

Interesting South American metropolis, and that any newly arrived, fairly goodlooking candidate for matrimony can readily have a choice of fully fifty eager swains. Buenos Ayres was once something of a cowboy capital, and has evidently not yet passed the frontier period of woman worship.

Why cannot, asks the New Orleans Picayune, some able designer get up a representation of the cagle that looks something like that glorious bird? The spread-wing idea is unnatural and absurd. It is only because of its antiquity that it is tolerated. An eagle that would spread its wings and legs , in an attempt to symbolize peace and war deserves to be shot. A fine design of an American eagle at rest, perchel on a crag or hmb of a tree, would not be a bad one for our silver coins.

A man by the name of George Hulce, at New Haven, Conn., was named as an executor in a will. When the will was probated two witnesses, through an hon-

You may have heard of the Scotch bailie, but I knew one. It was long story of a strange discovery made by ago, but the awe-inspiring influence of a him when his vessel had been driven off personal acquaintance with him has not her course some weeks ago. He sighted yet departed. He was a newspaper man, an island not down on any of the charts. o be said, claiming the title by virtue He sent a boat ashore and the men reof part ownership with his wife and Kirsty Buckley, a crabbed old maid, in

of salt, or pounds, shillings or pence, his bedside stood grace and goodness the latter were the mutually sympathetic personified in his old sweetheart, Maud

hearts of Fergus Cameron and Maud Graham.

a newspaper and magazine depot. All

than the President of the United States. Graham's views have broadened considerprint, writes the Washington correspon-dent of the Courier-Journal. It will be A chief magistrate of our nation might ably since he failed in business and allow his daughter to marry an ordinary crossed the ocean, and no one is more recalled that early in the war the New book-keeper; but a President of the willing to admit that his handsome son-York Fire Zouaves were a crack regi-United States is no criterion in estima- in-law is a much more important person ting a man chosen to fill the chair once than a Scotch bailie who can read Latin

An Island of the Dead.

delirium. Another rub; another look;

were his senses playing him false? By

They are married now, and all the

trials of the past are forgotten in the sweet bliss of the present. Old Bailie

school, and on such an occasion he gen-erally stood with the Latin book upside scourge of some kind, which had carried

ment, commanded by Colonel Ellsworth. graced by such illustrious characters as upside down .- The Journalist. Every man in the ranks had been a fireman, and it was confidently believed that Ellsworth's command was able to put down the war without assistance.

others in.

The captain of a coasting vessel that The Colonel was a young man, handlately put into Guaymas, Mexico, tells a some, gallant, burning with military ardor and thirsting for military fame. He was as much the idol of the North as Ashby was a few months later the idol of the South. The Fire Zouaves were the first troops to march into Alexan-dria, Va. Their Colonel was at their turned and said that no one lived there, but there were many houses and evihead, and after the town had surreadences that at one time the island had dered Ellsworth saw a Confederate flag in all, he was a great man in the town. been inhabited. The captain himself flying from a hotel. Examination day always brought him to then went ashore and found that the

Instead of ordering a squad to remove he bolted into the h

A New Story of General Grant.

pepper with which the "gulyas" is soned in such abundant measure that Young people usually talk so much to the stranger who eats it feels something each other when they are engaged that dissolve inside of him Stars dance before by the time they are married they have his eyes, and the perspiration breaks out nothing left to say, and begin to invite upon his brow. But this excessive pun gency is tempered and enriched by the potatoes cooked into a mealy liquid and the little dumplings known as "nokerln." I was told a good story about General In "gulyas," as in music, there are in-Grant, the other day that I never saw in finite variations possible, but the key-note is always the paprika. With the "gulyas," one or more bottles of fiery Hungarian wine are drunk. Ho, hol Hungarian brother! Eljen!

As an accompaniment to "gulyas" and paprika belongs gypsy music. One of the many bands, whose chief is a local celebrity, installs itself in a corner of the room. In foreign countries one sees gypsies of questionable origin. Often they are Bohemians, or even Germans (in Hungary they are called Schwooh), who in meretricious huzzah costumes exhibit themselves to their guests. But in Buda-Pesth such playing at gypties would not be practicable. Here the brown, brawny fellows, with their shrewd, deep dark eyes, and their mustaches, show themselves in all their native picturesqueness. Their clothes

covered with coment concrete, and the most remarkable feature in connectiou with it is the great strength of the conpresent a mixture of peculiarly Hungarian and European costumes; on their head

flayi-Puck.

The successful politician must be sharp enough to cut all the people who expect favors from him. -- Puck.

"How did your friend become a Colonel?" She-"He married a Colonel's widow."-Boston Beason.

Put a handle to a man's name, even if In addition to their greater durability he is a crank. A crank without a handle the metal flasks are much lighter than is of little use.-Boston Transcript.

"A simple look is all I crave," said he. "Gaze into yonder mirror and you'll get it," said she. - New York Journal.

It is said that in Philadelphia, when a comedian gets off a good thing, the curtain often "drops" before the audience does.

Corporal (at the inspection) -"That fellow looks as plump and tat as if all the cooks in the town had fallen in love with him."

It's the woman who has a brown plush sacque on who can quickest tell a sealskin when she sees it on another woman. Texas Siftings.

The kangaroo 18 a funny animal. It has four legs in all, but two of its legs are longer than its fore legs put together. -Elmira Gazette

est mistake, swore that he was dead, and the court had an order to that effect catered upon the records. A short time afterwards Hulce turned up all right, but he has been declared to be legally dead and is so in law until the record is changed. This caunot be done without reopening the case, which will cost some money. This, Hulce declares, he will not pay, and as no one else has any interest in the matter he will probably remain legally dead as long as he actually lives.

The depreciation of farming lands in England has gone so far, asserts the Boston Cultivator, that in many localities they are worth only half what they were twenty years ago. The low price of wheat, and competition with other countries in meat and other food products, is responsible for much of this decrease in price, though part of it is due to a succession of bad seasons. The United States now leads all competitions in wheat production. But it is certain that after a few more years American increase in population will take all the wheat we can grow. When that time comes, not only English but other wheat growers will share in the increased prosperity of farming that must everywhere prevail.

The census bulletin giving the population of Texas by minor civil divisions shows some wonderful percentages of increase of population, notes the Louisville Courier-Journal. The increase over 1880 in the whole State was 643,774, equal to 40.44 par cent., which is itself a healthy percentage, though quite insignificant compared to the growth in population of some of the countles. Only sixteen counties show decreases, Armstrong County shows an increase of 2945.16 per cent.; Childress, 4600; Collingsworth, 5880; Hardeman, 7708; Randall, 6133.33, and Floyd, 17,533.33 per cent. The effect of these magnificent percentages is somewhat impaired by giving the figures upon which they are based. Armstrong, for example, had only thirty-one population in 1880 and 944 in 1890-an immense relative but ery moderate positive increase. Childasesi from twenty-five in 1880

down. "Excuse me, Bailic," our teacher

would remark in his meekest way, "excuse me, you have the book upside down. "Sir, don't you think a baille can read

and one in the evaning represented only

one, for while the former might be bags

Graham, the pretty daughter of the

Now, the average Scotch bailie is a

much bigger man, in his own estimation,

Donald MacTavish and Sandy Jamieson.

Shades of Nebuchadnezzar! who so great

Dundee bailie.

as a Scotch bailie?

Latin upside down?" How we prayed that a kind Providence in much love and mercy might make of us bailies and newspaper men.

Do you wonder that Fergus Cameron was kicked downstairs, and that a bag of onions and a clothes-line hastened his departure, and that three weeks later he stood upon the deck of an Atlantic liner, gazing with tearful eye on the fast fading shore-line of the land of blue mist and purple heather? An American youth would have been happier under the circumstances, for he would have the coast fifty years ago .- New Orleans had Maud Graham with him; so little | Picayune. respect has an American youth for the exalted office of a Scotch bailie.



Cameron arrived in New York with a few dollars in his pocket and fewer friends by his side. He spent the first night in a cheap lodging-house on West street, and in the morning set out to find an old friend of his father. The covered. -- New Florence (Mo.) Leader. prospects of employment at his own occunation were by no means bright, but an equaintance on the part of the old man with the city editor of a morning paper opened for him the door of the newspakingdom. Into the humblest position went Fergus Cameron, Naturally bright, well educated, and with no end of capacity for work, he cheerfully and manfully faced his new duties with a calm determination to turn the battle of life into victory, and be a bigger man than a Scotch baillie. His was the old, old story of success and failure, of failure and success, but his application to business and the excellence of his work carried him into the good graces of his superiors in office. The star that ruled "kless lot might have fated him

off every living being. There were numerous huts showing that at one time the place had been thickly inhabited. but not a living thing could be found. An investigation showed that the former residents had died in such numbers that they had not been buried, but the skeletons were lying around the island wherever the people had been when death had overtaken them. In one hut were the remains of seventcen people, while in many others skeletons were found in creat numbers. They had been dead for such a time that the bones were beginning to decay. There was little to show what kind of people they were, but it is supposed that they belong to some of the numerous island tribes which were so abundant on this part of

Giants' Bones Uncarthed. Tradition tells us that somewhere along

a ridge in the southern part of this county, there lies buried "twenty mule loads of gold." This treasure is supposed to have been placed in some isoiated spot by the early inhabitants of the -possibly the mound builders. A landweek ago some one in meandering about a cave which is formed by an over-cliff of this ridge, accidentally found a coin, upon which could only be distinguished the letters "A. D." This exciting his curiosity, and knowing of the traditional treasures, led him to make further exploits. Securing a pick he began digging and soon unearthed the skeleton of human body, which was described to our informant as being extremely large. The jaw-bone was large enough to place over the jaw of an ordinary man, and the arm-bone was over two inches longer than of men above the medium size. Not being satisfied with this find, digring was continued until the second third and fourth skeleton was uncarthed, which equalled in size the first one dis

A Contractor's Little Scheme.

A local contractor has a peculiar method of keeping tab on a gang of Italian laborers working under him. The men are known only by numbers, and to keep track of the doings of each individual is a matter of considerable difficulty. They are all apt to sneak off when the foreman's back is turned, and sit down for a rest. The unique plan of the contractor in question is devised to put an end to this lazy practice and the consequent loss of time. In the morning before the gang goes to work each man's number is printed in chalk on his trousers. When the meu knock off work in the evening the chalk marks are inspected, and if any are found to be

stairway, went out on the roof and captured the flag; descending he was confronted by the landlord-one Jacksonwho shot him dead. Jackson himself was then shot to death, and the affair created more sensation than considerable. battles a few years later. After the war a daughter of Jackson secured an appointment in one of the departments here. She was a modest, diligent and capable young woman, and discharged her official duties acceptably. In the course of time a super-loyal gentleman was put in charge of the bureau in which she worked. Nosing around, he soon discovered the

antecedents of the young clerk and discharged her. She was friendless and penniless, and as a last resort went to the White House and called for General Grant. He received her, and she related her story to the silent man. Without saying a word he took a piece of paper and wrote: "The war against men is ended, and my Administration shall not begin one against women. Restore Miss Jackson to her former clerkship instant-This was addressed to the loyal oureau official, and the young lady is yet in the public service. That was an exhibition of chivalry that Duriois or Francis I. might have envied.

Twenty Dined Off One Potato.

George W. Scott has brought into the Telephone office a half-dozen of the largest sweet potatoes ever raised, perhaps, in the country. They are saues," and the six weighed fifty pounds. The largest one was given by the editor to a family in which there were eighteen members-the husband and wife and sixteen children-all of whom were great lovers of putatoes. Sunday they decided to have it for dinner.

It was fried-a part of it at least-and was amply enough for all the family, besides a married daughter and husband who were spending the day there. The remainder of the mammoth potato was made up into potato pone and furnished dessert enough for the whole crowd and to spare. - Tahlequah (Indian Territory) Telephone.

Cracked Open a Mountain.

One of the Twin Sisters, north of Mount Bacer, near Whatcom, Washington, was observed at 11:30 A. M. em ting a huge volume of smoke, which arose apparently to the height of 1000 feet. Smoke was soon lifted to the north and disappeared. About 2:30 p. m. a column of smoke also arose from Mount Baker, and other mountains showed the same phenomenon. A rent was observed o ne main sister which has never ap-ed before, and which was apparently arter of a mile long, running from up of the mountain toward the base. mber] mountain has neve-

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they wear small round hats with turnedup brims. The men play without notes and it is asserted that the majority of them do not know one note from auother, but play by car, if not to say by instinct. The leader of the band plays the first violin, turning constantly nervous alertness to the right and to the left, and the others simply accompany his melody with all sorts of variations. An important role belongs in every gypsy band to the cymbal-player, with two little hammers beats a kind of buy zither. According as the leader with nervous, almost convulsive motions belabors his fiddle, the others file away after him, until they work themselve up, just as he does, into a musical delirium. Long-drawn, plaintive, melancholy, sighing tunes alternate with sudden, unbridled bursts of joy. Like the clever psychologist that he is, the leader of the gypsies instantly picks out some quiet patrician in the audience, whom he addresses the music Boldly he places himself in front of him sticks his fiddle almost into his face, and pe forms first tearful tunes, which make the listener gaze with a serious intent ness into space; then the gypsy accel crates the tempo until he reaches the delirium, which kindles such an intoxicating

ecstacy in the patrician that, with a half-imothered "Jai!" he grabs his head. When the playing is at an end he says not a word, but pulls from his big leathe purse a bank-note of considerable value, and spitting on the back of it, pastes it on the gypsy's forehead. Not so quiet is the scene when the whole company have been wrought into ecstasy; then some me present is apt to tear a bill of a high denomination in two, give one half to the gypsy and rtick the other half into his pocket, surrendering it only when the gypsies have given the company their fill music. Frequently a struggle for existence arises between the musicians and the carousers. It has happened many a time that the gypsies, when they have carned money enough, have vanished one by one just as the company had been seized with a desire to dance. To guard against this contingency each one of the hand had to pull off one boot and keep the other, playing with one foot bare. The confiscated boots were flung into the cellar, and only surrendered when the dance and jollification were at an cud. This ingenious procedure does not express, perhaps, a high degree of mutual confidence; but practical and effective it is, which is, after all, the main consideration .- Harper's Magazine.

Some of the English gas meter inspectors are being provided with unifor because heretofore, according to a British contemporary, "an undestrable per-son if armed with a lantern and a note book, was able to gain access to domes tie quarters.

The Mormon leaders in Salt Lake using a fund of \$25,-

al relatively to its weight It is also claimed that the material is perfectly fire-proof and cheaper than any other at present employed and that space is considerably economized owing to the comparative thinness of material employed.

robes are harmless, and by many scien-

tists are supposed to even aid digestion.

Field flasks of aluminum instead of the

ordinary glass flasks are being introduced

experimentally in the German army. They appear to be servicable and strong,

and should they fulfil their promise the

whole army is to be supplied with them.

those of glass, their weights being re-

Are light carbons frequently possess characteristics of the diamond, to which

in composition they strongly approxi-mate. The pieces of unburned carbons

which are thrown away are very often

found to contain very hard, sharp ends,

which will cut glass, and the mischiev

ous street Arabs have discovered this fact

and use the pieces for defacing windows

A comparatively new system of con

struction, the invention of Mr. Monier, is

being applied to the building of houses,

etc. It consists of a network of iron rods

fortifications, reservoirs, sewers,

and doing other destructive work.

bridges,

spectively 450 and 500 grams.

. A Fine Game Preserve.

The Rev. N. M. Jurney, of Leesville, N. C., has associated a number of gentlemen with him, and they have estab lished in Cartaret County one of th finest game preserves in North Carolina. The gentlemen who own the preserve are only worth \$18,000,000 in the aggregate. They have purchased 8000 acres of land, and have posted it, to be used exclusive ly for their own hunting. This large tract of land is a vast forest, and it contains the finest fresh water pond in the State. This pond is three miles long, and from a hundred yards to a half mile in width, and abounds in fish. In the for est there is an abundance of deer, wild turkeys, wild ducks, wildcats, quail, squirrels, etc. Forty-five dear were killed on this tract alone last season. Mr. B. N. Doke, of Durham, N. C., is President of the company. The company is crecting a handsome lodge to cost \$3000, and will stock their preserve with game of all kinds. They will also sow grass, peas and grain for the benefit of deer, turkeys, quail, etc. - New Orleans

Water Purified by Electricity.

Times-Democrat

The Webster method of purifying waste water by means of electric been tested by Dr. Fermi in the Hygie nic Institute, at Munich, Germany. During the course of the experiments it was found that the water became purified in about fifteen minutes, the organic ubstances being reduced by about one half, and the suspended substances being precipitated to the bottom. The smell of the water was perceptibly improved. While the results of the tests show

that electricity does not at the present time realize the ideal of water purification, it has two great advantages; first, that very little iron is precipitated and its removal is not so difficult as in the case of purification by chemical means, and, second, the dissolved organic substances, which are not precipitate 1 by any of the known chemical methods itherto employed, are at least partially removed by the electric current. -Philadelphia Record.

The Largest Beard.

James Brown, who lives near Bealington, in Braxton County, W. Va., ha probably the largest beard in this country. He is six feet in height, and has neither shaved nor trimmed his beard or mustache for thirty years. The ends of his mustache extend beyond his ingers' ends when his arms are outstretched. He carries his wonderful beard and mustache braided and tucked inside his shirt, but does not hesitate to show them to any one who may desire to uffer a while, and then it is

Some papers make it the "vgrir," others the "grippe." Still a spell of it is bad enough no matter how taken.-Philadelphia Times.

A-"If I were a minister I should hate to dine at a banker's table." "Why?" A .- "Think of three days of gracel"-Yale Record.

If college men would only tackle the world as they do their foot ball opponents, the rest of us would never get a cal. -New York Herald.

How goodlooking some of us would be could we only live up to the photograph which we regard as a perfect likeaeas! - Boston Transcript.

"Oh, mamma!" cried Willie, on secing a zebra for the first time, "do come acreand see this poor little convict pony." -Harper's Young People.

Don't pen missives to your best girl on postal cards. She may have a sussicion that you do not care two cents for her. - Union County Standard.

Marriage seems never so much a failare to a man as when something goes wrong at home that he can't possibly dame on his wife, .-. Atchison Globs,

When Strephon, hearing in the dark A step, gave Bridget Daphno's kiss, He evidently missed his mark By having failed to mark his Miss.

A hermit and a tramp present about the same general appearance; the distinguishing feature is that one is a recluse, the other a wrock loose. - Union County Standard.

"My hair," mused Van Smythe, as he carefully consigned his two remaining wisps to their appointed places, "reminds me most painfully of a fool and his money."-Life.

There are lots of them in the world at the foot of the procession who believe they are at the head, though they admit that the procession is going the wrong way .- Atchison Globe.

"Did you ever notice how sometimes the earth seems to smile at the smill" said the poetic young woman. "Oh, yes," he answered. "The sun's an old lame of hers, you know."

Saidso-++When Jublots made his debut as a star the audience went wild; the encore was terrifie," Herdso-++In which seene was it?" "The one in which he was behended."-New York Herald.

"I've lost my situation," remarked a oung man who had been working for a Fifth avenue firm. "Is that so?" · Yes; "Why; I understood that you fired." worked in a fire-proof building."-Pittaburg Chronicle.

Tommy-"What is a 'running account?' Pa says it's an account mor-chants have to keep of customers that are in the habit of running away from ning account is, in some instances, account that gets tited out rise anding obligation.