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The United States produce annually forty-six million tons of hay.

Bicycles used for business purposes are not taxed in France. All others are. Last year 182,276 machines were taxed.

"If it is true, as the Census Bureau alleges," asks the Chicago Record, "that there are 100,000 more married men in the country than there are married women, what, in the name of Hymen, are those 100,000 men married to ?"

The nativo Russian peasantry of Esthonia and Livonia, now numbering altogether about 1,500,000, have sent thirteen deputation to St. Petersburg to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of their emancipation by the Emperor Alexander I.

According to the Chicago Herald all the United States Senators from the States south of the Potomac served in the Confederate armies except Irby, of Sonth Carolina, and Blanchard, of Louisiana, who were too young then for military service.

At the annual meeting of the Hannemann Hospital Association in Philadelphia the other day an interesting explanation of the crowded condition of the hospital was made. Secretary Lewis said the institution had been crowded beyond its mpacity, and the number of typhoid fever cases was in excess of all previous years. This condition the physicians ascribe to the business depression and consequent worry of men over financial matters.

The death of David Dudley Field, the eminent New York jurist, recalls to the Philadelphia Ledger the most remarkable story of four famous brothers, all of whom led useful lives. Cyrus West Fields, one of these brothers, who died in 1892, was the projector of the Atlantic cable ; David Dudley Field distinguished himself as a lawyer and acquired a national reputation by his codification of the laws of New York. Other brothers are Su-Freme Court Justice Stephen J. Field and Dr. Henry M. Field, the editor of the Evangelist. They were sons of a poor, but distinguished Berkshire clorgyman, who managed to give three of his sons a collegiate education, of which they made excellent use.

Department have found a curious coast, the twilight or dawn upon typographical error in the Bering Sea plains o: mountains sometimes brings recently passed by Congress, and

A Missouri nursery farm has offered to give every boy and girl in Pike County enough standard apple trees to plant an acre of ground.

Italy's Foreign Minister cogently reasons that war is improbable because no European sovereign wants it and public opinion is against it.

Holland puts all beggars to work at farming, whether they like it or not, and there is less of that sort of thing in that country than in any other civilized country in the world.

Canon Wilberforce, in a recent interview published in the Westminster Gazette, contends that the lower animals are immortal, and uses his belief as an argument against the establishment of a Pasteur institute in England.

It is an interesting fact that out of the 68,403 postoffices in the United States the ten largest furnished thirtyand two-tenths per cent. or nearly onethird of the entire revenues of the department in the last fiscal year. These ten postoffices are located at New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Brooklyn, San Francisco, Baltimore and Pittsburg, and they rank in the order given. Chicago is No. 2 in the list and shows the largest increase in business, which was eighteen and three-tenths per cent. St. Louis comes second with ten and four-tenths per cent., Cincinnati next with nine and four-tenths and New York next with eight and seven-tenths

The proposal of Kaiser William to make the peanut a liberal portion of the German soldier's rations has an unusual interest for American farmers, maintains the American Farmer. First, it is something that there is a fair margin of profit on, which there is not on wheat and corn sold abroad. Second, we would not have, for the present at least, the destructive competition of Russia and Argentina, But we fear that just as soon as the Kaiser's saldaten begin to eat peanuts in considerable quantities, he will order the German colonies in Africa to go into peanut raising. Anyway, it will be some years at least before they can produce as good and cheap peanuts as we can raise in the South.

per cent.

While there are no night mirages in the far West like the one of an inverted shore, lighthouse, and vessels, Officials of the United States Navy recently seen off the North Carolina astrange magnifying of celestial bodies near the horizon. Thus, at close of It is feared, states the New Orleans a day, when from evaporating snow or Picayane, that it may invalidate the a recent rainfall the air is humid near whole law. The award of the Paris the ground, the going down of a red Tribunal prohibited the capture of and sullen sun below the western sky scals at all times within a zone of sixty line is sometimes followed almost comiles round the Pribyloff Islands, | incidentally by the rising in the east of a full moon, as vast and fiery, which, red and portentous, seems to poise at the moment of its complete emergence over prairie, ridge or mountain, threatening to roll, a burning sphere, down the slope toward the beholder. Similarly, the morning and evening stars at times take on size and colors so extraordinary that even the experienced plainsmen can scarcely believe that new and vast constellations have not appeared for the first time in the heavens.

IN THE HEART. If no kindly thought or word We can give, some soul to bless ; If our hands, from hour to hour, Do no deeds of gentleness ; If to lone and weary ones We no comfort will impart-The' 'tis summer in the sky, Yot 'the winter in the heart 1 If we strive to lift the gloom

From a dark and burdened life ; If we seek to hall the storm Of our fallen brother's strife ; If we bid all hate and scorn From the spirit to depart-Tho' 'tis winter in the sky, Yet 'tis summer in the heart !

-George Cooper, in Sunday School Times. GRANDPA PINNEY'S MOVING

BY BELLE C. GREENE.

H dear, Abner !" ex- still, claimed Mrs. Rod- him. gers to her husband one May morning as

have to keep one eye on gran'pa I could do more. Seems as if he grew worse and worse. She paused with a sigh. Her hus-

"When the peddler called yesterday

playing with her, so I ventured to go ap garret and pick over the rage-it makes such a litter down here-and when 1 got back gran'pa was still setting there and fast asleep. I thought of-doors, free and welcome. overything was all right, but come to She knew then that he remake my fire for dinner a few minutes after, there was an awful towsing and mowing in the oven. I opened the but a natural instinct, the protest of door and out jumped the cat! If his self-respect. After that she could the same I suppose !"

"Now, Abner," said his wife, rewhat a good man he's been, and what children to do so by you, in your old

death-more'n paid his keep till the tient with graud'pa. Just think of

Inst. "And father Pinney has already more than paid his keep, if he lives to be a hundred, and you know it !" re-

form around them, just below where the main branches joined the trunks, and made some steps to lead up to it. the door opening into the parlor. "The money ! the money !" screame Then on the last day of May, which Abner, frantically, and rushed inte was unusually warm for the season, flames, only to be driven quickly back in spite of his daughter's coaxing and scolding, he insisted on dragging his bed and bedding up there. A single chair and his Testament completed He flew outdoors and round to the parlor windows, hoping to gain en trance there; but he was too late. The whole house seemed to be in flames,

the furnishing. it burned like tinder. From that time on, not only did he spend his days in the tree chamber, but he actually slept there at night. aroused, before Abner and his wife thought of anything but the money, Nothing but a smart shower could drive him into the house. the whole house and all it contained What seemed strange, no harm came

-everything gone in a night ! to him from the exposure. He did At first the thought of his loss drove not get the terrible colds and rheumatism that Belinda had feared; on Abner almost wild. He raved like a madman, and his wife looked into his the contrary, he seemed to grow stronger and happier every day. And face in speechless agony. she found she could accomplish twice

What could she say? How was she to comfort a man like him for the lost as much work. It was true, as Abnor of his property? She did not think had said, "he was out of her way;" still, she did not feel quite easy about of herself for a moment; she only felt for him

But all she could do was to pray It seemed a dreadful thing to have silently that God would mercifully her old father sleeping out there alone she bustled about in the darkness of the night! So she help him to bear his grief. And as it the kitchen, "I don't anxiously hoped that he would not in answer to her humble prayer, a miracle began then and there to be

worked in Abner's sordid soul. While But a few days after the recorded he sat on the great chopping-block iz conversation, Belinda came home from an errand to a neighbor's house, to ind that the "May-moving" had taken of his hopes, gradually his misery

seemed to abate. The sun had risen, the birds were twittering in the trees, and by and by

the cows came up the lane one by one "Let him be, he's all right; nothing of their own accord to the milking happened to him last year." of their own accord to the milking What finally recordied Belinda more than anything else was a remark put their heads over the fence and whinnied, and finally the great rooster which gave her new insight into his strutted up quite close to Abner and crowed encouragingly. Abner, looking "Belindy, darter," he said, "don't up into his wife's face, almost smiled hender me. Everything is free out-"I forgot the creatures," he said,

slowly. "They're left to us-and there's the land. If we only had the She knew then that he realized how money to build the new house with J grudgingly he was housed and fed. wouldn't care. His withdrawal from the house seemed "Never mind; we shall get along

somehow. I reckon the Lord'll prothere'd been a hot fire he'd done just not oppose him farther. She allowed vide," she answered cheerfully. "Belindy," said Abner, tremulously, him the most perfect freedom to come

"the worst of it is I deserve it all. And looking over a lot of garden-seeds for the spring sowing, laughed shortly and does of the birds and the rest of His with evident effort, "I-I'm afraid I've creatures," she said to herself, trust-fully. Belindy-I suppose-it was One day Abner came in very much my own hand that set that fire. You

see I went into the parlor just at dusk to make sure the money was safe be-"Belindy !" he exclaimed, "what should you say to an offer of four fore going to bed, and not contented thousand dollars for the old place! with feeling it, I lit a match to see. I expect that match done the mischief; What kind of an offer is that, hey?" and he rubbed his hands in great sat- it must be! And I believe it's a judgment upon me, too.

"Yes," he sobbed, breaking down entirely now, "yes, I've been a grasp-"I should say it was a bouncing ing, wicked man, and now granpa's He went on excitedly to tell her the money-

At the mention of grandpa Belinda sprang up with a cry, and hastened to "And now, Abner," she said presently, in her coaxing way, "I do hope the chamber in the tree, closely followed by her husband. In their selyou'll try and feel a little more pafish grief they had quite forgotten all that money coming to us through grandpa! Was he safe?

They clambered quickly up the steps "The best of it is," continued and reached the landing. There on Abner, who just now could think of the bed lay the old man, still sleeping. turned his wife, indignantly. "You always lay out to forget that he's give it is, Belindy, it's going to be paid down! So all I've got to do is to him.

As they looked upon him, the thought

PHENOMENAL GROWTH OF A DO-MESTIC INDUSTRY.

AMERICAN ORANGE TRADE.

Driving the Foreign Fruit From Our Market-Immense Yields of Florids and California Trade.

THE growth of the American

orange trade has been phe-nomenal, and its history is full Before any of the neighbors were of interest. Thirty years ago the oranges consumed in this country were obtained mainly from the Mediwas gone-money, furniture, clothing terranean countries, the tart Sicilian orange, however, being supplemented

by the "sweet Havanas," which latter have since been so completely surpassed by the even more luscious Floridas, the finest oranges in the

world, that they now practically exist only in memory. Only three decades ago the entire orange trade of this country was controlled by a few extensive importers. Business was then done entirely on orders, the importers sending their orders abroad every fall, at which season sailing vessels, which have since been entirely supplanted by steamships, were chartered to transport the fruit from Sicilian and other

Mediterranean ports to this country; in fact, September was the month in which business arrangements were an-nually made six months in advance of their fulfillment.

This method of conducting business existed for many years, but in 1865, the growers of Sicilian oranges, who had previously sold their crops entirely on orders, began to ship them to this country on consignment. The old importers then gradually abandoned their original methods and began to receive fruit as consignees, instead of importing it. New firms en-tered the field and strong competition sprang up in the business, which was

then profitable, as may be seen by the fact that a single New York firm, in one season, realized a clear profit of over \$30,000 on its Sicilian consignments alone.

About fifteen years later the American fruit firms were largely superseded by Italians, the fruit growers of Sieily and the native shippers of Palermo and other Mediterranean ports sending their sons and relatives to this country to establish firms, till now only three or four distinctly Ameriican firms of prominence remain in the business. During the last ten years, however, the importation of oranges from the Mediterranean has steadily decreased, and, while large quantities continue to come from Sicily, the imports from Spain have dwindled into utter insignificance. The decline of importation was brought about by the rapid growth of the do-

mestic orange industry, which has been most remarkably developed. Foreign growers at first ridiculed the idea that they could ever be deprived of the American market, in which they had long been accustomed to reap bountiful harvests annually, but their ridicule was soon turned to regret.

"Johnny," said the teacher, "is a

"She would be better Lenawithout her husband, wouldn't she ?" Lanra-"I should say so. His life is insured for \$40,000."-Truth. When a man begins to remark how different children are now from what they were when he was a boy, he may look for gray hairs in his head. - Puck.

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Then haiting on the path of life, Tensing and muto she stands,

TO-MORROW.

And, as men gaze with hope or fear, She beckons with her hands.

Thus, tempestress-like, she leads men on

But will not suffer them

To touch the veil that masks her face Or o'en her garment's hem,

And as they follow wistfully

Along the vale of years,

Valuiy they strive to see if she Is smilling or in tears.

-C. H. Williams, in Philadeiphia Life.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

What is life but a great cake-walk .---Galveston News.

When a man is the slave of gold, he is serving a pretty hard master. When genius attains to a dress-suft

t has become celebrity .-- Puck. Some clocks strike ten when it is only six. It is the same way with many men.

"Business" covers a multitude of transactions just out of reach of the aw,-Puck

A woman is never so likely to be mistaken as when she is perfectly sure she is right.

The angler is so absorbed in his hobby that he generally fishes with baited breath.

Good cooks can make pie of everything, from beefsteak to vinegar .--Atchison Globe.

Hannibal succeeded in crossing the Alps; but he didn't have any hotel bills to pay.--Puck.

A good resolution is supposed to be one that will stretch a little when necessary .--- Galveston News.

"You say he is a bad egg. How did you find it out?" "He showed it the moment he was broke."—Fun.

It is is easy for a man to paddle his own cance when his parents buy the cance and paddle for him. -Puck.

When hearts are broken, as we find ;

They are by woosts rash, To heal them over, neatly bind In politices of cash. —Washington Star.

When the pot calls the kettle black, the kettle fearlessly demands an in-vestigation of the color of the pot.--Puck.

It is better to walk and catch the next ferry-boat than to run for dear life and miss the one that is just starting,-Puck.

Hardup is a pretty decent sort of chap, but he never sticks to anything." "Did you ever lend him any money?" -Philadelphia Record.

The star of hope may shine overhead, but we feel more security when we can get her anchor planted safely in the mud below.-Puck.

About that time, only a single decade jackass a biped or a quadruped?" "Please, sir, " said Johnny, ' that deago, the Florida orange industry sprang into prominence as if by magic, pends on the jackass."-Life.

see how in this world think of going this year. I'm ever going to get through with all my spring workcleaning and everything ! If I didn't place. Abner, who had been a witness to the proceeding, only said, carelessly

feeling.

elated.

him l'

band waited silently for more.

he was setting quiet as a lamb by the stove, with the cat in his lap, kind of her father made in his rambling way,

Abner, who was sitting by the table | and go as he liked.

shrugged his shoulders. "You know what I think about fully. gran'pa's doings," he said; "you know where I think folks had ought to go when they lose their faculties and are no good to themselves nor anybody elso

proachfully, "don't say you'd send and he ru gran'pa to the poorhouse! Think isfaction. a smart man. How can you be so un-feeling! You wouldn't want your said his wife. particulars.

age." "I sha'n't probably outlive my use fulness," answered Abner, coldly. "My father worked till the very day of his

are wondering what its effect may be. "inclusive" of the territorial waters. The bill, as introduced by Mr. Morgan, Chairman on the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, contained the correct phraseology, but when it was printed the types made the word "exclusive," and the bill was so passed. What the legal effect of the error may be still remains to be seen, but some people think that the Senate will have to reconsider its work and pass the bill again formally before it will be properly operative. There is a good deal of red tape about legal matters.

facts of the time, asserts Frank Leslie's Weekly. "And as indicating the growth of a provident spirit and habit The surplus, as regards policy holders, 549,186. These figures leave no room fortunes of life to those who would otherwise be defenseless. It is no doubt true that the cost of insurance in some of the standard companies is much lower charges to the policy which few persons with others deregard."

The western part of Kansas, it is

said, has been losing its population The rapid development of the life rapidly within the past few years. insurance business of this country is | Twenty-two counties, which in 1888 one of the most remarkable economic contained a population of 102,669 souls, now have but 54,663. This exodus has been due to the long and destructive droughts, to which the reamong our people, it is a fact of im- gion is subject; and the farmers who mense significance. Some conception remain are still setting up windmills of the magnitude of this intere t is and endeavoring by their help to trafforded by the returns of the thirty- rigate their fields. The loss of poputwo old style life insurance companies lation has not been so marked, hownow doing business in this State. The ever, in the farming districts as in the total amount of premiums paid into towns. All along the railroads are these companies last year was \$192,- towns, which once contained a teem-706,838. The death claims paid dur- ing population, and promised a great ing the year amounted to \$75,903,820. | future, but are now practically tenantless. At Chico, for instance, the train held by these companies at the begin- now stops only on signal. Once its ning of the present year was \$116,. arrival was a great event, and crowds of people swarmed to the station. In for doubt as to the steadily increasing that day Chico had the appearance, at popularity of life insurance as a means | least, of prosperity, and boasts were of assuring reasonable protection made of its growth. Kanopolis was against the accidents and adverse to be the hub of Kansas, and castern capitalists, some of them men of note, invested liberally in the future of the town. To-day its ambitious Capitol square is used for a sheep pasture, and excessive, and that the business could the train rushes by as though it were be safely and profilably conducted at a tank station. South Hutchinson furnishes another illustration. It was holder, but even at the extravagant a young giant at its zenith, with brick rates sometimes exacted, the life in- hotels, churches, school-houses and a surance system offers advantages street car line. Prairie dogs now run about the chancel of the biggest pendent upon them can afford to dis- church, and the hotel door is hidden by a sank bank.

"Well," said Abner, "I sha'n't hire

a-going on in the family." Her father, when he came to live into by spring!" with them, had made over to Abner the old homestead, the "Pinney house, we're going to have Mary and Place," as it was called. It was a good the baby come home to live with us, also, was the house they now occupied. and the plan was to sell the "Pinney Place" and with the money build a new house where their own now stood. Mary, their only daughter, had married a poor man, and was now a But Abner seldom chose to rememmade for his support, and on this occasion, instead of replying to his child at home with her had long been wife's reminder, he picked up a package of early lettuce seed, and started her husband had always put her off. off. At the door he turned, however, and said, perhaps with some idea of encouraging her: "Ain't it about time for gran'pa's feared that he never really meant to May-moving? He won't be round un- consent. Now, to her astonishment

derfoot so much when he gets up in and delight, he answered goodhis tree. "I hope he won't go. I hope he's forgot all about it," she said, anxious-"I tell you, Abner, it isn't safe warmed his heart, and made him for and it isn't respectable for an old man once fatherly and benevolent. like father to sleep outdoors in a tree ! Seems as if I couldn't have him do it again

She dashed the tears away from her dollars; more money than either eyes as her husband went out.

ner !" she exclaimed, bitterly. "He ment, they were both suddenly struck always blames everything off on to with an anxious fear. Since Abner gran'ps, and that's all the good it could not take the money to the bank It's a burning shame I can't till the next day, where should they have help through house-cleanin'; but put it for safe-keeping through the

pleasant fields

if gran'pa'll only give up his May-moving this year I won't say another After After much deliberation they deword-not if I work my fingers to the cided to hide it in a little cupboard bone !!

Two years before, when the spring came round, Grandpa Pinney had the window and made sure no one was In crossing a street it is so diverting taken a queer freak into his head. As nigh to see, Abner wrapped the money now, after long planning, to succeed Abner expressed it. "he got cranky on air." When the weather grew warm, and the trees leafed out and the

naturedly :

"Yes, yes; let 'em come !"

birds began to sing in their branches, the old man became strangely restless the old man became strangely restless and uneasy, talked incoherently about "stiffing" and "smothering" and in-onestioned nervously as to whether or wheels, too - a sort of swift-travel-"stifling" and "smothering," and in-sisted on having all the doors and they had chosen the best hiding-ing tread-mill arrangement. This windows in the house wide open. Later on, he seemed unwilling to it remain.

"I shouldn't suppose anybody would stay in the house at all, and moved his armchair out under the great twin be likely to look there for money oaks across the road. There he spent they'd be more apt to think I had it most of his time, reading his large under my pillow," he said that night. print Testament or watching the birds "At any rate, we've got to run the and looking contentedly off over the risk of losing on it wherever we put it.

They had hard work to get him in-doors for his meals. The idea of sleeping outside, however, had not are wont to do.

then occurred to him. This was two years ago; the next This was two years ago; the next Well along toward morning they prear, not content with si ting under the preas, he built a sort of rude plat-suffocation. The room was full of pleasure.-New York Press.

elan it into the bank, and let it stav help at present; we can't afford to, till after the crops are in. Then of what would probably have been his not while we have such an expense we'll begin the new house right away fate had he been sleeping in the house, -have it all done and ready to move made their blood run cold.

"We should have forgot him-and "And when we get into the new we couldn't have saved him, anyway !' house, we're going to have Mary and they said.

While they stood there he awoke. farm lying adjacent to theirs, but the ain't we? You know you've prom-house was old and of little value. So, ised," reminded his wife, bent on tak-up in bed and rubbed his eyes, a little bewildered; then suddenly a wondering all possible advantage of her unfully bright expression illumined his dim old face, and he laughed aloud.

"I know, Belindy. I haint forgot!" he chuckled, and slipping his hand widow, supporting herself and child ber the ample provision grandpa had by working in the factory in a distant under the pillow, he drew out the bundle done up in the bandsnna that they had hidden in the parlor cuptown. To have her child and grandboard, and delivered it over to Bethe wish of the mother's heart; but linda.

> "I knew it would be safest here with "Wait till we get into the new house," he had always said. "Then me," he explained simply. "Thieves there'll be more room." But she had don't never look up in the trees for money.

They built the new house, and grandpa's room was the largest and best room in it. Mary and the baby came home to live, and mother and daughter did the housework together His good luck seemed to have easily.

The next year grandpa forgot all about his May-moving. He was con-tented and happy in the new house, The next day the man who had bought the Pinney farm paid to Abner where he now found everything "free and welcome." But he still likes his the price in full-four thousand chamber in the tree, and sits there Abner or his wife had ever seen be-"I do wish I could ever learn to hold my tongne, complaining to Ab-ner !" she exclaimed, bitterly, "He nert, they were both suddenly struck ment, they were both suddenly struck ment, they were both suddenly struck ment, they mere four. Since Abner often of a summer afternoon, poring ion.

Bieveles for Horses.

Why couldn't we have horse bicycles? It wouldn't be much expense. The poor horses shouldn't be asked to over the mantel in the parlor, and walk in this day of universal wrigaccordingly, while Belinda tiptoed to gling on wheels. Think of the fun ! Several times Abner left his work not in sight when you started. But and stole into the parlor to make sure how fast and furious the fun would place; but finally he concluded to let needed reform should proceed at one". -Boston Transcript.

A Thirsty Stone.

A new kind of white hydrophane has been found in Colorado, which is remarkable for its power of absorbing liquids. When water is dropped slowly upon it, it becomes chalky and

degrees, perfectly transpar then, by It has been named the "magic ent. stone," and is coming into use by jewelers for lockets, to conceal photo-

Seals cannot live in iresh water.

and the product of the Florida groves has since swiftly and steadily increased, till now the annual crop is estimated at fully 6,000,000 boxes, and it is yearly augmented.

California has since come into great prominence as an orange-producing State, and last year supplied 2,500,-000 boxes, which were distributed mainly through the West and Northwest, only a limited quantity reaching the Atlantic seaboard, on account of the high rates of freight, it costing 871 cents a box to transport oranges from the Pacific Slope to New York by rail, while those from Florida, coming by steamship, are transported for fifty cents a box, giving the Florida growers an advantage of 374 cents a box.

Ten years ago there were probably no loss than 150 firms receiving the delicious Florida oranges directly from the fragrant groves, and, in fact, it was said that a well-worded circular and a brass stencil-plate were the only prerequisites for procuring abundant consignments from the confiding grow-The number of receivers in this ors. city, however, has rapidly decreased, and there are now not more than ten or twelve firms of noteworthy prominence in the trade here. When there was such a large number of firms in the trade there were many whose business methods were open to criticism, and who duped the orange-growers and the public, but they have happily been driven out of the trade, which is now

conducted by reputable firms and on strictly business principles. The rapid growth of the Florida prange trade has seriously interfered with the importers, as is strikingly shown by the fact that, while there were 1, 798,000 boxes of Sicilian oranges imported in 1886-87, there were only 682,000 boxes imported in 1891-92. Despite the difficulties with which the growers have to contend almost every season, the crop continues stead ily to increase. Most of the trees in the orange groves of Florida are now over four years old and will soon be in full bearing, when, it is estimated, the crop will be at least 10,000,000 boxes. There were over 900,000 boxes of Florida oranges received in this city alone last year, while less than 5000 boxes were received from California, whose last crop was 2,500,000 boxes. The California crop is also rapidly increasing, there having been 2,500, 000 hoxes grown last year against 2,-000,000 the previous year. Oranges

are also being successfully grown in Arizona and Louisiana. The crops here are yet small, but are increasing, and with the immense and growing yields in Florida and California, the day is not far distant when only American oranges will be found in American markets .- New York Tribune.

Little drops of water. Little grains of soap Make the active Anarchiat, Get right up and slope, -Washington Star,

Hotel Proprietor-"We don't allow any games of chance here." Gambler-"This isn't a game of chance. My friend here has no chance."--Brooklyn Life.

Clara -- "What, are you reading, now?" Dora-"Historical novels." "Do you like them?" "Yes, indeed. There is so much I can skip."--New York Weekly.

"Where is the bearded lady," asked the manager. "It is time for the show to begin." "He went out to vote," to begin. explained the ossified man .-- Indianapolis Journal.

The Spectacled Girl-"Have you read 'Ships That Pass in the Night ?' The Auburn-haired Girl-"No, What kind are they-courtships?"-Indianapolis Journal.

First Lady-"And the last thing that Henry did was to give me a kiss." Second Lady-"Indeed; I should think that is about the last thing he would do."-Tid-Bits.

"Miss Twilkins has gone to Europe to cultivate her voice." "Dear me! I didn't know she could afford it. "Dear me! The neighbors subscribed the money."--- Washington Star.

Patient -"I am troubled with iniomnia. What would you recommend?" Doctor-"A good, refreshing sleep seven nights in the week. Five dol lars, please."-Boston Transgript.

"Haven't you made Mr. Bulger's portrait a good deal more than life ize?" said one artist to another. "Perhaps. You see, that's as big as he thinks he is "-Washington Star.

"Did you tell the hirod girl that you wouldn't put up with her work?" aske1 Mr. Simmins at the dinner table. "Yes." "What did the say?" "She "She said that there was nothing keeping me here if I didn't like the place." Washington Star.

Elderly Maiden-"This is so unexpocted, Mr. Wellalong, "flat-that you must give me time." Elderly Elderly Lover-"Time, Miss Rebecca? Lo you think there is any to spare?"---Tit-Bit:

Affable Swell-"Well, the fact is, my name is not Smithson. You see, I am traveling incog. There's my card." Fellow Pessenger - "Glad to hear it. I'm traveling in pickles. Here's mine,"-Brooklyn Life,