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| The world's population is said to be increasing at the rate of 6,000,000 per year. In Paris the common public schools are provided with medicine cases, and instructions are given for using the remedies. Labouchere, of London Truth, is op- posed to woman suffrage, on the ground that there are more women than men, and that woman's suffrage therefore means petticoat government. In France fortunes are counted not in dollars but in francs, and the French have invented a new word to describe mea like the late Mr. Astor, whom they call not a millionaire but a milliard- aire. It will undoubtedly surprise many per- sons, the New York Commercial Adver- tiser remarks, to learn that the nursery or foral interests in the United States now reach a value of nearly \$42,000,000 | rampart of the hill, Steals by lonely wayside hodges, fords the river broad and still, Undermines the fortress forest, overtops the caatle wall, Swift invading wins the cities, and the hamlet brown and small, Till the whole wide world is captured, And the soul of man enraptured, Thrills with passion of delight Summy morn and dewy night; And the joyous rhythmic pulsing marketh time in lad and lass To the marching, Marching, Of the Grass. O the marching of the Grass! Fairer things may come to pass | berry pasture on the side hill just beyond the old house, and lots o' blackberry tangles all along the river abore. Do you think we could venture, Miss Mer- ritt?" "I don't know why not," said the school teacher, reflectively. "What!" roared old Medad Parsons, when the first load of furniture passed under the willows along the road be- yond his doorway; "Irene furnishin' up that old ramshackle shell of a house for boarders? Why, we'vo got boarders here, hain't we? Four on 'em, for hayin' time. An' who's goin' to cook an' wash an' scrub for me, I'd like to know?" "Not Irene, I guess," said old Mrs. Simmons, who stood by the gate. "Irene's got sort o' tried o' the way you manage matters, Deacon Parsons." "But," stuttered the deacon, "it'll | about Mr. Tolland. "I didn't know there was a man of the house," said Mrs. De Popntz. "Why, of course there is!" said Miss Merritt. "Who else would take you for long drives to all the cascades and grot- toes and mountain tops? Who would | MANUFACTURING BUTTONS, AN ABTICLE THAT HAS BECOME A MODESSITY TO CIVILIZATION. Invented Only 160 Years Ago-What They Have Done for Costame- Methods of Manufacture. Invented Only 160 Years Ago-What They Have Done for Costame- Methods of Manufacture. Invented Only 160 Years Ago-What They Have Done for Costame- Methods of Manufacture. Invented Only acentury and a balf part in the world," said a scientific man to a Washing- ton Star writer. "They were invented only a century and a balf ago, and yet they have revolutionized clothes. Until modern times people de- lighted in loose and flowing robes, which were flung around the body. In days of old the tailors and dreasmakers paid no attention to "fit," having regard merely for the graceful adjustment of drapery. All this was changed by buttons. They were not worn originally for any useful purpose, but merely for ornament. Thus, if you look up their history, you will find that the earliest patterns of them were splendid and costly. However, it was not long before their utility for fas- tening garments came to be realized, They rendered it possible to make clothing fit closely to the body, and so | A thunderstorm in hot weather trav- els at the average rate of thirty miles an hour. An alloy of gold and aluminum has recently been made. Its color is a most beautiful purple, and it will be valuable in making jewelry. The blood-vessels in the white of the eye are so small that they do not admit the little red corpuscles to which the color of the blood is due. Two ingenious Swedish astronomers are reported to have produced an artifi- cial aurora by establishing electric cur- rents between two mountains. Some tinsmiths use leaden-headed nails for roofing purposes. The last strokes flatten the head over the hole made in the tin, and leaking is thus prevented. An English electrician mentions a curi- ous case of onc-way conduction. Hot gas conducts the current, but with one electrode eold it conducts best when that electrode is negative. Cincinnati, Ohio, is to be lighted at | MY SW BETHEART'S FACE. My kingdom is my sweetheart's face, And these the boundaries I trace; Northward her forchead fair; Beyond a wilderness of auburn hair; A rosy check to enst and west; Her little month The sunny south. It is the south that I love best. Her eyes, two crystal lakes, Rippling with light, Caught from the sun by day, The stars by night. The dimples in Hor check and chin Are sunres which Love hath set, And I have fallen in! -John A. Wyeth, in Harper's Magazine. HUMOR OF THE DAY. A stage coach—The prompter. "Out of sight"—The owl at noon. The lard refiner never knows what he can do until he tries. The fixed star is one that has enough money to settle down.—Dallas News. A star gazer must have a far awa look in his eyes.—Binghamton Republi- |

The development of the petroleum interest in Peru has made such progress that it has been found necessary to lay pipe lines between the wells and the ports on the coast. It is believed that the Peruvian wells will soon supply the entire domand of the west coast of South America.

America grows the bulk of the wheat that is used in England at present, but there are fears, chronicles the Chicago Times, that with the increased facilities for traffic the wheat from India will drive out the wheat from America. The Russian competition, of which much was feared, has been checked, at least for some years.

The streets of Berlin are soon to be enriched by a large number of so-called "Urania pillars," of which it is proposed to set up in all 300. These pillars will be about eighteen feet high, constructed of cast iron, and will each contain a clock, meteorological instruments, weather charts, astronomical and geographical announcements, and also, as in the streets of Paris, a plan of the neighboring streets in enlarged form to enable strangers to find their way.

All that covers Egypt with fertile fields, heramed in everywhere by sterile wastes, is the sediment which the Athara River, the Nile's great tributary, brings from rich Kassala and the mountains of Abyssinia and spreads over the Nile Valley. It has been maintained by Sir Samuel Baker that if the Soudanese only knew their power it would not be difficult to divert the Athara from its channel and dry up its waters in the Nubian desert, turning Egypt into a barren wilderness like the surrounding waste.

Balm of incense; rest of shadow; tangled find I've got a word to say on this 'ere vell of jeweled showers; ning choirs of happy music backward Hy tossed from earth to sky; The full beauty of completeness chorus lifted high ! But what means its regal splendor To the love beat shy and tender With which Hope, the Blest, doth chin In man's pulses marking time To the haunting spell of gladness that doth come-and go, alas! With the marching, Marching, Marching Of the Grass, -Mary E. Blake, in Independent. SUMMER BOARDERS.

BY HELEN FORREST GRAVES

CHOOL was over for open window, breathing in the fresh air from the May woods. were in their places; books insthe big desk. Pepper, the prettiest

been let off from his duurnal half hour's detention, under solemn bonds of never offending again in the bentipin and spit-ball question, and Miss Merritt was "No," said Irene, f Evans came in, carrying a bundle of books. Miss Merritt opened her eyes.

"Why, Irene, I thought you must be

tears

question. But Irene had more spirit than he had given her credit for. "I've got to have clothes," said she, "an' I've got to earn a little money of my own. And I'm goin' to earn it this

"You hain't no business in that house nor on that land," snarled the old man,

unless you rent it of me." "It's my mother's land, not yours?" flashed out Irene. "Aud I'm your guardeen till you're

wenty-one! "Not legally ?" cried Irene.

"Wal, if you want to take it into the law courts, I'm willin'," said Parsons. "I guess you'll find out I'm right. And what's more, I leased that land last week for five years, to Squrie Tolland's son. He's a notion to go into the to-

bacco-raisin' business." "But," gasped Irene, "I've papered the day, and Miss the house and painted it, and furnished

Merritt stood by the it! And my city boarders are coming next week !" "I can't help that," chuckled Parsons. "You might a-took counsel with All the grimy me. But look a-here, Irene. I don't slates and pencils want to see ye cornered. You can let your boarders come here to this house. the dog's eared books It's a deal comfortabler an' more sightly piled up; the copy than the other one, and the hay hands can hey them little chambers in the barn

Even little Tommy left. Thar's room for all of em.' "And will you allow me for my and worst behaved boy in school, had work?" eagerly questioned Ireae. "I'll allow ye your board an' clothes,"

said the flinty-hearted old man. "No," said Irene, firmly. "If I am drawing a long sigh of relief, when the door flew open with a jerk, and Irene must have a maid-of-all-work's wages." "Well, ye won't !" indifferently spoke

Deacon Parsons, as he put his clay pipe on the windowsill.

And as he watched Irene go out of the in which he was then residing.

When a fish wishes to cat anything, "Buttons have become necessary to either at the bottom of the pond or at civilization. It is difficult to see how the surface of the water, it swims directly toward the object; and in this mankind could get along without them now. Only savages and the indolent case the eyes are instantly adjusted in peoples of the Orient dispense with line with the body, so as to bring the them. They are made of every conmage of the particle desired upon the ceivable material almost, including all posterior portion of the retina. In this the metals from gold to pewter, pearl, case they lose their usual horizontal ivory, tortoise shell, bone, horn, hair, india rubber, wood, amber, jet, glass, If a fish wishes to turn to the right or porcelain, clay, leather, papier mache, left in the water, says Professor Apgar vegetable ivory, precious ste nes and all in the American Angler, the first movesorts of stuffs and cloths. Metal buttons ment is that of the eyes in unison in the are either stamped with dies or cast. direction of the turning. This would be entirely unnecessary if the apparent One firm in the United States turns out 65,000,000 iron backs for covered butaxis was the axis of most distinct vision. tons every year. Glass buttons are made as one of the eves would see all that was by pinching the half soft material in hot to be seen on the side of the turning. pincers. The pincers are furnished with After this movement of the eyes the a die, if it is desired to impress a design body turns enough to bring the eyes into on the buttons. Wooden button molds their normal position, then there is again come largely from the south of France, a movement of the eyes and next a movewhere plenty of wood suitable for the ment of the body. This causes a peculiar purpose grows. jerking motion of the eyeballs during "Common shirt buttons are made by

the whole time of the turning of the mixing finely powdered soapstone with silicate of soda, otherwise known as 'water glass.' The mixture is dried and repulverized and the powder is pressed In many Eastern countries an umbrella into molds by machinery. The freshly molded buttons are baked in a furnace. is a mark of distinction, and its use is confined to people of rank. Turkey is dipped in 'water glass' and again baked one of the few Asiatic countries where When cool, they are polished by being the umbrella is in common use, and carplaced in a rotating barrel of water. Finally they are dried and given an adried as a protection from rain. In most places its use is that of a parasol. Says ditional polish in a rotating barrel with an Eastern traveler: "Arriving at Consoapstone powder. Porcelain buttons stantinople from countries further to the are manufactured like small ornamental east, where the umbrella is considered a articles of earthen ware. The moistened badge of high rank. I was much astonclay is pressed into plaster of paris ished to find it in common use in rainy molds, and the buttons thus molded, af weather. However, I soon learned that ter being dried on boards, are given a traces of the same superstition existed. first firing and baking in the One rainy morning I had occasion to oven.' At this stage the baked buttons walk along the road which faces the are called 'biscuits.' Then they are Bosphorus. One of the buildings I glazed directly, or, as a preliminary, are passed is a favorite palace of the Sultan, adorned with colors, which are fixed by further baking in the 'enamel kiln The colors are put on by haud painting or by 'transfer printing.' By the latter process the design is printed from a copper plate with a peculiar ink on tissue paper, which is placed while the impression is moist on the biscuit ware. After the ink has had time to dry the paper is removed, leaving the design on the buttons. "Mother-of-pearl buttons are cut by hand with a small revolving circular saw. The work requires great skill, an important object being to get as many buttons as possible out of each shell. If the mother-of-pearl is thick enough, it is sometimes split into two lavers. Finest of all pearl buttons are ' those made from the white edged Macasary shells brought from the East India seas. These shells are worth \$800 a ton in the crude. The waste mother-of-pearl is ground to a fine powder, which is mixed with gum to paste and molded into buttons of an inferior quality."

new price is twenty-three cents a night

for lamps of 2000 candle power. Observations made to determine the longitude of Montreal, Canada, show that the transmission of the electric current across the ocean and back occupied a triffe over one second, the distance being 8000 miles.

The ordinary, commonplace soap bubble has recently been playing an important part in experiments on the magnetic qualities of gases, and has proved itself to be one of the toughest and most clastic membranes known.

The earth's surface only exceeds the moon's by about thirteen and one-half times. The moon's surface is fully as large as Africa and Australia together, and nearly as large as North and South America without the islands.

The "sea serpent" has been made a subject of special study by the Director of the Zoological Gardens at the Hague. He has collected reports of 166 appearances, and concludes that the reports

must all refer to a single unknown animal species.

A test of three spoons during sixteen years has given these results: The silver spoon lost 8.78 per cent., part of which was due to polishing; the alumi-num, 5.85 per cent., which represents the actual wear; and the German silver spoon, 5.62 per cent., a result far too low, as this spoon, unlike the others, was not in constant use. The durability of silver and aluminum, therefore, appears to be about the same, and much greater than that of German silver

Lepers Proof Against Electricity.

"Down at Honolulu," said Hary Diamond, "I had a battery and worked the innocent Kanakas with the old trick of the five dollar gold piece. That is, I'd place the piece in the bottom of a jar of water connected with the battery. Then I'd tell the native boys that they could have the money if they'd pick it out of the jar and hold the hand on the other pole of the battery at the same time. Of course the moment their hands struck the water the circuit was completed. their fingers would be doubled up and they couldn't touch the money if their fortunes had depended on getting it. I

Every thrifty farmer will keep his and well dressed, but he has no resson to be ashamed of a strawberry patch .--

Lowell Courier. When a boy begins to wash his neck without being told it is a sign he is passing into the ordeal of his first love affair. -Atchison Globe.

Among the newest things in stockings

Tenant-"The roof leaks." Janitor-

A great many things are laid before

Congress, but comparatively few of them hatch .--- Washington Star.

Jagson says it is proper to wish the

Bagley-"I don't believe in borrowing

Practice makes perfect. You can see

awyers and doctors walking on their

uppers for want of practice. -Bingham-

trouble; do you?" Brace-"Of course not; money is the thing."-New York

anxious candidates many happy returns

on election day.-Elmira Gaxette

"Well, you shouldn't have taken the top flat."-New York Sun.

this summer is the baby's foot, -- Boston

market-the lay of the hen.-Lowell

Courier.

Herald.

ton Leader.

Transcript.

There are men with natures so small that, if there is anything in transmigration, they will probably reappear as microbes .- Washington Star.

First Preacher-"Does your choir sing in harmony?" Second Preacher-"Yes, but they don't live in harmony." --Kate Field's Washington.

The latest thing in Ohio is a babe born without hands. If he eventually drifts into politics he will have to depend on the hands of his friends .--- Washington Post.

"What a sly animal the fox is, to be

It seems that in Corsica you secure your personal safety by keeping a bandit. In an article in the National Review Basil Thompson explains that the tax of supporting a baudit is not without its compensations. Bandits are a hidden power in the country. They control the petty elections; they menace those who are hostile to their own friends. Thus, while the existence of 600 of them is a real danger to public sccurity, it is no small advantage to a Corsican to be related to a bandit. You support, you pay, protect the baudit; and in return he places his gun at your disposal. It is an exchange of services. "He has a bandit in his service" is a common expression. Are you in debt? The bandit will gain you time. Are you disputing the ownership of property? The bandit will show your opponent he is wrong. Have you land on which shepherds trespass? He will keep them off.

According to a St. Louis decision, quoted by the Boston Transcript, the stealing of electricity is a misdemeanor in the eyes of the law. A hardware dealer with some knowledge of electricity placed a fine wire across the connections to his motor, and caused it to register in a certain time about 320 amperes less than was actually used. When brought to trial his lawyer interposed the ingenious defence that, as at common law electricity was unknown, and could not under the code be made a subject of larcony, and as no statutory law had been passed making it a felony or misdemeanor to steal electricity, for the reason that its character was not known, and that it was not subject to asportation as personal property, his client could not be convicted of larceny. It was, however, shown by the prosecution that gas, also unknown at common law, was nevertheless somothing whose larceny was recognized by the law as a misdemeanor. When the attorney for the defence interposed the plea that the act in question was fraud or deception instead of a larceny, the judge took advantage of the Missouri statute which makes fraud perpetrated with a view to theft a felony, and set the defendant's bail at \$5000.

sick," said she. "You have not been in room, he muttered to himself: school for two days." "I guess I've got her this time." Irene was tall and shapely, with large

Irene was tail and snaper, by a deadly blow, the girl put dusty blue eyes, black hair growing; low on her brows, and very red cheeks. Her calico fitted her badiy, and the ribbons road to the old farmhouse where her road to the old farmhouse where her sun, and spotted by many a shower.

The windows were all open, the pretty "No," said she, jerking out the muslin curtains fluttered in the wind, the words somewhat as she had jerked open cinnamon roses wer all in bloom. the door, "I ain't sick. But I ain't In the kitchen the carpenter was put comin' to school any more. Father, he says it's a waste o' time." ing up the last wooden shelves.

"Oh, Irene!" in the parlor window. The girl sat down on one off the backed and whittled benches and burst into

the deacon had frustrated all their plans "If I knew anywhere to run," said by his wily machinations. she, "I'd run away. Yes, I would. Father don't treat me more'n half de-Just at that moment there came

quick, elastic tread down the road. It cent, and he hain't, since mother died. was Harry Tolland himself-the young fellow newly returned from Montreal. "Irene!" he cried, gaily. "Is it you? Well, what do you think of my new I ain't nothin' but a drudge, and I hain't no clothes to wear, and he won't pay me a cent wages, beg and implore as I will. And I'd sort o' set my heart on takin' ome one living in the house! summer boarders this year, like Ellen Holt did last season, but he says he's father never told me-" hired extra farm hands; an' I've got to

"A woman was planning to take sumcook for 'em for nothin'. Oh, Miss Mermer boarders," said Irene, in a choked voice. "Women hain't many ways of Miss Morritt smoothed down the black, earnin' a livin', you know."

crinkly hair with a kindly touch, as she "Well, she'll have to earn hers som other way," said Tolland, lightly. "I've stood over the girl's drooping form. "But, Irene," said she, "if he puts all leased this land and I'm going to live in this additional work upon you, he surely this house. And I want you to live there should allow you some of the profits." with me. Don't start'so, Irene," passing Irene gave a short laugh. his arm cargessingly around her poor little "Catch him!" said she. "He just calico-clad waist. "I've always loved

won't !" "Irene," said Miss Merritt, "haven't

ritt, what shall I do?"

swered.

ooked forward to this time. marry me, Irene? We'll buy the furni I always heard that half the farm ture of the boarding-house keeper, if it yours] "It was mother's," said Irene. 44Ha

suits you, dear. I don't want any poor soul to lose money through me, and was only mother's second husband, you know, and their farms joined. It's mine move right in. Come, dearest, let us go by will. But father he don't care noththrough our own house together!" For her head had fallen on his ing about wills."

"Isn't there au old house on the shoulder. She had burst into an April placet torm of smiles and tears.

"Yes," Ireno answered. "But it ain't "Oh," she cried, "it seems as if I must be dreaming! Do you love me, so modern as the one we live in. Fath-er's always talkin' about lettin' it to Harry? Do you really care for poor, some o' them Swede farmers up north o' stupid, insignificant me?" "I love you, Irene," he answered sim-

"Is it in tolerable repair?" "For all I know it is," Irene an-

loved you?" "Then, Harry," she whispered, "let "Then why don't you fit it up and go

me tell you a secret. I'm the boardinginto the boarder business yourself? house keeper." You're eighteen and past, for all you're And she confided to his astonished so behind in your rule of three and goog . cars the whole story of her venture.

raphy. And you are an excellent cook "And you must let me go on all the and a good housekeeper, and you've same, Harry!" coaxed she. "Because you know, dear, we're young people just laged for Mr. Parson's ever since your

mother died. "Me!" gasped Irene; "all alone?" "I would come and be your first boarder," said Mass Merritt. "My present home is too far to walk, now that the mething to help-my husband !" warm weather has set in. I must make

some change. "But I ain't got no furniture," said the girl.

"I will lend you a little toward that," you are, to be sure. Do you know I'm smilled Miss Merritt. "I can take it out proud of you!" in board afterward. "Matting for the floors, and cheap pine furniture cannot prised when they arrived, in the purple cost much. City boarders care more dusk of a lovely July evening. In all tury.

approached the gate with my umbrella over my head, one of the sentiuels stationed there accosted me in a threatming manner. Not understanding what he said, I went on, whereupon he ran at me with his fixed bayonet leveled. At that moment a friendly Turk, who was walking behind me, snatched my umbrella with violence from my hand and thrust me forward. Then the soldier returned to his station, and allowed me Miss to proceed in peace. On returning my Merritt was hanging buff linen shades umbrella the Turk explained that every one is obliged to take down his um-Irene stood at the foot of the garden brella on passing the actual residence of path, dreading to go in and tell her how the Sultan. No matter how heavy the rain, each person passing the palace must

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body.

lower the umbrella, and not elevate it again until fully past the building."

Umbrellas in Turkey.

Indians Not Given to Lying.

The Dakotas, unless they have been corrupted by had white men, are strictly speculation, chi Halloa! Why, there's and literally truthful. One has to be Your careful not to make a mistake in talking with them. When they asked how man "sleeps" (nights) before we meant to do any certain thing, we had to be sure of the number for fear of shocking them by not keeping our word. One is not allowed to change one's mind about engagements either. On one occasion we ing all, old and young, to a sort of entertainment-a reception we called it. for want of another name. On the day appointed I was seized with a fever, and you since I was a boy, and I've always my sister decided that we would have to postpone our treat. So she sounded the Will you solice signal, three taps on the bell, and sent our faithful Stiff-Arm to let the camp know that no one was to come to the school house that day. But she reckaned without her invited guests. In dians are punctuality itself, and prompt-ly at 4 o'clock, the hour set, they began to pour in. The first comers were alwed to come in my bedroom, that they might report my illness to those on the way. But it did no good. The entire camp arrived. My sister rushed for the hardtack that we had meant to be a part of the retreshments, and distributed it among them at the door, and bade them ply. "Don't I tell you that I always good-by. Then they went reluctantly ome .- New York Post.

Columbus's Idea of the World.

Columbus believed the solid part o the sphere to be larger than the liquid part, and the distance by the sunset road between the East Indies and western

But in those two capital errors lay the creat incentive to the execution and success of his purpose. Had he known the vast planetary spaces covered by the waters; the continent interposed between his own Europe and the land of dia monds, cold, and spices; the difficulty darling," said young Holland, exuit-ingly, "But, Irene, what a plucky girl in the far regions of the antarctic pole in order to sail from our continental Europe to the oriental Indies by the

western way, he would perhaps have shrunk back in alarm and dread.-Con-

How Pepsin is Procured.

"While I have always had a vague idea as to the nature and properties of pepsin," said a gentleman to the Man About Town, "I never fully realized that it is the veritable product of the animal stomach until recently. During a visit to New York I saw the process of manufacturing in a factory that has the oddest method of preparing the article that ever entered the human mind. Br' fly stated, a number of perfectly heatthy hogs are fattened for market, and for thirty-six hours before killing time are deprided of all food, not even allowed a drop of water. Then the trough from which they are accustomed to eat is covered with strong wire netting and the most appetizing slops and hog delicacies, smoking hot, are poured into the trough. The fumes ascend with grateful fragrance to the porcine nostrils, the hogs all run to the trough and stand over t, ravenous with hunger, squealing and fighting with each other for a chance to get at the food. The iron netting pre vents them tasting the food, and while they are still thinking about the matter they are killed, and their stomachs being taken out are found perfectly full of gas trie juice, from which pepsin is prepared. The process was quite a revela-tion to me."-St. Louis Republic.

Tigers in the Malay Peninsula.

The tiger of the Malay peninsula is ore savage than his neighbor, the tiger of the Indian jungles. In appearance he is much similar, but if soything a trifle larger. I have walked through jungle day after day which was swarming with tigers, yet I have never seen one in the day time unless he was being hunted. At night you often hear them roaring, more especially during rainy weather. A tiger is supposed to kill its victim at ace by a gentle rap from his huge paw on the back of the neck, which at once breaks it. This is the tradition of the Malays, but I will not wouch for its veracity, though it seems probable enough. - Sau Francisco Chronicle.

had many a laugh and achieved quite i reputation among the boys as a wizard who controlled the devils in the water. "One day when several young ladies were in the office a lad came in, pushed on by a number of companions who had attempted to secure the \$5 and failed. He had been persuaded to try for the money, and I explained the trick to the ladies in an aside as I arranged the apparatus. The boy took the handle and

we all prepared for a great laugh. "He put his hand into the water, slowly drew out my fiver, and quietly walked off with it, while 1 stood with my month open, afraid to face those girls, and praying for a volcanic sruption to turn the trend of thought.

"The boy had the leprosy, and the electricity didn't affect him."-San Francisco Examiner,

Marvelous Popularity of Bicycles.

The marvelous growth of the bieşcle industry during the last few years is patent to all who live in the upper section of the city or in any other part of it where fairly good roads exist. There the wheel man or woman can be seen at all times, but it is only at some of the larger establishments where the manufacture or sale of wheels is the sole pursuit that the full popularity of the bicycle is ascertained. One establishment In this city alone sells bicycles worth nearly \$1,000,000 yearly, while another doing an extensive wholesale business in medium and low-priced wheels, reaches \$500,000. In 1891 140,000 "wheels" were constructed in this country, nearly all of which were sold, in addition to 20,000 English ones importe1.

The giving of lessons in bicycle riding has become an established feature in the cycle business, several instruction halls existing in various parts of the city. At the best known of these nearly 13,000 lessons were given last year, many people couning from towns as far dis tant as Stamford, Conn., and New Brunswick, N. J .- New York Tribune.

The First Railway Station.

World's Fair Commissioner John Boyd Thacher, of Albany, N. Y., beseves that he has got upon the track the first railway station over erected in America, and if the structure proves to be such he intends to have it transported to Chicago. The station was used at the Albany terminus of the Altmny and Scheneetady Railroad, and up to 1842 stood at the corner of Broad and Van Vechten streets, (now Third avenue) At that date it was removed to its present location. It is one story in height and about twenty-five feet square .- New York Times.

sure! The other day I followed one for three hours, and when I finally shot it I found it was a red dog."-Fliegende Bleatter.

True to the nature of the beast, many a man who in his time has cast sheep's syes at a pretty girl has afterwards had he wool pulled over them .- Phila-Jelphia Times.

We have noticed that when you tell a oman her daughter is just the image of her when she was that age, the mother looks pleased and the daughter looks scared .- Atchison Globe.

Yeast-"What are you going to make out of your boy!" Crimsonbeak-"A lecturer." "Has he a taste for it?" "Oh, yes; he inherits it from his mother." -Sau Francisco Examiner.

Mamma-"When that boy threw stones at you, why didn't you come a d tell me, instead of throwing them back. Little Son-"Tell you? Why, you couldn't hit a barn door."-Good News.

Publisher-"I wish you would write us a good sea story." Great Author-"But I have never been to sea." Pubhsher-*I know it. I want a sea story that people can understand."-Tit Bits.

It is strange, as he knows, Sho's in love with another; He should like to propose, When, so sure as he goes, He'll return asher brother. -New York Sun

"Mrs. Chinner scenas to have a very leasant time of it." "Pleasant time? Why that woman's life is one complete round of enjoyment." "It is?" "It is that. She belongs to seven sewing circles."---New York Press.

-Witherby-"I made the mistake of ny life this morning. I told my wife I lidn't like her new gown."-Plankingon-"What, was she angry?" Wither by-"Oh, no, it wasn't that, but she wants another one."-Cloak Review.

Lady (to her regular begging customer)-"I see that you have brought some one with you to-day, and I cannot give to both." Beygar-"Certainly not, Beggar-"Certainly not, ma'am. I am only taking him the round of my clients, as I have an idea of selling the business !"

Teacher-"Won't you sit down, Jimmy?" Jimmy-"Nop." Teacher-"Why not." Jimmy-"Jis because." Teacher-"Because what?" Jimmy--"Because when pop was puttin' down the carpet this mornin' and hit his thumb with the tack-hammer I laughed."-Boston Post.

Clara-"I hope you won't bring that Mr. Hatter around to see me. I don't want to see him." Maude-"But, my dear, he says he used to play with you when you were a little girl." Chara-'That's why I don't want to meet him. It reminds me of the time when I wore a home made cloak to Sunday-school. -Cloak Review.

Increasing favor is shown by British stockmen for cotton oil as a fattening ingredient in stock rations. Rape off has fallen in value rather badly, and linseed oil harely holds its own.

Europe to be less than it is. reginning the world, and I want to contribute my share. And Miss Merritt has

assisted me, and she must be paid. And, oh, Harry, I shall be so proud to do "For the sake of those two sweet vords you shall have your own way, my

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