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Oregon and Washington are becoming great hop raising States.

Of the 611 colored men is the employment of the Federal Government, 159 are in the Interior Department.

Fiji is commencing the cultivation of tobacco, the enterprise being assisted by the concession of Government land to the planters on easy terms.

The Boston Cultivator believes that "the abundance of cheap and fertile land in the West, and its possession by farmers of small means and roving tendencies, has operated to lower the standard of American agriculture."

The heavy increase in the Russian army and navy estimates will furnish interesting reading for continental diplomats. It shows, concludes the San Francisco Chroniele, that the millenium, when abitration shall succeed war, is as far off

The Hoston Herald thinks that the fact that only three persons were killed by elegtric light plants in New York State last year, while eight lost their lives by "blowing out the gas" rather goes to show that it is less dangerous to monkey with electricity than to fool with gas.

A Loudon vegetarian amateur athletic club has just been formed. The avowed object of the founders is to have a school for vegetarian athletes which will in time produce as good runners, wrestlers, harriers, vaulters as any of those now before the public who get their results on

The Indiana House of Representatives has passed a resolution directing the authorities of that State to co-operate with Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania in an inquiry as to how much foreiga capital is loaned in those States, with a view of taxing that capital.

Sheep raising may be profitable, after all, admits the Boston Transcript, if this story of the experience of a young New York woman is true: Two years ago her brother, having money invested in sheep in Utah induced her to put \$1500 into the investment. She has lately sold her share to her brother for

The baby King of Spain starts out well. soliloquizes the San Francisco Chronicle, by causing the death of his nurse before he has cut his milk teeth. If he had been born four hundred years caller this would probably have been regarded as a good onen of his provest as a genuity for the station looked on with kull, and the line here. What's the brows, apparently not knowing whether this was a genuity row or not. Johnson held the fort a sent one after another sprawling. "Shut up, Prince," whispered Brown. "Go through the thing and let us see good omen of his prowess as a warrior, but in these degenerate days the incident will be variously interpreted by the super-

Queen Liliuokalani, who successive Kalakaua on the Hawalian throp ie, is fiftytwo years old. She is a uniable and very intelligent wone. It having a taste for poetry as a dignified carriage, has a dignified carriage, but of late years she has become rather stout. She is animated and interesting in conversation speaking in the low and musical tones that are peculiar to her race. She speaks English and is well versed in the coureat literature of the

E. L. Godkin, in the Forum, undertakes to prove that the expedition to relieve Emin was clearly a piratical undertaking, since it had the sanction of no Government and it's leader was responsible to no power. In the course of the argument Mr. Godkin shows the sympathy for Emin which caused the expedition to be undertaken was a sentiment born of the Gordon myth, and he points out the carious fact that the people of Africa, owing to the slave trade, has always been regarded as fit spoil for pirates even by civilized nations who hold no such notions even about any other savages. MF. Godkin expresses the highest admiration for Stanley's courage and endurance, and approves of his conduct of the expedition. It is its legal character only that he criticises.

The French people have given another striking proof of their wealth as well as of their confidence in the Government by subscribing for sixteen limes the amount of the new loan of nearly \$200,000,000. "It is extremely doubtful," observes the New York News, "whether any other nation, in Europe at least, could achieve so reat a financial victory in existing conions. The farmers and working peo-

of France have take a the loan so exby that little is left for the banks. e else are the masses of the peody to intrust their earnings to uncur, although the public ce is airswily the greatest in Those persons who have ! ching financial and potwo reason to revise is. The French poobe proud of their

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WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT?

If I lay waste and wither up with doubt The blessed fields of heaven where once my

faith Possessed itself serenely safe from death; If I deny the things past finding out; Or if I orphan my own soul of One That seemed a Father, and make void the

Within me where He dwelt in power and

What do I gain, that am myself undone? -William D. Howells, in Harper.

RECEIVING A PRINCE.

La Pauline isn't much of a place, and ret even the train de luxe stops there, This is because this is the junction where trains leave on the little branch line that runs to Hyers. A tall mountain stands sentinel over La Pauline, and if a person were on the top of the mountain he would see Toulon and the iron-clads, as well as a great stretch of the blue Mediterran-

On the long platform north of the line five young men were marching up and down together, singing at the tops of their voices:

"There is a tavern in this town—
In this town.
And there my true love sits him down,
Sits him down.
And we'll hang our harps on the weeping willow tree,
And may the world go well with me—
Well with me,"

Or words to that effect. They sang very boisterously, and suited their marching to the tune, giving three stamps with their feet all together when they came to the refrain: "In this town." peared to be American citizens, an seemingly didn't give a hang if all the

Suddenly the five stopped before a young man who was seated on one of the benches. He was a quiet, dignified, self-possessed young fellow, and he looked up at them as they halted before

"Come on, Johnson," said one of the five, "we are not going to let you go back on the crowd like this. You sing

"You do that," romarked Juneon. quietly, "also, five other good voices." "See here. It's easy for you to sit here and criticise the singing, but we are not going to allow that. You've got to Come on, Johnson."

any more than we should in America." "But we do in America, doar boy, we do. Always have done it, and we're not | quired. going back on our record. Come on,

"I'm just a little tired of that tune, you know."

"What's the matter with the tune? It's the one Keenan ang all through in French. Siberia. Come on, Johnson." Johnson

so the five set at him and tried to force with a club. and started sawn the long platform sing-

ing: "There is a tayon in this town."

The others joined him, while Johnson sat screnely on the best. The official shrugged his shoulders and evidently thought these foreigns were hard to

There was a shrill whislle to the west, and the train from Marspilles came rush-

I walked down the long train, opened the door of a compartment that was empty and took my sot. When the train started there was ashout of warning from the guard, and, before I could look out to see what the matter was, the door was flung open and one of the singing young men tumbled in. The guard slammed the door shut with a malediction on the man who broke the rules and nearly broke his neck. The young fellow picked himself up, lifted his hat and

"Pardonny moi mouseu-" "Oh, that's all right," I answered, "don't mention it. If that is your usual way of getting into a train, you will find yourself in a French jail or cut

in two on the track some day.' "Oh, you speak English, do you?" re plied the young fellow, ignoring what I said, and seemingly surprised that he had not a monopoly of the language so far

"Yes, I can make myself understood in most parts of England and America."

"About the alleged singing? Yes." "Well! We're just laying for old on his cheek it thuson. You son't give it away, will Brown's a villain." you?"

"Certainly hot." "Well, you'see it is like this. Johnson's mother was a Princa, and..." "A princess, you mean."

"No, she belonged to the old Prince family of Boston, fohnson is very proud of that branch of the family, more so than of the Johnson side. His name is J. Prince Johnson. We used to call him Prince at college. He likes that, and that's why we call him Johnson now." "I noticed you ran in the name John-

son pretty often.' "Of course we did. Whenever he tries to put on airs we call him Johnson so often that he gradually tones down. Now, here's the plan we're putting up on old Je con. I got in here so he wouldn't be ble. By the way, where is the first stop? Let d me your time book.

I three the pamphlet over to him, "we have half an hour yet. By the way, where are you go-

ing?"
"I'm going to Ca to regard the French this side of to off with us and on off with us and be worth while.

Raphael:
At 3 o'clock H. R. H. Prince Johnson will arrive. Provide for him. Have one carriage at station for the prince and one for his suite. Provide suitable escort.
HON. SIR BROWN,
Chief of suite, J. K. S., N. I. X., O. K.

AC. AC. "I think I see the plan. You are go ing to prepare a princely reception for

"Exactly. He is really a quiet, unasmming fellow and hates anything like a fuss, even if he does put on airs now and then. He'll be the mest surprised man you ever saw."

"I think I can tell you someone else who will be more surprised." "Yes? Who?"

"The fellow who has to pay the hotel He laughs best who makes out the bill. You will get the carriages and perhaps the escort and certainly the best ooms in the house, but when the bill low they charge for that sort of honor. I am a duke myself."

"The dickens you are! Why, thought you were an American." "But I never travel under my tittle. I can't afford it. A duke is all right at home, but on the continent I travel as

Mr. Welcome Smith," urprise the hotel-keeper as much as we as to whether the dispatch ever got will surprise Johnson."

"You might do it nearer the frontier, payment here. At this point in the conversation the

dispatch?" "Lord, yes! I'm going to fire a telegram from every place we stop at. I'm going to work up St. Raphael. They'll getting returns from the back coun-

And so the telegrams went from every topping place until we reached St. Ra-

an phrase, you know.'

les most of the day. That's an Ameri-

It was evident the moment we stopped bass, and we just want a good bass that there was an unusual commotion in the little Mediterranean town. The platform was studded with officials in gorgeous uniform. As soon as Johnson got out of the train we all ranged ourelves behind him and kept our hats off, while Johnson had his on his liead. The eagle eve of the hotel proprietor at once "I don't see why we should make idiots of ourselves in the south of France ward the young man, bowing frequently and deeply

"H. R. H. Prince Johnson?" he in-

"Prince Johnson-yes. But. J. is the

With a wave of his hand the proprietor introduced a gorgeous official, who at once began to read an address of welcome Johnson looked around him in a be-

wildered way, as if some one had hit him

"Shut up, Prince," whispered Brown, certain conversations which had occurred "Go through the thing and let us see several years before. Again and again what's in it. That's what we came the witness testified to names and dates, abroad for."

on thanked the official in a dazed sort up.

out of this as quickly as we can." got into it. four horses in front of it and the carriage | memory was very good. for the suite had two.

"Oh, this is too much," said Johnson auguish, as he drew his hand across

"Better get into the carriage and get this over as soon as possible," said "You get in with him, Duke. I guess the boss in the gold lace is going,

We three members of the nobility got into the first carriage. Johnson turned to me, "Are you a Duke?" he asked. "If you are, I'll bet a dollar all this is for you. It's missed fire in some way. "They don't usually receive me in this

"Then Brown's put up this job on me. If he has, you bet your life I'll get even with him. I'll slay him. I'll wait Well, then, you must have heard our until we get into Switzerland and then the horn of the saddle, took his note drop him gently over a two-mile precipice; see if I don't. Still, if he lighted on his cheek it wouldn't hurt him.

All the officials of the hotel were ranged out in two rows to receive us and the people all along the route cheered. Well, we spent a very nice time at

the bill was called for, it was a corker. Even Brown turned a shade paler when he saw the appalling total. "Don't you charge for the brass band

and the escort?" "It is all inclusive," said the pro prietor, with a low bow.

"Then we won't have any trouble," continued Brown. "You see we trave →'s hotel coupons. We bought them in London. You take them at this hotel. 'That's why I telegraphed to you.' "But," said the proprietor indignantly, "not for these rooms. You must trie button, a locomotive weighing ninety give me notice when you have --- 's

They assured us in London that they were good for the best in the house. You can't give us any better than that, can The proprietor was wild, but finally

was much less than the original bill. When we were all in the rallway carriage bound for Cannes Johnson said: "Brown, this thing has been more suc- surprising case, lifted in obedience to the consful than you deserve. I'm willing to engineer's touch into mid air and shifted a a translation of let by-gones be by-gones; but there is to any desired position in the shops.

the matter was compromised on what the

boys considered a square basis, which

Proprietor Hotel of the Monarchs, St. one thing that you will all have to promise me on your word of honor, and that is that you will not let this get into the newspapers at home."

The boys all gave the desired promise that the affair would be a dead secret. mson said to me: "You have no idea what ferreting vil-

lains American newspaper men are. they get a hint of a thing, the first you know they know all about it. I think we will be lucky it we keep this from

I told him I thought they would be .-Detroit Free Press.

A Queer Cable Message. Governor Gilpin, of Colorado, had to

pay \$147 for one of the first cable meses that went over the ocean. Gilpin was a good-natured fellow, and the probability is that he came into the telegraph office at Denver and wrote omes in it will paralyze you. I know out the cable, never thinking it would be sent. It was sent, however, and he had

to pay the bill. The first Atlantic cable was completed in 1858, and it was alleged that a dispatch was received by President Bu-chanan from Queen Victoria over it. This dispatch, however, was about all that ever came over it. "Well, neverthetess I think we will skepticism throughout the United States through, and it was eight years after this before any cable business was done. but I doubt if you will be able to evade The successful cable was the new line completed on August 3, 1858. At this time no one seemed to think the cable train stopped and Brown got out to send off his telegram. When he came back sent a corps of operators and explorers into the train he began writing another. to Alaska to build a line across Behring "Are you going to send more than one Straits to Russia, and when it was announced that the new cable was done and that any one wishing to send dispatches to Europe for \$10 a word could do so, the whole world laughed and the telegrap operators looked upon it as a gigantic joke.

It was at this time that a dispatch was received from Denver, Col., signed by the Governor of the Territory, to be forwarded to New York, and addressed Paris. The dispatch had to be sent a New York to Newfoundland by steamer, and was there cabled. The dispatch read :

"Denver, Col., Aug. 4, 1856.—To Louis Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor, Tulleries, Paris, France. Please leave Bohemia alone. No interference will be tolerated by this Territory. John Gilvin, Governor."

The message was looked upon as an xpensive joke of Mr. Gilpin's and forwarded to New York. The result was telegraphed, and Napoleon III no doubt

The price of the cable was \$147 in gold. It seems that Governor Gilpin came into the office, and, on being told there that the cable was completed, dashed off this message and handed it over, never supposing that it would be sent. The probability is that when he found it was sent he paid the bill.— Philadelphia Times.

A Memory Test. In a Western court, a witness had

been detailing, with great minuteness,

When the address was finished John- sary for his cross-examiner to break him This was done by a very simple of way and then turned to us.
"Come, boys," he said, "let us get rattling off his testimony, the crossdevice. While the witness was glibly examiner handed him a law-book and The hotel proprietor walked by his said: "Read aloud a paragraph from side, bowing all the way. When we that book." "What for?" inquired the reached the outside Johnson was against. witness. "I will tell you after you have Instead of getting out of it he had just read it," said the lawyer, and the wit-At a signal from the official ness accordingly read aloud a paragraph the town band struck up the Marsellaise of most uninteresting material about and the millitia that they had managed lands, appurtenances, and hereditaments. to gather together presented arms. The Then the lawyer went up and asked him whole populace seemed to be there and a few more questions about his memory, they raised a cheer. One carriage had and the witness was positive that his lawyer said: "By the way, will please repeat that paragraph you just read about lands, appurtenances and hereditments?" "Why, of course I could not do that," replied the witness. "You must have a queer memory," retorted the lawyer. "since you can reneat things that you say occurred years ago, and you can not repeat what you read a moment ago." The witness was non-

Nonchalance of a Famous General.

At the taking of Moscow, Russia, chile the troops sat in their saddles under a murderous fire, Murat received a dispatch to which an answer was required. Though his mettlesome horse was trembling, Murat laid the reins upon book in one hand and a pencil in the other, and began to write a response.

Suddenly a shell fell and exploded on the ground close by. The horse leaped into the air and swung wildly around. Murat simply transferred the pencil to the hand that held the note book, calmed the horse with the other hand, and then St. Raphael. But, just as I said, when went on writing his asspatch as if noth-

ing had happened.

A shout of admiration went up along the line. Murat saw that the enthusiasm aroused by his trifling act had created a favorable moment for a charge. gave the order, and his men swept clear through the enemy's line .- Atlanta Con-

A Powerful Electric Crane. A powerful crane, says the Philadel-

phia Record, capable of raising into the air, in response to the touch of an electons has been put in operation at the ngine rides smoothly on a heavy track elevated twenty-eight feet above the level of the floor of the main shop. Formerly the work of raising from the ground a locomotive in process of constructing was accomplished with great difficulty by the aid of hydraulic jacks. At present the locomotive, whose wheels or other parts are to be adjusted, is grasped in a wrought iron yoke, and, with

A CHAPTER ON BANANAS.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR MEAT AND BREAD IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Hills Covered With Fruit-Bearing Plants-Various Kinds of Bananas -Hints on Cooking Them.

In South America the banana is not thought of as a luxury. In fact it takes the place of meat and bread and vegetables among a large part of the people. Every garden has its banana patch, just as we have our indispensable rows of potatoes. On the Isthmus of Panama the cars spin past hills covered from base to summit with the beautiful broad-leaved plants, their great clusters of fruit hangng from the stems just under the leaves The banana plant looks somewhat like an immeuse calla-lily. Its stem is made up of the bases of the leaves so sheathed, or folded around each other, and hardened as to sustain the weight of the mass of foliage above. It will in some lo-calities attain a height of even twenty When two years old it bears fruit and then dies, but a number of young shoots spring up from the base of the old stem, so that it continually renews itself, and the farmer; who is usually an Indian or negro, has no trouble, except to keep the weeds and the old withered trunks cleared away from the growing plants. Even the trunk is of some use, for it contains a fibre almost as soft as silk, which can be woven into the most exquisite muslins. Indeed, some of the dainty India muslins are made of this very fibre. There are as many kinds of bananas

as there are kinds of apples-medium sized ones, such as we see in the North; big ones a foot long; thick ones, almost like small muskmelons; and little ones only three or four inches in length. When you visit a fruit stand I fear you are likely to select the biggest and handsomest bananas you see, and there is just where you make a mistake. The smallest bananas are in nearly a); cases the sweetest and juiclest, the finy "fig" banana being the best of all. The rind should be thin, and there should be no ridges or corners on it. The larger the ridges the courser the fruit. The plantain, which is the very coarsest kind of banana, has enormous ridges. This species is not fit to eat without being cooked, but when boiled or baked or fried it is delicious. Any coarse banana-that is, one having a thick rind with large ridges—is good for cooking. All bananas contain starch while green, which upon ripening is changed by nature's wonderful chemistry into sugar. Now if the banaua is taken just after its rind has begun to grow golden, but is still streaked with green, it will contain a great deal of starch, which will make it palatable when cooked, while the small amount of sugar which has been formed will give it a sweetness like a sweet potato. Strip the rind off, and boil it until soft, and it will make one of the nicest vegetables you everate. If you live in the country, where you are blessed with the inxury of en wood fire, try roasting some peeled half ripened bananss in the ashes, as you do potatoes, and see how savory a morsel they make. It is one of the commonest sights along the Amazon to see groups of half-clad Indian men and women squatting around little camp-fires roasting bananas, and having endless mirth trying to pick them out of the hot coals without burning their flagers. We are all used to fried bananas, but we are prone to forget that for this purpose they by the epochs of geologic time." should not be fully ripe, as that make them too soft and too sweet. Above all, a banana roasted or fried should be served hot, for as soon as it becomes cold it grows tough and unpalatable.

This fruit, which is the greatest of all tropical foods, comes to us chiefly from Panama and the West Indies in great ship loads, and in the banana market in New York the big green bunches-"heads" they all call them in South America, just as we speak of heads of cabbage-containing from five to ten dozen each, can be bought for a dollar or two dollars and fifty cents, according to the variety. They are not so expensive, after all, and a big green bunch hung in a cool cellar will ripen gradually, so as to furnish a fresh dozen of ripe ones each day until the whole bunch is gone. In this way you can enjoy your bananas just as they do in the land of palms, for even there they cut them while green, and allow them to ripen as we do in the North. - Harper's Young People.

Long Buried Wood.

To find partly decomposed wood or even that in a good state of preservation one or several hundred feet below the present surface of the land is such a common occurrence that it is no longer considered at all curious or wonderful. All the coal veins of the world are made up of vegetable matter and must have required immense forests to furnish the material for some of the thickest veins. In the lignite voice of the Western States large blocks of wood are sometimes found, and these scarcely changed in color or appearance since buried, no one knows how many thousands of years ago. The earth's surface has undergone many changes. Some of the mountains were once under the sea, and probably large areas of the present ocean beds were ranges of mountains, but it is g time to vast geological periods. -Asia York Sun.

The Story of an Egg. Daving the month of December, Mr. Boyd, of La Grange, Ga., employed boy to cut down one of the giant oaks in the grove at his place, known as the Cline place, for firewood. In the center of the tree about four feet from the ground was found a fresh hen's egg, embedded in the solid wood, there being no hollow or hole of any kind that the eyes of the astonished beholders could discern, for any one to place the egg-only space enough to hold it, as a bullet mould holds the bullet when closed. The tree was a little dotted around the egg. Now who can solve the wonderful freak? Atlanta Constitution.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Gas is made from petroleum. The cutting of vencers is now done by

Siam is to have a \$400,000 electric

railway thirty miles long. California is the only State in the Union which at present produces quicksilver in commercial quantities.

A mechanical expert of Cincinnati, Ohio, Bradford McGregor by name, has succeeded, it is stated, in uniting aluminum with glass.

Silk from paper pulp is made smooth and brilliant, has about the same elasticity as ordinary silk, and is about two-thirds as strong.

Geologists have proved that the diamond mines of South Africa are situated in vents or chimneys varying from seventy to 15,000 feet in diameter.

There is a growing interest in electric lighting plants owned and operated by cities in England. The City of Cambridge is about to build a plant which will cost \$175,000.

of this country are about to consolidate their interests and business, probably by the organization of a new corporation in which all will be stockholders. An electric street railway car can be heated by the expenditure of one horse-

The bobbin and shuttle manufacturers

power of electrical energy. There is no dust, no cinders and no room is taken from the seating accommodations. By the application of chloride of antinony a beautiful violet color is imparted

to brasswork. The brass should be first made perfectly clean and heated until water will steam off it with hissing. Jacob Kahn, a Cleveland (Ohio) shoemaker, claims that he has invented and will have in operation in sixty days a empressed air motor that will propel a street car twenty miles an hour at a cost

of three cents. It is proposed to build an electric railway from St. Petersburg, Russia, to Archangel, a port on the White Sea, a distance of over 500 miles. The current is to be supplied by a series of generating stations distributed along the line.

A new insulating material has been introduced, consisting of a mixture of gelatine, rosin oil, oxidized linseed oil, osin and paraffin. The compound is known as voltite, and is cheap and serviceable, and in addition contains no

Seaweed is now utilized in the manufacture of tough paper which can be used in place of window glass. Very pretty and effective decorative effects can e gained by coloring the paper and using it in the same way as stained or painted glass. A firm of stone cutters in Berlin, Gernany, have introduced a pueumatic

chisel into their establishment. The workman holds the syringe like apparatus with both hands, and, as he slides over the surface of the stone or metal, the chisel making 10,000 or 12,000 rev olutions a minute, chips off splinters and particles. In a recent lecture, H. W. Henshaw,

of the National Museum, at Washington declared, concerning the antiquity of the Indian, "that whether the Indian originated on this continent, where he was found, or elsewhere, it was in by gone ages-ages so far removed from our own time that the interval is to be reck-

How to Wear Shoes.

"Do you know there isn't one man in 500 who knows how to wear shoes?" remarked a Clark street shoe dealer the other day. "The average man buys a pair of shoes, wears them until they are no longer presentable, and then throws hem away and buys another pair. A man nght to have at least two pairs of shoes or everyday wear, and no pair should be worn two days in succession. At first hought this may strike you as a scheme benefit the shoe dealer, but it is nothing of the kind. In fact, such a plan would injure the shoe business. pairs of shoes worn alternately will last three times as long as a single pair. The saving, of course, is made in the wearing of the leather. A pair of shoes worn every day goes to pieces more than twice as fast as a pair worn every second day. I know that proposition is a staggerer, but it is true, nevertheless. A man doe not wear out two pair of shoes in exactly the same manner. Do you remember how an old pair feel when you first put them on again after they have been discarded for awhite? They didn't fit you like your new shoes, and the contrast is very marked. But the same thing holds true a the case of new shoes. No two pair fit your feet in exactly the same way. one pair the strain and wear of the leather fall heaviest upon one particular greatest wear and tear fall upon another art altogether."- Chicago Mail.

A Leper Village in Colombia. A strange community is that of Agus

i Dies, the leper village in Colombia, as escribed by our Consul at Hogota Situated at about fourteen hundred feet above the sea level, with a dry, sandy oil, and a temperature of eighty-two to eighty-five degrees Fahrenheit, this spot has been chosen for the lazzaretto by the Government on account of its ancient reputation for the cure of leprosy. Some five hundred and twenty sufferers from this terrible visitation dwell here, and form about one-third of the population; but the most remarkable fact regarding the settlement is that lepers and healthy persons are described as living on terms perfect intimacy, there being no speific leper quarter, though every house in he village stands apart in a garden. Mr. Wheeler states that there is no case on record of the disease having been contracted here by contagion. Even where epers have married healthy persons, the band or wife has never been known to take it from the other. On the other hand, the mournful fact is admitted that children born of such unions are generally afflicted .- London News.

WINDOW, PANE PICTURES.

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From eve till dawn, the long night through, Cold winter's elfin band

As never grew Beneath the touch of human hand. In dawn's dim light they faintly gleamed On frozen panes, and glimpses seemed

To give of fairy land The boughs of great old trees were bent With silver sheen; and forth was sent A frosty light from distant height, Where glitt'ring spires appeared to sight,

And far-off eastle wall. Now here at hand, like a silver strand, Hanging in mid-air fairily,

drawbridge spanned the chi Gleaming before us airily. A stream flowed down the mountain's side,

And cast a silvery spray, Then dashing on with leap and slide, With graceful bound and easy glide It reached the boulders gray, And in deep gorges swept away.

Now o'er the cold, gray landscape came A wavering light, a pale rose tinge That touched the leaves and mosses' fringe, Then slowly grew to ruby flame Setting the distant peaks aglow, Melting from frozen heights their snow.

So fairy-land now fades away, And we may watch in vain, Our frostmade pictures melt from sight-The drops roll down the pane. -Mabel Nichols, in St. Nicholas.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A trade mark-Talking shop. A popular measure-Brim-full. The Farmers' Alliance-A rural mar-

The cowboy in the high-heeled boots is in his stocking feet.—Chicago News. An Arab who has lost his teeth probably speaks only gum Arabic .- Buffalo

He-"May I hope?" She-"Yes; if you will promise never to refer to the matter again."—Life.

The tanner's trade is an entirely honorable one, and yet they do say it is a skin deal .- Binghamton Republican. E. Z. Laffer—"That old doctor is a funny fellow." Dana S. Lydig—"Yes, indeed. He's always taking somebody

Old habits are hard to get rid of-as you find when you take them to the second-hand clothing store-St. Joseph (Mo.) News. It is not advisable for a bank cashier

to read nautical tales; the practice might inspire him to become a "skipper."-Boston Courier. "T'll bet," said Chollie, "judging from the way these trousers shrink, the

wool was shorn from an unusually timid sheep."-Puck. Judge—"Boy, do you understand the nature of an oath?" Juvenile Witness— Yes'r. It's human nature, I reckon."-

The bachelor thinks that the baby is a blot on the landscape, and the baby's mother knows that the bachelor is-

Ethel—"I always make it a point to earn something new every day." Maud— Then you are not so old as I thought you."—Harper's Bazar. Of all the torments known toman

The greatest, we assert, to wear a fourteen collar Upon a fifteen shirt. Goodall's Sun. "Old Curmudgeon is the meanest, stinglest man in town, and yet you say that there isn't a selfish hair on his

"Curmudgeon, sir, is entirely Oh, gas may escape and gas may burst, And vanish in noise and flame;
But the meter's hand, in its quiet way,
Goes traveling eneward day by day,
And gets there just the same.

— Topical Times.

An eminent surgeon says that with our cuts and a few stitches he can alter man's face so his own mother would not know him. That's nothing. daily newspapers do that much with only one cut. _ Mercury.

When in the footlight's glare she stands, Men think her one of the fairy queens;
What would they say,
Could they but sees
The way she tackles the port and beans,
Chicago News, Scientific Notes: How wonderfully are the inventions of man anticipated in

the animal kingdom! The cuttle-fish

has the power of covering itself with a

sudden effusion of any laky fluid-and what more can man do with the most ingenious fountain pen!-Puck. Unless with marriage I mean to dispense Now's the time to wed, and no longer

tarry;
If I longer wait I may have more sens
If I have more sens) then I'll marry. Ignoramus (at a party a few years hence)-"What is the matter with Miss Beauty's once lovely arms? They are full of horrid red blotches and scratches." Scientific Guest-"Ob, that's all right. She has simply been vaccinated against consumption, small-pox, typhoid fever, and twenty or thirty other diseases."-

New York Weekly. "I should like to observe, madame," aid the patient border, othat while I am very fond of the neck of the fowl you are carving I shall deay a yacif this and beg for a large white chunk off the breast. With this view I have had my trunk packed and a drayman is now waiting at the door for an answer. Er-Is it breast or nuck!"-- Chicago News,

He could tell in Dutch or Latin, And could translate from Cheutaw, Chinese fell as shell as eath From this verbalistic jackdaw. He was learned in all the apaches Of this lingual human rans. And was never known to track his Purely one word and a later

The largest County in the United States is Custor County, in Montal which contains 36,000 square miles.