from His Writinga Some Sallent Points Given by Those Who Profess to Be Experts-Daily Correspondence Rendered More

Interesting-A fashionable fad just now is character-reading from handwriting, and it is really astonishing what clever bits. in the way of personal skits, an expert in that line frequently deduces from half a sheet of note-paper covered with the writing of the person whose virtues and foibles are under discussion, says the New York Tribune. Whether it is chance or actual knowledge it is impossible to say, for these wizards of society are very louth to communicate their methods, and take pleasure in enshrouding themselves in mystery as much as possible, recognizing the fact that to impress people with their wisdom and to keep up their prestige they must affect the occult.

While the majority of character readers confine themselves simply to the salient characteristics expressed by the writing, some go even further and profess to read past events by the fairly sober during the session of con writer's method of combining his let- gress, but as soon as it was over he ters and words. This, however, is of course mere jugglery-but that a cer | Insensibility. His services were so tain amount of one's disposition and | much in demand that men who knew character is legible to those who "read his powers and wanted his services between the lines" seems to be almost | would come to Washington, bring him an acknowledged fact. Certainly, out of his fit of dissipation, get him when one hears a clever exponent of sobered up, take him off to the scene art give a brief synopsis of the differ of action and watch him like a hawk ent distinguishing qualities that he sees expressed in a handful of notes suit-lasted. Then, as soon as it was and letters, and one recognizes many pver, he would go back to his evil ways. But as long as he lived he could of the peculiarities and qualities which are mentioned, it is impossible not to write shorthand, and as long as he feel interested. Many of the deduc- lived he made a fine income. There is a superstition that every tariff bill calls tions drawn are wonderfully true; and, niterall, when one considers that the for the death of one of the house stenographers. The McKinley bill, the written characters are direct emanations from the brain, it seems a plausi- Morrison bill, both had their victims, ble enough theory that these queer litand if a man has a headache now tle shapes and combinations that we among the stenographers they all look call letters and words should mean blue and feel black much more than at first meets the eye. "How can I tell?" said one of these ft Has Been the Battle Ground of Europe

experts, when interrogated about his theories. "I cannot explain it to you; it is the general appearance of the writing, and it is almost impossible to analyze. There are a few salient soints, however, that I can give you. For instance, even letters-that is, a word written so that the two copybook lines, one above and one below, touch the edges of each letter; this means honesty. A hopeful disposition shows itself in the tendency of the lines to go upward. The way people cross their 't's' is very indicative indeed; where there is a firm stroke with a sort of slight hook at the end, it means temacity of purpose and will power. Executive ability is often shown by the words running themselves out into a sort of scrawl, but the merest deviation will often change the meaning of one line into quite another character istic, so that it is quite impossible for anyone to understand all the various sludes of meaning unless he has studied the subject for a long while. But when you do understand it more or less, and can discover the hidden meaning of it, it is quite wonderful how interesting one's daily correspond ence becomes - far more than the writer ever dreams of."

DOES ITS WORK QUICKLY. Guillotine Takes Human Life.

The striking thing about the execution of Vaillant was the appalling quickness of it all. Action was so rapid, says a writer in the New York World, from the instant he appeared in the doorway of the prison to the moment the knife fell that it was almost impossible to distinguish the slight chain of incidents. He flung himself eagerly against the plank, was strapped to it, and in the flash of a glance the plank was pushed forward on the platform of the guillotine. An instant's vision of a recumbent figure, face downward; in the same moment a head, with two staring, wide open eyes, whirled almost defiantly, as it seemed, and with a slight zigzag movement, to the rightward, while simultaneously the pinioned body rolled inert, convulsive, into the basket, also at the right-hand side of the guillotine. The swiftness, the mechanical promptness of the business fairly stupefied the spectator. It was impossible to real fre that a human life had ended in less time than it would take to draw a full breath. The guillotine had done its work well. There was scarcely a sense of horror in the sight. Twenty-four hours later no one could have associated Paris with perhaps the most impressive vengeance society has ever taken upon the revolt. The Mardi Gras festival was being kept up as no Mardi Gras known since the bonanza days of treasury. At the end of the year a simthe empire. In spite of the "London wenther," as it is called, all the gayeties and graces known to French funmaking were ostentationsly visible in every quarter. Pageants of revelers filled the streets in theatrical garb. The concert halls contributed a caval- willing to make contracts with prop rade immensely successful in merry making. Scores upon scores of high chariots bedecked with every fantastic device known to stage management and crowded with the bedizened houris of the scene kept the population in open-mouth delight from early mornto to midnight.

TEXAN HOSPITALITY. The Passing Stranger Always Invited In

and Taken Care Of. "The latch string hangs out" expressed the hospitality of the southern frontier in the days "before the war. If a traveler rode up before the fence Fint separated the log cabin from the road he was greeted by "Light, stranger, 'light' Without this sain- into a husband or not. Let no promis tation no one dismounted, but it was rarely withheld. Mr. Williams, indis recent book, "Sam Houston," thus describes the impulse of hospitality which made every traveler a guest during the early settlement of Texas: The traveler who rolle up to the

front fence was instantly invited to alight. His horse was staked out or hobbled to feed on the prairie grass and the visitor sat down to exchange the news with his host. The coffee mill was set going, if there were any of the precious grains in the house, and the hopper in the hollow log to grinding the corn. The venison or bear meat was put on the coals and the ashcake

After the meal and the evening pipe the visitor stretched himself on a buffalo robe on the floor with the mem bers of the family and slept the sleep of health and fatigue. In the morning the response to any inquiry as to the charge was: "You can pay me by com-

The story that a certain hospitable settler used to waylay travelers on the ridicule and laughter of an unsymroad and compel them to visit him at pathetic world. If it once became an the muzzle of a double-barreled shotgun was only a humorous exaggeration of the instinct for hospitality which characterized the community.

The visitor was a living newspaper, who brought the only news ob able, and was a welcome relief to the monotony and loneliness of the wilder

Bostor Stills in Shasta.

The Bussian government, in order to prevent the abuses caused by physicians' bills, has just published a regulation fixing the fees to be claimed by doc tors. The cities are divided into three classes-those with more than tifty thousand inhabitants, those having from five thousand to fifty thousand and those of less than five thousand. The patients are also divided in three classes: The first including capitalists proprietors, manufacturers, etc.; the amused me by her original speeches second, members of the liberal profes-second, members of the liberal profes-close and the third the rest of the poprious, and the third the rest of the population. The fees are of three grades: Five rubles for the patients of the first class, three rubles for those of the seeond and thirty kopeks for people of the

CONGRESSIONAL REPORTERS. Stenographers Able to Make Big Money Dur ng Debates in the Houses.

It is true that there are twenty or

WAR-WORN SICILY.

for Many Years.

The insurrection in Sicily, which has

caused so much alarm in Italy, is not

Belgium has been called the cock pit

been the most remarkable of all inter-

called it Trinacria, meaning "Triangle

Land," which was a very appropriate

One of its main capes stretches out

before the foundation of Rome, Sicily

was the scene of fierce struggles be

era creat cities were built in Sicily:

but a series of civil wars covered the

port fell into the hands of the Carth-

aginians. Eventually the island be-

came a Roman province, but in the

year A. D. 440, it was conquered by the

Vandals: they, in turn, being expelled

and French have fought for the do-

fatal apple of discord.

nded with Waterloo.

pasty of Victor Emmanuel.

e first French empire Sicily proved a

laimed the island; France insisted

that it was a part of the kingdom of

Naples, and the war that ensued only

The present agrarian insurrection

na, or even to the gates of Rome, and

sibly fulfill the prediction of an

may spread across the Straits of Mes-

talian deputy, who recently warned

is countrymen that the revolt was but

the beginning of the end for the dy-

Encouraging Tree Planting in Florida.

lando, Fla., is encouraged by a bounty

of fifty cents for each tree in good con

vork is being done under an ordinance

Tree planting on the streets of Or-

tion, after one year of growth. The

variety to be planted must be the

aches in diameter at a point two feet

less than ten feet in height, and

above the ground. The trees must not

they are to be set out at stated dis-

street bound of the adjacent lot. Thir-

y days after planting the trees are in-

pected by a committee, and for each

one in good condition twenty-five

cents is paid in city warrants upon the

ilar sum is paid if the tree still flour-

ishes. Larger trees may be planted by

the property owners, provided they

are uniform in size, but the city pays

no more for them. There seems to be

no difficulty in finding men who are

erty owners to put out and care for the

LEGAL LOVERS' VOWS.

An English Paper Proposes to Simplify Breach of Promise Suits.

painful spectacle of the modern breach

of promise case, proposes a novel expedient in order to overcome the diffi-

salties which such suits present. It

says: There would be one very simple

method of lightening the task of the

jury, which would also afford to young

women and their guardians a means of

ascertaining whether the lover had

any serious intention of developing

of marriage be held valid unless it

made in writing upon properly stamped

paper. If the plaintiff could produce:

formal promise of this kind there

would be no need to go into all the

history of a doubtful courtship or to

consider any other factor in the assess

Of course, it will be objected that

such a proposition is injurious to all

the romance of courtship and mar-

riage. But where, we would rule, is

the romance in nine out of ten breach

of promise cases that find their way

into the law courts? These cases are

hardly ever brought except by people

engaged in their acceptance of a suitor.

For one young woman who now brings

an action for breach of promise, at

least nine are jilted and suffer in

silence. The more their affections

have been engaged the less can they

bear to tell the pitiful tale of their dis

tle romance of their life exposed to the

appointment, and witness the poor lit-

understood thing that the ardent lover

should offer such proof of his good

what to expect from a lover who with

held it. At any rate, parents or

guardians of the lower middle class

ould not allow a young man to grow

"too particular in his attentions"-as

their phrase runs-unless he showed a

Then, if the promise were unfulfilled,

even the most modest and sensitive

maiden could proceed againsther faith-

less lover without loss of pride or dig-

Then He Was Pamous

The influence of American travelers

in Europe is well known to be consid-

erable, but a correspondent of the Ros

ton Transcript records an instance as

to which there must have been some

exaggeration. A crippled old woman

whom I met in Leamington often

visit Stratford-on-Avon. "Law!" said

the old woman, in a scornful tone:

"who was he? On'y a plowboy, and he

disposition to furnish this guaranty.

faith, then a girl would know well

whose affections have not been d

ment of damages than the respective

incomes of the contracting parties.

The London Spectator, moved by the

trees, assuming all risks, and relieving

the owners of the labor and care.

England

land with ruin, and scaport after sea-

points of the compass.

of the Straits of Messena

by the Ostrogoths.

mething that is new to the island.

E. P. Tayer and Solomon Bavis, Speak to Victims of These Terrible Diseases. thirty more members in congress than there were a few years ago, but a change has come over the spirit of de-E. P. Tayer, of East Nassus, New York. bate. Long-winded speeches are rarer, says: "I wish it possible to speak permen talk quicker and say more. The sonally with every rheumatic victim, for incessant agitation of the tariff has would tell them of my terrible experibeen an education in figure, and if a ence and the relief and cure I found in a man makes a wild statement he is promptly contradicted. A stenographsimple remedy. er who can report the house debute "When I first saw in the newspapers, is at the top of his profession, says the Rheumatism can be cured, I was loath Boston Transcript, and there is no to believe it, but when I found that the more promotion for him. The men statement was made by Dr. David Kenwho do this work earn incomes that nedy, of Rondout, N. Y., I inquired into would make the average professional t, and upon his advice I began to use Dr. man turn green with envy; for when congress is not in session they are in David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. My demand at the highest figures, to report the most important matters. I had suffered for fifteen years with in-There was a man in Washington once Sammatory rheumatism. My physician a good many years ago, who through said I would be a cripple for life, but it bad habits had lost every faculty he had except that of writing shorthand used Favorite Remedy long, before I was not only as fast as people could talk, but as fast as they could think. In his intervals of sobriety he could make money hand over fist as a house stenograher. He generally kept would deliberately drink himself into

a trace of the disease since." Solomon Davis, of North Kortright, N. Y , suffered awfully from neuralgia and oss of sleep, as is frequently the case with elderly people; in speaking to the writer, he said : "I found that Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy relieved the bowels, improved the circulation of the blood, and the old pain left me altogeth-As one of Somerset's physicians recent-

From Rheamatism or Neuralgia?

y said. "There is no reason in suffering with rheumatism or neuralgia, for Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy will cure them." All druggists sell it. An Exciting Role.-His friend-What

Trying to live up to the salary I told my friends I was drawing.

Two Valuable Friends. 1. A physician cannot be always had, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Bruises and Burns occur often and sometimes when east expected. Keep handy the friend of many households and the destroyer of northern Europe, but Sicily has of all pain, the famous Red Flag Oil, 25

national arenas. Ancient geographers 2. Many a piecious life could be saved hat is being racked to death with that terrible cough. Secure a good night's rest by investing 25 cents for a bottle of toward Greece, another toward north-Pan-Tina, the great remedy for coughs, ern Africa, and the third toward the mainland of Italy, thus, as it were, incolds and consumption. Pan-Tima sold viting invaders from as many different at G. W. Benford's Drug Store.

Three thousand years ago, and long Editor-What can I do for you miss? O, please may I examine your waste tween the aborigines and people whose paper basket? I know a man who sends ome was somewhere on the other side on poems, and whose feelings toward me I should like to ascertain." Seven centuries before the Christian

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 resatisfaction, or money refunded. Price des.

to propose to Norah Shaughnessy, but oirn that bashful oi don't know how to do it. Gilligan-Mebbe if yel were to send her an anonymous letther it would

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so wellknown and so popular as to need no Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise.-A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is disenses of the Liver and Kidneys, will assed two years ago. It provided that other affections caused by impure blood. water oak, in size not less than two Will drive malaria from the system and will prevent as well as ours all malarial fevers. For cure of headache, constipaices apart and seven feet from the Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded. Price 50 cts and \$1 per bottle at J. N. Snyder's Drug store.

> She-"You told me I was the only woman you ever proposed to." He-"True." "True, is it? I've heard that you've been engaged to three women." "All of them were widows, my love. 2.761. The southern states have They didn't wait for a proposal."

It Should be in Every House.

J. B. Wilson, 371 Clay St., Sharpsburg, Pa, says he will not be without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, that it cured his wife who was threatened with Pneumonia after an attack of "La Grippe," when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good.

Robert Barber, of Cooksport, Pa., claims Dr. King's New Discovery has done him more good than anything he ever used for Lung Trouble. Nothing like it. Try it. Free trial bottles at J. N. Snyder's drug store; large bottles,

"Are you still working for the dry goods firm?" asked one very young man of another, "No. I am not working for them. I am now in their employ. My salary has been raised from seven dollars a week to ten."

Entitled to Confidence.

Mr. G. W. Benford, Druggist, should have the confidence of this community His calling is one of responsibility; very often precious lives are entrusted to his care; taking the agency for selling the celebrated Red Fing Oil should be a guarantee; it will do all that is claimed for it, and no remedy excels it for the quick cure of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains and all bodily pain. Price 25

Wife-You don't seem to care much for my literary taste. Husband-Why? Wife-You never ask what books I like. Husband-I don't have to, my dear. I know the pocket-book is your favorite

It is a Good Thing.

I say this for Pan-Tina: I have been in the drug business many years, and this is one of the most successful Cough sums were obtained from the sale of remedies I have sold. A case in point, a town lots, which were also expended neighbor, Mr. Lewis Nicodemus, had a poon the town in waterworks, hotels, chronic Cough of six years' standing, ing mills and all the accontrements of which no medicine would relieve. I recmagical. It is a good thing.

J. ROSS MATHER, Altoona, Pa. Pan-Tina is sold at 25 and 50 cents at G W. Benford's Drug Store.

Husband-Don't you think that you take you to a ball, stay awake until 4

Marguerite-"Since she has married Americans ca no over and took him up." | does."

ARE YOU A SUFFERER THE FIRST IN AMERICA.

A Genuine Chinese Wedding Held in San Francisco. An Impressive Ceremony After the Tru-Oriental Style-The Proxy Court-

ship of the Mongo-

lian Lovers.

There was great excitement in China own, San Francisco, the other day caused by the marriage of a Chines belle in strict accordance with the Oriental customs, a Cho Fa Queo, or flower sitting-chair, being used for the first time in this country. Expense was not spared in the construction of the sedan. which is described by the Chronicle as a handsome piece of workmanship. It is about five feet high, with a space of ondition at that time seemed hopeless. about four feet square for the accommodation of the passenger. It is luxuriously upholstered, while the exterior is trimmed in red and black silk, beld securely in place by strips of gold moldwas not ordained that way, for I had not ing. Ti Ti, a comely Chinese maiden, secured the honor of being the first to convinced that it was the right medicine, use the new sedan, and the event and in a short while I was cured. That caused hundreds of Chinese to assemwas three years ago, and I have not felt ble in the vicinity of the bride's resi dence to get a glimpse of it. It is customary in China for two male relatives of the bride to carry the sedan, but in this case there were none who wanted to convey the chair through the rain and mud to the ferry. So it was securely fastened in a wagon.

Ti Ti's courtship had been carried on

in true oriental style, and, although the marriage ceremony has been nearly completed, she has not yet seen the man whom she must soon call her lord and master. The bridegroom is Ah Yo, a prosperous fruit grower, residing near Sacramento. For weeks a go-between has been negotiating with the family of the bride and the bridegroom, and at last the dot of each was satis factorily arranged and the marriage preparations began. For several days part did you find the most difficult when there had been feasting and pleasure you were on the stage? Footlights - at the home of Ti Ti, which were later continued at the home of the bridegroom. At last the time for departure bride sat in her room dressed in the bridal robes of red silk and surrounded by her female friends. Her face was closely veiled and she kept crying and wailing aloud while the women about her chanted doleful songs. While that scene was being enacted a large express wagon was being filled with furniture, clothing and sweetmeats, which the bride must take to her husband. When the sedan was ready the bride, astride the back of a female member of her family, was brought down the stairway, all the time giving forth loud lamentations. Amid shower of rice and the shooting of firecrackers she was bundled into the sedan and the door tightly closed. Several carriage loads of Chinese accompanied the bride to the steamer, but only the go-between and a few members of her family accompanied her to the waiting groom. Upon her arrival the groom gave his friends a great feast, and that completed the ceremony that made them man and wife.

> NEARLY TEN MILLION MEN. The Army from Which Uncle Sam May

Draw Should Occasion Require.

An army of 9,900,000 men! How Na-

poleon's legious dwindle beside this. and the hosts which Grant, Sherman and Sheridan led shrink to pigmies, quired. It is guaranteed to give perfect | savs the Boston Journal. This enor mous figure represents the number of minion of the island, and in the era of | 25 cents per box. For sale by J. N. Sny- able-bodied men in the United States available for military service. But of course no such swarm of fighters could O'Rourke-Teddy, me boy, oi want ever be mobilized in this or any other country. It would overtax even American energy and resource to clothe and feed and arm them and maintain them in idleness. The figures have no practical military value, but as a suggestion of the mighty war potentialities of the young republic they are not without their interest to the world. But when we come to enumerate men actually under arms in the United States as trained and special mention. All who have used disciplined soldiers we realize our present military significance. Besides the little regular army of 25,000 men there is a more ordess thoroughly organized and equipped force of 112, claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all 190 men in the national guard and militia. That is, only about one man remove pimples, boils, salt rheum and in a hundred of those of our citizens liable to bear arms is regularly engaged in mastering the rudiments of the soldier's profession. New York, as might be expected, has the largest military organization-737 officers and tion and indigestion try Electric Bitters. 12,073 men. Pennsylvania has 5,614 officers and men; Ohio, 6,125. Then comes Massachusetts, well up in the list, with 5,666. Fiery South Carolina, with 5,440 officers and men, has an armed force out of all proportion to its wealth and population. The New England states, outside Massachusetts, have respectable little armies, ranging from Vermont's 784 to Connecticut's militia organizations as a whole; western states very small ones. But the national guard is stendily growing everywhere in numbers as in efficiency It is fulfilling in a satisfactory way its purpose of perpetuating a knowledge of military art, and it would be found to be a respectable nucleus for a host of volunteers to rally on in an emergency.

FATE OF A BOOM TOWN.

Under the Hammer It Brings About Three Cents for Every Dollar Invested. The boom town of Fort Payne, Ala. where millions were invested by New England capitalists, was sold under the hammer the other day to E. N. Cullom, a Birmingham capitalist, for the small sum of \$60,000, says the St. Louis Republic. The purchase includes 30,-000 acres of mineral lands, 2,000 town lots, and various large industries, in eluding rolling mills, furnaces, factories, hotels and the like.

In July, 1892, the entire property of the Fort Payne Coal & Iron company was placed by order of the United States court in the hands of a receive upon the petition of A. L. Loyles and others of New England. These were afterward joined by the Old Colony Trust company of Boston, trustee, who asked for foreclosure of a mortgage for \$300,000. The receivership, though hotly contested in the United States courts by other New England stockholders, was sustained

Fort Payne was the first attempt of organized New England capital to found a city in the south, and it has proved a flat failure after several millions have been squandered. The town was built to order. In the fall of 1889 W. P. Rice and associates of Boston floated 40,000 shares of Fort Payne Coal & Iron company stock in Vermont. Maine. New Hampshire, Massachusetts Rhode Island Connections and New York city at \$25 per share of \$100, realizing a clean \$1,000,000, which was taken in a lump to Fort Payne. Afterward 10,000 shares of stock reserved in the treasury were sold at SS per share. This soon went and a blanket mortgage with bonds aggregating \$300,000 was executed. Immons Then came the bogs of financial de pression in 1890, and Fort Payne re

tired and has remained in retirement ever since, private and corporate expenditures having amounted to \$5,000,-000. The expenditures of the Fort Payne Coal & Iron company amounted are rather unreasonable to expect me to for \$2,000,000, all of which has been sold for \$60,000, or for 5 cents on the dollar. The result of this enterprise has o'clock and then get up at 8 to go to been disappointing to both eastern work? Wife—I may be a little unreason-able, but it's perfectly brutal of you to in losing their money and the other in the check that is given to eastern investment. Fort Payne was the first of a series of boom towns that come to again I don't believe she deplores the the front in the south in 1880 and 1890, death of her first husband at all." Middlesboro, Ky., and Harriman, was never t' ought nothin' of till them | Melita-"No, but her last husband | Tenn., being other examples. All have gone the way Fort Payne went.

A HUGE PENAL SETTLEMENT. The Andaman Islands, Where Eight Thou sand "Lifers" Alone Are Imprisoned. Thirteen thousand convicts are living at Port Blair, in the Andaman islands, which is probably the largest penal settlement in the world, says the New York Sun. The Andaman islands

are in the Bay of Bengal, and to Port Blair is sent the refuse of two hundred and fifty million people. The worst criminals of British India and Burmah, if they incur long sentences of impriv ment, are sent to Port Blair. Over eight thousand of them are serving life entences. The attack upon the chief official of the islands is all the more oteworthy because, since the settlegent of Port Blair was started in 1857, with the mutinous Sepoys as the first colonists, there have been only two aurderous assaults on Europeans by convicts; and yet to guard this arm; of evil-doers only one company of Britsh infantry and several hundred Punjab police are employed, a very small force when it is considered that there are no prison walls, and that the convict barracks are scattered all over the settlement, which is several miles quare. The hundred or more boats and canoes required for the work of the settlement are far more carefully guarded than the prisoners them selves. There is no chance to escape except by capturing these boats. Even then there would be little hope of free dom, for the Andamans are far from land and lie in a region of tempests. The only refuge is the forest, where runaways are sure to die of starvation, if they are not shot by the natives. The athorities, therefore, have so little fear of any attempt to escape that as many as five hundred of the convicts are often sent ten miles away without any guards except their own officers. Even in this isolated place a remarkable incident occurs now and then to vary the monotony of incessant road

naking and forest felling. Nearly leven years ago sounds were heard ike the firing of big guns, and it was thought a warship had gone ashore on South Andaman. The station steamer was sent to carry relief to the crew, had arrived, and for several hours the but no wreck was found. The noises came from Krakatoa, one thousand five hundred miles away, where the most tremendous volcanie disturbance of modern times was in progress Years ago the ship Runnymede sailed from Australia and the ship Briton from England, each having on board a battalion of the Eightieth Foot. The regiment was to be reunited at Ranzoon. One dark night a terrible storm caught both vessels near the Andaoans, and a great wave carried them high on the shore. Next morning the egiment, without a man missing, was reunited on the island. The battalions and traveled around the world to meet, and a stranger meeting never occurred.

The administration of this penal colny is a remarkable system of rewards and punishments. Invariable good onduct secures better food, increased comforts and finally wages for day's work. Twenty years of obedience to the rules secures a pardon for life convicts. Pardons are often granted for deeds of gallantry, and murderers, red-handed and with weapons ready, have been seized by their fellows, who isked their lives to gain the coveted freedom. The attempt to assassinate the chief official of the colony may result in restrictions that the convicts have hitherto escaped.

ROSA BONHEUR'S PETS.

Her Lions Love Her and Are Fondled and Caressed with Freedom Rosa Bonheur loves the animals she aints, and is in turn adored by them. She showed her recent purchase, a magnificent lion, who purred and writhed like a gigantic cat when his owner fearlessly stroked his michty head. Then, says the New York Com nercial Advertiser, showing the head of a most superb specimen of the African ion transferred to canvas with starting realism, she tells the story of Nero. He was her first pet lion and was reputed untamably ferocious and fixed for several years in the garden at By. At last one day Rosa Bonheur was about to travel and disposed of Nero to the Jardin des Plantes. She was a great pet, and would greet her always with a peculiar little note of

parted with him reluctantly, for he When she returned from her wanderings, two years later, she went to see her Nero and beheld a sad sight. The poor creature had not been so carefully tended as he was used to be at Dv. Ophthalmia had set in, and the splendid brute lay blind and ailing, unheeding the curious crowd that stared at him. Rosa Bonheur watched him for a moment and then called; "Nero!" The effect was magical. The lion rose to his feet, uttered his necus tomed note of welcome and sprang toward the well-beloved voice with such impetuosity that the shock against the bars sent the sightless brute rolling, stunned, back on the floor. The great artist took him back, oothed his last days with attendance and petting, and finally he died in her arms at the foot of the staircase at By his huge paws elinging to his mistress as if imploring her not to forsake him in his death struggle, and his last moment being a feeble attempt to lick the hands that held him with such infinite tenderness. "You see," said Rosa Bonheur, as she meditatively ruffled her new lion's mane, "to be really beloved by these wild beasts you must eally love them."

HE CAN FEEL NO PAIN.

West Indian Who Makes Nothing of Being Pierced by Wire. Three reputable physicians of Mobile recently made some experiments on the person of a man named Lartado, a native of Trinadad. This man seemingly is a wonder. He appears to be utterly oblivious to the sensations of heat and cold, and, in fact, experiences no feeling of pain, even when undergoing trentment that would cause an ordinary man untold agony. He is twentyfour years old, is five feet seven inches in height, weighs one hundred pounds, and is perfectly sound mentally and physically. His father was a Spaniard and his mother an English woman. A correspondent of the New Orleans Times-Democrat witnessed the man

run through his neck down to and grazing the trachea a piece of steel wire one-eighth of an inch in diameter, to which a most powerful galvanic battery was attached and shifted from one current to another without any perceptible pain, but with considerale celeration of pulse. He passed another large steel wire into his mouth and through his cheek, in all directions. and no blood flowed. Another large wire was passed through and through the large muscles of the calf of the leg and between the bicops muscle, in line with the brachial artery, and through the arm above the wrist, between the two bones of the arm, and other like experiments in different parts of the body, all of which with seemingly no pain and no bleeding from any place but a drop from the neck. In fact, each of the openings made by the in-A physician tells the Cincinnati strument closed up as bloodless and as easily as if the man was constructed of India rubber. The physicians present declared that it was the most wonderful exhibition of freedom from all pain they had ever witnessed. The man-

cration than if he had been a water Its Neme Condemns It. A new con petitor of the silkworm has been found on the Dalmatian coast, according to a report of the French consulate in Trieste. This is the bornbyx lasiocampa otes. The moth of this is similar to that of the silkworm, but the cocoon is much larger and the silk finer and snow white. The worm feeds on the leaves of the evergreen quereus ilex. Experiments are being made with the intent of raising this newlydiscovered worm for commercial pur-

never flinched during any of the ex-

jabbed into him with no more consid-

eriments, while the instruments were



A plain statement of fact made by the pro-prictors of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy is this: "If we can't cure your Catarrh, no matter how bad your case, we'll pay you \$500

A VERMONT SILVER MINE. Tradition Says There Is a Rich Store of White Metal in the State. The western slope of the Green nountains is prolific of legendary lore, says the Rutland Herald. Especially is this true of a radius of ten miles from Lake Dunmore. From the time of the earliest settlements in town vague traditions have floated in the air that at some earlier period a fabulous amount of silver had been mined. hidden and abandoned somewhere among the foothills that skirt the eastern border of Brandon. When, where and by whom, was the insolvable enigma. These traditional myths began to assume a concrete form about the year 1820, from the advent of a stranger of some three score years who had been wandering for a long time over the hills in Chittenden and Brandon. By topographical memory he was convinced that he had approximately located the object of his search near the cabin of a man named Rogers, about three and one-half miles cast from the village of Brandon.

The stranger engaged board with Rogers and disclosed to him his personal history, that of the mining pany, and the purpose of his visit. He represented himself as the youngest of a party of fourteen, all Spaniards, one of whom was a woman and his mother. He said that he was born in camp and remained with them till their removal, when he was about fifteen years of age; that they mined about two and a half tons of silver, which was deposited in a subterranean cavern of great depth, and that the approaches to it were carefully filled and concealed, and, so far as pos that they were driven away by the It is to Your Interest hostility of the Indians and intended to return at some time and reclaim their property, and that for the pur-pose of identification they had buried three iron wedges marked with certain symbols that would indicate the pening of the avenue to their dden wealth. He invited Rogers to join him in the search and offered him one-half of the spoils. The invitation was declined through distrust of the man. He then secured the cooperation of one Field, and they searched one or two more seasons in vain for the hidden wedges. During a temporary absence of the stranger Field found the wedges, but concealed the fact from his partner on his return At length the stranger became discouraged and disappeared from the scene. Field prosecuted the work with untiring tenacity until all his re ources were exhausted. Without a knowledge of the key to the symbolic wedges they were of little avail. Two of these wedges have been lost; one i now in the possession of a gentleman in Rutland who was among the last to None but the purest and best kept in stock, abandon the scheme, though his con-

fidence in it is unshaken. SEIZED BY DEVIL FISH.

A California Boy Rescued with Difficulty by His Placky Comrads. Among the many pastimes enjoyed by the inhabitants of Pacific Grove, Cal., says the San Francisco Examiner abalone hunting is one largely indulged n, both on account of the beauty of the shell of this mollusk and also the delicacy of the ment. A few days ago two boys, about seventeen and eigh teen years of age, thought it would ba a profitable undertaking to go out by the Point Pinos lighthouse and try their luck among the large masses of rocks there. They arrived at their estination at ebb tide, and proceeded to hunt for the shells. Abalones, as a rule, fasten themselves to the under surface of large rocks. While the boys were scrambling among the rocks they came across a large crevice filled with water. Kelp or seaweed was floating on the surface of the water in this black pool, and amid the tangle of tawny whip-like stems, bulbs and nasses of leaves bubbles arose in quick succession as if the water was boiling. The curiosity of the boys was thoroughly aroused by this apparent phenomenon, and after watching the bubbling water awhile they decided to investigate. One of them leaped over losely examined the kelp. What he finally espled in the brown floating mass of weeds he thought was the tail of an eel. Reassured by his conclusion, and with the knowledge that cels are perfectly harmless, he grabbed for the noving object and his hand closed firmly on it.

Like the long lash of a whip curling at the end of a stalk wielded by an expert driver, swiftly uprose from the dark waters a purplish, mottled thing which fastened itself like a snake about the outstretched arm of the boy With impetuous motion he attempted o withdraw his hand, but the slimy thing clung to him, and the boy was dragged into the pool. Then more of those horrible snake-like appendages thrust themselves up and waved in the air, clutching at the frantic victim, and from a hideous barrel-shaped body two head-like eyes over a wicked-looking beak watched the struggles of the boy, as it tried to fasten more securely to its prey. The boy was in the grasp of the tentacles of a huge octopus, which had been left by the tide and was lurking under the kelp. The boy's com panion dashed into the water to the resone, and, seizing the tentacle that still gripped firmly, he succeeded in oosing its hold, and both boys scrambled upon the rock into safety.

Rich Women's Charities. Miss Helen Gould is said to spend ne hundred dollars a week on private charities which no one knows about Her latest offering at charity's shrine s a gift of land which lies back of Lyndhurst, the Goulds' country home at Tarrytown, to the Kinderwarten and Potted Plant association for the building of a summer home for poor chiliren. Mrs. John Rockefeller and her daughters spend an immense amount annually on charities of every description. Miss Alta Rockefeller supports and superintends a small private hospital of her own for delicate women. at which she has entertainments given every week to interest the invalids.

Times-Star that the widespread fear of disease germs is entirely groundless. "Everything," he says, "is full of germs or crusted with them, but every rerm is not harmful. Every dis kerson on the face of the earth to-morrow. People lived before disease germs | making ever offered before. Our workers were known and were as healthy as always prosper. No time wasted in they are to-day. They lived as care-learning the business. We teach you in fully as we do-perhaps more so. We a night how to succeed from the first cannot avoid contact with disease germs, but we can do what is better—
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everything needed to carry on the busistrengthen the body so that it resists them as easily as a lion can a flea. Some scientists pretend to deplore a lack of precaution people take against germs. It is simply because the people see, despite theories, that every germ doesn't produce sickness any more than every man is a murderer. Every man may possibly be one, but we would not be justified in going armed on that eccount."

CONDENSED TIME TABLES.

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