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Italy, it is announced, is strongly opposing emigration.

The President of the Mormon Church himself admits that the days of polygamy are numbered

It is an interesting fact, remarks the Atlanta Constitution, that of 1335 acts passed by the recent Congress, 1081, or more than four-fifths, were for pensions to individuals.

An English experimenter, E. T. Chaplin, has given an account of hypnotizing a laying hen, and inducing her in that manner to sit on a sitting of eggs until seven of them had hatched out.

"The Manufacturers' Record claims that "the agricultural possibilities of the South are greater than those of the balsuce of the country all combined, based on the aggregate values and on actual profits to producers."

Five years ago those who enjoyed bowling on "ten pins" in and about New York city certainly did not number more than 5000, says the Ne = York Times, To-day, if a census would be taken it doubtful if less than 20,000 patrons of the alley would be counted.

The Indianapolis (Ind.) Ram's Horn says: "An erratic old gentleman in New York recently went hence and left a large fortune to be expended in teaching people to eat with their forks. Had he left one-half of the sum to provide something for them to practice on, his memory as a benefactor would have lasted longer."

A Chicago inventor claims to have produced a machine for picking cotton that will do the work in the Southern fields for one-tenth the present cost. The present cost is estimated at nearly \$100,000,-000 a year. It follows that if this machine will do all that is claimed for it, the saving effected will be not much less than \$90,000,000 a year.

Great preparations are being made in Australia for the forthcoming Australasian Federation Convention, in which all the Australian colonies of Great Britain will be represented, and the meeting of which will be the first step toward a national organization that is intended to include all those colonies in one powerful union represented in a federal par-Heavent.

Lawyer Simon Stevens says that when he sold the Mariposa grant for General Fremont the latter realized \$1,237,500. He urged the General to put \$600,000 into a trust fund. "He was at first in-

# VOL. XXIII. NO. 32. REVELATION. Brain-weary, heart-weary, soul-weary,

I alt me down to-night; And andness duop onfolds me As the dark engulfs the light. This daily toil and struggle-Does it not far out-weigh The little grains of gladness We pick up, day by day?

Not for myself I sorrow, My lot is heavenly bright In contrast to the many That throng my thoughts to-night. So much of toil and trouble Bo much of needless pain! So much of wasted riches

Of hand and heart and brain! I strive to put it from me, This puzzle old as Time-Of unrewarded virtue, Of thriving, happy crime. I glance about for something To turn my thoughts' sad strain; My eye falls on the Cercus

That wreathes my window pane. So gaunt and grim and ugly In its tortucous twistings there; So full of thorns, so graceless, Devoid of all that's fair! "Fit symbol," muse I, sadly, "Of our twisted, thorn-strewn lives; All barren, bent and wasted, Where hope alone survives !"

But even as I whisper These words of rebel gloom, A strange, delicious fragrance Pervades my lonely room; And starting up in wonder, I trace the perfume's source To a bud upon the branches I had scorned as mean and coarse!

I watch it, wonder-stricken, The clasping leaves unfold, And reveal its matchless beauty, So pure, with heart of gold! I feel its mystic message To my very being's core, And the burgen that oppressed me Is gone to come no more!

Could ever awceter token Or surer answer con Than this perfect, stainless blossom From its strange, unsightly home? A flash of revelation Enlightens all my soul; The clouds of doubt and darkness Forever from me roll!

My heart swells up in gladness, In gratitude and love, In faith and trust, implicit, To the Father-heart above! I know, past all distrusting, That from our pain and strife, Will bloom in perfect beauty A glorious after-life!

-Beulah R. Stevens, in the Housewife.

A DETERMINED WOMAN.

BY MAURICE SLINGSBY.

General Marion.

the Harts.

farm.

American officer.

ing alone in that direction, and promptly

inquired if the horse he rode was a sor

In one of the back settlements of South Carolina, in the days which rendered the name of Marion, and other hetheir country, dwelt a brave and devoted family of patriots, named Hart.

Abijah and Abigail Hart were scarcely past the prime of life, although they had hours fasting, declared that the articles wedlock; and soon after the close of en blessed with a large family of chil- named were good enough, and that they our glorious Revolution, the whole dren, only three of whom, however-two would forego the turkey on this occa- family emigrated to Hardin County, boys and a girl-had survived the com- sion for her sake. mon ills incidental to childhood. With great alacrity, but with an anx-The elder son would have been two ionsly beating heart, Leah spread the and twenty had his life been spared; but eight months before he had fallen homely board, and brought forth the promised viands, which she laid out an innocent victim to the rage and maltemptingly before them. She then placed ice of the Tories, who swarmed in predwhat chairs and stools the house afforded atory bands throughout this section around the table, and politely invited her Upon these murdering wretches, who unwelcome visitors to be seated. had thus wantonly deprived them of Complying with her invitation. their eldest born, at a time when he Tories carelessly stacked their cabines might have been of inestimable service near an open window, and, seating them, the father and mother, to themselves at the table, fell to, greedily and only remaining son, Silas, now in devouring the repast. his nineteenth year-afterward the cel-Mrs. Hart, in the meantime, with ebrated Indian fighter of Hardin County, heroism superior to her sex, had watched Kentucky-swore to be revenged, whenher hungry guests till she saw she was ever and wherever an opportunity should not observed by them, when she slipped offer to wreak their vengoance. out slyly from their midst, and, no Leah, their second remaining offlessly approaching the open window, she succeeded in drawing out three of the spring, was a beautiful and warm-hearted maiden of seventeen, and the affianced carbines before her little game was dis bride of Randolph Darell, a brave young

has had ample time already to escape, We may as well make a virtue of necessity, and go back and see what is to be got of the squint-eyed old woman at the farm-house in the way of eatibles. But isn't she a big one in size, though!" "And uglier-looking than sin, thunderin' sight !" added one of the men. The Tory horsemen now wheeled about and retraced their way to the farm-house, which was only a short distance, just as Randolph Darell was on the point of

notice, by abruptly retreating back again under cover. Alighting once more at the door of the farm-house, the Tory leader ordered Mrs. Hart to prepare dinner for the party, and bestir herself.

"How can I give you dinner when I've nothing to cook?" retorted the resolute-looking woman, angrily. "I should need a full larder to satisfy a half-dozen such dirty rascals as you are." "Silence, woman " thundered the Tory, in a commanding voice, "and do

our bidding." "I'll soon give you something to cook," he added, leveling his carbine as he spoke, and bringing down him to come just at this time, when we a plump turkey gobbler that was struthad no reason to expect him?" carbine as he spoke, and bringing down ting along under cover of the garden wall. "There, now, go and pluck that you in the same way." to the spot where the bird had fallen. Randolph Darell, alarmed at the shot,

out, and bear the turkey hastily to the the end long as the Tories were only anxious to appease their appetites, he went back to his cover.

The quick eye of the Tory leader took in the graceful outlines of the fair girl's figure, as she rushed from the house. "By the beard of King George!" he exclaimed, admiringly, "who 'ould 'ave

hexpected to see such a hangel in petticoats 'ere. Come, my lass, and give us one kiss from the rose-bud of a mouth. "You dare to lay your cowardly hand

on my Leah," cried the enraged mother, doubling up her great, bony fist, "and Fil strangle you like a cur!" "Why, you squint-eyed old beauty,"

retorted the Tory, mockingly, "I took you for a hangel, but I find you are wickeder than a she wolf with whelps!" The rest of the gang laughed boisterously at this weak attempt at wit. Then turning to Leah with a gallant smile, the Tory inquired how long it would take to pluck and cook the fowl.

Leah answered in a modest tone of womanly anxiety, that it would require at least three hours to serve it to their liking. "But," she added, in a tone of con-

pork and some cold potatoes and corn- into one common grave. cake in the pantry, if they will answer."

The hungry party, who had been some

She uttered a quick exclamation of joyous pleasure, for at that moment she saw all three strike out of the wood and start on a rapid run toward the house. Hearing the first shot that had been fired and then alarmed by the other two

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which had followed in such rapid succession, they caught up their loaded carbines and started on a run from the field where they were then at work. The moment they had quitted the tim-

ber they saw at a giance, by the several emerging from the wood; but luckily he discovered them in senson to escape their ligerent attitude of the heroic giantess at the window, pretty nearly how matters stood at the house, and they all three sent up an encouraging shout to the wömen.

> Just at this point they heard the ringing sound of a horse's hoofs in an opposite direction, and, turning suddenly, Lesh beheld her lover dashing furiously toward the house. This additional reinforcement, coming so opportunely, yet so unexpectedly, filled the heart of the timid maiden with increased confidence.

"Oh, mother!" she burst out, excitedly; "Randolph is coming-see! He is just leaving the wood. Isn't it lucky for

"I expected him," said Mrs. Hart, with quiet assurance. "I knew it was fine fellow, my beauty, and don't belong he the Tories were in pursuit of, and I about it, or we might be tempted to serve was determined to outwit then, if it lay in the power of a woman to do it. Every-Leah, who had shrunk timidly into a thing has turned out for the best; for corner, started up in alarm when she had Lieutenant Darell ridden straight heard this threat, and made her way out here, instead of lingering in the wood, as he did, he would doubtless have been captured, and perhaps murdered before was just on the point of dashing out of his cover to go to the rescue of the females, when he saw his affianced rush for they always turn out for the best in

In another moment Randolph Darell In a moment he divined the cause of had alighted at their side, and in the the firing; and not apprehending any immediate danger to his sweetheart, so enfolded in his manly embrace.

While the lovers were thus pre-occupied, Abijah, Silas and the negro arrived, fearfully excited and wholly out of breath.

Silas recovered first, and was about to shoot down one of the Tories, when his mother resolutely interfered.

"Don't shoot them! Leave them to me, Silas. I will mete out their punish ment to them. We haven't forgotten Eben's murder yet, and shooting is too good for 'em. We will just hang them like a pack of dogs, the whole cowardly kit of them. Get the clothes line, Leah we can afford to cut it on such a right cous and heaven sent occasion!"

Randolph shuddered, for he understood the determined character of the woman and knew that she would not be long in putting her terrible threat into execution. Nor, indeed, was she; for within the ensuing hour, in spite of their prayers and protestations, the bodies of the four Tories went dangling from the nearest tree. And thus at the hand of a resolute and heroic mother, was the death of a beloved son simply and satisfactorily avenged.

After the Tories had hung a sufficient time, they were cut down and tumbled roes, forever glorious in the annals of ciliation, "we have a piece of roast indiscriminately, with the other three,

Shortly after this event, Leah and Randolph Darel! were happily united in Kentucky, where they could have, as Mrs. Hart expressed it, more velbow " if less civilization .- New York room. Weekly.

## THE ATHLETES OF JAPAN

WONDERFUL MUSCULAR DEVELOP-MENT OF HER WRESTLERS.

Their Heroic Mode of Training-The Bath is All-important --- Herculean Coal Minera.

The Japanese contortionists have an international reputation. On every country road of Japan you will find bands of three little boys, ranging in age from six to fourteen, and these boys will twist themselves into more shapes than the india-rubber man of the American dime-museum. They will wrap their toes about their heads as they lie on their stomachs, and will look out of their almond eyes as they frame their faces with their ankles. They will turn their heads around so that they seem to be set on their shoulders wrong side first, and will bring themselves into so many positions that you can hardly believe that they have any bones in their bodies, and you feel that they are hardly human. Among the best developed men I have ever seen are the laborers of the Takashima coal mines, who work all day underground, and whose labors are carried on in a network of passages of more than fifty miles in length, which extends under the sea about one of the islands of western Japan. These men carry great loads. They work from dawn until dark, and their daily hot bath and their rice diet give them muscles of which any turner in America would be proud.

The Japanese consider the bath and gymnastics of such importance to health that they have introduced them into the training of the soldiers of their regular The soldiers of Japan are put BIDY. through a full set of exercises every day. swing dumb-bells, jump on the They parallel-bars, and go through the severest of physical training. The bath-rooms are one of the institutions of every barruck, and the soldiers are required to bathe all over once a day, and they have to take hot baths three times a week. Their diet is rice instead of hard-tack, and they have an allowance of six cents per day for other food.

The professional athletes of Japan are the great wrestlers who seem to be of a different race from the ordinary Japanese, and who have a system of training very different from that of John L. Sullivan or Jake Kilrain. These men believe in the accumulation rather than the reduction of fat, and they are great, tall fellows of six feet or more, and weigh from two hundred to three hundred pounds. They train themselves largely by pounding and by being pounded by their fellows. They have great strength of neck, and they increase this by butting against one another with their heads and striking their opponents in the chest, so that the noise is that of a battering-They butt at wooden posts ram. with their shoulders, pound their flesh,

and stamp the carth with their feet. saw an exhibition at which about a bundred of these wrestlers contested, during a visit I paid to Japan a year or so ago. The wrestlers came into the room entirely naked, with the exception of a belt about the loins. Before beginning, they made the earth shake with their stamping, and wood the weight is, of course, much they glared at each other like demons, They made many false starts, and when they grappled, their muscles stood out like ropes upon their great arms, and it was a battle of the giants. They have a wonderful strength of wrist and fingers, and now and then one would grasp his opponent by the belt, and, lifting his three hundred pounds high in the air, would throw him over his shoulder, and he would fall on the earth with a terrible thud, while the umpire would raise his fan and yell out the Japanese word for victory. The most noted Japanese wrestlers have as great reputations as those of our prize fighters, and the profession of wrestling dates back to the beginning of the Japanese history. The rules of the ring are quite as rigid as those of the Marquis of Queensbury, and there are forty-eight falls which can be made. The very best class of the Japanese people patronizes these wres-tlers, and a rich man often has a party of

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL. A mill at Alpena, Mich., makes good manilla paper from pulp of tamarack. An Iowa court has decided that a

\$1.50 PER ANNUM.

meteor belongs to the person on whose land it falls. Montana claims to have the largest and

finest jusper quarries in the world, recently discovered.

A new gun has been perfected by Signor Guidelli, of Lucca, which will fire sixtyfour shots a minute.

For every fifteen yards we descend into the earth the temperature increases about ten degrees Fahrenheit.

The fastest ship in the French navy now has a speed of 19.68 knots per heur without engine straiu. An Italian savant claims that injecting a current of electricity through

milk delays its souring for several days. A new system of ventilation, never be-

fore used on occan steamships, is to be a factor of the two new vessels now being constructed for the transatlantic service of the Cunard Line.

A rich best of coal has been discovered in the Russian Amoor province of Siberia, on Usuri River. The quality of the de posit is said to be equal to that of the best English product.

It is the opinion of noted specialists on diseases of the nose, throat and lungs that one baby in every three has a growth in the nose that obstructs respiration. It

is due to covering up the head.

One of the steel saws at the Washington Gun Foundry recently cut through piece of gun-carriage metal four inches in width by five inches in thickness in twenty minutes. The saw is of English make

Two chemists are experimenting at Freeport, Penn., with the view of producing carbon points for electric lighting from natural gas. It is said that by burning the gas in a specially prepared furnace pure carbon is obtained, but as yet at a cost too great for practical purposes.

A twenty-two-inch iron pipe which was recently exhumed after being buried in the earth for fourteen years, at Lassen, Cal., came out as good as new. The pipe was coated with asphaltum when it was put into the ground. This may be taken as a good test of the preservative

virtues of asphaltum. An old sea captain's argument is recalled at the completion of the race be-tween the steamships City of New York and Teutonic. His was the view that the City of New York would win the castward passage and the Teutonic the westward, because the vessels are evenly matched, and one is better adapted to English and the other to American

coals. The Buffalo (N. Y.) fire department has lately received a novel fire engine

society is always out itself when Mullins begins calling. which has excited much interest in that "Well," said the baseball captain, "our cake is all dough?" "How do you account for it?" "We haven't a good city. The carriage is constructed en-tirely of papier mache, all the different parts of the body, wheels, poles and the rest being finished in the best possible batter."-Munsey's Weekly. Fred-"What is the matter? You look manner. While the durability and positively ill." Tom-"Negatively ill, powers of resistance possessed by this you mean, isn't it? My best girl has material are fully as great as those of

### RATES OF ADVERTISING.

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LEAVES.

The leaves, so brilliant before they were abod.

How changed they seem when they cover our dend!

Silently fallen with puthos of tenrs, How like they are to the vanishing years?

What precious, consoling thoughts they inspire,

In hearts now as still as a broken lyret Under the leaves and, though sadly laid there,

With a trust as sweet as an infant's prayer, Under the leaves and the shadowing trees, Their requiem sung by the monning breeze, ] Under the leaves and the moon's tender

light, . Under the stars of the soft, jeweled night.

Under the leaves and the sun's splendid ray, Prophetic sign of eternal day, Under the leaves and the dear summer flow

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Fragrant with memory of happy hours. Reneath the autumnal and storm-swept sky, Yet peacefully resting where pausies lie, Under the leaves and the white, vestal snow, Emblems of purchess the angels know.

Under the leaves and the blossoms of spring. There awaiting our risen King,

Under the leaves and the sweet song of birgs, Can love be lost that was deeper than words' O'er the sad, dead leaves, oh, do not grieve

long. But breathe a prayer that shall blend into

song:

For under the leaves, though the mortal lie, How grand is the soul on high!

There, through eternity's cycles untold, The love that was true shall never grow

cold. And there, at last, by the beautiful stream, May our love and life be like a sweet dream. -The Interior. W.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Noah's are-The rainbow. Each addition to one's kindred is a

A fiery temper gives adverse criticism

The cat has nine lives, and spends

One way of getting along in this world

There wasn't enough of the Swiss revo-lution to go round .- Pittsburg Chronicle-

The crab may not be as good cating as

the lobster, but it does very well on a

Ted-''I'm going to run him a race for Dolly's hand." Ned-''Then it will

be a sack race for one of you."-The

She-"Why doesn't Mr. Mullins g. out into society more?" He-"Because

relative gain.

I elegroph

Week's Sport.

warm reception.

them all in vocal culture.

pinch .- Elmira Questle.

is to walk .- Detroit Free Press.

clined to listen to me, but Mrs. Fremont was full of ideas that it could be invested by him in speculation, where it would wield him untold millions, and she carried the day."

The fact that the Freuch colonists in Algiers show increasing fecundity, while the French in France are steadily falling off in that respect, suggests that the mother country is overcrowded and the social system unfavorable to marriage. The cry is again mised that the Latin race is dying out, which, asserts the Washington Star, the fact recorded in Algiers and Latin-America do not bear out. Another reason for decadence in population is the early army age and long military service exacted, which, with other causes, prevent the multiplication of the population.

"It is singular," declares Frank Leslie's, "that the rise in silver threatens to seriously affect Christian missions in foreign lands. When silver was worth twenty or thirty per cent. less than it is, an American dollar was obviously worth in the debased silver coluage of foreign countries twenty or thirty per cent, more than it is now. In other words, the rise in silver has brought the currency of silver lands pretty nearly to an equality with that of countries banking on a gold basis. It is said that the Methodist Missionary Society will, by reason of the rise in silver, require a special appropriation of \$20,000 to meet the increased \* cost of exchange in India, and that all other religious missionary societies will be seriously affected."

It is interesting to know that when the new naval vessels are completed the effective force of the United States navy compared with the European navies will be as follows: United States, forty-two, of which five will be battle ships and ten other armored vessels; England, seventysix armored, 291 unarmored; France, fifty-seven armored, 203 unarmored ; Russia, forty-nine armored, 119 unarmored, and Germany, forty armored, sixtyfive unarmored. "But the comparison with these greatest powers of the world is more flattering, admits the Washington Star, than that with the smaller naval powers, such as Holland, Spain, Italy, Torkey, China, Sweden and Austria; for we are surpassed by them all even with the new ships added.

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covered. officer, at one time upon the staff of The moment the Tories perceived the deadly purpose of the giantess, the three Young Darell was in the habit now nearest the window sprang to their feet

and then, whenever he could make an in terrified astonishment. excuse to obtain a furlough, of paying "Stand back!" she cried, in a threata flying visit to Gum-Tree Farm, the ening tone, presenting one of the loaded humble, though comfortable, home of carbines with an air of resolute determiuntion. "The first villain of you that On one of these occasions a party of stirs a step, I'll shoot; and the first one seven mounted Tories pursued him near- that touches another mite of that pork

ly the the entire distance from the Ameri-I'll blow his brains out!" can camp to the residence of the Harts, Without heeding her blazing eye, or

he, however, contriving to clude them in her stern verbal warning, the Tory leader a piece of woods just before reaching the sprang fearlessly toward the stack of

arms; but before he could reach them An abrupt bend in the road had favthere was a report of a carbine, and the ored him, and the Tory rangers, not advancing ruffian fell to the floor, while dreaming of this advoit move on the part the slug, which had passed entirely of the flying fugitive, dashed furiously through his body, struck another in the on till they came to the farm-house temple, who was seated at the table, killwhere they tumultuously demanded of ing him instantly. Mrs. Hart, who was standing in the

A third, rendered desperate by the trydoor-way, if she had seen a horseman ing situation, made a reckless attempt to pass by who wore the uniform of an get possession of one of the carbines, and instantly paid the penalty with his life. The woman shrewdly surmised who

Throwing the second empty carbine the officer might be who would be comaside, Mrs. Hart caught up the third one, with which she now covered what nained of the terrified party. There were but four left, and not on

rel one. To her seemingly careless question the Torries promptly gave an affirof the four dared to move a finger. "Leah, blow the dinner-horn!" cried

the mother, in a tone of resolute triumph. der, by a cartpath that leads on to the Beechknoll road," answered the quick-"It is safe now to call in Silas and your father." The young girl, half-terrified out of

witted woman, with an admirable presence of mind, and an apparently cool inher wits, promptly obeyed the maternal difference to the subject, which carried mand, and a long, winding blast instant conviction to the minds of the echoed and re-echoed through the inter-Tories, who again sparred on in supposed vening woods. pursuit of the fugitive; but, to their She had left the house and joined her

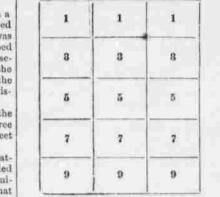
great disappointment, the cart-road presmother on the outside before she essayed to blow it, and as she lowered the horn ently terminated in a bog, and, on a careful examination, they discovered that no from her lips, now rendered colorless other horse-tracks had been left there from her recent fright, her anxious eyes but these of their own animals. were bent in the direction of the distant

"He must have taken to the thicket," corn-field, where her father and brother said the leader, after fully satisfying his and a faithful negro servant were at mind on the subject. There is no use at work, although a narrow belt of timber all in beating the ground farther, for he stretched between them.

#### A New Puzzle.

A new puzzle has been sprung upor the inoffensive people of this weary world. It is an innocent-looking affair, and an inexpensive one withal, but more deadly than "pigs in the pen." This latest brain-raking device consists simply of three columns of figures, arranged thus

the



Nov, the point is to add together any six of the above figures and make the total 21 .- Philadelphia Record.

#### Trade in Cast-Off Teeth.

A medical statistician estimates that the citizens of the United States are carrying gold to the value of \$500,000 in the recesses of what ought to be their There are no people on the face teeth. of the globe who have such bad teeth and who spend so much money upon them as the Americans. No doubt the habit of hurried feeding and the wholesale consumption of sweet dishes have assisted much toward this end. But is it not a mistake to suppose, as says the medical statistician, that false teeth set in gold are buried when their owner shuffles this mortal coil? If this is the custom in America, it is not so in England, or why the numerous advertisements offering to to buy old artificial teeth? The old teeth are not bought to use again, as some nervous people fancy, but simply for the sake of the gold .-- Popular Provider,

#### He Enjoyed the Pass.

Great men do not always write in the grand manner, but Crowfoot, the Blackfoot Chief, was not winting in this remect.

He received a perpetual pass over the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and in acknowledgment of his thanks sent the following letter:

"Great Chief of the Railway: I salute you, O Chief. O great, I am pleased with rail-road key, opening road free to me. The clasins and rich coverings of your name writing, its wonderful power to open tha road, show the greatness of your chieftness. I have done, CROWFOOT."

them come and wrestle at his receptions for the entertainment of his guests. Some of the most noted statesmen are patrons of wrestlers, and one of the cabinet ministers of the Mikado was not long ago nicknamed the "Wrestler." The wrestling goes on in both its public exhibitions and at private entertainments without the aid of betting, and so far the muscular exhibitions of Japan have not been corrupted by the vice of poul-selling .- New York Ledger,

#### A Ghastly Talisman.

"Better than a rabbit's foot." "Better than finding a horseshoe." "Or a four-leaf clover."

So spoke a number of hangers-on at the police court yesterday. "What are you referring to," asked

friend.

"To a bit of hangman's rope. It's the best talisman in the world. Every crook carriss a piece. It's for good luck. About every third crook arrested has a bit of rope in his pocket. He would rather lose a thousand dollars than part with that piece of rope. If he did part with it his luck would turn. The Sergeant always returns it when the crook gets out of jail and demands his property .-Detroit Free Press.

#### Seamless Steel Boats.

Mr. Heslop of Leeds, Eugland, has devised a method of forming steel boats without a seam by one operation. The metal plate used is one-sixteenth inclu thick, and of oval shape. It is heated in a furnace and then molded in a die to the required form by hydraulic pressure. Three dies are employed to gain the form by degrees, and thus preserve the metal from crucking or buckling. The boat is then pollshed, and fitted up with air-tight compactments and other necessaries.

Footpads are becoming hold and audacious in London at night, some going far as to "hold up" cabs.

14444 A new machine has been designed for the excavation of sewer trenches. The

material in this system of excavation is handled but once, and the operation is continuous, a line of loaded buckets passing out and a line of empty ones returning to be filled at the same time. Ordinary excavating machines require the empty buckets to be returned over the same line over which the full ones are sent out, and it is claimed that for

this reason the new machine can work more rapidly and cheaply. The six-inch ordnance rifle which suc-

ceeded in demolishing the British armor plate at Annapolis is capable of hurling a projectile through 101 inches of wrought a placed 1000 yards from the muzzle of the gun. The power of the eight-inch gun is 16 3-10 inches, same distance, and of the ten-inch gun twentyone inches, same distance. The twelve inch projectile will pierce twenty eight inches at a distance of 3000 vards. The thirteen-inch guns, which will be pro-

Scollop Shucking Houses.

vided for the battle ships, are capable of

demolishing the heaviest armor.

When a fishing sloop's hold is filled with scollops the Captain at once sets sail for the "shucking" house, either in New Suffolk, Mattituck, Sag Harbor, Southold, Peconic, Greenport or some other bay side town on Long Island. "Shucking" is the vernacular for taking the shells off the fish. A shucking house is a rough boar1 building, heated by a log fire. Along one side extends a shelf on which the unopened scollops are

piled. The shuckers are young men and women, and the work affords ample opportunities for flirtation, as each young

man can work at the elbow of his sweetheart. Facing the shelf filled with scollops, each "shucker," armed with a stout bladed knife, dexterously opens the scollops, propping the edible tidbits in a pan and brushing the shells into traps at their sides.

The shuckers work with amazing rapidity. One turn of the wrist com pletes the operation. There are from seventeen to twenty-one hundred scol lops in a gallon, and an expert "shucker" will score a gallon in an hour and a half. They are 1672

paid sixteen cents a gallon for opening the scollops, which are at one packed in stone jurs or new tubs and shipped to market by train. Scollop are a big source of income to the peopl of many Long Island towns that before the discovery of the shellfish in Peconis Bay idled through the winter months.-

New York Herald.

Jones-"I don't think you ought to go around saying that Robinson is the biggest coward alive." Brown-"Why. he shows in every way he's afraid of me Junes---"Sof Well, your justifiable."

The oldest inhabitant is an interpersonage; but he doesn't make half as much noise in his immediate locality as the youngest inhabitant does .- Pusk.

said no to me." -- Munsey's Weekly.

The man who thinks he knows it Upon his none may take a fall; But he who sometimes is in doubt, May find that weakness helps him out.

Politeness generally pays. A gentleman who gave up his seat to a lady on an elevated train, afterward found out that she had been robbed while occupying it .- Puck.

We are rather at a loss to know why sunlight is so often described as "gold-'The "silver" moon is accounted en." for by coming in quarters and halves,-Berkshire News.

"How long has your daughter been practicing on the plano?" "To be exact she began one month before our neighbor went crazy, and he's been in the asylum a year."-Figure.

The Obliging Peddler-"If you don't stop talking to me about your wares I will whistle for my dog." "I have some most excellent whistles, sir; just try one or these."-Fliegende Bluetter

Landlady-"Mr. McGinuis, may I ask what you are trying to find in that cream pitcher?" Boarder-"I am trying, Mrs. Irons, to rescue an unfortunate fly from a watery grave."- Chicago Tribune.

Willie took his father's razor and his shaving

cup To shave himself last week; The doctor charged a fiver when he accel the gashes up In little Willie's cheek.

"Humph," remarked a young man, "my cigar has gone out." "Weil, that settles it," replied his room nrate. 112 was wondering which of us it be, myself or the cigar."- Washington Post.

Grocer-"What's that about the dozen eggs you bought this morning?" Brown "They were all bad except ous, and I've called to see how much extra I owe you for the good one,"-- New York Sun.

"This bell," said a well meaning mxton, when showing the beliry of an interesting village church to a party of visitors, "is only rung in case of a visit from the lord bishop of the diocese, a fire, a flood, or any other such calamities."- London Figure.

Travers-"How much are trousers!" Tailor-"Twenty dollars, sir." Travers-"And you say you require a deposit from strangers !" - railor "Yes, sir." Travers (warmly)-". M. ready I feel myself growing intimate with you."-New York Sun.

Briggs-01 want to got some suiled neckties." Astonished Clork----Soiled neckties, sir! Soiled, did you say!" Briggs-That's what. When you call upon a girl four times a week and she's making a crary quilt, you will understand that a man has got to buy neekties at job-lot prices or suspind payment.<sup>2</sup> - Clothier and Furnisher.