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The prize for the effectual destruction of rabbits offered by the New South Wales Government is being warmly contested. Already 386 Inventions have been went in to compete for the \$250,000.

The Church of England is getting so pressed for money that Canon Gregory proposes to cut down the salary of the Archbishop of Canterbury from £15,000 to £12,000, and the salary of the Archbishop of York from £10,000 to

It may not be generally known that Arkansas has very fine apples, and a greater variety than is grown on the Pacific coast. Arkansas has now competed at all the firgit shows in the Unsted States, and has at each place won the highest award for apples.

The insurance companies last year colected \$2, 180,000 net money in Chicago, for premiums, while they paid out for fire losses a little over \$3,000,000. The showing was nearly as bad as this in New York, and all around the year seems to have been an unprofitable one for the com-

The fashionable butter makers of America, such as Mayor Hewitt, of New York, and William B. Dinsmore, are far in advance of their English colleagues. They get a dollar a pound for their butter, but the Duchess of Hamilton offers hers for sale for one shilling and seven pence per pound.

The Boston's Young Men's Christian Association, establishing a library, invited George W. Cable to deliver a lecture in behalf of the enterprise. No tickets were sold. Admission was given to anybody who brought a book for the library. The scheme made a happy hit; a good many library shelves were filled.

The queen of the Cowling River tribe of Indians died near Freeport, Washington Territory, a few days ago, and was burried with a great Indian powwow. The was more than one hundred years old and was one of the surviving members of a tribe that was once a power smong the Indians of the North-

Professor Kirchoff, to decide a bet, recently stated that Chinese was the most popular language in the world. is spoken by 400,000,000 persons; Hindostani by upward of 100,000,000; English by more than 100,000,000; Russian by more than 70,000,000; German by 58,000,000; Spanish by 48,000,000, and French by only 40,000,000.

The night school for convicts, lately started in the New Jersey State Prison, is producing good results. One of the scholars has started a dictionary in his cell. When he hears a new word he writes it down on a slip of paper. He then asks a deputy keeper what it means. He writes down the meaning opposite the word and files the slip on a hook in his cell. In the evening he studies these slips for an hour an two. His unique dictionary now consists of about 800

General Greely now wisely suppliments his monthly "Summary of International Meteorological Observations" with a series of daily charts covering land and sea, most of the way from the equator to the Arctic circle. The changes taking place in one part of the globe have such intimate relations with those at a distance that the highest efficiency in forecasting can be obtained only after careful study of simultaneous phenomena in adjacent regions. These maps conduce directly to that end.

If the wits who waxed humorous over the purchase of Alaska twenty-one years ago could read so ne of their "jokes" today, they would scarcely be pleased at their exuberance, says Frank Lodie's. The average annual market value of the products of that locality in recent years has been almost equal to the entire sum which the United States paid for the whole region. With a Territorial Government organized there, to give security to titles and afford encouragement to emigration, the annual gold product alone, a few years hence, would undoubtedly exceed the original cost of that entire section of the country.

Though considerably past seventy years old. Prince Bismarck still works as hard as he did when he was twenty years younger. He never goes to bed until two in the morning, and cats a hearty supper shortly before midnight. He rarely rises much before noon, as he has always been a heavy sleeper and is often disty sed during the night by the arrival of ... spatches which require instant attention. The Chancellor is becoming a rich man. The salaries from his offices are by no means extravagant, but added to the revenues of his estates and the profits of his saw-mills and distilleries, they bring his income to betwenn \$100,000 and \$150,000 a year. And, as the Prince is notoriously economical, a very large proportion of this comfortable income is anMY NEIGHBOR AND L

My neighbor's acres held in fee ie broad, and green, and fair; Bix slender feet of ground for me, My mother earth may spare, To have and hold when I shall be

The turvets of his mansion rise In state above the trees; The walls that greet my waking syes, His pride would hardly please; Unless some bide me in the skies. I have none else than these!

The dainties of his broken fast He took with grace unsaid; I marvel if the plain repast, Which my fresh hunger fed, Upon his pride the charm could cast Of thanks for "daily bread."

A thousand greet him on the street, Proud of his smile, or hand; He would not see me, should we meet The lowly and the grand; But there's content beneath my feet He would not understand!

While to my neighbor and to me Time moves with even speed, He's rich, as one may need to be, And I am poor indeed; So poor, that I his splendor see, Lacking both gold and greed.

Soon Death, who mocks at rank and class, Will bring us to one goal, Where each its narrow gate must pass Stript to the naked soul. What will be have beyond, alas! Of earth's unstinted dole?

For him six slender feet of earth, Six slender feet for me; We two, divided from our birth, Twinned in the grave will be; Enough, if then my mortal dearth Is merged in heaven's full sea! -C. Richards, in Home Magazine.

"AT THE PATGO."

There is a very peculiar custom which prevails in the rural districts of Louisi-anna, of which the oldest inhabitant cannot tell the origin. In some points it resembles the old Scottish game of the "Wappenshaw," but it has local and special features of its own, which only some dead-and-gone Acadian ancestor

As for the singular name, it is simply according to a corruption of "Pape gaie"—the 'Pape," or "Pop." as it is called in English, being a bright little bird.

The Patgo is a wooden rooster, gaily

decorated with showy ribbons, and mounted on a pole as a mark, or target. Prizes are offered, so many dollars for each wing, so much for the head; but the grand prize falls to the lucky marks-

man who brings down the bird.

A horseman discounting before the gate of one of the small cottages in Prairie Manon, in Southwestern Louisianna, noticed a great excitement in and about the house. Men were collected in groups, guns were being cleaned and fired, and that deafening hubbub pre-vailed which the soul of the excitable Acadian delights in.

The gentleman fastened his horse to a

"Can you give me lodging to night, sir?" he said, taking off his hat with a courteous inclination of his tine head. The old man took his pipe from his mouth and stared at the speaker, who was a magnificent young man in the un-dress uniform of the United States army, Over six feet in statue, he was finely proportioned, and had a face of singular and marked beauty. There was a gamebag slung over his shoulder, and he held

"Je comprends 'pas', monsieur," the old man answered. "I spik not the language, 'mericain."

'And I not one word of French," laughed the stranger. "But look here. old fellow, I must make you understand, Been hunting," pointing to the full game-bag and gun. "Lost my way," ralking a out, and turning from right to left in a confused manner. "Want some supper," chewing vigorously, "and. above all, want a bed," laying his head on his hand and shutting his eyes. "If the old coon don't understand that

speaking pantomime, he's an idiot." The old man certainly understood all that was ridiculous in it, for he laughed aloud, but courteously repressed his merriment and answered gravely: "My garcon, my son, Jean Baptiste, he spik de mericala good. Jean Baptiste, vicus

Jean Baptiste came up. A good-looking lad about eighteen, but with a omy and despondent face. In fact, n Baptiste had the air of a person crushed by some misfortune, for the world had no charm. He listened to officer, and translated his request to his father, who answered him in an ex-

papa he say ze house is full, full. People come feefty mile to shoot at ze Patgo to morrow; but if monsieur can sleep in ze loft, bon! he can stay. Ze first come, he get ze best bed."

"And as I'm the last comer, I get the loft, and thankful am I for it," said the officer, with a gay laugh. "It isn't pleasant to be lost in your prairies at night. But, my boy, what in the world

"Monsieur does not know ze Patgo!" in a tone of astonishment. that is strange! It is a bird made out ze You pay twenty-five cents for a Zeman what brings it down gets ze big prize. Such a pony, all bia k, no white spot, and he run like a deer!

"I suppose you are going to try for the wonderful pany?" "Ah, mon Dies, but no! I have broke my gun, and zey will not lead me one. And why? I shoots best, and zey is jaloux. Zey vants me not try. Ah, and zey is glad my gun is broke! Canaille!" he muttered between his set

teeth as he glared sa agely at the marksstranger looked around, and thought to himself that even in this beau-officer. "Boys are fools, and you spoiled tiful isolated region, so remote from the ze fun by bringing down z struggling ambitions of the world, envy and hatred flourished. "The boy has actually a morderous look," he thought, and those fellows must be a mean set

"Look here, Jean Baptiste!" he said I vill be much gratify."

aloud. "You shan't be balked of your shot. You shall take my rifle; it's a first-rate one. You'd better try it now, with the other marksmen, till you get accus-

tomed to its weight, If he had rescued Jean Baptiste from a terrible fate, the Acadian could not have been more vehement in his expressions of gratitude. In a queer patois of French and English, mixed with hystercal sobs, he poured forth his thanks. The stranger sauntered leisurely after him, and watched with keen eyes the

markmanship of the Acadians.

"Jean Baptiste isn't half a bad shot,"
he said to himself, "but the boy's too
nervous. Dare say he'd have done betnervous. Dare say he'd have done bet-ter if he hadn't been tearing his nerves to fiddle strings this evening. Funny people, these Acadians! Too excitable and noisy ever to make good marksmen."

That night, in the loft which Jean Bap-tiste shared with him, the boy confided to him his reasons for wishing to win the great prize. He sat on his mattress, his great brown eyes luminous with excitement, and his expressive gestures pieccing out his imperfect speech. "You see, monsieur, I vas born here, and nevaire haf I been feefty mile from

ze prairie. You see a tall tree far off in ze matrais? I haf nevaire been more far. I climb it, I look far out. I say, 'Jean he Baptiste Avran, if you had a popy for your own, you could run away. You could gallop, gallop into ze big world, and, who knows, make a heap of money. 'Ah, grand Dien, I is so tired!" throwing out his arms with a tragic gesture. 'I is not a cow; I is not a horse, to be glad and satisfy because ze grass is fine. glad and satisfy because ze grass is fine. I vant to go far off to see people, to learn to read. Monsieur, when strangers come here, not good, not kind like you, zey laugh at us. Zey say: 'You cannot read or write; you know nothin'; you are no

or write; you know nothin'; you are no more zan your beasts.' Non, non," striking his breast, "I vill go avay! I vill not stay here!"

"You would leave your father, your friends!" the officer said gently. "My poor boy, the world isn't quite heaven."

"It may be bad, yes. It may hurt me, but it vill not be ze prairie. Ah, I choke here!"

In plain words, you want a change, and the officer laughed. "You want the pony to gallop off into pitfalls, and stumble against walls, and to get so many knocks and tumbles that all the King's horses and all the King's men couldn't piece you into the old Jean Baptiste again. You don't understand a word I say! I was just talking to myself you see, and you needn't understand. Go to sleep, and sleep soundly if you want to shoot well. Nothing like a good night's rest to steady the nerves."

About ten o'clock next morning several hundred people assembled at the ap-pointed place. In the open prairie, the Patgo fastened to a tall pole fluttered its gay streamers in the breeze, and the at-tention of the Acadians seemed divided between the bird and the stately young officer who towered above them all, his keen eyes taking in every detail of the

"He looks like St. Michael," whispered one. "The picture in the church." "Bah?" answered the other. Michael is angry, he is trampling the dragon. That man looks as cold as ice, his face never changes, though he is handsome. Yes he is beautiful."

been brought down. "Will not monsieur take some chance?" ladled.

said one of the judges, in very good Eng lish, approaching the stranger. ones found quiet olarge in wood-vardy and sunny. Corners of the streets to

Baptiste Avran. It is his turn, now Jean Baptiste's first shot was tolerable, as it struck the wing of the bird, but without bringing it down. In the next, his nervous excitement had got the bet-ter of him, and his shot flew over the head of the bird. He had taken but three chances, and his last shot was so deplorably wide of the mark, that a laugh from the competitors saluted it.

Jean Baptiste!" cried one, 'thou didst not say thy prayers last Get out of the way, mon gars', and let the strange monsieur try his

The officer took his rifle from Jean Baptiste, and smiled at his downcast face. He examined the weapon, loaded it in his cool, deliberate manner, and taking his position, carelessly raised it, and, without apparently looking at the Patgo, called out:

This for the right wing of your The shot rang out, and the wing lay on the ground.

"This for the head!" The ribbons which had adorned that tion of the Patgo gave a last flutter as it swooped down.

'And this for the pony!" As the bird fell, a perfect storm of rage arose in the crowd.

"Unfair!" "Cheatery!" "The Patgo should not have fallen for an hour yet!" 'He is a sorcerer!" "He is a devil!" 'Robber!" "Vile American!" The officer did not understand them,

but he saw threatening faces and gestic ulating arms, as the crowd pressed closely to him. He coolly loaded his rifle, and, standing with his back to a large tree, waited for an attack, his impassive face as calm as if he had been among friends. Jean Baptiste, his boyish face glowing with indignation, and his eyes flashing defiance, sprang to his

"Zey is mad!" he cried. "Zey wants to fight you! Cowards! Aha, I has a gun!" holding it up. "I vill help you." "Two against two hundred," said the officer coolly, with a smile. "It's long odds, my boy, "but I'll try to hold my You must keep out of the mess For the life of me I don't know what the beggars are howling about, but all the same if they attack me, I'm ready."

But there were some cool heads in that crowd. They dashed about among the turbuleat crowd, scolding at the very top of their voices, and giving heavy blows right and left to some of the furious oungsters who were shaking their fists and howling curses at the cool stranger.

You must hexcuse ze boys, monsieur, said one of the judges courteously, to the It is all fair, and you haf ze prize, nst where you going to hit. We nevaire ask a stranger be name, but if monsiour vill tell us, he'sso wonderful a marksman,

"My name is Scott," said the stranger, "Captain Scott, from the Barracks at

Baton Rouge. There was a minute's profound silence, as the name of the most celebrated marksman in the country fell upon their ears. Not a man there, not a man hardly in the United States, but what had heard of the wonderful feats of marksmanship

of that gallant young officer.

Then suddenly, as with one voice,
there arose a deafening cheer. "Captain Scott! Hurrah for Captain Scott!

Men crowded around to gaze at him, to shake hands with him. A voice cried out, in good English, "We are proud, Captain Scott, to have seen you. We'd have given two ponles willingly just to have a peep at you. And you're worth it ten."

Captain Scott laughed and turned to the Judge, who, leading up the prize pony, laid the bridle in his hand. "It's a beautiful animal," he said, ad-

"It's a beautiful animal," he said, admiringly, "but of course it's not up to my weight. I didn't win it for myself. Here, my boy," to Jean Baptiste, "I shot for you. Mount your pony," he added, with a laugh, "and let us seeyou gallop into the great world."

Jean Baptiste gasped for breath, then, before Captain Scott could prevent him, he had thrown his arms around the as-

he had thrown his arms around the as-tonished captain's neck, and kissed him on both cheeks. The crowd cheered. Jean Baptiste, with an Indian yell, sprang on the pony and galloped over the prairie. But he did not gallop into the world that day, nor before a year, when, through the influence of Captain Seattle of the prairies of the property of the Scott, he was placed in a good school.

The world was kind to the prairie boy, and he became a wealthy and influential man. A few years ago he died at an advanced age, but his most treasured possession was a picture of Captain Scott in the glory of his beautiful manhood. The gallant officer died shortly after the picture was taken, but there are probably many living now who remember the incident of the Patgo. - Youth's Compan-

Charity in China,

On the first day of the tenth moon (15th of November) the winter charities are opened in Peking for the dispensing food. When the cold season is further advanced the distribution of clothing is made and the almshouses become Two members of the staff of the Chinese Times recently made a tour of inspection among the charities in the her room; it is very convenient in mov-south city of Peking. All the institutions visited were supported by imperial can be packed with baby's clothes, covbounty. The first one reached was a cred with the bath rubber sheet and tied porridge kitchen, a little east of the carefully across with a rope; and on argreat central city gate Ch'ien Men. The rival—the baby wearied and tired—there 'granary rice' was already cooked and waiting hot in the great wooden tubs usually found in such places; but although it was 9 o'clock none of the poor people had arrived. The explanation of this unusual lateness is that at a place half a mile away they were drawing the rations of good millet porridge first. The granary rice is of bad quality, and the people much prefer the millet. The second place visited was one where sound millet porridge was served, and there may be made and there were a served ability to the rational to other things. In going across the ocean it is invaluable as, resting on its broad base on the floor, no pitching nor rolling of the ship will be able to upset it. When baby gets too old to use it, it can retire to its natural home—the laundry—and there men, women and children to the number of 1,200 were waiting in great rooms or barracoons the distribution of the food. It was soon begun. Two files with either bine or pink paper muslin, marched out simultaneously, men on over which I draw in folds some thin post, and approached a venerable-look-ing old man who sit on the steps of the house, and who was gesticulating and shouting with the most obstreperous of tion a dipper of hot millet porridge was mattress; now from the outside edge of ladled. Most of the recipients returned the top I hang a ruille of cheap cotton finish up the millet while hot, and then go to the place where the rice already mentioned was waiting for them. At the third place visited the dispensing was already over, only five hundred ap plicants having presented themselves to-day, most of them, as usual, being women and children.

This was one of the departments or branches of a large and expansive charity under the title, The functionary in charge informed us that several thousand sometimes were A few steps further on were the free schools of this same charity, and still further to the west at a short distance the winter's lodgings known as The Warm Quarters." priated for women and children, fifty or sixty of whom had already arrived. They receive porridge of millet and rice twice a day, on which they subsist during the winter. The "warm quarnumber eight in the south and were opened about ten years ago in addition to the regular official alms-The administration of harity leaves little to be desired, many thousands of poor people being housed, fed, and clothed during the winter in a perfectly efficient manner.

On Hangman's Day.

A Philadelphia job printer who began business on Friday has circulated the following card bearing a list of interesting events that have occurred on that day

Washington born on Friday. Queen Victoria married on Friday. Napoleon Bonaparte born on Friday.

Battle of Bunker Hill fought America discovered on Friday. Joan of Arc burned at the stake on

Battle of Waterloo fought on Friday. Bastile destroyed on Friday. Declaration of Independence signed on Battle of Marengo fought on Friday.

Julius Casar assassinated on Friday. Lee surrendered on Friday. Fort Sumter bombarded on Friday. Moscow burned on Friday. Shakspeare born on Friday. King Charles I. beheaded on Friday. Richmond evacuated on Friday, Battle of New Orleans fought on Fri-

A Novel Lawsuit.

day .- Detroit Free Press.

In the United States Circuit Court at Springfield, Ill , a judgment has been rendered for the defendant in the ejectment case of John H. Decker against Roderick E. Rambour. The defendant has been for twenty years the occupant of a pice of land of 700 acres known as Cobb Island, in the Mississippi river near East St. Louis. It shifted its posi-tion in the changes of the stream and lodged against the land of the plantiff, who claimed it as a natural accretion and brought this suit for possession, with the result stated .- Chicago Tribune.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

Cement to Mend Iron Pots and Pans. The following cement is suggested by the Scientific American to mend from pote and pans: Take two parts of sulphur and one part, by weight, of fine black lead; put the sulphur in an old iron pan. holding it over the fire until it begins to melt, then add the lead; stir well until all is mixed and melted; then pour out on an iron plate or smooth stone. When cool, break into small pieces. cool, break into small pieces. A suffi-cient quantity of this compound being placed upon the crack of the iron pot to be mended, can be soldered by a hot iron in the same way a tinsmith solders his sheets. If there is a small hole in the pot, drive a copper rivet in it and then solder over it with this cement.

A Good Family Dessert.

Apples and stale bread make one of best of family desserts, according to Miss Corson. Peel ten good sized apples (evaporated apples will do), core and slice them, and stew them to a pulp with sugar enough to sweeten them. Meantime thickly butter the sides and bottom of an earthen baking dish and press all around the side and bottom crumbs from the inside of a loaf of bread, having them nearly an inch thick. the apples are done, mix with them a tablespoonful of butter and one egg beaten; put the apples into the dish without disturbing the crumbs; over the surface put an inch-thick layer of crumbs dotted with bits of butter, and bake the pudding until the crumbs at the sides are brown; turn a plate, just large enough to enclose the dish within its rim, over the pudding dish, quickly turn both upside down so that the pudding will slip out on the plate, dust with powdered sugar and serve hot.

A Clothes-Basket Crib.

The nicest kind of a crib for a new born baby is a clothes basket. Get the largest size of wicker clothes basket-a square one with handles at each end. Have a small hair mattress made to fit the bottom of it, as hair is much more wholesome to sleep on than feathers, but for a sudden emergency any ordinary pillow will answer the purpose. This kind of crib has many advantages. It can be put in a closet when not in use; it can be lifted into another room without disturbing the baby's sleep, if its mother should want to receive guests be-fore she is well enough to leave need be no waiting till the porter carries up the heavy crib, as any one can carry up the basket; and there is no screwing together, but simply take off the rubber sheet and there baby has its bed ready, and nurse can attend to other things. be made useful for the rest of its days.

I make mine not only useful but quite ornamental by covering it inside and out dotted Swiss, sewing it carefully and tightly through the bottom where the coarse stitches will be hidden by the ing it on by 2.row of quilled satin ribin color to match the paper muslin, and I have a very pretty and cheap crib. again. - Babylioo t.

Household Hints. Clean piano keys with a soft rag dipped

Egg stains on silver can be taken off with table salt and a wet rag.

Apples that are not properly looked after will decay in the barrels very fast. Leather chair seats may be revived by rubbing them with well-beaten white of

the time that Irish potatoes do either to bake or boil. To notish nickel-plated goods after be-

oming black and not worn, use rouge or whiting on a rag with a little oil. If ribbons need renewing wash them in cool suds, made of coap, and iron when damp. Cover with a clean cloth and iron

Tea or coffee stains will come out at once if they are taken immediately and held over a pail white boiling water is poured upon them.

When using stale bread for puddings always soak it in a cold liquid. Breat that has been soaked in cold milk or water is light and crumbly, whereas that aked in hot liquids is heavy.

Vegetables with a strong flavor, such as onions and turnips, will proved by putting them to boil in cold water, renewing this from a kettle of boiling water as soon as it comes to a

Oil cloths should never be washed in hot scap-suds; they should first be washed clean with cold water, then rubbed dry with a cloth wet in milk. The same treatment applies to a stone or slate hearth. To make silk which has been "tum-

oled " and wrinkled appear nearly like new, sponge it on the surface with a weak solution of gum arabic on white gloves, and iron it on the wrong side. Strong black tes, cold, is a good thing to clean black silk.

China's Solomon Another Solomon has arisen at Shang-

hal, China. A man was accused of hav-ing stolen a table. He professed to be so weak and sick that he could not have carried away the table. The judge listened sympathetically and then I think you are right. I pity you. Take that bug with \$10,000 and spend it in getting thoroughly cured." The accused bowed and took up the bag on his shoulders and walked out. Bring that man back !" ordered the indee, and on the culprit's reappearance the was idge told him he had noticed him as he had walked through the room with that he considered him quite equal to the task of carrying away a table. So he pronounced the accused guilty of the theft. - Chicago Herald.

A MAGNET'S GREAT POWER

SCIENTIFIC EMPLOYMENT WO DISMANTLED CANNONS

Interesting Experiments With the World's Largest Magnet-A Watch Stopped Three Feet Away. Willett's Point, on Long Island Sound

is used as a post graduate school for West Pointers. It is designed especially for the instruction of those enlisted in the engineer corps. At present there are about 400 men there. Major W. R. King, who is in command, is a large man. of massive physique, with bushy black hair and beard. He is very courteous in his manner, dresses neglige, and does not look much like a soldier. He is an en thusiast on the subject of physical sei ence, and he has entered into all his original researches with such a strondetermination to make them successful that the men under him regard him is

the light of a genius.

Last December Major King happened to see two large 15-inch Dahlgren gunlying unused side by side on the dock He immediately conceived the idea that a magnet of enormous power could be constructed by means of these cannon with submarine cable wound about them The experiment proved very successful The magnet, which stands about ten fee from the ground, is eighteen feet long and has eight miles of cable wound about the upper part of the guns. It is th largest and most powerful magnet in the world. Some faint idea of its power may be conceived from the fact that it takes a force of 25,000 pounds to pull off the armature.

The experiments made the other day were the last of the season, as the men are about going into winter quarter-Heretofore the experiments have been largely in the direction of fish torpedoes The tests to demonstrate the enormous power of the magnet were made in the presence of a number of the officers of the United States Engineer Corps, and were highly successful. A crowbar which was applied to the magnet re-quired the combined force of four strong men to tear it away. A handful of pins thrown in the opposite direction immedia-tely flew back and attached themselves to the magnet. A seemingly impossible experiment was performed with some fifteen-inch cannon balls. The balls were solid and as much as a strong man could lift, yet the magnet held several of them suspended in the air, one under

The most interesting experiment an I the one that was regarded with the greatest attention was the test made of an American non-magnetic watch. Ever since the great railroads of the country have compelled their employes to provide themselves with timepieces that would not be affected by the magnetism generated by the car trucks, there has been much speculation as to whether such a watch could be made, and a sharp rivalry has been going on between the American and Swiss manufacturers. The American and Swiss manufacturers. The test was highly satisfactory, and once more proved that whenever a new invention was imperatively demanded American genius could fully hold its own against the whole world. Major King's magnet was so powerful that an ordinary watch was stopped stock still as soon as it came within three feet of Before the test was made there was quite a diversity of opinion among the

experts present as to how far it would prove successful. Those who believed that while a watch magnetic influence under ordinary circomstances were also of the opinion that when it was subjected to the most powerful magnet in the world the steel would bear so on the working parts that the watch must necessarily stop. For ten minutes the watch was held in front of the magnet. It did not vary the hundredth part of a second. The man who held it said that he himself was conscious of the influence of the magnet. He could feel as he held the watch by the chain that some other

power than his was keeping it suspended. The most amusing experiment was made with a sledgehammer. When one tried to wield it in a direction opposite to the magnet he felt as if he were trying to hit a blow with a long feather in a gale of wind. There is nothing in the world that could take the conceit out of a strong man so much as this simple experiment. Another amazing test was made with a number of carpenter's spikes. A spike was put lengthwise on the end of the magnet, then another spike was attached to the first and so on until a line of them stood straight out from the magnet at least four feet in ience the experiments were so novel and startling that they were entertaining even to those who were not interested it the wonderful developments of electricity .- New York San.

Wages For Life From a Railroad, A locomotive engineer on a train en-

Turkey, December 19, 1883, on reaching the depot was frightened to see a number of freight cars on the track. He was in agony of terror, but succeeded in stopping the locomotive in time to prevent a mishap. In consequence of the terrible excitement he suffered he fell ill and became unable to continue his occupation. The company discharged him, lie brought a suit of damages against the company for payment of his full wages of \$52 a month during his lifetime, to be secured by a capital of \$12, 500, which was to be deposited with the court. The suit was carried through all the three stages, namely, the Austrian Consulate at Constantinople, the Superior Court of Trieste and the Suceme Court of Vienna, Austria. all the courts, because his loss of health was caused by a mishap beyond his power to control, and for which, therefore, the company must be held responsible.

A Bull Fight in Her Honor.

A young lady in the city of Mexico Senorita Matibla Montaga, having been the first of her sex to devote herself to medical studies, the young men of the her courage that they got up a buil fight in her honor lately. It was a real fight, as the fact that two of the foreadors were seriously hart proved. The receipts were devoted to the purchase of books and instruments for the outsit of the lady.

BALLAD OF THE FACED FIELD

Broad bars of sunset slanted gold Are laid along the field, and here The ellence sings, as if some old Refrain, that once rang long and clear, Came softly, stealing to the ear Without the aid of sound. The rill Is voiceless, and the grass is sere; But beauty's soul abidefa still.

Trance-like the mellow air doth hold The sorrow of the passing year; The heart of Nature groweth cold, The time of falling snow is near; On phantom feet, which none may hear, Creers with the shadow of the hEL The semblance of departing cheer; But beauty's soul abideth still

The dead, gray clustered weeds enfold The well known summer path, and drear The dusking hills, like billows rolled Against the distant sky, appear.

From lonely haunts, where night and fear Keep ghostly tryst, when mists are chill, The dark pine lifts a jagged spear-But beauty's soul abideth still

May come no more: Life may fulfiil Her fleeting dreams, with many a tear-

But beauty's soul abideth still. -Robert Burns Wilson, in the Critic. HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Dear love-the days that once were dear

Beats awl-shoe machinery. A gang of desperadoes is a preying

Dispensers of charity are permitted to carry alms.

That would be a weak enterprise which could not stand a loan. The spook of the 'Haunted Tavern'

must have bee an inn-specter. It was the lady you thought she was going to swoon who had a faint sus-

A Paris paper says "the people of St. Louis, D. T., are dying of a disease called the blizzards."

While some ladies desire only the latest novelties in ribbons, there are others who prefer those of a moire antique pattern. The Transcript speaks of the turtle as taking a leading part at dinners." We thought he generally appeared as a supe.

Borton Bulletin. "Ah, yes," said a cabinet-maker to a crockery dealer, to whom he was introduced—"ah, yes, you sell tea sets, and I sell settees."—Graphic.

A labor writer asks: "What luxury can the common ditch-digger claim as his own?" Dear man, he can take his pick.-Binghampton Republican. English traveler (out West)-"What

is the population of Pistolville?" Native - "Oh, about four hundred in the morning, on an average, and twenty to twenty-five at night,"-Graphic. Fair Critic- "I think that little spot there!—(Pointing.) Artist (alarmed)—
'Pardon me, but you must not touch
the picture!" Fair Critic—'Oh, it
doesn't matter; I have got my gloves

A serious accident occurred in an uptown house the other night by a mi placed switch. The owner's husband stepped upon it and ran a hairpin into his foot to the depth of an inch. - Norris-

town Herald. As the act-drop fell Mrs. Galatine fixed her eyes on it and studied it curiously. "You seem to be enjoying the drop," remarked her husband. "I am." "Well, I think I'll enjoy one myself." And he stole softly out. - Tid Bits

Mistress-"Anna! Whatever has become of all your pretty curls?" You see, ma and the regiment has left our town, and so I have nad to give a lock of my hair to several of my ac-acquaintances."—Filegende Blactter.

Stranger (to boy)—"Boy, can you di-rect me to the nearest bank!" Boy— "I kin fer twenty-fi' cents." Stranger Twenty-five cents! Isn't that high pay? Boy-"Yes, sir, but it's bank directors what gits high pay."-New York San, The prairies vast we used to deem best, We thought 'twould be bliss to live out in

the West.
But when storms knocked us endways, with
a whire and a whiz.
We really believed there was more blizzard

A Kansas City woman saw Booth and Barrett play "Othello" in that city and was asked which actor pleased her most. due deliberation; "I liked one bout as well as the other. They were both just as cunnin' as they could be."—Graphic.

Waiter (to customer)-"Ain't de soup all right, sah?" Customer (dubiously) Ye-es, it tastes all right; but I am a barber, and I wish you would ask the chef if he doesn't want a bottle of my the hair from falling out." - Philadelphia It is interesting to trace the evolution

of words and expressions. Cultured people say "how do you do?" Those who are less precise say "howdy do?" In the backwoods of Tennessee they say "howsly!" The noble red man of the West says "how?" While the cat on the The careless use of the editorial "we" frequently gets newspapers into trouble, and the use of the word "we" to repre-

sent the people of the whole country is sometimes no fatal-at least this is probably the opinion of the editor of the Springfield Union, who recently said: "We ate 3, 100,000 bags of peanuts last year," - Habester Past-Repre Returned Missionary-"All natives of

rank have coins suspended from their-noses and ears." " But with the crude inatruments you say they have I don't see how they can punch holes through the coins." "The holes are already punched. You see, most of the coins come from America, where they are collected in church contribution boxes."- N. branka State Journal. "For ten years past," said the new boarder, "my habits have been as regu-

of six; half an hour later I sat down to breakfast; at seven I was at work; dined at twelve; are supper at six and was in bed by hime thirty; are only hearty food and hadn't a sick day in all that time," "Dear me," said the descon, in sympa-And in the awful silonce that followed you could hear the hash grate its