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I gave you two dollars for her?"

own dear mother, Ray?"

into her hand.

bureau drawer.

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sion.

mother.

"Fifty dollars! I am not made of

dinner the week before, and paid it with

With one startled, indignant glance,

The silk came, and Nellie smiled bit-

terly as she laid it in the corner of her

One evening Ray Huntington Teturned

to find his well ordered house in confa-

while Charlie was crying softly by the chamber door, where Gretchen was vain-

ly trying to quiet the fever-stricken

Baby had cried herself to sleep,

surprise.

weeks.

legislators at Washington, In the Senate restaurant about twenty-five bushels a day are served out, and fully the same quantity is dealt out in the House restaurant.

Upon the return of the Squadron of Evolution to home waters, it is thought that in combination with other vessels on the const there will be a grand landing of the naval brigade for drill and instruction in camp routine.

Not every person knows that the sure test of genuine paper currency is to hold the bill up to the light so that you can discern two lines running parallel across its entire length. These are a red and a blue silk thread inside the paper. No counterfeit has them.

Europeans are becoming alarmed over statements that another epidemic, also of the "nero malady" kind, is following in the wake of the influenza. It has its home in southern regions and its symptoms are a feeling of paralysis in the limbs and a tendency to lethargic sleep.

Senator Sawyer has discovered the value of advertising. The fact was mentioned in the Pittsburg Dispatch that he was one of the wealthiest in the list of Senatorial bachelors and widowers. Within a few days thereafter he received 7237 letters from spinsters willing to marry him.

A wealthy citizen of Osaka, Japan, who is the owner of a rich copper mine, has celebrated in a rather peculiar manner the 200th anniversary of the mine coming into possession of his family. On that occasion each of his 300 or more employes received as a memento of the occasion a swallow tail coat.

The daily rations of a pair of ostriches on the Fallbrook farm, San Diego County, Cal., are forty pounds of beets for breakfast, and for dinner a gallon or two of grain. For dessert the birds are given bits of bone, "Gail Hamilton," the pride of the farm, is two years old part. and stands nine feet five inches high.

Though the King of Dahomey, against whom the French in Africa are now at war, is a very bloodthirsty person, whose favorite anusement consists in killing his subjects, he appears to have advanced ideas on the equality of the sexes. His army is largely composed of female

Watching the rich sit down to dine, To their smoking meat and sparkling w Hungrily eyeing the tempting fare, With a look that bespeaks the heart's de

spair; Then turned again to the dismal street, To the piercing wind and the stinging sleet-Only the face of a pauper.

Only the hands of a pauper: Tramblingly clutching the tattered shawl; Bloodless and numb are the fingers small. Once they were rosy and plump and fair, A baby's fingers, untouched by care; Little more than an infant's now Are the slim hands pressed to the throbbing

As with feeble steps she totters on, To be jostled and pushed by the heartless

throng-Only the hands of a pauper.

Only the feet of a pauper: Bleeding and bruised by the icy stone, Shoes and stockings are all unknown, Senseless now to the freezing air, As she hurries on, she knows not where On through the streets unshod they roam, Sheltered no more by the warmth of home. While the fierce wind roars, and the storm beats wild

On the ill-clad form of the shrinking child-Only the feet of a pauper.

Only the cry of a pauper: Wrung from the lips by the heart's deep

As the frail form sinks in the drifting snow, the wife's hand shut convulsively over Drowned at once by the shrieking gale, the money, and she left the room hastily. All unheard is that feeble wail. Yet He who rules from His throne on high. Who heareth even the raven's cry, her husband, uneasily, watching her. Think ye not He hath caught the note, "Next time I will give her more, and I really think I will call at Blankton's and That rose from the dying wanderer's throat?order one of those new silks.'

Only the cry of a pauper. Only the soul of a pauper:

Freed at last from its earthly thrall, Rising up at its Maker's call, Leaving forever the want and woe, tache it knew below, blissful shore, The pain and Borne aloft Where cold and hunger shall pinch no more; Through the white gates of the city of love Into the presence of God above, Floateth the soul of a pauper.

-Mortimer C. Brown, in Yankee Blade.

AN UNEQUAL PARTNERSHIP.

"Oh, papa, will my boo'ful mamma die? Say, papa, will she die?" wailed Charlie, creeping timidly to his father's Never dawned a brighter morning than that which ushered in Ray Huntington's wedding day. Never throbbed a happier side. Gretchen looked up wofully as he enheart than that of the fair girl who, fortered. saking home and friends, vowed to love. honor and obey him "until death do us

"I will do it in a moment. Ray !" cried Nellie, with crimson cheeks and strangely "She was the belle of the village, and bright eyes. "I only stopped to rest for ought to have had her choice among us a moment, my-my head feels so queerly;

exclaimed Carl Trenton, who, but I will get your tea at once." "Lie still, dearest," he said more everybody knew, had been refused by the bride at least half a dozen times. "He is so handsome, and rich, too, they say. Really Nell Alden has done remarkably well," said more than one

envious maiden. few moments. Ray Huntington, although he was not a rich man, was advancing rapidly on the who had read many of this world's lesroad to wealth. As he was a lawyer in sons aright. a distant city, the wedded pair at once "Overwork, my dear sir. System completely run down. I have noticed it. No help but that raw Swede girl-willing went to the home which he had provided there, a modest cottage in the suburbs, very plainly furnished, but as beautiful enough, but not capable, sir. Men don't know the value of good wives until they as a palace in the eyes of the loving lose them," said the old man, bluntly. bride "We shall be away from the disagreea "You don't think-she-my wifeble and bustle, dearen," said Ray, un-easily. "I can lunch at Roger and lawyer. Allen's, and be home for an early tea, "Perhaps not-hope not. But she except, perhaps, in very busy seasons. Besides, I got this place at a bargainworked out, and the worst of it is she will carry her worry and trouble with it costs dreadfully to rent-and we must her through her delirium. What is this about partnership, Huntington! I have really economize in every way possible. heard you define marriage often enough We must creep before we can walk, Nellie.' How have you used this partner of yours? "I am sure everything is as nice as it Have you shared the profits honestly? can be," said the wire. "It is much I'd like to have you compare accounts; better than being right in the city. I am sure that I should be crazy in a week you will have time enough before your wife gets up again. . I suppose she has a there. Send for her at once. Yes, mother? "I don't doubt it," returned the reyes, I'll be round in the morning, but lieved husband. "But you will not be more depends upon loving care than upon bothered here at all. I, will attend to me; mind, I said loving care. Good the marketing each day as I go to town, night, sir and we will have a quist little home of In the weary time of anxious waiting,

lowance for family use, as the busy law-yer often forgot to order the necessary

And happy years have proved the truth of his vow

The Trade in Adulterations.

"Women know nothing about spend-ing money. Nellie, I am surprised."I will attend to it. What! Gretchen wants more money? Wasn't it last week that Of all the dishonest trades, the most interesting is that which supplies the materials used in adulterating or imitating legitimate articles of commerce. dropped into one not far from Chatham Square, and was astonished to see the 'Yes, but she has been here four ingenuity and scientific skill displayed, We owe her five dollars now," Nellie began with a crimson face; then she went on desperately, "mother wrote me that she was going to visit us next have the proprietor pour upon a piece of me that she was going to visit us next month. She has never been here-never seen our children. Charlie must have new shoes and clothes; baby needs new flannels, and-and this is the best dress sugar and oil of otard and have a very I have in the world. You would not palatable brandy.

I asked the proprietor who were his chief customers. He said : want me to feel ashamed to welcome my "How much money do you want?" he

"All and every sort of people. Candymakers are large buyers. They want imitation flavors for their cheap, so-called asked frigidly. "Fifty dollars, at least, to make us comfortable and respectable," she re-plied with painful hesitation. 'French confectionery'. Cigarmakers use immense quantities of 'Havana Extract' while tobacconists that article and Turkmoney!" he exclaimed, even while his ish oil. Liquor dealers-both wholesale faithful conscience reminded him that he and retail-are the heaviest purchasers, using vast quantities of preparations to "age," blend and improve their goods. had paid more than that for a club a willing smile. "Here, this must do," Spice men who grind cocoanut shells and he counted out four five-dollar bills into black pepper and cigar boxes into cinnamon, consume the extracts of these genuine articles or else imitations of them. Of course we ask no questions, and generally we want cash down or else sell "She will make that do," muttered C. O. D.-New York Star.

The Eyes of the Mole.

Carl Hess, the German naturalist, has proved by minute microscopical investi-gation that the eye of the mole is perfectly capable of seeing, and that it is not short-sighted, as another naturalist would have us believe. Hess maintains Charlie rejoiced in new clothes and real "boys" boots;" buby wore soft new flannels, Gretchen was paid, but there was nothing left to replenish the mother's 1 millimeter by 0.9 millimeter-the eye of this little creature possesses all the cessary properties for secing that the most highly developed eyes does, that it is, indeed, as well suited for seeing as the eyes of any other mammal, and that in the matter of refraction it does not differ from the normal eye. In order to bear out the theory of short-sightedness, physiological reason was adduced that in its subterranean runs the mole is accustomed to see things at close distances, and that its eye had become gradually suited to near objects. But to this Hess objects that the mole when under ground most probably makes no use of his eves at all, as it would be impossible to see anything, owing to the sence of light, but that when he comes to the surface, and especially when he is swimming, he does use his eyes. Tu order to accomplish this, he only has to

his eyes forward .- Nature. Icoberg Dust. One of the most interestin tions of Professor Nordenskjold to popular science is his examination-before reaching Parry's Island, to the northwest of Spitzbergen-of the snow which covered the icebergs, and which had come from still higher latitudes. He found it Nellie-will die!" cried the startled strewn with a multitude of minute black particles, spread over the surface or situated at the bottom of little pits, a great number of which were to be seen on th outer layer of snow; many of such particles were also lodged in the lower strata. The dust, which became gray on drying, the Professor found to contain a larg proportion of metalic particles attracted by the magnate, and capable of decomposing sulphate of copper. An observation made a little later upon other ice-bergs proved the presence of similar dust in a layer of granular crystatine snow situated beneath a stratum of light fresh snow, and another of hardened snow. Upon analysis, Professor Nordenskjold found this matter to be composed in varying proportions of metalic iron, phosphorus, cobalt and fragments of Distomacea.

The Birds Having Vanished, Grubs Increased - The Crows Brought Back, Slaughter the Grubs

The crow is so universally looked upon der that the stitch may be complete. The first is aslant from the person toward the right hand; the second is downward tos a sort of vermin which no pains should be spared to rid every community of, that it will be hard for most people to ward you, and the third is the reverse of believe there is at least one spot where he is not only made a welcome visitor, but to which he was actually the first-that is, aslant from you toward the left hand. The needle is to be brought out at the corner of the stitch nearest to that you are about to make. coaxed and begged to return, after having been driven away by years of merci-The shapes of the letters or figures can be less persecution. That spot is the porlearned from an inspection of any comtion of Edgar County, Ill., known as Ashmore's Grove. Twenty years ago mon examples. - Observer. there had never been many crows in that

vicinity, but one season about that time WASTEFUL ECONOMY IN THE SUTCHES. they began to arrive in countless numwoman the other day, "would find the wheels of her household moving much bers. There seemed to be no end to their coming. They occupied every piece of woods for miles around, and it was estimore smoothly if she would spend a little mated that the colony contained not less less money on the furnishing of her than 500,000 of what the farmers supdrawing-room and devote it, instead, to supplying her kitchen with labor-saving posed were winged marauders. It is rich prairie land out there, and sixty appliances and plenty of utensils. Econ-omy in kitchen utensils may easily be bushels of corn to the acre was not too pushed too far, and if there is another much to expect as an average yield. Naturally, everybody believed that this great army of crows had heard of that garden spot, and had marched upon it to place where a woman may be more readily excused than another for extravagance it is just there. "To have to stop in the middle of making a dessert in order to clean a devastate the newly planted fields, and leave ruin and famine in their wake, so saucepan or a kettle in which the soup men, women, and children organized in a systematic campaign against the black had been prepared, because you have not destroyers. They were hunted in their another, is folly when soup kettles can roosts, they were trapped, they were poisoned, and they were even pursued by be had for twenty-five cents each. To have your kitchen knives of such poor metal that they will not stay sharp, or to fire, the torch being applied at night to woods where they roosted, and the localet a good knife remain dull because you think you cannot afford to spend ten tion of which did not endanger other cents to have it sharpened, is a real waste

property. Thousands of crows were killed every night, but still the survivors of the colony lingered in the locality and swarmed upon the fields. The farmers of Edgar County noticed

weights or a graduated glass measure another new visitor that season-a grub than to trust to guess-work and an old tea cup, has spoiled many a good dish that cost just as much and has brought that not only attacked the roots of the young corn, but also played havoc with the grass. The farmers bemoaned these disastrous visitations greatly, for it never occurred to them that the crow was humiliation on many a good cook. To scrape your porridge pot with a spoon because you will not buy a patent potamong them for any other purpose than scraper for twelve cents wears out ten So the warefare on the crow was evil. spoons to one pot-scraper, and the hired carried on with merciless vigor, and the next season there was a very decided dethat purpose. Sifting the coal ashes is such a dirty business as it is usually percrease in the crow colony. It grew smaller and smaller year by year, until formed and the servant kicks against it only a few wild and straggling flocks put so vigorously that the most economical in an appearance. housekeeper soon abandons it in despair.

During all this time the yield of corn per acre had gradually decreased, and the crow was credited with being the principal cause of the loss. The grub was still at work, but the farmers had no idea that they were not able to handle him. But the first season the crows failed to appear the yield of corn was smaller than it had ever been, and the season was one of the most favorable for corn in the history of the country. Some of the farmers went to thinking. The grub increased in numbers. The corn crop kept on growing less and less, until ten bushels to the acre was as big a yield as that rich prairie bottom would return and the crows had not been permitted to

\$1.50 PER ANNUM.

MARKING CLOTHES.

"Many a young wife," said a motherly

of strength out of all proportion to the saving. To have nothing by which you

can measure your ingredients accurately,

A patent ash-sifter that allows no dust to

escape and preserves all the half-burned

coal will pay for itself in one winter and

last five. A cheap refrigerator can be had for one third the cost of a good one

of the same size, but if you buy it your

"There is hardly anything in the kitchen of which there are not two varie-

ties, the cheap and the dear, and the re-

sult of the use of either is generally its

exact opposite in actual cash. But in

comfort to one's self and to one's husband

and children, a saving of time, temper,

ice-bill will be twice as large.

ecause it costs more to buy a set of

My heart is far away to-night-Beyond the blue of the southern sens, Where the world lies wrapped in mystic light.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.

One Column, one year...... 100 00 Legsi advertisements ten cents per line each in-

All bills for yearly advertisements collected quas-terly. Temporary advertisements must be paid in advance.

A MEMORY.

Half Column, one year

Marriages and death notices gratis.

Job work-cash on delivery.

And the red rose sighs in the hush of night sersons like to mark with silk, we shall To her ardent lover, the breeze. lescribe the stitch. Two threads are to

be taken each way of the cloth, and the Where the pale acacia trembles and showcedle must he passed three ways in or-

075 Its petals of perfumed snow on the stream That hurries over its rock-bound bed; Where the jasmine lifts its golden head And the popples nod and dream.

Where the purple fox-glove hides the bee That drowsily, heavily drones and hums; Where the silvery waves break on the sand, And the sea nymphs dance on the coral strand

When the hour of midnight comes.

And I see his face-and I hear his voice; My prince, with the shining, soul-lit eyes; And I feel his arms about me twine, And the warmth of his perfect lips on mine. 'Neath the dusk of the southern skies.

And oh, I am sad and lone togight, And my heart is full of a lingering pain, And I list where the lilies breathe and move, For the tender, passionate whisper of love

I shall never hear again. -Washington Post.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

The office-hunter knows no close sen-

There is one thing the hardware dealer always has on hand-nalls,-Boston Bulletin.

Isn't it rather remarkable that "the oldest inhabitant" is never a woman?-Washington Star.

"All the world loves a lover"-except the young lady's father and the dog .-Burlington Free Press.

It is unfortunate for a shoemaker when his customers are unable to foot their bills .- New Orleans Picayune.

"There's one of your patent fire-escapes," said the traveler as a cinder from the locomotive struck him in the eye .--Rome Sentinel.

Wife (groaning with neuralgia)-"Oh, how my jaw aches! It almost drives me crazy!" Husband (significantly)---"Think of me my dear."

"Say, mamma," asked a sweet young girl invariably selects your best spoon for miss of five, "why do people have two ears when they can only hear one thing at a time?"-Judge.

A household paper tells how "to get grease out of white marble." An easier way is to get it out of the butcher shop. Rochester Post-Express.

The man who is always being found out considers himself unfortunate, unless, perhaps, it is the bill collector who happens to find him out .- Statesman

Patient (on a diet)-"Doctor, I have a strange craving for baked beans. Are they healthy?" Doctor-"I never treated any."-Lawrence American.

At the Hotel .- Traveler (sitting up in bed, watch in hand)-"Six o'clock, and nobody comes to wake me. I shall be sure to miss the train."- France Mode.

brain-worry, and back-ache, they repay In the gloaming, oh, my darling, When I come thine eyes to see, Tie the dog up, tie kim tightly, Then I'll feel it's safe for me. —Philadelphia Times. Will-"I believe editors weigh care fully all manuscripts sent to them." Bill (an author)-"Yes, in order to ascertain the amount of return postage necessary. -Yankee Blade. He (cautionsly)-""What would you say, darling, if I should ask you plumply to be my wife?" Darling (even more cautiously)-"'Ask me and find out."-Washington Star. A New York doctor says that traveling on the railroad will cure dyspepsia. This doctor never can have heard of the railway ham sandwich.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph. Chronicle-Telegraph. Algy (who has more than he is December - 'Pooh! Riches have wievs. C. F. Landers, Jack (who hasn't enough) - erm, 1880. Appeal they're mighty slow in fly treapass. fellow.''-Texas Siftings. M. ARNER, fellow.''-Texas Siftings. M. ARNER, again. He is telling how of the signal by the explosion of a shell. 'The source of the that I was blind - ''-Londo The average wife may say. 'I Mo so'' occasionally, but she is m. so" occasionally, but she is m, enought not to remind her husband or the idiotic nonsense he used to talk to her in their courtship days .- Somerville Journal.

rs. In a recent battle a number of black amazons were killed by the French.

An electrical instrument has been invented, which is designed to remove the pain incidental'to the extraction of teeth. It consists of adjustable prongs carrying buttons and Annected with an electric battery. The buttons are placed on the face over the nerves leading from the teeth to the brain, and a circuit is established the moment the extracting instrument touches the tooth to be removed.

According to a rec official return the length of the telegraph lines on the globe is at present about 600,000 miles. or twenty-six times its circumference at the equator. The length of wire is 1,688,880 miles, or eighty times the length of the equator. Europe has telegraph lines measuring 232,270 miles; America, 176,246; Asia, 50,375; Australis, 26,053, and Africa, 12,973. These. are the land lines. There are, besides, 950 sub-marine cables of a total length of 112,701 nautical miles.

Japan is going to hold an exposition of her own in the Uyeno Park of Tokio, this year. It is not to be on the world's fair order, however; Government exhib-Its aside, only Japanese products and works will be exhibited. None the less it promises to be a show well worth seeing. There are to be eight departments or sections-line arts, agriculture, horticulture, live stock, sea food, forestry, mineralogy, metallurgy and machinery. Ample accommodations for visitors, in the way of hotels and restaurants are promised, as also reduced rates from San Francisco and other points.

 The white population of the Congo, in West Africa, is increasing at quite a rapid rate. Five years ago, after Stanley had founded his stations, there were only about 200 white man engaged in the various enterprises along the river. The number has now increased to nearly 500, some of whom have lived on the river nine or ten years. The gratifying thing about it is that a fair average of health is maintained among these colonists. The fact would attract world-wide attention if these pioneers were having the experience which, it is said, was formerly the fate of the Governors of Sierra Leone, the old Governor invariably going home in his coffin while the new official was traveling to his field of labor.

Huntington learned a new meaning of his tavorite creed. In her delirium Nel-

That was the beginning. Bay Hunt-ington's boasted creed was that marriage told him many things which she was simply a partnership of two conwould never have mentioned in her ragenial souls; a blending of two lives tional moments. into a perfect whole, whose thoughts, At fast there came a day when the lit whose aims, whose energies, were one,

tle cottage was as silent as death; when the dread angel hovered on the threshold, That was all very well, if our legal friend had lived up to his professed bethen passed mercifully by; when a hulief. But, like many others, he proman flower bloomed but to perish, and a fessed one thing and lived another. tiny life went out with its first glimpse of While he often declared that a man and earth

his wife were one, his daily life added "Yes, she will live," said good Doctor , most emphatically, "and the man is that Davis, suspiciously wiping his glasses. 'You have learned your lesson easier

Pretty Nellie was not long in discoverthan many men do, Huntington, for you ing that fact, and, although grieved that her exalted idol proved to be but com-her, cherish her, man-make her happy. If you love She is your partner in life. She has con mon clay after all, she made the best of mon sense, I suppose? Well, then, allow lite as she found it, and succeeded in her her share of the profits. Never let eking out the scanty allowance which was grudgingly given to an extent which surprised and delighted him. I am a blunt old man, but I mean well.

"It ian't every man has a wife like mine," he often said to a friend, but never a word of praise to the toiling wife Your wife has as much right to her share herself of your income as you have. I hope you're

What wonder that the roses in Nellie's not offended, but I'm glad I had the cheeks gave place to colorless lilies, and courage to give you something to think "crows" feet" multiplied in the fair face about. Keep up the loving care, Huntas added claims taxed her strength and ington, and your wife will be around in economy Tiny feet pattered here and a month."

by voices made the sweetest of That month was one of pleasure and sorrow to the repentant husband, but he there imbers brought added labor to had resolved upon a new course of action, and as they sat at the table on New the patient mother.

Ray Huntington was recognized by the Year's Eve, he said tenderly : world-by his world, in which his wife had no part-as a successful man. He us to begin the new year together, glycerine and six drams of carbolic acid attended his clubs, and dressed in a man- Nellie; it shall be the beginning of a new ner befitting his station, while his wife life for us. Henceforth my 'partner' is solved. On cooling this hardens to an an equal with myself. The household is clastic mass, covered with a shining, wore shabby calico.

Because I must, my dear; you do not | your branch of the business. understand," he explained, when she that you have sufficient funds to cover for any length of time. gently chided him for some extravagant all expenses in a creditable way. outlay, "It is quite necessary that one wife shall never again feel ashamed hein my position should do so. I heard it cause of my stinginess."

hinted that I was to run for mayor next ar. Think of that, my dear." Invalia. And the uncomplaining woman did "Perhaps you were not sensible of it, skin, year. Think of that, my dear.'

Vegetarians.

A chat with the keeper of a vegetarian restaurant revealed the fact that he fed about two hundred people every day. There is something enticing about the appearance of a vegetarian restaurant Whatever may be thought of the fare, the place is always clean, and there are none of those very suggestive smells that are often too prevailing in places where the carnivori meet. The waitresses are generally neat and trim, too. The customers at this restaurant are chiefly dressmakers and shopkeepers' assistants Perhaps twenty-five per cent, are women. The manager said he didn't think there were many among his customers who were vegetarians from conviction. "They come here for cheapness and change, he said. "Some are here every day others come three or four times a week The average price a man pays for a vegetarian dinner is 10d.; but the women only average 6d." The manager added that if there were any complaints they always came from women .- Pall Mall Gazette.

A Remedy for Burns.

The celebrated German remedy for ourus consists of fifteen ounces of the best white glue, broken into small pieces, in two pints of water, and allowed to become soft; then dissolve it by means -ilt was kind of the mother to leave of a water bath and add two ounces of continue the heat until thoroughly dis I will see parchment-like skin, and may be kep When required My for use it is placed for a few minutes in a water bath until sufficiently liquid and applied by means of a broad brush; it "I never was that," Nellie protested, forms in about two minutes a shining, smooth, flexible and nearly transparent

get another foothold in the region either. Then the thinking farmers made up their minds that the reasos the crows had put

in such a large and sudden appearance at Ashmore's Grove a few years before was that they had simply followed the wake of the grubs, and had come to feed on that irrepressible pest, and then the com-munity felt like kicking itself clear out of the State. They went to work to try and get the crows back again. They clear to the Wabash country, where sent the biggest crow roost on top of earth is located, and had thousands of crows captured and forwarded to them. These were released at Ashmore's Grove, and finding everything pleasant and peaceful there the crows remained. More than that, news of the situation must have been communicated by these crows to others, for in a few weeks there were more crows in that locality than had been known for years. The next season something like the old-time colony took up its quarters in the woods, and that fall the biggest crop of corn that had been known in the region for five years was gathered. Nobody disturbed the crows, and the man who would have dared to molest one around Ashmore's Grove would have been lynched. In four years that prairie was raising sixty bushels to the acre again, and the blue grass was back to its old yield. As the corn crop increased the number of crows that made their home thereabout decreased. That was because they had lessened the gruh

crop, so that there was no use for so large a force to work there, and they went to other fields of usefulness. But there have always been enough crows around Ashmore's to keep down the grubs, and what corn the big birds eat by way of dessert is not half what the farmers consider that they earn as a premium for the good they do. And there is one thing certain: It won't be well for any one who goes out into that part of Edgar County and says hard things against the crow .- New York Sun.

Forepaugh, the son of the late showman, was over in London. He had spent about \$10,000, and didn't dare ask for iny more money so he wired over to his father that he had a great chance to get some new attractions for the show. said that he could get two monkeys that were larger than horses for \$5000. showman congratulated himself having such a smart boy, and cabled him the money. He was telling every one about his new attractions, and if any one doubted the reality of the alleged big monkeys he would answer angrily, "Pshaw! What do you know about the Interior of Africal Of course they have monks there as big as horses." Next day came a cablegram saying : "Monsy received, monks dead; much obliged, pap." The old showman never could pap./ tand a joke about monkeys after that.-

their own cost many times over every week."-New York Tribune. RECIPES. Rice Fritters-Three tables poons of

rice, four eggs, one teacup of currants, sugar and nutmeg to suit the taste; boil rice gently until swelled; dredge currants with flour; beat eggs: mix all to gether thoroughly and fry.

Hermits-One cup of maple sugar, one half cup each of butter and sour cream. one egg, one-half tensspoonful of soda one teaspoonful each of cloves cinnamon and nutmeg, and one cup of chopped raisins. Knead as little as possible. Bake like cookies.

Curried Eggs-Heat a pint of milk add to it two teaspoonfuls of curry pow der, rubbed smooth in a little cold milk let simmer, and thicken with a teaspoon ful of corn starch rubbed with the sauce of butter; boil six eggs hard, cut them in slices and lay in the sauce; let then stand over the fire until heated.

Mutton Chops Larded-Beat chops flat and lard them with salt pork. Put in a saucepan, sprinkle with minced onions, pepper and salt. Cover with soup stock and let simmer one hour; thicken the gravy with browned flour, add the juice of a lemon, one spoonful of mushroom catsup and a wine-glass of currant jelly. Lay the chops in a dish and pour the gravy over. Serving Bananas-To make a salad of

bauanas slice half a dozen and put in a dish with layers of as many oranges also sliced. Over all squeeze the juice of a lemon and sprinkle plentifully with powdered sugar. Serve very cold. Any deliicate cake baked in layers and put to gether with layers of bananas sliced very thin will make a choice dessert. The cake should be served with sweetened whipped cream or it will be too dry to be palatable Boiled Chicken with Oyster --- Pre-

pare the chicken as for roasting, adding chopped oysters to the stuffing. Put the fowl in a tin pail, tightly covered, and place the pail in a pot of cold water. Boil for $1\frac{1}{2}$ or two hours, as required. Make a gravy from the liquor in the pail, adding to it some of the oysters. Take a half dozen of the largest oysters cooked until the edges curl and lay over the chicken. Put over it a little of the

gravy, and serve the rest in a bowl. Duck with Turnips-Place in a stew pan a tablespoonful of flour and two

tablespoonfuls of butter; let the flour brown slightly, then put in a duck that has been stuffed with an onion dressing turn it about in this flour and butter. then add half a plut of water and a gill of white wine, add pepper, nutmeg and savory, cover the stewpan closely and cook slowly. When the duck is about half done add two turnips cut into balls. When the duck is done, place it on deep platter, skim the gravy well, add : little thickening, pour the gravy and turalps around the duck and serve with pieces of fried toast and currant jelly.

Transient-"Do yon think there is much of a field here for a dentist?" Landlord-"I should think so. There's one man up at the head of the street that's got an acher or two."-Binghamton Leader.

"And what has become of your son Jimmiel" "Jimmie's gone into jour-nalism." "Why, he is only ten years old." "True for you; but he sells forty newspapers a day. He's a smart boy, that Jimmle."- Basar.

Things one would rather have expressed differently: Jones (nervously onscious that he is interrupting a pleasant tete-a-tete)-A-"I'm sorry to say I've been told to take you in to supper, Miss Belsize1"-London Punch.

Chargit, '92-"Can I have this put on my account here?" Mr. Tick-"Very sorry, sir, but we don't know you. Chargit (making a trial else where)-"Put

A Dog's Scent and Sight.

Have you ever thought how largely a dog's "scent" really depends on his sight? Note how confused he gets in trying to follow his nose on a hard sur-Then watch how he stretches his face. neck and throws his head up. And finally consider how the puzzied guide or hunter gets down to take a dog's-eye view of the situation, whence every bent twig or broken blade becomes plainty visible as a pathway in the wilderness - New York Tribune.

Three or four years ago young Adam The on

Chicago Herald. -

They Mysteriously Died.