## THE NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD

Musical Competitions Will Be More Spirited Than Ever.

SIX CHOIRS FROM SOUTH WALES

Hopes for a Better Outlook for the Tinplate Trade Owing to the Operations of an American Steel Combine.

Monday of last week was the last day for entries for the Llandwino elstedd-fed. The details of the entries received are appended: Chair prize, £40 and oak chair, 16 entries; Arwrgerdd, £29 and eliver crown, aims entries; Aveil ("Clwydfardd"), £15, and a gold medal, value £10, three entries; Rhiangerdd, £10, nine entries; drama, ten guineas, six entries; Emynau, £5, 11 entries; Englynion, C., 10 entries; balled poem, £5, one entry; Hir a Thodduid (Tudno), two guineas, 25 entries; Hir a Thodduid, two guineas, 26 entries; Englyn 'Y Drych, 'one guinea, 34 entries; essay on Drych," one guinea, 34 entries; essay of the Welsh language, £50, four entries English handbook of Welsh histori Welsh handbook of Welsh histori English handbook of Weish history. £25, three entries; poems on Weish lit-crature. £20, three entries; casay on agricultural depression in Walet, 19 guineas, eight entries; bindbook on

cup, the Aman Clies said a gilver cup, the Aman Clies society, Alex-dars, Derwent Male Voice choir, Cum-berland, Bangor United Male Voice choir, Moelwyn Male Voice party, Als-ercarn Male Voice party, Nantile Male Voice party, Swanssa Cymuroderlon Male Voice party, Glantawe Male Voice party, and Cwmsven Male Voice choir Female choir competition, first prize £25, second prize, £7; Gwent Ladies' chair, Dy'tryn Clwyd Ladies' choir, Birkenbead Citana Ladies choir, Pon-

Birkenhead Citama Ladies choir, Pon-typridd Ladies' choir, and the Tyrolean Ladies' choir. Quartet, prize five rulneas, 19 entries; quartet reading at sight, eight entries; tener and bass duet, prize three guineas, ti entries; soprane and alto duet, prize three guineas, 12 entries; sonome and bass duet, prize three guineas, 12 entries; soprano solo, 32 entries; memo-soprano solo, prizo two guineas, 21 entries; alto solo, jerze two guinens, second prize one guinea, 25 entries; haritone solo, prize two guinens, 28 entries; bass solo, prize two guineas, 27 entries; penullilon singing with harp, prize two minens, four entries; orchestral band competition, first orize, £35 second prize, five guin-eas, Mold Orchestral society and Pontypinnoforte solo, prize two guineas, 27 entries; violin solo, first prize three guineas, second prize one guinea, 20 en-tries; violoncello solo, four entrien; cornet solo, prize two guineas, nine entries; pedal harp solo, prize two gain-

the 20th May.

BRUTUS POWER OF SARCASM. During the time the late and renowned Brutus edited the Haul he re-sided at a small cottage on the readside leading from Llandovery to Trecastell. on he bank of the Gwydderig a smell river running through a thickly-wood-ed valley called Cwmdwr, on her way to join the beautiful Towy. At this time the mail coach used to run past this cottage, and the driver was in the habit of drawing the attention of the passengers to the place, as where Erutus lived. During one stormy and dark night a very serious accident happened to the mail coach some disance from this cottage. The coachman drove too, near the edge, and the coach, horses, driver and passengers went over, makseveral saumersaults on their way the bank of the Gwydderig below. The poor passengers who happened at the time to be in the coach were said to he of a notorious character, the elect of the Wicked One, but as it happened they sustained but very little injury besides being shaken, and naturally frightened. Some little time after the accident a big stone was placed on the side of the embankment, where the horses tumbled over, to commemorate the sad event and to act also as a warning to all those having to pass that way. Brutus was asked to write a proper inscription for the memorial. which he did in the following lines: Boware, ye coachmen, passengers, and all For here the mail had a tremendous failt O'er hedge it rolled, tumbling together, And rested not until it reached the river. The devil gapes, with watery mouth

But heaven declared he should have no plunder;
Then, wait, Old Nick, mave patience, you sested that instead of forming a soci-

scribed. Brutus was the editor of the Grawback that no words theme to it. Haul from its very commencement in whereas, to quote a Cardiflan bard, the year 1825 up till bis death in 1866. (our own Silurian), "Whene'er men of this church magazine the hate Rev.
Philip Gruffydd Alltwen said at one
time: "Yr wyf yn mei'nn edrych ar
haul mawr natur with feddwl am hen
liaul drewllyd Llanyraddyfri."

A COLLIERY DISPUTE.

Recently a mass meeting of the Mar-

list of prices identical with the Ferndale list of prices adopted for working the Bute seam at the Ferndale collicties which are signated in the adjoining district. Owing to a dispute as to the interpretation of a portion of the award, a large number of workmen, including rippers and colliers, absented themselves from work without notices, themselves from work without notices, and claims and counter claims were made by the employers and the men respectively in respect to the cases. With reference to the rippers the court decided in their favor. The judge stated that with regard to the miners the award was binding apon both parties as here is the second of the counter of the court of the counter of t as long as it was not set aside. The miners, therefore, who contended that they were not bound to do the second rippings or to cut the bottom, had to pay the damages claimed by the com-pany, norwithstanding the fact that the judge remarked that the work of ne judge semarated that the work operand rippings devolved upon the rip-ers. The question in dispute is a very apertant one, and really it affects a cry large number of workmen indi-setly outside of the Mardy collieries. The meeting resolved, however, that york should be resumed upon the erms suggested by William Thomas, Brynawel, Aberdure, chief agent o collieries, pending the decisions in the appeal case, and hat an agreement be drawn up between the employers and

the workmen. THE TINPLATE INDUSTRY.

In speaking of the gigantle steel pooin Wales, 19 that was recently established in the himdbook on United States, P. H. Loughman, one of the oldest timplate makers, has expressed he opinion that it the steel pool agricultural depression in Wales, 19 guineas, eight entries; hindbook on Liandudue, 19 guineas, two entries; essay, "The influence of the Weigh language on the religious, fiverary, and political life of the British Empire". It is an expected to a success, it will not be ninety guage on the religious, fiverary, and political life of the British Empire". It is an expected to a success, it will not be ninety guage on the religious, fiverary, and political life of the British Empire". It is an expected to a success, it will not be ninety guage on the religious, fiverary, and political life of the British Empire". It is an expected to a success, it will not be ninety guage on the religious fiverance of the Weight and English of "Livir tri nderyn." It and still we then the sum of the surface of the British and Retriet flarmony society, the Holyhead Harmonis satisty the Builth and District flarmony society, the Holyhead Harmonis satisty the Builth and District flarmony society, the Rhymney United choir, and the business have no knowledge of fixed expenses, and they can underself as competition, prize 470, and music value 25, the Wrexham Orpheus Choral society, the Filmt fixed-speciety, the Seven choir, field-edge, for the product of the business have no timplates in the business have no timplates in the business have no timplates and or choirs, first prize, 48 guineas, according to the first prize, 48 guineas, second prize, 10 guineas and a silver can the first prize of a guineas, second prize, 10 guineas and a silver can the first prize and the prize and the first prize and the first prize and the first prize and the first p cannot be delivered from Wales less than \$3.40 per box. When I made 6,000 tons of plates a year my fixed expenses are \$5 n ton. If I do not do as much, they are not more than that. By and by some will be sold out by the sheriff.

From the above showing the Ameri-can timplate trade may be said to be in describe straits. What has been long fell in Wales is that if American plates were sold on a sound commercial basis, even with the tariff, Welsh plates would hold much of the market. One of the results of the steel pool will be to make business touch real bottom soon-car. There its ancestions become a mat-Thus its operations become a matof paramount Interest to South

COG PRINCIPLE OF MERTHYR.

With reference to the statement that With reference to the statement that the cog principle was adopted by Tre-vithick in the carry part of the century at Merthyr Tydfil, Dafydd Morganwg writes: "My, Trevithick was not the inventor of the cogned wheel and rack locomotive, neither did he adopt that principle, nor was it used on the Pendarren trainroad. Trevithick's locomotive when which was nut together by eas, Mold Orchestral society string quartet pridd Orchestral society; string quartet two cusine, which was put together by party and Transp (Colwyn Bay) party. Mr. Re se Jones, worked in 1852. I planeforte solo, prize two guineas, 27 knew Mr. Jones well, and I have a fine portrait of him, as well as of Mr. Tre-vithick. In 1811 one Mr. Blenkinsop-patented his cog wheel locomotive. The testh of his large togged wheel fitted in a rack, which was laid down paraleas, five entries; charlonet solo, prize to with the tram plates. A becometive two guineas, two entries; composition of this kind was used on the tramfor female voices, five entries; music ways from Downis to the canal side befor female voices, five entries; music composition, duet for male voices (T. and B.), two entries; composition violing solo, prize four guinears, six entries.

In the arts department there have been so far 53 entries received, but the time for entering has been extended to the constant of the constant passed in front of the cottage in Pen-darren park, where Mr. Rees Jones lived, and then parallel with the road to a point near where the Cottage hos-pital is. Here it crossed the road again to the right-hand side, on which side it continued all the way to Dowlais. I don't think the cog and rack were used. except on that part of the line, where the gradient was I in 12 or I in 15. I remember the rack on that part of the and from near where the new theater to a point near the bottom of the lane to Cwacledygarth, where the hoa-The rack was there as late a. I am not certain whether the cor and rack were used on any other part of the line or not. It was not nec-essary on level ground at least."

WALES AND WELSH.

The crusade which has been started The crusade which has been started by Mr. Alfred Thomas, says the London Graphic, against the retention of the terms "Wales" and "Weish" would probably meet with more cordial sup-port from his fellow-countrymen if he hed better substitutes to suggest than the hybrid Anglo-Latinised forms of "Cambria" and "Cambrians." If Mr. Thomas wishes to deserve well of his countrymen, a far better field for his reforming zend is furnished by the "our jousty uniminazinative and painfully prevailed surnames," to quote the phrase of one of his critical compatri-ots, with which thousands of Welsh families are burdened. According to this authority there is no historiael or other reason why any Welshman should be called Jones or Williams, while on the other hand there is no lack of fine and distinguished Welsh names to which all the Joneses might fly for And you shall sucely gulp them one by bria" Mr. Thomas should found one for one.

Of course, the lines were never in- Besides, "Cambria" presents the great praise our hills and dales, no word can thyme as well as Wales."

A BEAUTIFUL CONTRALTO.

Never since the days the charming Edith Wynn, the prima donna of the renowned Starley troupe, sang at Kiein's opera house on Lackawanna dy collieries was held to consider the avenue, twenty-live years ago, has a dispute between the employers and the men in respect to the prices to be paid markably rich voice visited our shores to the workmen for working the Bute that can be compared with Miss seam. A few months ago the umpire submitted his award, giving a detailed touring our country. She is a graduate Fort Wayne.

of the Royal Academy of Music, England, and a late pupil of the great Shakespeare, the prince advocate and teacher of voice culture, London. She will appear in concert at the Young Men's Christian Association hall next Men's Christian Association hall fext Monday evening, and will be assisted by Organist Pennington, of the Elm Park church; Mr. Hemberger, the violin virtuoso, and her distinguished father, Gwilym Thomas, chief basso of the Royal Male party, of Wales, Many of the leading critics of London have unhesitatingly pronounced Miss Thomas' superb voice superior in range and quality to that of the late renowned contralto, Madame Patey. Her training has been of the most thorough, and her success since her aebut on the London stage has not been surpassed by any of the recent debutantes. The programme will be an unexceptionally fine one, and every Cymro and Cymraes will miss the musical treat of their lives by staying at home.

NEWS NOTES.

With the exception of Dyfed and one or two others, Weish Methodists pos-ess such a poor show of bards that the Goleund goes into ecstacies because a Methodist minister has just carried off a 15 prize at a provincial eistedd-fod. "Next week we shall have the Tyst crowing over Hwfa Mon, Cwalchmai, Pedrog, Hawen, Wateyn Wyn, Gurnos, Ben Davies, Machreth, Dewl Ogwen and a host of other sons f Anak in Independia Fawr whose ights shine as brightly on the eisteddod platform as in the pulpit,'

The founder of one of the largest he world. J. C. Edwards, of Ruabon, ied a few weeks ago. In the forty tame celebrated throughout the world. nd his employes, from a beginning of nif a dozen, amounted at his death to over 1,000. He was fortunate in acpiring a terra cetta clay at Penybe near Liangolleu, which was unrivalled for its brightness of coloring.

Talking about Wales, the Rev. T. Ey non Davies, now of Glascow, says: "We have no William Shakespeare, but as excellent student in Thomas Edwards (Twm o'r Nant); we have no Burns, but we have John Ceiriog Hughes; no Dante, but have Ells Wyn o Lasynys; on Walter Scott, but a splendid representative in Daniel Owen, the author of "Rhys Lewis."

There has just departed this life in the neighborhood of Rhuthyn a well known character who answered to the name of Will Barber, and who had on

by some will be sold out by the sherical and mon of experience will buy their works at half what they cost. If the steel pool is a success, this will not take a long time. I have bought billets already for \$2.0."

At a time when the game laws were much more given than at present he was one night tempted by a couple of was one night tempted by a couple of conventions to go on a poaching excompanions to go on a peaching ex-pedition. Their only bag was a single pheasant, and, drawing lots, it fell to poor Will's share, bringing him, how-ever, bad luck, for, being caught with the bird in his possession, he was tried and sentenced to seven years penal ser-vitude in the Bermudas! He actually served over four years of his time, and was then released on a petition gotten up on his behalf by Archdeacon New-

Mr. Pritchard Morgan, member of parliament for Merthyr Tydfil, wears a very impressive air of mystery at the present time. He seems delighted at present time. He seems delighted at the result of his Australian trip, and in due course, will, no doubt, let the pub-lic into the secrets of his mission. Just now he thinks that a discreet silence is fairer both to himself and to those with whom he is financially interested. He had a strange experience in one part of western Australia. There he came across on old political supporter from Aberdale, a man who had voted for him at the election of 1888. This man had, it appeared, emigrated, and purchased a claim, which developed a very promising mine. Mr. Morgan was so interested in the man's mine that he serenaded him in true Cymric fashion.

CRUDE DENTISTRY.

The Process Was Painful, but the Resu Was Attained.

San Francisco Post. "While traveling in southern Georgia a few months ago," said Attorney W. W. McNair, "I saw a beautiful piece of dental surgery. A teamster developed a toothache while on the road. He thought it would soon be better, but it kept getting worse and worse, till he could hardly handle the reins. He put a chew of tobacco on it, but it only jumped the harder. Then he stopped his team, built a little fire, heated a needle red hot, and had another teamster jam it down into the cavity to kill the nerve. Still it jumped and thumped till the poor fellow was pretty near in-

Boys, she's got to come out,' he shouted to his companions, as he pulled up his team.
"They all stopped, wound their lines around their brakes and climbed down.
"'How can we get her out?" asked
one of them.
"'I don't know.' groaned the victim.

but she's got to come.'

The opened the Jockey box on his sent and rummaged around in it, finally producing a small hatchet and a big

nail. "'I guess you'll have to drive her out with this, said he, and he sat down on the ground and hung on to a buckeye bush with both hands, while one of his companions placed the end of the nall against the side of the tooth and hit with the hatchet. The first lick made the teamster jump and yell, but he set tied down for another one. The second stroke loosened it up, and after a lot of groaning the teamster wiped th spiration off his face, climbed on to the buckeye and said: 'Hit her again, boys.'

"The third lick sent the offending mo-

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The Nickel Plate Road runs from Buffalo to Chicago, via Cleveland and

### **MACHINE READS THOUGHTS**

Washington Inventor Patents a Remarkable Production.

KNOWS YOUR MENTAL SECRETS

Believes That the Force of Thought is Something Actual, Whose Vibrations Can Not Only be Recorded But Also Transmitted.

Washington Letter, Philadelphia Times. If the accounts given of a new machine just completed by Julius Emner, of this city, are not too hopeful it is the most wonderful of discoveries, for it lifts man out of the plane of the ma-terial and reads his most secret thoughts, laying bear his mind as if beneath a microscope, and recording each idea as it is given birth in the brain. If it was a great feat to photograph through a solid substance it is an almost miraculous performance to take mental photographs, which can be secured unknown to the person, pho-tographs which will tell every intangible

dream which fleats through the soul.

The idea of recording thought oc-curred to Mr. Emner about three years ago. The fact that sight and hearing were caused by the vibrations of light and sound made him suspect that the force of thought was something actual, which exerted a tangible power by vibrations similar to those of light and sound, and that a machine could be constructed which would be sensitive to the thought force, as the phonograph is to the voice. Many deny that thought anything real, but Mr. Emner holds that the brain is a form of electric battery, thoughts emanating from it has as the rays do from electricity, that they penetrate the atmosphere and cause vibrations just as a tuning fork does when struck. Hypnotism, he ex-plains, shows that mind goes out and exerts its force on another, and the brain vibrations are transmitted from one person just as the sound would

The machine, which is now in the hands of a patent lawyer, is a cylinder about six or eight inches long and an inch and a half in diameter. It is conted with an exceedingly sensitive chemi-cal, which is easily decomposed by the electric current. In front is a fine needle of aluminum, coated at its point with chemicals, and resting on the cylinder, while the base is set in a dia-phragm of aluminum, a very thin plate of the latter being used. In front is a large, open, somewhat horn-like arrangement, which is intended to convey the vibrations direct to the recorder The machine is put in action by means of a small motor, which revolves the cylinder, the thought forces causing the needle to make upon the surface of the cylinder impressions which correspond with the vibrations,

ELECTRICITY DOES IT.

There is, of course, an electric induc-tion coil connected with the aparatus. The person whose thoughts are to be read is seated about three feet in front of the machine and lets his mind pursue the train of thought he desires. The motor is set going and within a few moments the cylinder has done its work and a finer and more delicate needle is put in place of the recording one, for the mind is to be read from the impressions ary induction coll and wires leading from the electrodes are placed at the base of the brain of the reader. The ideas which had passed from the first person into the machine are now transmitted into the mind of the second person with absolute fidelity and perfect accuracy, the thoughts being received in an unconscious manner-that is, not by any sound or any written word, but the conception frames itself in the mind of the second person just as it was given being in that of the first. It is just

That the machine will do all that is claimed for it has, it is said, been proven not only by the inventor, but by several other persons. An experiment was tried to show that this force of thought was exerted unconsciously by a person who was unknown to him, and to make a perfect test a young lady was placed in a hypnotic state and put a few feet away from the machine. She lay before it not only not exerting herself, but absolutely unconscious of her surroundings, and without any control over her own mind, which was in a state of semi-coma, or at least oblivious to the environment. Then Mr. Emner took record of mind from the cylinder into his own mind and read her thoughts finding that her brain had been busy with family affairs all the time.

INTERESTING TESTS. Another experiment was tried with two friends to whom he had been ex-plaining his invention. Mr. Emmer had his thoughts recorded and then let his friends read them by placing the wires from the electrodes at the base of their brains. As soon as they had fin-ished expressing their astonishment one of them was placed near the cylinder and when Mr. Emner read the record it ran "Am I in an insane asylum or am I hypnotized?" showing that the man's mind was full of wonder at the things he was experiencing. When he went away he told that he had been hypnotized, not being able to comprehend that such a wonderful power ex-isted as thought recording.

As thoughts vary in intensity. Mr. Emner showed that the degrees would be marked upon the machine. He procured a dog and by teasing it thr into a violent rage when near the cylinder. The record showed that the dogs mind was powerfully agitated, for the vibrations were intense, hence it is to be seen that by Emner's invention not only human feelings, but those of the animal creation are open to our mind's eye.

PRACTICAL USES.

The uses to which this invention can be put are numberless. To be able to preserve the record of our own thoughts, which we can read off at will; to be able to take down the thoughts of another when they may be unconscious of the operation; to fathom the brain of the poet; to examine the minds of the insane; to discern the se-cret thoughts of our friends, and to trace the workings of crime in the brain of the criminal are all fields of unlimited boundaries, operations of which science has as yet scarcely dreamed To lay the soul under a microscope, and

watch its innermost workings is truly marvelous, and this is what is being done by the thought-recording machine. It can also be used as a means of communication with the deaf, who can thus read the thoughts of another in conversation just as well as if they possessed hearing. The business man can sit at his desk, think out replies to his letters without opening his lips, and his clerk write them out from the cylinder while the man is miles away.

The author need no more dictate stenographer, for this machine w take the ideas in their very birth, and hold them for posterity. The mald whose lover is bashful can detect his tender thoughts. There can be no decelt practiced on one whose office is fitted out with such a conscience piercing friend, for the aims and motives of these about us will be, if they are echoed in their thoughts, as clear to us as the day. The murderer will be con-fronted with a proof of his crime, and the punishment of offenders will be an

TO PHOTOGRAPH THOUGHT. Mr. Emner has also been experiment-ing with the X rays, and says that he believes that he will be able to make actal photographs of thought—that is, that he can photograph the vibrations of thought, just as those of light and of thought, just as those of light and sound are taken down by the camera. His intention is to place the machine about three feet from the person, and on one side, half-way between them, will be a camera, and on the other side, but in the same position, will be the tube in which the X ray is generated. The thought vibrations in passing into the machine will naturally have to cross the space between the carbora and the ray, and a photograph of the vibrathe ray, and a photograph of the vibra

tions, so Mr. Elmnor thinks possible, will be the result.

Mr. Elmner also thinks that some opinion is that this wonderful light is a species of magnetism tossesed by all human bodies. One night he left in a dark room several magnets, while camera with the shutter open, but plate slide closed, was on a table. In this perfectly dark coon were several cases of instruments, and the next day, when he had taken a picture on the plate and developed it, he found on the face per-fect photographs of the instruments. He believes that the magnets generated the X ray, this taking the picture

#### LITERARY GOSSIP.

In announcing the appearance of his latest book, "The Story of Cuba," Murat Halstead writes: "In the capacity of cur-rent historian I arrived in Cuba in Jan-uary and came away in March. Letters cent material I arrived in March. Letters of identification from members of the estimate of the committees on foreign affeirs of the senate and the house, and from the Spanish minister, were honored by the highest spanish officials in Havana, who gave me polite and distinguished consideration and diplomatic information. I was interviewed by La Discussion, a leading Havana Journal, and my presence thus made known at large on the island, I found myself in the confidence of sympathizers with the Cuban cause, who were at immense pains to theroughly inform me of their views of the estates, conditions and consequences of the war. I took testimony on both sides, and it occurred to me I had enquences of the war. I took testimony on both sides, and if occurred to me I had en-joyed innusual privilences, in hearing from original sources, of the deplorable combat which is desoluting the richest and fairest island in the world, and my interest in the theme, which has deepened daily as I have gained knowledge, has caused use to make historical investigations in the records of the Cuban centuries; and therefore I have historical investigations in the records of the Cuban centuries; and therefore I have undertaken and am in course of accom-plishing the task announced. I have sen-timents, sympathies and convictions re-garding the grave matters treated, and have stated them frankly—trying to be garding the grave matters treated, and have stated them frankly—trying to be impartial in statement—and I am encouraged to believe that I have been so interested in writing of Cuba as to produce an interesting book. It is a labor in itself fascinating, and the difficulty of discrimination is an unceasing experience. It is hard to find the truth in many Cuban stories—but this story, so far as I know and believe, is true and fair. I am impressed that the matter collected and the manner in which it is presented, make up a consecutive and intelligible historical summary, and application of intelligence of immediate and permanent interest and political importance to the people of the United States, who have a profound interest in the cause of Cuba and a duty to perform in the decision of her destiny; and her crists is now."

From a comparison of the statistics of all the chief English libraries, says the Golden Penny, it is evident that there is a very general agreement in Great Britain that the best novels in the various departments of fiction are as follows:

Sensational novel—"The Woman in White."

White."
Historical novel—"Ivanhoe."
Dramatic novel—"Monte Christo."
Domestic novel—"The Vicar of Wake-fleid."

field."
Sea novel—"Midshipman Easy."
Novel of rural life—"Adam Bede."
Political novel—"Lothair."
Novel written with a purpose—"Uncle
Tom's Cabin.
Imaginative novel—"She."
Humorous novel—"Pickwick."
Irish novel—"Charles O'Malley."
Seatch novel—"Heart of Midlothian."

Scotch novel-"Heart of Midlothian." English novel-"Vanity Fair." American novel-"The e most popular novel of all-"Vanity

It was the ambition of George Du Maurier to be a singer, but he ruined his voice by an inc-seant consumption of cignrettes. His father was anxious to have him adopt science as a profession, and it was not until after George was at liberty to study art. One day when drawing from a model in Paris the girl's head shrunk to the size of a walnut. He but his hand to his left eye and found that it had falled him. This was the most tragle event of his life, and for years he has lived in constant dread of total blindness. His first drawing for "Punch" were accepted in spite of their bud qualities. He takes the most infinite total blindness. He first drawings for drawing some of them five or six times. The "frilby" craze annoyed him intensely, and none of his intimate friends ever refer to the popular book in his presence.

James Lane Allen, the writer of whose James Lane Allen, the writer of whose recent stories have pleased so well, is a typical Kentuekian. His father was a native of Kentueky and his mother was from Mississippi. He is tall, straight and has an easy dispity, has deep-blue eyes, a heavy monstache and a firm mouth. He always had a predilection for literature, even after he became engaged in educational work. Fibally he threw up everything to devote hinself to writing "Kentueky Cardinal," "Aftermath" and "John Gray" his bust-known works. He argues that no man can put into a book what is not in himself. He possesses a keen sense of humor, and has high ideals.

Elbert Hubbard is again alone on the deck of the Phillistine. W. Blackburn Hurte histed just nineteen days, and then, as the result of a disagreement over terms. as the result of a disagreement over terms of pay, left for Boston, Mr. Hubbarl will forego his customary summer's trip to Europe and edit the Philistine himself, which means that it will have things in it

## OF VALUE TO WOMEN.

Interesting Information that Should be Carefully Read by the Fair Sex.

It Treats of the Dangers of Procrastination. out the Way to Relief from Various Ills. Story of a Mother and Daughter.

From the Chronicle, Chicago, Illinois.

A story remarkable in many respects is told by Mrs. George Argile which contains much information which will be appreciated by thousands of women who are suffering its she did, and they will find relief from all their trouble, so easily, so quickly, and so permanently that they will wonder how the possibility came about.

Mr. George Argile left his native home in Yorkshire, England, eight years ago to embrace the greater opportunities this country offered. He was fortunate in immediately secting a responsible position on his control of the state of this great realized system. The position is known in railroad circles as foreman of the teams that load and unload freight.

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which would also happen to a perfectly well woman.

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