ALL WORK STOPPED.

The Pennsylvania Bailroad Discharges 3.000 Laborers.

RETRENCHING ITS EXPENSES.

Denial That the Cholera Has Anything to Do With It.

MILLIONS BEING SPENT ON TRACKS

During the past three days nearly 3,000 men employed on the Penusylvania Railroad between Pittsburg and Philadelphia, laving new tracks, have been paid off and discharged. Nearly 500 men came in from Jeannette yesterday. They were princically Italian laborers, and each had in his pocket an envelope containing his month's pay. From one of them, a foreman, it was learned that they had been employed by William Howley, the railroad contractor, in bailding the "fourth track" on the great Pennsylvania Railroad, which was being built to more easily accommodate the traffic next year when the World's Fair opens, The foreman, Michael Gorman, stated further that the order to suspend work on the tourth track" had come from President Roberts, now in Europe. He said it was generally understood that the order resulted from the belief that the cholera plague would postpone the opening of the World's Fair from 1893 until the following year.

Superintendent Pitcairn only laughed at the latter statement when asked as to its truth, though he admitted that all the extra men on the Eastern division had been laid off work. Asked the reason for such a move on the part of the company, Mr. Piteairn said:

Cutting Down Its Expenses

"A blind man should be able to answer that question. The Shoenberger mills stopped work this morning for an indefinite period. Many other large manufacturers and shippers in this city have been idle for in other places. The Pennsylvania Company follows the principle of cutting its coat according to its cloth. When business is good and the lines are making money much is secut on extensions and improvements. When business is dull the opposite course is tollowed. The suspension of work now is nothing new with us. We do it every year at about this time. It was done last year. The fact that our contractors have stopped work and have not held us down to the conditions of our agreement with them simply shows that they are appreciative of existing conditions.
Of course if they insisted on proceeding with the work under contract we could not stop them, but they have not done so. As to the work in progress I have never heard the 'fourth track' applied to it. In some places, it is true, a fourth track is being laid, but in others, where there are only two tracks now, two more are being added. The work is simply one of general improvement, the laying of tracks where they are needed, and extension of sidings. Not Figuring on the World's Fair.

"Did President Roberts issue the order? That I cannot answer. I presume the same condition of stoppage exists all along the company's lines, as it is not customary to select one division on which to retrench expenses. But the World's Fair cuts no figure in the matter. It would not justify this company to build an extra track for the World's Fair, even if it received all the patronage. As far as I know there is not a railroad in the country building extra tracks for the World's Fair. The cost of track laying requires several years' prosperous business to to cover its expense, and that we don't expect from the World's Fair."

Mr. Pitcaira would say nothing as to the cost of the work done or contemplated, but from another source it was learned that nearly 200 miles of new track have been laid during the present year by the Peny sylvania Railroad at an expense of several millions, and nearly as much more was contemplated before the present shut-down. W. H. Brown, Chief Engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad, says a telegram from Philadelphia, denies the rumor that Il constructive work on the road between this city and Pittsburg has been suspended. Mr. Brown said: "It is not true that work has been stopped at all points along the and we have so much to do with the work aiready in hand that it was deemed advisable not to enter upon any further new opcontions this summer. In consequence of this orders were sent to Pittsburg the other day not to give out contract for two points on the Pittsburg division at which we had contemplated doing work, one of the places, I believe, being near Nineveh and the other at Cresson. At neither of those places was work begun, it only being contemplated, so

there is no stopping about it. At all the places where work is under way, it is being and will be carried on till finished.

Millions for New Tracks. The amount of money being expended by railroad companies with headquarters in Pittsburg is something surprising, and the stupendous aggregate is something that few persons realize. The Pennsylvania lines alone will spend about \$7,000,000 this year and next on its lines west of Pittsburg, and the Pittsburg and Western between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000. The Pittsburg and Lake Eric has nearly completed its ex-tensive improvements involving an outlay of hundreds of thousands of dollars, while on the Pittsburg division there has been on the Pittsburg division there has been considerable outlay, as also has been the case on the West Penn. Altogether, this year and next, the various railroad companies whose lines center at Pittsburg will have exchanged for improvements the enormous total of nearly, if not altogether, \$12,000,000. The bulk of this amount is being put where it will do the most good, that is into readhed. The Pennsulvent, that is, into roadbeds. The Penusylvania lines' expenditures are largely in that direction, although a large sum will be utilized in purchasing new rolling stock. The Pitts-burg and Western's millions will be nearly altogether used to build a practically nev

President DuBurry, of the Pennsylvania, said, in speaking of the company's improvements, that he could not say how much would be spent in and around Philadelphia, but he thought a grand aggregate of \$12 000,000 would about cover the work in this State. The Reading's improvements will mount into the millions also, but like the Pennsylvania no idea of the amount to be expended in that vicinity can be formed

THE OYSTER'S DEBUT.

He Appears This Season in Good P avor-Prospects for a Prosperous Season for the Dealers-The First Shipments Witt Arrivo To-Day.

The month of September brings with it the oyster. Those who delight in the succulent bivalve and have been waiting during the summer for a month with an "R" will from this on have plenty of opportunity to gratify their appetites. Already there are large shipments on the way from the East. The first consignment will several weeks. The same conditions prevail reach Pittsburg this morning and, if the opinion of the men who shipped them can be relied upon, they are as choice as any that will be received here during the season. The cold weather of yesterday was very favorable to the shipment and will improve the quality of the oysters sent exceedingly.

"There is a general impression that there is a law prohibiting the catching of oysters during the months whose names are devoid of the letter 'R,' 's said a prominent syster dealer yesterday. 'This is not the fact, At one time there was a law to this effect but at present there is no legislation on the subject. Oysters are, of course, better in the winter than summer, but this is on account of our distance from the ovster beds-they lose their flavor on their onrney here. At the seaside I have eaten oysters in August which have tasted as good as any I have ever had. You hear a great deal about 'oyster fever,' caused by eating oysters out of season. I don't remember of ever having seen a case. This year promises to be a very prosperous one for oyster dealers. Samples of this year's crop which I have tasted have an exceedingly fine flavor. We expect to have our

first lot in to-morrow morning."

The advent of the oyster will be of advantage in many ways. The belated husbane will be seen boarding a night car carrying a "fry" home in a box as a peace offering to waiting wife. Again the promoters of the proverbial oyster festival will hang out their signs and give the funny papers an opportunity to joke about the lonely oyster. One of the disagreeable features of the oyster season, and something which those who live away from the sea shore must become accustomed to, is the getting of a specimen which is not alto-gether right. Many a dinner party given in this city has been saved from an awful scandal by the self sacrificing spirit of some of the guests. Do not chide a man too harshly if at a dinner, while at the first harshly if at a dinner, while at the fit course, he should assume a cold, ston stare, for you may not know what awful agony he may be experiencing.

Here Is an Article That Will Interest the

Parents. School begins Monday. To make everybody walk into our store we have decided on
this big onterprise, namely: You can take
your choice of about 3,000 boys' suits, sizes 4
to 15, for \$2.24. These suits are made of a
genuine first-class cassimere, in plain patterns, nice small checks, fine hairline stripes
and neat fancy plaids, made up either in
single-breasted pleat or plain, and also in
double-breasted—very stylish for a fall suit.
This is no advertising dodge. To show you
we mean what we say, we put a line of these we mean what we say, we put a line of these goods in our show window facing on Grant street as samples. You can selectany of these fine suits for \$2.24. This is a bona fide offer. and closes Saturday night at 10 o'clock.

Corner Grant and Diamond streets.

A NEW SCHEME IS ON

Leading Bankers Arranging for Another Organization.

THE OLD ONE NOT SUCCESSFUL.

Delegates Hereafter to Be Chosen by States or by Cities.

OFF FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO MEETING

Thomas P. Day, cashier of the People's National Bank, will leave next week for San Francisco to attend the annual convention of national bankers at that city. Mr. Day is probably the only Pittsburger who will attend the convention, which, it is hought by many bankers, will be the last reld by the present organization. A new organization is contemplated by the leading bankers of the larger cities of the country. Meetings looking to the formation of the new association have already been held in New York. The new plan is to have delegates elected from each State or from each city with a view to having the anunal conventions composed of only the leading bankers and financiers of the country.

The approaching convention of National Bank men at San Francisco will call together a large number of that fraternity from all parts of the United States. These meetings are looked forward to by bankers of the country with a great deal of pleasure on account of the opportunity they give for forming personal acquaintances with correspondents with whom they have had business relations for many years but otherwise might not meet face to face.

Have a V. rv Pleasant Time. The real business of the convention is not nerous and generally consists in calling the roll and the reading of a tew essays by delegates from different parts of the coun try. A singular feature of this organization is that its members are not looked upon in any way as representatives of the locality from which they come, but simply of the bank with which they are connected. Any bank which will pay \$10 dues per annum is entitled to send a member to take part in the deliberations of the convention, whether they represent a capital of \$50,000 or \$50,-

The character of the convention is greatly changed stace its first inception, when the leading banks of the United States and of New York and the Eastern cities took an active part in its deliberations. Within the last few years it has been looked upon more as a channel for social intercourse, and many bank officers postpone their annua vacation until this time in order that they

It is likely there will be a change in this respect. A reorganization has been proposed by some of the more eminent financiers of the country who formerly took an active part in the deliberations and work of the Bankers' Association, and who did much to shape the financial affairs of the country and to devise and throw about the national banking system the protections and restrictions that have made it the most admirable scheme of banking, with the best, safest and most satisfactory supply of currency the world has ever known

Members Wi'l Represent Districts. They propose to recast the present asso ciation or form a new one, where delegates would be elected from States or prescribed localities, who would annually, or oftener

if desired, meet and consider the affairs of the national banks. It would be easily seen that an associa-tion formed upon such a plan, whose members were chosen on account of their peculiar fitness, experience and knowledge of the wants of their own special locality, would have a very different status in the eyes of the public, than the present assem-bly, where a simple connection with any

It is claimed that this would elevate the character of the association from an annual junketing, to a permanent and useful organ-ization which would be ever on the alert to protect not only the interests of the banks themselves, but the entire public.

national bank and the payment of an an-

nual fee of \$10 are the only requirements of

SEPTEMBER COUPONS WORTHLESS.

The Grand Rapids and Indiana Rallway Defiults on Its Five Per Cents.

The statement that the Grand Ranids and Indiana Railroad Company had decided to default in the matter of the September interest on their general mortgage 5 per cent bonds, to which reference is made in the financial column, has been confirmed. The decision was arrived at Monday at a meet-

ing of the directors, held in this city, consisting mainly of representatives of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. About \$4,000,000 of the first mortgage 7 per cent bands fall due in 1899. These the Pennsylvania Railroad agreed the Pennsylvania Railroad agreed to extend 50 years at 4½ per cent, guaranteeing principal and interest, in return for which the Pennsy was to have the voting power of the stock. The schemes was not ratified by the bondholders, however, which fact probably led to the default on the 5s. There is little probability that the September coupons will be purchased. A goodly number of them are held in Pittsburg.

CHOLERA PREVENTION.

Is Easier Than Cure-Hints That Should Be Read and Remembered-Precau tionary Measures Tendered by the New York Health Department.

The New York Health Department ha saued the following circular:

How Caught. Healthy persons "catch" cholera by taking into their systems through the mouth, as in their food or drink, or from their hands, knives, forks, plates, tumblers, clothing, &c., the germs of the disease which are always present in the discharges from the stomach and bowels of those sick with cholera.

Thorough cooking destroys the cholcra germs; herefore-

DON'T eat raw, uncooked articles of any kind, not even milk. Don't eat or drink to excess. Use plain,

wholesome, digestible food, as indiges-tion and diarrhea favor an attack of cholera. Don't drink unboiled water.

DON'T eat or drink articles unless they have been thoroughly and recently cooked or boiled, and the more recent and hotter they are the safer.

DON'T employ utensils in eating or drink-ing unless they have been recently put in boiling water, the more recent the DON'T eat or handle food or drink with un-

a wshed hands or receive it from the unwashed hands of others.

DON't use the hands for any purpose when soiled with cholera discharges; thoroughly cleanse them at once.

Personal cleanliness and cleanliness of the living and sleeping rooms and their contents and thorough ventilation should be rigidly enforced. Foul water closets. sinks, Croton faucets, cellars, etc., should be avoided, and when present should be re-terred to the Health Board at once and

Precautionary Measures of Treatment. The successful treatment and the preven-tion of the spread of this disease demand that its earliest manifestations be promptly recognized and treated. Therefore:—

DON'T doctor yourself for bowel complaint, but get to bed and send for the nearest physician at once. Send for your family physician; send to a dispensary or hospital; send to the Health Department; send to the nearest police station for medical aid.

on'T wait, but send at once. If taken ill in the street, seek the nearest drug-store, dispensary, hospital or police station, and demand prompt medical atten-

DON'T permit vomit or diarrhoal discharges tocome in contact with food, drink or clothing. These discharges should be received in proper vessels and kept covered until removed under competent directions. Pour boiling water on them, put a strong solution of carbolic acid in them (not less than one part of acid to

20 of hot soapsuds or water).

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24 clothing or furniture that are soiled with cholera discharges. Pour boiling water on them or put them into it, and scrub them with carbolic acid solution wastinged above and promptly request. mentioned above, and promptly request the Health Board to remove them. on'T be frightened, but do be cautious, and avoid excesses and unnecessary ex-posures of every kind.

BARON SELLIERE'S HALLUCINATION.

He Imagined Himself a Candidate for the

Presidency of a Republic. LONDON, Sept. 1 .- A correspondent, re ferring to the recent death of Baron de Selliere, says:

Baron de Selliere's death created a great stir in French aristocratic circles, where he had many triends. Members of the family refuse to give details, but a strange story is refuse to give details, but a strange story is current that two persons who carefully fostered his hallucination that he was a candidate for the Presidency of a South American Republic, eventually persuaded him to leave Paris for New York without a valet or any member of his household. They drew large sums of money from him. There-fore, they had everything to lose by his death and cannot be suspected of murder. Baron de Selliere was very popular in Paris clubland.

DE WITT's Little Early Risers. No griping

BEAVER VALLEY'S MANIAC. He His His Own Ideas on Cholers, Labor

Troubles and Current Politics. BEAVER FALLS, Sept. 1 .- [Special.]-The crazy man, Isaac Hill, who escaped from Dixmont several months ago and for whom the police of this place have been on the lookout, is still at large in the neighborhood and is creating much consternation He has been making his quarters in the old eoal banks in Harbinson's Hollow, and puts in the most of his time writing letters. When not thus engaged he is chasing elderberry pickers and doing other mischief, al-though he has committed no great damage

thus far.

Last Sunday he chased several little girls about a mile and frightened them so badly that several of them have not gotten over the fright yet. He visits Beaver Falls every other day; sneaks into the postoffice, gets his mail and then sneaks out again. To some he has told that he has a plan to settle the dispute between the Carnegie firm and their dissatisfied men, and he has written them a number of letters on the subject. He says the present cholera epidemic is due He says the present cholera epidemic is due to the Catholic Church, and claims that the church has agents all over the country dis-tributing a peculiar and invisible drug which brings on the deadly disease. He says it always rains when he dreams of his father and mother. He says he has dreamed twice lately of white horses, which is a sure sign that Harrison will be elected. Why the man is not arrested is a mystery.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

-Scarlet fever is epidemic in London. -A flood is threatened on the Coloradoriver in Texas.

-An expedition has started from Kansas City, Kan., to capture the Daltons. -A woman suffrage bill has been passed by the New Zealand House of Representa-tives.

-Iron strikers at Bhinelander, Wis., have been running non-union crews out of the mills by force.

-Chicago World's Fair officials bitterly oppose the idea of postponing the Exposition on account of the choiera scare. —A suspected Russian spy has been ar-rested in Brisbane, Australia, for taking photographs of the forts at Townsville.

-Rain storms have almost ruined the cot-ton crop in Henderson county, Ala. Several farmhouses and barns were destroyed by lightning. -M. Ribot, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, will shortly pay a visit to M. de Giers, the Russian Foreign Minister at Aix-les-Bains.

—A Deputy United States Marshal of-ficially reports that Northern Texas settlers have been robbing Government lands in Oklahoma of a vast amount of timber.

—Mrs. Martin Valishka, the stepmother of a little girl who mysteriously disappeared from her home in Carson, Wis., a week ago, has confessed to killing the child and is now a prisoner. The woman carried the body hair a mile from the house and buried it in the woods.

—At 6 o'clock yesterday morning the fast mail train on the Hudson River Railroad met disaster at the New Hamburg draw bridge, the scene of the frightful accident nearly 20 years ago. The engineer, fireman and mail cierk were instantly killed and two others slightly injured.

—A party of Russian Hebrews who had just returned from the United States, they being undersirable immigrants, and therefore not allowed to remain in the country, were also refused admission to Austrian territory. The Austrian authorities at the frontier turned the party back into Germany.

Of Interest to Music Students.

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Music students and others interested in musical culture will find information of value in the new annual circular of Pittsburg's leading school of music, the Duquesne Conservatory, to be obtained at all music stores, or at the Conservatory, Duquesne College building, corner Diamond and Ross streets, opposite Court House. First term begins September 5.

Germany's Merchant Marine Policy. BERLIN, Sept. 1.—It is now recognized that the hopes based upon a lavish Imperial subvention of the German steamship lines have proved fallscious. The North German Lloyd prevailed upon the Government to consent to a bill at the next session of the Imperial Parliament, providing for the total or partial suspension of the Mediterranean and Sydney and Samoa services, and the right of foreign-built vessels on subsidized lines.

MANY VICTIMS.

Cholera Infantum's Dread Record.

A Serious Time for Little Babies. -

Physicians Advise the Use of Pure Food.

Lack of Proper Knowledge Causes

Suffering.

How the Health of Children May Be Preserved.

Mothers of Pittsburg, read what's here, There is an epidemic of indigestion and cholers nfantum in this and other States. Health boards everywhere are reporting a start-

ng fatality from cholera infantum. Physicians say that in nearly every case the child is poorly fed and nourished, and hence the

"It is absolutely certain, " says a physician in one of the medical journals, speaking of the alarming summer mortality among his patients, "that the cause of this high death rate among infants is At the beginning of summer, the best physicians

gave warning that pure food must be used for bables. That this warning did not reach every city and town in this State is evident from the high nfantile death rate. But in those places where the newspapers published the discussions that were going on, large quantities of lactated food were sold and this best of diets for children was used. The result is, statistics show that fewer deaths have occurred in those towns and citie where the larger amount of lactated food was

Comparisons of this sort are absolutely e vincing.

September is a fatal month for the little ones, and, unless lactated food is used, the local physi-cians say that the dreadful mortality and increasing amount of sickness among children will con The one safe plan is to feed infants on lactated

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ABSOLUTELY PURE

WELL BRED, SOON WED." GIRLS WHO USE SAPOLIO

ARE QUICKLY MARRIED. TRY IT IN YOUR NEXT HOUSE-CLEANING.

"My God! Is it so bad as that? What the matter"
"Hit's a fever. Mos' ev'rybody on this

hyar mounting's hed it, an' consider'ble uv 'em's died. Cl'rissey, she's a-askin' for ye Lucian entered quietly. Clarrissa was lying with her eyes closed, her face pale to grayness, she seemed scarcely a part of this

They looked up as he approached. His eyes questioned the doctor mutely.
"She is sinking fast," was the reply, "but

began to fear that she was already dead.

"You-uns mustn't fret bout me, murmured, almost inaudibly. He had to bend his head to catch the broken whisper. "We-uns hain't, yo' kind o' lolks, an' I'm
'teared I never could ha' l'arnt to be. Weuns never could ha' bin happy. I've
knowed it l'um the fust, but I hain't never

But even with her lips against his they stiffened, her arms relaxed their hold, her head fell back on his shoulder. He laid her down gently. She was dead.

SNOW STORM ON MARS.

Many Strange Sights Seen by the Harvard Astronomer Now in Para

lines connect them with two large dark areas like seas, but not blue.

There has been much trouble since the snow melted in the arean clouds. These

snow meited in the arean clouds. These clouds are not white, but yellowish and partly transparent. They now seem to be breaking up, but they hang densely on the south side of the mountain range. The northern green spot has been photographed. Many of Schiaperrellis' canals have been

Our artist has made a mistake. He knows how to take heads off, but he can't figure discounts to suit us. We are offering \$18 suits for \$15, \$15 suits for \$12 and \$12 suits for \$10. If that isn't nearer 20 per cent than 5 we don't know figures.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ATTENTION!

For This Week Only.

This special discount sale is for this week only; that is, for the last week in August. Our immense stock for fall is ready, and we are in need of room. That accounts for our special sacrifice sale. Take advantage of this rare oppor-

Our Pants Sale

Continues for this, week. About 500 pairs of our own make, "The Favorite," left to sell for \$2.25. Best value ever offered.



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A CHINAMAN'S WOE.

Thousands of Miles Away From Where His Wife Lies Dying-Stern Parental Order to Come Home-He Cannot Get Back Again if He Goes,

A pathetic tale of a Chinaman's sorrow was related last night by Rev. E. R. Donehoo. A few days ago a Chinaman came to him sadiy. He said that he had a wife in far off China. He had married some years ago and left his wife after a time to come to America. His wife had always been delicate in constitution and after his departure for America her duties became harder.

The wife became more poorly in health as the time wore on. The husband in his foster home toiled early and late. He was well on the road to prosperity when the tidings of his wife's fatal illness reached him. She sent him a letter in which she said that she feit her days were numbered. She begged him to come home that she might see him before she died. Thinking it but the result of worry he answered bidding her to wait. A few weeks more went by and then came a letter from his parents which ordered him to burn to his home at once. The creed of the Celestials will brook no disobedience on the part of children. In their belief disobeying a parental order is the unpardonable sin and their souls are

The unhappy man went to a friend and was informed he could go home, but could never return to America. His business was in such condition that it would go to ruin if he left it to strange hands and in the depth of his woe he came for advice and consolation from the Minister.

consolation from the Minister.

"I advised him to obey his love and obey his parents," resumed Mr. Donehoo, with a touch of sadness in his tones, "and the poor fellow went away as though a great load had been litted from his heart. I wish I could give you his name," concluding, "but there is much discord among the various factional families in Pittsburg and the name would injure him far more than it. name would injure him far more than it would interest the public. The Chinaman will go back to his dying wife."

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PERFECT action and perfect health result from the use of De Witt's Little Early Risers A perfect little pill. Very small; very sure

BY ELIZABETH M. LEYDEN.

[Concluded from yesterday.] "It has been longer to me than it could possibly seem to you. I had no earthly business coming back now, only-I couldn't stay away." The glance with which this was accompanied gave no room for misunderstanding, for though unsophisticated, she was still a woman. The flush faded, leaving her very pale, and her eyes, meeting his in one fleeting glance, looked like

the startled eyes of a fawn. But there was no time to speak further. They had reached the fence, and Josh Coffee was sitting in the door cleaning his gun. It is greeting was cordial.

"W'y, stranger," he exclaimed, dropping his gun and coming forward with his long strides, "the sight o' you uns air good fur so' eyes. Kem along in. The ole 'oman 'll be plum glad ter see ye-she tuck a bodacions shine ter ye befo'. Kem to see sump'in mo' 'bout them i'inpyrit's?"

Well, yes," the young man replied, bringing out a chair and tilting it against the side of the house. "You see my partners cidn't consider the mines of much value to us—they think that it doesn't contain enough pyrices. But I don't agree with them, and I decided to come back and investigate farther, and if you care to sell I

"Jes so! Jes so! You uns 'low ter run it on yo' own hook. Waal, I can't say but ez I'd be giad 'nuff' ter sell it. Not ez I'm 'zacly pushed, but Cl'rissy hev got a idee in her haid that'll tek extry money ter numor. She's jes natally a-honin' arter gwine ter school."

Going to school?" "Yans; I tells her hit's all foolishness," the old man replied, mistaking the signifi-cation of the exclamation. "But she sticks ter it. Then her mammy an' the boys back her up-what fur, Gawd knows!--an' when a man's wife an' chillun git combined agin him, he'd as well gin the marter up fust as

You misunderstood me, Mr. Coffee. I think Clarissa is perfectly right to want an education. She is such a beautiful girl you should give her every opportunity you can "Tooby sho! C'Irissy be a plum pretty gal! She favors her Granny Coffee. Thar wa'n't no gal in the ole North State, whar

pappy kem f'um, ez could beat my mammy tur looks. Leas'ways, that's w'at they At this point Clarissa appeared at the door to say that Mr. Hartredge's dinner was ready, and her father chimed in with: "Kem right 'long in an' git a bite o'

sump'in. I knows in reason you uns air

tuckered out. Cl'rissy, git out the jug an gin him a pull at the moonshine whisky." It is wonderful how long it will take, under certain circumstances, to survey and purchase a limited quantity of worthless land, and how the value of said land is ap to fluctuate according to the conditions of the purchaser's affections. So Lucian Hart-redge, sharp and prompt by nature in a business transaction, bought that arid mountain land which he had no earthy use for, paid double the price Coffee asked and

took three times as long as necessary for the trade. But in all that time not one word of a private nature did he have a chance to ex-change with Clarissa. He left the matter entirely to chance, and finally chance seemed to be propitious.

He had announced that he would start for home on Monday. That was Saturday night, and they were sitting around the pine knots blazing in the fireplace. Lucien had come to make himself very much at home. He got up and announced that he was going to the spring-he was thirsty.

Mrs. Coffee kicked a hound from under her feet in order to reach Jake, and jabbed him with her foo. "Take yo' lazy bones off'n that h'ath an' go t' th' spring." But Jake gave a snort of disapprobation and rolled over on the floor

fast asleep. "I'll go, mammy," Clarissa said, rising, "Let Jake 'lone. He's bin a-ploughing all

day long.

"Ctarissa and I will both go," Mr. Hartredge replied, the bucket already in his hand. The two started out together. It took a long time to get the water. The moon was shining brightly, but the thick laurel, which had so often proved secure hiding places for the moonshiners in times of revenue raids, now cast their deep shadows over the moonshiner's daughte and her lover. Before they returned the die had been cast. She had promised to be his wife, and he had taken her in his arms and pressed upon her lips the first lover's kiss they had ever known, while flecks moonlight danced over their bowed heads.

bucket of water "Why, whar's Cl'rissy?" asked her father. "I think she said she was going to walk down to the cow pen. We have some news for you and she preferred me telling you. Clarissa has promised to be my wife."

He entered the room alone with the

"What!" The old man sprang to his feet, while his wife turned in her chair and stared with her mouth wide open as though she had been stricken dumb. "What air

you uns a-talking 'bout? Be ye plum "I think not," Hartredge answered with a

"W'y' man alive!" continued old Coffee. still considerably dazed. "Cl'rissy's my own darter, an' she's dear to me ez my eyeballs, but I haint no fool. She's a good gal, but Lord! She can't write her own ame-she haint never been out o' the shadow o' the mounting-why, dern my cats, man! she don't know B t'um a bull's

"I know all that, Mr. Coffee. I have told myself every word of it, and much more, a thousand times over. But still-I more, a thousand times over. But still-I love her. I love her so dearly that I can't give her up. She has promised to marry me and death alone can keep me from hav-

Mrs. Coffee burst into tears and left the room hastily. Josh Coffee's eyes were dim as he laid his hand on the young man's shoulder. "You-uns air one in a million," he said in a husky voice. "Don't 'low thar's two mo' men in the kentry in 'yo station, ez 'ud

'a' offered ter marry Cl'rissy, no marter how such they loved her. You-uns desarve better. The next day was Sunday, and at the noon-time meal Mr. Coffee had an announce-

"Look hyar, folks," he began, "the rider's

ment to make.

done kem, an' thar's gwine ter be meetin' down at Shiloh ter-night. We-uns air bound ter go. Ez fur me, I'm plum glad uv it. I 'low it tek a good spiritosal shakin' up ter git the taste o' the revenuers out'n my outh. "Air you uns a gwine?" Clarissa asked, glanding shyly at her lover. He hesitated. He understood enough of the mountain character to know that all their peculiari-

ties came to the surface under the influence of their very zealous religious meetings. He shrank from seeing Charissa under these trying circumstances and his cowardice onquered his inclination. "I think not," he replied. "I must fix up my things and I shall take that time for it.

I may ride down later and come home with

About sundown Josh bitched the two One to the wagon and the party started. The three men sat on the driver's seat, while Mrs. Coffee, Clarissa and the children were on the straw in the body of the wagon. Left to himself, Lucien Hartredge packet his valise and smoked a cigar. Then he threw on a pine knot and tried to read a home paper; but the flickering light hurt his eyes, and his mind was far away down at "Shiloh Meetin" House." He took his chair outside and smoked two more cigars in the aut. in the soft moonlight, with the pine stir-ring drearily around him and the tree frogs calling in the distance, answered by the katydids. To the man or woman reared in the city there is nothing so harrowing as these country noises at night. He began to think he would saddle his horse and start

A screech owl on a pine tree near began

his lonesome "To-whoo! to-whoo! to-whooawh!" and in answer three or four dogs began howling as though keeping a death

watch. Lucian rose in disgust and went for He found his way easily. In that rare-fied air and the stillness of the night the sound of the singing and speaking could be heard for miles. "Shiloh Meetin" House" was an unpainted log room about 40 feet square, doing double duty as schoolhouse for three months in the year and church whenever the circuit rider came to the "settlement" in his rounds. The house was lit by nine knote street assential. lit by pine knots, stuck around the room between the logs and casting weird shadows

Lucian Hartredge fastened his horse to sappling and joined a group of young mount-aineers standing at the door. The preacher, a middle-aged native, mak ing up in fervor what he lacked in knowl edge, was praying, his voice up on high G, and interrupted every few seconds by a whole-souled "Amen!" from some pious

over the congregation.

brother.

of the prayer the preacher made a fervid exhortation, beseeghing the "unsaved sinners" to come to the mourners' bench, and he gave out a hymn to be sung in the mean-

The preaching was over, and at the close

The men, with their dogs, were sitting on one side of the church, the women, with their babies, on the other. Lucian soon tound Clarissa. By some fatality she was sitting in the full glare of a pine knot, her mother on one side of her, a woman unknown to him with a baby in her arms on the other. Old Mrs. Coffee had a tin box in her hand, the un-known female another, and all three were

dipping snuff. Lucian felt as though someone had slapped him in the face. He had often seen Mrs. Coffee with a stick brush in her mouth, but he had failed to comprehend its signifinance. Now he understood. And Clarissa. too! The hardest part to bear was the manifest enjoyment she was receiving from her indulgence. Evidently his presence had debarred her from a pastime she found the greatest pleasure in.

But the preacher's exhortation had been warmly responded to. The "mourners' bench" was full and the congregation was getting very happy. The woman next Clarissa dropped her baby in Mrs. Coffee's lap and began a series of exclamatory sentences the only distinguishable part of lap and began a series of exclamatory sentences, the only distinguishable part of which were, "Praise the Lord!" "Thank God!" "Praise His holy name!" her voice growing shriller with each ejaculation. Then she began to clap her hands, to cry and laugh alternately, getting out into the alsie and shaking hands with everyone she could reach, and when her excitement reached its high water mark, leaping in the air and screening.

air and screaming.

This excited Mrs. Coffee, who in turn dropped the baby in Clarissa's lap and companyed the same of the sam menced the same performance; and almost before Lucian could catch his breath Clar-

issa dropped the baby in another woman's lap and began her own "shouting." Lucian watched her a tew seconds. Then the passed his hand across his eyes, as though in physical pain, and turned from the door. He went out and sat down on a log and took off his hat to cool his head. He felt dazed. About the clearest sensations of war a years nit.

tion he was conscious of was a vague pity

for the poor baby, who was being passed around like refreshments. He wondered When the Coffees reached home that night Lucian Hartredge had gone to bed and was apparently asleep. The next morning directly after break-fast he said good-by and departed. He kissed Clarissa in rather a perfunctory man-ner, and spoke of coming back soon; but there was a constraint, and she regarded him with a vague trouble in her beautiful eyes. He turned away hastily, mounted his horse and rode down the mountain, an intense relief coming over him as the cool

that he was leaving his perplexity and mortification behind him, temporarily, at For days and weeks this teeting haunted him. But finally the revulsion set in. The recollection of that last night faded gradually. He began to think of Clarissa only as the beautiful girl he had loved and who had

morning air blew in his face, and he felt

He was in his office looking over his cooks when a sudden resolution came over him. His income was immense-it was increasing every day—and a solution of the difficulty presented itself to him like a door opening silently before a prisoner in a cell. He would arrange his affairs to leave home for an indefinite period. Then he would marry Clarissa, take her to Europe, employ the best masters for her, and keep her there till he could present her to his friends without mortifying either her or himself. With inward excitement he went over the details. Yes, it was—it should be —practicable. He felt like giving a shout

"A dispatch, sir."

It was his office boy. He took the telogram and opened it leisurely. To a business man one of these yellow envelopes more or less was a matter of small conse quence. But what was this he was read Clarissa dangerously III. Come immedi-

By order of JOSHUA COPPER, Like a man in a dream he set off immediately for the mountains. He could not re-alize what had happened, the blow had de-scended so suddenly. He felt certain that he would reach Clarrissa and find it all a It was twilight when he finally reined his

horse in front of the cabin. No dogs were in sight, nor the children. Jake came out soon, almost as though he had been watch-ing for the arrival, his eyes red and swollen, the dirt on his face furrowed like he had

heart sinking at this sign of grief in the

"Pow'ful had off," Jake answered, taking charge of the horse. The doctor lows may-be she'll pull thu the night, an' maybe she

life. The doctor was holding one wrist, her mother held the other hand, while her father and older brother were seated near the foot of the bed, their faces bowed on their hands

is perfectly conscious. Clarissa opened her eyes.
"Lucian," she murmured feebly, and held her hand to him. He went to her and took her in his arms. Her head fell back on his breast, and her eyes closed again. He

had the heart ter say it. Hit's a heap the best this hyar way. But oh, I loved ye so! I loved ye so!" and with unnatural strength she turned and threw her arms around his neck and kissed him twice.

AREQUIPA, PERU, Sept. 1 .- Prof. Pickering reports from the observatory here that Mars has two mountain ranges near the South Pole. Melted snow has collected between them before flowing northward. In the equatorial mountain regions snow fell on two summits August 5 and melted August 7. Eleven lakes were seen near Solis Locus, varying in area from 80 by 100 miles to 40 by 40 miles. Branching dark

Labor Day Excursion to Book Point.