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	We'll read that book, we'll sing that sough But when the days are long: When thoughts are free and volces clear; When thoughts are free and volces clear;	GOLD IN THE BIARS. [A meteorite recently found contained gold in its composition. Suveral scientific men of considerable note consider this sa proof positive that there isgold in the stars.]

It is generally believed that the Russian Government maintains spies all ever the world who keep it posted about the operations of the Nibilists.

In most of the countries of Europe the manufacture of salt and tobacco is controlled by the Government. The Swiss Government now proposes to buy up all the match works of Switzerland and make their manufacture a Government monopoly.

Genoa is preparing to celebrate the fourth centenary of the discovery of America, by an Italian-American Exposition, the aim being to strengthen the friendship and increase the business relations between the native land of Columbus and that discovered by him.

Now that they are beginning to realize the effect of outside competition in England it is amazing, declares the American Dairyman, the number of dairy schools that are springing up in all directions, and most, if not all of them, itinerant at least for a part of the year.

During the English Protectorate over Egypt irrigation has been extended in almost every direction, thus increasing the agricultural productions to a won. derful extent. Last year Egypt raised 400,000,000 pounds of cotton, or nearly one-fourth of the entire quantity consumed in Great Britain.

It is stated that Japan rice is now shipped from Japan via the Canadian Pacific Railroad to Chicago, a distance of 7000 miles, at a total cost of eighty cents per hundred dunds, while it would cost, if shipped via San Francisco, thence by rail, \$1.31; the cost from Japan to Chicago via. the Canadian route being less than from San Francisco by rail to to Chicago.

The Chicago Post exclaims: "As the world moves, and as surely as the sailing vessel replaced the galley, as the swift locomotive took the place of the post horse and stage couch, as the trained lightning displaced the courier, so will coal, cumbrous, costly and grimy, give place to some more perfect, more etheral essence, evolved from itself, distilled from its liquid essence, or it may be to that kindred invisible agent that springs forth spontaneous and perfect at the touch of the drill,"

Pastcur, the French scientist, has an

But when? Ob, when the days are long; When thoughts are free and voices clear; Some happy time within the year. The days troop by with noiseless tread, The song unsung, the book unread.

We'll see that friend, and make him feel The weight of friendship, true assteel; Some flower of sympathy bestow, But time sweeps on with steady flow, Until with quick, reproachful tear, We lay our flowers upon his bier. And still we walk the desert sands, And still with trifles fill our hands, While ever just beyond our reach, A fairer purpose shows to each, The deeds we have not done, but willed, Remain to haunt us-unfulfilled. -Boston Journal.

LOVE AND WAR.

and nothing could satisfy him when he reached the town but a visit to that same kind-hearted girl who had forgotten all EARSugo North, all South, in the greater problem Judge Jasse of suffering men. He didn't talk about Phillips, of her much, but his associates knew he Hillsboro, Ill., would give up one of his coal-black eyes was a dashing any day for the privilege of possessing and successful her. And it didn't seem unreasonable to

Union soldier. expect he would win her. She received He is now a him kindly, she treated him well; she steady-g o i n g really appeared to love him. and level-head. The Confederates had been gradually ed jurist. Judge creeping back into Western Alabama was a They seemed to want the river and the

practicing law- good towns up there, and Major Falkenyer when the burg, who was in command of their forces war broke cut; that is, he was a lawyer, at Tuscumbia, sent over the river and but he wasn't practicing a greal deal, for stationed two companies of men in the he had not yet convinced the public that town, meeting with no sort of opposihe could untangle legal knots equal to tion. The Union forces were massed at the dusty, musty old fellows who haunt- Decatur now, and all through the fall ed his chosen court-house. But he was the two opposing forces relaxed the rules a live, energetic young man, and when of war a little and traded coffee and the first call for ninety-day men came in tobacco, bread and meat, and such little 1861, Company H, of the Ninth Illinois things as did not give combative aid or Infantry, was commanded by him, and comfort to an enemy. Big stories about was as proud of its handsome young cap-Major Falkenburg came up to Colonel tain as he was of his very respectable Phillips's cars from the soldiers who soldiers. When the regiment was ortalked about the Johnnies, and there ganized a little strife arose between rival was no evidence wanting that he was a

candidates for the command of major, big man where he was known. and while those most favored for that One night in October, as a private in position did not share in the strife or its the North Illinois Mounted Infantry was attendant temper, their respective friends swapping truck with a Confederate, he were almost painfully in earnest. Just was informed incidentally that the comat the time when the situation was much mander of the Confederate forces was strained, Captain Phillips got up on a going to get married. cracker box and made one of the best speeches the assembled soldiers had ever

"Who is your Major Falkenburg going to marry?" demanded the Northerner. listened to. He advised union, har-"Oh, a Miss Charity Blank, at Flormony, mutual trust and unwavering ence. She's a regular stanner. No fealty to the Government, and advised nuther such a woman in all Alabama," against jealousy, bad temper and extravasaid the admiring Johnny. gart words. Even in a day of much The information drifted up through speechmaking it was the perfection of the various grades of loyal blue and

timely oratory, and it won the union and finally fell on the ears of Colonel Philharmony he had so well pleaded. It lips. won more. It gave him the office, and "Fires of Tophet !" raved the Colonel. from that day until the summer of 1863 "she shan't marry him," with a rising in-

down faced straight for Florence.

he wore the rank and honored name of flection on the last pronoun, expressive of the unfitness of such a fate for Miss Two years later, long after the nine Charity Blank. But what about it? He ty-day men became three-years soldiers, had nothing to say. He walked around Major Phillips was promoted to the rank his tent and tried to think of something had nothing to say. He walked around of Colonel, and one day, while the Ninth else; tried to forget this, tried to see with others of the Government troops, some way through it, triel at last to

The marriage

and when they mounted to ride back ceremony would occur Wednesday night they felt like chaffing him about it. But instead of Tuesday. He raved around you can't chaff Jesso Phillips much, and for a time a really pitiful object, for he never could. The Confederates didn't did love that little girl, and he knew h care much about Florence, Ala., just was worthy of her, but he could not undo

then, anyway, so they let the Federals the work of the past day and night, so have it, and did not soon regarrison the when the passion of disappointment had place. All the summer and fall of 1863 exhausted him he led his men back to the Colonel took occasional trips across camp-for all the world like the King of country, with the ostensible object of France, who with

seeing Billy Neal, even continuing them Twenty thousand men marched up the hill, then down again.

long after that young man had got well and gone home. If the army was busy The happy Major of Confederate gray the Colonel was all contentment, but had a hint that Phillips would rob him when the troops lay around withif he could, and so he had announced out employment simply watching, he would fuss for a day or two and then announced that he was the wedding for a day later than it was really to occur, and immediately after the ceremony he and his bride rode going over to Florence to see Billy. Nothing could break him of the habit, horseback to the Tennessee River and hailed the ferry man. But Yankee caution had long before driven ferryoats from the river, and no one reonded. There was no bridge then as here is now, and there was nothing for it but to hunt up and down the bank for a skiff. To add to their trouble the inebrake was so thick and tangled they had to abandon the horses and creep along the water's edge through the damp

and the dark till way past midnight before their search was rewarded. When they finally found a skiff and got across the river not a man in Tuscumbia would receive so dilapidated-looking a couple, and it was broad day before they could get either food or lodging. But they were married and are yet, getting gray and fat together in a pleasant Southern city, resigned to everything in life, even the final vanquishment of Major Falkenburg and his brave legion.

Colonel Phillips and his men returned to camp and two days later, while the officers were basking in the sun, a flag of truce approached the picket lines. Major Clements was Provost Marshal of the region at the time and he went out to meet the messenger of some sort of peace. He found it was a hireling of Major Falkenburg, bearing a great ket with about two bushels of wedding

cake which Mrs. Charity had baked with her own hands and sent him-her parting shot in the campaign. The nessenger was recived with all courtesy, was entertained as became a beltigerent in the time of temporary cessation of hostilities and was given safe conduct outside the lines when formalities had been complied with. Then Colonel Phillips, making the best of a bad matter, shared his cake with his command and was better liked than ever.

That was a long time ago. The of Confederate majors came home in due season, honored by service and sancti-fied by wounds, and after some years of patient, horest work won a high place at the bar, which he has never since dimmed by any act unmanly. Years ago he married his choice of all women and lives with her yet, laughing with her now and then when some old comrade chaffs him about his raid into Florence or his bushels of wedding cake. Chicago Herald.

Early Marriages of Royalty.

HOW AN IMPORTANT FLORIDA IN-DUSTRY IS CONDUCTED. the Men Work in Pairs, a "Hooker"

and a "Scaller"-Great Dexterity and Endurance Required.

CTIVE life on a sponging ves sel begins about 3 A. M. in fine weather, all hands being then called by the cook to prepare

for the labor of the day. After the men have dressed and washed, coffee is served to them, and when that is disposed of they turn their attention to mending any cars, poles or boats that may need repairing. Breakfast is served about dawn, and finished before it is light enough to begin the work of the day. In summer the men are often in their boats at 4:30 A. M., and searching for sponges as soon as they have light enough to distinguish one species from another

Two men work in each boat, and while one sails it the "hooker" lies on his chest near the bow and closely scans the depths below through his water glass. This apparatus consists of an ordinary wooden pail with a piece of glass in the bottom. It is kept as deeply buried in the water as the "hooker" can keep it with one hand without putting its rim under.

The sea being usually clear the man can descry sponges fifty feet below him, and, if he is experienced, can distinguish the various species at a glance, each having some peculiarity of eye or form to mark it from its congeners.

On noticing a valuable sponge the "hooker" signals or calls to the "sculler" to stop the boat, then takes hold of the long iron-pronged pole which lies in "chocks" beside him, lifts it over his shoulder with the right hand and sinks it to where the marine growth he desires is fastened. If the prongs get under the sponge the "hooker" gives his wrist a peculiar inward and upward turn which may loosen the bunch immediately, or he may have to work at it a long time before bringing it to the surface.

The poles used for gathering sponges vary from eighteen to forty-feur feet in length, and while pliable and well balanced are difficult to handle in tideways and deep water. They are generally placed in "chocks," lengthwise the boat, about five feet of them being in front of the "hookers." These men must, therefore, lift the remainder over their shoulders by main strength, raise the further end almost perpendicularly in the air, and send the hooked end down to the sponges as promptly and directly as they can.

When a sponge is torn from its home and friends it is placed in its natural position in the boat to allow the blackish fluid called "gurry" to flow away, and to prevent the bunch from being injured in shape and texture, for shape has much to do with its sale, the roundest and most even bringing the highert price. Spongers usually work with the tides and take every advantage they can of currents and shoals.

As soon as a boat is loaded, the seul-

ountry. Only nine per cent. of all operations in imputations are fatal.

Conch shells, when ground, enter into the manufacture of porcelain. Electricity is to be applied to the flour

milling interests in St. Paul, Minn. Ammonia as a motive power is coming

into use on various street car lines. France's latest torpedo boat made twenty-three knots and a half in a bad

Good peat in Germany furnishes a cel lulose which is valuable to papermakers.

The phonograph is now used in hospitals for the purpose of studying the auditory characteristics of pulmonary dis-

The Liverpool (England) Elevated Railway will be worked by electricity, using motor cars instead of separate locomotives.

An Antwerp (Belgium) inventor has patented a system of ventilation by com-pressed air, for use in the holds and cabins of vessels.

A recent English invention is a screw propeller in which the blades can be adjusted for maneuvering or cau be feathered for running under sail.

Four tons of grapes to the acre are said to take from the soil three pounds of nitrogen, twelve pounds of pl phorie acid and forty pounds phospotash.

In calming the oceau by means of oil, it has been found that petroleum and mineral oils in general are indequate for the purpose, and that train oil is the most effective.

The heaviest freight locomotives built nowadays weigh 115,000 pounds and their tenders loaded weigh 64,000 pounds. Passenger coaches weigh 50,-000 pounds and the palatial Pullmans run up to 95,000.

Dr. Valentini, of Konigsberg, Prussia, who has met with phenomenal success in the treatment of typhoid fever, gives his patients all the water, milk, etc., they can drink. He says the fluids eliminate the poisons in the system.

The first ingot of nickle steel to be used for the manufacture of armor for the United States Navy was cast in a mold weighing fifty-six tons. The ingot weighed 60,000 pounds. This armor plate will be used on the Maine.

A snake moves by means of the ribs and the scales on the abdomen, to which each rib is attached by a set of short muscles. These scales take hold of the surface over which the serpent may be passing, and in that manner aid the creature to glide, often very rapidly, around the trunks of trees and along the smaller branches.

Machinery Is now made for the manufacture of all kinds of casks and tubs, so that no handwork is required. Flour

That there's plenty of gold in the stars, Then away with all hunger and woe, And away with all sorrow and want, Let your spirits exultingly flow While you join in the glorious chaunt,

Ho, poor folks all over the earth!

A meteor fell in the West

To relieve you from poverty's dearth,

Have you heard it, the beautiful news,

And to save you from poverty's blues?

That was striped with auriferous bars,

And scientists therefore have guessed

Oh, why be with sorrow oppressed? There is gold in Arcturus and Mars, In the Dipper, the Twins and the rest-There is plenty of gold in the stars!

O, ye toilers with sensitive souls, Who are chained to a tedious grind, Now the burden away from you rolls And is left in the distance behind. Cast the shackles that bound you away And forget the disfigured scars-You can soar as you will from to-day, There is plenty of gold in the stars,

Ob, ye slaves to the rigors of fate, Who live but to straggle for bread, Whose love has been curdled to hate Till ye sigh for the pence of the dead; Bid good-by to the ern of wrong, Bid good-by to the pitiless bars Behind which ye have struggled so long, There is plenty of gold in the stars,

Let us hear of injustice no more. Nor of riot surrounded by dearth; God is merciful now as of yore, And has never forgotten the earth. Ye who grovel in poverty's ditch, Look to Jupiter, Venus and Mars; They are nearer by far than the rich,

And there's plenty of gold in the stars? . -George Horton, in Chicago Herald.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Half a loaf is better than a railroad sandwich.

Time works wonders. That is because he never does any loating .- Truth. Man wants but little here below, and as a general thing he's getting it .- Bing-

hamton Leader. It is considered by many people extremely forward for a young man to send

a girl a valentine in leap year. When the tired mother asks her husband to take the baby he is apt to an-swer, "I don't mind."-Union County

Standard. Police Captain-"Did you catch that murderer last night?" Detective-"No. but I dreamed I had a clew."-New York Weekly.

The writer who taxed his ingenuity never knew what a low valuation the editor would put upon the property assessed .- Truth.

Bjenkins-"Isu't Bjones a very liberal man?" Bjohnson-"Yes; I don't know how many times I have heard him give himself away."-Lowell Citizen.

Jack Spratt took anti-fat,

eye of wonderful power. A visitor to his "menagerie," in Paris, where he has gathered various kinds of animals for experimental use, saw the chemist quell with a glance a fierce Spanish mastiff which for his ferocity had been muzzled and chained. Pasteur had the brute brought before him, and looking the animal straight in the eye fearlessly took off his muzzle and removed his chain, The dog cowered at the glance, then fawned upon Pasteur, licked his hand and finally lay submissively before him.

Among the numerous petty principalities of Germany is the Grand Ducky of Saxe-Coburg Gotha. The whole population is less than 200,000, and its very existence would be scarcely known, but for the eccentricities of the Grand Duke who takes pains to let his hostility to the reigning house of Germany be known on all occasions. He, however, has no children, and his helr apparent is the Dake of Edinburgh, whose wife is sister of the Czar of Russia, and at heart an intense Russian, especially in her dislike of everything German. The possible complications are interesting as illustrating the influence of personal prejudices in the politics of Europe.

M. M. Cowley, a pioneer in the Northwest, who for many years dealt in furs with the Calispel, Spokane, Cœur d'Alene, and Columbia River Indians, and is one of the best informed men on all numbers. matters pertaining to the tribes in the Northwest, says that the Indians are dying off rapidly. "Take the Cour d'Alenes, for instance," he says. "I was among them for a long time. They have a magnificent reservation and fine farms and good houses, but the houses are killing them. They can't stand roofs. When I was located on the Spokane River, there were immense bands with 200 men. of the Cour d'Alene, Calispel, Spokane, and Columbia River Indians about there. They were engaged steadily in hunting and trapping all kinds of wild animals. I bought black and silver gray fox skins take 200 of the best riders and the best of them at \$1.50 and \$2 apiece, 500 fighters it was because he didn't know martins a year at \$10 each, fisher, grizzly, black bear, beaver, and other kinds of Tennessee River and came dashing up at skins without number. Then the whites they came down like a wolf on the fold. had not encroached on them, and they The simile ended there, however, for were robust and healthy. It is a mis-Colonel Phillips and his men took the take to try and civilize them. They must be wild or they are nothing. If we keep on civilizing them, we shall and renewing such socialties as had been formed during the Yankee occupation of have no Indians. Apparently this is the previous months. something the Government will not understand."

New !!

lay in Corinth, Miss., a detail in force stop the banns. was sent accross the line to Florence, Ala., with instructions to destroy some cotton and woollen mills in that city was Sunday. He fussed around till he which had been busy for a year or two making clothing for the Confederate soldiers. Colonel Phillips was in command, and so well did he do the work that, although quite a strong body of Confederates was posted to defend the town, he won the fight after an hour of sharp contesting and drove the last night, for the march had never been Johnny Reb out of Florence. Then the mills were destroyed and a detachment of Union soldiers held the town. But in that sharp afternoon encounter Billy Neal, a fellow-townsman of Colonel Phillips and a member of his regiment, was badly wounded and went into the hospital which was established

major,

day Wednesday, and just at dusk they crept out, six miles from Florence, and pulled for the town. The surprise was o'clock, and when the rattle of musketry which told of flying Confederates had at Florence, and into which the disabled died away the Federals were in comfrom both armies were admitted. For mand the good women of the town turned

They threw out pickets and surrounded sisters of charity and ministered to all a good portion of the residence district, sufferers, regardless of the color of uniparticularly the home of old Judge form worn. And one of Billy Neal's Blank, where Colonel Phillps had often first visitors, after Federal visited. It wasn't as light as a house of control was assured, was Colonel Phillips. wedding ought to be, but the Colonel A few days later the Colonel came again dismounted and knocked at the door. and sat by his old friend while the Just what he meant to do nobody knew. ghastly duty of amputation was per-Mayby he will tell by now, but, having formed, strengthening him with his driven away the doughty Major, he had sympathy and cheering him with the little fears he could win the Major's kind words of an old friend. charmer. The Union force was soon afterward Judge Blank himself answered the

withdrawn from Florence, but the summons at the door. His colored help patients remained in the hospital there, had grown too strong to work since the and so strong was the Colonel's attach-Federals came down. He wasn't very ment for his unfortunate friend that he well dressed, and he was a good deal several times went back to the Alabama frightened. But the familiar figure of town to see him. At length the Con-Colonel Phillips reassured him. federates came back and occupied the "Why, Colonel," he said, "is it you?

city, throwing out pickets and holding Come in the place with all dus formality, but with "It is I," said Phillips grimly,going no great force and with no intention of ir. making a fight to hold it against superior They entered the parlor and sat down. And the first time after this The Judge apologized for not appearing reoccupation, occurred when Colonel in fuller dress, and after his apology was Phillips announced his intention of going accepted conversation flagged a little. to see Killy Neal, his brother officers ad-There was nothing in the rather strained argued. The women of Florence were had frequently met on cordial terms, and as attentive to him and those of the North did so again this time. But it scon hapas to those of the South and it would do pened that there was nothing more to no good to go there and chase the Johnnies out. But he was going. He talk about, and then Colonel Phillups revealed the secret of his preoccupation by pulled his slouch hat over his eyes and asking:

started for permission to go scouting "Where is Miss Charity?" He swore quietly as he "Charity ?" said the father, a little went about it, and those who see these urprised and a little inclined to cultisigns in Judge Jesse Phillips to this day vate a twinkle in his left eye. "Oh, know he means what he says. The Ninth was mounted infantry at this she's married."

"Married !" shouted the Colonel, leap time, and if the dashing Colonel didn't ing to his feet. "The dickens!" "To whom are you referring?" asked the old man, sober in an instant, but

who they were. They went across the carefully polite. "Oh, to no one-certainly not to her. the town as fiercely as the Assyriana when Who married her !" "Rev. Dr. Brown, of the First Bap-

tist-"No; I mean to whom was she martown beyond a doubt and spent a day ried?" Colonel Phillips was getting very there visiting comrades in the hospital angry. "To Major Falkenburg, of the Con-

federate Army. They left for Tuscumbia last night-right after the wedding." Some of the shrowd soldiers noticed The Federal officer was an extremely that the handsome Colonel seemed a augry, an awfully chagrined man. He vertiser.

A glance at the pages of history re-Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, and this veals the fact that early marriages have long been the fashion among earth's got permission to go out with another detail of 200 men, for it was well known royal personages. Here are a few in stances. Queen Victoria was married the Confederates were again in Florence. when she was scarcely twenty-one, and Tuesday afternoon he started, made a the Prince of Wales espoused Princess masterly detour, and just before sun-Alexandra before he was twenty-two. He The Emperor of Austria took to wife the struck a patch of canebrake about midradiant Elizabeth of Bavaria when he was not yet twenty-four years old. The abated for darkness. Here he hid his present Czar of Russia was twenty-one men and there they stayed all night, all when he gave his hand to Princess Dag mar of Denmark (who was two years his junior). King Humbert of Italy was twenty-four at the time of his marriage complete. It still lacked an hour of 8 to the fair Marguerite of Savoy(then a girl of only seventeen). The present King and Queen of the Belgians were one cighteen and the other seventeen at the time of their wedding. And the late King of Spain, Alphonso XII., was very little older when he formed his brief, bright union with his charming cousin, Mercedes. He was only twenty-two when he married his second wife, the present Queen regent. And it was at the same age that the present Emperior of Germany was united to Augusta Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein-Augustenburg, The unfortunate Prince Rudolph of Austria was twenty-two at the date of his illstarred union to Princess Stephanic of Belgium .--- Chicago Post.

An Example of Scientific Screnity Dr. Richet, the famous physician who died quite recently at Paris, gave during the course of the disease which carried him away an example of scientific serenity, the equivalent of which can be found only in the biographics of ancient philosophers. During the few days of his pulmonary congestion Dr. Richet was constantly attended by his son, a professor of physiology at the Paris

faculty, and by another doctor, a friend of his. He did not cease making to his vised him to forego the visit. The boy relations of Southern and Northern to companions a lecture on the evolution of was is good hands and doing well, they make them specially sociable, yet they the disease from which he was suffering. He kept describing and analyzing th symptoms, and predicting the course of the disease and its possible complicaions. At every new step of the invasion of the organs Dr. Richet defined it with great precision. On the last dry, when he had hardly any vitality left, he told them: "When the phenomenor which you have just ascertained has occurred, every chance is lost, and death is only a question of seconds. In fact, you see, I am going to die. * = I am dying." * * These were his last words .- Boston Transcript.

Big California Dams.

Some of the biggest dams in the world are in California. The Merces dam is sixty feet high, with a capacity of 5,500,000,000 gallons, spread over 650 The sweet water dam, near San ores. Diego, is ninety feet high, and has a capacity of 6,000,000,000 gallons, cov ering 725 acres, and the Bear Valley dam is sixty feet high, with a capacity

of 10,000,000,000 gallons, covering 2250 scres .-- New York Commercial Ad-

ler lifts an oar as a signal to his yesse to come up. The cook, who has charge of the vessel while the crew are at work promptly responds to the signal, and or coming up to the boat receives its load aboard, each bunch being carefully placed upwards along the railing.

The cook is kept busy aboard the vessel, for he must not ont only prepare the meals and arrange the sponges on deck, but he must also sail his craft in such a manner that he will be able to keep in sight of all his crews, which may number from two to nine, and respond promptly to their signals of "boat full; take us aboard."

About 12 o'clock the chef sails his craft as closely as he can to the center of the widely scattered boat crews and blows a long, loud and mellow blast on a punctured conch shell to announce that dinner is ready. This melodious call is answered by an immediate cessation of work, and within fifteen minutes every boat's crew is aboard. After washing themselves carefully, they sit down to an appetizing meal. The labor of the aftermuon is similar to that of the morning, and is comprised in sculling, "hooking, or in vain efforts to find marketable sponges.

The "sculler" only uses one hand at a time and can rest that at intervals, but the "hooker" can have no change except to transform one form of arduous labor from his chest to his arm, and as that is done by the same set of muscles he is often so weary at the close of the day that he can neither sleep, cat nor think calmly about any matter. The constant leaning with his chest on the gunwale of the boat while searching for sponges through the water-glass produces blood "boils," which often burst while he is tugging at a refractory bunch, and the steady use of his right hand in handling a heavy pole causes the veins on his blceps and neck to swell and become so sore that he cannot bear to be touched. Some become so inured to the labor after a while that it does not cause them any

great inconvenience for a few years, but the majority have to finally relinquish it for something less arduous. Even the "scullers," whose lot is supposed to be an easy one, are not as happy as one would imagine, for their

constant standing in the hot sun, and the using of their arms give them severe headaches and necks and faces that resemble boiled lobsters in hue. The spongers work as long as it is

light enough to enable them to see the growths on the bottom, then return to the vessel. The vessels engaged in sponge gathering in Florida work over three separate long stretches close to the western and southern coasts of the State. The most northern grounds extend from Cedar Key to Apalachee Bay; the second from Cedar Keys to Anclote, and the third from Biscarne Bay to Key West.

The best grounds range from five to fifteen miles from the mainland, and have a depth of water varying from twoto seven fathoms. This proximity of the grounds to harbors of refuge makes ponging comparatively safe, even in the stormiest weather.-Detroit Free Press,

barrels are made in this way for six cents each, and other kinds in proportion. If butter firkins sell for forty cents each, it seems as if the business of making them, where lumber is cheap, might be profitable, if the cost of shir ment was paid by the purchaser.

A Norwegian farmer has invented a curious lock in which the bolt is released by a stroke from a pendulum bob. The endulum, invisible from the outside, is noved sufficiently by blowing sharply several times through a hole in the door, but the puffs of air can be given at the proper time only by swinging a key penulum, previously adjusted, to vibrate in unison with the lock pendulum.

Air plows, V-shaped contrivances, to e placed on the front of engines of fast express trains, are the latest scheme to get more speed by overcoming much of the natural resistance of the air to the front of the locomotive. The plow exends from a few inches above the track to the top of the smokestack, the sharp Edge, of course, in front. "Shovelin, log" is a common expression among railroad men, but piowing wind is a new thing in railroad agriculture.

Saved From Suicide by His Dog.

An intelligent pet dog owned by Louis Schmidt, of Camdem, N. J., has prevented him from committing suicide. chmidt is just recovering from a serious attack of typhoid fever, which left him very nervous and subject to fits of mel ancholia. He was seized with one of those spells Monday night, and while his wife was asleep stole to the kitchen. Here he procured a rope, and, making a noose, tied one end to an iron hook in the wall. Then procuring a chair he adjusted the rope, and kicking away the chair swung himself off, as he thought, into into eternity. But, unknown to Schmidt, his faithful dog had followed him, and instinctively knowing some thing was wrong the intelligent animal went back into the bedroom whining pitifully. Finally he awoke Mrs. Schmidt by tugging at the bed clothing and rubping his cold nose in her face, and she ollowed the dog down stairs as soon as There" she she missed her husband. found him hanging from the hook. She managed to cut him down in time to save his life. - Philadelphia Times.

An Epidemic of Heliotrope.

We are about undergoing an epidemic of heliotrope and the green tints; we are going to have it had. TL trouble will run its full course; it will be something like the yallery greenery craze that struck us along with Oscar and his long locks some ten years ago, and is directly traceable to the prevalence of the seventeenth century styles in decoration, and we are sorry for it, for those delicate colors which looked well and were charming against the fresh painted faces of the court heauties o Louis XVI and the powdered wigs and sliken attire, white stockings and laces would show to horrible disadvantage against our modern dress and honest complexions .- The Upholsterer.

His wife took anti-lean, And so betwirt them both They struck a happy mean. —Detroit Free Press.

Nothing Like a Change : She-"Since my return from the south of France I'm another woman." Sarcastic Friend-"How delighted your husband must be," -Fun.

Billous-"I sleep in feathers, but I believe it's not healthful." Toffnut--"What's that; look at your spring chicken—see how tough he is."—New York Herald.

Everybody knows a woman is hard to please. She likes the mairimonial harness, but doesn't like to be hitched up with a man who is strapped .- Binghamton Republican.

Gave It Up and Guessed It: "What does a volcano do with lava?" asked Harper's Young People.

The proposed fast mail trains from New York to Chicago will have one They will land the serious drawback. London comic papers here several hours earlier .- Chicago Times.

Cora-"Why do you think Attorney Jimpson is destined to become a Supreme Judge?" Dora-"He says he has decided I am the prettiest girl he over saw."-New York Herald.

Teacher of Physiology-"What ingredient which is highly essential in the composition of the human body does sugar possess?" Pupils (in one volce) "Sand."-Pharmaceutical Era.

Haughty Lady (who has purchased a stamp)-"Must I put it on myself?" Stamp Clerk-"Not necessarily. It will probably accomplish more if you put it on the letter."- New York Herald.

"Sir, you have insulted me. I hereby challenge you to a duel with pistols. My name is Have." "Indeed! Then you'll have to wait till I have procured a shooting license."-Kolner Tageblatt. Passenger (in a railway car) -- "Can't you make room there? All the other seats are full." Twoseats-"Go along; can't you see that I am sick?" Passenger-"What's the matter; trichinosis?" -New York Sun.

Serious Artist-41 think you knew the model for this figure-poor beiggar, deaf and dumb." Light-hearted Friend "I know-used to sit at corner of street. Deaf and dumb! By Jove, you've made 'speaking' likeness of himf Wonderful!"-Punch.

Johnny-"Where are you going?" Tommy-"Home. Don't you hearmaw a callin' me?" "That's nothin'. She called you two or three times before," "Yes, but she's out at the peach tree now cuttin' off an ultimatum."-Indianapolis Journal.

"There go the Spicer Wilcoxes, mammal I'm told they're trying to know us. Hada't we better call?" "Cortainly not, dear. If they're dying to know us, they're not worth knowing, The only people worth our knowing are the people who don't want to know us!" -Punch.