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Japan is taking most enthusiastically | to the kindergarten.

The Government of Mexico has issued an official circular calling the attention of the Mexican people to the necessity of immigration in order that the country may be developed.

The Young Men's Christian Associa tion in England, started forty-nine years ago in a small room at St. Paul's churchyard, has attained such a growth that last year 2126 new members were enrolled.

According to the New York Post there are encouraging signs that public sentiment throughout the country is coming to recognize more clearly than ever before the necessity of intelligence in the exercise of the suffrage.

In San Francisco fifty thousand Chinamen are allowed to huddle together in an area of something like a dozen blocks. Puck presumes that the San Francisco Board of Health permits this state of affairs because it is a novelty as picturesque as it is foul.

On the far northwestern waters of Puget Sound there are so many dead trees always floating that none but screw steamers or stern wheelers can navigate. A side-wheeler would sooner or later strike a log, perhaps weighing many tons, which would knock her paddle to splinters.

Dvorak, the Bohemiau composer, who recently conducted some of his own music at the World's Fair, declares that the possibilities of an American school of music lie in the Southern melodies. He believes that American composers should study these songs and build upon them.

The gavel presented by the New Orleans Cotton Exchange to Judge Chrisman, who defied the mob in Mississippi and protected prisoners, is flanked with so d plates of gold. In accepting it the Judge made a modest and a model speech. The Chicago Herald states that his conduct is univer sally lauded in the South by press and people.

The steamer John Hancock, which was wrecked a few weeks ago, by a gale while tied up at the wharf at Sandpoint, Alaska, has an interesting history. During the troubles between the United States and Japan the Hancock carried the pennant of Commodore Perry, and it was in her cabin that the treaty between the countries

Kansas has a school for every 186 pupile. Massachusetts one to 600, Pennsylvania one to 400.

The Madrid Epoca expresses the be-Hef that Great Britain will ultimately cede Gibraltar to Spain if indemnified for the cost of the fortifications which Great Britain has constructed there.

The New York Mail and Express claims that it was the first to use the expression "Old Glory," as applied to the Stars and Stripes, the former ap--Clara W. Bronson, in Youth's Companion pellation being not almost as common as the latter.

During all the thousand years in which the Pekin Gazette, the organ of the imperial crown in China, has been in existence, only seventeen of its editors have been beheaded. So says Joe Howard in the New York Recorder.

The warden of the Central Prison at Toronto says in his report to the Ontario Government that "of 25,000 children brought to Canada by Miss Macpherson, Dr. Barnardo, Mr. Quarrier and others, from Great Britain, only three per cent. have lapsed into crime." These children were nearly all homeless waifs gathered in London and other great cities.

Five thousand little graves are dug each year in Philadelphia for little babies, says a medical paper of New York City, and 5000 little headstones are yearly set up over their graves, all due to deaths traceable to the diseases which spring from wrong feeding. In the overwhelming majority of instances the poor food of which the babies die is bad milk, diseased milk or skimmed milk.

The New York Post announces that a war between Cores and Japan has been averted by the mediation of Secretary Gresham. The trouble arose on account of a Corean decree prohibiting the exportation of beans and pulse, the country being threatened with famine. The Corean Government has agreed to pay \$110,000 indemnity to settle the claims of Japanese merchants.

It appears that during the ten years from 1881 to 1891 the population of India increased from 253,000,000 to 287,000,000. The- enumeration of tracts previously neglected and the addition of Upper Burmah to British territory accounts for nearly 6,000,000 o the increase, but the actual population of the area enumerated in both years shows an increase of over 27,000,000. or about eleven per cent.

STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS. Last night there toiled till late a little spin From leaf to whit her silken threads she

swang-Now, dew-ensilvered in the morning sun shine, The finished lace is hung.

And one who hath been wont to storm an conquer,

And strongest bars to break with daunties pride, To spare the filmy web across his pathway, Pauses, and turns aside.

THE FOURTH AT KA BOB.

BY FORREST CRISSEY.

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HE Jayhawk family was in a state of intens excitement, which increased as the Fourth of July approached. Nothing had occurred since the

birth of Jehial, the only scion of that rural house that had so stirred the tranquility of the household as had his meek request for the use of the old mare and the buggy, with which to take Phœbe Jones to "the Fourth" at Ka Bob.

Jehial understood the lay of the land well enough to know that his startling petition should be put in along with the first seeds of spring, in order to ripen definite decision by the time the smoke and tumult of Independence Day began to ascend fromthe Ka Bob public square, which was, to him, the grand theatre of all truly metropolitan events.

Jehial had conceived this daring de sire to distinguish himself as a man among men while casting "sheep's eyes" at the back of Phœbe's bowed head during the long prayers that constituted the bone and sinew of the weekly "conference meeting" at Zion's Church.

It must be confessed that there was little courage about his first conscious wish to celebrate the glorious Fourth was simply a wish. But as each warm spring day spread its seductive in-fluences about him, and he strode across the steaming field in the wake of plow or drag, his longing grew stronger, and he nursed it into a sturdy resolution.

But, somehow, his courage stronger when alone in the field than when face to face with his father, at home.

It seemed as though the right opportunity for approaching his father with the proposition never would present itself, and he delayed the dread ordeal from day to day.

At last the handbills announcing the order of exercises for the great celebration at Ka Bob appeared. It was to cellpso all former celebrations in magnificence, and each special attracmagnificence, and each special attrac-

tion was discussed with as much zest particular?" and relish as though it was not a precise repetition of the programme that had been advertised year after year. until every adult knew just which features would be presented and which omitted. "Ma, I wuz jest a-thinkin' I'd like t' go t' that Fourth of July down t' Ka Bob," said Jehial, to his mother, as The she came out to the old well sweep for a bucket of water, where he was wash-ened with a snort-the fragments of an "Well, I ing the plowed ground from gaunt exploded snore. He rubbed his eyes "Why, of course! I s'pose we're all ing," she repled. "But I don't mean that. I wuz going, thinkin' I'd like to go alone and-and convincing tone. take some one," he stammered.

"Well, it ain't safe !" The mother of Jehial was quick to ee this sign of weakening, and fol-

lowed up her successful attack, at discreet intervals, until the matter finally came to a head

After a protracted night session of the domestic executive committee, it was determined that Jehinl should ating, and Phobe remarked that must not be in a hurry. He took her tend the glorious Fourth, with full at her word and allowad another dead power to net. calm to settle. Even the parental

Jehial cheerfully accepted fifty cents snores failed to start the conversafrom his mother, and made his way to Squire Jones's to obtain the consent of deep hole-dignified in common parthe Jones family. As he entered the Squire's gate and

passed up the narrow gravel walk between the balsam trees, vainly laboring to formulate his request in graceful words, and commit them to memory

before reaching the door, he would have gladly exchanged his task for that fect. of breaking a Canada pair of steers, plowing a ten-acre field, or teaching a trio of calves to drink. How his heart thumped as the soles of his cowhide oots grated on the coarse gravel of lious look it seemed to him that he the walk. He imagined that it would was walking upon thin air instead not seem so hard were it not for the of gravel. There was something in the fact that he was on hostile groundfor a Jayhawk had not set foot upon fore. Even the frogs in the old "mu the Jones premises since the immortal battle of the line fence. But those who can vividly recall the trepidation with which they preferred their first He wondered at the pange of doubt request for a young lady's company and timidity that he had suffered a few will doubt if any collateral circumstauces could materially enhance the walk. terrors of the moment.

ounded, to his own cars, like falling liancy-all because his star of hope planks, and the raps of his knuckles had risen ! nature, after his knock, seemed still louder. Could it be that they were not the shutters before admitting him? Before he had decided which of these hand upon the door-knob. One moment more and he would stand in the presence of his fate! He drew a full breath and braced himself for the unknown. But the door did not open. It had not been open since the minister to establishing a precedent. In vain the person on the inside struggled with forward. At last, when the suspense had become intolerable, a voice from

To the side door he went and again

Raid across a kitchen chair.

NEW DEVICES WHICH ARE BOTH-ERING THE TREASURY

Tradesmen Sticking Advertisements on Silver Dollars-Putting "Double

Headers" on Silver Pleces. GOTICKERS" are giving the

bits of paper with adver-

lance by the name of Daddy Jones's the back. Made by the lick of the tongue to adhere to the reverse of a 'music box"-did their best to rasy the silence into speech and failed. silver dollar, one of these little Then a screech-owl lit on the wellters is just big enough to fit inside of sweep and fetched a screech that faily the milled rim. They have been coming widely into use in the West and the South. Every time a merchant re

> business, he slaps a sticker upon it, which reads, "Take me back to Buggs, cheap furniture house, where you get the biggest value for eash," or, turn me to Snaggs, the dry goods man, and I will fetch a bargain.

tion of Uncle Sam's coins is interfered with. Most banks will not take them. because the Treasury has issued a notification to the effect that it will not accept or redeem them. It holds the ground that they are defaced and are not legal tender on that account. It is true that they might be restored to their original perfection by removing the stickers, but Secretary Carlisle ha no appropriation for scraping them off. The mucilage employed is of so excel-lent a quality that twelve hours' soaking does not loosen the paper from the silver.

Furthermore, the covering up of one side of the coin renders it greatly more difficult to discover whether the latter is a counterfeit or not. Chief Drummond, of the Secret Service, showed to your correspondent a specimen of the finest imitation dollar over struck with a die. It is plated with silver, and few experts could dis tinguish it from a real one. The de ception was considerably enhanced by a sticker on the reverse advortising a shoe house in Ottumwa, Iowa. Were this practice permitted manufacturers of false money would make a business of pasting on the backs of their bogus pieces advertisements bearing the ames of reputable shop keepers. Thus, inasmuch as a respectable merchant would not knowingly use bad coins to publish his business, his credit would help the counterfeits to gain circulation. Also, how is anybody to know that the side of the dollar concealed by sticker has not been scooped out and

filled up with lead? Fortunately there is a legal enactnent forbidding the defacement of the United States money, and that law is to be enforced for the immediate suppression of this new attack upon the cur-rency. Many district attorneys in various parts of the country have already threatened to prosecute merchants using the stickers, and the business will be brought to an abrupt

O, the Georgia watermelon is a gem ! Melons cool an' green-Jea' the last you ever seen. See the sweet juice drippin From them melons cool an' green !

A WATERMELON SONG.

O, the Georgia watermelon-it's a-growin

An'll soon be puiltn' heavy at the stem

An' the knile-it needs a whettin', an' the

cool an' green,

blade is gittin' keen,

RATES OF ADVERTISING .

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0, the Georgia watermeion-with the purtiest

sort o' stripe ! It ain't a streak o' fat an' streak o' lean . You thump her with yer fingers, an' you hear her answer "Ripe !"

Q. the Georgia watermelon cool an' green

Melons cool an' green-Jos' the best you ever seen ! See the red juice drippin' From them melons cool an' preen! --- Aflanta Constitution

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Time flies-Seventeen-year locusts. Barking dogs sometimes bite the dust.

It is the man who beats that is will ing to let by-gones be by-gones.

The camel is a lucky brute. It never has to hump itself, -Trov Press.

A law-suit wears out sooner at the pockets than at the knees.-Puck. A skeptic is a man who doubts the

centracy of his own watch.-Puck. Talk about women being flighty!

Look at bank cashiers.-Texas Siftinga

It is probably called pin money because the husband is stuck for it .--Troy Press.

Our uncle, the pawnbroker, may not have pleasant ways, but we have to put up with him. -Puck.

Nearly all the men who have invented flying machines are residing in our cemeteries. - Statesman.

That many men have many minds Proverbial law astutely finds. To me it oftener seems to fall That many have no mind at all.

THE The mite that the Anarchist is willing to contribute for the promotion of his cause is dynamite.-Detroit Free Press.

"I didn't know it was so late," said the volcano, awaking from its long slumber; "I must start my fire,"-Chicago Tribune.

When Fogg has run upstairs and arrives at the top out of breath, he very properly refers to his pneumatic tire. -Boston Transcript.

Mrs. Slimdiet-"Don't you find it a little lonesome sitting down to luncheon all alone?" Bordaire-"Oh, no; the cheese is here."-Truth.

"I've got it in for you, my friend," soliloquized the mosquito, sinking it a little deeper in the sleeping victim's nose.-Chicago Tribune.

We are all willing to acknowledge that we have our faults; but mighty few of us are willing to acknowledge the faults our friends see in us. - Puck.

Wealth does not bring contentment,

His footfalls upon the front porch star twinkled with a seven-fold bril-

upon the panel of the front door like heavy artillery. But the calm that settled down upon the house and all by so bold a stroke of gallantry. It called, in the winter, and seemed averse

within called forth : "Go to the side door, please."

"Is Miss Jones in 2" timidly inquired which afforded a possible topic of con-

Jones. "Yessum-I-I-" "Well, she's gone to bed; but

lifted the speechless couple from their ceives a cartwheel dollar in the way of Jehial again remarked that he must be going. Phæbe did not dispute it.

As he passed out into the moonlight and heard Phoebe shut the door hind him and struggle with the rebel-

Many people are unwilling to accept the sticker dollars, and so the circulamoonlight that he had never known be sie box" croaked with a rhythm and cadence almost divine-he wondered that he had never noticed it before. moments before when going up that It seemed a new world to him. All things had become new. Every

The Fourth was over, almost. They

grinned at the variations in the nasal

screnade and crossed his legs. Phobe

also grinned and shifted her position

Then they grinned in concert and

shifted in concert. Phoebe a-hemmed

Jehial remarked that he must be go

and Jehial a-hemmed.

had gazed in unconcealed astonishment at the long procession of masked and painted "Fantastics," and laughed till going to respond to his rappings? Or they ached at the broad burlesques was she laughing at him from behind and crude impersonations; they had convulsed at the falls of the bag races, and roared at the antics of the pur theories to accept he heard footsteps sners of the greased pig; they had exapproaching along the hallway, then a perienced the patriotic shocks which result from the discharge of an anvil; they had drained to the dregs the pleasures of pink lemonade and feasted on the sweets of sticky popcorn balls. As they rode home the sun slowly sank behind the hills - gray and grizzled with the sheen of dry, wiry poverty grass that fringed their sterile the person on the inside struggled with the key and clicked it backward and the back of a lean herd of swine. They had reached the period of silence that

always falls about the last half hour of a long homeward journey. At the top of the last hill straggled the line fence over which their parents screwed up his courage, which had reached ebb-tide during the period of suspense, and found himself admitted Jchial pulled the mare to halt, preby Mrs. Jones to the kitchen. A glance sumably for the purpose of allowing revealed the fact that the lord of the her to rest, and then cast his eyes house of Jones was fast asleep in his about for some object of conversation arm-chair, his boots off, and his calves to render the interval less embarrassing. The first and only thing in view

Jehial, fearful that his voice might versation was the historic line fence, and that was well-nigh as embarrassing "I must go an' fix up that line fence the first thing I do,"he ventured : "pa

close. Oddly enough, a scheme wholly no business to let it run so long withsimilar was started a few years ago,

each insertion. Marriages and death notices gratis. All bills for yearly advertisements collected quarterly. Temporary advertisements mont be paid in advance. Job work—cash on delivery. ER ANNUM.

PUT "STICKERS" ON COINS.

Government a good deal of bother. They are circular

isements on the face and mucilage on

was signed.

The "baby King" of Spain has ceased to amuse and entertain his subjects by his infantile graces, hears the Argonant, and has become a weakly and uninteresting child of larger growth. As he becomes more mature, he gives evidence that he has inherited the weaknesses of profligate ancestors. Officially he is Alfonso the Thirteenth. and the croakers think there is an omen in the unlucky number.

Colonel John A. Creighton, of Omaha, Neb., ten times a millionaire, has a semi-National reputation as a philanthropist. He has given \$3,-000,000 at various times to the city of Omaha, to be devoted to charitable purposes. One of his gifts was a hospital. It has an ironclad rule to the effect that the applicant for relief shall be asked no questions as to his race or color or religious beliefs or morals or polities. All that the physicians are required to know is that he suffers and needs attention. If he is able to pay he pays, and if he is not his treatment does not cost him a cent.

America has always been liberal in her educational expenditures. Chief Harris, of the Bureau of Education, estimates that "on an average the youth of the land receive each seventeen weeks schooling annually for ten years," and he says that in the nincteen years prior to 1889 the value of property owned by public schools increased from \$130,000,000 to \$323,000,-000, and whereas in 1870 the amount expended on education was \$1.64 per capita for the whole population, the expenditure in 1889 was \$2.16 per capita. Here, however, it would be well for the optimist to stop figuring. In 1870 the total of \$63,000,000 was spent for the education of 11,000,000 of children between the ages of six and twenty, an average of \$5.75 for each child, while in 1889 there were \$133,000,000 expended for 20,000,000 of children an average of \$6.60 for each child. Thus, while it sounds well to say that the annual expenditure more than doulded in the length of time under constleration, the real increase per child was small and hardly kept pace with the demands of educational progress.

The London Industries is considerably worked up over the way this country is taking away Great Britain's locomotive trade with South Africa During the first quarter of the present year England shipped only about onethird as many locomotives to South American countries as she did during the first three months of 1890 and her sales in South Africa were reduced from \$192,390 to \$4700. These countries are buying just as many locomo tives now as two years ago, but they are buying from this country instead of from England.

Says the New York Post : We hear more and more every year about the growing difficulty of obtaining work in this country as it becomes more thickly settled. Yet there is one important department in which the supply of lahor falls constantly further short of the demand. This is domestic service. The complaints are universal, and they become all the while more vehement. The Watertown (Conn.) correspondent of the Waterbury American writes: "There is a great demand for good and honest servant girls in our town. Servant girls, as a general rule, do not

like to come into the country towns, as there is little society and but few amusements-such as entertainments, theatres, etc.-for them here. No matter how good the pay and the treatment is here, they had rather be in a city where they will get less pay and have to work harder than to go into a country town. It is almost impossible if any one is in need of woman help to find any one who is willing to work for any price. A few good women who understand house-cleaning, washing, and that sort of work could find work here the year around at good wages." There is nothing exceptional in the condition of Watertown, adds the Post. Hundreds of country towns are as badly off. Moreover, the difficulty of obtaining good service in the city increases all the time. Meanwhile we are constantly importuned to bewail the condition of women who are working for "starvation wages" in other employments, but who would rather keep on than earn good pay as laundresses or cooks. It is one of the most extraordinary phenomena of modern

civilization.

"Go alone and take some thing? What on 'arth do you mean?' "S-c-h! here comes pa!" exclaimed ed room.

the timid Jehial, in an undertone, as his father emerged from the barn, stern justice, with the exacting bal-ances, as he lifted an old-fashioned blueneck yoke to his shoulders and stooped to hook pendant arm into the bail of a froth-flecked pail of milk. When they were again alone, Jehial,

without looking up from his labor of ablution, resumed the conversation. "Yes, ma; I'd like t' take Phonhe t' the Fourth ; but I ain't said nothin'

t' pa 'bout it. I kinder hate to, some-Can't you have a little talk with him 'bout it?"

"Well, I s'pose I can," replied the mother, "but I'm sure I don't know what he'll think 'bout it. Accordingly, after Jehial had re-tired, she laid the proposition before

her husband. 'Lord-a-massy, Maryl What 'n That boy abowin' Square

July! Why, he's nothin' but a colt, an' the whole town would be apokin fun at the little fools. An', what's more, no Jayhawk's got any call to be with the Jones after all the mixin trouble that we've had with the old Square over that line fence. poppy-cot. I'm willin' that Jehial should go t' the Fourth, but I don't want any gal business 'bout it. Why, Mary, jest think of that youngster's

takin' a horse an' buggy an' a gal round there where they'd be a-shootin' firecrackers an' anvils, and a-snappin' them pesky little torpedoes! "Taint no place for a horse, let alone trustin' it with a boy that's got a gal aboard. He'll break his neck an' the gul's too !"

"But you remember the time when it. you took me to the Fourth at Busti. and you weren't any older than Jehial, and hadn't had any more experience with horses than he has."

This was an orgument ad homineto that the father had not counted on . his last platitude :

you'll wait I'll call her," interrupted Mrs. Jones, going to the stairs door to, for 'taint your business to keep up and shouting :

"Ph'eb! Phabe Jones. Git right up an' come down. You've got com-

The sleeping father evidently recogand inquired :

"What's up?"

He evidently shared her opinion, for he immediately groped and stumbled Why, child, who ever heard of such a along to an adjoining room, without ever discovering Jehial in the unlight-

It seemed to Jehial that hours passed before Phoebe descended the stairs and looking like a rural conception of entered the room, and in response to Mrs. Jones's questions he had told all that he ever knew and considerable that he only guessed at, regarding the history of the Jayhawks and their antecedents and "circumstances.

Phoebe, clad in a simple white dress, that seemed to him a marvel of elegance, advanced and gave him her hand, saying

"Good evening, Mr. Jayhawk ; will you excuse me while I get a light?" She went into the parlor and lit the center-table lamp-a ponderous affair with an elaborately decorated globe of ground glass

"Walk right in this way, Mr. Jayhawk," she called from the parlor in her best parlor voice. It was the first time he had ever

so ridiculously out of shape that the Jones's little gal round on a Fourth of ghost of a grin began to twitch the corners of his mouth.

Fortunately for Jehial, Phoebe divined both his timidity and his intentions and at once brought matters to a successful issue by asking him if he the old had seen the announcement for the the noble pile stands complete as it is It's all Fourth and if he purposed to attend. to day, holding a model or a drawing if-if-if I might-"

"Certainly; I should think is to be, I'm sure," prompted Phoebe. "I I-I mcan I'd like the pleasure of your company to the Fourth, Miss People.

he stammered, recollecting his Jones, formula and pronouncing it at a single breath, as though fearful that it might escape him before he could pronounce

"Certainly ; with pleasure, Mr. Jay-hawk," replied Miss Jones in the af-vation of from twenty-four to twentyfected tone prescribed by the "Ladics" aix fect above low water mark, and Guide to Etiquette or the Manual of flowing through the "Valley of Egypt" Good Manners." Then came a dead in a turbulent body twelve miles wide.

calm broken only by the echoes of During the last 1000 years there has He gave it several moments of silent the parental anores whose outer rip-consideration and then took refuge ic, ples penctrated to the most distant that of 1829, when 30,000 were people portion of the house. Finally Johial drowned.

"Well, it will be a shame if you have the part this side of the old burned stuff; pa ought to do that, but he won't, he'd rather quarrel about it," said Phœbe, "an' that's just what's kept them that ought to be good neigh-

"Well, I never saw a line fence that was worth hard feelings between neighbors-and-and a thousand line fences can't keep us apart, can they, Pheebe?' "You are, an' you'd better go on to bed," responded his wife in the same sudden pull that indicated a desire to continue the homeward journey. Al-though she had heard the answer to Jehial's question, she wisely said nothing-only frisked her tail knowingly and hurried on.

The line fence that day did penance for the strife that it had once provoked, and in due time it entirely disappeared, for the Jones and Jayhawk farms were consolidated, and the Fourth of July is celebrated with more than patriotic sentiment by Phoebe and Jehial. - Arkansas Traveler.

## How the Patent Office Was Saved,

When, in the War of 1812-the office having been removed to a building of its own two years before-the British, who had taken the city, trained their guns upon the Patent Office, Dr. Thornton, throwing himself directly before the guns, cried :

"Are you Englishmen or Goths and Vandals? This is the Patent Officea depository of the ingenuity and inventions of the American Nation, in which the whole eivilized world is in terested. Would you destroy it? heard himself called Mr., and it seemed Then let the charge pass through my body.

And the building was spared. Twenty-four years afterward, however, it was destroyed by fire, together with everything in it. And with this came the beginning of the present building, added to from time to time, till at last "Yes; I was thinkin' I'd like to go of every invention known in the whole world, and having paid something more than two millions of dollars over might just as well as not. It would be and above its own expenses, a sum too had to miss such a Fourth as this is to be, I'm sure," prompted Phoebe. which represents only a triffe of the great amount it has added to the wealth of the Nation. -Harper's Young

## The Nile's Annual Overflow.

The Nile has a fall of but six inches to the 1000 miles. The overflow commences in June every year and con-

out it was nipped in the bud before it had a chance to spread. Men some times stamp their firm names on coins, Likewise they print their business cards on the backs of \$1 or \$2 bills, Such acts are strictly forbidden by law. The penalty is \$100 fine for each note or coin so marked.

A species of coin mutilation not less interesting than that above described has excited the attention of the Secret Service during the past year. It is the manufacture of what are technically called "double headers," for gambling purposes. For example, a silver dollar s put into a lathe and a cutting tool is applied to it in such a manner as to remove three-fourth of the metal from the back, leaving the milled rim intact. What remains resembles in form a blacking box lid. Next, another dollar is taken, and the back of it is sliced off in the shape of a thin disk. This disk and the fragment like a blacking box lid are then joined

neatly together in such a manner as to produce what has the appearance of a whole silver dollar. The piece thus composed has no head of Liberty, but two tails-one on each side.

In precisely the same manner silver soins are turned out with two heads. Such pieces are sold by some dealers in so-called "sporting" goods to persons who wish to use them for cheating unsuspicious strangers in bar rooms and elsewhere. Dollars thus

propared fetch \$5 each, half dollars \$3 each. A Chicago man arrested for manufacturing them recently was convicted and fined under the law which prohibits the making of "coins of original designs" by private individu-als in this country. There is no doubt that the idea is exceedingly original as well as dangerous to the unsophisticated

'The "little game" worked with these "double headers" is as simple as it is profitable. It is necessary that the operator shall be provided with two of the coins-one with two heads and the other with two tails. On finding a man who is willing to gamble for dollars, he says : "I'll match you first." The other fellow lays down his piece on the bar, head up. Seeing that, the swindler chucks up his coin with two head. Of course he cannot help winning. Then he puts down the good dollar which he has just won, and his adversary throws up and "matches." Here he has an exactly even chance.

But on the next throw his opponent lays down his coin tail up to be matched. Observing that circumstance the operator chucks up his piece with two tails. It is easy for aim to interchange the two fake dollars offhand. Luck being even otherwise, he must win three out of four times, and a few minutes' play is sure to net a antisfactory profit.

Guang has been in use in the United States for the last sixty years.

ie gets what he axe For if he did, he'd want the earth, And growl about the taxes. -Judge

"From what I've been reading I suppose boarding-houses must have been found first in Turkey." "Will ••Will you explain why?" "The best variety of prunes grows there."

"Which of us would you rather have?" asked one of the two men running across the field. "I don't care, replied the bull; "it's a toss up between yon."-Washington Star.

"Don't you think Mrs. Stanton's" opinions are very much biased?" Mrs. Latestyle - "Mercy, I am not surprised, for she hasn't any more idea of style than a heathen."-Chicago Inter-Ocean.

"They amputated his leg after all, What made the doctors wait so ah 2 long?" "Judgin' from their bills, it must have been to give 'ema chance to pull it before they took it off."-Buffalo Conrier.

Jack-"I don't believe all that stuff about women always wanting the last word." Dick-"Why don't you?" Jack-"Well, last night I told Miss Checkbook that I knew that I was not worthy of her, and she did not say a word in reply,"-Inter-Ocean.

## An Ancient Alligator.

An alligator has just been killed in Louisiana that is known to have been 120 years old. In 1773 the great-greatgrandfather of the present owner of the plantation on which this alligator was killed purchased the plantation. His first work was to rid it of alliga tors. He raided a family of alligators and killed all but one, who escaped, caving a portion of his tail. This alligator was seen from time to time and recognized because part of his tail was gone. The alligator was never tamed, but in a general way received the care and protection of each member of the family through the four generations. A visitor to the plantation saw a great alligator lying on the bank. He raised his gun, but it required several shots before the animal was killed. He was delighted with the success, when his host came up and showed his sorrow at what his guest had done. The alli gator was buried on the banks of the stream, the entire family attending the obsequies, -- New York Observer.

## Rotation of Crops in Egypt.

The rotation of crops now most ammonly practiced in Egypt includes sheat, generally followed by barley, thours, beams, or lentils; clover folowed by wheat, saillower by lupins or yeas, sugar cane by dhours. the latter by flax, and they again by indigo, which lasts for three years. In the Enyound district, the rose crop is a great industry, 50,000 ounces of rese emence being experted yearly.