The convict lease system prevails in ien Southern States,

Forests are springing up on the abandoned mines and mining towns in Cali-

The Mexican Government is preparing to introduce the postal money order system into the country.

It has been shown that the ratio of prisoners in cities is two and one-fourth times as great as in the country at large.

The first petroleum spring in England has just been discovered near Northwiek. A brewer's well has ceased giving water, and yields a copious supply

The Italian brigands prefer to capture an Englishman if possible, and their econd choice is an American. They are about the only ones any considerable sum of money can be someezed out of.

The Chinese Government has refused English firm permission to set up tion cleaning machinery in that coun-. The decision is made that foreigners ve no right to start manufactories on nese soil.

The Czar, as a memorial to his late ents, has devoted \$750,000 and an ate worth \$200,000 a year to the endation and maintenance of an in-Itation for the blind at St. Petersburg. be called the Alexander-Marien In-

itute.

A few years ago the Argentine Reble did not raise wheat enough for e consumption. Last year it imed 7,000,000 bushels. Immense na of pasture a.e.b. ag converted into land, and the country is becoming reat grain-growing region.

They have just taken a census in the an Capital of St. Petersburg. are nearly a million of people but above the age of sixteen years are four males to every three The Cincinnati Enquirer says ht to be a good place to marry

congress of the advocates of o, recently held in Vienna, the ent was brought out that there present throughout the world atories, most of which are in nited States, twenty in Italy, and h in Germany, (Gotha,) England, and Switzerland,

has been asserted that the human e has been heard across the Strait of raltar, a distance of ten miles. At a litical meeting held near Fortland, , recently, sentences of the speech e by one of the gentlemen speaking the open air are said to have been mn'y heard a mile away.

The news that the Mikado of Japan become addicted to alcohol, while Emperor of China is devoting most his time to opium smoking, is not satactory. Kalakaua is still playing oker with disastrous results to his Naional Treasury. Really, observes the Graphic, these remote potentates seem to seed the services of an all-round reformer.

The recent decree in France requiring all resident foreigners to give an necount of themselves to the Prefect of Police, is aimed at the vast influx of the lowest strata of society from all nations, who are gradually making France an asylum for the thieves, vagabonds and outcasts of other countries. Moreover, most of these for a tramps come from two nations wh nce most hates-Germany and I

The famous toad which was dug out alive in England from a stratum of clay belonging to the glacial period died at the end of three days. A local surgeon cut a slit across the membrane which closed the toad's mouth in order to feed it, and the poor batrachian had not enough vitality to bear the operation, Much interest is manifested in the toad, which has been preserved in alcohol in the Greenock Museum.

An article in the North China Herald upon Chinese benevolence shows that it is very generally practed. Whenever great floods or famines occur great soup kitchens are established. There are socleties to provide coffins for the e who cannot buy them, for gathering human bones which have become exposed and giving them suitable burial, for distributing plasters and drugs, and for presenting "virtue books."

Mrs. Sorrenson, of Michigan, declares the New York World, is a woman of resources. She refused to allow the laying of a railroad track past her house at Manistee and sought to drive the workmen off at the muzzle of a revolver. As the men proved to be proof against fear of a bullet, Mrs. Sorrenson brought out a rocking-chair, placed it across the ties, took her knitting and held the fort for a whole night and day. Of course, there was no chance of tiring out a Michigan woman supplied with a rocking chair and knitting needles. So, after forty eight hours' delay, the fair obstructionist was carried to prison, and the rails were REUBEN JAMES.

Three ships of war had Preble when he left nd the mighty king of Naples lent him seven galleys more;

Such noble mon and valiant have sailed by company

As the men who went with Preble to the alege of Tripoli.

Stewart, Bainbridge, Hull, Decatur, how their names ring out like gold!-Lawrence, Forter, Trippe, Macdonough, and

a score as true and bold; Every star that lights their banner tells th glory that they won: out one common sailor's glory is the splendor

Rouben James was first to follow when De

catur laid aboard Of the lofty Turkish gailey and in battle

broke his sword. Then the pirate Captara smote him, till his

blood was running fast, And they grappled, and they struggled, and they fell beside the mast.

lose behind them Reuben battled, with dozen, undismayed, Till a bullet broke his sword arm, and h

and brought him low,

Like a gallant bark, dismasted, at the mercy of the foe, Little mercy knows the corsair; high his

blade was raised to slay, When a richer prize allured him where De catur struggling lay.

"Help" the Turkish leader shouted, and his trusty comrade sprung, And his scimetar like lightning o'er the

Yankee Captain swnng.

Reuben James, disabled, armless, saw the sabre flash on high,

Saw Decatur shrink before it, heard the pirate's taunting cry, Saw, in half the time I tell it, how a sailor

brave and true

blood around his feet, As the Turk a moment waited to make vengeance doubly sweet,

Swift the sabre fell, but swifter bent the sailor's head below,

James received the blow! So was saved our brave Decatur; so the common sailor die i:

the love that moves the lowly lifts the great to fame and pride, Yet we grudge him not his honors, for whom love like this had birth.

For God never ranks His sailors by the -James J. Roche, in Boston Post.

MURIEL

"Muriel, Muriel."

The tone was sharp and authoritative, and Madam Thorne's smooth, white brow contracted into a half frown as she leaned out of the window and repeated her imperative summons.

A foam bubble sparkling on the breaker's brim—a butterily poising in midair—a thistledown careening on the breeze -how shall I descr ble the airy lightness, the perfect grace of Muciel's motion as she came dancing, floating up the broad

"Come in, Muriel; I wish to have a little a rious conversation with you."

The limpid gray eyes shot one re-

"Is it about Lawyer Grant " "Yes, Muriel. That worthy gentleman has magnanimously overlooked your scornful reception of his avowal of love and renews his offer of hand, heart and

'And if I refuse." "Then the mortgage which he holds on Buckdale will be foreclosed immediately and you and I will be homeless outcasts.

"And so you propose to sell me to Lawyer Grant;" Even madam's well-bred composure was not quite proof against the bitter

"Don't be vulgar, child. Mr. Grant offers you a home, riches and an honor-

"An offer that I despise and reject." Madame Thorne's snowy eyelids went down, and her snowy hands went up, in token of her horror.

"Ingrate! Traitor! I sheltere 1 and cared for you in your infancy, kept you from the almshouse; and now you will not make this triding sacrifice to save my old age from want."

'Not to save your life, or mine!" The gray eyes gliftered now, and the quick blood burned like a crimson stain in either girlish cheek. "Not for your sake, Aunt Muriel nor to save the whole world, would I thus degrade myself." themselves on Muriel's glowing face

"Will you tell me, Muriel Vance, how two plotters below.

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We pass over madame's incredulous we propose to support yourself? You We pass over madame's incredulous you propose to support yourself? and no special antitude, that I have yet discovered, for unking yourself useful

in any way whatever. Muriel gave a little sigh. scknowledge it. But it is said that there is a special Providence that watches over fools. On that I place my reliance. Fut there, I see that you are

And to Mrs. Thorne's infinite disgust cler to record the fact that neither party began caroling a wild, rythmic ever regretted it. melody, her little slippered feet keeping time, as she whirled down the long plazza in a perfect moles of whirls, pironettes and impromptu "pas de Jascina-tiaa," till at last, with a grand flourish, she stood before her aunt, flushed, pant

"Encore! encore." cried a wheezy,

cracked voice behind her, and Muriel turned to see the wrinkled face and leer-

A light heart makes light feet," he said, chuckling and rubbing his withered hands in costacy;" "ch, Miss Muriel!" But Muriel had fied to her room, a

of the great rambling farmhouse. When, after an hour's patient watch.

ing from her window she had seen her THE FRENCH EXECUTIONER antiquated lover d'sappear down the shaded path that led to the highway, she prepared to go down to the parler to practice some new songs. But to her dismay she found the door fast locked And never since the Argo floated in the mid-

and herself a prisoner.

That night, while she slept, a plate containing food was placed in her room, nd with it a tiny slip of paper, bearing

You shall never leave this room until you yield to my wishes. MUNICH, THORNE, To which she returned this character-

Without wishing to be impertinent, I may say that there is a faw prospect of my outlin-ing both of you. I defy you, suill your doubt shall release me. MURIEL VANCE. For four days she bore her captivity admirably. She leaned from her win-dow and sang snatches of gay songs she was sure that her aunt where she could hear her, and affected the utmost nonchalance when she saw Mrs. Thorne and I awyer Grant watching her from the lawn. But on the after-noon of the fifth she began to give way, and longed with all the intensity of her

She saw the shining river, free and unfettered, winding between the feathery willows that lined its banks, and dropped the useless blade.

Then a swinging Turkish sabre clove his left its pebbiy bed where the cool woodland shadows lay thickest; and the words of the bravura she was singing died in an narticulate sob, though her aunt was in full view, strolling among the flower heds on the lawn.

At last she wijed away her tears and dinched her teeth firmly together.

"All's fair in love and war," she said resolutely. resolutely; "and a masterly strategy must accomplish what resistance would fail to do, even if it does involve some

She watched long and anxiously for Lawyer Grant that night.
Finally, when the shadows of the gloaming lay thickly among the trees,

she saw a tall form coming up the path toward the front door. Still might show a bloody pirate what a dying to him in a suppressed voice:

"Go to the kitchen porch and get the long ladder you will find there. Climb She leaned from the window and called to the balcony under the window at the

back of this room; I wish to speak to A few moments elapsed and Muriel heard cautious footsteps on the balcony, And upon his fenceless forehead Reuben and then a light tap on the window.

She gently opened it and stepped out. Without raising her eyes she began in

a faltering voice: "Lawyer Grant, when I requested your presence here I intended to propose an elopement, trusting that an opportunity of regaining my freedom might occur. But I cannot do it. Not even to regain my liberty will I sully my lipe with a lie. But, oh, sir, think of my cruel punishment and pity me. Think of one who has always been free and untrameled as the very birds condemned to this captivity, and if you have a human heart intercede with my aunt. Think—" but sobs and tears finished the prayer she uld have uttered, as she threw herself

The tall form came out of the shadows and as the light from the room beyond fell full upon him Muriel started to her

feet in mute surprise. It was a stranger's face she gazed upon—a face which invited confidence, nevertheless. There was something about the mischievous gray eyes, clouded just now with a slight shade of seriousnes an expression about the finely-cut mouth. lawn and stood before the open window? which, though parted at that moment with a smile of blended amusement and pity, seemed to be irresistibly at-

belious fash from under their silken he, as he gazed upon her agitated countenance, "and believe me when I say that I will willingly afford you all say that I will willingly afford you all "Do not distress yourself, I beg," said assis auce in my power. But before you accept my assistance let me explain my pre ence in this hou e. My name is Fenner Rossmore and I came here tonight to see Lawyer Grant, relative to reitain unclaimed estates in Connaught, Ireland, If one Michael Vance, who since deceased, died without heirs, the property reverts to me, as next of kin. have written to Grant repeatedly, but failing to get a satisfactory reply, came over to see if I could not find more definite information regarding the heirs was not quite proof against the bitter of this Michael Vance, who had the scorn in the question, and she flushed a little as she replied:

"Don't be vulgar child Me Great step mother—God rest her soul!"

"Michael Vancel" cried Muriet, her embarrassment lost in surprise, "Why, that was my father's name. !"

"And his birthplace?" "Killaroy, Ireland." "Accept my congratulation," said Ressmore: "for you are not only the most beautiful young lady in America, but the richest heiress in Ireland. And I hope," he continued, as he saw the rosy flush upon her cheek, "that since you have deprived me of my inheritance, you will at least grant me the liberty of kinsman's kiss. By my faith, it would be cheap as the price of the Rossmore estates even. I assure you it is a national

Mrs. Thorne's cold blue eyes fastened a laugh of mirthful incredulity that was so Irresistibly contagious that the blended tones of merriment reached the

> scorn and final belief, Lawyer Grant's gratitude at escaping the cowhiding he so richly deserved and the details of the courtship between Rossmore and Murlel, But when the sumachs Sery torches in the woodland glades sha loved so well, and hickories and maples shone golden in the uplands, Muriel, claim to the Hossmore estates duly rec-And I am bound as a veracious chroni

A Sarcastic Host.

A hotel in Nantucket has some original fire": "Notify the clark at once he wil "I danced away all my ill humor, dear the office. Notify the proprietor. Notify the night watchman. He will be asleep as usual, somewhere on the premises. Fetura to your room and throw you can repack them on the piazza or in the back yard. Now try and discover where the fire is. In ninety-nine times out of a hundred it will be in some neighboring paiding, not ours. Don't forget to shrick all the time. It will be very southing to nervous people, - New York

FOREST REPUBLICAN.

AN INTERESTING CHAT WITH THE HEADSMAN OF FRANCE.

Living in Strict Retirement-The Ghastly Implements of His Profession-How He Does His Work.

Few people have ever seen the public executioner of France, says a Paris let-ter to the New York World, and it is no easy matter to find him, for the police refuse to give his address, and his name is carefully omitted from the directory. The dreaded "Monsieur de Paris," as he is called by the lower classes, is, how-ever, M. Diebler, and he rents a flat at No. 3 Rue Vic d'Azur, a squalid little street half an hour's walk away from toquette Prison. This man, who conducts the ceremoules in which the gullotine plays the most prominent part, is a very quiet person of a retiring dis-position, who dreads notoriety and avoids contact with his neighbors as much as There is nothing in neadsman's appearance nor in his home

to denote his ghastly office. After some difficulty the World correspondent secured the address of M. Deibler and found that the headsman was not indisposed to tell the details of He could his unenviable profession. not, however, le induced to exhibit even privately the guillotine, which he re-ferred to as "the machine." He said

The muchine is ready mounted for use, and I may be summoned off at any moment. I usually get twenty-four hours' notice in Paris and more than double that time for the departments, but I hold myself constantly in readiness to start off at a moment's notice. As a rule I have to spend at La Poquette the whole night preceding the execution. A great deal has to be done in a very short Soon at the two black vans arrive -one containing the 'woods of justice' and the other destined to convey the hody of the culprit to Ivry Cemetery-I have to superintend the installation of he machine, which takes upward of an hour. The fixing of the knife and of the apparatus itself is an intricate job. There must be no hitch at the last. The instrument is invariably placed on five stones just outside the central door of

the Requette Frivon.

"While I am fixing the machine," continued the headsman, "The Abbe Faure arrives. The Abbe Faure enters La Roquette and gives spiritual comfort to the doomed man. After being left alone with the chaplain for a short time the culprit is handed over to my assist-ant, who brings him from his cell down the stone stairway which leads to the L'epot-the prisoner's last station on earth before reaching the machinewhere he is seated on a wooden stool, and his toilet begins. This doesn't take much time, for his noir and beard were elipped on entering the prison. The man is pinioned, his shirt stripped of its collar, and he then goes forth to his death by the central door, when he is strapped to the fatal plank which, pling over, brings his neck into the half circular partion of a ring that I secure bee springing the knife. Soon as I touch a button in one of the upright posts the knife falls and the head is received in a tin vessel containing sawdust. The body is unstrapped, put into a coffin, with the culprit's head between his legs, and the remains are then driven off to lvry Ceme-

"Does life endure any time after the head is severed!"

"No, I think not," the execution re-plied, reflectively. "The great loss of blood produces syncope. Besides..." Here M. Peibler went out of the room and brought in a large black leather box, which he placed on the table. On raising the lid there appeared the tright steel knife of oblique shape which is fixed to the cross beam of the guillotine at each execution, and which M. Deibler ly watches over and cleans at He took it out of its soft red lining the other afternoon, stroked it with his hand as if to brush the dust off

its highly-polished surface, and, turning "There; look at the back of this knife. It is heavily weighted, you see, to make it fall swiftly and with tremen dous force when I touch the spring Now, this is the reason why I think that all consciousness departs from the brain of a man after the fall of the head. At the same instant that the neck is severed by the blade, the weighty portion strikes cheek is often bruised from the fall of the head into the tin vessel containing the sawdust. Yet the head is only raised a few inches above the tin vessel which receives it. Such a blow is, in my opinion, sa licient to drive out any ray of memory, reflection or real sensi tation, in the brain of the most obdurate bull-headed criminal."

The main Gulf Stream is said to end on the south side of the Banks of Newfoundland; at all events, the stream di-vides there, the larger branch crossing the Atlantic northward to the coast of Northern Europe, passing the North Cape and becoming undestinguishable near Nova Zembia. The smaller branch crosses eastward, curves southward be tween the Azores and Portugal, sending out smaller branches into the Irish and Mediterranean sexs, and joins the north quatorial current, with which it return to the Gulf of Mexico, and so complete point reached is near Nova Zembla, the most southern near the equator. It touches the United States, Newfound-land, the British Isles, Norway, Portents touch the eastern coast of South America and the western coast of Africa, The Japan stream touches Japan and Corea, Kamachatha and Alaska, and the Mexican coast, flowing almost as far south as the equator, - Philadelphia Call.

Petroleum for Harbor Befence. A Philadelphia corporation thinks it a smart enough to set the river on fire. It is preparing to make experiments at Fort Minlin, near Philadelphia, with a new method of setting the river on fire. It is proposed to stak perforated from pipes in the river bed and approaches to the harbor, through which petroleum by machinery. In this manner blaving perfoleum can be sent into the enemy's flect and make it uncomfortably hot for

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS,

Good Way to Cook Tomatoes.

A good and unusual way to cook tomatoes is the following: Peel and slice eight tomatoes. Put them in a coarse cloth and press most of the julce into a Save the juice. Chop the tomatees and mix in two tablespoonfuls of melted butter. Stir up well, put in a buttered mold, fit on the top, set in a pot of boiling water, and keep at a fast boil for one hour. When done turn out on a flat dish and pour over it the fol-lowing source: Heat the tomato juice, stir in a table-poonful of butter rolled in flour, season with pepper, sugar and salt, and boll one minute.

Sanitary Bedrooms.

"Woolen carpets are filthy," says Dr. John Crowell in Popular Science News, "and it the good housewife does not be lieve it, let her look across the room when the sun is shining through it, and see the dust constantly rising. This process goes on night and day, and is unavo d able when the floor is encumbered with the woolen covering." Hard floors, without cracks or seams for dust and vermin, painted walls, simple furnishings, because of dust and "germs," an fireplace, sunshine for disinfecting and drying, no draperies to catch and hold dust, the iron or brass bedstead and hair mattress-these constitute the essentials of a sanitary sleeping-room. The old-fashioned wash-stand is recom-mended as far more desirable than set bowls with hot and cold water, as there are rarely trapped properly, and so become sources of pollution to the bedroom, -Laws of Life.

A Suggestion for Old Boxes. Do mothers and nurses know how much enjoyment and fun can be had out of different styles of boxes that we so ruthlessly destroy? If all the members of the family will save the boxes they will find, some stormy day when children are forced to remain indoors, that a trip to the attic (where the boxes can be kept) will afford a great deal of amuse ment. The little girls of the family will select a good-sized box for a new kind of doll's house, and mamma or nurse can easily teach them how to cut cardboard furniture to furnish this little house. If it is summer time, make a tiny house out of an old cardboard box, and paste on to it dried moss, then set it on a shingle and have a little gravel path leading up to the door. On one side have a bit of looking-glass for a pond, and some branches of evergreen boughs for trees. You can add whatever else you like to make it look like an old fashioned farmhouse. This simple toy has kept little

girls happy for whole summers. The boys can use the boxes for thea-

tres, Punch and Judy and many different kinds of shows. The baby will be amused with an old tin box, some beans or pebbles put inside, and the outside covered with some brightcolored flannel after the cover is firmly fastened. This will make a good rattle, and if a string be tied to the box it can be drawn on the floor, or be suspended from the chandelier and swung

if the baby is too young to walk.
All these simple things have been he ps to many mothers and nurses on rainy days, when the expensive toys of the nursery have grown old and the little children are longing for something

When you go away from home for the summer put some boxes and bright colored papers and cloths into your trunk; you will find them useful and very ac-ceptable when the children cannot have their own nursery or the toys it contains, -New York Graphic.

Things Worth Knowing. 1. That fish may be scaled much easier

by dipping into boiling water about a That fish may as well be scaled if desired before packing down in salt, though in that case do not scald them.

Salt fish are quickest and best freshened by soaking in sour milk 4. That milk which is turned or changed my be sweetened or rendered fit for use again by stirring in a little soda,

. That salt will curdle new milk, hence in preparing milk porridge, gravies, etc., the salt should not be added intil the dish is prepared. 6. That fresh meat, after beginning to

sour, will sweeten if placed out of doors in the cool of night, 7. That clear boiling water will renove tea stains and many fruit stains, Pour the water through the stain and thus prevent it spreading over the fabric.

s. That ripe tomatoes will remove ink and other stains from white cloth; also That a tablespoonful of turpentine

bolled with your white clothes will aid in the whitening process, 10. That boiled starch is much improved by the addition of a little sperm a little salt, or a little gum arabic

11. That beeswax and sait will make your rusty flat irons as clean and smooth as glass. The a lump of wax in a lung and keep it for that purpose. When the irons are bot, rub them first with the wax rag, then sour with a paper or cloth sprinkled with salt.

That blue ointment and kerosene mixed in equal proportions and applied from coin silver obtained at the canneries to the bedsteads is an unfalling bedteag for fish. They also have wooden spoons remedy, and that a coat of whitewash is ditto for the wails of a log house, 10. That kerosene will soften boots or shoes that have been hardened by water

woolen rag and rub with it. It will also remove stabus from the clean varnished

15. That cool minwater and soda will remove machine grease from washable

Lucky Andy, Bob, Billy and Harry.

Among the messenger boys in the service of the first telegraph office opened in Pittsburg, Penn , years ago were four known respectively as Andy, Bob. Billy and Harry. This quartet has won both fame and fortune. "Andy" Carnegie is and Harry. This quartet has won both fance and fortune. "Andy" Carnegie is one of the richest men in the United and Superintendent of the Western D vision of the Pennsylvania Bullroad Pitusborg, and "Harry" Ollver has made a seat in the United States Schute.

IN AN OLD RUSSIAN FORT.

HOW THE MUSCOVITE FORTIFIED IN ALASKA

At Present a Military Post in Name Only-Mode of Defense-Curlos for Sale by Natives.

Names of places in this Territory which ave military designations, says a letter from Sitka, Alaska, to the New York Times, may inspire a sense of security to outsiders unacquainted with the country. For instance, upon hearing of Fort Wrangell one would naturally conclude that such a post would furnish ample security for a reasonable scope of coun-

try. Yet the nearest troops are at Port Townsend, nearly one thousand miles distant by water, if we except a small company of marines at Sitka. Fort Wrangell is a military post only in name. It is about 150 miles southeast of Sitka the waters of the inlets, but by the -monthly steamers in a northeast course ts distance is more than five hundred

It is one of the old Russian settlements,

and was one of their most prosperous trading posts. The main part of the vil-

lage is on a moderate slope, with a lofty chain of mountains close behind. There panion, are not more than five hundred inhabit crowded all there ever was of Wrangell in its most prosperous days. On the north side of the village is a higher knoll, and on this stand the old de fences of Fort Wrangell, A high wooden palisade or stockade sur-rounded the area set apart for milifences of Fort Wrangell, ary purposes; the blockade is gone, but the buildings all remain in a fair state of preservation. The fort proper where were the officers' quarters and the bar always on the beat. racks for the men stands on the north side of the quadrangle, and is a solid log building boarded over and made im-penetrable to bullets. The Government used to see sickness. ouse stands on the west side of the square, is built of the same material, and now occupied by United States Commissioner Sheakley, who was a member of Congress several years ago from Penuare opposed to-"How old are you?" ylvania, and by the Deputy Collector of the Port, a Mr. Flemming from Wiscon-

adapted for defensive purposes. On the east side of the quadrangle is a large log and boarded building which was used in the old Russian days as a storehouse, and its outer front was adapted to protective and defensive purposes. At the southeast corner of this square stands the most peculiar structure of all, and one more suggestive of the necessities of defense than all the rest. It is the block house or bastion, and upon its safety and security depended the safety and security of the entire post. It is solidly built of logs, and is about twelve feet square at the ground. It rises in these dimensions to about twelve feet, the height of the palisades, where is a second story wider dimensions, extending entirely over the margin of the first. Its walls are not parallel with those of the first,

but it is placed diagonally across the first, so that its corners do not conform to the corners of the first. In thus being wider than the first story, and extending over it on all sides, riflemen could de fend it, not only by aiming outward, but downward on the outside of the in Pennsylvania, New York, and Chio toric memories, while the Russian block-house at Fort Wrangell still exists as a memento of their occupation, and is

rapidly going to min. There are only a few Russians left at Wrangell, not more than a dozen of pure bloods. There are quite a number of the there, but the bulk of the denizens of the place are natives. These relies of Russian peasantry and the half-breeds are, as a rule, more worthless than the native or Indian. The houses of the old Russian settlement are rapidly disappearing from luck of care and through the wet climate, which is destructive of timber. About 500 Indians have their Winter home there. During the canning season they go out a long distance up the inlets and take salmon and other fish for the cauncries. When that season is over they return to Wrangell, spending the Winter months in hunting the mule deer, sometimes attacking the great brown bear of the adjoining mounains, but giving over most of their leisure time to gambling. There are age, some in public employment, some in mission work teaching the Indians, some in saloon keeping, and the rest in traders' stores. This is the second point way up after leaving Naimo, the last e-aling station far down on Vancouver's Island. Unly a few supplies ate taken off, and some cases of canned salmon

and peltries taken on.

A remnant of the old Hussian town stands below the fort along what was wooden sidewalk and some tourded up old-fashioned narrow windows suggest traffic. On this broken and dilanidated walk a score or two old squaws and do crepit men squat and expose for sale the curios with which they hope to tempt construction, and offer for sale nicely-formed bracelets and rings manufactured tiful yellow custar of this coast, orna-mented with carved griffins of curious design. In trading with the Athabascau Indians of the interior, in the British wool from a sort of mountain goat or sheep, and this is we en into blankets variously colored, mostly gray and white, and figured over with griffins and nedescript figures of a like nature. Alaska for a thousand miles and more The const natives have from the middlemen, and have done all the

The wampum heads which were used y the Indiana for colus were so heatly made and so convenient that the dist European settlers used them also, at the rate of four black bends or eight white heads for a penny. The beits of this wampum were used to record all impor-

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My fair Sumbine in white she flashes adown the stair, Sombine, my Sunshine

Blithely the echoes float in to me;

Her quick, light foot patters there, My fair Sunshine. A moment her face shines in at the door,

Sunshine, my Sunshin And the room turns light, it is dark no more My fair Sunshine.

With a white hand waved and a kiss airblown. Sunshine, My Sunshine, She has passed and vanished, my love, my

My fair Sunshine. Archibald MacMechan in Youth's Com-

HUMOR OF THE DAY,

In everybody's mouth-Teeth. The glazier generally has a pane in his

The dressmaker's draper should be quick at figures. Working like a horse-A lawyer draw-

ing a conversation. Hearts may be honest, but they are

The rising generation-Folks getting up in the morning. Why is a doctor never seasick?-He is

Sometimes in a trade a man kicks when there is nothing to boot. The woman question-which women

It is not generally known that the wheels of a vehicle are tired as the horse. A pig was never known to wash, but a great many people have seen the pig-

In a question of life and death there are two sides to take-This side and that side. It is now believed that Venus rose.

from the sea to allow the hired girl to make the bed of the ocean. - Detroit Free "Ah," said the fly, as it crawled around the bottle, "I have passed through the hatching age, the creeping

age, and now I am in the mucilage' then it stuck. Customer (to walter)- Some cheese, please." Walter—"Beg pardon, sir; very sorry, sir; cheese out, sir." Cus-tomer—"That so? When do you expect please.11

The title of a book which lies before us—"Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sca"—suggests that the submarine development of the national game has assumed the character of a craze.

"Dad can tell the time without look-

ing at his watch," said little Johnnie. "When I ask him in the morning ho ays it is time to get up, and when I ask him at night he says it is time to go to "How are you getting along " asked one cyclone of another. "About miles an hour. How's yourself:"

I manage to keep things moving," answered Uy. No. 1, and blew a town into the lake,—Delroit Free Press. It is said to be dangerous to attend church when there is a "great gun" in the pulpit, a "minor canon" in the reading desk, when the bishop "charges

the clergy" and when the choir "mur-ders an anthem." — Detroit Free Press. There was confusion in the faces of George and Matilda, who sat in intimate proximity on the sofa, as Harry entered. Matilda was the first to recover her selfpossession. She said -- We are engaged in a little game at cards." Harry-

Boston Transcript. Robert J. Burdette recently received a notification at Livingston, Mou., that a dead registered letter awaited his orders at Washington. He sent the following reply: "If the letter referred to isn't so dead that it is offensive you might send the remains to Burlington, Iowa, where I will claim the munamy in about a month, -New York Post.

"Miss Maud," he said, "I have come in this evening to ask you a question, and I have brought aring with me. Now, before you try it on I want to tell you that if you feel inclined to be a lister to me I will have to take it back, as my father objects to my sister wearing such large diamonds," And Maud said she would keep the ring, - Jessle's Welly,

A Fine Compliment. - Husband: "Frocompliment after dinner last night, my dear." Wife: "Oh, d.d her What did he say!" Husband: "He said that you weren't handsome, but you were one of Wife: "Professor What's-his-name has received his last invitation from me. -

Millionaire Flood's Gold.

Flood's estate is valued by good of the bonanca excitement, when shares paid \$50 a month dividend, Flood's wealth was rated at \$10,000,000, but then came the great shrinkage in Com-stock values, which cut down the for-tune of all the mining millionaires fully miles wide on the mainland. The In-dians of the interior are never permitted equally divided between the wife, and Flood's favorite, and at one time she possessed in her own right \$5,000,000 in real estate and Covernment bonds, She gave much of this to help her father Flood is shrewd, but has no stability, and the old man never trusted him in any large deals. - San Franci or Ains,