

noted scientific men, has arrived at the same conclusions as those reached by Lieutenant Totten and himself, and that all prophecy points to 1899 as the date of final smashup.

Some idea of the enormous proportions the business of hotel keeping has assumed in this country may be gained. declares the New Orleans Picayune, from the fact that there are in the United States upward of 50,000 hotels, exclusive of what may properly be termed inns and tavorns, and what are commonly known as apartment-houses, although the latter are in many instances conducted as hotels, in that they have a common kitchen and dining-room.

Deer and bears are reported to be more plentiful now in the "great woods" of Oxford County, Maine, than subjects offered him as a solatium a at any other time during the present number of presents amounting in all generation. These woods extend, in a

Though most people are equipped with thirty-two teeth only, the Shah strangers, of Persia appears to be more amply provided for, as we are told that he has just had his fortieth molar extracted. The phenomenon is thus explained. The first time his Eastern Majesty suffered from a decayed tooth and had to have it removed his loyal

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Wall street, and he was supposed to be secustomed to having her own way a silent partner of the bankers them- about everything else, she did not inselves.

He belonged to two or three | tend to be thwarted in her one greatclubs and spent much time in each of est desire. She had an able ally in her them, which is not the way of city mother, who held the family pursemen of brisk business manner, such as strings and wanted just such a man as Mr. Brune possessed; and scores of Brune in the family, her own husband brought into one or other having amounted to nothing since he of the clubs by city acquaintances who did not know what else to do with a prudent woman, she had interrogated them, gratefully remembered Mr. her bankers, Messrs. Holdem & Trust, Brune as one of the evening's chief very closely about Brune's business sources of enjoyment. He had a way of becoming acquainted quickly and the declined to say more than that

Robertes Brune." thirty.

of making new acquaintances feel en- Brune banked with them ; his account, tirely at ease with him, and he also though not very large, was never over-"Upon my honor." "Insist upon an early marriage, then plank was gradually reduced in width had a way of remembering a call or drawn; he had a few thousand dollars -all men do, I believe-and I will see every day and the movement accel-erated. At length the plank dwindled two he had to make, and in which he worth of securities in their safe; his would invite a new acquaintance-of business was a commission business, the proper sort-to join, which was so which, in New York, was a term which that Adah accedes to your wish." down to a narrow slip; this was re The wedding was a splendid affair, placed by a long, round stick, and ulunlike the custom of New Yorkers in covered almost anything; but they general that men from other cities chanced to know that Brune's own according to the newspapers; the and without New York connections branch of it was of a confidential na- bridegroom alone had so many friends were likely to feel under obligations ture, and that all the checks he depos- and well-wishers that not all of the invited could get into the church. As to him and also to believe that they ited with them were drawn by houses had made the entree of metropolitan of good business standing. Behind all to the presents, they were as numerous this there seemed some mystery which and handsome as might be expected society. As time went on, it was remarked at Mrs. Moorhart was determined to by a bride who was rich and handsome the clubs that Brune himself intro- solve; but the bankers pleaded bus- and a man who was everybody's good friend. When the happy couple reduced many men from out of town, iness confidence as their excuse for not but as all of these were anxious to returned from the church to the house. going into particulars, unless authorthe bride's mother didn't fall in tears pay all courtesies they received, and ized to do so by their customer. From that day Brune's fortune was on her daughter's neck; she led her were fairly able to do it, the members son-in-law aside and whispered : who took most notice of Brune's hos- made, as he half suspected when his pitality made no objection, for they bankers told him of Mrs. Moorhart's "You promised --"Yes, to tell you about my business. were the professional club loungers-a visit, for a woman of strong will and Well, it's been to be everybody's good class of men who never fail to enjoy abundant leisure will expend a lot of entertainments for which other men both for the bliss of fathoming a mysfriend, and be well paid for it, though none of them suspect it. Holdem & pay. There pours into the great city tery. Certainly there could not b Trust pay me one per cent. on the dea steady stream of men and families who have made money elsewhere and one would know of it; no one who posits of everyone I've introduced to want to spend it where the most pleasure knew him said anything but good of their bank, yours included ; real estate agents, furniture dealers, grocers, can be bought. To all these who fell him; besides, had he not always been merchants-every one, in fact, with in his way Brune was as hearty as if known as everybody's good friend? they had been old friends. He did Mrs. Moorhart tried to make her home whom my friends do business on my not introduce them to members of the even more agreeable to him than it introduction pay me a commission of "Four Hundred," but he explained to had been, while the daughter let her my friends' business. It's a line of trade I never thought of getting into, them, confidentally, that his own glorious eyes rest upon him from time because I didn't know it existed ; but friends were not of that particular set to time in a manner which no man because they did not care to be in it, with eyes of his own could fail to un-and that they were quite as good and derstand. and I were made for each other. O "Mr. Brune," said Mrs. Moorhart refined as most of the people whose fat. names appeared oftenest in the fash-ionable news of the daily papers—a statement which nobody could deny. of dashing horseback rides through course, any commissions I get hereafter on your trade I will return to you. Perhaps, now you know all, you regret having selected me to manage He would take unwearied pains, too, the wild country-a sport she longed with families who desired to make the to enjoy again, she said, yet city their home; he would take them dared not hope for until she could go your daughter's affairs." his favorite meal." Mrs. Moorhart gently boxed her on-in-law's car and said : to real estate agents who could be back again to look over the family "I'm more than ever satisfied that trusted to deal fairly with them, and property-"Mr. Brane, that property you're just the man for the place-and he knew the best decorators and up- troubles the dead girl more than a lit ear Adah will agree with me."-Once holsterers, and dealers in furniture tle, and I would like to consult you A Week. and pictures and bric-a-brac, and he about it, if you'll allow me. You're would introduce newcomers in a man- everybody's friend, you know. Looking Glasses in Coffins. ner which would make them truly "I am entirely at your service, my grateful. He would also introduce dear madam. One of the ancient customs con them to Holdem & Trust, the bankers "I heartily wish you were," replied nected with Swedish funerals was to with whom he had his offlee, taking the lady with a sigh. "Much of the place a small looking glass in the coffin of an unmarried female, so that care first to assure them that there was Western property which my husband a great difference between banks in a inherited belongs to Adah-she is not when the last trump sounds she might great city; the bigger institutions were here, is she?-no, I thought not. be able to arrange her tresses. It was mere machines, while Holdem & Trust | When she came of age, I insisted that | the practice for Scandinavian maidem was a concern modeled after the Eng- my husband should divide the estate, to wear their hair flowing loosely, lish banks, where the accounts were as well as the personal property, and while the matrons wore it bound about few but large, and where any customer give her a share, she being our only the head and generally covered with work a tricycle, and beg on their hind was made to feel as much at home as child; I wanted her to learn the value me form of cap. Hence the unmarlegs .- New York Advertiser. if he were in a friend's parlor which, of money, and how to take care of it, ried woman was imagined as awaken indeed the business office of the firm | instead of growing up a silly, fashioning at the judgment day with more un greatly resembled in its appointments able girl, only to squander the tidy looks than her wedded sisters and property of her husband should she more in need of a glass. --Westminster and quict. No one ever seemed to find reason ever marry. Of course she will inherit Review. to complain of Brune; he never took all that remains, in the course of his male acquaintances to gambling time. She managed it with capital Central Park is badly tunneled by houses or got them drunk, and he ability while we lived West, where she moles and New York park commis-sioners have appropriated \$250 to pay never made love to the young ladies of was practically on the ground, but their families that came to the city. since we have been East it has not for the services of a mole trapper for three months. This man cleared the Indeed, to his newer acquaintances yielded as large an income as it should. this seemed his only fault; for a nnm- It is very hard to secure good agents moles out of the park seven years ago ber of young women who had broken there; all men of ability are reathen. He buries long wire traps in their original cavaliers, as be until they get into business for them holes. He has driven the destructive same damasks who aspired to become selves. I would like our portion of animal out of Prospect Park and horse-racing, polo games and othercity bolles, found Brune much more to the estate properly looked after, too, Greenwood Cemetery. wise.-Boston Transcript.

mission, I will speak to her this evenvisiting card bore was a kittenish creature past forty,

"You will make her very happy. But perhaps my suggestion will lead you to neglect business interests of your the words, "Mr. while Brune himself was little beyond He dressed well, carried in public a cheerful counte-and there came a time when they OWD.

"My own business," said Brune, nance and an in- seemed to join forces. Miss Adah slowly, "can be dropped at any time without loss-that is, any loss to be thought of for a moment while I have quiring eye, and, Moorhart, a handsome damsel from the as to business, his desk was in the of- far West, had set her heart on becomsuch a wife to look forward to.' fice of a private banking house near ing Mrs. Brune, and, as she had been

"I have never known just what your business was, but-' "It is merely a general commission business," said Brune.

"Selling, or buying?" "Well, neither, strictly speaking; that is-well, I assure you there is nothing wrong about it, for 'twas through it that I came to be called 'everybody's good friend.'" Mrs. Moorhart bit her lip, and then

smiled as she asked : "Will you promise to tell me all about the business as soon as you are

married?"

kneeling or lying down at any mo-ment. This feat is taught by means of iron bracelets placed on his ankles and attached to a tether held by the trainer, who, by sudden jerks or pulls as he is moving, makes him fall or kneel. The animal remembers the lessons, and, by dint of whip and carrot, ultimately performs them at the mere command of the trainer. The horse is taught to dance to music

in the same way with the foot bracelets." With respect to dogs, a celebrated trainer, who is now exhibiting a troupe of them, says their education is a work of time and patience. Sometimes it takes two years. "I use neither sugar nor whip," he informs us. "I take my dog in my hands, talk to him and try to make him understand what he is to do. I perform the tricks myself, and the dogs follow and imitate me." At present he is showing a carriage dog which performs on the single wire. "I will tell you how I taught him to become an equilibrist. I made him first of all walk on a plank which was balanced to and fro.

The Debutante (aside) - "How many verses shall I sing?" The Professor 'Do you want an encore?" The Debutante-"Of course." fessor --- "One." --- Boston Budget. The

Courier

Journal.

Comes to us, one and all : It is a maiden down tho street, Who sings, "After the Ball." —Detroit Free Press,

Jiggs-"The last I saw of Gayboy he

said he was out for a time. I wonder if he got it?" Jagga-"Yes; the judge gave him ten days."-Buffalo

Everything American goes in

France. They even want American ser-

vants there, and have not yet learned

that there is no such thing .- Boston

She was airy As a fairy. And no man sho'd ever led To thfuk. I guess, Of heaviness,

The Pro-

stook to baking bread. "I read an account of how a girl fell over forty feet without killing herself." 'Good gracious! How did she do "Tried to get out of a moving 16.9" street car with exactly twenty men in t."---Vogue,

belt from four to six miles wide from Dixfield away up into the untrodden wilderness of Northern Maine. and much of the area has seldom been visited by sportsmen. Driven from the hunting grounds about Rangeley Lake the game took refuge in these woods, and have multiplied there unmolested.

The New York News observes : Now the surgeons have cut out a man's spleen, and yet he lives and has red blood, and will, it is said, recover. No one has ever known absolutely what is the office of the spleen. The organ is not a vital one, but is often much diseased and very painful. The operation to remove it is technically called eplenectomy. Many years ago a writer in Chambers's Miscellany contended that the spleen was the manufactory of the white blood corpuscles. If that were so, the red corpuscles in the veins and arteries would have soon faded in vividness in the patient, Athlete Short, of Yonkers. Are the spleen and the vermiform appendix, which are declared to be useless, left as hints of the evolutionary process? Was man differently constituted when they were useful to him, instead of being as now unnecessary? Who can may?

George Vanderbilt is one of nature's queer freaks. He is the least known of any of the enormously wealthy men of New York. He must be worth at least \$35,000,000, but he might walk the length of the entire city without being recognized by half a dozen persons. He has never been prominent in any public movement. He has never attended a public function where crowds of people congregate, and when he goes to the theatre or to the opera he hides himself in the year of a box, says the New York Herald, Young Vanderbilt has many fads. First of all he is a bookworm and is in a way a woman-hater. Formerly he was rated as being, next to John Jacob Astor, the wealthiest young bachelor in the United States, having \$1,000,000 in his year of his life. Now, as John Jacob class alone.

to ten thousand gold sequins. Hav ing thus discovered a new source of supply for his privy purse, the Shah, whenever he feels the want of those little presents that help to maintain the glow of friendship, causes the fact of his having another bad tooth to be proclaimed by a flourish of trumpets , all parts of his empire, and the presents begin to pour in.

ing of the National Association of Life

Underwriters show that the companies

taking no account of assessment cor-

porations and societies, hold assets to

the value of \$850,000,000, that they

receive from policy holders about

\$175,000,000 a year, that their gross

income is nearly \$220,000,000 annually,

and that they pay about \$100,000,000

annually to the insured in the form of

death losses, surrenders and dividends.

Great Britain has undertaken another great enterprise in Africa, which will probably have an immense effect in the extension of its empire and the civilization of the dark continent. It is to erect a telegraph line from Alexandia, in Egypt, directly through the heart of the continent to Cape Town. The preliminary surveys have already been made. The line will traverse Egypt, the Soudan, the region of the great lakes, and the East Africa Company's territory, German East Africa, the Portuguese possessions, Mashonaland, Khama's country, Bechuanaland, the Transvaal, the Orange Free State and Cape Colony. Contracts have already beer signed for constructing the line for more than half the distance, and work is being rapidly pushed, so that the whole is expected to be in working order early next year.

The Atlanta Constitution eavs Congressman Brosius, of Pennsylvania, is a man who has a vivid recollection of his experience during the war. He came near losing his life in the fight with Pickett's forces at Green Plains. He was one of the 300 men who charged across a wheat-field, a third of a mile in width upon a Confederate rifle pit and of the number only 125 came out alive. The Confederates waited until the storming party was within twenty-five yards of the pit and then they opened deadly fire, he tells. Brosins, who was a boy of nineteen, stopped to pick up a wounded comrade, and as he did so a rifle ball pierced his shoulder, shattering the blade and making him a cripple for life. He still carries a memento of that day in the shape of own right and control for every past a pocket diary, which he were in his vest. There is the mark of a bullet in Astor is a husband and father, George it that would have gone through the Vanderbilt stands at the head of his young soldier's heart if it had not been stopped by the book.

timately the dog found himself on the single wire." Strange to say this dog blind. Scent is the great quality which enables dogs to perform some tricks. For example, the poodles are taught by their scent. The trainer touches the dominoes which the dog

has to play, and the animal, smelling them, picks them out from the rest and plays them. The pig is said to be the most diffi-cult animal to train. A clown who ex-

hibits a troupe of performing porkers does not believe in learned pigs. They are to be taught only by their weak point, their gluttony. "When I have got my young pig," he says, "I begin on the principle that I shall obtain nothing from him without satisfying his appetite. I feed him myself, and during a few days I vary his food in order to find out what he likes best. As soon as I have discovered his favorite dish I deprive him of it completely. This dish is my great talisman. The chief pig I am now performing with prefers beef fat. I put a piece in my pocket. I jump over hurdles and the pig follows me, doing likewise, in this way he learns his exercise and gets his I decrease the piece of fat every day and at last I give him nothing. Should he refuse to work I thrash him

till he does, and having completed his performance I recompense him with The elephant, on the contrary, is extremely intelligent, end his education would be easy but for his cumbersome weight, which forces the trainer to have

recourse to cruel means. For in-stance, to make him raise and hold out his foot an iron ring with sharp points is placed on it, and being drawn by a rope the points enter the flesh. The elephant, feeling the pain, lifts up his foot and keeps it in the air till the pain ceases. After a few repetitions he remembers the pain, and at the sight of the iron raises his foot. His instruction, thanks to his intelligence, is soon completed. Some elephants are taught in less than a fortnight to play on a drum,

Using Cameras to Check Cruelty.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, President Angell exhibited pictures taken with kodaks. He proposes to use the kodaks to show not only high check reins and horses mutilated by docking, to gether with owners who drive and ride them, but also all kinds of cruelty that can be found on cattle cars, in cattle yards, slaughter houses, markets,

Hostess-"So you are going to be married, Ethel?" Girl Friend-"Yes. "I thought you said you intended to remain single." "I did; but I've been taking lessons in the cooking school, and I don't want to waste them.". Chips.

Mrs. Fangle-"Have you seenred a lodger for your second floor yet, Mr. Goslin?" Goslin (horrified) -- "Thaven't been looking for a lodger, madam." Mrs. Fangle-"Why, I'm certain my husband told me you had rooms to let in your upper story."-Waif.

Her Friend-"I thought you were going to marry a man with a title or forever remain single." Mrs. Nuwedda forever remainsingle. "He has a title, I beg leave to inform you." "What is it, pray?" "Ducksy darling. I pave it to him myself."--Indianapolis Journal.

"You quite devoted yourself to that frightful-looking Van Stick on the train the other day, Edith; what on earth made you do that?" "Well, it was absolutely necessary to pay some attention to him. You don't suppose I wanted people to think he was my husband !"-Brooklyn Life.

For two house the fashionable lady kept the draper exhibiting his goods, and at the end of that period she sweetly asked : "Are you quite sure you have shown me everything you have?" "No, madam," and the draper, with an instanting smile, have yet an old account in my ladger which I shall very gladly show you Tid-Bits.

A misguided individual came up to young lady the other day and congratulated her upon her engagement. It may be rational to congratulate a wirl that it is no worse, or one of uncertain years on not missing her last trick, but neither would be advisable The best that an engaged girl's friends can do is to extend to her their best wishes and try to withhold the sigh, The man is the one to be congratulated

for he plunges into matrimony with both eyes open, and it is his own fault if he does not find the bliss for which he sighs. -Brooklyn Lafe.

Every American President has had from three to thirty two towns named for him. There are thirty cities and towns named after Alexander Hamillou, thirty Cliutous, twenty-four Websters, twenty Bentons, thirt-n Calbouns, seven Clays, ninetcen Jaineys, twenty-one Douglases, twenty Blaines.