The Housewife. What has this woman been doing, Mo long since the morning began ? I don't believe she can remembe

One-half of the work she has done. Dressing the dear little baby, Combing his soft silken hair, Putting him back in the cradle

To sleep and grow healthy and fair. Doing the work in the kitchen, " Just what it happens to be, Covering books for the school-room, kendy for callers at three.

Mending and making and chatting, Two or three children to teach, If not the primer's first lesson, Methods no others can preach.

That's what this woman's been doing. Day after day lis the same: Angels, O watch and defend her-" Mother "-for that is her name.

The Pert Chick.

Old Cluck was a Cochin China hen, and lived with her brood in a nice coop a little apart from the barn-yard. Cluck was a dear old hen, very kind to her chickens, and very pretty chickens she had. There were Tee-Tee, and Wee-Wee, and Tu-Tu, and Twit-See, and bet," called Peep for short-six in all six called Peep for short-six in all-six well-meaning chickens, although they had their little faults. Peep's fault was pertness. He was always answering back to his mother and saying sharp things. He wasu't a bit afraid of his brothers and sisters, and thought it a joke to tell Tee-Tee she was "a fluffy little fool," or call Tu-Tu "a young goose. And when Tu-Tu would ruffle his pinfeathers and show he was a game little chicken, and not a goose at all, old Cluck would say Peep was only witty, and liked to talk, but meant no harm, and her chickens must not fight. Peep was always the last to come under Cluck's wing to bed at night. He would play about and say, "I won't go to bed," and even cry out to his mamma, in a saucy way, "Go to bed yourself, Mrs.

bright little fellow. His feathers were | waste in mining. getting quite long and glossy now, and he was growing tall.

At meal-time Peep had a way of while he ate as much as any body else, he called them all "pigs," and laughed

At last, when Cluck told him, quite gravely, that a good chick must mind his mother, Peep said, "Oh, go away! world

Well, one day Peep kept running far away from the coop, and his mother was afraid some of the barn-yard fowls would hurt him, so she called him back.

"Don't you fuss," said Peep; "I'm going to take a walk;" and he looked so bright, and spoke up so sharp and funny, heat Check was cruite lost in admiring.

How a Turk's House is Divided.

that Cluck was quite lost in admiring his ways and his fine tail feathers, proudly waving as he strutted off. "Surely," she thought, "if they see him in the barn-yard, all the hens will

nvy me such a clever chick."
To the barn-yard Peep went, and bean scratching about for his lunch with e rest of the fowls. Pretty soon an ald bird gave a crow that was really a very fine loud noise, and sounded far nd wide over the fields.

"I can do as well as that, and better too, old chap," said Peep. Now Peep new he couldn't, but he had a way of aying pert things,

To his wonder, nobody laughed; but big hen-the crower's wife-said, Can you, indeed, do as well? Let us

the looked quite fierce at him, not a like fond, good old Cluck, and all fowls gathered around Peep.
"Pooh!" said he, "I don't want to,
It I can." Still nobody seemed to ad-

him, but instead, said the old You can brag, young fellow; but

shall show what sort of a crow you or I'll peck you to death. sep was very much scared, and tried first crow. It was such a feeble, ish noise that all the hens and roostand even the turkey-gobblers and

and guinea-hens and pigeons, ed at him and despised him. eep was not daunted yet, but he ted off among the younger fowls. struck right and left with his bill, as at home; he laughed, and called ies, and bragged, and at last a fine

young rooster, as big as himself, as handsome, said, Come, Mr. Chicken, I don't like

You don't amount to anything," said p, just as he spoke to his mother. Don't I!" said the young rooster; before Peep knew what he was ut the stranger had strewn the fine feathers, poor Cluck's pride, all over the young rooster pecked and dill the blood came. One of p's eyes was gone, one leg was useand not until he lay quite still and irly beaten did the enemy hold off. over Peep's body the fowls all said,

ofter a while Peep hopped home very bly on one leg, and lay down quite ably under old Cluck's wing. Where has my poor Peep been?" I Cluck, with the tears running

served him right for his impu-

her bill Been out in the world, mother,'

And didn't the world admire you?" Not a bit. Oh, my little brothers some among their friends, for when they acry the habit out into the world with im they meet their match and come grief;" and Peep kicked once with

this happened in the land of China. Of course there are no ens in our country.

one leg, rolled up his one eye, and -

voin - Working a silver

TIMELY TOPICS.

It appears by a recent report that 88,000 children are employed in factories in Germany.

The Euglish amateur athletes are much heavier than those of the last generation, a difference which is supposed to be caused by the increased consumption of meat.

The building of the Bartholdi statue for New York harbor is going on steadily in Paris. Nearly all the money required is in the treasurer's hands, and the figure will be completed long before 1881.

A boy in the Ohio house of refuge, cut short at dinner by the guard's command, "Attention," hastily tossed a chunk of beef into his mouth, and tried to swallow it; but it was too big to go down, and he choked to death.

He was a lady of ordinary stature. He was the youngest of twelve children, seven boys and five girls, and the tallest of his family, except himself, was a brother who was killed at Vicksburg during the war, and who was six feet and two inches in height. No cases of

A Naples paper has the following paragraph: "Nicolo Corridi, of Corfu, furnishes in twenty-four hours a complete comedy; in forty-eight hours, a tragedy or the libretto of an opera; in seventy-two hours, an entire poem, in stanzas of six verses, with the exclusion of any particular letter or letters of the alpha-

listant objects appear to be unnamal becaus saturation there is a cessation of those vapor movements by which the air is the mother was five feet and two inches rendered in some degree obscure. Sir and weighed 110 pounds when in robust Isaac Newton observed that the stars health. She had three brothers and seemed nearer and better adapted for five sisters, all of ordinary size, and no observation in the clear intervals of rain, or between showers, than at any other time.

The state and better analysed for two states, and of ordinary size, and botter case of remarkable growth has ever been known among her progenitors. Mrs. Bates was as tall as her

"Last year," says the Iron, "the output of coal in Great Britain and Ireland allowing 291 cubic feet of coal in the pounds. solid to weigh a ton, we have 5,000,000,-000 tons of coal in a cubic mile, and this Olnck."
Oh, how naughty, Peep!" Cluck raised in the British Islands. According to the most trustworthy statistics, nimble little tongue. She couldn't bear the end of 1878 will just complete the to scold or punish him, for she loved the first cubic mile of coal, exclusive of

Mr. Darwin has carried out a series of successful experiments to test the quespecking at his brothers and sisters, and tion whether carnivorous plants really benefit by the insects they capture and ly lord, kill. About two hundred plants of Drosera rotundifolia were cultivated in figure and quite a Chesterfield in manplates during most of last summer. One ners, He has a frank, pleasant face, half of them were regularly fed with roast meat, and the other were left to care for themselves. At the end of the mothers don't pay," in a manner that care for themselves. At the end of the was very naughty; but Cluck found it season it was found that the plants so bright and clever for such a fledgling. which had been supplied with meat Peep had his own will in his family. He weighed 21.5 per cent. more than the said and did whatever he liked, and others, and that their flower-stems, grew quite big and handsome, and seeds and capsules were 21 times thought himself the finest fellow in the heavier, and the seeds weighed 1 times more than the unfed ones. This seems

A Turkish house is divided into two parts—the selamlik for the men, the any business? haremlik for the women; and the latter | Captain—I am a thorough granger, race of giants such as they. has as many separate suites of aparthas but one wife may require a large haremlik if his mother and sisters live with him, for each of these ladies must have her private set of rooms and servants for her separate use. There must be no crowding and no mixing of domestics in a well-ordered establishment; so that if there be four wives they need never see one another unless they please. The first wife is cailed the hanun, and takes precedence over the others all her life. She has a right to the best rooms and to a fixed share of her husband's income, which he must not reduce to minister to the caprice of his younger spouses. As these points have generally been settled through the ulemas or priests before the wedding, a hanun's jointure is as safe as that of a Frenchwoman who has had a contract drawn up by a notary. During the last twenty years monogamy has become more and more the rule among Turks of the highest class, and even among those who have two or three wives, the hanun has gradually come to be regarded as having the same rank as the wife in an English or American house. She visits and entertains the hanuns of other gentlemen, but keeps aloof from wives of the second and other degrees. These are not equals in her sight, being generally ladies of a lower social status, who have not brought any dowry to their husband. Time was when a pasha would take four wives of an equal degree, all being daughters of the other pashas or of the Sultan and all richly portioned, but manners have altered in this respect—at all events, in the European part of Turkey. It must not be supposed, however, that a hanun cherishes any such jealous hatred of her fellow-wives as is felt by a wife who sees her husband flirt with strange women. She is content with ground. Peep was struggling in the largest share of her husband's respect, without demanding his exclusive

America's Arable Soil.

It is not generally known, even in cultivated circles, that the amount of arable soil in America is greater than in Europe, Asia and Africa put together, and therefore can sustain more lives. This is no rash conclusion. Our continent is narrow, and therefore the winds of the ocean water it well. The mountain chains on the east side of the American continent, are low; on the east side of the Old World, are high. From this it results that the trade winds, laden with the wetness of the sea, are attracted sisters," said poor Peep, "chicks to our land. The breadth of the Old wast not be pert and rude and unkind at World and its high eastern ranges cause the rainless interiors of Asia and Africa. Again, America is the land of fertile plains; the Old World of scorehed plains. Our plains run north and south and so attract and receive the rains. America is high under the equator, the Old World is wide; hence, with us a small surface is exposed to the scorching sun. The result is that the productive soil in the Old World is ten claimed. There is actually nothing to verified, as the town now has 3,000 in-million square miles and in the New corroborate the theory. They claim habitants, and is an important railroad World, eleven million,

TALLEST PAIR IN THE WORLD.

Captain and Mrs. Bates-How They Live. and Other Interesting Particulars.

In the St. Paul (Minn.) Press is found an interview with the two largest people in the world, which, for the peculiarity of the details and the vividness with which they are given, is quite interesting:

Captain Martin Van Buren Bates was born in Whitesburg, Letcher county, Ky., November 9, 1846. He is seven feet eleven and one-half inches in height and weighs 478 pounds. His father was about six feet tall and his mother was a lady of ordinary stature. extraordinary size have ever been known in any of his ancestors, and his extraordinary development must be viewed simply as a freak of nature, as it cannot be accounted for on any scientific grounds,

Nature, as usual, did not propose to do things by halves, and in 1849 Miss Anna H. Swan was born in Colchester county, Nova Scotia, and, as the sequel shows, she was intended as companion fistant objects appear to be un-ar rain may be looked for, aen the air has nearly reached being but five feet and four inches in height and weighing 145 pounds, while mother when six years of age, but she continued to shoot upward until to-day she is exactly the same height as her husband, seven feet and eleven and onewas 132,000,000 tons. A cubic mile is husband, seven feet and eleven and one-equal to 147,198,000,000 cubic feet, and half inches, her weight being 413

Both the lady and gentleman are perfeetly proportioned, every member corresponding and aiding to produce a symmetrical but colossal figure. When the reporter called Mrs. Bates, who is an exceedingly fine-looking lady, was dressed in a handsome blue silk, cut in the most fashionable style, with bands of delicate white lace at the throat and wrists. She wore a quantity of very elegant jewelry and her hair was dressed bigh, thus making her appear taller than her state-

Captain Bates is a perfect Apollo in He affects only a neatly waxed mus-tache, his broad cheeks giving evidence of a close intimacy with a keen razor. Captain and Mrs. Bates are people of

more than ordinary intelligence, and show that they have improved the opportunities they have had for acquiring information of people and places during their extended travels.

"Do you think you have stopped growing, captain?" asked the reporter. Captain-Well, I hope I have, I have reached the height of my ambition and have got things pretty well fixed to enjoy life as I am now. Reporter-Were you brought up to

I was brought up on a farm and now I ments as there are ladies. A Turk who own one myself at Seville, Medina coun- Butty, Ohio. I have 161 acres in fine shape and take great pride in it.

Reporter-You have a giant's castle on it?

Captain-Yes, we have a pretty good house; the lower story is twelve and one-half feet in height and the upper one twelve feet; our doorways are eight and one-half feet high, while ordinarily they are seldom over six and one-half.

Reporter-Of course your furniture compares with the building? Captain-In every room we have chairs for my wife and myself, but of course we have ordinary furniture for our friends and servants. Our own furniture was made expressly for us by Herndon, of Cleveland. The bedstead is eight feet and four inches long and five feet six inches in width. The chairs, bureau, washstands, and in fact everything, cor-responds. We experienced a good deal of inconvenience when traveling on account of the diminutive size of the ordinary furniture. I took a fancy to a

spring bed, and had one made at Hartford. It is a big thing. Reporter-Where you have been since

you left the farm? Captain-I served in the Fifth Kentucky infantry during the war. Confederate, you know; but I was in one of the bravest brigades the world ever saw, Since thea I have been amusing myself mostly by traveling about looking at

little men and women. Reporter-The ready-made goods stores are of but little use to you, cap-

Captain-Not a bit. There is not a single garment or article I use but what has to be made especially for me. My boots are about No. 17, and are made for me by a man in Seville. My hats are nearly a nine, my collars twenty-five inches, and I guess if my gloves were gauged they would run up to at least fourteen. I have the most trouble with my clothes -my trousers, in fact. You see the cloth is made narrow, and while it is all right for men of ordinary size, a pair of pants for me consumes an immense quantity unless the nap runs both My wife says it takes just about three times as much cloth for my clothes

as for men of the usual size. Reporter-Captain, does your strength correspond with your size

Captain-I think it would if I developed it. I have raised 1,412 pounds, square lift, which looks small beside the 2,800 pounds lift of Winship, but you know he did that in harness. I have always feared training myself, and hence have never made any great efforts. In my present course of life of course I develop no musele,

Reporter-Did you ever hear of any

person so large as yourself? Captain-No, sir. I am satisfied that I am the biggest man in the world, and probably as large as ever was born. I subject, and I am satisfied that there never existed a race of giants, as is the prediction seems in a fair way to be that men of gigantic stature are vouched | crossing.

for by the Bible. I claim that we know nsthing of their base of measurement, and that the standard has increased since those times, so that a cubit might have been a very small measure of length.

Reporter-Mrs. Bates, I presume that your large family enjoys good health?

Mrs, Bates-Excellent; we are never sick, except perhaps, with slight colds, like the one I now have. Your spring seems cold to me, but I understand that this is exceptional weather, and I am determined to visit Minnesota some time in the summer and see all the beauties of the great country.

Reporter-I presume that you are the tallest lady in the world.

Mrs. Bates-While we were abroad the most eminent physicians and scientists assured me that there was never pefore a lady within eighteen inches of

Reporter-Excuse my inquisitiveness, but how many yards of silk are there in the dress you wear? Mrs. Bates-Well, this is rather scant

there are only sixty-five yards in it. My full evening reception dresses require eighty yards of material. The reporter did not become too ininquisitive, but he saw the tiny tip of a

dress boot peepin, from under her skirt, and mentally decided it was about a narrow "twelve." Of their wedding and presentation to the queen, the gentleman and lady gave a very interesting account. The ding took place on June 17 at St. Martin's Church, Trafalgar square, London. As a bridal tour they visited the Star and Garter Hotel, a few miles from the

ionable and expensive retreat. "It is a five place," said the captain "Our bill was over £17 and was as long as my arm, every incidental being put down. I have it framed at home,"

On returning to London they found an order from the queen awaiting them, requiring them to present themselves at Backingham Palace at one o'clock on the 21st. They had previously appeared before the Prince of Wales and the members of the Masonic Lodge, of which he is a member, and it is probable that he had aroused his mother's cociosity by his description of them.

At the appointed time they were graciously received, there being present the Princesses Louise and Beatrice and Prioces, Arthur and Leopold, besides lords and ladies. The queen was somewhat reserved, but asked them how they liked the country and government com-pered to those of America. She made tuem both bridal gifts, the captain receiving a massive gold striking watch, the case weighing nine ounces and the entire watch over a pound, while, with the immense neck chain, the whole weight is over three pounds. bride was presented with a splendid diamond cluster ring, containing seven large white jewels.

Reporter-How did you enjoy the interview, captain? Captain—I was thinking all of the time how I was to get out, as I had been told that I must back out bowing. But we were much relieved when the queen arose and passed out of a side door with a gracious nod. We were invited twice afterward, when the queen evidently

desired to exhibit us to some of her relations, and she was then very cordial.

The reporter suggested that everyscale in the world if there was to be a

"Yes,

Words of Wisdom.

Deeds are fruit; words are but leaves. The example of the good is visible

philosophy. Kindness is the high tide of the soul's nobility, Practice economy and industry and

success is yours. Temper is so good a thing that we should never lose it and always com-

mand it. It is better to sow a good heart with kindness than a field with corn, for the

heart's harvest is perpetual. Men should not think too much of themselves, and yet a man should be

careful not to forget himself. When you strike oil stop boring. Many a man has bored clean through

and let the oil run out at the bottom. Next in point of meanness to doing an injury is to do a man a favor and

every now and then remind him of it, Prefer sense to wit; never study to be diverting without being useful; let no jest intrude upon good manners, nor say anything that may offend modesty.

Kindness does not always produce what we expect; from a hand which we hate they are regarded as offences; the more we lavish upon one who may hate us, the more arms we give him who wishes to destroy us.

Humility does not depend upon the way in which a man carries his body; it depends upon what his life is; upon what he means to do with it; upon where he puts it, and where he keeps it, and what service it renders.

By relying on our own resources we acquire mental strength; but when we lean on others for support, we are like an invalid, who, having accustomed himself to a crutch, finds it difficult to walk without one.

A man says: "I have thrown away forty years; I have wasted my whole -or, as the more common expression is coming to be: "My life has been a failure"—because the thing at which he aimed has been lost. As if a man's life consisted in the abundance of exterior things which he possessed. As if a man's life were not hidden in his

The city of Texarkana is built at the janction of Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. It received its name in 1819, when an enthusiastic surveyor, while running the lines, blazed the three fragments of the names of the new States on a tree, and predicted that a great city would be built there. Three years ago, when the have devoted much time to studying the town was founded, the name, still to be subject, and I am satisfied that there seen on the old tree, was adopted, and The Social Weaver.

The social weaving-bird of the Orange river region of southern Africa is too re markable a member of this family to be passed unnoticed, though its extraordinary structure has often been described by African travelers. It not only builds in companies, as do most of the family, but always associates in colonies of many individuals, who construct their nests under a common roof of their own build-When one of these structures is first begun in the selected place, the community immediately proceed to construct together the general covering which is to shelter them all. This thatch is made of a coarse strong fiber of Bush man's grass. This being completed each pair begin to form their own separate nest, of the same material as the roof. The nests are placed close together, side by side against the under surface of the general covering, and when all are completed, the lower surface exhibits an even horizontal ceiling, perforated with small circular openings With each breeding season, fresh nests are formed upon the lower surface of those of the preceding year. In this manner, year after year they add to the mass, until at last its excessive weight causes the destruction of the whole, and a new site has to be chosen. The roof is usually firmly interwoven with the branches of a large tree, and often the principal limbs are included within its substance. -- Scribner.

Dead-Letter Office Facts.

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Fifty thousand partially addressed, Six thousand, no address,

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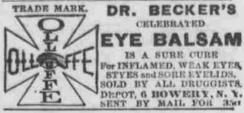
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