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About 400 people are annually killed in Chicago, Ill., at grade crossings of . railroads.

Spain has been steadily making a deficit for fourteen years past, and what is worse, seems to be making a bigger one each succeeding year.

The German Government is preparing a bill to regulate emigration. It is intended chiefly to restrict the activity of agents, who will be prohibited from carrying emigrants at the expense of foreign States.

Californians expect that within a year or two their State will become noted as a centre for the cultivation of Cowers for perfumery purposes, and thus become rival to France and Germany, which have monopolized this business heretofore,

The country that has the cheapest coal, declares the San Francisco Chronicle, can depend upon winning the race for manufacturing supermacy. Statistics show that the average price of bituminous coal per long ton at the mouth of the pit in the United States is \$1.12, while in Great Britain the average is \$1.60.

The final accounts of the Paris Exposition have been made, and the results shown are exceedingly satisfactory. The total receipts, including the amount of \$5,000,000 received from the State and municipality, was estimated at \$8,600,-000, but the actual income was \$10,000,-000. The receipts from admissions were \$1,400,000 greater than was expected, while the expenditures were \$1,500,000 less than the estimated outlay.

The firing of the Miantonomoh's big guns without damage scores another naval triumph for the United States, is the boast of the San Francisco Examiner. Several of the English ships carrying large guns have found that the discharge of their own batteries was the greatest danger they would have to fear in action -there being a certainty that a few rounds would send the vessel to the bottom. The Miantonomoh will evidently be able to hurt something else than

The inventor of the "whaleback" steamer, Captain McDougall, of West Superior, Wis., thinks that his type of vessel will make a more formidable manof-war than anything affoat, especially for coast and harbor defense. He has had a number of pictures made of his idea of a belligerent whaleback. They are to be so constructed that in action they can be entirely summerged, except a small turret and the bow. In the bow are to be stationed two heavy guns, one of which can be run out and fired, while the other is drawn back for loading. The vessel has been patented in this and all foreign countries.

A chivalrous man is trying to awaken a little interest in Mrs. Columbus in this anniversary of the discovery that made her consort famous. He tells us that she was a Miss Palestrello, which is infinitely more distinguished than plain Mrs. Columbus. Her father was a navigator, and as a girl she made many hazardous voyages in company with him. She possessed a fine education and was a brainy, ambitious woman. It may be possible that she suggested the Western excursion to her lord and master, and spurred him on to his discovery, like plenty of other good wives to whom the husbands owe their fame.

Says the Gossipper in the New York World: "One who witnessed the fire drill by Tiffany & Co.'s clerks during the recent blaze which threatened the great jewelry store tells me it was one of the best specimens of human mechanism he ever saw. At the first sign of fire the store was cleared of customers and the clerks took positions assigned them in practice. At the first signal the heavy fron shutters were closed, next the hose was uncoiled, and at the third command the jewelry was deposited in the various safes. There was no confusion, no conflicting orders or excitement. This admirable drill undoubtedly saved the firm from a heavy loss, as, had a panic taken place, the result may easily be imagined.

This has been a great season for sport in the hunting regions of the New England States, announces the New York Sun. One taxidermist in Bangor has received fifteen moose heads for mounting this season, all of them being unusually large and fine. A fur buyer in Farmington who returned a few days ago from a purchasing trip among the trappers of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont brought more than a score of bear skins, a great number of fox skins, including a very fine gray, thirty beaver, about as many fisher, a quantity of otter, sable, coon, and cat skins, five or six bun ired mink, and as many skunk. He bought about two thousand muskrat skins in New Hampshire. The animals

had been killed this season.

THE STATION DESPAIR,

We must trust the conductor, most surely; Why millions of millions before Have made this same journey securely And come to that ultimate shore. And we we will reach it in season: And ab, what a welcome is there! To stop at the station Despair!

Ay, midnights and many a potion Of trouble and sorrow have we. As we journey from ocean to ocean, From sea unto ultimate sea, To that deep sen of seas, and all silence Of passion, concern, and of care, That vast sen of Eden-set islands

Don't stop at the station Despair ! Go forward, whatever may follow, Go forward, friend, led or alone Ah, me, to leap off in some hollow Or fen, in the night and unknown Leap off like a thief; try to hide you From angels, all waiting you there! Go forward! whatever betide you, Don't stop at that station Despair -Joaquin Miller, in St. Paul Globe

A WINTER WOOING.

Chamberlain is too silent," remarked she comes into a room I feel as if I wanted to shake a perfect mouth; but, as she is very dainty and very beautiful, I don't really do it."

The young woman who sat near him as he spoke, painting, and who could not quite compare with a great beauty, thought that Balkan was showing off, being irritated by Genevieve's apparent indifference, and was trying to console himself by grumbling at her, although he would have been very critical of any-one else who dared to do so. This young woman, who could reflect intelligently, was, nevertheless, a perfect child in guilelessness. She was the sort of girl who would remain sweet and naive as an

Nellie Featherly looked round at Balkan in a moment, and said . "Now there is nothing mysterious

"You? I should think not! You are so fearless, straightforward and amus-

"You have not quite enough illusion about me, I think," pouted Nellie, over her satin scarf, which was just bursting into flower and leaf. "You have made me out just one of the ordinary, useful, toss-me-aside kind of women, and, although you are right, I do hate to hear the fact repeated."

'I don't care what you think of your self, or how you construe my appreciation of you," answered Balkan. perfectly content with enjoying your traits and sitting near while you paint.'

Nellie went on busily, with a dozen pretty motions, and a rather dissatisfied was her work or his words which annoyed her, Balkan was not quite sure. went on, peering over at the drawing

board on her knees, upon which the satin was stretched. "Oh, please don't say pretty things,

Nellie cried. "Somehow you seem insincere to-day." "Il My dear Miss Featherly, I should not hesitate to tell the truth rather than | ily along. prevariente. To be quite honest, I

in the world you could ask me; though

with others I might be as silent as Gen-

evieve, instead of confessing to actual-"If I ever want to ask you anything I will remember this," the young amateur rejoined, with a smile into Balkan's

carnest face.

room during the little pause ensuing, and said that the day was too pleasant to stay in the house. Why not go to walk before dinner? The young people, eight in all, were visiting some dear old country gentleman to whom Nellie was nearly related, and who had asked them for their perch helpfully and surrounded a week of sleighing and other winter their pale friend, whose swoon was so they were to go sleighing by moonlight, and it was super-energetic for Morton to stantly. talk of walking. But we all know how these restless people of energy and mus-cle rout us out of lazy tete-a-tetes and fireside luxury. Neither Nellie nor Balkan wished to be stigmatized as loth to exercise, so they rushed out of the parlor to find the others and get wrapped up for a cool ramble; while Cecil Morton smiled to himself in a mirror, thinking of the commotion he could affect at

Nellie and Genevieve paired off, intentionally, as the group left the hall door ten minutes later. Something Something agitated Nellie's beautiful friend, as the former was able to discover through girlcalm and pale as she said in a low, tragic voice to the girl beside her:

"My heart is almost breaking. I am so surprised and so wretched. To think every one always on his knees to me. ity. And now, the very one who absorbs my thoughts-cold, cold!"

up at finding any one you can become romantic over, that you are as blind as a hickory nut, besides being dreadfully awkward when he's around. Moreover, young men dragged the cumbrous con-Hal Balkan is perfectly splendid—so cern. The fair invalid was pillowed on handsome and so manly! I don't won-muffs and covered with newmarkets, and the idea of his not coming under your first sunset and then deep dusk when spell! Why, I just know he thinks you the catafalque slowly reached home. are irresistible. I know you are in his

vanquisher of all hearts," murmured others, looking lovely in still another of have not been all-convincing, because waiting for her ready to pounce. Mr. Balkan is really the only true pcson of suviable position and means whom | Nellie's eyes, which looked big and |-New York Journal.

a thousand foolish bachelors to one real to herself, filled again with tears.

"I think Hal is a fine fellow," Nellie again admitted softly, resting her hand upon Genevieve's arm for a few steps, then stopping her and letting the others catch up with them, "How far north we seem?" she then exclaimed. "I am tunities, and when we are all looking on sure the Arctic Sea is over that hill of from a respectful distance, it is perfectly pines by the meadow. This exhil- stupid of you not to offer yourself to drift?" she concluded, pointing to a have died. You had no business to white-banked gate post by the cattle stipulate the tree, anyhow, for of course

perty in such a way that he would come next to Genevieve; but she evaded him you and talk right out as if I were a by sheer force of desperation. And as luck would have it, all Balkan came up to her with his fine, arty good cheer, and asked her to walk with him as far as Genevieve, I will put my finger into her a wide-spreading elm a considerable affairs if I like to. And I'll just add distance down the high ad, and Nellie this—that I'm going to arrange to have Featherly heard him say it. Genevieve you both driven by the coachman towas willing, and they started off at a night in the big sleigh while we are huge pace which the rest tried to imitate; portioned off to little cutters. The but not too well, as everyone of the girls thought that Balkan wanted to propose to his companion, and deter-mined to let him have a chance.

At last the two figures in advance stopped under the delicate tracery of the great bare clm tree and seemed to be talking earnestly. Then a cry went up from Nellie Featherly, for Genevieve had sunk to the ground, evidently in a secret out of her faint, and Balkan kneeled at her side.

"The walk was too rapid for her," exclaimed Nellie, off-hand, "Ob, Mr. Morton, why must you always be asking us to go for constitutionals; they'll be the death of us!" And Nellie whom no one had ever seen really provoked before, gave him a cross glance, and then went on a run, accompanied by the reproved Morton, toward her friend, while the others followed more or less

As faithful Nellie ran she discerned a strange black cloud rolling towards them all down the snowy road. Soon the motion of two prancing horses became ap-parent, and as Nellie reached Genevieve's prostrate form in the middle of the road, over which Balkan was bending in absorbed dismay, the plucky girl realized that a runaway team was in full swing at a few yards' distance, and quite un observed by anyone but herself and Cecil Morton, who shouted to Nellie to have a care and jump aside.

But this Nellie never thought of doing. On she ran, beyond Genevieve whose danger was so immenent-and what could she do to avert the danger! In her muff was a ball of snow, which had been reduced by careful manipulation-under Morton's instructions-to an icy consistency, capable as her teacher had explained, of killing anybody, if rightly aimed. It is by no means easy to swerve the direction of a maddened horse. But one of these was running away because the other wanted to, and he yet retained some common sense. At any rate, Nellie drew forth her icy ball in a twinkling, and hurled it by good ick, at the saner horse-for they were and true aim that it hit him on the nose. 'That's exquisite and no mistake," he He plunged aside, slipped on the hard crust of the old snow beside the road, and keeled over, carrying his rampant mate with him into the ditch. They were a powerful team belonging to Nellie's uncle, and were dragging an allooing in the distance, as he ran wear-

Nellie pondered a moment over the would tell you the truth about anything success of her defence and gazed at the quivering limbs of the foe, and then turned back to Genevieve, panting. The girls were on the bank at the other side of the road.

Meantime Balkan had but just looked up, realized the peril, and caught Genevieve in his arms, while Morton threw his weight wildly upon the young man's Cecil Morton sauntered across the struggling shoulders. It is always in some such way that a person weak in emergencies assists the real actors.

So swiftly did the runaway horses proceed that it seemed only an instant since Genevieve had fainted. Now all the girls swooped down from

sports, the snow being in better condi- much in earnest that she had not stirred tion than for years past. That evening an eyelash. Nellie seized Balkan's hand told him she must speak with him in-

"Did you offer yourself?" she severely demanded, when she had led him, peremptority, out of hearing of the others. "No," he gasped, gazing blankly, as man does who is confronted with

more Greek than he is prepared for. "Didn't you proposel" exclaimed Nellie, in the same indignant tone, which showed Balkan he was a criminal, whichever way he pleaded.

"Do explain!" he quavered, gently. But Nellie was off to Genevieve with apertinent haste, kneeling down at her side, calling for soft snow from under a drift and rubbing the beauty's temple and lips with it, while she explained to ish intimacy. Genevieve's face looked Morton hew to get Genevieve's hands warm; much to his satisfaction, for she did not object to his covering them with

so surprised and so wretched. To think The teamster came up, and Nellie of it! I have never loved before, and found time to scold him for his stapid-

houghts—cold, cold!"
"Dou't be silly, Gec. You're so fired to drag Genevieve home, which the stout poles at the sides of the conveyance assisted them to accomplish, as the girls could take hold and propel, while the was pleased to revive nicely. It was

It may be supposed that dinner was a little late that evening.

"But my former conquests her fashionable frocks and Balkan was

"What did you mean?" he whispered.

I ever met in our set. There seems to be bright, because she had been crying all edged away into the auteroom and he

"I meant," she replied sotto voice, "that when you love her, and she loves you, and when you come out into the backwoods and have plenty of apporarating atmosphere makes me feel as if I Genevieve, and I should have fainted and were somebody else. Oh, we are ex-plorers! Is that a Polar bear or a snow drift?" she concluded, pointing to a have died. You had no business to she would expect everything to be settled Cecil Morton tried to shuffle the little before she got there. Oh, of course, you think me outrageous to meddle with

> driver's seat is way up." "But my dear Miss Featherly-Nellie-

"Now, don't be disrespectful. Of course I can only ask for an outward show of respect after telling you to offer yourself to my dearest friend, whom we all know you are hoping to win, but that show of courtesy I stipulate for."

"But how can I ask Miss Chamberlain in marriage if I love you?" Balkan squeeezed in desperately Nellie sat down on the arm of a chair

and looked up at him aghast, blushing and appealing. "Oh, you can't be in love with me?"

she said, breathlessly. "I wish you would not be so scornful, You ought to have known it. Months ago I was crazy about Genevieve, like the rest; but only for a week, for then I met you. A man doesn't sit staring all day at a girl unless he loves her. While I stare at you your utter indifference to me is something appalling, but I had hoped to win you in the end. Then you take me by the throat, yank me in front of somebody else, with orders, martial in their haste, and now cast me into a perfect sea of prematureness; for, of course, you'll spurn my unheralded revelation. But I'm as obstinate as you are, and love you I will, by

Balkan sat down on the other armchair, and being trim as a marble statue for dinner, and not having time to brush his hair again if he tore it a little, thrust his thumbs into his pockets and glared at the fire. A feint rustie of heavy silk at his el-

ow made him feel exultant. "If she consents to it, you might proose to me in the Russian sleigh, then."

He turned, and her superb eyes met his. He caught her hands and studied her face with blissful care. "I thought I was of no account," she nurmured, all of a tremble; and was

suddenly kissed in a way that made her feel that for the future she had some one to guard her against all harm, and her all the happiness she could wish for .- New Orleans New Delta.

Found a Mastodon Tusk.

The tusk of a huge mastodon has been iscovered at Darlington, ten miles north of Crawfordsville, Ind. The find proves to be much better than was at first empty wood sledge. Their driver was thought, and promises to be one of the fluest ever made in this country. The tusk was discovered in digging a well at the residence of George Lynch. The tusk was struck by the drill, and so perfect did the ivory seem to be that they decided that it had a commercial value and concluded to dig it up. They dug down to it, about twelve feet under ground, and found that the tusk that they had struck was at least twelve inches in diameter, and even on the outside was almost perfectly preserved. The men have already unearthed about four feet of the tusk and have found no sign of an end either way. Judging from that already in view, the tusk is about fourteen feet in length, and the finders are confident in their belief that the skull and other bones will be found in a like state of preservation, as the whole is submerged in living water and covered with clean, pure sand. Several geologists of this and other cities will make every effort to get it out and mount it for the college museum.—St. Louis Republic.

Redeeming Florida Land.

It is not generally known that thousauds of acres of land under water in Florida are being gradually restored and used for planting sugar cane and rice. Hamilton Disston, of Philadelphia, the well known manufacturer, has been interested in the reclamation of land is Florida for many years. I saw him recently at the Fifth Avenue Hotel and he said that the State gave the company half of the land it restored.

"Have many acres been redeemed?" "Already several hundred thousand acres have been deeded to the company, he said, "and the work is still going on. We have a sugar cane plantation con taining ten thousand acres. The land produces the finest cane in the world, and seed cane has to be used only once in a number of years. About six thou rand pounds of sugar are produced per acre, for which we usually get four cents

nearly all the overflowed lands in Florids will be reclaimed, and sugar and rice will be produced in great quantities,"-

Voices to Order.

A knowledge of the physiology of the human larynx has made it possible to supply artificial voices to persons who been deprived of the one nature gave them, and a number of cases exist where the cavity has been opened, and a larvax made of suitable material with rubber membranes has been inserted, and become practically useful in speech.

THE HURRY IN CHICAGO.

THE WESTERN METROPOLIS A SCHNE OF CONSTANT BUSTLE.

All the Business of Life Goes on at tors and Swift Cable Care

I liave spoken of the rear and bustle and energy of Chicago, writes Julian Ralph in Harper's Magazine. This is noticeable in the business portion of the town, where the greater number of the men are crowded together. It seems there as if the men would run over the horses if the drivers were not care ful. Everybody is in such a hurry and going at such a pace that if a stranger asks his way, he is apt to have to trot along with his neighbor to gain the information, for the average Chicagoan cannot stop to talk. The whole business of life is carried on at a high pressure, and the pithy part of Chicago is like three hundred acres of New York Stock Exchange when trading is active. European visitors have written that there are no such crowds anywhere as gather on Broadway, New York, and this is true most of the time; but there is one bour on every week-day when certain streets in Chicago are so packed with people as to make Broadway look desolate and solitudinous by comparison. That is the hour between half-past five and half-past six o'clock, when the famous tall buildings of the city vomit their inhabitants upon the pavements. Photographs of the principal corners and crossings, taking at the height of the human torrent, suggest the thought that the camera must have been turned on some little-known painting by Dore. Nobody but Dore every conceived such pictures. To those who are in the crowds, even Chicago seems small and cramped; even her streets that connect horizon with horizon seem each night to

roar at the city officials for further aunexation in the morning. In the tall building; are the most modern and rapid elevators, machines that fly up through the towers like ginss balls from a trap at a shooting contest. The slow-going stranger, who is conscious of having been "kneaded" along the streets, like a lump of dough amon a million bakers, feels himself loaded into one of those frail-looking baskets of steel netting, and the next instant the elevator boy touches the trigger, and up goes the whole load as a feather is caught up by a gale. The decent is more simple. Something lets go, and you tall from ten to twenty stories as it happens. There is sometimes a jolt, which makes the passenger seem to feel his stomach pass into his shoes, but, as a rule, the mechanism and management both work marvelously toward case and gentleness. These elevators are too slow for Chicago, and the managers of certain tall build ings now arrange them so that some run 'express" to the seventh story without stopping, while what may be called amodation cars halt at the lower floors, pursuing a course that may be likened to the emptying of the chambers of a revolver in the hands of a person who is "quick on the trigger." It is the same everywhere in the business district. Along Clark street are some gorgeous underground restaurants, all marble and plated metal. Whoever is eating at one of the tables in them will see the ushers standing about like statues until a customer enters the door, when falling. It is only done in order to seat the visitor promptly. Being of a sympathetic and impressionable nature, I boited along the streets all the time I block had picked my pocket.

In the Auditorium Hotel the guests communicate with the clerk by electricity, and may flash word of their thirst to the bar-tender as lightning dances from the top to the bottom of a steeple. A sort of annunciator is used, and by turning an arrow and pressing a button, a man may in half a minute order a cocktail, towels, ice-water, stationery, dinner, a bootblack, and the evening news papers. Our horse-cars in New York nove at the rate of about six miles an hour. The cable-cars of Chicago make more than nine miles an hour in town, and more than thirteen miles an hour where the population is less dense. They go in trains of two cars each, and with such a racket of gong-ringing and such a grinding and whir of grip-wheels as to make a modern vestibuled train seem a waste of the opportunities for noise. But these cars distribute the people grandly, and while they occasionally run over a stray citizen, they far more frequently clear their way by lifting wagons and trucks bodily to one side as they whirl nlong. It is a rapid and a business-like The speed with which cattle are killed and pigs are turned into slabs of salt pock has amazed the world, but it is only the ignorant portion thereof that does not know that the celerity at the stock-yards is merely an effort of the butchers to keep up with the rest of the town. The only slow things in Chicago are the steam railway trains. - Harper's Magazine,

Took Her Without Arms.

One of the strongest cases of love and devotion which has ever taken place in Ohio was exemplified recently in Kill buck Township by the marriage of Alwin Nitsche, a German, aged thirty-two years, and Miss Lillie M. Lowe, aged seventeen years. Nitsche was a devoted lover of Miss Lowe in 1880, when she was only fifteen years old, and when she met with the horrible accident while driving a mowing machine, in which she was thrown before the cutter-bar and both arms were cut off. She lin gered between life and death for a long time, but eventually got past danger. She feared her lover would desert her on account of her affliction, and this gave her much uneasmess; but she misjudged him, as he renewed his vows after she got her artificial arms, and was more devoted than ever, and did everything cossible to lighten her suffering .- San

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Electric elevators increase. There's an electric hammer.

Recent experiments have shown that quid oxygen is magnetic. Steam locomotives are to be tried on

the Chicago (HI.) street lines. The best isinglass dissolves completely

n hot water, leaving no visible resideum. The jeweler has drills so small that they can bore a hole only one-thousandth of an inch in diameter through a pre-

cious stone. The globular brass lantern, hitherto in use for military service purposes, is to be superceded by a folding lantern for

There is a new sanitarium in the Riviera of Italy for the inhalation of ozone for the cure of most weaknesses, particuarly tuberculosis.

The best material for hardening and empering malleable iron and steel goods said to be leather cinders, made by ourning waste leather.

Children are not numerous in France. Out of 10,000,000 families in the Republic one-fifth have no children at all and another fifth have one child each.

The star Sirius, which is shown to be about double the size of our sun, emits from forty to sixty fold more light than the sun, owing to its matter being much

Recent explorations in the district of Sonora, Mexico, show that the coal deposits in the Sau Marcial Valley will amount to fully 60,000,000,000 tons and it is of excellent quality.

Dr. Koch's lymph, according to the results of the experiments communicated to the last meeting of the Berlin (Germany) Society for Internal Medicine, seems to have proved untrustworty, even as a means of diagnosis for tubercul

A French inventor has attached a tiny incandescent lamp to an ordinary pencil for use by reporters and others having to take notes at night. The light is not affected by rain or wind. The battery is carried in the pocket, the wires passing down the sleeve.

A novel method of testing the condition of a horse's feet is to attach one terminal of a light battery to the bit and the other to the shoe. If the foot is improperly penetrated by the nails the animal will squirm under the test, but will give no token if there is no irritation.

The natives of Madagascar formerly followed the moon in determining time. but since the influx of missionaries the Queen issued an edict that the Christian year should be followed. But in commencing the year the first year the date of the first day was set some time in October and November.

The red color of the markings Jupiter is believed by Mr. Barnard, the eminent astronomer, to be an indication of their age, the spots or markings (other than the white spots) being dark or black on first appearances, but afterward becoming red. The great red spot seems to be no exception to the rule.

The success of the existing electric railway in London, England, has given an impetus to the movement for locomotion of a similar kind. For considera tion during the fortheaming session of Parliament there are no fewer than five bills which propose citaer the construction of new electric railways or the ex-

tension of lines already authorized. A Colorado man has devised an electrical machine that successfully operates in placer deposits of gold that could not profitably worked by the sluice methods. The method employed for saving the gold is that of collecting it by means of the electric current, so that forms an amalgam from which the precious metal may be easily separated.

Kuhn, the great German naturalist, informs that in the year 1799 some monks who kept bees observing that they made unusual noise lifted up the hive, when an animal flew out, which to their great surprise-for they at first took it to be a bat-proved to be a death's head hawk moth, and he recem bers that several, some years before, had been found dead in the bee houses Huber also, in 1804, discovered that i made its way into his hives and those of his vicinity and robbed them of their

In Africa, we are told, it has the same propensity, which the Hottentots observing, in order to monopolize the honey of the wild bees, have induced the colonists to believe that it inflicts a mortal wound This moth has the faculty of emitting : remarkable sound, which Huber sup poses may produce an effect on the bee mewhat similar to that produced by the voice of their queen. As soon as ut-tered, this strikes them motionless, and then the moth is enabled to commit with impunity much devastation in the midst myriads of armed bands .- Cassel'

Singular Capture of a Swan.

John Jordan brought a large white swan to Pendleton the other day, and tells a queer story as to how he got it While near his house, on East Birch Creek, he saw some eagles chasing the swan in the air above him. The unfor tunate bird, in its auxiety to escape, flew directly over the young man's head, and with a quick spring he managed to seize and bring it down, the disappointed eagles flying away.-Portland

A Famous Maxim's Origin. The famous maxim about two blades of grass growing where one grew before has been attributed to many prominent men, and among others, especially to Lord Palmerston. It really occurs for the first time in "Gulliver's Travels; Whoever could make two cars of cor or two blades of grass grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew more essential service to his country than the whole race of politicisus put to gether."- New Yark Recorder.

JEBS HORSEHAIR SNAKE,

Jeb took a horsehair every day and rushed down to the lake And threw it in and watched to see it change

He'd seen little snakes in puddles that looked like horsehairs, so He thought all horsebairs would be snakes if they had time to grow.

into a snake?

Every time it rained the highway gleamed with temporary lakes, perturbed with writhing horsehafrs

which had been turned into snakes; They looked like makes, they looked like hairs, and Jeb he said the rain Had turned the horsebairs into snakes-'twas

easy to explain. So he put horsehairs in the lake and watched

from day to day To see them turn to wriggling snakes and

swim and crawl away, But though he gazed intently with eyeballs tense and strained,

The horsehairs still were horsehairs and as horsehairs still remained.

Perhaps we all are much like Jed-bestde life's sheltered lakes We watch for harmless horsehairs to turn

into noxious snakes, The hissing vipers of the soul, the serpents of

Are mostly fangless horsehnirs and will ever -Sam Walter Foss, in Yankee Blade

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A tumble-down affair-A wrest match. - Texas Siftings.

"The great heir of fame"-"Lo, the Conquering Hero Comes.' The chief attraction about a miser is

his charming heirs. - Texas Siftings. When a man takes a fatal step he is sure to put his foot in it .- Pittsburg

Advice from the Century Dictionary, page 4908 .- "To pop the question. Se pop."-Life.

An "ice jam" is anything but a sweet thing to the Maine logger.—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

It is profitable to know one's self; but there is money in knowing just how others rate us .- Puck.

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

"Cecil Van Dunse gave me a piece of his mind to-day." "I noticed you weren't as brilliant as usual."—Truth. When a man resolves to be good and patient the next pair of shoes he buys are sure to pinch him. - Atchison Globe. Setting a broken neck is a great feat of surgery. Still it doesn't quite come

up to putting a head on a man, -Boston The world is full of men so engaged in saying "Amen" that they fail to see

contribution basket .-- Atchisor The man who can't keep up with the procession in this world mustn't expect to

enjoy the music of the band, -Elmira Unwed-"What is this serveant-oir question I hear so much about?" Benedict

"How many nights may I have off?" "Do you know, I don't think much of Mawson!" "You don't have to. You

can size Mawson up in two seconds." Brooklyn Life. An unpledged legislator may have "a head of his own," but other men are

making desperate efforts to get his ear .-Columbus Post. Why Two Friends Parted: "Oh, say, I know a good thing I'd like to put you on to." "What is it?" "Ice."---

Indianapolis Journal Of all the fools, who lends the van? If it were put to vote
I think he'd be the silly man
Who jumps to catch the boat,

this month." Collector-"That's what you told me last month." Debtor-"Well, I kept my word, didn't I?"-Texas Siftings.

Judge (after the jury has acted against his judgments in acquitting a man)-your coats and umbrellas."-Filegende Things one would wish to express dif-

ferently, "Well, good-by, Miss Smith.

Tell the others I was very sorry not to find any one at home-a-a-a-except you-a, "-Punch. There are people who have lived to old age for no other reason apparently than because they have never been able

among the multiplicity of discuses to decide which one to die of .- Boston Tran-D'Aubique-"Miss Daggett was in to see my color studies yesterday, and said she liked them immensely. What an artless little creature she is." Sinnick—

That's what makes her like your painting."-Boston Post. Mr. Getup (of the firm of Getup & Howell)-Where in thunder is that worthless office boy? Have you sent him anywhere!" Mr. Howell-"Yes,

confound him! I've just sent him out to find another job."-Chicago Tribane. Undertakers are candid people. A gentleman called at an establishment last week and ordered an outfit for a funeral. 'Dr. Blank sent me bere," he said. "Oh, yes," said the undertaker, "Dr. Blank sends us all his work."-London

Tid Bits. "You don't seem to be as friendly with young Wilde as formerly, Maude. . No; I am trying to cast him out of my thoughts. He is unworthy." "Do you find it hard to forget him?" him."-New York Press.

"What are you doing in my house!" asked a man who surprised a burglar at his unlawful work. "Your house!" exclaimed the burglar, as he commence once more to put silver spoons in hi pocket. "You seem to imagine that ion't know the title to this property in your wife's name,"-Brooklyn Life