FACTS AND COMMENTS.

The rapidly-decreasing number of sheep in the United Kingdom leads the story English press to a discussion of its causes and the remedies needed. In 1874 there were nearly 35,000,000 head of sheep. In 1877 the number had Tallen to \$2,000,000, and since then the decrease has gone on without abatement until at the present time the number is estimated at only 28,000,-900. In Ireland alone in the past ten years the decrease has amounted to over a million head.

The fortunes of four leading Western railroad men were estimated sighteen years ago as follows: Stanford, \$40,000; Crocker, \$25,000; Huntington, \$100,000; Hopkins, \$100,000; total, \$255,000. They are now rather stintingly recorded as follows: Stanford, \$80,000,000; Crocker, \$40,000,000; Huntington, \$50,000,000; Hopkins' estate, \$50,000,000; total, \$200,000,000. These men formed a syndicate to build a railroad to California, and made immense personal fortunes from the vensure.

A little incident of Hungarian criminal procedure shows that after all torture is not so obsolete as was supposed. The facts are stated by a legal adviser of the prisoners in a memorial to the minister, and they show how agreeably a commissary of police in Hungary combines business and amusemont. His business being to extract confessions, the criminal is hung up by his feet, or if a woman, is suspended over the fire, when the required information is at once communicated. All this is forbidden by the law of the country, but still it goes on.

In regard to the manner in which the Chinese are sweeping California waters of fish, the San Francisco Bul-Ictin says: A walk of observation through Chinatown in this city will disclose the fact that fish of all kinds are taken in nets and afterward dried for both Chinese home and foreign consumption, that range from one-half inch to three inches in length by an eighth of an inch to one-half an inch around the largest part of the body. They are to be seen, day in and day out, after being dried, in large baskets, ready for shipment or consumption, at every fishstand of the Chinese. The fish are not confined to any distinct species, but are of innumerable classes.

The Duke de Santona, a Spanish grandee of the first class, has just died at Madrid, leaving an enormous fortune to his only daughter. He was of obscure Cuban birth, and once followed the hatter's trade. At this he nequired great wealth and was ever ready to spend large sums in behalf of the Alphonist party in all political contests, even while Alphonso was yet a mere cadet at the military academy, with only the slimmest chance of ever reaching the throne. So, when at last the young prince did become king, he remembered gratefully the devoted follower who had rendered him such signal services. He gave him opportunities of largely increasing his fortune, made him Duke de Santona, and, at chief mourners.

such food as will not ferment in the of the many who are supposed to be in would be an inestimable boon if it be army. the means of saving them, to say nothing of the many others whose cases are otherwise hopeless. William F. Cody, better known as "Buffalo Bill," believes that General Custer killed himself, when he saw that death was inevitable, in preference to being killed by the Indians. He gives the following reason for this belief: "The Indians will not mutilate a body which they find dead, and General Custer's was the only one that was not scalped and otherwise cut to pieces or burned. My impression is that he, after seeing all his command shot down, and that he himself must also go, turned and took his own life rather than be killed by the savages. I was in General Crook's command that soon after arrived upon the scene, and although Custer went into the fight with seven companies, and had 300 men killed, I am satisfied he would never have given the Indians battle had he not thought reinforcements were near at hand. Some time after the engagement an Indian warrior told the that Custer was the last man to fall, and killed himself. Had Custer been given entire command of the troops he would have whipped the Indians instead of being crushed by them. They did not recognize Custer miter he was shot, as he had a few months previous cut off his long hair.'

A Romantic Story.

An Innsbruck (Germany) correspondent of the Boston Advertiser tells this

In the Silver chapel is the tomb and marble effigy of that beautiful woman, Philippina Welser, whose photograph you see in all the shop windows of Innsbruck. Her eyes were divine, it is said, dark blue, her hair golden chestnut, and the skin so transparent that the "red wine could be seen as it ran down the lovely threat." In the photograph her beautiful face rises up like a lovely flower out-of a high ruff, a superb jeweled collar with pendant jewels is bound close about the high-mounting neck of the rich dark velvet robe, the hair is parted and rolled back from a high. broad, intelligent forehead that has nothing Greek about it, but is a clear. good, Anglo-Saxon brow ; on the head is a net-cap made of small gold rosettes, with pearls and a jeweled border around it. The arch of the delicate eyebrows is perfect; the cyes have a bewitching expression that is both courageous and pleasing; she had a shapely nose, a lovely mouth and chin, and an expression of dignity, refinement and gentleness; perfect womanly loveliness characterize this pictured semblance of a woman who was the most beautiful of herday, and whose romantic history has inspired many a poet and dramatist. She was the daughter of a rich Augsburg banker. Ferdinand, nephew of Charles

V., fell madly in love with her, and they were married secretly. She was the mother of two sons, whose portraits you can see at Schloss Ambras, the charming castle on the Mittelgebirge mountain slopes, a short distance from Innsbruck, where Philippina and Ferdinand spent their long, happy married life. The Emperor Ferdinand was naturally very angry at this marriage, but during one of his visits to Innsbruck the lovely woman came with her two young boys and begged him to forgive her. History tells a pretty, touching story, how he had only to look at Philippina to justify his When Ferdinand the emperor son. died she lost her best and most powerful friend. Her mother-in-law was forever taunting her. So one morning the poor woman lay down in her bathtub and drowned herself, in order that her dear husband might marry a royal wife. You can see the bath-room at Schloss Ambras, but the custode denies the legend, I am happy to say, and I am unwilling to believe it. Her husband, the Count of Tyrol, mourned her loss. Tradition says he was frantic with grief, and built the beautiful Silberne chapel, where each lie buried. True, he married again only two years after her death, and his second wife was of his own rank, the daughter of Duke William, of Mantua; but he never lived again at Schloss Ambras.

A Story of the Swiss Minister.

A Washington correspondent writes: The following incident is related of Emil Frey, the new Swiss minister here, who was a captain in the Eightysecond Illinois volunteers during the war. The new Swiss minister recently arrived in this city. Mr. Emil Frey was confined in Libby prison at one time, it will be remembered, as hostage for the Confederate Captain W. J. Gordon, condemned to death by a Federal court martial. President Linhis death, occupied a place among the coln, upon being so informed, stayed the execution of Gordon, and the then Captain Frey, of the Eighty-second Consumption has hitherto been re- Illinois volunteers, now the first garded as a disease of the lungs, which minister plenipotentiary from Switzcannot be reached directly except by erland to the United States, inhalation, and the value of that form virtually saved Gordon's life, who was of medication is problematical. A soon afterward sent to Richmond by a new theory of the disease, called the flag of truce, and in return Captain Salisbury theory, makes it one of un- Frey was released. This morning healthy alimentation. According to Captain Gordon, who is sojourning in this view, it is the fermenting of food this city, called on Minister Frey, and in the stomach which furnishes to the the two saw each other for the first circulation noxious material that time. As may be well supposed the affects the lungs on reaching those or- meeting was highly interesting to both, gans. Granting the truth of the and to all who chanced to be present, theory, we shall have to con- There was a mutal interchange of exider consumption as curable. All periences during the prison life of each, that needs to be done is to use only and a recital of the fearful suspense both were subjected to for a time. stomach, and to elean out that organ They separated, evidently highly gratioccasionally by a judicious use of warm | fied to have personally met each other water, with simple tonics before meals after an interval of seventeen years, to aid the digestive process. A weak when the life of one depended on that solution of ferric per sulphate is recom- of the other, and under circumstances mended for inhalation to check hemor- so changed. Mr. Frey on his return rhage in the severe stage of the disease. to Switzerland was compelled to re-The idea is well worthy the attention naturalize himself, which he did, to become president of the Swiss council. the initial stages of consumption. It He is also major-general in the Swiss

"" Wire the Gentleman,"

The new verbs which the rush of progress brings into use are often stumbling-blocks to the simple. The fun comes in when ignorant persons set frightened at them and go off without asking what they mean. The Louisiana Commercial says :

Two young women entered an intelligence office and one of them asked if there was any situation open.

The agent said he had just received a letter from a gentleman in Pough-keepsie, asking if they could send up a servant girl. The agent explained what work she would be required to perform and the wages she would

The girl consulted for a few moments with her companion and then said she would go.

The agent gave her the necessary directions and told her at what time she would have to be at the station, with the assurance that she would go through all right. The girl listened attentively.

"Now you must be sure and go through all the way," said the agent, " and not get off." "Yes," said the girl.

"And don't let anybody talk to you and ask you to go with them," said the agent.

"Yes," said the girl.

"I will write at once what time you will get there and they will expect you," said the agent. "You will get there to-morrow."

"Yes," said the girl.

"If you have any difficulty when you reach the railroad station, wire the gentleman," handing her his card. and he will meet you at the station."

" I'll not stir a peg, so I won't. I'll engage to wash, iron and plain cook for the family, but I'll not do all this and wire gentlemen for fourteen dollars a month, so I won't," and she went out of the office,

Could Break Off.

When a certain family on the Brush farm took a new cook last month it was specifically stated and understood that she was not to have any men hanging around the kitchen. She held to the agreement for three or four nights, and then the family discovered that she had a beau. He came regularly every night after that, and three or four nights ago the colonel was at the back gate waiting for him. When the young man appeared, the colonel threw a whole iceberg into his tones as he inquired :

"Well, sir, did you come here to spark?"

- "I did," was the calm reply,
- " In love, are you?" "Yes, sir."
- "Who with?"
- "Sarah, the cook."

"Oh, I didn't know but you loved one of my daughters," sneered the colonel.

"No, I don't at present," said the man as he seemed to catch a sudden idea, " but the thing hasn't gone so far with Sarah but what I might break off in case you had something better upstairs for me !" Sarah doesn't work there any more,

but the colonel won't get over being mad for several weeks yet .- Detroit Free Press.

A curiosity in the shape of a vast army of small toads was lately to be seen at Linkville, Oregon. They were migrating up Klamath river, and were so numerous that on large areas it was impossible for people to walk without

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The work in the operating room at Heart's Content, N. F., has brought out a number of curious facts about cables and cable operating. For instance, New York city sends and receives about two-thirds of all the cable business of the United States. Philadelphia comes next, then Chicago; while some of the smaller Southern cities, with their messages relating to cotton sales, outrank more Northern cities like Boston, Baltimore, St. Louis or Cincinnati. It amazes the telegraphers there to tell them of the importance of places like New Haven, Albany, Troy or Buffalo, from which the cable business is so small that in the Heart's Content station they are supposed to be little towns. The present price of a message is fifty cents a word. Yet, a few years ago, when competition reduced the rate to twelve cents, the increase in the number of cable messages was relatively very small. But as the competition was comparatively brief, the test of cheap rates can scarcely be called a fair one. As showing the importance of chcosing steady men in cable work, the example is cited of a subordinate at Valentia charged with the duty of making cortain complex connections with the wires there. One day he became intoxicated, and, as no one knew the intricate connections, communication between two continents was well-nigh

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