The Marvelous Outcome of Pour Months' Experimenting of a Noted Swies Scientist-A Delicate and Difficult Process.

A truly marvelous development in carsers work is what has been termed telephotography, whereby pictures of distant objects can be made with the same clearness and sharpness of detail as if they were close at hand. But to secure a successful picture by this process many difficulties have usually to be contended with, and according to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat it is comparatively seldom that the most towns, and even in their neighborhood, the air is filled with an inconceivable quantity of such particles, and the result is a grayness of the atmosphere, which, on the photographic negative, blurs the outline of remote objects. Where these conditions obtain it is possible to procure a good proof only in the morning after a nocurnal shower has cleared the air. Such is the absorbent power of dusty air that all attempts at taking long distance photographs in the vicinity of Paris, where much experiment ing was done, resulted unsatisfactorily beyond a range of thirty-two hundred yards, even when the occasion was apparently propitious. In the neighborhood of the sea and of the mountains, where the air is much purer, photographs can be made at much greater distances; but here a single obstacle presents itself in the unequal density of the various strata of air. Especially in hot weather, certain beds of air, heated by the rays of the sun, will be actuated by an upward movement and this imparts a trembling appearance to the landscape. The presence of rivers or marshes, or land much exposed to the solar rays, is likely to give rise to vertical currents of vapor of great absorptive power. Again the humid vapors of the atmosphere clothe far distance with a bluish haze, which confuses the lines of the picture and obscures the effects of light and shade. This is rem edied by employing orthochromatic lenses and a yellow glass to neutralize the blue tint. The camera must be absolutely still, the most minute vibration being multiplied indefinitely and causing hopeless confusion in the neg-It will thus be seen that telephotos

raphy is both a difficult and a deli cute process. A most remarkable illustration of its possibilities has been achieved by M. Boissonnas, of Geneva, in a photograph of Mont. Blanc, taken at a distance of eight and one-half miles. The proof has been published by M. Fourtier, who also shows, in order to suggest more strongly the wonderful nature of the achievement, the size the picture would be if taken by an ordinary object glass. The latter measures nine and onesixteenth inches by three-eighths inches, and the telephotograph is five and three-fourths inches by three and three-fourth inches. The lines of the massive, far-off mountain stand out in bold relief, and the details of the inshown. Such a picture, however, is not made without almost unlimited pains and perseverance. It cost M. Boissonnus four months of experimenting before he could determine on the best place and the best time at which to take it. For the benefit of those who may have to tread wearily over the same ground, he tells the condition that obtained at the eventful moment. It was six o'clock in the evening, about twenty minutes before the sun sank benind the mountains. From experience he found that this tinctness of outline and details in the clouds was greatly increased from the fact that they were tinged first with a pale yellow and then with orange.

A COUNTRY WITHOUT SILVER. In Italy Private Pirms Issue Tokens t Supply the Demand

It is a strange story which comes from Italy by way of the London Globe. So great is the scarcity of since. money that a private firm at Milan, Messers Gavazzi & Co., has taken to coining on its own account, and as the credit of the house is unimpeachable the metal tokens-for of course that is what they really are-are freely accepted by the shopkeepers. Italy presents a remarkable excep-

tion to most other nations in the matplaining everywhere else of the superis actually at a premium in King Hum-Change for a five-franc piece can only

be obtained on payment of a penny on the transaction

The reversion to tokens carries us back almost to the middle ages. There was a period in the history of England when such "promises to pay" constituted almost the only circulating They were made of lead, tin, and even leather, and passed as | the residences empty, the stores rereadily from hand to hand as coins moved to other and more properous stamped with the royal image and places. Dwellings that cost hundreds

It is stated that in the middle of the seventeenth century as many as twenty thousand different kinds of gle hinge or flagging in the wind give tokens were in circulation in England. | a grewsome sense of loneliness. In Messrs. Gavazzi's coinage will pass freely where the issuers are known and trusted, but will not be looked at twenty miles from the Lombard capi-

The extraordinary action of the Milan firm has been taken, perhaps, not only in the interest of its clients' convenience, but as a means of putting pressure upon the government. Right ly or wrongly, it is contended that something might be done by the authorities to relieve a scarcity which amounts almost to a general calamity.

Remnants of a Famous Indian Tribe. A meeting of the surviving members of the Narragansett tribe of Indians has just been called. There are about one hundred persons to answer. All the New England tribes who, with those of New York state, were the noblest of the red men on the continent, are fast dwindling away, and only a few pure-blooded braves and squaws yet survive. These illustrious mations in New England are the Penob scats of Maine, the Mohegans and Pequods of Connecticut and the Narragansetts of Rhode Island. The Penol scots retain their tribal organization intact at Indian island, in the Penobscot river, in the woods, near Old Town: the Mohegans at Mohegan village, on the river bank of the Thames river, in the woods, three miles south of Norwich; the Pequods along the rough hills of North Stonington and Ledyard, and the shores of Lantern Hill pond, in southeastern Connecticut, and the Nagragunsetts at Charlestown. on the shore of the open ocean in

The American Mode. in southern Europe the peasants always eat fruit in its natural shape and never think of treating it to doses of sugar, salt or other seasoning. Around Naples and in Malaga the people bits a hole in the orange, suck out the juice and then throw the orange away. Some American people often do the hand at improving nature, so he puts a tump of sugar in it. An orange planter thinks such a thing a desecration.

A Stubborn Savage.

Samory, the great Mohammedan chief of interior Africa, is about the last semi-savage of the dark country to yield to civilization and the force of arms. The French have gradually driven him tuto closer quarters, and now the British are conducting raids against his warriors. Samory is the is supposed to bring about a speedy and areatest bandit king in the world. greatest bandit king in the world.

THE ANCHOR NURSE.

Man Who Twenty Years Ago Had It Down Very Fine Indeed. "I see that Ives made a great run at billiards the other day," said the old man as he chalked his cue, "and that e did it with the anchor nurse. Now of many households and the destroyer the papers are talking about that an of all pain, the famous Red Flag Oil, 25 chor nurse as if it was a new thing. I cents. saw an anchor nurse used way back in 72, and the fellow who used it had

used it before, too." Pressed for the story by a Buffalo Exhard luck that winter and was actng as room keeper for a friend of mine. One day a fellow came into the room and got into a game. He proved to be a very good player, and for a week or two he came up regularly and laid out the local experts to the queen's taste. Then a match was made between him and the best player in town difficulty is the presence in the nir of for one hundred dollars. It was to be happen ?" Mrs. A:-"Nobody knows. minute particles of dust. In large five hundred points up, straight bil- He was found unconscious with his doc-

"The night for the match came and the room was crowded. They began to play, and dubbed along until each one of them had fifty or so buttons. Then the stranger got the balls against the rail and held them in one spot. He ran out the game, making, to be exact, four hundred and forty-seven billiards. The last shot he made was a hard drive from the lower end of the table and it broke the balls up. He was loudly applauded, and there were many comments on his skill in keeping the balls and went away.

"Next day we were talking over the game, and one man said he didn't beleve any man could make so many points off two balls without moving them. He talked so much that we examined the table. Then we got on to the anchor nurse.

"Did he have a hole punched in the loth?" usked a listener.

"No," said the old man, "he didn't." "All on the square, was it?" "Well, not exactly. You see he carried a small bottle of liquid glue with next the cushion when we didn't see him." The old man picked up his cue and made a carom. "There was a man," he said, "who had the auchor nurse down about as fine as any of

THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE. One Mun Gets \$1,200 a Year for Writing

Grover Cleveland's Name. Much of the president's business consts in signing his name, which must be attached to all appointments, comssions, promotions and a thousand and one other documents. So exactng is this part of his duty that he canot perform the whole of it, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. One emdoye of the government gets twelve undred dollars a year for writing Mr. Cleveland's name on land warrants. He does nothing else but that.

There are other officials in Uncle Sam's employ, by the way, who do nothing else, practically, but sign their duty of the register of the treasury who is kept hard at work signing documents from nine a. m. to four p. m. every day. The assistant treasurer of the United States is another slave to his own signature, which he is perpetually engaged in affixing to warrants

hand. Such documents he produces on foolscap with pen and ink, turning off sheet after sheet with scarcely a correction. An interpolation is rare in his manuscript. In this fashion his most finished speeches are evolved. The literary method pursued by President Harrison was wholly different He found it very hard to write with a pen, and so he would keep by him a pad of paper and a soft lead pencil. With these he would jot down notes from time to time during leisure mothe stenographer. The messages sent

to congress are careful copies of the original. Senator Edmunds, while presiding officer pro tem. of the uppet house, refused to receive a typewritte nessage from the president. He claimed that the law required a "message in writing," and that the type script was not written in the proper sense. This ruling established a precedent which has been followed ever

NOW A DESERTED VILLAGE.

Virginia City, Nev., Once Gay and Pros perous, Rapidly Falling to Ruins. "A poet could write on 'The Deserted Village' with Virginia City as a subject and surpass Goldsmith's im- during the winter season are exerted to mortal production on the same topic," ter of currency. While they are com- said a resident of San Francisco to a tack us, which, if neglected, result in St. Louis Globe-Democrat man. "The Pneumonia and Consumption; these disabundance of silver, the preciousmetal first time that I was ever there the population of Virginia City was greater han that of the entire state now. Everything ran wide open, Magnificent tion Cure, and save doctor bills. Panhotels and opera halls, palatial resi- Tina sold at G. W. Benford's Drug Store. dences, stores that would have done credit to New York, millionaires who spent money freely, maintaining a society that for brilliancy and gayety could not be equaled in the United States. I was there a short time ago. The hotels and opera houses are closed of thousands of dollars are given over to the bats, and the broken panes of glass, the shutters hanging upon a sinyears to come it will afford magnificent spectacles of ruins, and even now in some sections of the town there is a and they are guaranteed to cure all the sense to the beholder of being in a city

WHY THE PRIEST TREMBLED.

ries over written."

of the past. Millions were made and

lost, and the history of Virginia City

would be one of the most thrilling sto-

saistant Chauted to Blm During Service That He Had Deawn a Prize. An interesting incident has just occurred in Lima, Peru, awakening equally human sympathy and fanatical fory. A Dominican father celebrating mass in La Merced, having reached the most imposing part of the ceremony, when the Gloria was resounding through the lofty arches of the oldest temple on the continent, was seized with violent trembling and would have fallen but for the service of an as-

Investigation shows that while the service was proceeding an altar boy had conveyed a piece of news to the assistant and he, profiting by the noise of the Gioria, had chanted, so as to be heard by the father, "You have drawn the twenty thousand dollars," being the quarterly grand prize of the national lottery

The poor friar had been in great povcrty and suddenly saw himself provided with the means of supporting the mother of his children, a joy too great for his simple human soul. The issistant has been sentenced to "se lusion" for three months and the friar to one month. The woman has already been made comfortable by the friends of the priest, who have taken charge of his fortune to save it from the rapacity of his superiors.

The oldest Christian fan which is in

existence dates from the sixth century. having belonged to Queen Theodelin da, a princess who possessed a nail of the hely cross, which afterward was same, but the American must try his set in the iron crown of Lombardy. This is preserved in the castle of Monza, near Milan, and shown to the tourist as a relic. This is an interesting specimen of a folded fan, as it is made in two leaves, which shut on each other by means of a spring. It is gilded and ornamented with pearls and rubies, and bears traces of a Latin prayer. The handle is of solid gold, inlaid with gems. The young girls of Milan go to Monza on a certain day in the year simply to touch this magical fan, as it Two Valuable Friends.

1. A physician cannot be always had Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Bruises and Burns occur often and sometimes when least expected. Keep handy the friend

2. Many a piecious life could be saved that is being racked to death with that terrible cough. Secure a good night's ress writer, the old man said: "I was rest by investing 25 cents for a bottle of Pan-Tina, the great remedy for coughs, colds and consumption. Pan-Tima sold at G. W. Benford's Drug Store.

Mrs. A .- "Wasn't it too bad about Mr. Poore? Just as everybody thought he was recovering he received an apopletic shock." Mrs R .- "Mercy! How did it tor's hill in his hand."-Boston Home

Bucklen's Arnica Save.

The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price anchored as he did. He got the money | 25 cents per box. For sale by J. N. Sny-

> "You ought to be ashamed, Arthur; you annoyed your aunt so much that she has left us." "I den't care; I only like distant relatives, anyhow."

A Leader.

Since its first introduction, Electric Bitters has gained rapidly in popular favor, until now it is clearly in the lead among pure medicinal tonics and alterahim, and he put a gob of it on the table tives, containing nothing which permits its use as a beverage or intoxicant, it is recognized as the best and purest medicine for all ailments of Stomach, Liver or Kidneys. It will cure Sick Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, and drive Malaria from the system. Satisfaction guaranteed with each bottle or the monev will be refunded.

Price only 50c, per bottle. Sold by J. N. Snyder, Druggist.

" Well, the widow sued the editor." "Get anything?" "One hundred dollars. But she didn't

have it long." " Why ?" "The editor married her."

Guaranteed Cure. We authorize our advertised droggist to sell Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, upon this condition: If you are afflicted with a cough, cold, or any lung, throat or chest trouble, and will use this remedy as directed, giving it a fair trial, and experience no benefit, you may return the bottle and have your money refunded. We Mr. Cleveland's messages to congress are all written in autograph originally.

know that Dr. King's New Discovery he is in another land and another age. The houses are for the most part surgounded by stone walls and old countries. es all his writing with his own Trial bottle free at J. N. Snyder's drug store; large size 50c, and \$1.

A good many men are like cheap theatrical bills. A very little money caus-

Don't Quarrel

pain is simply terrible; no ancient torture was more painful; but people ought ments, and from the memoranda thus to be blamed if having Rheumatism or was the most favorable mement to ob-tain a harmonious proof, and the disit has cured hundreds of sufferers and costs only 25 cents at G. W. Benford's

> Dector-Well, Johnny, don't you feel better since I gave you the medicine? Johnny-Yes; forgot all about being

> Doctor-That's what I thought; and it wasn't hard to take, was it? Johnny-I guess so, for it took two of us boys to hold Fido when we gave it to

A Hard Fight.

The combined forces of the weather destroy health. Coughs and Colds ateases usually result seriously. Send for Pan-Tina, the great Cough and Consump

"There are times when he is very gloomy." "I don't wonder; he calls himself a self-made man."

Straight from the East. A Sultan of Turkey once said As he grosned at the pain in his head

'Oh, my favorite wife, I am sick of this life, And I wish very much I were dead." But his wife, who was wise, answered "Fie If you will Pierce's Pellets but try, You'll be well in a week-And then you will speak

Of these Pellets with praise just as high," Dr. Pierce's Pellets cost only 25 cents troubles which spring from constipation, indigestion, and bilions attacks. If you have any of these troubles, why don't you follow the example of the Sultan of

\$100 Reward for an incurable case of manufacturers of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. 50 cents; by druggists.

Air Resitance.

A correspondent of the New York Sim nquires which of two solid iron spheres weighing one and five pounds respectivey will reach the ground first if released simultaneously from a height of 1000 feet, and is answered "The five pounder." The paragraph is headed "Gravitation." allike. As soon as opium smoking be- might have reasonably accounted for This answer, though correct, Is misleading, especially in connection with the heading. Gravitation will cause a body years to live. That seems to be the weighing five ounces to fall as fast as a sot in the gutter, one of your lowest one weighing five pounds. If it were not type of drunkards, than an opium for the resistance of the air a feather su would fall as fast as a bullet. The only reason the five pound ball would reach the ground first is because it has less ross section per unit of weight, not because it is heaviest .- Power.

"I have been cured of nervous troubles and catarrh by Hood's Sarsaparilla." W. Tospon, Lavansville, Pa.

All Sorts.

A man is like a gas jet. The more lows the less light be gives out. Woman may be the weaker vessel, but

is always the husband that's broke. The Republican party opens factories: the Democratic party free sup houses. A chiropodist says: "People don't ven have corns under this administra-

A tooth pick factory is said to have suspended. So many people are living n soups that toothpicks are a drug on

Rosaline-"How is your new bean?" Grace-"Ob, he promises well." Rosaline (warningly)-"Get him to EXILES FROM RUSSIA.

Remarkable Success of the Men nonites in Kansas.

A Self-Sustaining and Independent People Who Have Nothing to Do With the Outside World Save in

Quick as are Americans to criticise the manners and customs of Russia, and inferior as the subjects of the exar are frequently considered, the settlers on the western prairies might well learn a lesson of the Russians who have their unique settlements among them, The Mennonites, exiled from southern Russia because of their religion, made as systematic an exodus as did the Israelites of old, says a Kansas corre spondent of the St. Louis Globe-Demoerat. They sent out their agents to spy out the land, and purchased one hundred thousand acres of the Santa Fe and Kansas Pacific railways for homes. Then the people packed up their household goods and came to America. On the depot platforms they landed, wearing sheepskin costs, the woolly side out, and black kerchiefs over their heads. They carried iron teakettles and regarded the gazing Americans with as much curiosity as they themselves attracted. They built their villages of yellow limestone, the houses having queer hip roofs, green blinds and double doors like those seen in a mill Curious ovens in which prairie hay or straw could be burned rereame the lack of fuel, and a street oked for all the world as though it had dropped out of an illustration in a Siberian sketch. Such names as "Catherine stadt," "Leberthal" and "Pfeiffer" grace their towns, and no man not of Mennonite persuasion is allowed inside the limits as a resident, though visitors are cordially welcomed.

The Menonnites number several thousand, but they are never heard of in politics. They are busy tilling their one hundred thousand acres, raising stock, planting orchards and piling up wealth. The wide-awake westerner, standing on the street corner explaining the "contraction of the currency" to a knot of listeners, sees a half-dozen odd-looking wagons come tolling up the road. They are loaded with wheat and solemn-faced Mennonnites, who guide the soberer teams, pocket the payment and trudge homeward. The orators hold forth in the country schoolhouse, and the eager real estate agent plats additions to the towns, but the Mennonites pay no attention to either. They keep on selling wheat and corn and cattle until they have become the richest class of farmers, probably, their number considered that Kansas affords. They take few papers, they do not vote, they care nothing whether the government is republican or democratic in its management. They are as isolated as though they were upon a sea island, except as they bring their produce to the station. It is noticeable that nearly all the lands are in the much discussed "arid

belt," yet the Mennonites never ask aid or seed wheat. They prosper every year, and their homes are veritable storehouses of garden and field products. To step into them is like a visit to the land of Volga. Curious furniture, strange garb and peculiar habcould not make this offer did we not its impress one with the feeling that try fashions in fencing barns, and implements are everywhere apparent. They have their own minister, their own church and their own schools When a "higher" education is desired es them to be stuck up.-Buffalo Courier. | (and some of the young people are as forward in their ambition for learning as American youth) there is plenty of noney in the village bank to send With people for groaning when they suf- them to Europe or to some eastern colfer with Rheumatism or Neuralgia; the lege to acquire it. During the last year, when common complaint of hard times went up from the dwellers on the plains, when seed wheat has been sent by the thousand bushels to American settlers, the Russians have continued to thrive. Their old-fashioned vehicles have come regularly to the railroads, and car-load after car-load of wheat has been sent east. Lumber dealers in the towns where they do their buying say that there has been no diminution in their purchases, and that by far the larger portion of their yards' sales have gone to their Russian customers. There is an important lesson in their success. They have shown by their works what industry and frugality can accomplish upon the prairies, and what can be done with the right kind of effort. Still it is doubtful if the American settler could bring himself and his family to the grinding

> planted in their settlements. RICH AMERICAN BONDHOLDERS.

economy of European peasant life which the Mennonites have trans-

The Names of These Favorites of Fortune Kept Secret by the Treasury. The millionaire is commonly represented as engaged in elipping coupons This is an egregious from bonds. error, says the Washington Star. Rich nen, as a rule, do not hold coupon bonds. The reason is quite obvious Such bonds are not safe property. They are always payable to bearer, like treasury notes. If lost the government will not replace them. Accordingly, for the sake of security, people are constantly exchanging them for registered bonds. Thus the sum total of ecupon bonds outstanding, which is now about \$70,000,000, is all the time diminishing. They are mostly in the hands of small holders. With the registered bonds it is quite different. They are rich men's property par excellence. At present about \$200,000,000 worth of them are held by private individuals. Of this great sum \$87,000, 000, or not far from one-half, are owned by 1,000 persons, whose holdings average \$80,000. The are names of these fortunate individuals are kept secret by the treasury. Some of the fortunes possessed in this

shape are enormous. Some of the thronic Nasal Catarrh offered by the greatest belong to the Vanderbilts. Old William H. Vanderbilt had \$45,000,. 600 in registered bonds at one time. Oplum Smoking in China. "Seven-tenths of the people of China are opium smokers, and two million die annually from its effects," said a Chinese missionary recently, who has spent twenty-two years of his life in the flowery kingdom. "This habit is rapidly growing," he went on, "and it and women, officials and coolies, use it comes a confirmed habit with a Chinese average. I consider it easier to reform

Piercing Armor Pixtee Armor plating has not been discussed so much recently as it was two years ago, when it was decided that the Harveyized and nickel plating were the most invaluerable yet discovered. But no sooner is such a question "settled" than the experiments are resumed to find guns to send projectiles capable of penetrating the "heaviest and best." The Russians have now declared the problem is solved by piercing the Hararmor by means of a shell having wrought-iron cap, and this, it is said, has been done without the shell breaking up Proposed Ship Channel in France.

The proposition for a great shipway through France, between the English channel and the Mediterranean, came before the chember of deputies again recently. The plans submitted attracted much attention and were reported as "favorably considered." Naoleon III. was vastly interested in this magnificent project and favorable to it, but the national exchequer was never in a condition to warrant his beginning the word. The project turns up every once in awhile, and it is prelicted that it will surely be accomplished and at no distant data

TALE OF AN UNSIGNED CHECK. The Amount Was 834,000 and It Was Cashed by a New York Rank.

The story of a check passing through a number of channels without anyone liscovering that it was not signed was related to a Boston Globe reporter a Pleasant Pell few days ago. It appears that a cer-tain Bostonian, while in New York, pill, the medicifound it necessary to pay the Union agents are refined a Trust company, of that city, thirty-four thousand dollars, which he did by giving it a check on one of the Boston banks. The check was accepted and was deposited in that company's bank for collection. The following day it was presented at the Boston bank, when it was discovered that there was no name signed to it to show by whom the check had been issued, as it was written on one of the blank forms of checks of that institution. It looked as if there was nothing to be done but | are ple return the check to New York, when the cashler thought he recognized the handwriting, and going to the teleshone called up the party who he believed had issued the check.

"Were you in New York last week?" asked the cashier. "Yes," said the man at the other end of the telephone. "Well," continued the cashier, "did you give the Union Trust company a check for thirty-four thousand dol-"Yes," was the reply: "what's the

matter? Have you not charged it up

to my account?"
"I would have done so," said the

and jewelry of all descriptions, as cashier, "but there is no name signed cheap as the cheapest. "Great Scott!" was the answer; "can you hold that check until I get up REPAIRING A SPECIALTY. The check was held, and in a few nutes a man came in all out of

breath and affixed his signature. EUROPE'S NEXT BIG WAR.

Russia and France to Be Arrayed Against Germany, Austria and Italy. This war of giants will have Russia and France on the one side, Germany, Austria and Italy on the other. To make this evident, says Blackwood's Magazine, we have only to look at the actual position of the troops during peace in each of these countries. As an indication of where the danger lies, and the direction which the contest will ultimately take, the disposition of the Russian army is by far the most important factor. Russia, owing to the immense extent of her empire and the comparatively small number of her railways in proportion to those of any other European state, is quite unable to concentrate powerful armies for offensive purposes on any point of her dominions with any approach to the rapidity with which this can be done in France, Germany, Italy, or even Austria. She is consequently obliged to mass upon her frontier during peace those forces which she intends at once to throw into action during war. The sure sign, therefore, of where she intends to strike her blow when the inevitable contest ensues is to be looked for in the present actual distribution of her army. This is by no means to the same extent the case with the other great powers. France and Germany, especially, have a perfect systheir whole forces by these means on any point of their frontiers ever likely to be threatened, either for offensive or defensive reasons, has been so thormade that their troops can be left during peace in a far more dispersed state and much further back HARDWARE than is possible with Russia.

CATNIP MADE HER CRAZY.

The Civilized Feline Never Forgets the Smell of Her Favorite Herb. A young married man with a young baby at home recently bought a package of catnip, says the Cincinnati Commercial. He put it in his overcoat pocket and stopped in at a well-known | gin resort to get sometaing stronger than eatnip tea for himself. In a short on me time he noticed that the big pet cat of the establishment was manifesting remarkably anxious sympton All at once he thought of the catnip. Here was a cat brought up in a city, and which had never before sniffed the fragrant herb which is so much a medicine for felines in distress. So he opened the package, gave a few leaves to the cat, and the crowd was soon enoying an unusual performance. The cat was in raptures, and rolled about in such a crazy fashion that the barkeeper was suspicious. He declared

A GOOD HEARSE that "them fellows has given the cat poison." Thereupon he gave the cat a dish of milk as an antidote, and couldn't get it through his dull head that an herb called catnip was a specitic medicine for cats of all climes. English Interest in Fireworks. The people of London are very much interested in the whistling fireworks which have long ceased to be regarded over here as a pyrotechnic marvel. The popular notion among the Britons

is that gas generated by the combustion of the fiery composition actually blows a whistle, but this supposition is erroneous. So far as can be determined by the pyrotechnists themselves. the screaming noise is due to the vie lent combustion of the picrate of potash with which the little tubes of the fireworks are stuffed. Experiments have been made with other materials. but picrate of potash is the only combustible substance discoverable that will give anything more than a faint imitation of a whistle.

CRIME IN GREAT BRITAIN. Is Decreasing, But the Debter Lists Are Largely Increasing. There are some encouraging features in the report of the commis risons in England and Wales which ms just been printed in London. The statistics and diagrams which exhibit the fluctuations of crime during a long series of years demonstrate that "their general course and tendency for many years past has been in the direction of ion;" "that this diminution has taken place particularly in those classes of crime which are committed by habitual criminals, viz: Offenses against property with violence, forg-ery, and offenses against the currency, and offenses against property without violence (which comprise the great bulk of crimes committed); also that this diminution was concurrent in point of time with the development of various measures intended to bring it is confined to no class or sect, but men | about and that it occurred in spite of the great increase in population, which increase of crime." It is als coolie he knows that he has about ten | pointed out that the number of first convictions has fallen gradually from 109,916 in 1883 to 98,390 in 1892, which shows that the criminal ranks are not being filled up by fresh recruits. It is further shown that the diminution in the younger part of the prison population is four and five times as great as in the older portion, which proves that the younger part of the community is not supplying criminals to take the place of the older and more incorrigi-It is also demonstrated that

there is no such coincidence between the variations in the amount of crime and in the amount of drunkenness as to establish that connection between the two which some temperance advovey and Tressider surface-hardened entes too hastily assert. The commissioners point out, however, that, while crime has thus decreased and the criminal population of the prisons has diminished, the debtors have increased largely and continuously; the number committed in 1878-79 was 6, 964, and in 1892-79 it had gradually risen till it reached 10.651 risen till it reached 10,651.

> A Queer Creature. The West Indian migratory crab is the only creature that is born in the sea, matures in fresh waters and passes its adult life on land. Once a year these creatures migrate in thousands from the uplands of Jamaica, deposit their larvas in the sea, then migrate to the rivers and streams, pass through a fresh water stage, after which they follow their parents to land until the time comes for them to return to the sea to lay their eggs.

THE SWALLEST IS THE BEST. CONDENSED TIME TABLES.

NORTHWARD. Somerset 4:10. Stoyestown 4:52, Hooversville 5:08, Johnstown, 6:10.

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