistake, as a
man like McMahon is worth a dozen
Terrys. I say this out of no disrespect for
Mr. Terry; he is every inch of him a gentleman, but it is apparent that his pitching days are gone, almost. And it is pitchers we need. Terry may now and then be able to pitch a good game, but at this stage of baseball history he cannot be compared with a man like McMahon.

It is also true that Ehret's lack of condition in the early part of the season cost the team many games. He is now all right, but as ill luck will have it, Baldwin is now the only one likely to be able to back him up. This means that the sooner another good young pitcher is secured the better. I still have considerable confidence in Baldwin, and I don't hesitate to say that the local club would make a big mistake in exchanging him for Lovett. Baldwin has undoubtedly been one of the most unfortunate pitchers in the League. True, his carelessness may have cost him a game now and then, but on very many occasions games in which he has pitched have been lost by the most remarkable strokes of bad fortune. Baldwin is a good pitcher and one of the most willing in the business. Certainly, like every player in the business, he has his shortcomings, but abuse and discouraging demonstrations will not make matters any better, neither in his nor anybody else's

Remarks About the Respective Teams. Whether or not the Boston team bave been favored by what we call luck during the contest just ended, I am not going to stop and argue. They may and may not have been, but I do claim that they have won the pennant on their merits. In saying this I am free to admit that they started in with an advantage over all other teams and particularly the Brooklyns, their closest rivals. The Bostons were all right from the start, while the Brooklyns were not. Had the latter started in the race in as good form as they were a few days ago, the result might have been different. But what I contend is, that so far both teams have gotsen what they played for, generally speaking. It was because the Bostons were in such good form to start in with that they have been able to keep up a winning gait to

Nobody will for a moment dispute the statement that the Brooklyn team have fairly and honorably won their position. Ward has done well with his team and it must be admitted that he has a good one. His good bitters have pulled him through and after all there is nothing better than a team of players who can bang the ball all over the field. It is not too much to ex-pect that the Brooklyn team will make

things very lively for the Bostons during the second contest. Indeed I would not be surprised if the Boston team are not in the first two at the end of the season.

The Philadelphia team have done well,

and had they made a better start they might have finished closer to Brooklyn than they did But the Cincinnati team deserve as much praise as any team in the League.
While a few people expected the Reds to
do well, a very large number of people
never for a moment thought that they would make such a hard fight for third place. They didn't get that position, of course, but they have done remarkably well; indeed, the success of the Cincinnati team to a very great extent shows what able, practical management can do. It seems quite reasonable to say that if the Reds had gone along in the same idiosyncratic style this year that characterized them last year they would have been no higher than they finished have been no higher than they innished last year. This, in my judgment, implies that to Captain Comiskey belongs the major part of the credit for the good standing of the team. He has fully demonstrated that there is very much indeed in the manage-ment of a ball team, because he took hold of a team in thorough disrepute and at the bottom of the list and has landed them almost at the top of the tree in a few months. There is a lesson in this for magnates.

Chicago and New York Fallures. The Cleveland team have, as they slways io, played a rattling and successful game. They have won their position fairly, and they deserve it. They have been well managed, and that has been one of their ele-ments of success. The Washington team have finished better than many people expected, and much of their success is due to the way in which Arthur Irwin has handled the

But the other disappointments, and, I may say, failures of the season so far have been the Chicago and New York teams. It is, indeed, a novelty to see Anson and his colts down to eighth place, and as a result all kinds of reasons are alleged for the big drop. We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the absence of Pieffer from the team has had something to do with the colts'. downfall. Pfeffer was a greater source of strength to the Chicago team than he is to the Louisville team. But the most serious drawback Anson has had to contend with has been the poor condition of his pitchers. They have had a very poor time of it. Besides this some of the best fielders and hitters of the team have been injured or sick and unable to play. All these drawbacks have combined to down the Chicago team

and their remarkable manager. And let me here express an opinion that is fast becoming general: Anson is failing last. He is not the player he was, and it may be that the sense of his own waning on the field impairs his judgment and vigor as a general in the struggle. Be this as it may, it is a fact that the last time he was in Pittsburg he showed none of his former vigor and vim, and played very poorly. This may be the last season of

Anson as a player.

The New York team have been worse failures than the Colts, or anybody else. No-body expected the Baltimore team to be higher than twelfth, and, therefore, nobody is disappointed in the "Birdlets." But I do say nobody on earth ever dreamed that Manager Powers and his Giants would land in tenth place. But "there they be," and there they are as a sample of the most miserable failures that ever were in a League contest. I fail to see a redeeming feature in the New York team. A more careless, indolent and dissatisfied lot of players never came to this city. They have traveled around the country just as recklessly as it they were under no management, and had nobody to whom they were responsible. Most certainly there are good players among them, but apparently there is nobody in charge of them to bring the good playing to the surface. It certainly is very humiliat ing for a club with the prestige of the New Yorks to have a team finish nearly on a par with the remarkable Birdlets from Bal-

Prospects of the Second Race

It may be that the contest in the second half of the season will be a little more ex-citing than in the first half; that is, that the fight for first place will be closer. There cannot be a much closer contest for the posi-tions ranging from second to eighth and ninth than there was in the first half. It is to be expected that almost all the teams below the first three or four will play a little better, and if this expectation is realized it The indications are that the second half will not be as good financially as the first halt has been. This may not be consoling to many, as the first half has not been a success by any means, and if the balance of the year is worse there will be trouble. There is nothing to show that the second

half will be as good financially as the first part of the season has been, but of course there may be a compromise in store.

But there is one thing that we will all hope for during the remainder of the sea-son, viz : a more satisfactory state of things regarding the umpires. Certainly there has been a heap of trouble with the umpires so far this season. Doubtless many teams have suffered, but in all fairness and without any exaggeration I think the Pittsburg team has suffered most. I know that they have suffered far more than any other team while playing in Pittsburg. There has certainly been more unpleasantness on the local grounds this season than we have had for a long time. Much of this has been encouraged by a lack of firmness on the part of the umpires. An umpire who does not firmly enforce his decisions and allows back talk will never be a success, be-

cause players will persist in calling him The Legality of Live Pigeon Shooting It is a great pleasure to more than one to

note that the case of the Rumane Society against Messrs. Shaner, Dixon and others for shooting at live pigeons has fallen to the ground. Readers of this paper will re-member that when the misguided humanitarians of Philadelphia entered a similar suit against a number of Philadelphia sportsmen I argued the unreasonableness and absurdity of such a suit. Since then it has been steadily argued in these columns that there is less cruelty in the shooting of pigeons by experts than there is in members of humane societies or citizens in general going a hunting and blazing away at anything that appears in sight.

Judge Ewing takes this view of the mathematical distribution of the mathematical distribution in the state of the s

ter and further than that he reminded the prosecutors of Messrs. Shaner and Dixon that the basis of American morality— the Bible—states that the birds of the air are for the pleasure of man. Judge Ewing's remarks cannot fail to be of worth to the Humane Society members. Depend upon it, there are numerous other things which need the attention of the Humane Society officials far more than live pigeon shooting. officials far more than live pigeon shooting. There was never any reason for the prosecution except it may have been to keep the society's officers busy. If the society's agents will look round they will find many instances that legally and morally demand interference, and in so doing they would certainly be much better employed than wasting their time in fighting a Supreme Court decision.

Court decision. A Few Words About the Amateurs. Secretary Page, of the Three A's, tells me that the association he represents has for-warded a protest to headquarters relative to the swimming contests at Philadelphia in which Messrs. Flower and Taylor received such unfair treatment. Flower states that even the springboard from which he leaped into the water had been tampered with. It had been loosened and when he made his spring it fell and he struck the water with

I don't suppose for one moment that the rotest will cause the contest to become oid, but it certainly will give the powers that he to understand that such unfair treatment is not to be tolerated in future.

This Philadelphia affair has caused so much discussion that Mr. Page is advocating a local swimming tourney, to take place in the tail. This is a capital idea, and medals of sufficient worth will be offered to world. Mr. Flower is a member of the Three A's and John T. Taylor is to become a member. With two swimmers like these

It is worthy of note that the amateurs all only as a horse!"

"Oh yes," said the infantryman; over the country are more active now than only as a horse!" It is worthy of note that the amateurs all

they have ever been before. There is a greater rivalry existing than ever, and there will be more contests this year than we have had since amateur athletics were have had since amateur athletics were known. This is all very encouraging, and will do good if only the rules of fair play are enforced all round. An unfair act at one place prompts retaliation at another, and this becomes the source of a trouble that will jeopardize the entire business. Amateurism is now on the highroad to a re-markable success. Let those interested in

markable success. Let those interested in Affairs Among the Pugilists.

To use an old phrase, the pugllists and boxers are at present mending their nets for future use. All the leading lights of the pugilistic world are getting ready for ap-proaching encounters, and before next fall is over we will have many important con-

Interest is beginning to grow in the Sullivan and Corbett battle, and as the time for its decision gets near it is safe to say for its decision gets near it is safe to say that the public will hardly notice anything else. Already there has considerable betting taken place on the result, and as the third deposit has been put up by each principal, everything looks like business. Each man now has \$7,500 up. A friend of mine a few days ago bet \$300 to \$500 on Corbett, and there will be that odds at least on Sullivan when the date of the battle comes round. Ide not think the hat a had one by any I do not think the bet a bad one by any means at this time, because we may rest as-sured that Corbett will be in first-class condition, while there is no certainty about Sullivan in that respect. It is much too soon to go into details on the matter yet, but 5 to 3 is very big odds under the cir-

The Olympic Club has made complete arrangements for the three big battles and as announced the other day in this paper the prices have been fixed. They are pretty high, but it must be remembered that the club is giving away a very large amount of

Some More Prospective Battles. No matter how good a man is there is always somebody ready to tackle him. George Dixon has never been beaten and yet quite a number of little fellows want a contest with him. There is a kind of prospect that Johnnie Murphy. The latter is quite eager for a "go" and I cannot see why Dixon should not be just as eager. Murphy is quite a handy little fellow, but his eagerness in this instance may lead him to defeat

feat.

There is also a strong probability of a battle being arranged for Ed Smith. Being battle being arranged for Ed Smith. unable to secure a fight in England, Choynski is about to return to this country and offers to fight several men, among the number being Smith. There has been so much claimed for Smith by his friends, and ne has done so well in four-round bouts against the best of people, that a good club might do well to offer a purse for Smith and Chovnski. While I believe that Smith is much better than his performance against Godfrey showed, I hesitate before I say that he is likely to be better than Choynski. PRINGLE But he is worth trying.

SNOW IN SUMMER TIME.

That Is the Reason Prof. Davidson Cannot Get Long-Distance Signals.

an Francisco Bulletin.] It is now three weeks since Prof. Davidson, of the Coast Survey, went into camp on Mount Diablo. He did not go up to that windy and fog-topped crest for his health, but to do scientific work. He went to catch heliotrope signals from Mount Conness, over 140 miles away on an air line, but not heliotrope has bloomed, so to speak, in that direction since he got his equipment ready for action. Those who know the professor best do not imagine him entirely calm during this time of forced inactivity.

Heliotroping, or signaling by aid of the sun and a powerful mirror, is not carried on often at such long distances as from Diablo to Conness, but that it can be successfully experts in such matters do not question. That is not the present trouble. Prof. Davidson has not been able to "pick up" Conness, as Coast Survey vernacular has it, because so far as known there is yet no one there to find. Frank Edmonds started on the 2d inst. to conduct Peter Johnson and William Argens to Conness. but a letter from him two weeks since anthe foot of the mountain. He had ther made a reconnoissance of over five miles, but was forced to go back to Soda Springs because of snowdrifts ten feet deep or more. The assumption is that since then they have been toiling skyward through the snow. Mr. Edmonds has been over the route before, and consequently little anxiety is felt. It is considered there is no doubt of his getting up the mountain eventually, but the delay is trying to scientific nerves. Another heliotroping station with Diablo that works all right when the fop permits is on Mount Mocho, near Mount Hamilton. James Van Karger has a solitary camp

A BULTAN WITH EDUCATION.

The Ruler of Johore With Fuil Suite to Visit the World's Fair.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.] Through the solicitation of the Hon. Rounseville Wildman, United States Consul and World's Fair Commissioner for the Straits Settlements and Borneo, His Highness, Aboukar, Sultan of Johore, has consented to visit, with his suite, the World's Fair and to send over to the Exposition a complete Malay village. His Highness is the only independent ruler in the Malay Peninsula, and one of the richest princes in Eastern Asia. The Colonial Government declines to

make any appropriation toward the Fair, yet through personal and commercial channels a large number of merchants will co-operate in creating an adequate fund for the purpose. The Times of Ceylon, in speaking of the Sultan Johore in relation to some local matters in which he was asked to arbitrate, speaks of him as one who is much in advance of his associate native princes, many of whom are his relatives. It is claimed that Aboukar relatives. It is claimed that Aboukar is a good representative of what a Malay of superior easte and education can be when gifted with the opportunities of civilized life, and in this respect the present Sultan of Johore is regarded as one of the most enlightened princes of the East. The Times, in concluding its sector of the control of his personal character, says: He is noble in birth, and in impulse of heart; stern in purpose yet merciful, honorable and truthful in word and deed, keenly intelligent, and a judge of character. Evidently he is one of the Eastern princes whose presence would be appreciated at the Fair.

BIVALRY AMONG THE MILITARY. Some Amusing Phases During the Stirring

Times of the Civil War, Youth's Companion. 1 The jealousy which almost always exists between different arms of the military service used to be illustrated by the dialogues which took place between cavalrymen and infantrymen during the Civil War. It was a favorite and brutal joke on the part of the cavalrymen, who affected to despise the toot soldiers, to shout to some soldiers as the cavalry were passing the infantry on

the march:

"Are you tired of walking?"

Whereupon, if the infantryman, supposing that he was going to get a lift, responded "Yes!" the cavalryman would say,

sponded "Yes!" the cavalryman would say,
"Well, try running a while!"
The intantrymen, for their part, ridiculed the cavalrymen unmercifully when they were in camp, where the cavalrymen were compelled to spend much of their time in acting as body servants to their horses. acting as body servants to their horses.

A cavalryman was one day engaged in laboriously "cleaning down" his rather rawboned steed. An infantrymen sauntered up, and with his hands behind his back, leisurely inspected the operation.

"Hullo, John!" said the cavalryman.

"Think you'd like to be in the cavalry?"

"but

THOUGHT.

Literary Genius Now Able to Cope With Stomachic Craving.

BOOK BINDINGS MADE OF TRIPE. A Correction of a Personal Allusion in a

Swedish Newspaper.

EXHIBITS FOR THE CHICAGO FAIR

WRITTEN POR THE DISPATCH. Being on the eve, as I may say, of publishing a book, I hail with ill concealed joy the announcement that a company has been recently formed with a capital of \$100,000, and located at Newark, N. J., for the manfacture of "membranoid" for bookbind-

This is a new style of ornamental leather nade from tripe. I get all my information regarding the matter from the Butchers' idvocate, the acknowledged journalistic authority on meaty matters. The inventor claims that membranoid will prove more serviceable, and at the same time please the bookworm better, than any other style of bookbinding. It is also susceptible of more artistic and gastric possibilities than cany ther substance. The time is coming when the author, instead of trying to subsist on a paltry royalty, will be permitted to carry a rinegar flask in his hip pocket and board at the bindery. The unsuccessful lawyer and graduate of Harvard will not get as thin as did while practicing law and banting, conreyancing and starving, for he can put a little Halford sauce on his library and feel oretty well afterward. How much happier would have been while practicing law surreptitiously it I could have put some mustard on a New York decision or given myself up to a Simmon's Digest.

According to His Friend Blackstone, Law is a rule of action prescribing what is ight and prohibiting what is wrong, accordng to my friend Mr. Blackstone, who got the idea from Justinian, but too often the student and the solicitor find it poor grazing and the common law, especially short commons. (This is a joke which I used with good effect at the Inns of Court, in London, where I put up while in England.) But now with our books bound in membranoid, the bookworm and the bott become synonymous, and the day is not far distant when a hymn book or two

during Lent may prolong one's life. The "Read and Return" volumes train will then have to be chained to the seat, and eminent but unprosperous authors can subsist for a time on the autograph albums sent to them, using the return stamps for Chile sauce. In addition to the use of tripe as a bookbinding, it will be used and utilized in the manufacture of slippers for the pastors, and the time ng when the Christmas tree will vield to the hungry and weary one, not a promise to the eye to be broken to the heart, but no doubt as many slippers as at present, yet each one capable of making a man a meal. In the onward march of membranoid I am told also that the company will not confine itself entirely to tripe, but will roam about scientifically among the other organs, and in the matter of medical works, to use the membrane of the organ on which the work treats, as, for instance, a meningeal binding for works on the brain and spine, a pleural binding for a treatise on the diseases of the thest and lungs, and so on as to diseases of

the bones, peritonitis, etc. A Bit of Campaign Literature.

This leads us on to speak of other literary efforts, among them a sort of delayed boom efforts, among them a sort of delayed boom or the fragment of a nominating speech which was not accepted by the candidate, and having been returned to the author, the editor of a Winston paper, as being unavailable, was used by him in his paper and adapted to the use of a gentleman who had doubtless paid up his subscription or sent in a bit of bridal cake—i. e., a bridal bit as it were. Below I give the paragraph as it it were. Below I give the paragraph as it great deal, treating same under the title of is printed, for it is a gem of forensic beauty "Wagon Roads With Whom I Have Met



A Panacea for the Book Worm's Hunger. which would have jarred the rock ribbed dam at St. Anthony's Falls or shaken the wet cotton domestic roof of the Chicago 4-m (pronounced "forum"). I shall utilize it in a school speaker which I am about to issue, to be used in advanced classes of rhetoric:

rhetoric:

He stands to-day most grandly panoplied and most magnificently equipped and most invariantly robed with those splendid attainments, which most admirably fit him for that high arena of brilliant usefulness where his grand powers shine forth with all the undinamed splendor and matchless brilliancy of the knightliest grace and dignity, and which emit at all times those rare waves of luster that lend and impart additional glory to the rich and glittering tiars of American manhood and American statesmanship. In the fortitude of his purpose, and the strength of his character, and the tenderness of his sympathies, and the womanly gentleness of his heart he reminds us of some grand and lofty towering cak, beautifully and symmetrically developed and richly and luxuriously foliaged with the graceful garniture of a vernal woven garland of opulent splendor, capable of detying and withstanding the raging blasts of the wildest storms, and yet offering, within the tender and gentle recesses and its leafy bowers, a nestling place for mother birds to safely nurse their tender brood.

The Man Who Refused It Is Icy.

The Man Who Refused It Is Icy. If Mr. Harrison sent that back he richly deserves the charge of being the great American ice machine. Cold as my own heart is at times, I cannot read the above without a quickened pulse, and over and over again as I read it I promise myself I will never again do so without providing myself with a handkerchief. If Mr. Cleve land returned this inflamed encomium it is no wonder that Republican newspapers charge him with trying to drive over little children with a mowing machine. Mr. Cleveland is a keen critic of beautiful word picturing, and if he sent this graham gem back to North Carolina it must have been owing to his vulgar haste and his anxiety to get away with Joseph Jefferson and catch

omcods in Ruzzard's bay. In my mind now I see Mr. Cleveland with a new tiara made specially for him by Lyon & Healy, of Chicago, and quietly learning to play on it in Mr. Jefferson's studio, while Mr. Van Wunkle is painting a studio, while Mr. Van Winkle is painting a life size picture of Buzzard's Bay. Then, again, I see him at the close of a busy day taking off his panoply and hanging it on a chair as he retires to rest, or mayhap in the morning, equipping himself for that high arena of brilliant usefulness where his go and powers shine forth with all the undimmed splendor and matchless brilliancy of the knightliest grace and dignity, which emit at all times those rare wares of luster that lend and impart additional glory to the ich and glittering tiars of American man-NOTES AND QUERIES.

I find the following paragraph in one of my Swedish exchanges, and hardly know whether the reference is friendly or not. I quote from the Nordatjernan, of New York. The Nordatjernan goes on to say as follows: Some of the Holidays and Holy Days That Have Been Forgotten.

THE STORY OF THE ISLE OF MAN. An Explanation of the Fractional Votes a

National Conventions. WHY COMMENCEMENTS ARE SO CALLED

WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH. Our Independence Day casts into oblivion n this country some famous old holidays and holy days that ought not to be forgotten. Who that speaks familiarly of the "dog days" remembers that the third of the nonth is the first of these famous days—the day on which Sirius, the dog star, first omes into conjunction with the sun. July was the old midsummer day; it has lost that honor now, however, June 24 baving received it instead, although that is St. John's Day, and only three days later than the summer solstice, which marks the scientific beginning of summer. The 7th of this month is the feast day of St. Thomas Becket, who though a famous saint for years is now remembered chiefly as the cause of the pilgrimage to Canterbury, which Chaucer has immortalized. Saint Swithin's Day came on the 15th of

the month; if it rains then, it will rain on

the 40 days following. Swithin was Bishop of Winchester, and died July 2, 862, leaving direction that he should be buried in the churchyard of his cathedral, so that the rain might fall on his grave. Some years afterward the monks desired to move the remains into the cathedral and fixed on July 15 for the translation, but for 40 days it rained steadily, so that they could not open the grave; and at the end of the fortieth day they decided that the saint preferred to stay out in the wet. St. Margaret's Day is celebrated on the 20th She was a maiden of Antioch, loved by Olybius; but she refused him because he was a pagan. He tried to put her to death with cruel torments; but an earthquake prevented the fortures, and a dove from heaven set a crown of gold upon her forepapers in which a man who has assumed my name and gone to Saratoga for jagging purposes only fell over a pet cinnamon bear at Congress Hall and cut his brow open on the sharp edge of a porcelain cuspador or "spot back." He lay unconscious until some one detected a gas leak and following up the odor discovered the gash in his head. It was then learned that he had registered head, whereat 5,000 spectators were converted to Christianity. But Olybius executed her just the same. She is the patroness of women in childbirth, succeeding Juno, who, under the name of Lucins was prayed to by the Roman mothers. St. James and St. Christopher share July 25 between them. In some parts of England the apple trees are blessed on this day, which is said also to mark the success o failure of the hop crop.
St. Anne, the mother of the Virgin

Mary, is worshipped on July 26; she was the third daughter of Matthew, a priest, and Mary his wife, and was married to Joachim in Galilee. Their wedding ring was kept by the nuns of St. Anne in Rome. and worked miracles. It was stolen during the sacking of the city in 1524; but was brought back by a crow, which laid it upon a stone where the nuns found it. The last day of the month is the feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the wonderful So-ciety of Jesus, who died on this day in Certainly this month ends nobly, with the holy day of one of the most re-markable of theological and religious lead-ers that the world has ever known.

associated, and yet those who know the Democracy best know that its prohibition plank is the proudest moment of its life.

Speaking or Chicago reminds me of an exhibition I am getting up for the great World's Columbian Exposition of roads and You spoke of the kingdoms of England, Scotland, Ireland and Man; was there really a kingdom of Mau? If so, is it the same as the Isle of Man? GERTRUDE BOOTH. road beds, to be shown in the furniture exhibit, Class D, No. 309 1/4. The exhibition will consist of a talk, with illustrations of That is it, exactly. Man was a part of he possessions of the Norwegian and same, regarding the great national question of the "Use and Abuse of Wagon Roads," treating it not as a local question, but as a national and international question, and showing by personal reminiscences how I found the Welsh Kings until early in the tenth century. Then Orry became King of Man; his descendants ruled until 1077, when the kingdom was conquered by the Icelandera found the wagon roads of our own country The line of Orry was restored about 1100 when I was thrown in contact with them a Up With." I append one of the illustraway, who claimed the throne, ceded his rights to Alexander III. of Scotland. BILL NYE. There were wars over the island for some years, and at one time Edward L, of England, seized it. Finally, in 1344, William, Earl of Salisbury, a great-grand nephew of King Magnus, was crowned King of Four Skye Terrier Pupples Which Are Man. A successor sold the island and the kingship to the Earl of Wiltshire in 1393; and Henry IV. gave it to Sir John Stanley on the at-Enoch Edwards is a colored man, who lives at 239 West One Hundred and Twentyfourth street, and is janitor of two large ainder for treason of the Earl. The hous flat houses in Harlem. Mr. Edwards conof Stanley was governed by lieutenants siders himself somewhat of a dog fancier. Thomas Stanley was created Earl of Derby

I have heard the question raised recently Who backed Dred Scott in his legal fight for liberty. Who did back him? Marcus,

In the first case, tried in Missouri, it is

said that he was backed by some politicians.

who hoped that Scott might be defeated and

a precedent established which would be of

ise to them later. After the case got up to the Supreme Court of the United States, Montgomery Risir, Dred Scott's counsel,

paid the necessary fees and expenses, and contributed his services without charge. So, too, did Mr. George Ticknor Curtis, of New York City. These lawyers acted sim-

ply from a desire to have an important case decided by the highest court.

There were fractional votes at the Minne-apolis and Chicago Conventions; will you tell me how they originated? W. A. CALLAWAN.

Thomas Stanley was created Earl of Derby in 1485; in 1736 the lordship of Man—the second Earl of Derby had given up the title of King—went to the Duke of Athole, a descendant of one of the Earls of Derby; he held on to the island and the title until 1765, when the Duke sold the sovereignty At present, in his flat on the second floor, there is the very unusual spectacle of a large, fine-looking black cat nursing four little skye terrier puppies. How Edwards happened to become possessed of this singular combination is and its revenues for £70,000 and an annuity of £2,000. His son sold the manorial rights, not without interest. Up to last week Edwards owned a skye terrier, but she was £3,000, so that now the Kingdom of Man is hard and fast attached to Great Britain. The island has a Parliament of its own, the stricken with apoplexy and died. Edwards was much moved, for he had a kindly regard for the old girl, as he called her, and, in the interest of science, and incidentally his own finances, he decided that the pups would have to be saved at any cost. The House of Keys, one of the most sucient legislative assemblies in the world; it makes its own laws, and acts of Parliament do not apply to the Isle of Man unless it is especially named in them. mystery of the Cæsarian operation was to Edwards a blank, but he tried it and suc-

essfully.

The noses of the artificially born pups were stuck into a saucer of warm milk, but it seemed to almost suffocate them. Ed-wards was about to reconcile himself to the wards was about to reconcile himself to the fact that after all his trouble his puppies would die, when he thought of his old black cat. When the old mother cat got home that night she found the four young skyes occupying her kittens' quarters. "She acted a little queer-like for a while," explained Edwards, "but just as soon as she found out she could be of use she went to work nurs-ing the youngsters just the same as if she were their own mother."

The pupples are about the normal size and perfectly healthy.

WILL SHAVE FOR 10 CENTS. A Windy City Barber Who Believes 15 Cents Is Too High a Price.

Chicago News-Record.] Ten-cent shaves will not become obsolete on the West Side. A number of the barbers will not join the 15-cent movement They will not enter into any combination to raise the price of the West Side man's

toilet.

"I and several others have not joined or agreed, and do not intend to extort from our customers and friends the unreasonable and exorbitant price of 15 centsfor a shave," said a West Side barber yesterday. "In my 15 years' experience I have been satisfied and glad to get customers at 10 cents, and do not intend now to put on war-time prices and rob my friends. Along cross streets and Halstead can be found many barber shops charging 10 cents a shave and 15 cents hair cut. So all barbers are not in the unreasonable and foolish combine. It is an extortion and the public will not stand it. In fact, I have had an increase of five men coming from other shops with their cups, etc., declaring they would not be swindled, and a 15-cent charge was an out-

rageous imposition.
"While in favor of the closing on Sunday, we, with the public, object to the robbery charge of 15 cents."

An Enterprising Newspaper The Petit Journal, in Paris, according to the latest report, has reached the enormous circulation of 1,250,000. It is printed on wood pulp paper, the raw material—the fir —being brought from Norway and Austria. The little journal consumes in a 12-month 120,000 fir trees, each having an estimated height of 66 feet, equal to the annual clear-ing of a forest having an area of 25,000

October. It is only within a comparatively few years that commencements have been held at the end of the year. Originally the summer vacation was short, and the winter vacation long—to allow the students to teach the winter schools—so that the graduates would return to their college to "commence bachelors" and the freshmen would come up to begin their college life.

Can the President and the Vice President to inhabitants of the same State. S. P. P. No; article XII of the amendments to the Constitution provides that the electors "shall meet in their respective States an vote by ballot for President and Vice Presilent, one of whom, at least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same State with them selves," etc. Suppose that the candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency were inhabitants of the same State, the electors of that State could not vote for them, under this clause in the Constitution. This is the only clause in the Constitution bearing on the question. Presumably the candidates might both come from one State; then the votes of the electoral college of that State might be thrown out as having been cast unlawfully and the votes of the other colleges might elect those candidates. Such a proceeding would be within the letter of

Which is the largest, the earth, the planet Mars, or the moon? Which is nearer to the earth, Mars or the moon? DAN AND PHILIP.

The earth is the largest of the three, being 3% times as large as the moon, and nearly twice as large as Mars; Mars is nearly twice as large as the moon. The moon is, on the average, 238,000 miles from the earth, while Mars is on the average 48,000,000 of miles from the earth. At times the moon is much nearer to the earth, and at times much farther; so also is Mars, their orbits being not circular, but elliptical.

Does universal suffrage exist in Spain on any other European country. F. J. F. Universal suffrage does not exist in Spain by any means. Only the largest taxpayers and certain corporate bodies have votes. In Denmark, France and the Empire of Germany there is universal suffrage; in all other countries suffrage is more or

Who were the "Nine Worthies?" A. G. T.

They were worthy fighters, three He rews, three Christians and three Pagans. The Hebrews were Joshua, David and Judas Maccabeus; the Christians, King Arthur, Charlemagne and Godfrey de Bouillon; the Pagans, Hector, Alexander and Julius Casar.

INTELLIGENCE IN MULES. Having Been Hurt by a Fence They St Thought It Was There.

A friend recently told me of an incident which occurred on a farm near Topeka, Kan., which illustrates the intelligence of the mule, says a writer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. He owned a number of these animals, and kept them in a pasture surrounded by an ordinary plank fence. In the next inclosure was a field of growing oats, and the mules, not being able to understand why they should be kept away from the oats, repeatedly broke down the barrier and feasted. He finally put up a barbed wire fence, and the mules, trying to get into the oat field, severely scratched themselves with the barbs. They gave up the effort, and he considered the victory won. So it was, but the mules had learned more than he gave them credit for. A few months later he found it necessary to divide his pasture, and ran a line of posts through the center of it, intending to put the wires in position the next day. But the wire did not come, and he was advised that it would

not arrive for several days.

He let the posts stay, but going out one day to drive his mules from one side of the pasture to the other, he found it impossible to drive them through the line of posts. They would run up and down the line, but and lasted until 1265, when Magnus died without issue. Then Magnus VL, of Normind that no wires were there, and the animals were too much afraid of getting scratched to take any risks.

AN OPINION OF WEBSTER,

The Old Statesman Did Not Think That Railroads Would Be a Success.

Youth's Companion. In the year 1840 the locomotive was small, weak machine that was employed to drag a few coach-like cars at a speed of about ten miles an hour. Then the directors and stockholders of railroads constituted the meekest class of citizens, very different from the dictatorial, influential class of the present.

Daniel Webster, in describing the Amercan railroad of that time, said: "They are made of two stringers of scantling, notched into ties that often get loose in the ground. Upon the stringers two straps of iron, the width and thickness of wagon-tires, are "These straps of iron frequently get de-

tached at the ends, which turn up like snakes heads, and pierce the floors of the cars." Such an accident actually happened to a car between Elizabeth and New York. "Then," said Webster, "the wheels slip on the iron straps, in winter especially, so on the iron straps, in winter can be placed much that no dependence can be placed upon the time of arrival, and many people upon the time of arrival, that railroads hink that it is not certain that will be a success.'

The Japanese dancing girls are rosyipped and black-eyed, with comely and delicate features, tiny hands and feet, and ossessing an air of graceful modesty and nnocence rarely seen on any stage. As for their coiffure, it is a miracle of Japanese hairdressers' skill. Their costumes are aglow with scarlet, light blue, white and gold, in robes of great length, adorned with flowers and coral. Fans, of course, play a prominent part in the intricate gestures of the maiko.

The Music of an Eogine. Engineers judge of the condition of the running. Every engine, whether station motive, has a particular tone of own; the engineer becomes accustomed that, and any departure from it at once cites a suspicion that all is not right, engineer may not know what is the matt engineer may not know what is he mathe may have no ear for music, but change in tone of his machine will be stantly perceptible, will be instantly reconized, and will start him on an immedi

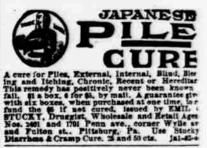
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