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Statistics show that 20,000 females are arrested yearly in New York City.

The statement is made that England has lost three hundred millions dollars in South American investments,

Of the 3000 breweries in the United States, foreignees have secured about sixty, representing something over forty companies.

Activity is the order of the day in the iron and steel mills of the country, and new works and improvements are being added rapidly to the present facilities.

Ex-Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson said recently : "The State of Washington has more coal than Pennsylvania, more pine than Maine, and more fish than Massachusotts,"

Our gain in population for the decade from 1880 to 1890 is 13,000,000, a million for each of the original States, "Who says thirteen is an unlucky number?" exclaims the Washington Star.

A correspondent of the London Spectafor claims that by a more suggestion of sge he can make a hypnotized youth suddenly look old, to the extent of his face muscles "falling in," and the "hue of age" overspreading it.

It is stated that the Church of Engand has raised and expended over \$175,-500,000 on church building, repairing, etc., during the twenty-five years ending with 1884. The church spends a million follars yearly on these objects.

Experiments are about being tried in England in the use of the lance by cavalry regiments. It is proposed that the front rank of each troop shall carry lance and earbine, only the rear rank bearing sword and carbine as heretofore.

One thing specially noticed in Maine is the impetus given to the apple-canning business by the partial failure of the apple crop. Fruit that was formerly considered only good enough for cider escaped the press this year and has gone into cans to help furnish the world with apple-sauco.

The Salvation army has money and property in the different countries where it is established valued at \$3,213,690. The trade effects, stock, machinery and goods on hand are valued at \$560,000. Some idea of the trade department may be gathered, suggests the Chicago Horald, from the fact that they sell 22,-800 army bonnets every year to the

IF FLOWERS COULD SING. If flowers could sing, the poet's lays Would not be needed for their praise; They, of which men have sung so long, Would sing their own enchanting song. What fragrant accents oft would float From out the ross's velvet throat, What soulful spince would they bring

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If flowers could sing. If flowers could sing how would they bless The love that lips dare not confess, How would they voice the secret three

Of passionate and utter woe. How would they thrill the maiden fair Who wore them in her breast and hair. What tender tidings would they bring If flowers could sing.

If flowers could sing the birds would die; What use were it for them to try By any means to e'er disclose The charms that render sweet the rose. They lovely colors have, 'tis true; But, have they lovely fragrance, too? The birds would die from envy's sting If flowers could sing.

Indeed, the world world be too sweet If carols many the marguerite; In that fon I hour, when twilight's car Is waiting woodlan I hymns to hear, The violet her scout ore long Would squander in the breath of song. And song would be too sweet a thing If flowers could sing.

-Leon Mead, in the Journalist.

A CLOSE CALL.

The firm of which I was the junior partner bought large quantities of wool. I usually made the purchases, and at times was obliged to travel far into the Sierra Nevadas, taking with me several thousand dollars upon each trip. To carry this sum I used a pair of saddle holsters with a receptacle for the money and a place for a pair of pistols. The latter were necessary; for much of my way lay amid the wild and rugged untains far from the main highways. When I halted at the wayside hotels I was obliged to carry the money to the table with me and keep it in my room at night; for few of the stopping places had any secure safes or vaults. Paper money was not generally accepted by the owners of wool, so the greater part of the money was in gold. Two attempts had been made to rob me, and I had become

wary and suspicious; yet the profits we made were so good that I was unwilling to give up the trips. One day we received a telegram that read: "Secure all the wool you can; it is sure to advance in price.'

of the ledge, hoping to get a shot at him. I was disappointed, for he was The telegram reached us at 5 in the afternoon. At 9 the next morning I was still hidden from sight. I saw that by crawling up the hill a short distance I on the road, and had nearly four thousand dollars in gold coin. could gain the protection of a second

For the first three days I gradually ascended the mountains, and by midday of the fourth had reached the summit, I was desirous of reaching one man, who horse. kept his sheep during the summer upon a high and rugged range some miles from my usual route. I halted for dinner at a small public house lately built to accommodate teamsters engaged in haula half-breed Indian was caring for my solf along h

horse 1 inquired of the landlord if he

The ball evidently missed him, for it did where we had stopped the night before. THE CORKCUTTER'S TRADE not stop his mad race, and the next mo-Of the excitement there caused by our appearance I need not speak. The nearm nt we heard the swift galloping of a couple of horses. est Justice of the Peace was sent for, a The house was in an instant uproar. coroner's jury impaneled, and the state-

Men came rushing from their rooms, each | ment of myself and the wounded robber one arying aloud as to the cause of the taken down. I was exonerated from all blame, the body of the man I killed was When day gave us light, spots of blood buried, and in the course of a few weeks

were visible upon the hall floor and on the stairs, but a search for some distance a long term in prison. - S. S. Boyaton, in along the road revealed nothing of the The Overland. robbers, so it was evident that my shot

shooting.

towers.

situation.

had not been a serious one.

"Going Down to Mary's"

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TIONESTA, PA., WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28, 1891.

Trusting that I had seen the last of my He was a queer old man who boarded assailants, I mounted my horse after breakfast and pursued my journey. My route lay for some miles through a most the train at a small station in western New York. Two young men who were picturesque and scenic region. Volcanic probably his sons, brought him to the steps of the car and helped him on, and as he entered we saw that he isaned rocks rose abruptly from the hillsides, usuming the forms of temples and heavily on a cape and was very feeble.

Absorbed in detecting these fancied "The children kept at me till I had to promise to go," he said as he sat down. 'Hain't bin down to Mary's in five years, and I've got so old I dasn't wait any lonresemblances to the most noted creations of man, I had ridden for a mile or more without seeing or hearing anything to brenk the silence of my lonely ride, when ger. It's purty tough on an old man like me, but I want to see Mary and the grandchildren." a loud report rang out, my horse plunged violently, and a second later fell to the

ground, carrying me with him. Year's with your daughter?" remarked I lay upon my side with my right leg the man on the seat ahead.

> She lives down at _____, and she would have me come and make a visit. Mary was allus a good gal, and she merried a good man. You'll tell me when I git there, won't you!" "Oh, yes.

> "Cause they'll all be there at the depot to meet me. My son Steve writ that I was coming."

He had about forty miles to go, and when we passed the first three or four they could make a detour and approach stations he was anxious for fear that he would be carried by the right one. Aftheir mercy. Their advance and my ter that he leaned over on the window shot took but a fraction of a moment, so and fell asleep. Just before the train ter that he leaned over on the window

"Come, grandpa, you get off here." The old man did not move, and the stranger arose and shook his arm and said:

"Wake up grandpa! This is your station, and Mary and the children are waiting, Come, now."

But he spoke to the dead. The old man had died while he slept-passed away so peacefully that not a line of his face had changed. And we were stunned and grieving when Mary and her husband and three happy children came hurrying into the car and shouted: hind a low rock, and was thus enabled

"Here he is, Here's our grandpa, come to spend New Year's.

But he was with his God .- New York Sun.

Queer Facts About Beavers.

rock. This I instantly did, yet every James Sherman, of Clifton, who is moment fearing they would make a dash for the gold, which was still upon my trapping beaver at Knappa, was telling intly some queer things about beaver

and beaver trapping. The animal, he says, has the most acute sense of smell of They evidently did not realize that I had moved from the rock near the dead animal, and were afraid to venture. any animal that exists. In setting the traps you must wait till low water, in Reaching the second ledge, I found to order to have the tide when it comes in a balf-breed Indian was caring for my hind a fallen t I was a other beavers at once enable him to make last within sight of them. They were good his escape by seizing him by the crouching on the ground behind a low tait and hauling him away until they adge, each peering around the end of it, lease him, often leaving a limb in the intently watching the spot where they trap as an evidence of the struggle that onsued. He caught a beaver last winter I now raised my pistol, took careful aim and fired. The ball struck the man two toes on a hind foot, the other three who was holding the gun, killing him legs being amputated as close to the body instantly. The other, with a cry of rage, seized the rifle and fired three shots Mr. Sherman says there is one t Mr. Sherman says there is one faculty the beaver possesses that would be a pro-The tree in tailing had struck an old litable and interesting study for s log upon the ground and broken in two. tiffe men, and that is the power of mak-Where the two crossed each other was a ing objects adhere to the bottom of a stream without any apparennt means of securing them. The beaver lives mostly on wood, which it cuts and deposits on I rapidly cleared the earth away till I could get a shot at him. He had run up the bottom, where it remains, coutrary to some rods nearer, and now stood parthe natural laws, which would in ordintially behind a small rock intently ary cases cause the wood to rise to the watching the point where he had last surface. How this is accomplished it is seen me. Just as I reached the pistol difficult to decide, but Mr. Sherman asbeneath the log he moved quickly, but sures us that he triel it time and I fired, and knocked the gun from his again. Beaver trapping pays well where

AN ODD LITTLE INDUSTRY AND

HOW IT FLOURISHES. How the Cork is Imported-The Pro-

cess of Cutting by Band-Cork in Its Native Regions. Hanging outside a commonplace East Side dwelling, of a fashion antedating

the era of great tenement houses, is i small glass case, within which is inclosed a cork model of the "house that Jack built," together with three or four curi-ously carved blocks and balls of cork. A swinging sign several feet above the case proclaims that the occupant of the house is a maker of corks, A hall straight through the building leads to a small rear yard, in which stands the corkmaker's little workshop. Half the shop is filled with crude cork and little labeled drawers for holding corks of various shapes and sizes. In a loft, that is really only a gallery overhanging the lower part of the shop, is the simple machinery of the corkmaker's trade.

There are, perhaps, half a dozen cork-makers in New York where work is done by the aid of knives and a simple handn machine, looking like a great jackplane. A rod, carrying the cork to be shaped, revolves under the plane's moving blade, and by adjustment this machine may be made to shape corks of almost any size. Corks below half an inch in diameter are, however, mostly made by the use of the knife. A skilled corkmaker can turn out from fifty to seventy gross of corks per day. The cork factories where machinery is used a child can turn out 150 gross per day. There are, however, no cork factories of the larger sort in New York, though there are some in Brooklyn, and the large factories in distant cities have agencies here. The handworkers straggle hard to compete with cheap machine made corks. They are enabled to do by dealing directly with consumers and thus saving the jobber's profit. However, the small workers are constantly in danger of being driven out of business by the factories. The best cork comes from Spain, though

much is brought from Italy, Portugal, France and Africa. Cork oaks have been planted in South America and in the subtropical States of this country. As yet, however, little or nothing has come of this effort to introduce cork growing into the United States.

The bark comes in pieces varying from half an inch to over three inches in thickness, and sometimes measuring three and a half feet in length by eighteen inches in width. It brings at wholesale, in crude condition, from five to seventy cents a pound. This indicates the variety of quality that marks this article. The cheapest cork is full of great holes, and looks as if it were ready to fall to pieces. This quality of cork, cut into thin slices, is used to make shoe soles "water tight." As a matter of fact, it does nothing more than make shoes warm to the feet by interposing a non-conductor of heat between the inner and outer soles. An extremely fine variety of cork is used for movable insoles, Cork is put to all sorts of odd uses, and the corkinaker must be prepared to shape his material into an almost infinite variety of forms. The cork house and carved blocks proclaim to the world the corkmaker's readiness to perform any function of his trade.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL. Pasteboard pulleys are made in Germany.

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In bats the heart is aided by rhythmic contraction of voins in the wings.

A system has been invented by which stringed musical instruments can be operated by electricity.

In Belgium the white insulators on telegraph poles are so frequently broken that grayish brown ones are being used to replace them.

The welding of the spokes of metallic wheels to the hubs by means of electricty has recently been proposed and a process patented.

The submarine war boat has led to the flying of balloons from war ships. A balloon hovering over a ship can detect every movement of a submarine boat coming to the attack.

It has been proposed to make the up-per half of war balloons of very thin steel and the lower portion of ordinary balloon material, the whole so constructed as to hold hydrogen instead of ordinary

Data of the trials of three large steam-

ers, showing the comparative of large and small screws, show that propellers of small diameter have in each case proved the more economical and effective, both increasing the speed and decreasing the coal consumption.

Stretton, the eminent English engineer, says that a locomotive of the present ype can run only the least trifle faster than eighty miles an hour. A higher speed is prevented by the resistance of the air, the friction, and the fact of the back pressure in the cylinders because of the impossibility of getting the exhaust steam out fast enough.

A deposit of sand has been discovered in King County, Washington, which is reported by experts at Pittsburg and San Francisco to be superior to any other found in the United States for the manufacture of glass. Appliances have been ordered from the East, and it is the in-iention of the discoverer to utilize the find as soon as they arrive.

Modern methods are changing continually cowards simplicity and rapidity in the smallest things. The Pennsyl-vania Railroad has introduced the measurement of oil by weight in its supply department. An odd number of quarts can be run off much more quickly by weight than by lading. Oil averages about seven pounds to the gallon.

It is now proposed to utilize the lignite coal, which lies beneath the wheat fields of Minnesota and the Dakotas and which can be bought for \$2 per ton, and to turn back into the fire the gases which it throws off. Under this arrangement there is no smoke, the heat is greater and the fuel lasts longer. This can be done in furnaces, ranges, or cooking stoves.

The investigations of fire ruins show that porous terra cotta bricks best resist fire, as well as water and frost; after these in fire-resisting qualities come the various concretes and burned city work. In the most approved building work now in vogue the iron part is incased in terra

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The bees, we know, bide happy in their hlyng.

But where are all the small birds and their wives,

That brave the snow and frost, and near us stay. In winter time?

Where are the brook's inhabitanis?-each

dives Into what secret chambers! Whither drives The cold the field and woodland tribes from dav?-

In air and water again will millions place The spirit, that mimates them all, survives In winter time:

-W. L. Shaemalier, in Washington Star.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Brings tears to the dryost eyes-Horseradish.

"Because it is dog on ice,"- Wastington Star.

Does things up with a bang-The female hair dresser. In endorsing a check the right end is

dways the leftend. Systematic charity-Giving a baldeaded man a wig.

Few lawyers can beat an earthquake at settling a landed estate.

Many a man is thought an intellectual athlete when he is simply an intellectual nerobat.

"Deaf and dumb people are more or less superstitious." "Why?" "Because they believe in signs."- West Shore,

Brindle (distractedly)-"I don't know shat to do; I can't meet my blils." Litewaite (andly)-"I wish I couldn't." This conundrum is now epidemic in our highest social circles-"Why Is thu terrier in a refrigerator like a kiss?".....

Maud-14I have such a terrible pain in one of my teeth, but I am afraid to have it drawn." Cholly-"Why don't you have it photographed?"

"Has Mr. X. gone out?" asked a visitor in Paris of a concierge. "I hardly think so," was the polite answer of the janitor; "he died this merning." -Boston Journal.

"Papa, won't you buy me a bicyclef My friend Alma has invited me to join the bicycle club." "Sol Well, if you want to use your feet so much, I will bu you a sewing machine."- Flieger Blatter.

**A man cawn't even wear a moust. without some cad making insulting remawks," said little Dudekins. "I happened to stand up for a moment at the theatre, and a low fellah calls out, 'Down in front !! "-Hoston Commercial Bulletin. Mrs. A .- "Does your husband believe in corporal punishment in the Mrs. B .- "Only to a certain hold? point. He's always whipping the dren, but he thinks the dust should got out of the carpet by moral sussion." -Chicogo Post. Druggist-"Why do you constantly look back of you, and smile idiotleally New Clerk-"I read the other day that Death is always grinning over the shoul-der of the man behind the prescription counter,' and I want him to see I'm not afraid of him." --- Pharmacontical Era. It does n't pay to do much talking when It does it (pay to do inlich thinks) which you're made enough to choice.
Because the word that stings the deepest is the other follow wrangle till the storm has blown away.
Then he'll do a heap of thinking 'hout t' things you did n't say. The Evening of "Bargain Day Grump-"Bless my soul some are you going to do with Mrs. Grump-"O, I got it all at ba gain, and you know it will all come handy some day." Mr. Gramp-"500 day-yes-but money comes in hand every day !"- Teses Siftings. *Is there any portion of the food y prefer, major?" asks the sutler's wi blandly. "The left wing, if you please "The left wing?" "Yes," retorted the major, gazing dublously at the platte "I believe it is always good military ta tics to bring the left wing of a corps into action first."-Nos For Herald. She-"Mr. Price, didn't you tell a She-"Well, here is the Genealogic Society's list of Mayflower passage and I don't see the mane." The-WO you know he was a very distinguishe man, and always travelled incog." Harper's Barar.

"I take it you are going to spend New inder the animal. The two men, each

"That's it. Mary's my oldest gal. Got five of 'em, and all married off. with a gun in his hand, ran toward me from behind a neighboring rock. I was pinned to the earth and unable to move, Luckily my hands were free and I could reach one of the pistols in my holsters. I jerked the revolver loose, raised myself slightly, and fired at the

obber nearest to me. The ball struck him in the hand and

caused him to drop the gun. With an oath he sprang back, and the two sought shelter behind a rock. I was still in imminent danger, for

that both were over ere the death strug- arrived at gles of my animal ended. In these he en to him turned about and said : partially raised himself from my leg,

and as his body was between me and the two assassins, I crawled on my hands and knees to a low rock within a few feet of me.

The rock behind which I had sought shelter extended several rods, rising in places ten or twelve feet above the round. I climbed up a few feet, and through a narrow crevice examined the

I saw the glimmer of a gun barrel be-

to locate at least one of my enemies.

Stooping down, I rau to the further end

female soldiers.

The Cincinnati Christian Standard sarcastically observes: Poor, belated Japan has got shead of us in providing postal savings banks for those of moderate means. They were established in 1875. ourage thrift, and the first year 2030 depositors with \$15,820 in Lust year's report showed 356,editors in Tokio alone, with \$10,w "beir credit, and the deposits an amounted to over \$20,000,-

he American bison is nearly extinct. nany a farmer has regretted the because it has cut off the supply of alo robes" with which he was wont otect himself from the winter's cold obliged to be on the road. If refrom Illinois are correct, states the rican Dairyman, a substitute, having he advantages of the original article, s been found in the hides of the Galloay and Angus cattle. If, as seems skely, the skius can be readily cured to equal samples which have been exhibited. they will be of considerable value for use us robus, and the breeders will have as additional argument in favor of these excellant animals, which have long been noted for their besf-producing qualities.

The enterprise of Austin Corbin, a wealthy New Yorker, in establishing a game park in New Hampshire, is perhaps as innocent a mode of spending money, opines the Boston Culticator, an millionaires usually indulge in. He has purchased 22,000 acres, a part including the home farm on which he was born, and intends to enclose it with a ten-foot wire fence, forty-five miles long, and costing \$75,000. He spends \$200,-000,000 in stocking the park with elk, deer, buffalo and the larger game, and its lakes with valuable fishes. The larger part of the tract is wild and covered with trees. It includes two mountain ranges with a fertile valley between them. About 250 large game animals now roam through this park. They comprise buffalo, elk, moose, blacktailed deer, white-tailed deer, red deer, caribou, antelope and wild boars from Germany, the latter more dangerous hunting than any American animal except raised my pistol and cried: "Stop, or i the arizely hear. Such a park will in will fire

the from the

could direct me to Rucker's sheep camp. "Yes," was the reply, "but it's a hard place to find," at the same time giving me the directions as nearly as possible I shook my head as he ended, saying ; "I could never find the place in a year's Is there no one here acquainted time. with the route who can go with me?" He hesitated a moment and then said : "There's Bill, the half-breed; he knows the trail as well as old Rucker himself. I reckon you can get Bill to go.

Bill was promptly interviewed. "You pay me \$2 and I take my horse and go,' was the brief but satisfactory reply. The required sum was promised, and

he at once prepared to accompany me. The moment dinner was caten we set off. Instead of being sullen and morose like most half-breeds, my guide was a talkative and intelligent fellow, and gave me much information about the surrounding region.

Upon reaching Rucker's camp we found the owner absent, and it took us an hour or more to find him and the band of sheep he was herding. He detained us longer to tell about the bears and panthers that annoyed his slicep than the time consumed in bargaining for his wool and making the necessary arrangements for shipping it to us. When we got back to the public house it was too late to go further that night, unless I traveled after dark, and to this I objected on account of the gold.

straw-bed, adding: "You see, the place is new, and we have nothing better for ourselves." at me with the kuife.

to take care of for the night.

Just before supper two more travellers rode up and desired to stop. They were rather talkative, and I overheard them ask the landlord my name and business. My suspicions were easily aroused, and I noticed that they seemed interested in me and the holsters I guarded so closely. Determined to be on the safe side, 1 pulled my bed against the door when I retired for the night, and securely fastened the only window.

when I was awakened by a movement of the bed. It appeared as though some one was slowly opening the door and causing the bed to move across the floor. I reached under the pillow, firmly grasped one of my pistols, and awnited developments. Inch by inch I could feel the bed move slowly over the floor. The door was not sufficiently open to admit the thief. It was too dark to distinguish his form, but I could tell his position from his deep breathing as he slowly and cautiously approached the head of the bed. At that instant 1

Quick as a flash he sprang for the door the blood. and I fired at the same instant. He gave

had seen me disappear. instantly. at me in quick succession.

space under the broken tree through which I could see my adversary.

I sprang aside in time to avoid the

"Lie still, then," I said, "and don't

and once more pulled the trigger.

He turned and attempted to gain the protection of the nearest ledge; as he whirled around, I fired again and he fell. I rushed upon him, but he was on his feet at once and caught the rifle. I fired once more, breaking his wounded

The landlord said he could give me a his right hand. By this time he was

I was willing to take the bed, and so turned my horse over to the half-breed

blow. No shot replied-the pistol was empty. My only chance was at close quarters, and catching my revolver by the muzzle I struck him a blow on the head, at the same time receiving a slight cut in the shoulder. He fell at my feet, and before he could move I sprang upon him, kicked the kuife from his hand and? caught up the rifle he had dropped in the fight.

He cried, "Hold-I give up; don't murder me I slept soundly till past midnight, move. I now ran to my dead animal, pulled the holsters from the saddle, pushed the empty revolver into them and took out the loaded one. Then I said, "Get up now

I instantly sprang up, crying, "An-other move and I will kill you." ville.

Why Scotchmon Love the Thistle.

This is the way the story goes of how the thistle brought good luck to Scotland : Many years ago an army of Danes ing that their approach had been unheralded, determined to attack the caution success seemed almost certain,

the Danes an awful scream, which aroused the men they were about to attack. The screaming invader couldn't be blamed when it was known he was barefooted and had stepped on a thistle, but the sturdy Scotchmen soon armed themselves, fought well, and vanquished their enemies. To show their gratitude for the plant that had been their salvation, it was determined that the thistle should be the emblem of Scotland, and the motto "Nemo me impune lacessit" (No man provokes me with impunity)

a one of the most applicable extant However, the bride assumes it for good luck and not because she wishes to be aggressive. - Detroit Free Press.

American Beef For England.

The shipment of American beef to English markets was begun on a small scale in 1875. The to aportation was He was a pitiable looking object, and weak from the loss of blood. He had from New York to Laverpool, and a laborious process of fanning by handand again in the arm, while my blow blowers was required to keep the meat his head had cut an ugiy gath from fresh and cool. Later on blowers were which the blood trickled down over his operated by steam and currents of frozen face. I took my handkerchief and made air were sent from immense beds of ice to a bandage for his arm, and by twisting the refrigerators in which the meat was it tightly with a stick, managed to stop stored. Large amounts of American beef are shipped weekly to foreign markets

I now hade the fellow go ahead, and und the trade is about equally divided ery of pain, but continued his flight. I taking my holsters in one hand and the between the frozen beef and the list and from my bed, rushed to the door loaded pixel in the other, I obliged him stock to be stangistered on the other side. of again at the retreating figure. to walk in front of me back to the fan -Detroit Free 4 and

There is a great waste in the trimming of corks, and the little East Side shop is packed thick with scraps and shavings. Once these were salable as packing for life preservers and the like, but now bring little or nothing when sold they for this purpose, and the corkmakers are glad to have them carried off free of charge. Cork shavings make an excellent kindling, and they are used for that purpose in some large manufacturing places.

Half a dozen downtown houses imnort cork. It comes in vessels partly laden with heavy morchandise, and a sailor feels tolerably safe when he has on board a cargo of cork. The erude bark is stripped from the trees when they have attained considerable size, and the process does not destroy them. Indeed, if the outer bark were not removed it would be cracked and shed in time by the growth of new back underneath. When removed, the bark is placed in water and alcohol and weighted with stones, in order that it may flatten out from its semi-cylindrical form and be the more snugly packed and the more satisfactorily worked. When once a tree has come into bearing, so to speak, it may without injury be barked once a year, though ordinarily the stripping occurs only once in six or eight years. only at the third stripping that really good cork is produced.

Star.

The Two-Horaed Rhinoceros.

There are very contradictory reports as to its nature, of the two-horaed rhinoteros, some accounts representing it as a most dangerous beast, and others, as a particularly timid one. The only one I ever saw, writes a traveler, had been killed by a party of Bataks, two days he fore, and was in such a state of decomposition that it was impossible to approach, but not a bit too "high" for the hunters, who were gorging themselves like wolves around it, with the merest show of grilling the dreadful viands.

The horns of this specimen were mere stumps, eight or nine inches long; but Chinese storekeeper gave the Bataha \$30 for one and no doubt made a good profit by it, as the Chinese have the firmest belief in the scrapings of rhinoce

A European statistician tells us that the Sultan of Turkey has five wives of the first class, twenty-four of the second class and 250 of the third class.

otta, tile or brick work in roof, floor and tile construction, and the hollow tiles are faced with vitroous tile, shate or any good weather-proof coating, or with a single thickness of brick. and steel work, incased in fire-proof materials, is just now very much in

favor.

Gutta-Percha is Disappearing

It appears that there exists a serious risk of the extermination of the plant or tree from which gutta-percha is obtained. This gum to used in many industries, largely in the manufacture of submarine cables, as is capable of sustaining its insulating qualities when submerged under water at great depths; in fact, the insulation of Gutta-percha actually improves with age when kept continually under water. The disappearance of the curious tree from which gutta-percha is obtained would, therefore, be a calamity of world-wide importance, yet it would appear from a report recently made to the French Academy of Sciences that we are

actually threatened with such a calamity. Mr. Serullas, a French scientist, spent hree years in Malay and studied the isonandra in all periods of its existence, acquiring a complete knowledge of its natural history and physiology; but he reports that there is absolutely no method in the manner employed by the natives in robbing the tree of its sap, and that no. effort is made to cultivate and propagate so valuable a member of the plant world.

The natives adopt the wholly barbarous custom of cutting a tree at the roots in order to extract the gain; thus each tree only gives one yield, and is then dead forever. No wonder gutta-percha is rapidly getting to be worth its weight in silver. - Electrical Review.

The Shah's Little Favorite.

Moli Djeck (Little Sparrow), the favorite of the Shah of Persia, is hardly more than a pigmy in size, but his authority in the royal palace is undisputed. He has the rank of a General m the army, keeps an establishment that costs the Shah nearly \$750,000 a year, and has horses and a military band at his disposal. He treats the royal Princes as his equals, and the latest rumor is that he has been betrothed to the Shah's youngest daughter. The boy is the son of a Kurd, who occupied a humble position in the palace, but is now a man of authority .- Chicago Times.

been completed at the Duddon estuary; on the English const. A valuable hematite mine extended out under the sea, and in order to work it a barries two-thirds of a mile long and bity feet-high for about half the length has been constructed. The ses is thus shut out from about twenty-six acres, on which, it is estimated, the mining of iron ore may be continued for twenty-five yours. with a force of about 1500 mms-

A Doctor's "Bore Bell."

A physician who was confidential a visitor that all physicians with practice had a bore bell. "And what may a "hore built he?"

asked his visitor. 01 A dure boll, " said the Doctor, wis an invisible bell arranged somewhere in the room, though generally in the floor near the chair where a physician is not sented at the time he receives h When I feel that I have given comprehough of my time 1 my foot on the secret spot in and before any one can say 'J an' my man has appeared and that I have a telegram, or that

wishes to see my immediately tient naturally hows hericlf int it is generally a womany, and b of my little subtertage I am course 1 do not mean to may obliged to use the bell every ceive a woman patient! Bot have found it a lucky estates It is all very well to listen or of the altments and give amount of sympathy to the join you, but when and drags in all he Gree has to he a "stopping in fore the 'bore bell," "-New 1.

Walling Off a Submarine Line. A novel engineering work has just Trenton (N. J.; American.

ros horn as a universal medicine.

It is an odd fact that the cork cutter's tools require almost momentary sharpeping, although the material in which he works is exceedingly soft. This for a long while made the application of machinery to cork cutting apparently an impossibility, and it is only of recent years that the difficulties of the case have been surmounted .- New York

arm and causing him to let fall the gun, landed on the Scottish shore, and, find-I exclaimed, "Stop, before I kill you." Instead of complying he answered flercely, "I will cut your heart out," and flercely, 'I will cut your heart out," and spring toward me with a bowie kulfe in the sleeping camp with the greatest within reach and made a sayage thrust when suddenly there arose from one of