really dumfounded at what followed.

on the inside was literally shot to

pened, as Bloomer himself was fond of

"You see, they didn't put me on. Never seen a sheriff yet that thought a

stage-driver had nerve enough to play

his hand out in a game like that; an

guessin' whether yer goin' ter drive back er ride 'n n box. But the way it

"You see that kid wa't stole the

ol' woman she put him on. She writes

a note ter France 'n' tells the kid ter

drap it in his pocket 'n' steal his hand-

kercher er snything else he could git

'roun' so's to git caught. Well, sir,

that ol' Black Rosa was a corker. She

that he gets the note. Then she sets

clean out-excited-'n' fainted on the

"So France, w'en be gits the ol' wo-

man's note, he just quietly lets Barney in, 'n' Barney he tells him his system,

back-door, 'n' they goes out 'n' lays

an' Barney he knows the place, an

fool me 'n' the road-agents both.

t'other a Swede.

to extricate it."

miners was a joshin' her.

"I reckon Black Rosa didn't know

"They say them Mexicans has al-

ways got a gradge ag'in' somebody, but never remembers a kindness; but

ver was a great power 'n Colorado 'n

Swallowing a Pin.

the amateur and professional dress-

maker, who invariably makes a pin-

possible consequences, and in my ignor-

ance I have wondered, "Now, if one

of those pins lodged in that dress-

maker's throat, how should I attempt

To-day I am wiser. If there were a

proceed to make a stiff little dumpling

of flour and water, bake it till it was

quite hard, and then give the unfor-

tunate victim a piece about the size of

The chances are that the point of

to do in the event of swallowing a pin

or tack is to make a stiff poultice and

Curious Anatomy of the Snake,

The anatomy of the snake is pe-

uliar, and has much to do with its

articulated with the vertebræ, and are

movable. By bending the body in

lateral curves, which is the only mode

of motion, and not the vertical bend-

ing, as many think, the scales, which

are attached to the ends of the ribs,

are separated, and, by their free

When the body is straightened out,

the ends of the ribs approach each

other, and so force the body forward,

then, by the bending of the other side

this movement is repeated, and so the

snake glides along. The same move-ment of the ribs and scales forces the

animal through the water, as it swims

with the head above the surface, and

with its body slightly submerged .-

Some Queer Lullables.

other chants over her infant;

Small, small, come out and be fed, Put out your horns and then your head, And thy mamma will give thee mutton, For thou art doubly dear to me.

The Arab tawny treasure seems to

e easiest sent into dreamland with the

Sweetly rest till morning light, My little farmer boy, so bright.

Hush thee, my baby, Thy mother a o'er the mountains gone; There she will dig the little garden patch. And water she'll fotch from the river.

The ancient Romans had a number

Aut dormi, aut lacta.

Sleep, my baby, sleep

And the little Zulu goes to:

Such lines as these the Chinese

New York Times.

take hold upon the ground.

a small walnut to swallow.

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It is apparent to the Toledo (Ohio) Commercial that the law must furnish more severe penalties for the crimes of train wrecking and train robberies. These crimes are becoming so numerous, and it is so seldom that the perpetrators are caught, that the most severe punishment should be dealt out when once the outlaws are brought to

Texas raises 1,200,000 bales of cotton, which yield nearly \$50,000,000. The cotton seed product exceeds 600,-000 tons. The sugar plantations on the Brazos alone produce 12,000,000 pounds of sugar and 1,200,000 gallons of molasses. Texas has 5,000,-600 sheep and clips 25,000,000 pounds of wool. The pecau trees of Texas yield every year 9,000,000 pounds of

There is a cross-country stage line from Abbott Village, Me., on the Piscataquis River, to Bingham, on the Kennebee, the only intervening settlements being Kingsburg and Mayfield, both such small villages that they are searcely distinguishable from the surrounding country. The length of the route is over twenty-five miles, and it is doubtful, declares the New York Post, if there are many more than fifty occupied dwelling-houses on the main road along the line.

It appears, according to the registration report of Massachusetts, that nearly twice as many women as men in that State live to be over eighty years of age. This is accounted for, explains the Chicago Herald, by the greater exposure of men to accidents, to weather agencies, to the constant strain of business life, to the anxiety of providing for the family, all of which tend to shorten the life of men. The deaths by accident among men are more than three-fold greater than among women and men commit suicide in about a three-fold ratio as compared with women.

"Our neighbor on the south, Mexico, gives us a great deal more trouble,' maintains the New York Sun, "than our neighbor on the north, Canada. If gangs of Canadian rebels were in the habit of entering our territory as the Mexican rebels enter it. Canada would be brought to order upon short notice. We put up with a great deal from Mexico. Troops of our army are in service against her rebels half the time. It is absurd in Minister Romero to say that these rebels are Americans. We have arrested lots of them, and all bore Mexican names, spoke Mexican Spanish and boasted they were Mexicans.

Among the 65,000,000 people in the United States, the Chicago Herald thinks there are probably not 500 outside of the locality who are aware that at the mouth of the Mississippi there is a little village built upon wooden piles standing far out into the water. This village, which is called Balize, is reached from the mainland by canoes or boats, and its inhabitants have to climb a kind of pole ladder to get to the doorways of their homes. This is probably the only place in the United States in which "pile dwellings"occur, but all along the Venezuelan coast and at the mouths of the Orinoco and the Amazon, similar villages are frequently met with, many of them inhabited by the Indian fishing tribes of the Amazon estuary.

The New York Press has compiled from the census report a table showing the wages paid in 123 cities as reported by the census of 1890. The aggregate in the 123 cities was 2,451,-679 operatives and \$1,318,077,618 wages paid. The number of hands and the wages paid in the cities of the country, where over 25,000 appear in the list of employes, are given in the

Name.	Operatives.	Ny Agen a
Buffalo	49,903	924,617,
Brooklyn	103,633	61,975,
Boston		54,636,
Baltimore	10000 11000	35,877,
Cleveland		27,596.
Cincinnati	All Street Area	43,934
Chicago		119,146
Detroit		19,277
Lowell		10,693
Minneapolis		16,322
Milwaukee		19,298,
Newark		24,568
New York City		223,537.
Pittsburg		\$3,998,
Provideace		19,069
Philadelphia		132,436
Rochester		16,529
San Francisco		29,860
	95,000	0.500

LADY BUTTON-EYES. When the busy day is done And my weary little one Rocketh gently to and fro ; When the night-winds softly blow And the crickets in the glen Chirp and chirp and chirp again ; When upon the haunted green Fatrice dance around their queen Then from yonder misty skies Cometh Lady Button-Eyes.

Through the murk and mist and gloam To our quiet, coay home, Where to singing, sweet and low, Where the clock's dull monotone Telleth of the day that's done ; Where the moonbeams hover o'er Playthings sleeping on the floor-Where my weary wee one lies Cometh Lady Button-Eyes,

Cometh like a fleeting ghost From some distant eerie coust Never footfall can you hear As that spirit fareth near-Never whisper, never word From that shadow-queen is heard. In ethereal raiment dight, From the realm of fay and sprite In the depth of yonder skies Cometh Lady Button-Eyes.

Layeth she her hands upon My dear weary little one, And those white hands, overspread Like a vell the curly head, Seem to fondle and caress Every little silken tress; Then she smooths the cyclids down Over those two eyes of brown-In such soothing, tender wise Cometh Lady Button-Eyes.

Dearest, feel upon your brow That caressing magic now; For the crickets in the glen Chirp and chirp and chirp again, While upon the haunted green Fairles dance around their queen, And moonbeams hover o'er Playthings sleeping on the floor-Hush, my sweet! from yonder skies Cometh Lady Button-Eyes! -Eugene Field, in Chicago Record,

TWO PIECES OF SILVER.

BY LEWIS H. EDDY.



UERTEa los grin-Black Rosa'r blacker than its natural the sheriff. viciously, and bony finger in by stealing my handkerchief.' the faces of the

"Get out of this!" one shouted. "We have had enough of you."

"Wears diamonds in the city, sneered a third.

"Get out! No beggars allowed!"

they all shouted. have chilled the blood of men unused looked puzzled. to her vicious ways. The crowd pushed and jostled her, and laughed at her murderous denunciation.

the miners and the miserable old woman as he came up the gulch.

'Here, my good woman," said he, 'here are two silver dollars. You had thought the senora might feel sorry better not stay around here," added, kindly, as she took the money and called blessings upon his generous soul. "The men are not used to giving

"He'd a better be savin' them two own command, but fell on the floor in its tension of the flesh. Another thing dollars to help out the pay-roll of the a heap Buil Domingo," remarked a saloon-keeper, who had been keeping a slate to a bed, and the leader remarked to swallow quite a quantity.—The Genfor nearly three months for the ac- that she would sleep till morning and tlewoman. commodation of workmen on that be neither help nor hindrance. It

sucker's heart" urged a miner. And dollars-for the Bull Domingo pay then the crowd fell to discussing the roll had been received, but, until anmaterial affairs of a camp, and for a nounced by Manager France, it was peculiar motion. The ribs are loosely time forgot the Mexican woman who not known when that gentleman occasionally came up from Durango would start for the mine.

on a begging expedition. Senora Rosalina Ortiz once enjoyed a happy home in the City of Mexico, rango. her birthplace. She had all the opsunk so low in vice and crime that fellow on the inside. she was accounted well fitted for anything from begging and petty thiev-

ing, even to the cutting of a throat. She was married to a hardened character known as "Robber Dan," an wheeler that the fellow on the inside American whose life both in and out might possibly "rise to an appreciaof the penitentiary was a series of tion o' the society of a stage-driver be easiest sent into dream misdeeds. He had earned his title as and his hosses if the muzzle of a following bucolic verse: she had carned hers. They were well double-barrel shotgun should happen mated in their criminal careers, to appear at the window of the coach though the woman thus far had known Of course Bloomer was not really no more of prison life than is afforded expecting such a surprise for his un

The ill-treatment she had received at gun appeared, with three others, and the hands and tongues of the miners accompanied by an order to "throw at Rico had burned into her soul like down them ribbons and throw up them a hot iron, though the wound was hands," he was himself so completely largely healed by the soft words and surprised that he obeyed without a of luliables. One began:

ever to be able to carry out her threat appearance of road-agents, he was of death to all-save her own raceand equally incapacitated to insure the | For five minutes there was a rattle of blessings which she had invoked, shotguns, as if a miniature battle were neither her curses nor her prayers being fought. When it was all over, were heeded. However, none who two stage-robbers were fatally woundknew her had any faith in Black Rosa's ed and the other two surrendered to possession of good will toward anyone Sheriff Barney-and the man of straw of American or European blood. Even Robber Dan'smale companions pieces. And this is the way it all hap-

in crime-who formed the most notorious and daring band of robbers in telling it: Southern Colorado—did not escape the vindictive spirit of Black Rosa. But the woman was useful to them ! and, when plentifully supplied with drink, there was no crime too black I don't know but a feller would git a for her wicked heart, nor scheme too | leetle bit rattled a-wonderin' how he's deep for her cunning brain. If she possessed a single redeeming trait, no game. It's purty ticklish bizness to ne had been able to discover it. be a-sittin' on a stage through the Durango was ablaze with the glory long, dark hours o' the night n' aone had been able to discover it.

of frontier life-a glory which comes but once in the lifetime of a new town. But there was then little regard felt all happened was like this: for the future by the fortune-hunters who swarmed the streets and filled up handkercher done that fer a blind. His the hotels and held high revelry in the saloons and dance halls of that

Honest men with capital, seeking to double their investments in a fort- his hands on, 'n' then kinder loiter night, stood on the same level of association with the horse thief and the road agent. Mine prompters and gives the whole snap away in the note, gamblers drank over the same bar. 'n' she tells France ter have the boy The crack of the stage-driver's whip put in jail, 'n' that'd be a tip fer her was but the echo of the pistol shot,

John France stood leaning with his up a howl 'n' throws the gang off, an" back against the end of the bar in the havin' bin drinkin' considerable 'n, saloon attached to the leading hotel of feelin' a leetle bit skeered that her the town. His hands were thrust into play wouldn't win, she was knocked the side pockets of his sack coat, while his face wore a puzzled look. John dead square. France's handkerchief, was missing. That was a mere incident, yet he continued to look puzzed.

"Going back to the mine in the 'n' they plays it to win. W'en France orning?" asked the clerk of the he goes up to his room, Barney he goes morning?" asked the clerk of the hotel a minute later, as France approached the desk and asked for writing material.

"Stage leaves at 2 o'clock." "Well, call me a half-hour earlier, and don't, for your head, let me miss the stage. I must be at the mine to-

morrow by all means. By the way, I rights.

That inside passenger's w'at knocked me cold. They puts the stageagent onto the play, 'n' he fixes up a straw man—w'at ye calls a dummy— A few minutes later, while France was still busy writing, Sheriff Barney small, sugular approached him and presented a little form shook with Mexican chap, in whose possession had rage. Her face been found the silk handkerchief.

"What shall I do with him?" asked hne, if that were
possible. Trembling in every
nerve, she glared

'Lock him up," answered the
manager of the Bull Domingo, sternly
- 'lock him up! That is the little
rascal who came to me a few minutes ago begging for money. I gave him shook a long, two-bits, and he shows his gratitude

The attention of the loungers about group of miners who, with jests and the hotel office was attracted to these eers, had met her supplications for loudly spoken words of John France; did not hear what he said in a hurried undertone to the sheriff, so there was a murmur of indignation "She's got plenty of money," cried against the man who would seek the punishment of a child for stealing silk handkerchief-and that after it had been returned.

John France laughed and went to his room, while the sheriff smiled, as "Muerte a los gringos!" repeated he always smiled in danger and out, the woman, with a shrick which would and led the boy away. The crowd

"He had my boy locked up, did details of this little episode were re-Manager France, of the Bull Do- lated to her. The face of the little mingo, heard the disturbance between Mexican woman seemed ablaze with indignation. "He shall pay for this!" Senora forgets the two silver

dollars!" taunted Robber Dan; "I brisk fire at hand, I should instantly that we had planned to rob this fine Americano. But it's all right now -is it, dearest?" he added mockingly. soul. "The men are not used to giving "Rob him! Murder him!" yelled alms, and they will only treat you un Black Rosa, and she staggered from her chair as if she would carry out her the pin would adhere to this, and loose

had been known for twenty-four hours It's a woman as always breaks a that the money-some ten thousand

At twelve o'clock that night four

men, heavily armed, rode out of Du-Two hours laier the stage followed portunities of education, both in them, with one occupant on the inside Spanish and English, and in her early and the driver alone on the front boot. married life had traveled much. But It was a lonely ride. Bloomer, the misfortune came to her in the death driver, might as well have been enof her husband and two of their three tirely unaccompanied so far as the inchildren, after the loss of all the prop- side occupant of the coach was conerty they possessed. They had for cerned. But he was used to these several years made their bome in the lonely rides, and when a passenger United States, where Senor Ortiz had preferred to be exclusive it simply exdied, leaving his widow penniless. hibited to Bloomer the poor taste of Poverty and sin were her undoing, the passenger. So he talked to his and when the Colorado mining fever horses, and sang to them, and passed filled the mountains with fortune the lonely hours as comfortably as if seekers of high and low degree, Senora he had been surrounded by a half-Ortiz drifted to Durango. She had dozen passengers, and soon forgot the

Coming to a bend in the road, where the ascent of the first steep mountain is begun, Bloomer fell into a reflective mood, and remarked to the nigh

sociable passenger; so when the shot-

silver so kindly bestowed by John word of protest.

France. But, since she was not likely. If he was surprised at this sudden

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

The gust is provided with a regular set of lancets and cupping glass from which the air can be withdrawn. Physiologists say that the gastric glands of the stomach of an adult hu-

an being number over 5,000,000. At Great Falls, Montans, the mereury has been known to drop twenty-

five degrees inside of five minutes. Plants placed under blue glass will starve, because they cannot absorb earbonic acid from the atmosphere. It is said that blue-eyed cats are

white ones are afflicted with the same infirmity. on the mapping of the world, claims that only one-eighth of the land sur-face of the globe may still be described

as unexplored. The Capitol at Hartford, Conn., is of marble and local engineers claim that it expands one inch to each 100 feet, being three inches longer in summer than in winter.

of the globe is so great that, if a block of steel four feet in cubical dimen-sions were placed there, it would be reduced to a nine-inch cube, Germany is the greatest zinz-producing country of the world. The

The density of things at the centre

main district is in Upper Silesia, where the metal is made from calanine and zinz blended by distillation. The idea of an ancient tropical continent at the South Pole uniting South America, Madagascar and Australia is arousing considerable interest and

discussion in scientific circles. Sandpaper grows on trees in Dutch Guiana, for the leaves of the trees known botanically as the Dillonia scabrelia are so rough on the surface

'n' gits his team 'n' meets Prance at the that they can be used as sandpaper. A multiple filament lamp which has for the gang. 'S only one place on the road where a job o' stage-robbin' could be done 'n' the robbers git away, been used for some time in Germany is thus described: It contains a number of filaments united in common at the upper part. Each half can, therethat's where they camps 'n' waits for fore, be used with any of the others, the gang-an' they gits 'em dead to thus enabling all but one-half of a filament to be used up or broken before the lamp must be renewed. The extra expense of this arrangement, it is said, is much less than the equiva-lent in new lamps. Furthermore, several of the filaments can be used at 'n' he loads him into the stage so's to once, thus increasing the candle power.

Horse as a Reasoning Animal.

how near she was a-callin' the turn w'en she prescribed death for gringos. "It is a mistaken idea that none but She didn't git the ones she was after human beings can reason and that in the fust place, but I reckon the dumb animals have not that power," death of her ol' man 'n' Pete Johnson said Professor Albert A. Palmer, of suited her notions better, w'en she come to size up the job, fer they was both gringos-one was American 'n'

"I am fully prepared to demonstrate that the animals inferior to man have reasoning faculties, and that what is generally termed instinct plays an important part in their doings and

the way that play was made, it looks "Let me give a single example. 1 like ol' Black Rosa didn't fergit John have a friend of the name of Down-France's kind words to her w'en the ing, who owns a string of valuable race horses. In his string is a horse "Yes; perraps the two silver dollars known as Speedwest. A day or so be-fore a race in which the horse is endid have somethin' to do with it-siltered he generally sends him out on them days."-San Francisco Argonaut. the track mounted by a stable boy for a little preparatory work. This horse will not take kindly to his work. I have often looked with alarm at and no amount of persuasion with whip or spur can get him away from a common canter. cushion of her mouth, regardless of

"I noticed this peculiarity in the animal, and one day suggested to Downing that perhaps the horse knew that he was not expected to race, and for that reason could not understand exactly what was required of him. I prevailed upon him to dress the stable boy in the colors usually worn in a race and try the horse again. He did so, and the boy was placed in front of the animal for a moment that he might see the colors.

"The result was that when the boy mounted again the horse broke at the word of command and set off at a long swinging gallop, which he increased to a run, finishing the work under a strong pull. Another stable boy was put up without the colors, and the horse refused to leave the loping gait at which he started out. A second time the colors were used and again the animal set out at a rate of speed

calculated to break the record. "What do you call that, instinct or easoning? I contend that the horse had a rational faculty which he exercised at will. He knew that without the colors he had nothing in particular to gain by extending himself to a swift run. When the colors were put on the horse reasoned that there was some object in view. He reasoned that he was already prepared for a race and made his pace accordingly without being urged."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Nine Rode on One Railroad Ticket,

A widow who gave her name as Mrs.

Simpson came into the Union Depot Thursday over the C. B. and Q. Road from Pierre, South Dakota, with eight children. They all rode on one ticket. That was the one the mother bought for herself. The entire Union Depot force was laughing about it

The widow had changed roads several times. Each time she met a new conductor a row ensued, but she came out victorious every time. The children were all small. The railway rules allow children under six years of age to ride free. "Are they all your children?" the conductor would ask. "Yes, sir, they are. Don't they look like me?" "Weli, I can't carry all of them, for some of them are over six years old." "Why, there are two pairs of twins in among them," would exultingly exclaim; then all the passengers would laugh, and the entire delogation got their little feet on the one ticket and rode safely through.-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, was founded three centuries ago,

IT FEEDS ON CARPETS.

THE TROUBLESOME "CARPET BEE-TLE" OR "BUFFALO BUG."

First Discovered About Twenty Years Ago-The Pest Described-How It May Be Destroyed.

THE carpet beetle (Anthrenus scropulariæ) also known as "the buffalo bug," was, like almost every other noxious insect to be found in this country, introduced from Europe, and, though it has hardly been in the country twenty always perfectly deaf, and that pure years, has thoroughly made its hou among us and has done incalculable

> Professor J. A. Lintner, the State entomologist, in one of his reports says that the insect was first discovered in 1874, and he found it in his own house at Schenectady in 1876. In describing the pest he writes:

> The earliest beetles emerge in October and continue appearing during the fall, winter and spring months. They pair soon after appearance, and the female almost at once lays eggs in cracks of the floor and in nooks, so that during the next summer the carpet may be yet more enten.

> The beetle is quite small, smaller than would be ordinarily expected, considering the size of the larva—being only about one-eighth of an inch long by one-twelfth of an inch broad. It is almost a perfect ellipse and its back and under surface are rounded. When turned upon its back it counterfeits death, with its legs so closely folded to the surface as scarcely to be seen, and in this state the ordinary observer might be at a loss to know the

> lower from the upper side. It is a beautifully marked insect, in its contrasting colors of white, black and scarlet, arranged as follows: The edge of the wing-covers, where they meet on the back, is bordered with red, forming a center red line, with three deep red projections from it outwardly-one on the middle of the back and one other toward each end. At the extreme tip of the wing-covers is a widening of the bordering line, making almost a fourth projection from it. The first projection near the head is connected with a white spot, running upward on the middle of the front border of the wing-cover. On the outer border of the wing-covers are three white spots, nearly opposite the red projections. The intermediate pieces are black. The segments of the body beneath are covered with palered scales, and the thoracic region, which bears the legs, with whitish

scales Professor W. Beuttenmuller entomologist at the Natural History museum, said a few days ago: "These insects have done considerable damage to carpets and rugs since the little pests were introduced here, twenty years ago. Those carpets, however, which are frequently taken up and shaken are little, if at all, damaged, for they are no longer a comfortable dwelling place for this insect, which is of a secretive and re-

'It seems probable that the pest was imported simultaneously by carpet dealers in New York and Boston, and thence shipped in goods to inland eities. Dr. R. Hagen, of Cambridge, in 1875, for instance, traced threequarters of the infected carpets brought to his notice to a particular line of goods sold in a single establishment in Boston. At the present day this insect is one of the greatest usehold pests in the New England States. It destroys carpets and all woolen goods, while furs do not escape its attacks.

"The beetles fly to the windows and may often be caught upon the panes of glass; they are also captured out of doors upon flowers. The insect generally attacks the carpets around the borders of the room. The remedies are benzoline and napthaline ; but perhaps the best way to get rid of them is to lay a wet-cloth over the carpet and iron with a hot flat-iron; the steam generated will certainly kill every larva it comes in contact with. Other remedies are camphor, pepper, tobacco, turpentine and carbolic acid."

Inquiry was made of one of the largest carpet dealers as to what he advised as the best way to destroy the "Pest! My dear sir, we don't consider it a pest. In fact, the buffalo bug is one of our best consumers; but if people want to get rid of them I can recommend the following: Take every piece of furniture out of the room and open every door and window; and if it is a windy day all the better. Take a stiff broom and sweep over the carpet with a strong hand, paying particular attention edges and those spots over which furniture has been resting. This done, say once a month, will effectually keep

away the carpet bug."

It may be added that the name "buffalo bug" was not derived from the city of that name in this State, but was given to the insect years ago in California owing to its miniature resemblance to the now almost extinct animal. It had been probably brought to California from Europe by the Spaniards. - New York Tribune

Youth and Old Age.

"Why is it," asked an elderly gentleman who has been all over the world, 'that a young man will insist upon having other people think he is a much older man than he really is, and an old man makes himself silly by trying to pose as a young man? These are certainly two extremes, but if you have had any experience at all, you will recognize the fact that what I say is true. The boys will simulate maturity and the old men will try to appear young. Which is the most laughable?"—Philadelphia Call.

About three hundred million feet of lumber are cut annually in Alebama.

WINTER'S MINSTREL,

Beside my hearth, in genial glow of heat, I close my book of song and legend old To hear the ancient minstrel of the cold Recite his enga with the rhythmic beat, Against the window-panes, of Runic steet. He came at set of sun across the wold

With chilly winds -his brothers, warriogbold-That whirl late leaves unto their last defeat

And pound upon belated sails at sea. He chants the dirge of Balder lying low, This minstrel boar, the while I listen Rean, Applaud his numbers, swelling and and free, Then turn once more unto my book and

Oblivious, wandering through some mead-

-- Chicago Record.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"All broke up" -- The World's Fair. Pastimes-The middle ages. - Truth. Lovers' quarrels should be soft snaps.

Debt makes a man look as useless as he letter b in the word, --Hello.

The messenger boy is wedded to his idles. --Glens Falls Republican. "This is the lap of luxury," remarked

the kitten as she came across a bowl of cream. The astronomer's business, in spite of

the dull times, is looking up. -Lowell Courier. In the shoemsking business the first

is the last and the last first. - Rochester Democrat.

Nell-"Miss Passe hasn't a very beautiful form, has she?" Belle-

No, but she makes up for it."-Phildelphia Record. When you loan a man \$10 you are apt to learn that it is no easy thing to

oursue the even tenner."-Gleus Falls Republican. Buy your mushrooms only from your botanist, and be sure that your botanist understands his botany."-

Philadelphia Ledger. "The sentence is that ye be hanged," said a Welsh Judge to a poor criminal, "and I hope it may prove a warning to

you."-London Tit-Bits. He may be called an honest man
As one could wish to behold
But if you'll notice you surely will find
He's not above taking cold.

-Chicago Inter-Ocean

The Spinster-"Those jokes on the age of woman are so tiresome." The Debutante—"Yes, I understand how you feel about them."-New York

"You ought to be very proud of your wife. She is a brilliant talker." "You're right there." "Why, I could listen to her all night." "I often do." -Texas Siftings.

Professor of Logic-"I put my hat down in the room; I cannot see it anywhere; there has been nobody in besides myself; ergo, I am sitting on it!"-El Nervion.

Father-"Is that young girl you're going to marry economical?" Son (enthusiastically) - 'I should say so! Why, last year she spent \$2500 in bargains!"-Chicago Record. Customer-"Have you a copy of

Tifteen Decisive Battles? seller-"No, sir; we are sold out. But we can give you 'Reflections of a Married Man.' "-Tid-Bits.

Codling—"Why did you speak to that howid twamp, dear boy?" Softly —"Why should at I, old chappie? He isn't in twade and he doesn't work faw a living."-Boston Globe.

"It's wonderful, "remarked the editor, "how proud a man acts when he is going to have his picture pub lished and how humble he is after it has happened."-Washington Star.

Love hath a million tender ways
For simples and for scholars,
And yet for love some have no praise
Without a million dollars.

— Detroit Free Pres "I tell you that idleness don't pay, The surest way for a person to get ahead is to keep moving." "Guess you're right. That's the way four or

five tenants got ahead of me last week." - Buffalo Courier. It is useless to tell a boy who has determined to become a barber that he must "begin at the foot," and it is equally a waste of time to say to a boy who intends to be a chiropodist that he will reach head some day. - Har-

Mr. Jones-"So you are the new servant my wife has hired. I suppose rou had good references?" New Ser vant-"Yes, indeed. I was in my last place three years and they gave me a time allowance of nine months for

good behavior." - Texas Siftings. Chief Miller- 'Say, Sleuthpup, did on eatch that thief?" Sleuthpup-"No, sir." Chief Miller "Well, why didn't you catch him?" Detective Sleuthpup—"I don't know, Chief, unless it's because I've just been vaccinated."-Philadelphia Record.

Largest Range Light in the World,

The Lighthouse Board will shortly begin the construction of the largest ent site of the Wasekanek Beacon, just east of Sandy Hook. The lens, which was on exhibition at the Columbian Exposition, is six feet high and three feet in diameter. The lens cost \$12. 000, and is of the best French make. When placed on exhibition a small light was put behind it, but the rays were so powerful that it had to be renoved and shown without a light. The light from the new beason will be equal to that of a search light. The light is a very important one, as it is used by mariners entering the main hip channel after rounding Sandy Hook bound in .- Scientific American.