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Philadelphia is said to have \$15,000,-000 invested in the South.

The New York World declares that "the monopolies in this country have made more millionaires in twenty years that all Europe has made in 500 years."

It is estimated that each year in New York City three thousand we en find theroselves stranded, not only he reless, penniless and without work, but also unable to work.

It is now a well-settled fact, observes the Atlanta Constitution, that during two months of the year-the crop-moving season—the country needs more money than during the remaining ten months.

A Cincinnati railway official rises to remark that the time will come when there will be but four or five railway systems in this country. He says that even now the Brice-Thomas syndicate controls Or bridged ice of frozen brooks, actically all the railroads south of the River except the Louisville and

arsch, Austrian millionaire, 1 of the Prince of Wales, reed a stylish woman of rank to of her horses, because he haphave one exactly like it. She I rather cartly, whereupon the at her his horse with the message : ugh I am disappointed, I am still is that they should go in a pair."

Cherokee Strip is now practically ed, announces the St. Louis Star igs, the Government order to the men having being obeyed very rally. In a few months this beauticountry will be open to settlement. It is best described as possessing the fortility and resources said to exist in Oklahoma, but which the boomer found, to his sorrow, existed not.

When the barbers of Sodalia, Mo., sought to elevate prices by charging eleven cents for a shave-that being the first step in a contemplated advance toward fifteen cents-nearly every good razor in town was bought up next day and the male adult population proceeded to scrape its own jaws. Tell you what, exclaims the New York Telegram, the spirit of '76 is coursing again through the veins of the West and South.

New York is soon to have a second hospital in which the patients, the governing and the medical staff are to be yacht to Wilbur." women. This, a ates the Chicago Herld, will be the seventh hospital of this kind in the United States in which not even the gentleman mouse mentioned by the Roman satirist will be allowed to pick up the smallest trifle of the larder. The others are in Philadelphia, Bosto n Chicago, San Francisco and Minneapolis. What John Knox was pleased to call "the monstrous regiment of women" is moving on.

Japan now has on paper a complete legal system, abreast of the times. The remaining portions of the Civil Code have been promulgated, and the Criminal Codes, which went into effect in 1882 have been revised. These latter take effect at once, but the Civil Code does not go into operation till January 1st, 1893. This appears to be a very simple announcement; but the significance of it is tremendous, when we remember that it is Japan, hardly a generation removed from a policy of utter seclusion, shutting out European civilization, which thus comes to the front.

No matter how high the rank of a Chinese official by seldom recovers from his greed for presents. A Canton mandarin is now bewailing this fact, for on a recent visit of the Viceroy Li to his province he presented that dignitary with a pair of lions, cut in jade stone, of great value. He imagined the Viceroy would admire the work and then return it, but what was his amazement when he received a gracious letter accepting his gift. It seems he borrowed the jade lions, and now he is negotiating with the owner, who demands a small fortune for the property. It will go hard with the mandarin's subjects this winter, as it will take many a "squeeze" of rich and poor in the province to recoup his loss.

M. Freveinet, the French War Minister, and retired a lot of old Generals, and a number of dashing young Colonels will soon take their places. The oldest General in France, and probably in the world, is General Manduit, who, on the 7th of December next, will be 100 years old. He has never asked to be retired and he still figures among the officers of also wear that medal—General Mellinet, in 1798, who commanded a division Imperial Guard at Magenta;

the reserve. He is very proud of his St. Helom medal. Three other old fellows flirting match, what was it! To tell the heated room in company with three full-also wear that medal.—General Mellinet, truth I was surprised into silence, for I bearded men, who had their feet in tubs

geor and

WINTER WEATHER.

When stems of elms may rise in row, Dark-brown, from hillocks under snow, And woods may reach as black as night, By sloping fields of cleanest white:-If shooters by the snowy rick Where trees are light, and wood is thick, Can mark the tracks the game may prick,

They like the winter weather Or where may spread the gray-blue sheet Of ice, for skaters' gliding feet, That they uplift, from side to side, Long yards, and sit them down to slide. Of sliders, one that totters slack Of limb; and one that's on his back; And one upright that keeps his track,

When we at night, in snow and gloom, May seek some neighbor's lighted room; Though snow may show no path before The house, we still can find the door; And there, as round the brands may spread, The creeping fire, of cheery red, Our feet from snow, from wind our head,

Are warm in winter weather, By hills or hollows over snowed, By windy gaps or sheltered nooks, Still may we all, as night may come, Know where to find a peaceful home, And glowing fire for fingers numb

With cold in winter weather. -William Barnes.

A WINTER'S CRUISE.

BY J. D. MILLIGAN.

"I have never regretted selling the 'Romance' to Wilbur.

"Yet you had to give him a pretty stiff figure to get her in your posses again," replied little Dick Freeman.

I admit it, but I had good reasons for selling her. You see it was this way, I owned the yacht five years, and between summer and winter crulsing and getting ready for both during the interim, I was so constantly employed that I had little or no time for society

"Just so!" said Dicky, shaking his

head and looking wise. "Now I am very fond of ladies' so-ciety and have always stood a great deal of bantering because of my penchant, when heaven knows I was simply endeavoring to make myself agreeable. Again, I was taken to task for being wedded to my yacht, but that I couldn't help, because, with the very best intentions in life I would commence a summer's cruise with firm resolutions to put the yacht out of commission in the fall, and set to work to win a wife by the most sedulous application and in-

"You're the only man I ever met who years. had the courage to admit that looking for a wife was hard work; you deserve a medal," said Dicky admiringly.
"Yet I couldn't do it, for something

or somebody was sure to turn up that would compromise me, and the winter's cruise had to be made; so I sold the

"Well! what followed?" he natural consequence of being invited to join him in a winter's cruise among the West India Islands, and my acceptance of that invitation."

That was consistency with a ven-"Think so? listen! As host I felt obliged to pay as much attention to one guest as to another, but when I became

a guest that obligation ceased." 'Ah! I see; you could exercise your penchant for flirting with one lady without feeling that you had slighted another. Quite clever of you, very."

"Will you belay your interpolations for a few moments! Where was I? Oh! I accepted Withur's invitation, and agreed to meet him at St. Augustine. kept my promise, and in boarding the yacht found Wilbur and his bride (the latter acting as chaperone), Lillie and Violet Meserve, and Mr. Cravon, the artist, who was engaged to Lillie Mes-

"My traps were no sooner on board than the anchor was aweigh, sails hoistted and the yacht's head pointed seaward. As I had always directed the Romance's movements in and out of port I felt chagrin at being a witness of Wilbur's complacent yet dignified authority, and heaved a pretty big sigh.

" 'That was a wicked sigh, Mr. Dean, said a low and musical voice beside me, I turned to see who the speaker was, and beheld Miss Violet Meserve.

" Wasn't it? yet I have an excellent reason for its atrociousness: I suppose you know that I owned the "Romance" only a few weeks ago.'

"The young lady nodded her head af-" Weil! that sigh meant jealousy,

rank jealousy.' thing far, and away beyond an ordinary sigh; of whom are you jealous—Mr. Wilhur?'

"I nodded my head affirmatively." "Poor fellow! we must try and make it up to you."

"Do pray! I like nothing better than

being patronized." "The young lady looked at me curiously as if to fathom my meaning; then a mischievous gleam appeared in her eyes as she said, 'There! I have unwittingly displeased you, and yet I thought I was anying something consoling. Surely-

what I said. I want to be patronized." "She laughed merrily and unfelgredly for a few seconds and then said 'I'm sure you do. I was told to beware of you that you were a dangerous man. I can well believe it! Then the witch looked archly into my face and repeated her last words,

'I can well believe it!' "Now if that wasn't a challenge for a knew that Miss Violet Meserve was not a of ice water. "In the name of heaven, dirt, she was too generous, too nice, too what are you doing?" asked his friend. gentle for any such work as that; besides, she believed that I was nothing but a arrive answered. Cherubini, "and I need

"The silence was broken by one of the crew forward, singing a shanty, or song used by sailors when a strong combined pull is needed on a rope. The shanty man had a marvellously clear bass voice, and showed his cleverness in the quirks, variations, and quavers in his rendition

of the simple music of his song.
"Listen! Miss Meserve,' I whispered; listen to that man's shanty, low-voiced, yet clear and sweet. They are hoisting the foresail. Listen!

"We're outward bound this very day, Good-by, fare you well, good-by, fare you

well.
We're outward bound this very day,
Hurrah! my boys, we're outward bound." " Oh! Mr. Dean. Is that not grand! and what a flexible voice the singer has? Do you know I have always had the idea that a fine bass singer was ever a manly

man, loyal, true and brave?' *
"There! There! Miss Meserve,' for you, see, I had discerned another mischievous gleam in her eyes-you know, too that I have a pretty good bass voice - There I give ir, let us declare a truce; no more compliments, no more -

"Yes,' flirting, if you call our conversation and actions so far a flirtation. Some one has given you a most unjust account of me, or you wouldn't have endeavored to fore-stall me so preemptorily. Now I want you to trust me, to take me as you find me; to judge me in fact by my conduct with you, not by the misdirected opinion you have formed of me. Is it a compact?"

"She put her little hand in mine,

and said, sweetly: 'Yes; we must be friends, or rather, not refuse your friend-ship, for the others are absorbed in each other, and I have been quite lonely until you came. Yes, she said, and I noticed tears in her beautiful blue eyes, 'I'm sure we shall be friends.' Then she left my side and went into the cabin. Thus it was, Dicky, that I met my wife."

"Is that all? no love-making-no description of the lady—no proposal?"
"Oh! you want the whole of it, do
you? You have met my wife? No?
Well, Violet is a trifle above the average stature of women, with the noblest figure I ever saw. Her eyes are of a violet color, full of spirit, yet tender and melting, and fringed with long, coquettish lashes. Her complexion is of exquisite softness and purity, with a few flecks of freckles that add measurably to the charm of her face, more beautiful than I can describe; while her hair, of a dark gold and naturally curly, outlines her features admirably. Her mind is in harmony with her beautiful exterior, and, although not posted in the 'isms, 'ologies and dogmas of the day, she is well educated, and is a sensible wife, just the woman I've been looking for all these

"We were naturally much together, and in our visits ashore at Havana, St. Thomas and elsewhere in the West Indies she proved a most entertaining traveler and the sweetest, nicest companion man ever had. I fell head over ears in love with her, but I couldn't see that I had made the slightest impression on her heart. At last we were homeward bound, making a long stretch from Trinidad to the mouth of the Mississippi. Five days out we were engaged. It happened thus:

"A heavy squall struck the yacht about ten o'clock in the evening. We had been expecting it, so were in a manner prepared for it. I had just left Violet standing by the main rigging over to windward to get a light for my cigar, when the yacht gave a sudden lurch that sent the lee rail under water, so furious was the first gust of the squall. I had been taken by surprise, but managed to keep my feet only to be caught by somewho ran against me; both of us went flying to the lee rail, where we were brought up with heavy thumps, and hearing my companion moan, I lifted her up, caught her in my arms and pressed her to my breast, 'Violet, dearest,' was all I could say.

" 'Jack, dearest,' was the response of my fair love, and then she fainted. "The squall had spent its fury, though it had kicked up a pretty lively sea, but I managed to get Violet to the cabin, where her sister and Mrs. Wilbur, together with the maids, took care of her. She had hurt her side and didn't leave her room for three days. When she did appear, looking so pale, yet so lovely and winsome, I had great difficulty in restraning myself from taking her in my

arms and kissing her. "To my surprise she called me Mr. Dean, and something occurring to vex me I showed more animus than my wont, whereat Violet came to me and said, Don't be angry with the steward. It

wasn't his fault." "'My dear,' I replied, taking her hand between mine, 'I am not angry with him, but with you.'

**She stared at me with her big blue eyes for a moment, and said, With me!' why-what have I done?' " When the squall struck the yacht a

few nights ago, and you came tumbling into my arms—do you remember what "Yes,' she answered, raising her eyes and looking earnestly and yet coyly

into mine-Yes, I remember.' " Well, then, dearest, I object to the formal Mr. Dean; you must call me Jack! for you have known for weeks that I love you; that night you told me plainly you loved me, and-

"'Jack, doar, you may-'
"'Yes, love, I must kiss you-' and that, Dicky, is all there is to tell of a Winter's Craise."- Yankee Blade.

Manufacturing Bass Voices.

Luigi Cherubini, the creator of "The Water-Carrier," was rather eccentric. One winter afternoon, a caller on Cheru-bini was surprised to find him in an unand inter, and to amuse myself with couple of very heavy basson. None of in the men here has a voice heavy enough, so I am trying to deepen their notes Zululand and Cetewayo.

Zululand is situated on the castern coast of Africa, north of Natal. Its area is about 10,000 square miles, and its population before the war with England, in 1879, was about 250,000. This war, which brought the Zulus and their king, Cetewayo, into prominent notice, was forced upon them by the representatives of the British Government in Natal, who had long been anxious to annex the country. In order to have some pre-tense for a forcible occupation of the land, Sir Bartle Frere demanded of Cetewayo that large fines in cattle should be paid for offenses of the Zulus on the border; that he should disband his army, and not attempt to form it again; and that he should allow a British officer to live in Zululand and assist him in administering the government. This, naturally, brought about the desired

At first the Zulu army, which numbered about 42,000 men, was successful in every battle, and had Cetewayo desired to push his advantage after the battle at Isandlwana he could have crossed the border and completely annihilated the English; but from the first he insisted that he was fighting on the defensive only, and his soldiers were under strict orders not to go over into Natal to fight. The final battle in the war was fought on July 4, 1879, result-ing in a total defeat of the Zulu army, and on August 13 Cetewayo was taken to Cape Town as a prisoner. Subsequently was taken to England, but in December, 1882, he was reinstated King of Zululand, to rule it as a vassal .of England. In 1883 he was wounded in a battle with one of the subordinate chiefs, who had been left in possession of a large tract of country at the north, and died at Natai in March, 1884. It was in the Zulu war that the young Prince Imperial of France was killed, he having joined the English army in search of renown .- Brooklyn Citizen.

Bone Grafting.

A. G. Miller, in the Lancet, reports the history of a case in which he used decalcified bone chips successfully to fill up a large cavity in the head of the tibia. A piece of the rib of an ox was used, being first scraped and then decalcified in a weak solution of hydro-chloric acid. After cleansing, by pres-sure, it was placed for forty-eight hours in carbolic acid solution, one to twenty, then removed, and cut into small pieces. During the scraping out of the cavity in the knee, preparatory to the grafting, a number of small pieces of bone were re-mov 1. These were placed in a solu-tion c boric acid for use later in the operation. The cavity was then stuffed with the decalcified bone shavings, the pieces of fresh bone being added last. The cavity thus filled was about two inches in diameter. Granulation and healing took place rapidly; the only pieces of bone that became necrosed were from the patient's own body. The author is convinced, from his observation of this case, that the healing of large bone cavities, the result of injury or disease, greatly facilitated with decalcified-bone chips, that these are superior to fresh bone, and that fresh bone not only is of no use, but actually hinders the process of granula-

Petroleum as Hair Persuader.

Not a suspicion of hair remained on the cranium of a Pennsylvania engineer. He had heard of petroleum as a hair-restorer, and, as he ran into the oil regions, daily, decided to try it. Procuring a felt skull-cap he lined it with cotton waste from the cab and continually kept it moist with the crude oil. His duties occupied his attention and he soon became accustomed to the odor. In a few which made his head feel soft to the touch, and in a few months astonished his friends with a beautiful crop of short curly hair.

Being almost bald myself last May, writes one who subscribes himself as "Experience," and rapidly losing what hair was left I began to use kerosene. Every time my hair lost its gloss I would again rub a half-thimbleful on the scalp, and soon it ceased to fall. After six weeks of kerosene I changed to vaseline, not, however, before short, fine hair had appeared. I am still oiling my poll with this odorless by-product of the crude oil, and still does the covering continue to thicken and refuse to fall. To bare the head to sun and wind is also unobjectionable. - New York Tribune.

Blue Jackets Are Mostly Americans. "There is a general impression that our naval service is full of foreigners, said Lieutenant Simonson to me. The lieutenant was formerly in the navy, but is now engaged in private enterprises. He continued: "I often hear gentlemen say with great assurance that our navy is recruited largely from natives of Nor-way and Sweden, who are good sailors. This is only true in so far as it imputes sailorlike qualities to the Scandinavian race. The facts are that about one-half the men in the naval service of the United States are native born Americans, I was at the navy yard in Brooklyn when the Maine was launched, and ran over the roster of her men. She has a total of 477, not counting officers. Of these 198 were native Americans. The next highest nationality was Irish, 89; then the Scandinavians, 73; and after that I did not explore any further. I have no doubt but the men on the Maine are a fair example of the entire navy. Nearly all of the sailors are naturalized Americans, whether born in France, Germany or Great Britain,"—New York Press.

A Fence of Swords.

A man at Small Point is to have a fence next summer that would please Rider Haggard, though it will not be made of swordfish. The man, Mr. Sylvanus Wallace, of the Life Saving Station, has enough of these swords, gathered during his fishing voyages, to build a picket fence forty feet in length .- Bath (Me.)

WHERE MISTLETOE GROWS

FLORIDA BLACK-JACK FORESTS FESTOONED WITH IT.

Seeds Disseminated by Birds Take Root on the Bark of Oak Trees-Curious Process of Growth.

Florida deserves its name of "Land of Flowers" not so much for the Lenuty and luxuriance of its plant life as for the strange and unique varieties of blooms and blossoms that grow in the hummocks and pine woods. It is the land of "air plants," and every cypress tree presents a picturesque appearance, with the "air pines," mosses, and wild specimens of orchids clinging to the limbs and trunks fifty feet above the ground, until they look like the veritable hanging walls of Babylon. Plants here, says a letter from Fort Mead, Fla., to the New York Times, seem to thrive on air and moisture, soil being a superfluous accompaniment, and leaves plucked from the parent stem will sprout and grow if they are nailed to the side of the house or even hung up by a

But far more interesting than any of these at the holiday season of the year is the famous mistletoe, which in the Southern woods covers the briliches of large trees so as to make them present the appearance of magnificent evergreens. The novel effect of these trees, covered with mistletoe, is greatly heightened by the numerous transparent berries which brighten every

oranch of the plant. Florida divides itself up into several kinds of landscape. The high hummock land is the best for horticultural purposes; low hummock land is good for gardening if it is not covered over with water; high pine land, rolling and flat, is suitable for orange and lemon groves, and, finally, the black-jack land. This black jack is a species of black oak, with such enormous roots that a forest of the trees will soon drive out and kill every other kind of plant life. The soil in the forest of black jack is good, but so much labor is required to grub out the big tap roots that such land is rarely cleared for cultivation. It is on these black jacks that the mistletoe abounds in certain sections of the land. The plant is also found occasionally on the pine and cedar, and it has been discovered in the South growing on the persimmon and honey locust, but it is on the oak family where it finds its best

The curious mistletoe is known only in the North as it is sent from warmer States, and its historical recollections, the rich poetical and legendary allusions concerning it, make it a sort of plant to be coveted every Christmas time. The custom of hanging mistletoe boughs over the hall door on Christmas Eve dates back almost to the time of the Druids in Britain, when the oaks covered with mistletoe were consecrated in their eyes. Yet a plant that grows wild here and is in such universal demand has never been cultivated with much success in North-

Failures to transplant the mistletoe birds that feed on them in order to un- fied. dergo some chemical change preparatory to germination. The seeds of the plant are deposited by birds on the bark of the trunks and branches of trees, and the rootlets which they send out insinuate themselves though the crevices of the bark and thus become incorporated with the wood. Thrushes are among the principal birds that help to disseminate the seeds, and they may be seen gathering the seeds almost any day. The viscous nature of the seeds causes them to adhere to the beak of birds, and in order to get rid of them they occasionally rub their beaks against a tree, thereby leaving some of the seeds fixed to the bark, where they stick fast and vegetate. They also, when ripe, drop from the plant, and in their descent sometimes come in contact with other branches, and the viscous matter causes them to adhere in like manner till they germinate. New forests of black jack will thus often be planted with the mistletoe in this way, and after the plants have once got a good start they spread rapidly.

The young mistletoe plant seems readily to imbibe the ascending sap from the wood of the tree upon which it grows, and this it converts into a proper juice adapted to nourish its own structure by the aid of its leaves. It is sometimes grafted here on trees for ornamental purposes, and it has been made to grow upon the apple, pear, poplar and willow. After the seed of the parasite is put on the bark germination takes place in about two months. The first appearance of the plant is two horn-like processes (resembling the horns of the common snail) rising from opposite sides of the seed. They first shoot out straight, and afterward recurve back till their extremitie touch the bark in opposite directions They remain in this position for the first year, bent like a bow, with one end fastened to the seed and the other to the

The second year the seeds ... from the bark, when the seed leaves belonging to each radicle separate, and each be comes a separate plant, whether there be plants are firmly established at this time. but they do not make much growth un til the third year. Then they grow rapid ly and begin covering the black jack with their green boughs. No prettie sight can be imagined than a forest of black jack covered with the bright mistle toe, hanging in great festoons and bough over the head; while the trees themselves are perfectly leafless. The birds of the North, enjoying their brief Southern trip, flock to the trees in numbers, where they pluck the berries in great eagerness.

Like Florida orange blossoms, many of these mistletoe boughs are shipped to the cities about the holidays to brighter the inside of the homes, and not a few of them sell for handsome prices. A small spray of mistletce in the North is worth half a dollar, but down here bushels of them may be had for the plucking.

A railroad is to be built from Omaha. Neb., to Galveston, Texas,

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Scientists say the earth in her revolu-An Allegheny (Penn.) man has discovered a method of fusing steel and nickel.

Some gentlemen at Newport, Ky., au-nounce that they can make alumnium for aine cents per pound.

Somebody has coined the word "mo torneer," to designate the person who manages the motor on an electric car.

The telephone across the English Channel will contain four copper con-ductors, each a strand of seven wires. Electricity has just been applied to the reeling, weighing and making up into balls of silk and similar woven fabrics. The newest street cleaning wager

works on the principle of a patent parlor broom—dustless, and gathers up the dire The selection by plants of food and rejection of injurious substances, though

not always performed without errors, indicates the presence of sensation. An English inventor offers a system by which coal gas compressed to one-eighth

its natural bulk can be carried about and utilized as an illuminant when desired. The dynamo is replacing the battery to such an extent in telegraphy that its use will, it is thought, be universal in a few years. It is both chenper and more effi-

A London paper suggests that the Government should send out some warships to blow up with dynamite the icebergs which are now very plentiful on

the Atlantic. After exhaustive experiments, the French Postoffice has decided to substitute a copper-coated steel wire in place of the ordinary iron wire for tele-graphic and telephonic service.

The fastest vessel affoat is said to be the 3200-ton English built warship intended for the Argentine Government. She made 21.2 knots under ordinary

draft, and 22.4 knots with forced draft. In Boston, Mass., the other day, a motor under an electric car exploded, and the wood work of the car caught fire. One of the passengers, a young girl, was injured, and a fire engine had to be called out to extinguish the flames

A newalloy consists of 100 parts of aluminum, and ten parts of tin, and is especially suitable for instruments intended to be very light. The alloy, which is a trifle paler than aluminum, is a little heavier than the pure metal, but is not so easily corroded, can be worked more readily, and could be soldered as easily

as bronze. Dr. Kabierski, of Breslau, Germany. has invented a novel percussor in the form of a tuning fork with a cylindrical stem, which is held between the finger and thumb, with thin prongs with rounded free extremities for striking the surface of the body. He has mapped out by its means the varying movements of the apices of the lungs, and believes have led to the belief that the seeds had | that he has shown that results heretofore to be passed through the stomach of the obtained should be considerably modi-

Slavonie Customs.

It is customary in Polish villages to strew straw over the Christmas Eve supper tables, and for the young people blindfolded or in the dark, to pick out each a straw therefrom. Should the straw be green, the lucky maiden expects to wear a bridal wreath or the youth to lead a bride to the altar during the approaching year; but a dried straw foretells either long waiting, possibly

even until death. "In other rural Polish districts, on the Christ's Eve,' wine, beer and water are placed by a girl between two candles on She then retires into a corner or an adjoining room to watch the result reflected in a mirror hung for this purpose. If, as the clock strikes midnight, a man enters and drinks the wine. she is happy, for her wooer will b rich. Should be drink the beer, she may be content, for the wooer will be 'well-to-do.' If the water be chosen, her husband will be very poor. But if, as the clock strikes, no man comes to her table, the anxious maiden shiven with more than midnight terror, believing that she is doomed to be early the

"Poland is peculiarly rich in these ob servances, spreading themselves throughout the year, both sexes being equally superstitious in this respect. On New Year's Eve the young unmarried men place themselves before a fire, and bendng down, look beneath their legs. Should woman appear in the back ground, it is the one they will marry; but if they see a shape as of a coffin, it forbodes for them death during the year close at hand."-Chambers's Journal.

An Ocean Paradise.

The Island of Hogolen, in the Polyesia, is an immense coral atoli, 130 miles in circumference, having four entrance passages. On the reef and within it are seventy islands, four of which near the middle, are high basaltic masse about thirty miles each in circumference, magnificently fertile, yielding spontan cously many valuable products, situ-ated in the midst of a rockbound lake ninety miles long by half that width. This unknown ocean paredise has been for ages an arem of combat between two hostile races, one copper colored, inhabiting the two westers of the great interior isles, the other upon the two eastern a darker people with long, straight hair

Cats With Human Ways.

An English writer tells of two cats which advanced daily from opposite ends of a long and lofty wall, and, inceting in the middle, fought with great fury until one or both were precipitated to the ground below, upon which the fight ceased immediately, the combatants remounting the wall and hasking peace-Boston Globe.

THE RACK

To live is but to nobly strive-Against the tireless days that drive Men deathward from their hours of bleth.

Hope, love and prayer-those things are real, More swest and precious than we know; Yet, like star-glimposs, they reveal. The sombre skies above, below.

And others still: Why live at all!
Life moves through triumph or despair
To its Creator's deathless call.

Though one man falters on his way, And one stands railing to the end, There is no hand nor will to stay That purpose which is for or friend.

That purpose which exalts a soul, Even while it robs a soul of grace, Which sinks the atom in the whole, The individual in the race.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

-Geo. E. Montgomery, in the Cosmopolitan.

"Brings down the house" - A Western

The man who is "waiting for some thing to turn up," might turn up his sleeves and go to work.—Puck.

If the lungs contain 75,000,000 cells, as a contemporary informs us, why not use them for a penifentiary!-- West

"I understand, Pat, that you have a big family dependent upon you?" "Yis, sor, tin childers, siven pigs and the old

"Terrapin," says a writer "is an acquired taste." So it is. A taste of terrapin is among the most difficult things acquire known .- Washing hat Post.

The siang that from her lips fell pat,

Off made her English hazy.

She once was heard to muratur, "that

Chrysanthemum's a daisy."

— Washington Post, Crawford—"Time is money, you know." Merritt—"And yet I would sooner have a girl who has forty millions than one who has forty years."—Chicago

"Doesn't that man look sheepish?"
asked Mrs. Keedick. "Yes, but per-haps he has had the wool pulled over his eyes," replied Keedick .- Chicago Inter-Watts-"Potts shaves here sometimes,

doesn't he?" Barber—"Yes; Mr. Potts is one of my regular clients." Potts— "Clients! Don't you mean patients?"— Indianapolis Journal. Brown-"Fenderson is a very entertaining fellow; don't you think so?" Fogg-"Yes, but the deuce of it is you

can't begin to laugh until after he has gone."—Boston Transcript. Some wag recently started the story that Mrs. Stanley is about to v book entitled "How I Found Stanley,"

and she is receiving letters from people who think it is true.—New York Tribune. His Fiancee-"Are you sure you would love me just as ter conditions were reversed-if you were rich and I were poor!" He-"Reverse our conditions and try me."- Brooklyn

"What is the name of the other vagabond who was with you?" asked the magistrate. "Jimmy the Calico." "How did he ever get a name like that?" "Because he won't wash."-Philadelphia

"Look here! You just jabbed me in the eye with your umbrella." "Too bad Here's my father's card. He's an eye doctor, and if you'll use my name he'll give you bottom rates."—Philadelphia

Johnny-"Mr. Hankinson, ain't you shaped just like other ment" Mr. Han-kinson-"I suppose so, Johnny: why?" "Papa says you ain't exactly square, and Irene says you seem to be always round." - Chicago Tribune. Dealer-"I um sure, madame,

could look the city through and not fin

a handsomer carriage than this." Mrs. D'Avnoo-"Oh, it's handsome enough, but it looks too comfortable to be stylish."-New York Weekly. "I am going to be indiscreet, Miss Chicago." "Oh, you can't be with me, Mr. Boston." "No? Well, I was just going to say how elegantly that big

hands,"-Philadelphia Times. Mrs. Bingo-"Clara has been shopping all day. Oh, here is the delivery wagon with some of the things she has ordered." Bingo-"But where is Clarat" Mrs. Bingo-"She is probably waiting for the change."-New York Sun.

liamond ring does harmonize with your

The only thing that mars the dandy's peace of mind is the fact that he isn't imported, like everything he uses. Meanwhile, from his lofty place in the menagerie, the imported monkey looks down on him, and marvels. - Puck.

"Do you find enough to keep you busy these days?" "You bet. I'm putting in a bigger day's work these days than I ever did before." "Why, I thought you'd given up your job. "So I did. I'm looking for another," -Buffalo Espress.

Jack - "Why are you looking the and " Tom-"I saw Maud threshing sty glances at Harry to-night." Cheer up. It was doubtless for you she meant them, though Harry got them, Women can naver throw straight your know," - Harper's Besser,

South Carollin's Redbones.

There is a singular race of people in South Carolina called ris findbones? Their origin is unknown. They possens ble in appearance the gapetes, but in complexion they are red. They have accomulated considerable property and are industrious and peaceable. They lies in unall settlements at the foot of the mounts and assessed with none but their own race. When the Civil War broke out several of them culisted in the ipton Logica, and when the logical Rempton Legion, and when Backgrine personal Vir min were taken for colleged men. 3-New Peris Disputch.