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No subscriptions received for a shorter period respondence soficited from all parts of the

The Gormans are organizing a considerable establishment of falcons to catch the enemy's carrier pigeous.

The shipment of Florida oranges to Europe, which was attempted for the first time in any quantity this winter, hes resulted most satisfactorily.

The major portion of the world's tin product is obtained from the Malay peninsula and Malaca, in Southern Asia. The Chinese practically control these mining

Potatoes are coming from Scotland to this country in larger quantities than in any year since 1882. The Scotch potatoes are of the Magnum Bonum variety and are of extra good quality,

A New Orleans newspaper says that the millions of children seen around the cotton fields of the South furnish a complete refutation of the theory that the negro race in America is dving out.

No Russian paper dares use an exclamation point in an article. If the press censor finds one he cond mas the whole. tasue as likely to incite the people to riot. A Bussian editor can observe, but he must

Th's is the first time since 1777 that the year required the same figure used thres times. That was 111 years ago, and the same thing will not happen again for 111 years, or in 110%. The year 2000 will draw on three ciphers.

A Boston woman has hit upon a novel scheme to make a living. She posts herself thoroughly upon the news of the day, and read her notes to a cla s of wealthy women who are too lazy to read. Some other clever woman might emulate her example in connection with literature.

The Detroit Free Press says in an editorial: "When we consider what a fuss the railroads made-and some of them are still making about doing away with the deadly car stove, it is humiliating to learn that in Sweden the heating of the cars by steam has been universal since

During the progress of a religious revival which was recently held at West Point, Ind., a little chi.d of seven years, while under the influence of the excite ment of the occasion, mounted the pulpit and made an exhortation which is said to have been remarkable for its power

A patent for the manufacture of artificial susple augar has been issued to Josiah Daily, of Madison, Ind. It is made by adding to a gallon of ordinary augar syrup three tab espoonfuls of a decoction made from hickory bark. The inventor says that this syrup cannot be distinguished from the genuine maple

Prodigies of all kinds are spring ng up in various parts of the world. Ch cago has a linguistic wonder in the person of Corinne Cohn, aged six, who speaks with Quency English, Corman, French and the new universal language, Volapuk. She is now learning Eussian and Italian. Her father is Henry Cohn, President of the National School of Languages,

Canada has a considerable balance in her favor in the matter of fugitive embezziers. Canada's losses in this respect are est mated at \$3,000 000, while the "penal colony" of the United States in Canada represent some \$20,000,000 in rascalities. It is difficult, says the Boston Adsertiser, to see why any heaitancy should exist on either side of the border line to putting an end to this effective evasion of law and justice.

The largest Chinese mining camp in the Northwest is at Warren, Idaho. Hundreds of Chinese have been at work there for several years, and each year from fifty to seventy-five go back to China with from \$2,000 to \$5,00%, a fortune for them. Most Chinese miners work over old mines, and are very expert at cleaning up every part c'e of gold; but at Warren they are on new ground, and their careful system results in large

Mexico is making a high bid for nnmigration. It is reported that the Government has made a concession to a real estate company whereby 55,000 scres of land in eleven different States is to come into its possession, to be occupied by immigrants. Settle's on these tra ts are to be exempt from taxation on the land, and the Government guarantees them protect on. It is proposed to establish agencies in the principal citles of America and Europe to induce immigration to

Pak Chung Yang, the Corean Minister to the Enited States, and his secretaries are somewhat dudish in their bubits. Several wagons were required on their arrival at Washington to move the trunks containing their apparel. They change their eo-tumes eral times a day. They own a vast variety of very tall buts which are perforated at the top. They wear the r hats at the table, and have a different kind of tile for each meal, They have heads of a very peculiar shape. The back of the head, far from being round, is as flat as a board.

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THE BLOOM OF LONG AGO.

How oft along the vanished past, Still with the lines of youth aglow, Spring up the flow'rs that faded fast cented bloom of long ago Where is the heart that would forget

The smile, the look, the warm embracet Amid the years we treasure yet. The contour of the flitted face.

Deep in the labyrinth of time, Mischievous shine black eyes and blue; And fairy fingers beat a rhyme On Cupid's bow for me and you.

From summer's sun and winter's snow,
And to it clings a charished song
That keeps the tune of long ago.

We never quite forget the joys Recorded on life's primal page; The laughter gay of girls and boys Falls sweetly on the ears of age. Across a path still bright and fair,

A child is swinging to and fro; And memory twines in golden hair, The lovely bloom of long ago. The music sought by us to-day In other years was grandly sung: The face that flits across the way

We often kissed when we were young. It is the hand we cannot see That leads us, when the sun is low, Back to the memory haunted lea Rich with the bloom of long ago.

Confess to me, for it is true, I care not what your station be, That somewhere there's a spell for you— A spell of love and fantasy.

Who has not felt a vanished hand Touch his at twilight's gentle glow, Or seen emerge from shadowland A sweetheart of the long ago?

Black eyes and blue! O! what a spell They weave for all who own their sway And where is he whose song can tell One-half the cunning they display? They are the milestones of the road We trend to where the waters flow Between us and the veiled abode-Beyond the loves of long ago,

THE DIAMOND CRESCENT.

The day was bitter cold, and the crowds hurrying along Broadway turned neither to right nor to left in their haste to reach home and the comforts of the

fireside.

I was sitting in my office on the ground floor, watching the restles people and philosophizing as I have a habit of doing upon the differences in human coud tion, when my attention was suddenly arrested by a child wearing upon her breast a superb dismound creacent of purest water and bridiancy. Before I had time to formulate any opinion as to how so magnificent a jewel could have come into the possession of a child, or to wonder why its parents or guardians permitted it to wear such a valuable trinket upon the public streets, an officer

fail to notice in my first glance that her garments, a though scrupulously neat, were far from expensive, nevertheless an unaccountable excitement took posses-sion of me, and I rushed to her assistan e, demanding of the officer authoritatively, "Upon what charge do you make this

terrified child besought me not to allow the officer to take her to all.

"Look at that pin, the little thief!"
the officer said roughly, making a movement to drag the child away.
"Slop!" I commanded, indignantly

"I say so," returned the officer sharply, "I know 'em, these street gamins, and a precious lot they are! She's a regular

'Indeed, sir, I am not a thief! Oh, I am not, I am not! I didn't mean to do wrong. I wanted to find my own papa wrong. I wanted to find my own papa that Miss Adeile says the crescent will

surely find." The officer laughed coarsely. "That is line, isn't it? righly dramatic for one so young. You see I know em; they come in all ages from—"
"Officer," I interrupted him, for a

crowd was gathering now, despite the biting cold, and I did not much enjoy my position as one of the central figure p with me into my office while we hear the little one's story. I am con vinced that you have no more right to arrest this child because she wears a costly ornament when walking quiedly along the publicatreet than you would have to arrest the wife or daughter of a millionunder like circumstances. know who I sm, and if the facts do not corroborate the story this child tella I

nom -e to deliver her over to you in the next few hours." "All right," said the officer, "take her; you'd be wiser in the next twenty-

four hours, I'll wager,"
And so I was, but not just as the officer ant cipate i. The child told me a singular story between her sobs, and facts proved it strictly true. Indeed, as I had the sittle one in my office before the fire, warm and comfortable except for the effects of her fright. I had time to see that her features and expression were those of a young princess of the blood clear-cut, exquisive and truthful. She was as far removed from the youthful unfortunates brought up in vice and

crime as is heaven from earth. a great man's daughter, and the only way she would ever find her papa was by the crescent, which he would recognize. The lived with Miss Adelle, a music teacher, and they had very little money. Miss Adelle had cried that morning because their coa was nearly gone and she had no

money to buy more.
"When Adelle had gone out I put the crescent on, and come to find papa, for I sirl's prespects, situated as Miss Adelle knew that if he saw that he would buy us is, than to have a bachelor like yoursel some more wood and coal," the child going around advocating her cause confided to me carnestly.

tale and took the child to the street and number given me. A tall, graceful woman of twenty-five or thereabout wel-

comed us with emotion.

"Why, my dear E a," she cried, clasping the child to her, "where have you been? I have been almost crary with anxiety about you."

But just at this moment Miss Adelle caught sight of me, and drawing herself up with dignity she waited for an explanation of my presence there. Stating the case briefly I asked her to tell me something about the child.

"I will, sir," she said, motioning me to be scated with grace I have rarely seen equaled. "The sole guardianship of little Eva fell to me strangely," she began. "I am the daughter of a clergyman, and while teaching music in my native village in the West it happened that one winter's night some years since—a night not unlike what this promises to be—my father and I were startled by moans at our windows. Investigation showed a woman and child. Both were nearly frozen, and the woman, once in the frozen, and the woman, once in the heated room, swooned. We summoned the most we could understand was that the most we could understand was that Eva belonged to wealthy parents, and that something would prove her identity. Sowed up in the rags wrapped about the baby girl we discovered the diamond crescent, which is strangely engraved in ciphers, unintelligible to a stranger, but no doubt significant enough to the owners, whom we naturally suppose to be little Eva's parents, for this was evidently what the poor woman meant to dently what the poor woman meant to

as a commission from heaven," said Eva's her mother.
guardian angel, with a soulful smile
Which disclosed a rich, beautiful nature,
"and we set about to find the parents.
For a long time we advertised, but to no purpose. Many replies came, but to none of these people did our little Eva belong. At last, after my father's death, which occurred three years ago, certain that satisfi Eva's parents were not to be found in but-Eva's parents were not to be found in the West, I sold my property there, coming to New York in the hope of obtaining pupils here, and at the same time good legal talent to push the work of establishing my darling's identity. We have not been very successful so far.

I felt my elf in a dilemma. Here was a beautiful young woman who had evidently sacrificed all her worldly goods to what she believed a divinely appointed mission, and for all I knew had at this moment neither money nor food, cer-

moment neither money nor food, cer-tainly not fuel for the morrow's bitter weather, for little Eva had innocently given that fact away, and yet she would not make a moan which would give mo the cue to her necessity, or make it pos-sible for me to offer pecuniary assistance. What should I do about it allf I

cogitated over and over again. "Retire at once, now that the business for which you came is ended," said the conven-tionalities. "But you cannot leave these wonder why its parents or guardians two penniless and friendless in a big permitted it to wear such a valuable trinket upon the public streets, an officer had the little one in his grasp.

Looking at it rationally, nothing would have seemed more probable than that the child was a thief, for I did not fail to notice in my first glasses that the care of little Eva as a commission from Heaven when a strange fate brought her to your door, and why may I not accept the care of both of you as my commission until something better

The effect of this speech was simply a changed man, and ended his bright castariling. Miss Adelle flushed and turned pale by turns, but she said, looking straight at me, with womanly courage in October, 1840. He was only thirty years old. flashing from her large violet eyes: "Sir, you have been so kind to my dear little Eva that I will not believe you intend

now, for I had made up my mind that charge has give me some idea of how you the child should at least have a hearing.

"Who says ahe is a thief?"

"I replied, feelingly. "Fardon me, but your little charge has give me some idea of how you are situated; I would like to befriend you have able to be a say a little of the says a little of the says a little of the says and the says a little of the says a little you both while you need a friend."

Miss Adeile searched my face long and

earnestly to discover if perchance there lurked some sinister motive there before she said: "Sir, your offer is a very extraordinary one.

'Not more so than your own course in sacrificing yourself and all that you pos-But that was the will of Heaven for

me," Miss Adelie said with deep serious-ness, "I could not do less. But," she added, after a moment, we do indeed need a friend.

Do you suppose that I would trespass longer upon your privacy were it not so?" I asked carnestly, "nay, trust me and you shall have no cause to re-

Then Miss Adelle spoke out like the large souled woman that she was: "I will trust you sir, for my little Eva's

Matters proved quite as bad as feared. They were at the end of their money, and no immediate prospect for getting more opened before them. Ad-lle, whose musical gits had been recognized as pre-em nent in her native village, had thought it would be easy enough to secure pupils in a great cry like New York, but clas! from bitter c. persence she had learned that this comercial Meoca towards which so many young aspirants for success turn their footsteps held but disappointment for

The end of a long discussion of the pros and cons involved, resulted in Miss Adelle's accepting assistance from me as a loan, and I, in turn, comised her pupils from among my friends, taking upon my shoulders the doubtful task of coercing all the fathers and mothers of my acquaintance into giving their chil-dren over to her training, beginning with my own married sister. And it was fortunate that I made my beginning there else it is probable that I should have miserably failed in my undertaking, for my sister-Mrs. Merwin-inbefore her: "I cannot be thankful end Tom, that I am the first one to whom you unfold your Quixotic scheme, for nothing could be more ruinous to a is, than to have a bachelor like yourself take me to see the girl, and if she I harled a cab at the conclusion of the is not a mere adventuress you may count

upon my doing what I can for her. That my sister was wholly satisfied with Misa Adelle will go without the saying when I tell you that she took her home within the week as musical governess to her own children, and personally solicited patronage for her among the "dair 560 friends."

eagurly requested to see Miss Adelle. The result of that visit was nothing short of the restoration of little Eva to her parents and home, for she was proven ness only to lose it again until we found that she was dying. Toward the last the poor creature muttered wildly and incherently, and seemed to be in mortal terror of punishment for some great crime. Just at the last, however, she became entirely rational, and made frantic efforts with her dying breath to tell us all about the child, but the most we could understand was that to be the long-lost and sadly mourned daughter of the banker, stolen by a former servant, the only object that could be discovered to extert money for original plan and left no clue by which the agonized parents could possi ly dis-cover their child, and long since she had

been given up for dead.

In the course of its progress from person to person, the story of the young music teacher and her little charge had reached the banker and his wife, who hastened to convince themselves that Eva was their long-lost darling; the diamond crescent which had been stolen "My father and I accepted the trust ing evidence, if more had been needed thrown upon us by that mysterious death than the child's great resemblance to

It is needless to say that the grateful parents insisted upon adopting Adelle into their hearts and homes as a daugh-ter no less than their legitimate off-pring; and for me they declared eternal friend-

With this I should have been quite satisfied under ordinary circumstances,

Calamities of Prominent Men.

James J. Wilson, of New Jersey, was successively Clerk of the legislature, editor, State Adjutant General and United States Senator. His mind became un-balanced, and one night he jumped out of the window and was badly in ured. He died two years later-July, 1824.

Congressman Robert Potter, of North Carolina, was the husband of a beautiful woman, of whom he was intensely jealous. His jealousy developed into insanity, and he nearly murdered two of his wife's cousins, who had called to pay a friendly visit, on August 28, 1831. Ho was sent to prison and find \$1,000. He afterward went to Texas, where he was killed in a brawl.

William S. Ramsey, of Carlisle, Penn., was e ceted to Congress when only twen-ty-eight years old. The day after his re-election he received a letter, the contents of which he never revealed.

In a fit of mental aberration John White, of Kentucky, killed himself at Richmond, Ky., in September, 1845. He was Congressman for ten years and Speaker of the Twenty-seventh Con-

Congressman Felix G. McConnell represented Alabama from December 4, 1843, to September 16, 1846, when he cut his throat in a Washington hotel. The death of a devoted friend had driven him to drink and insanity, with the result

Western pioneer, a Congressman and a United States Senator for ten years. The secret persecutions of a political enemy unsettled his reason and he cut his throat at Mount Vernon, O., on February

United States Senator Thomas J. Rusk, of Texas, committed suicide at Nace doches, Texas, in July, 1856. He had been a successful lawyer, a brave soldier, had fought for Texan independence, served as Chief Justice of the State and was a United States Senator for ten years Mental intimity drove him to the deed which ended his eventful career.

Edward Curtis was a noted politician in his time. He represented New York City in Congress from 1837 to 1841, when President Harrison appointed him Col-lector of the Port. The treachery of some iled in New York, after a lingering illness, in August, 1856. - Graphic.

Jim Fisk's Dodge.

Years ago when the New York Central and Erie pairoads were engaged in a desperate and destructive battle of cut rates, Jim Fisk played a shrewd dodge on Commodore Vanderbilt. The freight rates from Chicago to New York city were so low that there was no profit in transportation. Fisk seized the golden opportunity to buy catte; shipped the eattle o er the Commodore's road, and tion facilities that the Central then put up the priece of freight on the Erie, and was not only able to do a lucrative business while the Central was carrying cows at a loss, but he was also able to get his cows to the market, via the Commodore's line, at such low terms that he made a profit on every head -

Masufacturing a Poem.

poem by piecing together fragments of spoonful of flour, thep the gizzards, all those which had for many years been these in the liquid they were bolled that he had been adjudged the pri e. the gravy separately. When the geose and that his name had been published all is served, gerulsh it with sliced leman over England as that of the victor.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

Cleaning Lamps.

Every now and then the lamp needs & thorough cleansing. The oil should be carefully emptied away so as not to leave any dregs in the bottom. This can be put into a bottle and be kept for clean-ing. When the lamp has been well washed, the other oil can be poured back sgain, and added to till the reservoir is almost full. Before putting on the brass part that holds the globe and chimney, this too must be thoroughly cleaned. The network that crosses it must be freed from all impurities, and all pieces of char-ceal wick turned out from the edge. It will then be found that the lamp will burn clearly, giving out a bright white

Ironing. Few of the household duties are as exhaustive and worrisome to the housewife as the family ironing. Coming, as it generally does, immediately after the farigue of washing, it appears to be double as hard work as the former. Many women wash and iron the same day, which is a very unwise thing for them to do, unless their washing is very small, indeed. In cold weather, more particularly, clothes need to be out in the air a long time ere they are ready to be brought into the house, and very i dom are any of the heavy clothes, such as flannels, re dy for ironing the same day. Very often one, small articles, such as napkins, handkerchiefs, towels, etc., are sufficiently dry to iron the same day, owing to these ironing better when slightly damp than when perfectly dry. Dish towels are very hard to press so if allowed to get thoroughly dry before taking in, and will have to be dampened a great deal before the creases can be made smooth. It is best, therefore, if it can be conveniently done, to bring in from the line such sm ll pieces as iron best when damp. No large piece should ever be taken in until perfectly dry, un-less it is the table cloth, which will look much better if pressed while slightly damp. These articles should be ironed as dry as possible, and be thoroughly aired before being put away. To air na kins, handkerchiefs, etc., they should be hung on the horse the length of the fo d. and not, as very often done, thrown simply over the bar just in the fold in which they are placed away. They will not air or dry properly if hung in this way, and if put away from an airing of this kind, will must so easily that in a short while they will have no appear-ance whatever of having been iroued.

To brighten faded carpet, sponge with a mixture of one part ox-gali to two

Apple sauce is much improved by the addition of a tablespoonful of butter and requires le s sugar.

Cold sliced potatoes fry and taste bet-ter by sprinkling a teaspoonful of flour over them while frying. Infants under three months of age should not be given arrowroot or other starchy foods, for they cannot digest

To seed raisins easily, pour hot water over them, let it remain a moment, then drain off. The hot water loosens the

eeds and they come out clean. Charcoal is recommended as an ab-

The best thing for a burn is to wet the verse.

A decided improvement in the eating bib for children is made of a towel. It is better to have the towel white. Hollow out the neck before binding, and bind

Table linens should always be hemmed by hand. Not only do they look more dainty, but there is never a streak of der the edge after being laundered, as with machine sewing.

will last throughout a season.

Fog is an excellent cosmetic. To it is lue mu h of the beauty of English complexions, and those who live in hot and dry climates must be doubly careful to and against their dessicating effect if bre

placing sheets of blue tissue paper be-tween the folds, and then wrapping the

whole dress to the same paper. Never put kid glo es upon little children. It is simply barbarous. In wifter woolen mitts are good and sensible, with Lisle thread for moderate weather; but in summer it is positively sinful to hide the dimples and fetter the

motion of cunning basy singers. To clean a browned porcelain kettle boil wood ashes in the kettle a few min utes, then scour it with the ashes and rinse well. If fruit burns in it, set the kettle off the fire quietly and let the con tents cool before distributing. It will not hart the fruit, and will save the fully, if any of it is good, wash what will leave the kettle without scraping, and if not all loose, boil ashes in obliged to ref se all other freight. Fisk above. Sudden heating or cooling tends

A goose roasted after the German style may be admitted to the table as a varia-tion. Rub the goose the previous night with salt, pepper, sage, thyme, and sweet marjoram inside and out, in the morning prepare the dressing: A large handful of stoned raisins and Zanto currents to bread crumbs or crumbled crackers; two sour apples chopped fine, and on It is usual at Cambridge University to mealy potato mixed in with butter and annually give a handsome aum for the all well rolled together without spices, best poem. Some years ago a warry h For the gravy, boil the giblets in a andergraduate, for a mere jest, made a little water and mash the liver in a these in the liquid they were boiled in, the winners. He expected that the com-mittee would laugh at it and throw it sprinkle in a little thyme, sage, and aside. What was his horror at learning sweet mar oram, and it is done. Serve

THE FIRE WORSHIPERS.

THE ANCIENT TRIBE OF GUEBRES, FOLLOWERS OF ZOROASTER

Poculiar Sect in Persia With a Superstitious Reverence for Fire

-An Honest and Beliable People

The religion of the Guebres is several centuries older than Christianity. They the sun, moon and stars as objects of worship, and fire as a sacred element to treated with reverence and awe. Wherever they are sufficiently numerous and wealthy, they keep alight in their temples sacred fires, which are never al-lowed to become extinct from year to year and from generation to generation. Priests are employed to keep these ever-burning fires allams by constant attendance and feeding them with fuel. Bombay and other Indian cities, where the Guebres in India they are known a Parsees) are still numerons and wealthy, the sacred flames are maintained at great expense. The tires are fed with sandal wood and other fragrant and costly substances, and large quantities of spices are east into the flames to be consumed. They treat the ever-burning fire with the same superstitious reverence that th Hindoos bestow upon their idols, rich Guebres spending their money freely to present it with fragrant woods and spices. The priests, whose function it is to replenish the fires with fuel and see that they are never permitted to go out, regard the flame as a very sacred thing. So much so, that they are said to wear a gag over their mouth and nostrils when they approach the sacred flame, lest they

ould defile it by contact with human

One curious result—which I doubt not many people will regard as a good one— of the Guebres' reverence for fire, is that none of them indulge in the habit of smoking tobacco. They may use tobacco as snuff, or even chew it if so inclined, but the Guebre who should be found with a lighted pipe or eigar in his mouth wo ld at once become an object of ab-horence to his co-religiouists. They would regard him with much repug nance, as a person who had wantonly defiled his own god by putting his representative, fire, to an unholy use. Cen-turies ago, when Mohammedanism, the religion of the sword, swept over Persia, offering to the old fire-worshiping population the alternative of conversion to the new religion or death by the sword, all the Guebres that preferred to cling to their own belief and could get away fled to India. In the City of Bombay alone there are now about one hundred thousand fire-worshipers, or near one-seventh of the whole population. They are the most enterprising people in India, controlling a large share of the commerce of the entire country. Their business en-terprise and ability has made them very wealthy, so much so that the present King of Persia, "Nasr-ud-Deen, Shah-in-Shah, Asylum of the Universe," etc., has lately turned his august mind in their direction. Not long ago be sent a memorial to the wealthy Guebres of Bombay, stating how much he loved them, and inviting them to gather up their riches and come back to their ancient home. The Guebres, however, are not to be caught in any such oriental trap as this. They are now enjoying happi-ness and prosperity under the British rule in India, and are too wise and wary sorber of gases in the milk room where in these days to place themselves and foul gases are present. It should be their property within reach of an orientreship powdered and kept there contail despot, even though he be so amigble

burn with cold water, then cover the A curious thing about the few remain burn with wheat flour so thick it will ing Guebres in Persia is, that while the keep out the air; keep it on, it will pre- rest of the population about them, both Persian and Armenian, are notoriously dishonest and hardly know what it is to tell the truth, they are an honest and reliable people. As a consequence of this recognized valuable traft of character in the fire worshiping families, they are almost always to be found occupying positions of trust. Their chief occupaproperty of wealthy Persians. uld almost seem that the last function of the ancient fire worshipers in Per-in any good stove polish, is the blacking used by hardware dealers for polishing heating stoves. If properly put on it

The Formation of Soils.

Our soils, as is well known, depend upon a variety of actions which serve to break up the rocky matter of the earth, they would escape the appearance of and to commingle that matter with or ganic materials more rapidly than the In putting away wash dresses, every crosive agents can remove the detributive vestige of starch should be removed, and they should be left unround. White cays. For the formation of the soil two actions, at least are essential. First the bed-rock must be broken into fragments sufficiently separated from each other to permit the pas-age of roots between them second, the rock fragments must be still further commissued and comcombination of organic and inorganic matter on which the utility of the soil absolutely depends. Although the earth worms are undoubtedly very im ortant agents in overturning and breaking up of soil, it appears to me that they are most effective in the tilled fields or in atural and aminidal grass-lands. far at I have been able to observe, thes: forests where a thick layer of leaf-mould commingled with branches, lies upon The character of deposit is such that the creatures are not and they therefore in the main avoid such situations. Moreover, wherever the soil is of a very sandy nature, earth worms are scantily found if they are present at These worms are practically limited to the soils of a somewhat clavey character, which have no coating of decaye !

vegetation upon them. As the greater portion of the existing soil has been produced in forest regions, I shall first examine the action of various animals upon the soils of wooded coun The mammals are, of all our vertenumber of other small mammals resort to nail. In the afternoon his prophecy was the earth and make considerable excava verified by a heavy storm — Chicago tions — Popular Science Montaly.

MATERNAL INSTINCT.

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I wonder what my papa means By calling me Miss Fidgeti

A silly goose That has no use A troublesome little midget.

One Column, one year

Job werk-cash on dailvery

He says I always "ought to laugh; Good little girls are jolly." What would he do

If he, boo hoo! Had tored his little Dolly? He says my Dolly's nothing but A lot of rips and creases— That all combined

Could never find One half the missing pieces. And mamma told me if it was

Made out of iron and leather

It wouldn't stay More than a day Securely bell together. know its nose and ears are gone, It has one leg left only;

A great big crack Is in its back And one eye looks so lonely. Its face gets blacker every day,

It's never tidy, never; And if I rub And scour and scrub, It makes it worse than ever. They want to know what makes me keep

The "nasty thing" about m Why, don't you see it's fond of me, And couldn't do without me.

Now, does it matter much to them How sick and cross I may be? I'm not afraid Mamma would trade Me for another baby. -C M. Sayder, in Courier-Journal

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Geographical-What is the capital of

Jay Gould? Th's is the year when the girls leap and the men fly.

Why is it that the rising generation rises late? - New Haven New The wedding ring is woman's sphere

and also man's fear. - Epoch. They raise vegetable tallow in Australia. There's the place to laugh and grow fat .- Siftings.

Solomon, when he gave the famous judgment, was the first man who ever proposed to split the difference. For the past two years everything has been at sixes and sevens. But this year we hope to str8en matters out.—Epoch. More than 10,000,000 eggs are carried

into New York each week. One might be tempted to think this an ova supply. Boston Transcript. Agent (at the door)-"Is the lady of

the house in?" Gentleman (calling to his wife,—"Mary, is the cook in?"—Burlington Free Press. Next to a bull in a china shop, a strike in a glass factory would seem to be one of the most smashing things in the

world .- Boston Transcript. When blizzards bliz, An' coal is riz,
An' tempests temp their boldest,
We shivering shiv,
And scarce can live—
For street-car stoves are coldest,
—Detroit Free Press

New York Man (smilingly shaking ands -- Excuse my glove, Boston Achands - Excuse my glove. Boston Acquaintance (frigidly)-Ah, certainly. Excuse my spectacles .- Chicago Tri-

It is said that J. Gould enjoyed the novel sensation of a short balloon trip in Paris. He's got the earth, and he probably went up to take a look at the

Several diamonds were found in meteorite which fell in the town of Krasnoslobodsk, Russia. They will be given to the individuals who are able to pronounce the name of the town. A WAIL PROM CHICAGO.

The big jack rose
By the sad sea blows
And the cactus buds on the prairie;
But the orange blossom blooms
Where the port trade booms—
So hustle to the lakeside, Mary!
Oh! hustle to the lakeside, Lucy an' Jane—
An' hurry up, Tibby an' Carrie!
Bring along year trousseau— Bring along your trousseau— You'll be happy if you do so, For there's heaps of fellers here as wants to

-Chicago News.

Chinese Table Etiquette.

As soon as the guests are seated on the nats, two, and sometimes three, small, ow tables are brought to each. one immediately in front of him the guest fluds seven little covered howls. On the second tatle will be five other bowis. The third, a very small table, should hold three bowls. Take up the chop-sticks with the right hand, remove the cover of the rice bowl with the same hand, transfer it to the left, and place it to the left of the table. Then remove the cover of the bean soup and place it on the rice cover. Next take up the rice bowl with the right hand, pass it to the left, and cat two mouthfuls with the chop-sticks, and then drink once from the soup low!.

And so on with the other dishes—
never omitting to eat some rice between each monthful of meat, fish and vegetables, unless you forget which is your mouth and which is your right hand, or have become so giddy that you can not tell your left hand from a chop-stick or your rice bowl from your third table. Chicago Tribune.

A Youthful Weather Prophet.

The six-year-old son of a Kentucky man is acquiring notoriety as a weather prophet. The child is small for his age, and cannot yet talk plainly, but has de-veloped barometrical powers to a won-derful degree. Since he was four years old his parents, who are respectable and reliable people, declare that he has fore-told every rain half storm or snow storm. brates, the most effective in their action; and even the light showers and sprinkles so plentiful in the spring of the year. One day recently, while the sun was blasor more of our American mammals are burrowers in the forest-bed. They either make their habitations beneath the ground, or resort to it in the pursuit of he had been intently gazing at the food. Of these, our burrowing redents heavens, and predicted a heavy reinstance perhaps the most effective, but a large storm, to be followed by a produce fall of number of other small mammals resort to nail. In the afternoon his prophecy was