What the Japanese Eat. M. T. Van Buren, United States consul general at Japan, presents in a blue book some interesting facts in regard to the food of the Japanese peo-

With a population of 30,000,000 people, there is to be found in the whole country but little more than 1,000,000 head of cattle. Of these only 00,000 can be considered fit for food Therefore there are but two head of cattle for each one hundred people, whereas in the United States we have for one hundred mouths seventy-three cattle to fill them. Japan slaughters, however, 36,000 head of cattle, more than one-half of which is eaten by the foreign population, the rest being consumed by the Japanese army and navy. Mutton and pork are, outside of the treaty ports, almost unknown.

Fish enters largely into the food of the people. Mr. Van Buren mentions that "cod, salmon, herring, mackerel, salmon trout, carp, cels, skate mullet, catfish and plaice are plentiful and cheap." It is known that the government has taken active measures in regard to fish culture, and endeavors in every way to increase the products publications on these topics. The consul states that "one-half of the people their habit to eat a great many varieties of fish raw. But the Japanese are more essentially vegetarians than even the Chinese, and all the land ished, or to the existence of comp marine plants, with the tubers, seem tively small vesicles of molten rock. to be placed under contribution.

Among exceptional food plants Mr. Van Buren mentions an acorn which grows on a small bush from three to four feet high; it has less sugar than the nut from the chestnut tree of America, but has the merit of being free from astringent and bitter qualities. Large quantities of these nuts are gathered, dried and eaten by the people in various ways. We hear a great deal about glucose and dextrine in the United States, and we find from Mr. Van Buren's report that the Japanese use in large quantities a sub-stance which they call ame. "This is a preparation made from malted barley and rice or millet, the malt covering the starch of the rice or mullet into dextrine and maltose, and the product varying from a thick sugar or honey up to a hard candy." This ame is sold at a low price and its consumption is very large.

Sealskin Sacques.

A sealskin sacque costs fifty per cent. more than it did five years ago. Sealskins have not been worn more than fifteen or eighteen years. Fashion and the discovery of new methods of preparing and dyeing, or first the latter and second the former brought them into use. The seal fur, as seen here, is the inner coat. When on the back of the seal this fine fur is hid by coarse hairs, which are removed by a process of paring down the other side of the skin. The color of the fur as known to wearers is artificial. If the government had not taken measures to protect the seal new wearers of seal sacques would be few in a short time. The Shetland seals were once numerous, but have been exterminated. The Newfoundland seal is in the market, but is inferior to the seel of Alaska. The islands of the Behring sea are the only ones in the world where seal catching has great commercial importance.

From 1751 to 1870 the scientific world knew nothing in regard to the history of the seal. The Smithsonian Institution did not possess a perfect skin and skeleton of the seal, although thousands of men and millions of dollars have been employed in capturing, dressing and selling fur sealskins for the last hundred years. The vast breeding grounds bordering on the Antartetic have been entirely depop-ulated. Between the years 1797 and 1821 1,232 374 sealskins were taken on the Pribyloy islands; between 1821 and 1842 458,502 skins, and from 1842 to 1861 372,000 skins. In the year 1868 the number of skins taken was 242,000. In 1870 only 9,965 were captured. During the last ten years the catch has been a little less than 100,000 per year. The whole number taken between 1796 and 1880 was 3,561,051 skins. The seal catching is done in June and July. heard it is a After that time the fur begins to "shed," let him go. and is worthless. The natives are paid forty cents a skin for their labor.

Law Expenses.

Twenty-eight years ago a citizen of New York, who died in that city, left an estate worth a quarter of a million of dollars, which he bequeathed by will to his son of the same name. But the will was disputed by the usual course of law, and the suit has just terminated in favor of the heirs, the son being dead. What remains of the estate appears to be worth about \$35,000. All the rest has been swallowed up in law expenses. This is not by any means an excep-tional case, but it fairly illustrates the rapid increase of the expenses of litigation, especially in reference to property rights, and how much chance the average public stands of bettering itself by resorting to protracted legal contests for the settlement of property rights, which could and should be amieably adjusted by compromise.

A still more striking case has recently made the rounds of the American press as baving occurred in one of the advantage of some legal technicality to institute suits before a local magistrate against large numbers of non-resident property holders and business men upon bogus claims for small sums of money. In all these cases the parties-very well knowing that they owed no such money-neglected to appear before the magistrate to plead in the cases. Of course judgment was given against them by default. Then the game was to permit these judgments to game was to permit these jadgments to remain unnoticed until after the time had expired for taking appeals. When myself this morning." He never said that was done the claims were put into the hands of the regular judicial authorities for collection, and of course

Two million barrels of salt are an nually experted from Michigan.

had to be paid.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

The use of the telephone is making tapid progress in Germany. Berlin alone has now nearly 1,000 miles of telephone wires,

Dr. Hartig states that a strong man working a hand fire engine with his ntmost strength for two minutes can do work amounting to 0.403 in the highest nd 0.227 of one-horse-power in the owest maximum attainable.

Dr. Siemens, speaking at a recent meeting of the Society of Arts, referred to the open fireplace as possessing high sanitary qualities. It did not, like radiating hot-water stoves, warm the air of a room, but it heated the walls and furniture. If the air of a room is hotter than the walls moisture condenses on them, and mildew and fermentation are set up, to the detriment of the occupants.

G. H. Darwin has taken pains to estimate the stresses caused in the interior of the earth by the weight of continents and mountains, and he concludes that either the materials of the earth have about the strength of granite at 1,000 of the sea, sending for all American miles from the surface, or that they the surface. He confirms Sir William eat fish every day, one-quarter two or Thompson's theory that the earth must three times a week, and the balance be solid nearly throughout its whole perhaps once or twice a month." It is | mass, and he attributes the lava of volcanoes to the melting of solid rock which exists at high temperatures at points where the pressure is diminished, or to the existence of compara-

The Tay Bridge,

The ill-fated Tay bridge in Scotland is about to be rebuilt, or rather replaced by a new one of similar structure. The Tay is about a mile wide, and subject to sudden and violent storms. The new bridge will run alongside of the old one, whose remains can be utilized to some extent. It will begin, starting at the south end, with four brick arches, each of fifty feet span, and be followed by girder and truss spans, as follows: One of 118 feet, ten of 129 feet, thirteen of 145 feet, eleven of 245 feet, two of 227 feet, one of 162 feet, ten of 129 feet 6 inches, one of 127 feet 6 inches, and twenty-five of 71 feet. The long central spans will be seventy-seven feet in the clear above high-water mark. The trains will run between the girders of these spans, and on top of those on either hand, as in the old bridge. The foundations of the piers are to be iron cylinders filled with concrete, upon which brickwork will be built up and surmounted by wroughtiron pillars. Before travelers trust themselves to any great extent on this new piece of engineering, they are likely to want their nerves quieted with definite assurance that it won't blow over in a gale, train and all, like its predecessor. The water of the Tay beneath the bridge is 100 feet deep or more, so that it is sure death to be plunged into it in tightly-locked railroad cars. The passengers who went down with the flimsy old concern proved this conclusively.

Picking Out the Weak Points of a Horse. The weak points of a horse can be better discovered while standing than while moving. If he is sound he will stand firmly and squarely on his limbs since felt any rheumatic pain. without moving any of them, with legs plumb and naturally poised. If one foot is thrown forward with the toe pointing to the ground and the heel raised, or if the foot is lifted from the ground and the weight taken from it, disease may be suspected, or at least tenderness, which is a precursor of disease. If the horse stands with his feet spread apart or straddles with the hind legs, there is weakness in the loins and the kidneys are disordered. Heavy pulling bends the knees. Bluish or milky cast eyes in horses indicate moon blindness or something else. A bad-tempered horse keeps his ears thrown back. A kicking horse is move easily and smoothly to the touch, the horse is a heavy eater and his digestion is bad. Never buy a horse whose respiratory organs are at all impaired. Place your ear to the side of the heart, and if a wheezing sound is heard it is an indication of trouble-

How an Alligator Eats.

An alligator's throat is an animated sewer. Everything which lodges in his open mouth goes down. He is a lazy dog, and instead of hunting for something to eat he lets his victuals hunt for him. That is, he lies with his mouth open, apparently dead, like the possum. Soen a bug crawls into it, then a fly, then several gnats and a colony of mosquitoes. The alligator don't close his mouth yet. He is waiting for a whole drove of things. He does his eating by wholesale. A little later a lizard will cool himself under the shade of the upper jaw. Then a few frogs will hop up to catch the mosquitoes. Then more mosquitoes and gnats light on the frogs. Finally a whole village of insects and reptiles settle down for an atternoon pienic. Then all at once there is an earthquake. The big jaw falls, the alligator slyly last six years, and 13,007 marriage licenses blinks one eye, gulps down the entire were issued in the same time. blinks one eye, gulps down the entire menagerie and opens his great front door again for more visitors,-Florida

law courts of the Middle States. A "Miserable!" raid young Symonds sharp trickster appears to have taken "Of course I'm miserable, and I can't help looking so. I'm invited and can't refuse to attend a party given by the girls at the boarding school. They're going to cook the supper themselves, and I shall have to eat some of the bread and cake, and I shall die in awful agony before morning, I know I shall!"

> "Man and wife are one, are they?" said she. "Yes, what of it." said he, suspiciously. "Why in that case," said a word .- Texas Siftings.

One of the drawbacks of married life is sickness of the little ones. For a Cold or Cough you cannot find a bet or remedy than Dr. Bull's ugh Syrup. Nearly all physicians prescribe t, and no family should be without it.

The cat is frankly and undisguisedly selfish; there is no denying that. It lives for self and compasses its ends without scruple, patient to wait, skillful to feign and reheme and utterly pitiless and unrelenting. But should sportsmen be very severe on the crea-

The Cat.

ture that evidently enjoys with a gusto keen as their own the pursuit of the belpless prey which it hunts and toys with, often as much for diversion as hunger? One hopes, for the sake of the sportive birds and heedless mice, which it fascinates with basilisk eyes and captures with cruel paw, that there may be some occult provision of nature to disarm their fate of its terrors.]

Perhaps the theory propounded by Dr. Livingstone when he records his feelings while in the lion's clutchthat the sensations of the prey are rather pleasing than otherwise-may be true. We hope so, but it must be confessed that appearances are not in

In early youth cat nature appears at its best. Once having emerged from it had never failed to perform all that was the puling, sightless stage of its first needed. He was attacked with lumbago this nine days, the kitten becomes a winsome and attractive creature. "Cat have a much greater strength nearer to like" is a repreachful epithet aptly the St. Jacobs Oil, he concluded to give it a applied to women of the Becky Sharp type; but it is not considered derogatory to the most fascinating girl not anticipated such rapid restoration, and to be credited with kitten-like waysfor the kitten is the embodiment of playfulness and grace. The cruel instincts of its tribe are not, however, slow to assert themselves, and it is comical to hear the mimic growl of puny thunder with which the tiny creature gloats over its first mouse.

In the pages of fable, Puss has ever figured largely, but rarely after a flat-tering manner. His guile and subtlety form the salient points in the repre sentations, and his character is painted akin to that of Master Reynard, the master of craft. He is depicted as a demure hypocrite, a false hermit, a deceitful counselor, the ensuarer of the unwary, the ally of wizards and witches. Rats in council debate vainly how to baffle him. It is hopeless, they find, to dream of "belling the cat." Noiseless himself on his gloved feet, his keen ear is not to be caught napping .- Temple Bar.

He Did Not Mince Matters.

A representative of the Lynn (Mass.) Item in a late ramble throughout that city, gathered, among other scraps of interest and information, the following: The first place visited by the reporter was the fruit store of Mr. J. Levett, No. 67 Market street, in response to a rumor that the proprietor had been cured of the rheumatism by the great remedy. Mr. Levett not being in, the reporter had a talk with his son. Mr. Levett stated that his father had been cured of an exceedingly bad attack of rheumatism by the St. Jacobs Oil. He had the disease in his right arm and shoulder, which became perfectly helpless after being affected a few hours. His pain was so great that he could not rest in comfort or attend to business with any degree of satisfaction. After enduring this sort of thing for some time he pur-chased a bottle of the Great German Remedy and began to apply it. He did not mince matters at all, but just used the Oil for all it was worth. After pursuing this mode of treatment for three days the pain was banished and his father was in a per-

Barnum and the Bunko Man. An old gentleman strolling leisurely up Broadway, New York, was accosted by a well-dressed young man, who slapped him on the back, saying:
"Why Mr. Williams, how are you?
How are all the friends in Scranton?"

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> Horace B Dick, E-q , associate editor of the Delaware County Republican, Chester, Pa., was cured by St. Jacobs Oil of very severe injuries resulting from a fall. His arm appeared to be paralyzed, but the Oil cured him -Philadelphia Ledger.

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Sydney Smith being ill, his physician advised sydney Saint being in, its payerian action in to "take a waik upon an empty stomach." 'Upon whose?" asked Sydney. Still better steps to take would be the purchase of Dr. R. V. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" and "Pleasant Purgative Pelicts," which are especially valuable to those who are obliged to lead sedentary lives, or are afflicted with any chronic disease of the stomach or bowels. By druggists.

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