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ous reflection on the intelliankind that while animals our language, we make no all in learning theirs. One lp hoping that some future of men may be sufficiently patient and large-hearted to at what these dependent creatto say to us may sometimes be tant as what we have to say to id to act accordingly.

g the last twelve months actual have taken up some 19,000,000 of land in the United States, or 30,000 square miles. When, says hicago Trilune, we can increase actively agricultural area in one year | try. a extent nearly equal to the whole of land, and have the fact passed over 1 a more paragraph of commeet, it no longer be doubted that we are a t nation inhabiting a great country.

he example of the heirs of a rich Ausis worthy of imitation in this counemarks the San Franci co Chronicle. have given \$15,000 out of the self. to found a school of housekeeping is. If free schools of cooking were hed in all American cities, the who gather statistics at the end of gmarter of the next century would narked decrease in dyspepsia and mess and a considerable gain in I stamins among the American

A BUILDER'S LESSON. "How shall I a habit break?" As you did that habit make, As you gathered, you must lose; As you yielded, now refuse. Thread by thread the strands we twist Till they bind us neck and wrist; Thread by thread the patient hand Must untwine ere free we stand. As we builded, stone by stone, We must toll unhelped, alone, Till the wall is overthrown.

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But remember, as we try, Lighter every test goes by; Wading in, the stream grows deep Toward the centre's downward sweep; Backward turn, each step ashore Shallower is than that before. Ah, the precious years we waste Loveling what we raised in haste, Doing what must be undone Ere content or love be won! First across the gulf we cast Kite-borne threads, till lines are passed And habit builds the bridge at last! - John Boyle O'Reilly.

for her reception?

cauldron in Macbeth.

some unknown spiritual force.

with fantastic tracery.

the candlestick.

the cauldron.

darkness.

cavernous bonnet.

the-place," Cleo retorted.

your lord and master."

equilibrium.

could_"

was Peggy Piper."

He smiled slowly.

"You as good as said, 'Take me.

too. Two proud souls, two of them,

she muttered. "Young lady, keep your

smiles hereafter for the one who is to be

"You have a true, clear eye, in spite

would guess what a cold heart lay behind

it. You care only for conquest, that you

"Your cauldron lies!" Cleo exclaimed.

The half truths uttered, the unaccustomed

and made her feel guilty, but the in

justice of the last accusation restored her

tinued, though why she should exchange

words with the crone was a mystery.

"You cannot look into my soul. If you

She paused. The sybil peered deeply

into her flushed face, over which a ten-

"You see only the surface," Cleo con-

She stood some moments in

then scanned Cleo's flushed face.

of all," she said dubiously.

self before her unpleasantly.

did so, Cleo was not much surprised.

this was Peggy Piper, the fortune

"Can you read my future for me?"

A MIDNIGHT QUEST.

BY ISABEL HOLMES. "You haven't the courage," she as-

serted "Haven't I?" retorted Cleo Curry mockingly. "I inherit courage and there isu't a jot or tittle of superstition in my nature. "What's that you're disputin' about, girls?" queried Uncle Zeke from the

chimney corner. "I say," responded Cleo, "that I wouldn't be afraid to go down to the old Willey house at midnight, St. Valen-

tine's eve and walk down cellar backward with a looking-glass and candle-" "Expecting to see the face of her future husband," interpolated Sue. "I should expect to see old Willey's ghost

peering over my shoulder." "I'm not anxious to see the face of my future husband," Cleo retorted sharp-"I only want to prove my courage, to ly, "I only want to prove any in approved celebrate St. Valentine's Day in approved

"I'll wager ten dollars you das'nt go," remarked Uncle Zeke. "I'll stake my amethyst ring that I dare. Here's my hand.'

The soft white palm and the brown knotted one clasped as a step was heard coming through the back shed. "You must fetch one o' them mangel

wurzels in the the bar'l side o' the potato ben, so's we'll know you went clear down cellar," said Uncle Zeke. "Not a word of this," Cleo cautioned in a whisper as they heard a hand fum-

bling for the latch in the little dark en-"Capt'n Luke," said Uncle Zeke, with

a sly glance at Cleo. The next moment a young man opened the door. It was quite the custom in

this Cape Cod town to omit the ceremony of knocking. "Here's a chair next to me,"-said Sue with the freedom of long acquaintance-

Cleo and Capt'n Luke exchanged a formal good evening as he seated him-

'Had quite a fall o' snow," suggested with a tremulous quaver. "I will read Uncle Zeke. "Yes, good sleighing," said Capt'n the cauldron, while Cleo drew nearer, Edinburgh Review. Luke. strangely fascinated. "Proud," the sybil muttered, "am-An impressive element seemed to have entered the room with this good-looking bitious, selfish. Your fortune is not so young captais. The usual witticisms bright, young lady, that you need be anxious to forcast it." "Haven't I as fair a chance for happi in the long strip of worsted that made a crimson line down her white apron. She fidgeted in her seat and proposed a ness as other people?" Cleo demanded "No. You're going to sell yourself for a fine house in the city and a carriage game of euchre. Uncle Zeke and Cleo were partners, and diamonds. You are mercenary and "We'll beat them every time, won't heartless besides. Ha! you don't deny and diamonds. You are mercenary and we, Sue?" said Capt'n Luke, with a shade it! You will find yourself one day of quiet defiance, as he swept in the first staring for love, without the power to tricks with a steady hand, meeting Cleo's seek it except in forbidden paths." eyes with a cool glance, which she re-Cleo stood with her fascinated gaze upon the secthing registrar of fate. turned in kind. Cleo's mind was running upon that sleigh ride with Capt'a Luke the last "You have another lover, young, strong, warm-hearted. You have seen evening. He had come perilously near to a proposal of marriage. Had she been wise or foolish to ward it off so indifferhis love for you and encouraged it day by day. You have looked into his eyes with those dangerous ones of yours. ently? His manner made her slightly Your voice has been modulated to suit uneasy, Pshaw! What did she care his car. Oh!" with a jeering laugh, anyhow! She knew she had flirted with that grated on Cleo's nerves, him a little-this Cape Cod town was so couldn't deny yourself the pleasure of poky in the winter-but that was no ex. proving your power over him.

into the sutry. Her heart was beating "It was injustice!" she said, quickly. "Injustice? Do you mean to say that quite evenly. She had been in a daring mood ever since that night of the sleighthose sweet smiles and looks of yours were genuine after all? That you were giving me measure for measure, that it ride and this occusion had furnished an scape-valve for her feelings. She lighted the candle and pushed was only woman's coquetry prompted you

open the kitchen door. On the thres-hold she stopped in astoniahment. In the cavernous fireplace opposite the door a huge fire was roaring and crackling, flooding the room with its light and eelipsing her candle. the other night?"

celipsing her candle. Had the patron saint of the season an-Her eyes drooped instead.

In an instant his strong arm was ticipated her visit and made preparations around her. He had played for high stakes and won.

She walked up to the fire. A big, "And now shall I accompany you round kettle hung from the rusty crane bubbling and hissing like the witches' home?" he asked, after he had explained his stolen march upon her. "And set the tongues of the gossips

A strange spell was being wrought upwagging? No; I must go as I came. on her. Her usually caim common sense was held in abeyance. There was some-thing weird and uncanny about the leap-ing flames and steaming cauldron in that When the next morning Uncle Zeke deserted house. She seemed to be breathfound the root beside his plate he handing an enchanted atmosphere. Yet she ed Cleo the \$10 bill. was far from fear. She was upborne by

"Did you see a ghost?" queried Sue, thinking Cleo rather pon-committal over At length she recollected her errand the adventure.

and opened the cellar door. A gust of damp air made her candle flicker. She did not waver. She peered down into darkness, then adjusted her glass and candle and commenced the backward

descent, the cobwebs covering her cloak

The Nice Taste of Cannibals.

She kept her eyes upon her own re-flection in the glass until she reached the Mr. Lumholtz writes "The Australians are cannibals. A fallen foe, be it man, woman or child, is eaten as the bottom of the stairs. As she stood there a moment a face appeared in the mirror beside her own, then vanished suddenly. choicest delicacy; they know no greater luxury than the flesh of a black man. Something like faintness came over her. There are superstitious notions connected. But she resisted, found the barrel of with cannibalism, and though they have no idols and no form of Divine worship, mangel wurzels, snatched one up, ascended the stairs quickly and set down they seem to fear an evil being who seem to haunt them, but of whom their "Of course I only thought I saw a face," she repeated, while Sue's proph-ecy about old Willey's ghost thrust it-

notions are very vague. Of a supreme good Being they have no conception whatever, nor do they believe in any existence after death.'

The lurking superstition which beats with the blood of every one of us, deny The blacks do not like to eat white people, whose flesh, they say, has a salt taste; but the very thought of black human flesh, which they call talgoro, makes their eyes sparkle. The natives do not, as a rule, eat persons of their it as we may, was tightening its hold upon her. She did not feel in a hurry to leave the place. A dreamy influence enveloped her. The agencies we call supernatural seemed the only realities. She half expected to see a band of witches appear and join hands around own tribe, though there are instances to the contrary; the blacks south of the Gulf of Carpentaria, it is said, do not kill persons for the sake of eating them, but the women eat those who die a natural She could scent some presence near her, and when a rather fantastic old woman, bent with age, in a red cloak and huge poke bonnet, stepped from a recess behind the fireplace, and, without death; near Moreton Bay, also, the dead glancing at her, stepped up and stirred the cauldron, muttering to herself as she the fact of his eating so much salt beef. The flesh of the Chinese, whose food consists largely of rice and other vegetables, She had not bargained for anything is much prized. It is said that far north in Queensland ten Chinamen were dehalf so weird sud romantic. Perhaps voured at one dinner. But during the teller, who, it was reported, held mid-night conclaves with the powers of whole time Mr. Lumholtz spent on Herbert River only two blacks were killed and eaten.

The uncivilived Australian native is Cleo asked abruptly. The crone turned toward her, with usually sound and healthy and not much troubled with sickness, with the excepusually sound and healthy and not much eyes burning darkly in the depths of the tion of skin diseases, which he gets from the white man; but when the Australian "You seek to know the future?" she becomes "civilized" and wear clothes he queried, in a thin, high-pitched voice becomes more liable to illness; he re-

MAKING POSTAGE STAMPS VARIOUS STAGES OF THE WORK DESCRIBED,

Making the Plates and Printing-Gumming and Drying the Sheets of Stamps.

If there is one thing more than another that is in general use and about the manufacture of which so little is known to the public who use them it is the post age stamp. An immense number are used in this country annually, and for over fifteen years the American Bank Note Company, which is now situated on Trinity place in the rear of old Trinity churchyard, this city, has had the con-tract for their manufacture for this coun-

This company is the largest concern in the world engaged in this class of work, and beside manufacturing Uncle Sam's stamps, is doing the same kind of work for the Governments all over the world. In London and Paris the bank note business is not as extensive as in New York. Noither has the same artistic standard of steel plate work been reached in any other country as has been attained in this country, The contract for the printing of the

stamps for the United States is given out by each new Administration, every four years. Samples of paper that is to be used are furnished with the proposals, and bidders are advertised for in the public prints. Experience has shown, however, that notwithstanding the immensity of the contract and the consequent enormous profit, that the bidders are few, usually not more than four concerns en-

gaging in the competition. The Government, which supports an extensive establishment for this sort of

Bank Note Company. The first stage in the manufacture of the stamps is the making of the die. The design settled upon by the Government is then made. The engraver then makes an engraving in deep intaglio upon process-softened steel. After the device and border is cut, the steel is hardened and the intaglio is ready for use. Then the upper die or punch is made. A cube of soft steel is pressed by a hydraulic ram upon the intaglio engraving, and after it has been forced into all the depressions it is slightly touched by the engraver's graver and burnisher. A cameo counterpart of the intaglio is thus formed, and from these the plate is made up by pressing the hardened steel upon the softer metal.

The plates which print 200 stamps each impression belong to the Govern-ment, and each night are taken from the presses and locked up in massive safes by the United States Postage Stamp Collector, a representative of the Government at the Bank Note Company's establish-

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

\$1.50 PER ANNUM.

A torpedo net constructed of interlocking steel rings is soon to be put to a practical test.

A new gun has been perfected by Signor Guidolli, of Lucca, which will fire sixty-four shots a minute.

The British Admiralty engineers are conducting experimental ninety-six-hour runs of boilers under forced draught at Portsmouth.

About 4500 species of wild bees and 1100 species of wasps are known. Great Britain has 170 species of the former and sixteen of the latter.

In the German tests of the Maxim gun, 34,000 rounds were fired from a single barrel, and the rifling was not materially injured until after 20,000 steel bullets had been discharged.

A small battery has been brought out which promises to be very useful to young electricians. The outfit includes six-candle power lamp, and a battery lasting a couple of hours on continuous

A brilliant black coat upon zine can be obtained by immersing the zinc objects in a solution of ten parts copper free sulphate of iron and six parts of ammoniae salts in fifteen parts of boiling water.

The saltest piece of water upon earth is the Lake of Urumia, in Persia, situated more than 4000 feet above the sea level. It is much salter than the Dead Sea, the water being found on analysis to contain nearly twenty-two per cent. of salt.

A lasting machine that enables one operator to last 3000 pairs of shoes a week is one of the latest things in laborsaving machinery. It tackles anything from light feminine foot wear to the heaviest brogans, and the product is su-perior to hand work.

Mr. Edison is trying to generate electricity from coal in sufficient quantities to be of value as a motive power. He says that a pound of coal contains enough latent energy to carry itself around the globe. Fully eighty-five per cent. of this power is wasted in the process of conversion into heat.

It is proposed to put 500 to 1000 steel tubular frame eight-wheel wagons, fitted with automatic brakes, on the Government railways in Natal, South Africa, and that they shall be paid for by one-half the annual savings made by using them in moving freight as com-pared with the cost of moving an equal quantity on ordinary wagons.

The Two Whitehouse Watchmen.

These two watchers are among the oldest employes of the White House at Washington, and one of them is closely associated, in a humble way, with one of the most exciting periods in its history. W. S. Lewis was one of the White House doorkeepers in the time of Lincoln, and each night, between 10:30 and 11 o'clock during the war period, he acted as the escort of the President when he

RATES OF ADVL.

One Square, one inch, one insertion One Square, one inch, one month.... One Square, one inch, three months.... One Square, one inch, one year......

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FROM THE JAPANESE. "So young, he cannot know the way," Thus I heard a mother say, At the close of a summer day, But he knew the road, it seems, Into the shadow-land of dreams, And she wept above his clay, Since, though young, he knew the way!

Gone, where summer moths resort, Or small boats that leave the port, Salling over the stormy brine, As, with this long sleeve of mine, Under the gloom of alian skies, I dry my weeping eyes!

If I could be where the billow whirls, In a lacquered skiff, with a paddle of pearls, Young no more, but old and gray, You may be sure I'd know the way. -R. H. Stoddard, in Scribner.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Ex tempore-A stopped watch. Trying times-The quarter sessions. Electric belles-Female telegraphists. Items of interest - Pawnbrokers' pledges.

Give no back talk to a humpback .---Siftings.

The pupil of the eye is incessantly ashed. - Pittsburg Dispatch.

The flower of the family usually blooms n the shade .- Denver Road. It is odd that all men are trying so

nard to get even .- Dallas (Texus) Neves. A man's lot may be hard, but his neighbor's hens can make it look fuzzy.-Binghamton Leader.

Stove-"How did you get in here?" stovepipe-"Oh, I elbowed my way in." -New York Journal.

The man who wins the day ought to have plenty of time at his disposal .---Binghamton Republican.

"Dress makes the man,' we often hear, And self-made men are deemed success But woman nover will appear, Unless she's poor, in self-made dresses. — Puck.

No wonder hearts are so often wounded ; they're subject to so much betting .--Binghamton Republican.

The capitalist who loaned money to the cattle man referred to it as a beef stake .- Washington Star.

Those men who with Indian ways are ac-quainted Declare that in war they are bad as they're painted.

-Chicago Pont. Mrs. DeFadd-"What an eccentric per-

son Mrs. Homebody is?" Mrs. Domania-"Isn't she the oldest creature! She isn't making a collection of anything .- New York Weekly.

A scrap of paper, creased and yollow-All that is left of the dear old past; A tailor's bill-I paid the fellow; It was my first-would 't were my last' -Pittsburg Bulletin.

Homebody-"How did you spend your time while in Europe?" Returned Tourist-"I spent most of it hunting through my pockets for tips."-Neu York Weekly.

Up in Fractions: Employer (to new boy)—"Have you any brothers?" New Boy — "Yez-zir, one." Employer — "One?" New Boy—"That is, two half brothers."-Harper's Bavar. Mr. Bingo-"Tommy, when you get to be the head of a family, what will you say to your sons?" Tommy (thoughtfully)-+I will tell them how good I was when I was a boy."-New Orleans Times-Democrat. Time is not money always—not a bit. That man will tell a very diff rent tale Who tries to steal the savings of a bank And gets instead a year or so in jail. —Philadelphia Times. From the Contribution Bos: "The idea," said the African missionary. indignantly. "What's the matter?" idea of sending celluloid poker chips aid the heathen in an ivory country! New York Sun. McFingle-"How much is Browns worth?" McFangle-"Nothing." "Wh I understand he had some valuable pro erty?" "Oh, yes; his property is wort a good deal. But Brownson timself i worthless."-Boston Traveler. Wild-Eyed Operator-"Two and on -\$5000 worth. Stamp Clerk (in Asto shment) - "Five thousand dolla worth of stamps?" "Yes. I want to Love is an orchard where our fast In courtship lead as for an hour, To plack the fruit the heart must out For ays, and some of it is seet. And some of it is sour. —Chicago For Husband-"Anything you want de town to-day, my dear? Shall I on some of that self rising flour?" Wit "We have plenty left, but I wish would stop at an intelligence office order me a self rising servant girl. New York Weekly. At an examination in a Milwa school recently, one boy said, "Ha bal was a man-cater." Hannibal so enough like cannibal to mislead a c Another described the Executive sion as "a place where they kill fo -Texas Siftings. A begging letter sent to a rich asking for a pair of cast off tre-closed pathetically with these words - S send me, most honorel air, the trou rs, and they will be woven into the laurel crown of your good doeds in heaven."-Fliegende Bluetter. It is told of Abbe Liszt that on one of his concert tours through Germany ha was tendered a banquet at a small town by his admirers. When it was found that thirteen were seated at the table the general embarrassment was checked by Liszt remarking: "Do not be darmed at such a triffe. I can cat tos two porsons," - Chicago Herald.

work exclusively, at Washington, known as the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and where the United States currency and United States bonds are printed, has ever since the existence of the bureau entered into the competition for the postage stamp contract, but has never succeeded in underbidding the American

ment. When they are worn out they are

Much improvement has been made in securing color tints in pictures. One process combines a heliotype print with lithographic tints. Better work of this class is constantly being turned out.

work

Civilization works havoc among wild animals that are killed for the service of mankind, laments the New York Star. The buffalo has almost entirely disappeared, and now it is said that there are wobably less than one hundred thousand scale in existence, and that, at the present rate of slaughtering, in a few years the species will be exterminated. It may become necessary for the Government to institute decisive measures for the protection of the seals, unless we are willing to see them wholly disappear.

The New Orleans Pleayune is pleased because America seems to have a model warship at last. Commander Schley, of the cruiser Baltimore, writes in the highest terms of her seaworthiness and sta-" the heavy gale of Octo-

h played such havoe a fleet off Scarborough, he maintained a speed varyrom 14.5 to sixteen knots, and was omfortable when slowed down to ten knots that one below would not have known that a gale was blowing but for the whistling of the wind. At no time during the gale would it have been impracticable to fight her battery. In conclusion the Commodore says: "She is the king pin yet, and when you build anything better I would like to command it."

According to the New York World, Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher grows more beautitul as advancing years and growing feebleness take possession of her. She sits in a beautiful bay window surrounded by birds and flowers, and dreams of the days when she and "Henry" were struggling along in a little Western village, trying to keep the pot boiling and the sermons written. But there were long ago days! Now, though in comparative poverty, Mrs. Beecher has enough business engagements to keep her from actual want, and if she could fulfil one-half the orders that come to her she would be a rich stanap. Every publishing firm in the nountry has asked her to write the life " her dead husband, but owing to her

1th she has refused them all.

for his presuming to think she would marry him.

When her father's reverses came she had been sent there to spend a few am to be had for the asking," the crone weeks with these relatives, of whose existence she had been scarcely aware before. They had welcomed her with open in your net. Oh, yes! But he is proud, arms and she had found much diversion among them.

It was not pleasant to be almost ignored to-night by Capt'n Luke. She thought of the wealthy suitor she had left behind in the city, albeit old and ugly, and was half inclined to write that very night and accept him.

The eve of St. Valentine was mild for the senson. Shortly before midnight a woman in dark garb issued from Uncle | may boast -" Zeke's shed door and walked off toward the old Willey house. Since the death of its owner three conditions had wreught upon her fancy

years ago, Uncle Zeke had held the Willey place in conjunction with his own and had garnered the not abundant crops in its cellar. Cleo had taken the key to the house, which hung near the shed door, unaware that her sly uncle had slipped out and fumbled for the key, to assure himself that ahe was playing no tricks on

Cleo gained the brow of the hill that sloped towards the shore, crossed a plank over what had been a brook in summer, climbed a low fence and reached the or three skiffs were rocking lightly upon the water, upon which the moon shone fitfully.

Cleo took the path to the left, where the old Willey house stood dark and lone, and stood upon the flat stone before the low red door. The windows were all boarded. Cleo

had explored the place with daylight and asked. knew all its nooks and corners. She unlocked the door and stepped believe in justice."

gards cloth a simply as ornaments, which your destiny," and she turned again to he may wear or not, as he chooses .-

4iyou

"No man

Plants Serviceable for Salads.

M. Henri de Vilmorin, President of the Botanical Society of France, recentdelivered a lecture on salads, which is full of hints for housewives. He began by speaking of the nutritive value of salads, due to potash salts, which are usually eliminated from vegetables in the process of cooking, and said that salad is even more desurable in winter than in summer, being a preventive of rhoumatism and biliousness. He enumerated the following plants which are used in France: The leaves of lettuce, corn-salad, common chicory, barbe de capucin, curled and Batavian endives, dandelion, green, blanched and halfblanched; watercresses, purslane, in small quantities blanched salsify tops, of a leasant nutty flavor; Witloef, or Brussels chicory; the roots of celeriac, or round-rooted celery; the flowers of nasturtium and vucca, the fruit of capsicum and tomato, and in the South of France, rocket, picridium and Spanish "You are repeating the silly gossip of Various herbs are added to a ohtons, French salad to flavor or garnish it, such as chervil, chives, shallot and borage. In addition many boiled vegetables are dressed with vinegar and oil .- New the verge of a proposal of marriage, and York Star. then were utterly surprised to find him

Suiclde in the Red Sea.

The Orient liner Lusitania, which has ust arrived at Plymouth, England, reports the suicide in the Red Sea of a beautiful young girl, Miss B. McKnight, who took passage at Melbourne and was going to England to be married. She was observed to be depressed in spirits when the vessel had only been a week or two at sea and was heard to regret that she had consented to wed. When the Lusitania was in the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb one night Miss McKnight suddenly broke off an apparently agreeable conversation with some of her fellow passengers, and, mounting the rail, leaped into the almost boiling waters of the Red Sea that never falls below ninetysix degrees. The steamer was at once hove to and boats were lowered. The search continued for two hours. Nothng, however, being seen of the suicide it is supposed she was eaten by a shark. -Washington Star.

Recent information gathered by the water. The tide lapped the shore gently, drew it and stepped back. The next German forestry commission assigns to the sea-breeze kissed her cheek. Two moment mask, cloak and bonnet were the pine tree 500 and 700 years as the maximum, 425 years to the silver fir, 275 years to the larch, 245 years to the steady magnetism of his own. "You!" she exclaimed. "I thought it birch, 170 to the ash, 145 to the alder, and 130 to the elm. The heart of the oak begins to rot at about the age of 300 The holly oak alone escapes this venra. law, it is said, and there is a specimen of this aged 410 years in existence near "Yes. Did you not deserve them? I Aschaffenburg in Germany-Chicage instrument for young ladies .- St. Louis Times.

cut into pieces under the directions of the Government. This postage stamp collector distributes the stamps to the various postmasters at the order of the Postmaster-General.

The paper upon which the stamps are printed is supplied by the Government daily upon the requisition of the manufacturer, a careful record being kept of the amount of the issue, and the com pany must return the full number of sheets whether in good or "spoilt" work. The presses used each carry five plates of 200 stamps each. They are tremendous affairs, and only ten of them are used. each necessitating the employment of one man to manage them and two girls, one to lay the sheets on and the other to take

The rolling of the ink into the plate, the filling in of the lines and the final polishing of the plate, is all done now by the press. Formerly it was all done by the printer, whose art really consisted in the filling in and polishing, the latter being done with whiting and the palm of the hand. Then the plate was put in the small press. The sheet was laid on by the girl, and the man helper pulled the press, the plate passing through under the forced weight. It was only three years ago that this form was gone through with the hand presses. The sheets, after being carefully

counted, are then taken to the gumming room. The gumming too, until quite recently, was done by | hand with a broad brush, but now a more effective and rapid method has been devised of passing a roller over the backs of the sheets by machinery, applying the gum evenly over the entire surface. The gum is imported in a farinaceous state, and resembles undiluted gelatine.

The gummed sheets are then removed to the drying room, where they are placed on racks and passed over a series of steam pipes. They are counted in each department in order that the responsibility may be placed if any are lost or mislaid. The gummed and dried sheets are then piled up fifty thick, and placed under a heavy piece of machinery provided with many hundred punches, to arranged as to pierce the space between the stamps.

The sheets are run through lengthwise and afterwards chauged in position and the cross perforations made. They are then ready for use, and are held awaiting the requisition of the Postmuster-General .- New York News.

The Modern Form of the Plano.

The invention of the modern form of the piano dates back to about the year 1700.The spinet or rectangular-shaped instrument was called a virginal. It is frequently stated that this was done to compliment Elizabeth, the "Virgin Queeu," but this cannot be true, as it is found mentioned among the instruments of Henry VIII. It is more likely that it was so named because intended as an

vent from the Executive Mansion to the War Department to get the latest news of the conflict before going to bed. Lewis left the White House and went on the city police force, where he remained for many years. About twelve years he came back to the White House service, where he has been ever since. T. F. Pendel, the other-night doorkeeper, has been employed in the White House for twenty-six years. These two mer, knew the face of every man of prominen public life, and they can spot a crank at the other end of the avenue by gaslight. They open any telegrams which come to the Executive Mansion after midnight, and determine whether it is advisable to to show them to the President or not. There is no one at the Executive Mansion at night who can act for the President. Only the members of his family and the domestic employes of his house hold sleep at the White House. So if anything demanding immediate attention should be delivered at the Executive Mansion after midnight, the President would be aroused from his sleep to attend to it. It is seldom that a telegram

of any kind is delivered at the Executive Mansion between midnight and daybreak, for the local manager of the West ern Union Telegraph Company has in-structions to hold all messages which are not of the utmost importance until morn-And it may not occur once in six onths that the President is called from

Yark Star. Potatoes for Starch.

his bed to read a late dispatch .- New

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The annual "potato raid" is in progreas in Aroostock, Me., as the starch factories are beginning their season's work. Says the Boston Transcript: "This is one of the most novel sights to be witnessed in this section of the country-the long line of teams hauling the potatoes to the factories and standing waiting their turn to unload. There is a great crop in Aroostock this year, the largest for many years, in fact, and there will be a good supply for the factories, as the latter are paying very fair prices. There are about forty factories in Aroostock County and on its border, and as they uso upward of two million bushels yearly, it is seen that potato raising and starch making in Aroo stock are industries of considerable magnitude.

Curious Old Indian Signs.

About five miles above Morven is a mystery which the people of that community cannot explain. In a hummock near the river are two complete circles, one ninety and the other 140 feet in diameter, the smaller circle inside the larger These circles, which are much like those left by a circus performance, are com-pletely barren of vegetation of all kinds. These circles have been there since the recollection of the oldest citizen, and none know how or when they came there. It must be that they are Indian signs, rolles of by-gone days, when the savage warrior was lord of all he survayed .- Mussa (Ga.) Telegraph.

No Barglars in Mexico.

In Mexico the burghar is positivoly nnknown. The houses, constructed as they are, in view of uprisings, revolu-tions, etc., present to the would has burglar but a small chance of overnee, With what biank walls, barry = 101 win dows and solid wooden doors, the sweller within the average adobe is prepared, at algorithm to withstand the alonge of a regiment. -- Chicago Times.

der emotion was stealing softly, then Life of Trees. stepped forward and took her hand. Clea felt a strange electric thrill as she withlying on the floor, and Capt'n Luke was standing, looking into her eyes with the "Do you feel better after the accusa tions you have heaped upon met" she