

Twenty-five closed houses on Jeffer- [PERSONAL MENTION: son avenue alone, to say nothing of a comparative number of deserted homes in other residential streets, is a sufficient basis for a fitting requiem to be sung over summer galeties which are now but dim memories. There is no known pestilence in Scranton, neither is it witnessing a reign of terror, nor is it the scene of anarchial strife-but it's hot, it has been hot and it will be hot. Walk where you will about the residence localities and it will be found that the mansions are closed or are in charge of keepers, while the families are basking at pleasure resorts where the sunshine is tempered by cool

It has been truthfully said that Scranton is not a city for enjoyable summer recreation, though its environments receive and are enjoyed by a large number of vacationists and permanent summer visitors. This fact sever seemed more forcibly proven nor so plainly apparent than during the present season, when there is an absolute at sence of any sufficiently numbered set to make a social affair even a mediocre success. The few who are compelled to remain in the city realizathis and are content to attempt nothing beyond trying to keep cool-and surely that is diversion enough.

There seems to be an increasing tendency among the women to attend the races of the Gentlemen's Driving club, and the club's third meet today will probably be graced by a generous presence of the fair sex. In that connection doesn't it seem strange that the presence of women is more generally solicited than the presence of men at such semi-public affairs? Of course this is understood from a purely social standpoint or in the case of a young man with some other young man's sister. But most women cannot tell a single-footer from a pacer, say it's 'eruel to put those things on its toes," or exclaim, "My, I wouldn't want a sponge jammed into my mouth that Now to allege that fair women give "tone" to such gatherings is true, but does not such a statement imply an absence of fair men? It seems a simple problem; but this column will beg question and under "Sufficient to the day is the evil thereof," will desist with the statement that the women are wanted, they're willing to be wantedso what are you going to do about it?

The marriage of Miss Helen B. Pot-ter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B Potter, of South Main avenue, to Rob ert J. Williams was solemnized Wednesday noon in the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church, by Rev. D. W. Skel-linger, pastor of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church, of which both the contracting parties are connected. The Washburn Street church is in course of erection which accounts for the ceremony in the Simpson church.

icity and absence of formally, the bride and groom entering the church Immediately after the unattended. coremony they departed on the 12 50 Jersey Central train for Philadelphia, Washington and other points in the near south. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are among the best known and most popular West Side people; he is a member and manager of the firm of J. D. Williams & Bro., and his oride has been a teacher at No. 18 school, They will resid : on the West Side.

The pupils of T. J. Davies, mus. bac. gave a musical recital in Hulbert's music store Wednesday evening. The programme rendered was a delightful one and was highly creditable to Protessor Davies and his pupils. They were assisted by Miss Mau ! Williams elocutionist, and by Philip H. Warren. basso. The pupils who took part were Miss E. LaVerna Mitchell, Mrs. Charles Metzger, Mrs. J. H. Frutchy, T. Bey-non, Miss Mary Davies, Miss Loretta Jennings, D. Glynn James, Miss Anna R. Williams Miss Lettie Doyle, Miss Minnie Parry Thomas, Miss Kate Saul Robert Blackman, James T. Gaddes, Peter Peuser and B. Percy James. Professor Silas, of St. Paul's church, Greet Ridge, accompanied several of the

On August 22 Professor Havin Evans' Concert company will leave for ales in the steamer City of Berlin. Wales and England they will give a ries of thirty concerts. The company made up of the following musicians: Miss Sadie Kaiser, Wilkes-Barre, soprano: Miss Cordelia Freeman, Huntingdon, alto; Joseph P. Barns, Wilkes-Barre, basso; James Anwyl, Parsons, tenor; Miss Julia Allen, Scranton, violinist; Professor Haydn Evans, accompanist and director. Richard Thomas and Richard Williams will not go with the party. B. Davies, the advance agent, will leave for Wales on the first of the month. Jonn H. Black wood will accompany the party as busi ness manager.

An enjoyable social affair at Winton Thursday evening was the party given by Mr. and Mrs. John Wedge in honor of Mr. Wedge's sister, Miss Mary Wedge, of New York. The event included games, music and singing until a late hour, when light refreshments were served. Among the guests were Misses Annie Fleicher, of New York; Minnle Dorail, Annie Hunter, Mary and Lizzie Cairns, Lizzie Severs, Mabel and Nettie Morgan, Cassie Johns, and Robert Barnes, J. Boyle, Harry Comer, William Cairns, Filbert North, George Taylor, Johans and Harry Fleicher and Fred Severs.

James Harris, of Summit avenue, gave a social and lawn party to the mam bers of the R. F. Social club and ladies At his home on Tuesday evening.
Among the guests were: Misses Conger, Eppling, Wilson, Powell, T. Birtley, N. Birtley, Thomas, Simpson, Wademan, Winters, Ainsley, Hawkins, Scott, and Messrs. Emery, Peck, Payne, Mully, Keator, Gill, Griffia, Ramson, François, Owens, Ellias, Palmer, Proth-

Miss Lillie D. Staples and Ssymour H. Cottel were married at the home of the bride's parents in this city Thurs-day noon by Rav. Warren G Part-ridge.

Miss Harriet Harvey and Rev. W. J. Ford will be married Wednesday afternoon in the Green Ridge Baptist

The marriage of Miss Mary A. Price to Harry C. Hall will occur Wednesday evening, Aug 8, at White Havan.

Among the well-known Scranton people in New York during the week were C. W. Freeman, H. S. Welles, F. Carlucci, S. B. Cohen, G. T. Davis, B. Moses, Conrad Schronder, P. P. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fuller, Mrs. C. D. Simpson, J. J. Jer-nyn, O. Urban, Rev. M. F. Crane, T. H. Watkins, P. S. Page, H. E. Paine, T. E. Jones, J. J. Williams, Miss G. B. Williams,

D. B. Atherton. Among those who are occupying the Young Men's Christian association cottags at Great South Bay, Long Island, are Mr. and Mrs. George G. Mahy and J. N. Little, of this city, and Mrs. J. H. Mertz and Miss Mary Wertz, of Scialia, Mo.

Mrs. J. Ring and daughter, Mrs. Wooster, of Binghamton, are visiting Airs. Fin-ley, Mrs. Walsh and Mcs. Sweeney, of Jarion street, who are also Mrs. Ring's daughters.

Revs. P. J. McManus and P. J. O'Donnell of this city, and Frank McHugh, of Hazleton, sail for Europe on the Servin today. They will be gone two mouths. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thorn, the popular theatrical people who played at Wonder-land throughout last season, are summer-ing at Philadelphia and Rockaway.

H. B. Smith, assistant state secretary of the New York State Young Men's Chris-tian association, is the guest of John H. House, jr., of South Main avenue. Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips, of Dickson

avenue, will sail next Wednesday on the steamer Tentonic for Ireland. They will leave on Monday for New York. Mrs. W. E. Plumley and children, of White Plains, N. Y., are visiting Mrs. Plumley's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas M. Cann, on Jefferson avenue.

Among the voyagers arriving at Liver-pool on the City of New York on Tuesday were Miss Stella Saymour and Thomas

Trask, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Callender are atnding the international convention

the Young People's Baptist union at To-The Misses Ida Thompson, Vicky Watkins, Mrs. Edward Smith, of this city, and Miss Thayer, of Pittston, are at Lake Wi-

Miss Fannie Atkinson, of Penn avenue, left Wednesday morning for Savona N. Y., where she will spend the summer holi-

Louis Ottinger, of the Economy Farni-ture company, is spending his vacation at Atlantic City, New York and Baltimore. Miss Lizzie Thomas, of Scranton, spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Rowland Courtney, on Linden street, Pittston. Miss Mamie Burke, of Penn avenue, has returned home from Philadelphia, accom-panied by her friend, Miss Malony.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Murray, Gerald and Miss Ella Murray, of Eynon street, are spending the season at Hamilton. Mrs. D. W. Drake and Mrs. S. Drake, of

lamden, N. J., are the guests of Mr. Hi ram Sayers, on Academy street. Mrs. Reese G. Brooks and daughter Cora, will spend a portion of the summer at Lak-Quinsigamoud, Wayne county.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Nettleton, of Scrantoo, are spending the summer at the home of G. W. Carleton at Dalton. Mrs. Mary Williams and two daughters,

the ceremony in the Simpson church.

The wedding was marked by its sim
of Scranton, visited J. R. Armstrong's family in Pittston Thursday. Miss Lizzie Mann, of Alto J. Acker, of Scranton, are the guests of

Miss Mame Speece, Pittston. Mrs. Kate Dougherty and daughter Mollie, of Hawley, are the guests of the Misses Geary, of Franklin avenue. John J. Grady, of the firm of Grady &

Bowie, will leave on an extended Euro-pean trip next Wednesday. Miss Lizzie Zang and Miss Eva Short, two teachers in the Franklin avenue school, are at Atlantic City.

Judge Archbald is spending his vacation at Martha's Vineyard and other points on the Massachusetts coast.

Mrs. J. P. Nealis, of Jackson street, spending the summer with her parents at Fermoy, Wayne county.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Connell are at Cape May for the su nell's father's cottage. May for the summer at Mrs. Con-

Fred C. Hand, of this city, and Harry Vryeland, of Salamanca, N. Y., are at Lake Quiusigamond, Miss Della P. Evans, of South Hyde Park, left Monday for a three weeks sojourn at Gien Fails.

Mrs. Dr. Walsh and sister, Miss Alice Mahon, are spending a few weeks with friends in Waymart. Miss Carrie Summerell, of Wilkes-Barre,

visited Mrs. Crossman, of Throop street, a ortion of the week. Mrs. Jacob Lutz, of Elizab thport, N.J. s the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Herzel,

of Gibson street. Miss Mame Gilligan, of Wilkes-Barre, isiting her cousin, Miss Mary Duffy, of Madison avenue.

Miss Josephine Gillespie left Fintston Thursday for a tew weeks' visit with Scranton friends. Miss Lena Kimbal, of Owego, is visiting Mrs. J. A. Duckworth, at her cottage at Lake Ariel.

Miss Jessie Gay has gone to Stillwater, where Mrs. A. B. Blair and daughter are olourning. Mrs. D. Phillips and daughter Cassie, of academy street, have returned home from

Plymouth. Miss Ella Bushnell and Miss Jossie Hirns are spending their vacations at Wind-

Miss Alice Deppen, clerk in the board of health office, is spending her vacation at

Dr. P. H. McAndrew, of the Lacka wanna hospital, spent the week at Glen

Summit. Miss Nettle LaGorce, of Washington, s the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Nichols, of North Bromley avenue, spent the week at Shick Miss Carrie Louise Grey, of Mifflin avenue, is at Atlantic City with Philadelphia

The Misses Lizzie and Emma Falkowsky, of Olive street, are visiting Pittston

Miss Eliza Brown, of Taylor avenue, is visiting friends at Buffalo and Niagara

Rev. J. A. Mossit, curate at St. John's is taking a few weeks' vacation at Atlantic Judge Gunster is at Lake Ariel, but

Miss Jennie Daniels, of Division street, is visiting in Carbon and Schuylaull coun

P. A. Nealon returned Tuesday from Rochester, N. Y., where he visited his sis-

Miss Fannie Atkinson, of Penn avenue, is spending her vacation at Savous, N. Y. James and Jessie Blair, sons of A. B. Blair, are at Cayuga Lake for the summer. Secretary D. B. Atherton, of the board of trade, spent the week at Atlantic City. Miss Millie Green, of Franklin avenue, has gone to New York and Bath Beach. E. J. Kerlin, of Port Clinton, Schnylkill county, is visiting friends in the city. George Fritz, of New York city, visited Hyde Park friends during the week. Mrs. D. B. Hand and children are at Lake Quinsigamond, Wayne county. Miss Martha Preum, of Taylor avenue, is visiting friends in Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Kathryne Hart, of New York, is

the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Burnett, on Linden street.

Miss Margaret Evans is visiting Mrs. J. A. Price, at Washington, D. C. B. J. Mahon, of Scrauton, called on friends in Pittston Thursday. John J. Grady will sail next week on a two months' European trip.

The family of Victor Koch are at their summer home at Benton William Morris, of Morris Bros.' shoe store, is at Atlantic City, Richard D. Jordan, of Parsons, is visitng relatives in this city

Miss Helen Pferferling, of Baltimore, is risiting friends in town. Mrs. Detweiler, of Church street, is viting at Ocean Grove. Dr. John Burnett was on a bluefishing

rip during the week. Mrs. E. Haldeman is very sick at her iome on New street. Dr. Walter M. Reedy has opened an office in Green Ridge. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Coursen and family

ire at Cottage City. Miss Lily Taylor, of Green Grove, is vis-Captain W. A. May and daughters are at Ocean Grove

J. M. Harris was in Philadelphia during he week Morris and Sol Goldsmith are at Atlan-Bezalcel Davies will sail for Europe next

E. J. Fish is visiting in Syracuse. Dr. Gibbons is in Philadelphia.

AT THE Pie Counter.

One of the interesting relics treasured by Hon. Theo. Hart, of Pittston, whose pa-per, the Gazotte, is the oldest continuou-publication in the twin vallers; is a faded copy of the old trazette bearing date of Nov. 10, 1858. The publisher, in that re-mote day, was "J. Henry Puleston," who mote day, was "d, Henry Puleston," who occupied a place "in Jeukius" new brick building one door south of Clark's new store, up stairs." This then impscunious journalist is now the opulent and flourishng London banker and man of affairs, ir John Puleston, who can today draw his check for a million pounds sterling with the same case that, in the old days, he could sit astrice a one-legged stool and chase the clusive type motal from its fouts. The Gazette in those days, was no larger than two pages of THE TRIBUNE and four small columns would be a literal estimate to put upon its total amount of pure reading matter. Nevertheless, the public paid its dollar a year for it, in cash, produce or promises, and felt just as mean s now when the mails miscarried.

HE WOMAN BARBER: Before this newer age began We thought the art tousorial delonged by right to man From ages immemorial. But she has come, with fixed intent. To prove to all the nations hat man is not pre-emment In barber-ous operations.

D, shaving is a sweet delight Since she the razer wielded! My heart onto her charms so bright Has altogether yielded. And, though she thinks 'tis only gush, My ecstacies amaze her, I hail her queen of comb and brush And goddess of the razor.

ome day, with lather on my cheek (Such is the plan I harbor), spall courageously seek The hand of my fair barber, But if she has already found Some man to love and praise her.

More deeply than her razer. -National Barber

Some interesting advertisements appear in that old Gazette. The Delaware, Lack stance, announces "New Arrangements No More Staging! Through to Philade puta by Rail!" and prints the schedule of he one through express then ran, with a mass of details. The time between Pitts ton and Philadelphia was ten hours. John Brisbin was superintendent. "The Wy-oming Canat" occupied a good sized space to announce tolls on freight and coal. The Lackswanna and Bloomsourg road, newly ened, also had a space, in which specie tress is laid on a \$6 rate from Rupert at New York. One "special notice" recalls to mind the robbing of the Pennsylvania osi company' vanit of \$1,000 on October , 1858. A reward of \$500 was offered by M. D. L. Gaines, then castier for the com-pany, for the capture of the thieves and noney, and an additional reward of \$1,000 was offered by the citizens through it D. Dacoe. A further reward of \$50 is offered by Oscar F. Gaines for the recovery of a old watch stolen at the same time. The otice sets forth the facts that O. Fraines was garroted and the k-y of the ompany's vault taken from his pocket Another interesting item to this paper of the establishment of a Young Meu' bristian association in Scrauton.

THE CONTENTED ANGLER: Grav sky, green trees, a shadowed stream A gil led spire-top's distant gleam, A rod, a reel, a book of flees, A dozen pleasant memories

A homeward trudge through mist-wrapped A heart and creek, in common, light; omplete content-the day has brought itto fished for pleasure-and he caught it!

"Will-you," he said, timidly, "will you have some ice cream?" "No, tuank you," replied the young woman, "I very seldom eat it." He looked surprised. "Do you mind getting engaged to me? I know that you have been engaged to several young man this summer. But have deserviced." m-n this summer. But that doesn't count. I was never engaged in my life, A slight pallor came over his face Pardon me, but do you know that your at is not on exactly straight?" "Isn't it Oh, well, I can fix it when I get home. Great Scott!" he exclaimed, "have I read the comic weeklies all these years for nothing?' And he sank to the pavement and monned - Washington Star.

PHREE QUESTIONS:

What is life? But a weary strife, A worry and fret, A sorrow to forget-That it life.

What is love? But a beam from above To pierce our beart When death doth part-That is love.

But life suspending, All joys blending, Grory unen ling-Tent is death,

Beecham's pills are for liver, dizziness, sick headache, bad taste in the mouth, tite, sallow skin, when caused lobby evils have also grown to much more by constipation; and consti- reached, for they have had an almost nurepation is the most frequent stricted field for growth both in Congress and in our state legislatures since their cause of all of them.

drugstores, or write B.F. Allen In most cases nowadays the lobby's real

MUSIC AMONG CATTLE.

AN ENGLISH GIRL SAVES HER LIFE BY SINGING TO A HERD.

Surrounded by Wild and Ferocious Animals She Lifts Up Her Voice in Song. The Wonderful Effect of Opera Upon Creatures of the Plains.

My brother and I were spending part of September in one of the loveliese of the parks of Colorado. Our home was a quaint eg ranch, containing the eating and sitting rooms, with small wooden houses grouped around, each containing one or ore sleeping apartments. It lay at the far end of the park, nestling under the huge mountains which form the buttresses of the storm beaten giant known as Long's Penk.

My brother is an untiring fisherman, and the river running through the park suppfied him with endless occupation, so I had to seek amusement 162 myself, and found it in sketching, trying to catch some of the wonderful effects of color, always varying on the forest clad mountains. William Morris was at Lake Winola dur-

Doubtless many of my readers know what is meant by a mountain park; but for those who do not I explain that the term is used for open ground inclosed between mountain ranges. This particular one is perhaps seven miles long, and at its widest a mile broad, but narrowing greatly in parts. The surrounding mountains form a complete wall, and, until very lately, it was considered inaccessible on all sides but one.

In my quest for sketchable bits it was my fashion to start off on long expeditions by myself, which from the first greatly surprised the folloat the ranch, my hostess assuring me that no one but an English lady could be so brave.

SINGING "FAUST" TO CATTLE. One morning, walking down rather a narrow part of the valley, I found my road disputed by some fifty or so mountain cattle, which had come down to graze and were clearly puzzled at my appearance. They formed in line in a most steady way, and for a few minutes we stared at each

I have always had a lively terror of loose ows, engendered probably by a childhood in the Channel islands, where the gentle little animals are all tethered; so I disliked the position extremely. I had no weapon more formidable than a paint brush, and was fortunately too frightened to run

An inspiration came to me, and warily watching my enemies I struck up the melody of the Soldiers' Chorus in "Faust." The effect was delightful. The creatures listened attentively for a few minutes and then one after another quietly fell to graz-ing, while I walked through their midst after the fashion of the little pilgrim, 'singing on my way."

WILD CATTLE AMAZED. A few days later I was returning to supper when about a mile from the ranch I save a far larger number of cattle massed across the way I had to go. Remembering my late easy disposal of the invaders I marched on, nothing dannted, and when within easy bearing struck up my "Cheeur de Soldats." As before, the animals all faced about and gazed at me steadily; but, alas, instead of dispersing they moved slowly toward me like a moving wall.

Louder and louder I sang on, until, looking beyond and around me, I saw cattle everywhere, all moving in my directionup the slope from the river, down the mountains on my right, up the track I had nearer and nearer, a vast, noiseless audi-

I doubt if Patti ever held spellbound a more attentive crowd than gathered round me on that lonely plain, with the great violet shadows of the mountains lying over us, and the golden glories of the setting sun blending rock, river and cattle into a gleaming baze. I dared not stop singing, as I saw clearly

my song was my "shibboleth," without which I was an ordinary human intruder, to be treated as such. On the other hand, it was evident that the more I sang the more the head gathered. AIDED BY A PARASOL.

Closer, closer they came, until I could feel their hot breath like a cloud round me, and then a gentle poke, now in the back, then in the shoulder, from their long horns. I am still convinced that their in tentions were good, none the less it was evident there could be but one end of such an increasing pressure. For a moment I despaired; then, with considerable difficulty for lack of space, I opened my parasol, whirled it round and round before me with all the strange shouts I could invent, and charged straight at my foes.

To my thankful surprise, the bewildered animals gave way one by one and fairly made a lane, down which I rushed, brandishing my weapon. When free of them I dared to look back, to find them all stealth ily staring after me in dull amagement; out no one moved a step in pursuit of me. Five minutes later I met a mounted farm servant with a long whip coming in search of me, having heard that the cattle had

come down to graze. Near the sinch I met the mistress, quite in a state of agitation. She was much relieved at my appearance and amazed at my story. Some weeks later, telling it to a Nebraska farmer, he told me the danger had been extreme, only the week before he and some other mounted men having rescued barely alive a newcomer who had in cautiously strayed into a cattle run.-Chambers' Journal

He Was Easily Hushed.

It is not always the most devotional in a congregation that most liberally respond to a call for funds. Dr. Morley Puncheon tells of a Methodist brother who was so de votional that there was no end to his noisy ejaculations. At one of their meetings the minister asked a steward if he couldn't abate the brother to some extent. When the prayer began a perfect storm of "Amena" and "Bless the Lords" broke out, but it suddenly came to an end when the steward whispered something in the brother's ear. On being asked after the meeting what had produced the magic effect the steward an swered: "Oh, it is very simple. I asked him to give one dellar to the missionary cause."—New York Herald.

Queer Translations in an Old Bible. Coverdale's Bible is called both "the Treacle Bible" and "the Bug Bible," from two curious renderings. The passage in Jeremiah which we now read, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" is rendered, "Is there no more treacle at Galahad?" And in the Psalms, "Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night," reads, "Thou shalt not nede to be afrayed for any bugges by officusness, bilious headache, in fear, O Lord," is rendered by Coverdale night." In the ninth Psalm, "Put them dyspepsia, heartburn, torpid as, "Set a schoolmaster over them."-

The Need for Enforced Publicity. Special legislation has attained with usa ar wider range than it ever had in Engcoated tongue, loss of appe. and our problem in regulating it is much more difficult in consequence. formidable proportions than theirs ever first appearance in the former in 1795, until they have attained a stage of development Book free; pills 25c. At extraordinary in the ingenuity and intrieacy of its ramifications.

Co.,365 Canal St., New York. Fork is no longer done in the state house or capitol, but in the primaries and nomi-

nating conventions at which the men who are to act as the lobby's agents in the legislative body are selected. The bargain for their services is made then, their election expenses paid for them, and in ignorance of this corrupt compact the people elect them, supposing they are to be the public's servants. Neither is the work of corruption which may be neces-

sary later, when the members are in session, done directly, as formerly, about the capitol, but indirectly by means of ban-quets and receptions and in various other forms of personal solicitation carried on in quarters all safely removed from the publicity of the lobby precincts. In fact, nearly all the most pernicious lobby work at present is done elsewhere than at the state house or capitol, and the only kind of publicity about it that will be dreaded, and therefore effective, is the

kind which can be forced, as Governor Russell, of Massachusetts, suggests, at the ritical moment before a bill is to come up for final passage. If at that point every one concerned in the bill's welfare-author, sponsor, agent, corporation, lobbyist -- zould be forced under oath to reveal all that he had done for or against it, in and out of the halls of legislation, there would be publicity of incalculable value. This, combined with general laws removing all the private and special legislation possible of such classification from the control of legislative bodies, would free us as completely as England has been freed from lobby evils. - Century.

Testing the Oysters.

A Chicago lady called up at Health Officer Wickersham upon a mysterious mission. She brought with her half a dozen fried pysters. "They have been trying to poison me again, doctor," she said, as she laid the pysters before him.

"Oh, no, I guess not." replied the official "Yes, they have," said the visitor, "but I've outwitted them this time, you see. have brought the poisoned systems right to you to be analyzed. There they are. The doctor argued quietly with the lady, trying to convince her that she was the victim of an hallucination, but his labors were vain. Realizing the fruitlessness of argument under these circumstances, the doctor chatted pleasantly with his visitor till she became quieter, and then said, "So the poison is in these oysters, is it?"

"Yes, I'm certain of it." The doctor picked up one of the bivalves, nibbled at it cautiously for a moment, and, with a sigh of satisfaction, slipped it into his mouth.

"My stars! that was good!" he exclaimed, smacking his lips. "Your cook under-stands his business. That was fit for a And without more ado the remaining

oysters, one after another, went to satisfy the hunger of the health department of the city of Chicago, There was along period of silence, broken at last by the woman, who said, very meek-

ly, "Doctor!" Yes m." "I've been a fool. I'm very sorry for it, and for the trouble I have caused you." "I assure you that I am your debtor, madam," gallantly rejoined the doctor. "If all my professional analyses were as agreeable and satisfactory as this seems likely to be I should be much better pleased with my position."—Chicago Mail.

Buying His First Silk Hat.

He walked into the big hat store and looked about him timidly. He was rather undersized and it was evident from his manner that he was about to take a very important step in the matter of headgear. He was. His mission was to purchase his come—cattle slowly but surely closing me iirst silk hat. It is peculiar how deeply in. They were not fierce in aspect, but most men will meditate on that step before looked at me with their great soft eyes in they take it. The particular person now a meditative way; but still they came under discussion thought that he had screwed his courage up to the stic A clerk approached him and his courage failed him. Show me a derby, he said. The polite clerk showed several derbys, which the young man list-

lessly tried on. None of them suited him, of course, Finally he said: "I wonder how a silk hat would become me. Do you think I could wear one?" "Wear one? Of course you could," said the clerk. "You're just like everybody else who buys a silk hat for the first time. They all ask the same questions. They want the silk hat themselves. but they fear that a debut in that sort of headgear will be the signal for their friends to begin guying them. This feeling wears off after the first day or two, and then you are happy." He bought the silk hat .-New York Times.

Left Struggling. A Turk had fallen into a well. A Jew ran for a ladder to get him out.
"No, no," said the son of the Crescent, "I am not going to climb your ladder, as this is Friday, the day consecrated to

Allah ! In spite of his entreaties the Jew had to go away and leave the Turk paddling in the water up to his chin. The next day the Jew went to see how

the disciple of Mahomet had spent the night. "The ladder, for Allah's sake, the ladder!" shricked the Turk in desperation. "Allah forbid!" replied the Israelite; "don't you know this is Saturday, our Sabbath?" And off he went, leaving the Turk still struggling in the water,-Journal de

An Electric Drilling Machine. One of the applications of electricity is that of a machine for drilling holes in boilers, in the sides of iron vessels and in other places where iron or steel is the material to be worked upon.

The machine has its own holding-on magnets, and it may be swung over the side of a ship, or placed on the surface of a boiler, where it will stick, without the

necessity of clamping. The convenience of such a device, adjustable as it is by the mere switching of a current, is great, while it is claimed the saving of labor resulting from its use is considerable.-New York Journal.

A Novel Iceboat. A couple of Norwegian engineers have invented an iceboat that is constructed upon a different plan from those ordinarily in use. The ice is not broken by ramming, as at present, but it is sawn through by circular saws that are placed below the ice Another apparatus thrusts the ice thus cut from the channel, so that it will no longer obstruct the passage or endanger the safety of vessels.—New York Journal.

We find that brass-and consequently tin-existed in Tyre, the great scaport town of the Phoenicians, on the coast of Syria, about 1000 B. C. They are frequently referred to in all works relating to tin or to Cornwall. The Phoenicians were merchants, and carried on an important trade from the ports of Tyre and Sidon. These cities rivaled each other in magnitude, fame and antiquity.

A very good imitation of ground glass is produced by dissolving three tablespoonfuls of Epsom salts in a pint of warm water and applying it to the glass with a com-mon paint brush. This answers admirably when a sort of screen is wanted. The solution must be applied to the side of the glass which is not exposed to the weather.

Within the Antarctic circle there has never been found a flowering plant. In the Arctic regions there are 762 different species of flowers. Fifty of this number are really polar flowers of varied colors; the remainder are almost colorless, being mainly of a yellowish hue.

The railroads own 211,000,000 acres of land, which is an area larger than six states the size of Iowa. Since 1861 no less than 181,000,000 acres of land have been given to the railroads.

A Very Peculiar Ride. Time softens all things, including the nemory of disagreeable incidents. What, at the time, may have been irritating, perilous or intensely disagreeable, after a lapse of years becomes a matter of pride or amusement. Otherwise this anecdote, which relates an incident anything but funny at the time of occurrence, would never have been recalled. It was told by a centleman now in prosperous circum-

When I was a young man, said he, I had a hard struggle to make both ends meet, and for a time did any odd job that came to my hand. One very rainy night, very nearly 1 o'clock in the morning, I was passing along Chestnut street, in Philadelphia, when I was accosted by a gentleman whom I knew slightly.

"Jim," said he hurriedly, "I want you to take a message for me to 'Brown street' (a locality near Fairmount park), and I will pay you a dollar for delivering it, and I'll give you another dollar to pay your cab hire out there." It must be borne in mind that this was

before the days of district messengers, and the local telegraph offices were closed at 10 I agreed to enery the message-a letterand going around to the corner of Ninth street found a single cab standing there. It was a most dilapidated vehicle, with two wretched horses, and the driver was in keeping, being old, poorly clad, and, as

I soon discovered, extremely hard of hear-However, it was Hobson's choice, and after some chaffering I got into the cab and it started. Away we rattled up Ninth street and out Ridge avenue, and had gone perhaps two squares on the latter street when a most extraordinary accident happened. The floor of the cab gave way be

neath my feet! I was half asleep at the time, and when I came to my senses I was stuck in the debris and my toes were bumping along the cobble stones. I kicked and struggled to regain my position, unal the sent as well as the bottom boards fell into the street, except one jagged piece that kept banging

the calves of my legs.
Placing cities hand on the side such of the cab doors I trotted along inside the cab, meanwhile crying loudly to the driver; but I might as well have appealed to the wheels. The old horses clattered along at a spirited rate. I dared not drop for fear the jagged board would knock out my brains, and so I was compelled to keep running. In short, I ran clear out to Fair

mount park, nearly four miles.

I could have cried with vexation at the time, and I had a fearful row with the cabman, but now I can afford to laugh at what was as indicrous a disaster as ever happened in civilized life.-Youth's Compan-

Pay of Women for Sewing in France. In Paris basters do not work during Jan tary and April and are paid about thirty five centimes an hour. In embroidery no work is done in June, July and August; if skillful, the workers are often paid at rates varying from three to twenty-five francs a day. Embroidery in silk and wool is es pecially well paid. The making of soldiers linen is remunerated at the rate of from thirty, forty to forty-five centimes an hour. Corset makers for nine hours' good work receive an average of four francs a day Dressmaking is very well paid, and so is the sewing of furs and the making of cos tumes for theaters. Ready made clothes for export can generally be worked at home, and sometimes mantuamakers and ready made dressmakers can also take

their work to their own abodes. The aspirant for employment in the mantuamaker's trade must learn the art of trying on, and, if possible, must know one foreign language. For these the salary is from two to four francs a day. In this trade it appears that there is no intermis sion all the year round. Plain white sew ing is not well paid, owing to the compe tition of the large warehouses, but articles of haute nouveaute, on the other hand, are often remunerated at the rates of twenty thirty and sixty francs per garment. In men's cravat making there is also excellent steady work, as well as in lace making and glove making. The trimming of bonnets, the making of bows for shoes, umbrellas and parasols is intermittent, and so is the making of trimming of all kinds, this being dependent upon fashion.-Exchange.

No Pegs. Mr. Beerbohm Tree tells the following capital anecdote regarding his first appearance as the somewhat corpulent Falstaff: In the last act he had arranged that Falstaff, disconcerted by gibes and buffets of the fairies in Windsor forest, should make one herculean effort to climb the oak tree. The pegs that were to serve as supports for that tree were always conspicuous by their absence. On the morning before the performance Mr. Tree was told they should positively be fixed on the tree. The morn ing came, but with it no pegs. Eloquene was stiffed; even invective faltered. He pointed to the tree, and, with the calm of

despair, blurted out to the defaulter, "No Such an ejaculation, spoken more in sor row than in anger, would, he hoped, appeal to that last remnant of conscience which even the papier mache bosom of a property man might be supposed to retain. In the evening there was a dress rehearsal; but still no pegs could be seen. Mr. Tree's form quivered - beneath the padding with pent up emotions, and, in a torrent of passion and a voice shaken by righteous

wrath, he exclaimed: 'Where are those pegs?" "Pegs-pegs!" exclaimed the property master, with exasperating affability Why, guy nor, what was your words to me this morning? 'No pegs.' And there nin't none!"-London Tit-Bits.

Making Corks Stand in Water. Can you stand seven corks upright in water? Not unless you know how. This is the way to do it: Stand one of the corks upright on the table, arrange the other six close about it, also in an upright position, grasp the combination in one hand and plunge it into the water in the tub so as to completely saturate the corks; then raise them partly out of the water and let go your hold. The water which has pene trated between the corks by capillarity will hold them closely together, and though separately each cork has an unstable equi librium, the combination obtained in this way will keep them steady, the width of our improvised raft being more than the height of one cork .- Boston Globe.

A Surprise Party. Little Jack-Mamma, can I go to the surprise party at Billy Bunt's tonight? Mamma-Who are going? "Oh, all the boys: 'bout a hundred."

"Mercy! Perhaps you won't be wel-"Oh, yes, indeed. Billy invited us his-"He did? Then who is to be surprised?"

"I dunno. His mother I guess."-Good Engaged. "Hullo, Cadley," said Bronson, entering the restaurant, "how are you?"

"Pretty well."

"What are you doing now?" "Well, when I came in here two hours ago I was not in business, but I've changed some since: I'm a waiter just now .- Harper's Bazar.

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