MOLDING A WOMAN'S NATURE.

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BILL ARP ASKS IF ITS A JOKE

(WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.) A gentleman who deeply needed the in-



The Hottentot Allays Temper in His Wife, stead of buying furniture for the room. This practice would have endangered our friendship, but I rose to the occasion. I reformed him. In three months he was steady winner, and we had a velvet carpet on the floor and pictures on the wall.

A Selfishness to Be Recommended. It is selfishness, perhaps, which leads a wise man to modify those whom he comes in contact in such a way that they will be more agreeable to him, but although that method may be called by so hard a name, I must recommend it earnestly. Just how I have done it is a secret which I shall, presently divulge for the benefit of any bachelor who may be trembling on the brink of matrimony. Most men fail to realize how important is this matter of modifying, by well-directed effort, the nature of a wife. Some men think of a wife only as a person to whom one can transfer his property and keep it away from his creditors; or as a person from whom one can transfer her property to him-

self, and keep it away from the bargain counters. These views are superficial; the character is the thing.

In the first place I found Maude colorless. She lacked any well-defined character. (N.

Modern Way of Managing a Wi'e. B.-Friends are requested not to order floral tributes on account of these words. I shall escape.) I encouraged her to be more truely a typical woman. I wanted her to be stupid, and make all sorts of funny blunders, just as any other woman does. I did not wish her to be too clear in her mind. It is a great mistake. Never let your wife be too clear in her mind. She might take a day off and meditate on her husband, and never have any sort of an opinion of him afterward.

Set Her to Keeping Accounts. When she is threatened with anything of that sort buy her a memorandum book, and let her keep track of the household expenses. In three days she will show you more funny places in the multiplication table than there are in all the variety shows of a season, and it will teach her not o overestimate her own importance. When she tries to pay nine people \$3 spiece out of \$17, which you gave her on Saturday night, she will realize how small a human being is in comparison with the great and

everlasting truths of mathematics But Maude and I have never quarreled about money matters. I have made her comfortable and happy on a salary which some might consider good, but which, in comparison with the workman's merit, is the smallest that has been paid since Jacob worked 14 years for a wife. Maude has never given me a bit of trouble

that I did not provoke. I have heard the author of "Southpaw, the Left-handed De-" and other literary men with whom I associate complain that their wives were in the way when they were engaged in literary pursuits. I have never found it so, Maude has always been a great assistance. One of our old-time tunny men, who has led a life of remarkable gloom, tells me that the most painful thing in his long career of calamity has been the spectacle of his wife reading from his rejected manuscript and trying to laugh in order to cheer him up. But Maude never bothered me by too deep an interest in my state of mind.

A Wife of the Imagination. She has changed a great deal in the last three years. She has passed through many unusual experiences, but has always con-ducted herself strictly in accordance with my directions. If I remember rightly, she used to be a blonde, but it altered her style of beauty in a fit of absent-mindedness, and now she is a brunette. There is no telling what she may be to-morrow, but it will be what 1 wish. She will never talk to me when I am trying to read about prize fights or in other ways to improve my mind. She does not spend my money in pearl powder and tidies. She does

not drop pins and needles on the bedroom

carpet. She is merry most of the time because I make her so; but once in a while, when nobody sees her but me, she comes in softlywhen I am smoking, perhaps, and letting my fancies wonder-and she lays her hand upon my shoulder and looks up at me with a sweet, smiling sace. She is most to my liking at such times. But whatever she may be, she will be mine. I "manage" her ab-solutely, for she is only a creature of my

imagination, a character in my stories. I am not married. for her sake, I'm glad it isn't true.

in the Land of Dixie. Is it a sell or a conundrum? We don't manage them down here. I have been married 43 years, and such a thing as managing my wife never occurred to me. I didn't



about managing a horse or a railroad, but the word is a reflection on woman's character. A wife is a partner, a helpmeet. She helps to meet the family expenses and to make life worth living. Managing a wife is a bulldozing business, and that is just what brings about so many divorces. A wife who has to be managed is not a wife. Mr. Beecher said that the first thing to be done to ensura good health was to be born of healthy parents. And so the best way to manage a wife is not to marry one who has to be managed. As Bob said when he had served out his sentence in the chain

think of it. But the weeping and sorrow are hers-sorrow for husbands and sons who have fallen. The pain and suffering in bringing us into the world are hers. The care and anxiety of raising the children are hers. Job speaketh of the dark watches of the night when deep sleep falleth upon man, but it doesn't fall upon a weary mother with a fretful or sickly child. I know whereof I speak, for ten have come to us and she raised them and never murmured. It has been a world of trouble, but she en-dured it. It is all over now and the crop is laid by, and she deserves a pension both from earth and heaven. She never thought about managing me, but she has done it. It is well enough to talk about taming a shrew, but managing a woman-never. If there was a whole book written upon it it would go dead-still-born-for a gentleman wouldn't if he could, and a tyrant couldn't if he would. There may be Petruchios, but

OPIE READ WOULD HEDGE.

aged Strictly on the Quiet, There are undoubtedly many ways to esult-that is, if the wife should receive be managed, and this decision will soon manifest itself in some unexpected way, it were well for the husband to "hedge" in

Ah, but how should a wife be managed? By attention, by little respects and couresies, by keeping romance alive in the house. A woman who once has loved is forever alter a child of romance. given to her at evening is far more effective han a morning argument.

The man who sets in with the determination to rule his wife may find a certain sort of happiness, but he is not likely to comnunicate any of it to her. Happiness is contagious only in a peculiar condition of atmosphere.

OPIE READ.

IT'S ALL IN THE DRAW.

o Says J. H. Williams, Who Argues Through the Means of Proverbs.

in choosing a wife and she has also drawn a There are wives and wives, and as no two feminine dispositions are exactly alike, the

formula for the successful management of one wife might prove a dismal failure when administered to another.

a wife. It worked a miracle in Katharine, transforming her into a gentle and obedient "sharer of his joys and sorrows." But Petruchio's treatment could not be prescribed in all such violent cases. Once upon a time a man, whose wife possessed a temper of about 1520 in the shade, witpossessed a nessed a performance of "The Taming of the Shrew." He was so deeply and favorably impressed with Petruchio's recipe for "killing a wife with kindn'ss," that he resolved to "try it on" his better halt as soon as he reached home. Six months later he had no wife to manage. She

secured a divorce on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. Man's experience in managing wives in necessarily limited to one woman. There are some exceptions-particularly in Utah, Solomon was a striking exception. But Solomon evidently knew how to manage a

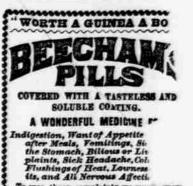
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He that is slow to an er is better than the mighty and he that roleth his spirit than he that takes he size.

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A Talk About the Recent Glove Contests Down at New Orleans.

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HANLAN'S LATE CHALLENGE TO SCULL

All interest in the recent big glove contests at New Orleans has not died yet by any means. The truth is that during the week just ended there has been just as much talk about Corbett and Sullivan as ever there was. What I had to say about the three contests did not get into print last week, and even at the risk of being 'chestnutly," I propose to say something

about the New Orleans events to-day. Before going into any details, let me first discuss the status of the three contests, and I do this so that correspondents will cease asking so many questions on the matter. Since the big battle Corbett has been heraided all over the country as the champion of the world. I emphatically declare that he is no such thing, and there is some reason for saving that he is not a champion at all. Sullivan never defeated a toreign champion nor has Corbett. But Sullivan won the title of America in a bona fide tushion by defeating Rvan and Kilrain. These contests were fought under the recognized rules of championship contests, and Corbett has certainly not won his title under

Everybody connected with the Corbett and Sullivan event declared before it took place that it was a glove contest, and as such it will go on record. If it was a glove contest, then it certainly was not a bare knuckle battle for the championship of the American prize ring, and if this is true, I tail to see why John L. Sullivan is still not the real champion of the United States, although beaten in a glove contest by Cor-

But putfing this line of argument to one side, there is not the shadow of a reason for saying that Corbett is champion of the world and those who announce him as such are simply trying to deceive the public. And I also claim that the contest between Myers and McAuliffe was not a champion hip one; indeed, there could not possibly he any honor of the kind connected with it

It is an absurdity to talk about two men,

each weighing more than 137 pounds, fighting for the lightweight championship. Both McAuliffe and Myer were far beyond the lightweight limit.

The Downfall of Sullivan. Far be it from me to say anything harsh about John L. Sullivan at this stage of his career, but there are some things that I aust say, because his last effort as a pugilist has verified all that I have said regarding him for years. Readers of these reviews well know that from the first I have argued that Sullivan was an overrated man; in fact, a very much overrated man. As a fighter in the ring he has a miserable record and as a glove fighter strength only has been his characteristic. Now, you Sullivan admir-ers, do not get agitated because of my saying this, because every word of it is true. Somebody will no doubt remind me of the way in which Sullivan downed Mitchell

ove contest when both men were at best. Most certainly I admit that Sullivan on that occasion had much the better of Mitchell, but entirely because Mitchell endeavored to best Sullivan at his own game, that of standing up and battering away with gloves. Had Mitchell used waiting and dodging tactics there is every reason to believe that he would have accomplished what Corbett did. It is a noteworthy fact that during his entire career, John L. Sullivan has been a failure against scientific men, and I sm now more than ever convinced that had the contest between himself and Dominick McCaffrey been to a finish Sullivan would have been beaten.

B-vond all doubt Sultivan has had the most remarkable career of any pugilistic champion in the history of the ring. He has been idolized more and done less than any man I know of or have heard of. He has netted more money than all other champions put together and has had a poorer record than any of them. Depend on it, all this is true, and when years have passed future generations will certainly estimate John C. Heenan as a much better man than John L. Sullivan. Time will wear out all those flimsy and frothy achievements of knocking great big useless people out in one or two rounds and nothing will be left but the solid record of each man. Does anybody mean to tell me that when Sullivan failed to defeat Mitchell in a prize ring that he could have dejested the men that Heenan (aced?

Or that he could possibly have beaten O'Baldwin? Not a bit of it. For years the public has been laboring under a delusion regarding John L. Sollivan, and it is natural that the public teels ill-tempered now that the delusion

has been exposed. I know that I will be reminded of naming Sullivan to defeat Corbett. Certainly I did so and I was not so much surprised at Corbett as I was at Sullivan. I had expected that the latter would at least do something, but he did nothing. Corbett had nothing to fear and I had expected that lack of pugilistic pluck would have been his weak point. But there was really nothing to be afraid of, so that my calculation on that point was entirely upset. My readers will remember that I plainly stated that if I could convince myself that Corbett

was anything like a game man I would name him as a winner.
Well, Sullivan's glory has vanished; the idol is shattered, and no pugilist before the world to-day has had more to say than bighearted John L. A more generous man cannot live than he and we must all feel sorry for him, and if he has deceived the public the public has certainly deceived him by leading him to believe he was some-

thing he was not. About the New Champion.

James J. Corbett will never be one tenth as popular with the American people as Sullivan has, but despite that fact Cor-bett is a fine fellow, he is a gentleman but he lacks the good-hearted qualities that made Sullivan friends by the thousands. Doubtless Corbett will have a much keener eye to business than Sullivan had and durthe next six or nine months it is not likely that Corbett will stop to contest against anybody. He has definitely declared that he means to make as much money as possible while he has the chance and for this he cannot be blamed. In this respect others before him have set the pace and it seems to me that nowadays no recognition paid to rules or anything else. was compelled to fight a challenger within six months. That rule exists yet but this

system of "managers" completely ig-What about this new boxing champion' is the general question from everybody. Let me say that in my judgment Corbett is a very clever man; indeed, one of the cleverest I have seen, but it would not e fair to form an estimate of his cleverness because of what he did in front of Sullivan.

Corbett was not hit by Sullivan. Now we cannot form a correct estimate of a man as a fighter until we see him get damaged in the as Corbett, according to size, who were wonderful as long as their opponents could not reach them. But things were different when hitting became mutual. It may be that much of Corbett's cleverness will van-

that much of Corbett's eleverness will vanish when he is the recipient of some good blows. Mark, I only say that it may be. Most assuredly he will not find everybody as easy as he found Sullivan; he will meet men who probably will not only stop his leading, but hit him.

But, taking everything into consideration, Corbett is one of the best boxers there has been in this country, and he is quite liable to defeat anybody in a contest under Queensberry rules. I feel sure that he can defeat Mitchell, because the latter is certainly not as good as he was. There was a time when Mitchell and Corbett would have made a great contest, but Mitchell is older made a great contest, but Mitchell is older nade a great contest, but Mitchell is older now, and his hands are very had. To be sure, there is lots of talking going on, and Mitchell can hold his own in this respect. But I fail to see how Corbett is going to do himselt any good by abusing Charley Mitchell. All the talk about making Mitchell fight or run away is nonsense. I know of no man who is readier to fight than Mitchell if everything is all right. We must not lorget that Mitchell faced John L. Sullivan when everybody thought Mitchell was going to certain death. Then Sullivan,

just as Corbett is saying now, declared that he would "punch the life out of the En-glish pup," etc. Sullivan did not do it, and his threats only recoiled on himself. Probable Big Glove Contest. But there is a more dangerous man for Corbett than Mitchell and that is Peter Jackson. The latter is regarded by many as the best man in the world to-day and there is much reason for thinking that he is. At

with any reason or fairness continue to call himself a champion and decline to meet Jackson. This color line is all humbug among fighters, besides Corbett has already contested against the negro.

Of course Corbett's recent contest has recalled his cantest with Jackson and there is still much diversity of opinion regarding that event. Corbett claims that he "treated" Jackson and the latter claims the contrary. Corbett claims that he was very sick when he met Jackson and the latter claims that "he had only one leg" when he met Corbett. And so they go on. But

a day or two ago I did see a copy of a tele-gram from Parson Davies to a friend in Chicago on the day of the Corbett and Jackson contest, urging that Chicago man to bet all he had on Jackson as the latter was in perfect trim. This conflicts with the injured leg story and if it is true it would seem that it is unsafe to say that Jackson is a better man than Corbett.

Personally I cannot see how Jackson can be any eleverer than Corbett. He, Jack-son, may beat the new champion in other respects but in activity in boxing Corbett is sure to be as good as Jackson. At any rate there ought to be a contest between the two and if there is it will surely be a remarkable one. Goddard also wants to meet Corbett. I

may be mistaken but Goddard does not strike me as a man at all likely to defeat Corbett; indeed, I would not be surprised it Goddard entirely failed to hit Corbett. It is not likely that Goddard and Corbett will contest for a long time.

Among the Lesser Lights. Those who journeyed to New Orleans to see the big boxing events saw some very tame work. Probably the closest contest of the three was that between McAulifie and Myer. It was closer than it appeared to be because just as sure as we live there was a stage where McAuliffe was nearly done for. But his remarkable generalship pulled him through and he beat quite plucky little fellow.

McAuliffe is on the wane and if he does not leave the ring his waterloo is not far off. A man with a little more judgment than Myer and just a little quicker would have beaten McAulifie because the latter would not have been allowed so many rests as he got in the ring. But I am surprised to know how Myer

ever got the name of being a first-class fighter. He is a game little chap and that's about all and how in the world he managed to defeat Jimmy Carroll is a mystery.

The contest between George Dixon and Skelly was just as onesided as that between Sullivan and Corbett. Those instrumental in arranging the contest between Dixon and Skelly ought to think shame of themselves and those who ever thought that Skelly could defeat Dixon after seeing both men were absolute fools. It is nothing short of an absurdity to put a novice against a wonderful man like Dixon. Skelly is a good novice and would have made a good showing against little fellows like Siddons

or Pierce, but it was an outrage to put him against Dixon as a starter.

Dixon is the only bona fine world's champion to-day, and he is a wonder. If ever there was what we call a natural fighter he is one, and nobody can defeat him who is not a very heavy hitter. There is talk of a contest between Dixon and Griffin, and I am told that the latter has shown up in a trial as good as Carroll, the lightweight. If that is true Dixon may find more than his match, but it is not likely that the story is true Still I am inclined to think that Griffin is the most likely man to deleat

Dixon. Features of the Olympic Club. It may be of interest to say a few words about the club that has become so promi-nent lately because of its enterprise. A visitor in New Orleans is very likely to come to the conclusion that the Olympic Club is the only enterprising organization in the city, and that its great mission is to keep the city before the world. Be this as

notion of one-horse street cars, and New Orleans does this.

But the Olympic Club is by all odds the best that I have seen of its kind. It is far shend of what the famous Pelican Club, of London, used to be when at its best. One very interesting feature of the club is the It is arranged on an excellent plan and there is not much difference be-tween it and the turf. The ring proper is bedded with a sand of a clayish nature and

this is a wonderful improvement on the sawdust notion. Every part of the building is excellently furnished and there is a membership of about 1,200. No institution could have finer gentlemen for officials than the Olympic. I am sure abler and more perfect gentlemen than President Woel, Secretary W. D. Ross and Vice President Sporl

cannot be found anywhere. Their enter-prising and successful policy has made the It is certain that no more colored men will appear in the club's arena so that Jackson and Corbett will never box there. The club is anxious to have Mitchell and Corbett contest in its ring or Slavin and Sul-livan, or the latter and Goddard.

Baseball has been in the background for discuss anything about it for sometime and this week I am not in a much better fix. promises to be a very satisfactory one. Some of the clubs, to be sure, will lose money and others will make a little. While I am not inclined to discuss at present the pros and cons of the 12-club league, I am convinced that as long as it lasts there will always be a few clubs that will lose money and it may be they will lose more than they

care this year. But outside of a few clubs that have made a very bad showing almost all the year, the other teams have done admirably; that is, they have made a fine race. It is the closeness of a contest that makes it popular more than anything else and certainly the first six teams in the race have had a battle oval from start to finish. Considering the closeness of the race

is served at 5, and after this meal the King hold retires. three meals a day, and the games I have to play, I'm just tired out when night comes."

it may, New Orleans from an every-day commercial standpoint is far from being lively. A city cannot expect to "be in it' nowadays that clings to the old fossilized

The Baseball Situation.

a week or two, but it is still flourishing its banners. I have had little or no space to All of us who take an interest in the national game will be exceedingly pleased to note that the close of the season

Possible before next year comes round. What the magnates are and are not inclined to pay ball players for their services is a matter that, I dare say, we have little to do with, but I have always held the opinion, and I do so still, that the salary question will regulate itself far better than the adopting of any uniform rules.

And there is another matter worthy the attention of the magnates and that is the system of some of their number of curtailing expenses by fining players unduly. I reier to Von der Ahe. It is a notorious fact that in the most unreasonable way he heavily fines his players and thus pilfers back a large percentage of their salaries. If ever there was a matter demanding investigation at the hands of the League the case in question is one. The dignity and stability of the League demands it.

The Race for the Pennant. It looks as if the Cleveland club is going to get the second pennant and if it does I don't expect that anybody will feel sorry. don't expect that anybody will feel sorry. The players of the team have put up a surprising game simply because as a team they have played as nobody thought they could ever play. In all departments they have done well and it would probably be ungenerous to particularize any of them. Their good hitting has had as much to do with their success as the work of their pitchers and their fielding and base running have also been factors as big as anything else. Altogether they have played as a team and

Altogether they have played as a team and that means a great deal.

For a while past the Boston and the Pittsburg teams have been having quite a desperate time of it. While I would like to see our team land in second place I will be quite satisfied if they finish in third place. Had Mr. Thomas Burns not demoralized everything connected with the team the would have been fighting the Cleve-

lands with desperation now. By all odds we have the best team now that we have ever had in Pittsburg, and for that we have ever had in Pittsburg, and for this credit is due the club directors and Manager Buckenberger The liberal and heroic policy of those who own the club has had its effect, and such like policy will al-ways meet with success sooner or later. The club officials are getting together young players of merit, and that is the great ele-ment of success. Let us all give aredit in the heartiest way possible to those who own the heartiest way possible to those who own and control the club for the success they have attained.

the season have been disappointing, par-ticularly the Brooklyn team. Still there is a distance to go yet, and there is time for plenty of changes to take place. The Professional Scullers. During the last few days Edward Hanlan has caused a ripple in aquatic circles by his talk of challenging Stansbury, the Australian, to row. The latter is champion of the world, and Hanlan states that he will row him in America or England for the

Some of the teams in the second half of

William O'Connor comes to the front and rakes Hanlan from stem to stern for having the audacity to challenge Stansbury, as he (O'Connor) is the only man who should row

Gaudaur comes to the front and says he will row either O'Connor or Hanlan, and Stansbury is yet to hear from.

Hanlan has always been a man of nerve id one of the finest scullers that ever sat in a boat, but how at this stage of his career he is going to defeat Stansbury I don't know. Hanlan is certainly not as good now as he was 10 years ago, and it is not unreasonable to say that Stansbury is just as good as Hanlan ever was. Certainly Hanlan has a perfect right to challenge either Stansbury or anybody else, and the talk of O'Connor is only childish. Not only has Hanlan a right to challenge Stansbury, but the latter is at liberty to accept that challenge in preference to any other. Were I Stansbury most assuredly I would choose to row what I thought the slowest

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A HARD-WORKING KING. ocial Duties Seem to Claim His Atte

More Than Business.

Harper's Young People. A newspaper writer, speaking of the King of Italy, says that Humbert is a tireless worker, and then gives the following as the daily routine of that monarch: When at Rome, says the writer, he rises "very work in his cahi net. At 7 he eats a light breakfast, and then until 9 busies himself with his correspondence. This duty accomplished, he makes such calls as the day's demands require, lunches at 1, and later receives his ministers and such others as may have claims on him. In the afternoon he drives ont, and sometimes goes to the races. He dines at 7, and this meal, at which the King is present to entertain his guests and not to generally lasts until half past 9. At 10 the King, as a rule, goes to the opera, where he remains for an hour. At 11 he goes back to his cabinet, and until 1, when he retires, is busy with his afternoon correspondence.
"At Manza, near Milan, where he resides during the summer months, he follows a slightly less arduous routine. At Manza work claims his attention until 11 every morning, when he lunches with his family and a few invited guests. After lunch he entertains his male guests, or takes them for a row upon the water; then he works until the hour for the afternoon drive. Tea

talks, smokes and plays billiards with his guests. Shortly after midnight the house-This reminds us forcibly of the reply of the small boy, who was asked if he worked hard at anything. "Yes," he said, "very hard. What with

LIVELY POLK IN MAINE. Curious Incidents of the Vitality of the

People in the Pine Tree State. New York Sun. 1 Mrs. Mary Green, of Scarboro, Me., who is 84 years old, has, during the past six months, spun 32 skeins of yarn, knitted five pairs of stockings, picked three bushels of blueberries, and tended large flocks of chickens and ducks, besides doing much general housework. She has six grand-

Daniel Andrews, of West Rockport, Me., 93 years of age, reaped and helped to shock three-tourths of an acre of heavy grain on one of the hottest days of last week, and was not fatigued by the labor. He has been cutting grain on the same farm for 72 At Burnt Cove, Deer Isle, Me., an aged woman, who owns a good farm, spends most of her time in summer sitting in the

children and eight great-grandchildren.

barn and making quilts for the poor. It was through her energy and benevolence that the only church around Burnt Cove The mail stage on the route from West Ellsworth to Ellsworth, Me., is driven by a woman, Mrs. Clara Carter, who handles a team of four horses as well as any man could do it, and never makes any mistakes in the delivery of mail or packages. She gets up at daybreak, cooks for a family of five persons, drives to Ellsworth and back before noon, and then gets dinner. In the afternoon she picka eight or ten quarts of blueberries, and in the evening she does the

family washing and ironing, sews, or plays on her cabinet organ. A Very Long Drive. Four wealthy citizens of Winnipeg, Manitoba, have left there with the intentior ot making one of the longest drives on record. Their destination is Jacksonville, Fla. a distance of 2,500 miles. After spending the winter in Florida, the party will, early in the summer, drive from Jacksonville to Chicago, and, after taking in the World's Fair, begin the return drive

Competent, trustworthy and experienced women furnished by the hour to take charge of packing, cleaning and rearranging of household effects. W. A. HORVELER, Storage.

road. In 1872 it was charged that certain members of Congress and other Government officers had been bribed by presents of Credit In this column an attempt will be made to answer all questions of public interest. Those desiring information should remember, however, that space is too valuable to devete to questions that are of importance only to one or two persons. The idea in publishing this column is to do the greatest good to the greatest number. For instance, space cannot be set apart for the man who wants to know what day in the week January 12, 1853, came on, because that question would be of no earthly interest to anyone save himself, and only to him because that was his birthday. And bets cannot be decided in this column unles the subject in soon afterward.

The oldest alphabet is the Phænician. dispute is of extraordinary interest. The duty of a newspaper is to help educate the people and, so, if you have a question that s important and of general interest send it in. Below are some queries recently re-

NOTES AND QUERIES

Coinage of Silver From 1794 to the

New Free Silver Agitation.

MEMBERS OF THE NEXT CONGRESS.

Popular Error as to the Value of Can-

celled Postage Stamps.

THE CREDIT MOBILIER BRIBERIES

answers. Please give me a brief history of our American silver money. Why was the bullion in the fractional currency reduced, while the dollar retained its full amount of silver builton, in 1853? Why was the trade dollar coined? What is done with the money received for mintage? R. A. T.

ceived with what are believed to be correct

The Act of April 2, 1792, established a mint and authorized the coinage of dollars or units, each to contain 37P4-16 grains of pure silver, and of half-dollars, quarterdollars, dimes and half-dimes of corresponding weights. Under this act silver dollars, halves, dimes and half-dimes were first struck in 1794, and quarter dol-lars in 1796. In 1853 gold had fallen so much in comparison with silver that a silver dollar was worth 104 cents in gold. Now as a person could pass a silver dollar in this country for only 100 cents in gold, he pre-ferred to pass it in other countries as bullion, and get 104 cents for it; so silver dollars became very scarce. As the frac-tional coins were worth one-half, one-quarter, one-tenth, one-twentieth of a silver dollar, they too disappeared from circulation with the silver dollars, until even the coins needed for small retail transactions were wanted, and the business of the country be-came seriously embarrassed for the want of

To keep the small coins in the country, the weight of pure silver in the country, the weight of pure silver in the fractional coins was reduced and their legal tender value limited by the act of February 21, 1853. Thus, though within the United States two half-dollars would pass for one whole dollar, outside of the United States whose dollar, outside of the United States they would pass only for the amount of bullion in them, which was less than that in the dollar; so it became unprofitable to export them as bullion. The same thing is done in every country; the smaller silver coins are over-valued, and as they have coins are over-valued, and as they have more purchasing power at home than abroad, they remain at home and supply the necessary change. The trade dollar was intended to circulate in Asia, where the Mexican dollar, or piece of eight, had been the standard; there was no mint in China, so Mexican and Spanish dollars were relied upon as the medium of exchange. The trade dollar was not our silver dollar increased weight; it was a wholly different piece. It was coined under the act of Feb-ruary 12, 1873. The mintage charges go to support the mints, and equal the cost of the material, labor, wastage and use of ma-

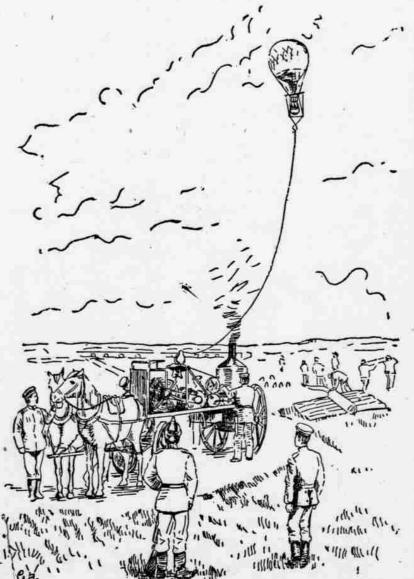
chinery in the minting. 1. How many members from each State will make up the next House of Representa-tives? 2. Who are the Judges of the Su-preme Court of the United States? 3. Who are the Supreme Court Judges in Texas? DAVID.

fornia, 7 (6); Colorado, 2 (1); Connecticut, 13; Iowa, 11; Kansas, 8 (7); Kentucky, 11; (11); Minnesota, 7 (5); Mississippi, 7; Missouri, 15 (14); Montana, 1; Nebraska, 6 (3); Nevada, 1; New Hampshire, 2; New Jersey, 8 (7); New York, 34; North Carolina, 9; North Dakota, 1; Ohio, 21; Oregon, 2 (1); Pennsylvania, 30 (28); Rhode Island, 2; South Carolina, 7; South Dakota, 2 2; South Carolina, 7; South Dakota, 2; Tennessee, 10; Texas, 13 (11); Vermont, 3; Virginia, 10; Washington, 2 (1); West Virginia, 4; Wisconsin, 10 (9); Wyoming, 1. The figures in parenthesis show the present number of Representatives of those the new apportionment.

1. Alabama, 9 (8); Arkansas, 6 (5); Cali-

4; Delaware, 1; Florida, 2; Georgia, 11 (10); Idaho, 1; Illinois, 22 (20); Indiana. Massachusetts, 13 (12); Michigan, 12 300 miles west of San Francisco. whose representation has been altered by

2. Melville W. Fuller, of Illinois, Chief not mean that paper money would be Justice: Associate Justices Stephen J. Justice; Associate Justices Stephen J. called in; pap Field, California; John M. Harlan, Ken-permanently.



In Germany, much attention has been directed of late to a new process of ballooning

formation and who also knew where to go Mobilier stock-which paid enormous divifor it, has asked me how to manage a wife dends—to vote for legislation desired by the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Investi-He could not have asked a better man. For whether Maude and I have done well or ill. gations were made by Congress, and two members of the House of Representatives, Oakes Ames, of Massachusetts, and James Brooks, of New York, were consured, their the responsibility has been wholly mine. My wife has been absolutely under my control. Brooks, of New York, were censured, their conduct being, in the words of the resolution, "absolutely condemned." The Senate was on the point of expelling J. W. Patterson, of New iampshire; but, as his term expired five days after the resolution of expulsion was reported, nothing was done in the matter. The corporation was dissolved Few other men can say this; for in order to be able to say it a man must be a good liar by nature, and one who has never let himself get out of training. But in my case it is the truth. It is always a man's fault if his wife doesn't suit him, He should mold her character and disposition in accordance with his wishes. the origin of which is unknown; the Greeks said that Cadmus, King of Thebes, invented their alphabet. It he did, he copied from the Phonician, which is the basis of about every civilized alphabet in existence. The newest alphabet is that of the Cherokee There is nothing so much like matrimony as "chumming" with a fellow at college. My chum was full of faults. For instance, he used to lose all his money at poker in-Indians, which was devised by Sequoyah, otherwise known as George Guess, about 1826. It consists of 85 characters, each re-presenting a single sound, and is said to be

an English spelling book, though he knew no language but his own; so even this Cherokee alphabet draws, for its characters, on the Phonician alphabet. What use has the postoffice department for stamps that have been used; and what price is paid for them? T. R. So far as we know, the postoffice has no use for canceled stamps and pays nothing

the most perfect alphabet ever invented. Guess used the characters which he found in

tucky; Horace Gray, Massachusetts; Samuel Blatchtord, New York; Lucius Q. C. Lamar, Mississippi; David J. Brewer, Kan-

sas. Henry B. Brown, Michigan.
3. Chief Justice, John W. Stayton; Associate Justices, Reuben R. Gaines and John

1. What was the Credit Mobilier? 2. Who invented alphabets? W. M. D.

1. The original Credit Mobilier was a

In 1864-1867 the corporation became a com-pany to construct the Union Pacific Rail-

for them. There was a story, some years ago, of a girl who collected 1,600,000 canceled stamps, to prove to a wealthy friend that she had perseverance, and to obtain from him money to help her in getting an education. This story set thousands of persons by the ears; they left out the point of the story and decided that 1,000,000 postage stamps were worth from \$300 to \$1,000. Then some wise person explained that 1,000,000 postage stamps were worth \$300 to the makers of papier mache, but the papier mache makers denied this. The Dominican Sisters of the Roman Catholic Church in China are glad to get stamps; they pay nothing for them, however. They sort them and clean them, and make scrap books out of the best, which they sell. With the proceeds they buy Chinese girls and bring them up as Christians, incidently

A person serves 21 years in the British A person serves 21 years in the British A. my, then deserts, taking his uniform; he comes here, becomes naturalized, and after ten years wishes to return to England for a couple of months; is he liable to arrest as a deserter?

J. D.

saving their lives.

There is nothing in the man's becoming an American citizen that can save him from punishment. It auything can do that it will be the Statute of Limitations; and we think that does not run against desertersin other words that desertion is always in other words that desertion is always punishable. But as your man served so long, and deserted so long ago, we think that he could arrange matters quietly through a lawyer, and by paying for his uniform, etc., get a pardon, or something of that nature, that would protect him in going back to his old home.

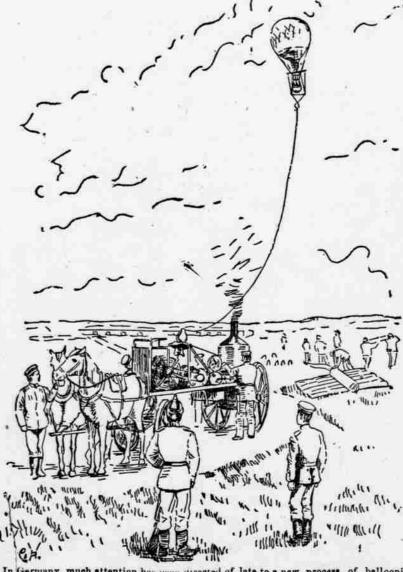
1. How large is Alaska? What is the length of its coast line? 2. Where is the center of the United States, taking the country East and West? 1. Alaska has an area of 531,409 square miles. The coast line has never been measured accurately, but is thousands of miles in length; the whole Pacific coast is

onev-combed with harbors. 2. Eastport, Maine, is the most easterly point in the United States, in longitude 67 degrees west; and Attoo Islands, 111 Alaska, the most westerly, in longitude 193 de grees west; the middle point between Louisiana, 6; Maine, 4, Maryland, 6; these is about longitude 126 west, nearly the center you ask for is in the Pacific

What is meant by the term "free coinage of silver?" Does it mean that paper cur rency is to be called in?

J. W. H. The expression means the opening of the mints of the United States to silver on the same terms as they are now open to gold. A person can bring gold bullion to the mints and have it coined into money without any expense to himself; while if he brings silver he will have to pay the mint charges. The free coinage of silver does

GERMANY'S LATEST WAR BALLOON.



invented jointly by Herr Richter, a lieutenant of artillery, and by Herr Majert, a scientific chemist, of depriving gas of the moisture it contains, and so lessening its specific gravity, to augment its power of raising and sustaining a balloon, with regard to the size of the balloon and the volume of gas. This process is deemed likely to supersede both the use of the special gas manufactured by the Yon system and that of the con-densed gas which is supplied by English and Italian companies. The German military balloon car, also, as shown in the illustration from *Illustrated News of the World*, is sus-pended from a trapeze, which lessens its oscillation. Sometimes I wish I were; and then, again, HOWARD FIELDING. ARP'S 43 YEARS' EXPERIENCE.

Bill Says They Don't Manage Them Down



A Pace in the Smoke.

gang: "Boss, de best thing for you to do when you git dar is—not to git dar." Woman was the last and best work of the Almighty. If Adam evoluted, she didn't, She came tresh from her Maker's hand and was given to man to refine him and elevate him. How she should manage him is a fair question, but how he should manage her is ridiculous. It is a case of "reductio ad absurdum" as lawyers say. The pure, trusting, innocent being ties herself, binds herself to this evoluted son of Adam as tast as Prometheus was bound to the rock, and is soon as the chains are fastened he begins to look around and inquire "How shall I manage her?" Manage her as you did before you married her. That's all. Never let her know that she is chained. Companionship is the word-companionship that honors the man more than it does the woman: for she is of a higher rank in purity, in morality, in beauty. She is a link between him and the angels, and will take us all to heaven if we will let her. Three hundred white convicts in one chain gang in Georgia and not a woman. Just

there are no Kates. BILL ARP.

If Managed at All a Wife Should Be Man

manage a wife, but failure is generally the the intimation that her husband is trying to manage her. If a wife is managed at all it is better to conduct the performance in a manner so quiet and confidential as to keep it entirely hidden from her. It mainly depends upon the wife as to whether or not he is to be managed. If she decides not to

some beseeming manner. We would naturally suppose that a delicate little blue-eved creature with a "won't you please love me" expression of countenance and a half suppressed lisp that brings a suggestion of a "stray note of music found floating on a sunbeam"-I say we would naturally suppose this sort of ethereal embodiment to be easily managed; but she isn't. In truth she holds her husband-if she has one, and if she hasn't she'll get one very soon-in a condition which is not exactly that of henpeckedness, but which is a slavery almost as abject. But is he afraid of her? Surely not. She rules him with her tears; and it is better to be ruled with

an caken plant than with a "flood of

Manage well yourself, and in that may lie the management of your wife.

The task is easy and pleasant enoughprovided a man has made the right selection prize in the marriage lottery.

Petruchio discovered what he evidently regarded as a shrewd method of managing

wife, and the keynote of his success may be found in some of his utterances, viz:

mighty and he that rulet has been that taketh a city.
Better is a dry morsel and quietness therewith than a house full of sacrifice and strife.
It is better to dwell in the wilderness than with a contentious and angry woman.

J. H. WILLIAMS.

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The latter was much too slow to make any comparison, and what is very important

here has not been as much money made as there should have been, and this lact will, I am sure, more than anything else prompt the magnates to reduce salaries as much as