They were very active, curious little arimals and, instead of being of the proper mouse color, were black and white, marked in large blotches like Holstein cattle or old fashioued swine The heles into and out of which they ran were close together, and they chased around so swiftly that it was impossible to count them, for sometimes there was a mouse at each hole and cometimes one outside and the others inside, and sometimes it appeared as if there were just one long mouse in a circle revolving on a pivot, with noses and tails at intervals.

The mrd race was kept up for some time, and finally all the mice disappeared as if by magic. One of the spectators went into the slore and asked how many silce there were in the cage. rtating that he and his companions had not been able to decide, as they moved too quickly to be counted. A clerk said there was only one mouse, and it was impossible to count it except when it was asleep and, seeing a look of incredulity on the countenance of the caller, raised the top of the cage and showed one little black and white monse nestling on a piece of cotton in a corner.-Portland Oregonian.

The Bottle at Ship Launches. Down to Charles II's time it was customary to name and baptize a ship after she was launched, sometimes a week or two after. The old Tudor method used for men-of-war was still in use. Pepys' "Diary" shows that. The ship was safely got affect, after which some high personnge went on board with a special silver "standing cup" or "flaggon" of wine, out of which he drank, naming the ship, and poured a libration on the quarter deck. The cup was then generally given to the dockyard nester shipwright as a me-

When did the present usage of naming and baptizing a ship before she is sent affoat come in? I trace the hust explicit mention of the old method to 1654, when the Royal Katherine was launched (see Pepys). The first mention of smushing a bottle of wine on the hows of a British man-of-war that I have found is in a contemporary newspaper cutting of May, 1780, de scribing the christening of H. M. S. Magnanime at Deptford, but nothing is hinted that it was then a new custom.-Notes and Queries.

A Novel In a Nutshell.

Met him again- in love with him. Met him again-no longer in love with him, but he in love with me, because I am so beautiful. Met him again-he is still more in love with me, not only because I am

beautiful, but because I am also good. Again 1 met him-he is colder then he was. Think he has forgotten my am inclined to think that I am in love with him after all. How lucky he is,

and how angry mamma will be! Mamma proved to be strangely pleased. Makes me angry, for I know she is not a good judge of a young

Flirted with him outrageously to make mamma mad-didn't succeed. Engaged to him-gind. Married to him-sorry. - London An-

Took Him at His Word." The faculty of terse and forceful speech is ordinarily an advantage, but occusionally a man gets hoisted by his own epigram. A bustling young New Yorker who was recently established in a branch of the oil business had set out to get the patronage of a certain firm. The head of the concern was reluctant to make a change.

"The oil we have been getting has not been unsatisfactory," said he, "and I fall to see why we should make a sbunge. Are there any extra laducements you can offer? How do you pro pose to improve on the old quality?" "In this way," was the prompt an swer. "I propose to give the business my personal attention. I intend to put some of my brains into every barrel of

oil we send out." The rejoinder pleased the old gentleman, and he became a enstomer. A few months later the hustling young man was obliged to make a jour

ney, and in his absence, through some oversight, the quality of oil was allowed to deteriorate. It was quickly noted, and a letter on file in the office records one of the protests. It reads: "Gentlemen-When we were induced to use your product, we were assured that Mr. Blank put some of his brains into every barrel of oil. We deeply regret to observe that Mr. Blank is threatened with paresis."-Washington Star.

A Thrifty Scot.

A good story is told by an English tourist who staid for a week in apartments in Aberdeen, the "Granite City." "I had heard," he says, "of the cuttry felk of Aberdeen, and my experience, short though it was, proved that rumor and rightly estimated the character of been installed. the people. The streets are granite the houses are granite, and the luhabliants are granite, and when they have a granite baby they give it a ball of granite for fear it should break any other toy.

"I lind a granite landlady, and one day when I was going fishing ber son volunteered to accompany me. I provided the lunch, the rods and the how did you get in there-how do vislines; he provided the worms dog them up in a neighber's garden with a borrowed spade. I caught 16 trout; he ste the lunch and broke my best rod. When we got home, I made a present of 14 of the fish to my granite landbaly and asked her to cook the other two for my ten. She did and charged me threepence for the dripping in which they were fried!"-London Answers.

Men as Created. The glittering generalities of Thomas

Jefferson that all men are created equal and that the right of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness is inalienable, have been the texts for many injurious Instructions. They are thetorical flourishes, meaningless to the contleman on the scaffold and in Sing Sing, who pursued the fleeting phantorn of happiness with the Jimmy of the burgiar and the dagger of the ascassin. Men are not created equal physically, morally or intellectually, nor in aptitude, opportunity nor condition. It is perhaps accurate to say of the 1,500,000,000 inhabitants of the curth no two are created equal. Nature is inexpuble of uniformity and detests equality as much as she abbors a vacuum. One is made to honor, another to dishoner, as one star differeth from another star in glory.-John J. In-"I swared," said be. gnlis.

The Pigure Dickens Cut.

Satirists are not able to perceive their own absurdities. That is a weil known falling and as old as the hills. The first great English writer to come ever here and create a farore was Charles Dickens, and certainly to man down, and leaging over the beach with ever fived who had a sharper eye for the grotesque in personal appearance. especially in dress. According to all accounts, his make up was something appalling. My old mucle saw him in New Orleans and used to swear he tooked more like a cariesture than a human being. He curied his beard. used corsets, sported red waistroats | you have the rheumatism as had as with invender pantaloous, carried two ever. Don't you ever take anything for that a certain ruin near Biel which has watches with gold chains around his it?

NOT ON THE TIME TABLE.

The Curious Reason For Which Train Was Side Tracked. In the rarefiel atmosphere of the door of their sleeping apartment and | high tablelands of Mexico objects that are neally a long way off appear to be became involved in a dispute as to how close at frand. This has led to many ludicrous mistakes on the part of tourists, and even on the part of those having a knowledge of the peculiarity of the country.

The Mexican Central railroad has a ingent (section of track in which acre is no curve) that is said to be the engest in the world. It is over 60 alles in length, and a locomotive headlight can be seen, of course, for a very long distance.

One evening a train rounded the curve approaching this tangent, and as it entered on the straight track its brakes suddenly began to grind. It soon came to a standstill, and the conductor, fearing that an accident had befallen the engine, hurrled forward and was shown by the engineer a light that was twinkling and dancing on the track directly ahead.

"A headlight, sure," the engineer sold. "Most be an extra and the dispatchers have overlooked it, for orders

do not mention it." "Guess you are right," the conductor replied, "but I never knew the dispatchers to be so careless before. Any where but on this tangent there would have been a collision and somebody killed. We'd better move ahead slowly to the next side track. We can't tell jushow near that train may be, and w will wait for it to pass us there."

They reached the side track in safety. and, drawing in on it, awaited the coming of the other train. Half an hour passed, and the engineer was fuming, wondering how much longer he was to be delayed, when the conductor called him to step out to the "What do you think of that bead

light, now?" he asked, when the engineer had folned him. "Seems to have got clear up and off the road." The engineer gazed at the twinkling light, then. "Venus, by Jupiter," he exclaimed. "Billy, we've side tracked to let a star go by, or my name's not Smith!"-Youth's Companion.

CLOTHES AND THE MAN. The Difference Being Well Dressed

Made to a Cabinet Official. "Yes, the clothes a man wears make a great deal of difference in this world. especially in official life," remarked the private secretary of a cabinet official, who is compelled to see many people and to hold many more people

"I was especially struck with the importance of clothing some time ago," continued the official, "when the assistant secretary was absent and it was my duty to stave all the callers off the secretary. I do that often, but when the assistant secretaries are here

they belp a great deal. "Well, I noticed on the occasion referred to that I had no trouble in keeping people away when I wore my Prince Albert and looked like the real thing. When I told them that the secretary was too busy to see callers, they thought I owned the whole place and walked away without remonstrance or hout saving that their business was very important and they were sure they would be seen if I would just take their names to the secretary.

"When I wore an average looking business suit, which might look just a little bit shabby, the callers didn't pay much attention to what I said. It was more difficult than you can imagine to get them to go away. They would find all kinds of excuses to remain and to get me to present their names to the secretary. The difference was so up preciable as to be noticed by others in the room. I found that it pald me to ge well dressed on all occasions and that I was much more useful to my executive head. - Washington Star.

The Passing of the "Hayseed." Who does not know him, with his gontlike beard, his wispy hair, his "galtuses" of homely cut, his trousers evolved by the seeming aid of a buzz saw, his voice of an impossible nasality, his speech uncouth, his gestures angainly, his greenness amazing? Who has not seen him on the stage of the vaudeville farce or outlined by the verworked carleaturist? No one. We are familiar with him from aband hat to ludicrous footwear, and have been for years. Who sees him on the streets of northwestern offices to-

In a modified form he exists in that part of the nation which Bostonese are wont to call "way down east." niso exists to some extent in the New England that is nearer Boston than Maine, while from New York and New Jersey he is not altogether absent. West of a line drawn north and south through Chicago he is rare at least as an indigenous variety.

The passing of the "hayseed" is desirable. As the farmer becomes more like him of the city he and his children will care less for the so called delights of metropolitan life, will recognize his innate and indestructible independence and will be better satisfied with his lot. -Minnenpolis Times.

What President Was Thisf One day a president of the United States sent for me. He had been elected to that high office, but had not yet "I hear," he said, "that you have just

come back from Washington." "Yes." "Hid you go to the White House! You did? Well, please sit down and tell me all about it. What sort of a house is it? How is it managed? How many rooms are in it? Whereabouts does the president do his work? And ltors manage to see the house while a president and his family are living in

"Why." I exclaimed, "you have often been to Washington! Have you never visited the White House?" "No," said he, "I have only seen the outside of it. I have never even seen a president or, in fact, any great man. I am so peculiarly constituted that if I knew the greatest man in the world could be seen by walking to the corner I would not walk there. But now that I am about to make the White

House my home, I should very much like to hear all that you can tell me about it."-Julian Ralph in Saturday

A Reflection on the Judge. In an address before the Virginia State Bar association James P. Harri son of the Danville bar told this story of an eminent judge in Virginia, who sat on the bench with his feet up before him, showing his soles to counsel and audience: "The defense had offered a little negro as a witness for their client, and the commonwealth's attorney challenged the witness as too young to testify. When the pickania ny had been sworn on the Holy Evan gelists, he was asked by the common wealth's attorney what he had done

"And what will happen to you now if you tell a lie? the lawyer roared. "'My mantmy, she'll whip me." "Is that all? insinuated the defendant's attorney.

"'No, sah. De debble, he'll get me." "And then the judge took his feet menneing finger said, Wes, and I'll get you, too, sir!" "When quick as a flash came the

boy's ready reply, 'Boss, dat's Jess what I done said.' "-New York Sun. For Rheumstian Mr. Johnson-I notice, Jasper, Day

neck and were rings outside his gloves! Jasper-'Deed 1 does, sah. I takes man remains is really Celtic, the only crutches mostly.-Boston Courier.

The Sup's Journey Through Space means of the spectroscope we can obtain a probably more accurate deter inntion of the sun's velocity through space. As is well known, the velocit of a star in the line of sight can in found by measuring the displaceme of the lines visible in the star's spec trum. Now, the stars near the position of the solar "apex" should be ap proaching the earth on account of the solar motion, and those at the opposite point of the sky, called the "ant apex."

hould be receding. This method has been employed b several astronomers, especially by Vogel at the Potsdam observatory. This able astronomer has found from an ex amination of 40 stars that the sun's velocity through space is about 75 miles a second, but an examination of a larger number of stars would be nec essary before we could consider this result as thoroughly established.

From an examination of the spectra of 14 nebulæ Professor Keeler of the Lick observatory has found velocities in the line of sight, and from these the French astronomer Tisserand has deduced a velocity of about 9 1-3 miles for the solar motion, a result which does not differ widely from that found by Vogel. We may therefore perhaps conclude that the velocity of the sun's motion through space is between 6 and 12 miles per second.-Gentleman's

Hard on the Burglar. "There is a family in my town," said Baltimore man, "where the children are all boys. They are very rich, and each of the three sons is in receipt of a liberal allowance, but the manner in which they expend it and certain of their characteristics were as succinctly and tersely described as possible the other day by Bob, the eldest one, in telling the story of a burglary that occurred last summer at their country place. Bob is the oldest, Jack the sec ond and Albert the youngest son. Bob, in telling the story, said:

'He didn't get very much, as some one of the servants thought he heard something about 3 and in going to investigate probably scared him off, but when we discovered the next morning that a burglar had visited us we naturally took an account of stock. The only rooms in the house he had entered were those of my two brothers and myself, and in each of them be had gone through the clothes we had been wearing the day before. Out of my clothes he got 10 cents, from Jack he get nothing, and in going through Bert's jeans he got in debt."-New York Tribune.

An Old Timer. A crowd of young men were seated in one of the steamboat offices in the city the other afternoon while an old steambout veteran regaled them with stories about old times on the Missis-

"Did you know old Bill Jones?" asked one of the men, after the captain had finished relating how he ran a gantlet of Indians with his boat way back in the forties.

sippl and reminiscences of old time cit-

"'Member Bill Jones? Well, I guess I did," replied the captain. "Let's see, he died just after the war. He was a good old fellow too. I knew his father

One of the boys thought the old man was "doping" and by way of tripping him up on his dates asked, "Cap, how long have you been running on the riv-

"Who, me? Why, I started on the Mississippi when it was nuthin but a creek!"-Memphis Scimitar.

Chess and War. The origin of chess is shrouded in mystery. There is little doubt, however, that its birthplace was in India and that it is an offspring of a game called chaturanga, which is mentioned in oriental literature as in use fully 200 years before the Christian era. From India chess spread Into Persia. and thence into Arabia, and ultimately the Arabs took it into Spain and the rest of western Europe.

The game was in all probability in vented for the purpose of illustrating the art of war. The Arab legend upon this point is that it was devised for the instruction of a young despot by his father, a learned Brahman, to teach him that a king, notwithstanding his power, was dependent for safety upon his subjects. The Greek historians credit the invention of the game to Palamedes, who, they claim, devised It to beguile the tedium of the siege of Troy during the Trojan war.

Up to Date Bobby,

Robert has positively declined to learn to spell. Wemanly intuition admonishes Robert's mamma that Robert will doubtless say something very bright if pressed, and she accordingly argues with the boy.

"All great men learned to spell when they were little boys," she says. "Well, that was before you could hire a stenographer for \$3 a week," replies

Robert. Of course Robert's mamma loses ne time in telephoning for the newspapers a brief outline of what has happened and bidding them send their best re-

porters right up.-Detroit Journal. Surprised the Congregation. Two little folks went to church alone It was only around the corner from their home, and their mamma knew they would be safe. During the long

sermon they got tired, and the older one, supposing that the school rules held good in church, led his sister up in front of the pulpit and said. "Please may we go home?" Much surprised, the clergymen gazed at them over his speciacles. Then be understood, and said, "Certainly, my children," And the two toddled out while the congregation smiled.-Weekly Bouquet. The Actor's Card.

"I showed them my card at the door," the actor was complaining, "and they referred me to the manager. - And what do you suppose he said? He said he was sorry, but the demand for sents had been so great that he had decided to discontinue the professional free

"Well," said his friend the sharper, "did you expect to beat a full house with a single card?"-New York Commercial Advertiser.

A Literary Note, The denizens of the forest were of ganizing a literary club. "We must make the porcupine presi dent." said Br'er Wolf. "His style is full of good points." "Permit me." remarked Br'er Rabbit, "to recommend a reptile friend of mine. He can put up a rattling tail."-

Catholic Standard and Times. Mixed. On one occasion the Prince of Wales visited a Hindoo school in Madras. the propriety of saying "Your royal highness" should the prince speak to them, and when the beir apparent accosted a bright eyed lad, and, pointing to a prismatic compass, asked, "What is this?" the youngster, all in a flutter, replied. "It's a royal compass, your prismatic highness."

Cruelly Repressed. "It's a shame; that's what it is!" exclaimed the boy wrathfully. "I can't have any fun at all." "What's the matter?" asked the sympathetic neighbor.

"Dad says be'll lick me if he ever hears of me fighting with a boy smaller than I am, an I dassen't fight with a bigger one."-Chicago Post Swiss archaeologists have decided

been held to be one of the many Ro-

one of the kind in the country.

degree of trutbfulness.

SHELVED HIS INVENTION. "Please don't go in there. That's the An Experience Which Taught the a young West Philadelphia matron who

story apropos of the tribulations of in-"The growlery!" repeated the other ventors. "About three years ago," he "What's that? Not where you rush the said. "I got up a little device that greatly simplified the working of a This was said in a jocular spirit, and the visitor was rather staggered by the certain type of pump. I took out patents that cost me in the neighborhood of \$300, including attorney's fees, "That's It exactly; where we rush the and finally submitted the thing to a growler, although perhaps not in the

north. The proprietors at once con is an occasional sufferer from indiges tion, which doesn't improve his temper ceded the merit of the invention and offered me \$500 down and a royalty of and there are also times when my own \$125 on each one used. The cash payremper-I tell you this in confidencement amounted to nothing, for it really is not of the best. Well, when w fell short of covering my time and exmoved out here and had more rooms to penses, but the royalty was generous the house than we actually needed I and I figured it out that it would yield hit upon the plan of setting aside one me an income of \$3,000 or \$4,000 for as a place of solitary retirement, where we could go and be alone when either several years-perhaps longer, it deof us felt our temper getting the best pended on how soon something better of us. I have called it the growlery entered the field. "Accordingly, I accepted the proposi because we can lock ourselves in there and growl to our hearts' content until tion and transferred all my right. Now, we have quite recovered. We both how much do you think I actually reavail ourselves of it, and I think it's a ceived? Not a penny! No. I haven't

"Why did they do it, did you ask? To

Mnny Persons Noundays.

and many other inventions of its class

save the labor of the hands only to

New employments, new amusements

and new fashlons are continually be-

ing introduced to increase the exac-

tions laid upon these sensitive and

delicate organs. The steady decrease

cheapness of literature and a spread

of a taste for it, the enormous circula-

per, the ever increasing use of artificial

Illumination, all combine to overtax

the eyes and to weaken or possibly de-

stroy the sight unless the required aid

and protection be supplied through

every means at our disposal. Thus it

happens that the some time luxury of

properly adapted glasses has come to

be recognized and understood by very

many of the present generation as one

of the real necessities of their lives .-

English Officers Wear Armor.

Many officers of the British army

are wearers of armor. As a general

rule the mail is inclosed in a leather

casing, which is sewed inside the

tunic, so as to be invisible unless the

garment is picked to pieces. And the

same with helmets-a similar device is

fixed in the lining, so as to give addi-

tional protection in case of need. Some

officers are not above wearing mail

vests underneath their tunics and per-

fectly oblivious of their comrades, who,

although they may scoff in times of

peace, would only be too glad to don

A Shock to Boston.

mon and saw the cherished gilded

dome of the statehouse, "Beg pardon,

sir, but what building is that with the

What Women Don't Know.

"One of the mistakes of women,"

said a weman's lecturer the other day.

"is in loving too much. They can nev-

man. They are rather upt to do it on

mistakes of woman is not knowing

knowing how to ent. What women

don't know about both has built 10,000

and be wise. Women worry too much.

They are misers to follity, and they

A fire in Japan is exciting. The Jap-

anese seem to lose their heads com-

pletely in the presence of the fire de-

mon. The people move from the houses

where the fire breaks out into the next.

then to another, and so on, until the

fire is over, the united families moving

from house to house with great non-

chalance. A man dancing on his roof

with a paper fire god is supposed to

avert the danger, and no man is more

surprised than he when, in spite of the

A Delusion and a Saure,

"Friends? I should say so. Never

suspected that I had so many. Have

to let them in one door and out the

night."

Free Press.

nearly always die leaving a large ac

count in the Ban't of Merriment.'

how to rest, and still another is not

brass top?"-New York Times.

Lippincott's.

add to that required of the eyes.

patents and drawings in a pigeonhole Frances Willard's Empty Purse. It was characteristic of the lat and there they remain to this day. Frances Willard that she never had any money. Miss Gordon attended to save money. The public is very well her finances, and it was found on the suited with their pump as it stands. whole best to leave Miss Willard's and it is doubtful if they could get any purse empty, because if she started more for it with my improvement addout in the morning with a full pocketed. Such a step would merely cut down book she came back penniless in the evening. One night she told in her inimitable way of having gone to Chicago and reached Rest Cottage again on the capital of a postage stamp. At only earthly reason for spending \$500 the station she turned her pockets out, but not a bit of change was to be on the thing was to put it out of the found. She had forgotten all about it. "What am I to do about it?" she asked be sure, but the experience was valuthe agent perplexedly. "Anna is out, I think, and I haven't a cent of money.' again." - New Orleans Times-Demo "I'll give you a Scket, Miss Willard,

very good idea. George is in there

the world."-Philadelphia Record.

A "Growlery."

made the remark as she was showing

a friend through her new home.

growler, I hope?"

said the clerk. "When I got into the bus I remem bered again," she said, "and told the driver, "I think I'll have to walk, for I haven't any money." "Oh, that's all right. Miss Willard," said the driver. And so all day, greatly to her amuse ment, she went on getting in debt to the railroads, cabmen and restaurants -Chicago Inter Ocean

He Did; n Cut. In a rural community in one of the middle states dwelt a man who made a vow in 1856 that he would wear his hair and beard untrimmed until John C. Fremont should be elected president of the United States.

He kept that yow for 40 years, at the end of which time he had nearly a half bushel of hair on his head and face Then coming to the conclusion to ward which his mind had been gradually working for a long time, that General Fremont's death in the interval had practically absolved him from his yow, he decided to have his hair cut and his beard shaved off clean. On his next visit to the county seat he went to a barber shop and was soon relieved of the hirsute burden he had carried for four decades. low much?" he asked.

"Have to charge you half a dollar of illiteracy, together with the general for that job," said the barber, looking at the mass that lay on the floor. "Half a dollar!" he gasped. "Don': I tion of novel, magazine and newspaget anything for the hair?"-Youth's

True Dream of Br'er Williams. "Atter dis," said the old colored

farmer, "I ain't gwine tek nobody's advice bout whar I orter keep my money. You know, Br'er Williams tol' me dat banks wuz onsafe-dat dev all time fallin en swallerin up what yo' puts in 'um'" "He did?" "Dat what he done! En he say, 'W'en yo' sells yo' cotton, tek yo' money en

dig a hole in de ground en bury it.' "En yo' done lak he say?" "I did, fer sho"! En what yo' reckon? Br'er Williams gone ter bed dat night, en, please God, he see money in his dream, en whilst he wuz in a trance en walkin in his sleep de sperit what wuz a-movin er 'im led right whar dat money wuz, en 'fo' he knowed it he had

done digged It up en lef' de state wid

it."-Atlanta Constitution. When Henry Irving Was Hissed, "I was hissed every night for a wee when I was playing the provinces about 35 years ago," said Henry Irving to a writer in Ainslee's. "I was given an engagement as leading man in a very small theater, and before I made my bow to the audience I learned that the man whose place I had taken was very popular in the vicinity and that the people strongly disproved of the way in which the management had forced him to retire, so that when I made my appearance the audience showed their disapproval of the manager by strongly hissing the successor a huge eel engaged in a deadly strugto their favorite, and they kept it up gle. The otter had evidently caught

for a week. It was a very unhappy the eel, which had retaliated by windweek for me." Started a Run. A very simple statement proved very unfortunate to a savings institu- which it had bitten in two.-London tion in the rural district recently. An editor, in writing of the institution in

his paper, said: "The president is a very tall man; the eashler is short." And in less than an hour the excited depositors were asking, "How muchhow much?'-Atlanta Constitution.

It is said that cowbells are produced in only four factories in the United States and are made just the same as they were 100 years ago and sound the

In India elephants over 12 and up to er make a mistake in loving, but they 45 years of age are deemed the best to ought to be careful in picking out the purchase and will generally work until they are 80 years old.

Coined words! I have made a little study of them myself, always with disappointing results. I always run across them, after discovering them, somewhere about 100 years before the birth of the inventor. I once coined a name, away back in 1876, for one of my so called humorous characters-Bilderback. I put the Bilderback famfly in jocus print for several years, One night, about 1887, I lectured in Salem, N. J., and told one of my Bilderback stories. The audience was convulsed with more mirth than the story called for. After the lecture I was introduced to about a dozen Bilderbacks, who enjoyed my story more than any one eise.-Robert J. Burdette in Chau-

tauguan. Blaine and Thurman. The senate has always been controlled by lawyers, who are the aristo- fire god, the house ignites, and in a cratic class in the United States, and moment roof and man fall together. Blaine was at a disadvantage because In three days the houses are rebuilt he did not belong to the profession. and all traces of fire remove The law lords were disposed to disparage and flout him, but he was disrespectful to the verge of irreverence. "Does the senator from Maine think I am an kliet?" reared Thurman, in reply to an interrogatory Blaine put other. Best lot of fellows you ever to him one day in the Pacific railroad saw. Give 'em a big stag party to-"Well," bellowed Blaine, "that de-

Accuracy. The idea that a strict fidelity to truth demands accuracy is one which is seldom entertained, but until we receive it as a principle and embody it to reach, while she whose ears are pink in action we shall never attain a high along the curled rims and downy lobes Johnstown Accomm

is a creature of sympathetic and responsive temperament. Hobbs-My landiady has both strong and weak points. A sinecure is a position in which one Dobbs-What are they? man puts you for the purpose of draw-Hobbs-Butter and coffee.-Chicago ing the salary while another man does News the work.- Chicago News.

It Has Revolutionized Business and Benefited Humanity. Mechanical Expert a Lesson. Advertising is indeed one of the great One of the best mechanical engineer developments of the age. It has revoin New Orleans told an interesting Intionized business and made it possible to accomplish in a few years what otherwise would have taken generations to compass. Today the advertiser, through the medium of the public press, can introduce his article to the entire public almost literally at a elbow has unturally made business other. way you fancy. You see, my husband big manufacturing concern in the vastly different from what it was several hundred years ago.

It is no longer necessary, as it was in previous generations, to confine ine's commercial transactions to a limited area. In fact, the manufacturer of today regards the world as his field, and there are quite a number of proprietary articles, widely and favorably known in every quarter of the civilized world, which have been introduced during the lifetime of their present proprietors, who are men only in the Without advertising, by which it is

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been cheated; at least, all the accounts dreds of thousands of persons simultaneously, such a result could not be acnow, and I wouldn't disturb him for have been perfectly straight. The trouble is they never put the device on complished in several generations, if Indeed it could be accomplished at all. the market. They simply stuck the Nor has this advertising benefited the seller only. It has brought to the knowledge of the buyer the hundreds of improvements and articles by which life can be made more pleasant, by which the health can be preserved, the farm, was about ready to Jump the palate gratified, the intellect fed and satisfied. It is no exaggeration to say that no

the net profit, so they prefer to let well force has conduced more to knit the enough alone. It was necessary, of ourse, to get my invention safely world closely together nor made our shelved, or it might have been taken mutual interdependence more apparent. up by some enterprising rival, and the "It is but the simple truth to assert." says a recent writer, "that the loss of the information which the advertisements faraish would be one of the way. It was rather rough on me, to greatest imaginable misfortunes to elvable, and I won't get caught that way illustion."-Self Culture.

Queer Story of a Grave.

GLASSES FOR THE EYES. A curious barren mound is to be seen Montgomery churchyard. What-The Renson They Are Worn by So The question is often asked, particu-

ever the cause, there is plainly to be seen a strip of sterility in the form of a cross among a mass of verdure. With larly by those who can recall the custhe mound a melancholy legend is contoms and experiences of 25 years ago, nected. It is called "Robert's Grave," "Why do so many persons nowadays and the story is that beneath this barwear glasses?" The answer is easy. ren billock lie the remains of an in-"The increase in the number of specnecent man who was hanged on mistacles worn is not to be regarded as taken evidence. It is said that while an evidence of modern degeneration the man stood on the gallows with of the eyes, but rather that a long felt the rope round his neck he solemuly necessity has been met." For it should declared, as a proof of his innocence be remembered that within the past that grass should never grow on his quarter of a century much has been grave. And even so it was and is. learned about the value of glasses, and Any one who attempts to frustrate the the range of their application and usefulfillment of this prophecy by sowing fulness has been enormously extended. grass on this spot pays the penalty Of course the eyes need more help now with his life. Instances are given o than formerly, as the amount of work individuals who have been rush enough they are required to do is much greater to do so and have met their doom soon than at any previous period in the afterward.-Cardiff Western Mail. world's history. The sewing machine

General Lee's Modesty. A month or so after his surrend General Lee went one day to the store near his home in Powhatan county. Va., which served also as the post office. Everybody in the town was instantly eager to see him, and in a The general was talking with the proprietor about crops and other matters and appeared otterly unconscious of the fact that the gathering of the realdents was due solely to his presence. Suddenly he realized that everybody was watching him and modestly said: "But I see I am keeping you from your many customers. Pardon me!" and at once withdrew.-Ladles' Home Jour-

Martin's Way. Irishmen are inclined to word perversion; but, says a writer in The Nineteenth Century, the following descrip tion of slow speech which often degenerated into a stammer shows that occasionally they use the best words possible in explaining a thing: "It's a quare sort uv way Martin talks," said Pat. "It's as if he tuk the wurds out uv his mout' an luked at em before he gives 'em to yez.'

SOMERSET MARKET REPORT Cook & Beerits. Wednesday, Oct. 4,1899.

nostilities. The majority of the maker's customers are officers, because the suits are very expensive, costing about 10 guineas each. Regiment.

A Curious Battle.

An interesting of the middle of dried, but waporated but iroli, per Bace n. sugar cured ham, per b. side, per B. shoulder, per B. shoulder, per B. An interesting spectacle was witnessed the other day on the banks of Beans. [white navy, per bus Lims, per b | Coffee. [green, per b | roasted, per b | the river Soar, near Hathern, by a gentleman resident in the district. Being Cement | Cumberland, per | | Portland, per bbi... and per bbl \$1.00 to t attracted by a peculiar cry, he turned Cornmeal, per 5... Eggs, per doz..... aside and came upon a young otter and Fish, lake herring. | bbl. bbl. Honey, white clover, per h Lime, per bbi Molasses, N. O., per gal ing itself tightly round the former's neck. The fight lasted several min-Molasses, N. C., per gal Onions, per bus Potatoes, per bus Peaches, evaporated, per b., Prunes, per bi [N. Y., per bb] utes, the otter eventually freeing itself and making off with a part of the cel. An English woman, a visitor, grieved all Boston by irreverently asking a citizen, as she walked through the Con-

sugar white, A. per B. granulated, per B. granulated, per B. cube. or pulverized, per Syrup. [per gal. maple, per gal. stoneware, gallon. timothy, per bus... the grab bag principle. Another of the hospitals. Consider the way of man

CONDENSED TIME TABLES.

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Somerset and Cambria Branch. NORTHWARD.

Johnstown Mail Express.—Rockwood 11:65 a. m., Somerset 12 of, Stoyestown 12:23, Hoov-ersville 12:65, Johnstown 1:30 p. m. *Johnstown Accommodation.—Rockwood 4 to p. m., Sometset Su2 Shoyestown 5 31, Hoov-ersville f-12, Johnstown 6 39 *Mail.—Johnstown 8 20 a.m., Hooversville 9 03 Stoyestown 8 21, Someret 1-52 Rockwood 10:15

Express.—Johnstown 1 5) p. m., Hooversville 235, Stoyestown 2 67, Somerset 3:15, Hock-wood 3 46, *Daily, D. B. MARTIN, F. D. UNDERWOOD, Passenger Traffic Manager.

DENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD. CASTERN STANDARD TIME

IN EFFECT N GV. 19, 1889.

CONDENSED SCHEDULE Then the misguided youth sat down Trains arrive and depart from the station at Johnstown as follows: pends entirely on the answer you make and drew a check against the generto my question?"-Saturday Evening ous legacy he had received within the WESTWARD. month and resented an insinuation Western Express, that his finish was visible.-Detroit A woman with pale ears can be safely set down as one whose heart is hard BASTWARD Day Express Main Line Expre

The Kaffir's Wives. The Knillr is a day inborer and reckons his wealth in the number of heads of cattle be may be able to acquire He works for a couple of years until

he can get H oxen or cows. Then he hies himself to the Zululand on the east or to other countries controlled by black men and there buys himself a wife. Ten cows is the price of a wife. The eleventh is killed for the wedding feast. The Kaffir remains a few months with his wife, then off to the bound. Such a servant at the seller's mines he goes to earn the price of an-

When he possesses half a dozen [] wives, the Kaffir's mental toll is over, and he becomes a gentleman. His wives plant the mealy (corn) and look 177 after what cattle their lord and master owns. With a kraal full of daughters the Kaffir must become a rich and important person. The daughter of a chief costs 25

cows and the daughter of a king 60, no matter how old or ugly. The chiefs 177 are severely strict in their watchfulness over the morals of the Kaffirs. If one is found guilty of dishonesty, he is fined so many oxen. The Kaffir is possible to reach and influence hun-said to be better in his original state than when contaminated with what they call civilization. - Columbia State.

The Parm Beat the Morigage. The following story Illustrates the esources of a Nebraska farm: A farmer got discouraged because he ? didn't get rich the first year and, as 969 there was a mortgage of \$700 on his whole business, but determined to make one more effort and sowed acres in wheat. It happened to be poor year for wheat and the stand was not very good. Concluding that it wasn't worth harvesting he pulled up his stakes and moseyed back to Missouri, leaving the farm to fight the mortgage all by itself. The farm was eouni to the occasion.

The wheat ripened, fell down and deposited the seed in the soil again. Next spring the wheat began to grow justily. Some of the neighbors were honest enough to write about it down to the fugitive in Missouri, and he got interested enough to come back and take look. Then he stopped and harvestehis voluntary crop. He sold it for enough to pay off the mortgage and the rest of his debts and had a tidy little surplus over, with which he moved his family back and now Seclares there is no state like Nebraska.-Lincoln (Neb. Journal.

Take Care of Your Ears.

Men and women have much to do to keep straight. A hundred nerves and muscles are at work all through th waking hours, giving warning or re ceiving orders that the body, with limany joints and natural instability shall preserve its equilibrium, shall no stagger or double up in a hopeles heap. These nerves and conseles are : highly organized signal service, th chlef offices of which are in the semi circular canals buried in the "stony bonework that protects the inner ea Were it not for these cannis a huma being would find it difficult, often in possible, to maintain a proper bulaneither while walking or standing still So long as these canals are in health; working order their reports are trust verthy, but when any undue force ha shocked them or any agency, such a sickness, has interfered with the workings their messages are incoher ent, and the brain, like the engineer of a battleship in action, when the meabove are blinded and bewildered, ha nothing to do but let things go.- Ber-Un (Md.) Herald.

Railroad Slang as Translated. Extract from report made by hear

brakeman: "The con was flipping the tissues it the doghouse. The hind shack was freezing a hot had near the hind end Tallow Pot was cracking diamonds the tank. Engle Eye was down greas ing the pig and I was bending the rall when they hit us."

It was translated by an old timer h the office as follows: "The conductor was examining the train orders in the cupola. The rea brakeman was cooling a journal. The fireman was breaking coal. The et gineer was oiling the engine, and th head brakeman was throwing a switch when the trains came together."

Maine Central.

Making Ducks Lay Black Eggs. According to a writer in a French scientific paper, ducks fed on acorns which they will ent ravenously, no unfrequently lay black eggs. The res son is that their eggshell is naturall rich in iron, and this combines wit the tannin in the acorn to produce good, fast black. The same paper states that if fowls are fed on boile lobster shells they will lay bright re-

eggs. A Good Shot. A local sportsman, who has the renutation of being a very had shot, recently invited some of his friends to dine with him. Before dinner he showed them a target painted on the barn door with a bullet la the bull-ye. This he claimed to have shot at 1,000 yards distance. As nobody believed him, he offered to bet the price of an oyster

supper on it. On one of his guests accepting the wager, he produced two witnesses, whose verneity could not be questioned, to prove his assertion. As they both said that he had done what he claimed he won the bet. At dinner the loser of the wager asked how his host had managed to fire such an exse cellent shot. The host answered, in shot the bullet at the door at a distance cellent shot. The host answered, " of 1,000 yards and then I painted the target around it."-Cheinnati Eaquirer.

Ground Ploor Redrooms. There is danger in the porous character of plaster ceilings, which ar often very thin Indeed. The ordinary celling is "only a porous diaphragm permeable by gases with considerable freedom." The vitiated air of sitting rooms therefore frequently finds its way through into bedrooms. The British Medical Journal asks any skeptic to "compare his boilty and mental sensations after sleeping in such a room and in one situated over a similar room well ventilated and not occupied or illuminated by gas during the evening." The remedy, it says, is to have bedrooms on the ground floor and living, working and cooking rooms up stairs. But how about noise?-London Chronicle.

Caught the General. One of the regular army officers tells a story of how the old stringent army regulations once went against General Scott. One wet afternoon that soldler was caught in the rain in Washington. He was in full uniform and was well known, so, no cab being near, be borrowed an umbrella. Arriving at his hotel an under officer approached him and calmly remarked: "General, you will consider yourself under arrest for eight days for carrying an umbrella while in full uni-

A Scheme That Pays. A Cincinnati milkman invites his customers to have the milk which he serves analyzed twice a year at his expense. The tests may be made at any time, without warning to the dairyman, his object, of course, being to prove that his milk is of standard purity all the year round. He does a large business and finds blimself well repaid for his outlay for the analysis.

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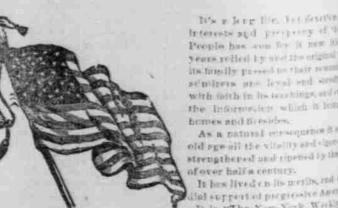
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