The average of human life has increaced five per cent, in the past fwenty-five years.

About two per cent., or one penny in fifty, which reaches the United States Sub-Treasuries is thrown out as a bad coin, being either damaged or a counterfeit.

Think of the money lying idle in Europe when the Russian losu of \$75,-000,000 was enberilled for forty times over, in toelve hours, exclaims the St. Louis Star-Sayings.

The farmers of the gas belt in Indiana have organized to protect themsolves against bold thisving of live stook and grain. It is estimated that there will be 15,000 members.

Cottage homes, in which to house pauper children and preserve them from the work-house taint, have been provided by the Sheffield (England) Board of Guardians at a cost of \$150,-

The Queen of Sweden, who has always taken an interest in Swedish hospitals and the nursing of the sick, had the first experiments made in Sweden with the new cure for diph-

Bussia is advancing rapidly in military civilization. For an instance, the St. Louis Star-Sayings relates, that the lance shafts of her Coseacks are now fitted to be used as punt poles or as the haudles of soythes with which to out hay on the march.

From returns received at the British War Office it is estimated that the number of noncommissioned officers and men entitled to the Queen's medal for long and meritorious service, run ning from twenty to thirty-four years in many cases, is over 80,000.

The New York Advertiser is reminded that General Washington was the victim of merelless political attacks when he was President. General Gates once alluded to him as that "dark, designing, sordid, ambitious, vain, proud, arrogant and vindictive knave." Political denunciation seems to have grown decidedly tame in these pater years.

The surrender by the Mosquito Indians of their rights under the treaty of Managua leaves Nicaragua in com plete sovereignty over the Mosquito raserve, and puts an end to Great Britain's pretentions to the right of ure. Never before had she been "Yes," he said, with his eyes on her protectorate over the reservation. The New York Mail and Express states that no fear remains of British fater ference with the Nicaragua Canal Cons pany's right of transit across the

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Hamliu has issued an order to Collector Kilbreth, of New York, directing that, until further notice, the inspection of luggage brought by passengers on transatlantic vessels shall not be stopped at sunset, as was done upon the recent arrivals of the Tentonic and Westernland. Hereafter, if the inspection has been begun before sunset, all the luggage must be passed without interruption, thus saving passengers unnecessary inconvenience.

An ostrich farmer in Southern California says in the New York Sun that the ostrich farming experiment is not an entire success, although not a complete failure. He was one of the first to engage in the business of raising the big birds for their feathers, and expected to realize a big fortune quickly. . He says that, while much money has been derived from the sale of feathers, the birds do not increase as rapidly as was expected. Then, Sviry many are so vicious that it is impossible to remove the feathers without killing them. He still hopes that, as the farmers gain more experience in the management of the ostriches, the business may become as big a success as was at first expected.

A damage suit, in which the jury found for the plaintiff, has been closed in the St. Louis County Court, at Clayton, Mo., which, it is believed, has no precedent in the courts of the United States or England. The case was one, relates the Atlanta Constitution, in which a father claimed and got a verdict for \$5000 for the death of his son, who was killed by a railroad you? train. It was proved that the boy was standing alongside the track when the train rushed by at a high rate of speed | I shall like that just as well." and that he was hurled to the ground and forced under the cars by the current of air made by the swift motion of the train. Deep interest has been manifested in the peculiar and new feature in the case, the outcome of which in the higher courts is likely to open up a new field of action for damages against railroads.

THE RIDDLE OF WRECK.

Dark hamlocks, seventy and seven, High on the hill-slope sigh in dream, With plumy heads in heaven; They eliver the sunboum.

One broken body of a tree, Stabbad through and slashed by lightning

Unsouled and grim to see, Hangs o'er the hushed ravine,

hundred musts, a hundred more, Crowd close against the subset fires, Their late adventure o'er,

They mingle with the spires.

But one is lying prone, alone, Where gleaning gulls to seaward sweep, White sand of burial blown In shoets about its sleep,

When lightning's leashed and sea is still, Ye sacrificial mysteries dread, capegonts of shore and bull, Your riddle may be read. -Helen Gray Cone, in the Century,

LOVE IN A SNOWSTORM.

DY M. BABINGTON BAYLEY.



misgivings that available hansom.

her to visit her rich uncle and aunt in in London, but they could not well ently."

"We'd better walk on a bit," said Tom. "We shall come to one presently."

refuse the invitation. Dolly had been in London only one short week, and she was bewitched with everything she saw. She loved her uncle and aunt, both of whom dis"It's rather unpleasant under foot, played strong affections for her, and indulged her in a freedom she had nover tasted before. She was delighted with the substantial old house, with its large rooms, big fireplaces and comfortable furniture. More than all, she admired London itself. The busy streets, with their palatial shope; the colossals buildings—St. Paul's, the Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, the broad, quite requires, which seemed to have been, dropped down at random among the wilderness of houses; the gay restaurants and the brilliant, fascinating theatres. She particularly liked it at night, when illumined by countless lights, whose reflections glittered on the pavement; and when the black darkness of the sky, unaccompanied by the deathly silence that it brought in the country, seemed rather to enhance the noise and bustle of the prodigal streets. There was something romantic about it all. It thrilled her, she knew not why. Her heart beak faster, her pulse bounded more quickly. She felt more alive than she had ever felt before.

There was another source of pleasure than all his previous firstations rolled into one. When they came to Trafalgar Square Van and the provided fingers on his coatieve gave him more pleasure than all his previous firstations rolled into one. When they came to Trafalgar Square Van all his previous firstations rolled into one. When they came to Trafalgar Square Van all his previous firstations rolled into one. When they came to Trafalgar Square Van all his previous firstations rolled into one. When they came to Trafalgar Square Van all his previous firstations rolled into one. When they came to Trafalgar Square Van all his previous firstations rolled into one. When they came to Trafalgar Square Van all his previous firstations rolled into one. When they came to Trafalgar Square Van all his previous firstations rolled into one. When they came to Trafalgar Square Van all his previous firstations rolled into one. When they came to the house to buy some eggs, standing in front of the dous to the provious firstations r

thrown into the company of so en- face, "it is heautiful, very beautiful was kept under the barrel. The chilgaging a young gentleman as her indeed." comin Tom, the only child of her "Oh," uncle and aunt. He was Dolly's sen- home. ior by some half dozen years. Had on a lovely night like this. I wouldn't milk down its throat, and then give it mire of young man he was, they would have made a special journey to Lon
"About a mile," said Tom.

drag it out, and pour two bottles of milk down its throat, and then give it six eggs, which it swallowed. When they teased the python, it made a hissing noise and reared up on its tail; have made a special journey to Lon-don to bring their daughter home. Fortunately, they were ignorant, Let us walk. Shall we?" There was nothing really bad about "Decidedly, if you wish it. You'd the lad. He had a very good heart, better take my arm again," for in her the lad. He had a very good heart, but he wanted steadying a little. He was exactly the sort of dashing, reckless, freehanded young Englishman pery."

They walked on for three or four Suddanly Dolly's foot comes when placed in circumstances minutes. Suddenly Dolly's foot of wealth and freedom. The first time slipped. Tom, with remarkable pres-

She could not chatter; the thing was not have done it, of course; it was impossible. Her silence had been in-bred so long that it had become part of her anatomical structure; and Tom, in spite of all his convexrational falents and social polish, frequently ward silence. found himself reduced by it to a coresponding state. On the other hand, eyes; eyes that spoke far more than her lips. Tom soon began to watch those eyes and to love them. He no ager attempted to make his consin talk; her eyes rendered conversation ground,

January, he sauntered into his moth- away, but it was useless. er's sitting room, and there discovered Dolly, sitting, like the historic said again. Miss Muffit, on a buffet in front of the fire. Her fingers were busy with

She litted her eyes from her needle. 'Not to-night.'

"Not Are you sorry?"

"I suppose your's getting rather tired of it. You've been out pretty nearly every night lately, haven't Yes. I'm not tired of it, though; I libe it. But auntie and I are going

to have a quiet evening to-night, and her along as fast as he could. It was I shall like that just as well."

There was a pause.

The snow pelted their faces to minutes the pause.

There was a pause. "Are you sure you will like it just they were nearly numbed with the tion of orange-peel and matches, re-

She looked at him in amazement. 'Out with you? Why, where to?" Pleasure shone in her face. She

gasped with delight. "Oh, you are kind! But do you think auntic will

"I'll ask her," said naughty Tom. being seen in a theatre. However, you have my muffler?"
they were not there to see it. It never He commenced to ta being seen in a theatre. However, they were not there to see it. It never occurred to Dolly that it could be wrong for her to go after Tom had proposed it, and so, as Tom's parents raised no objections, they started in due course. The only condition imposed on them (and the sequel proved it a sound one) was to wrap up well, could help being kind?" which they did.

How Dolly enjoyed the performance

it is unnecessary to relate in detail. She did enjoy it immensely; and she frequently turned to Tom and thanked him so earnessly for his kindness in having brought her that Tom began Her face glowed with an unusual ani-mation. There was a color in her cheeks and a sparkle in her eyes that "Dolly," he whispered, "I love cheeks and a sparkle in her eyes that had not been there before. When a sly maiden does wake up to anima-HE was a little tion she is ten times more dangerous-HE was a little
Puritan maiden,
with honest gray
eyes and a sweet,
hashful face. Her
parents called her
Dorothy; h c r
friends, Dolly,
She had been
brought up very
strictly, and it
was not without
mingivings that

tion she is ten times more dangerously attractive than her vivacious sis"Dolly," he whispered again,
"could you care for me ever so lit"Colly," he whispered again,
"could you care for me ever so litthought his cousin's face more
seductively sweet than he had imagined it could be. He warmed toward
her. He no longer wanted to draw
her out, to firt with her. He was in
love now, all the way.

They made no haste out of the thestrictly, and it
was not without
mingivings that

"We'd better walk on a bit," said

There had been a heavy fall of snow during the performance, and the pave-

"Oh," said Dolly, "lot us walk

"Only a mile. Oh, that is nothing.

that she was a very pretty girl, but ing by putting his arm round her she, and that it would be worth while to draw her out.

Delta in the course of mind, prevented her from fall-diamonds are now put to a novel and interesting use. A thin disk of steel, seven feet in diameter, has spaces at to draw her out. to draw her cut.

He found it not easy; and that, notwithstanding the fact, had he known it, that there was in Dolly's heart an intense willingness to be drawn out by cousin Tom. But that abyness of was to be blamed very much for bending the fact of the strength of the of hers was a fashionable barrier, ing down and kissing it. He should are so placed that they do not follow siderable. Dolly released herself indignantly, pushing him from her. They walked a short distance in awk-

"Dolly, are you angry with me?"

No reply. "Dolly"-very humbly-"I'm awif Dolly could not speak, she could "Dolly"-very humbly- 'I'm aw-look. She had extremely elequent fully sorry; but you looked so pretty Still a severe silence.

"Won't you forgive me, Dolly?" The gray eyes were fixed on the round, and the pretty lips were pressed firmly together. He caught her fingers. She tried to pull them "Won't you forgive me, Dolly?" he

She found her voice at length. "I wish you wouldn't make me say some crochet work. Tom drew a chair things. Of course, I forgive you, but to the fire.

"Are you going out to-night, "I am really very sorry, Dolly," he many because it wouldn't make me say persist in chewing gum on the box while driving. The s verest criticism levelled at certain regiments of the Massachusetts National Guard at a

Then the anow same down: There was no mistake about it, either; it did come down, with a vencance. The flakes were nearly as arge as a man'e hand, and the sky,

was full of them.

"Holly," and Tom, firmly, "you must take my arm and hold it tightly.

We are going to eath it."

She took his arm, and he hurried

"I beg your pardon?" said Dolly.

He moved on his chair, "Well,"
he said, "I want you to come out wift me to-night, if you will."

"We must shelter somewhere till the story to do of a young gentleman of excellent principles walking the violence of the story is spent."

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the violence of the story told of a young gentleman of excellent principles walking with an eminent surgeou. As they wift me to-night, if you will."

a convenient doorway. Fortunately, a piece of orange-peal that lay on the a convenient doorway. Fortunately, a piece of orange-peel that lay on the there was one near. He placed Dolly pavement into the road. The surinside it, so that the snow could not geon said, "My dear boy, what are get to her, and stationed himself at you about?" and replaced it exactly [He had been shaving himself .- Pitopposite his own door, -Argonaut,

"Are you cold, Dolly?" he said.
"Not very, thank you," she replied. "Are you?

"1? Oh! it doesn't matter about It was really very wrong of him, for me, dear. You are the important Dolly's parents would have been sean member of this small community me, dear. You are the important dalized at the idea of their daughter Are you sure you are not cold? Will

He pressed more closely to her. Outside the snow was descending

"Dolly," said Tom, speaking low, "have you quite forgiven me?"

She smiled, but did not say anything. His arm stole round her to feel the costasy that follows virtn-ous conduct. Her enjoyment robbed it. He looked at her face. The cold her, for the first time, of her shyness. had turned it a dead white, but it was

Her heart bounded. He loved her !

Oh! the blissful thought!
"Dolly," he whispered again,
"could you care for me ever so lit-

were received with rejoicings. "We thought you had got lost," said the master of the house.

Dolly ran straight into her aunt's

arms, and burst into a fit of sobbing. "My poor child!" said the lady, co ressing her, "you are overwrought; and no wonder. Tom, you haven't taken proper care of her."
"Oh! but he has," said Dolly, smiling through her tears. "It isn't

Mr. Nucook-"Come round and take a few meals with me, old fellow." -Chicago Inter-Ocean. "There goes a man that really and truly loves the game of tootbull."
"Is he the Captain of the—"
"Great Scott, no! he's a druggist."
—Chicago Inter-Ocean. AN ALL-SUFFRMENT BRASON, Fond Parent—"Bobby, why will you always persist in pushing in the eyes of your little sister's dolls?"

Bobby (conclusively) - "Because can't pick 'em out." - Truth, there and tell me you consider yourself a better man than poor, dear Bob?" dren fed the snake, and played with he's dead."-Judge. it. I saw one of the little Dutch boys We don't want to take a cab drag it out, and pour two bottles o

Usefulness of Diamonds,

Diamond powder and chips, and even the finest dust, are of great value

in the mechanical arts. Brazilian

intervals of about one and one-hall

inches. These spaces are filled in with pieces of steel that exactly fit, and

into these are set the diamonds fixed

are arranged in groups of eight, and

one exactly after the other in the cut

but each line takes its own cours

This circular saw is used for cuttin

up blocks of stone, and so efficient is

it that in less than two and one-hall

years it has to gut out four hundred

and twenty thousand square feet of atone, at a cost of a trifle less than

two cents a square foot. In this time

it has been necessary to renew twenty

of the teeth, the average cest of which has been about two dollars per touth.

Rules for Gam Chewing,

The visible working of the jaws in

chewing gum is not a pleasant sight.

and that it exasperates sensitive peo

ple beyond measure is not nunatural

A Buffalo coachman lost a good post

tion the other day because he would

recent inspection was that many pri-

vates and some officers chewed guin

on parade. The only persons wh

really ought to be allowed to chew gum are policemen, on night service only, and members of football teams in medual, resultet. --Buffalo Commer-

calls the story told of a young gentle-

- An Eye to Business.

-The Ledger.

in countersunk screw-heads,

Johnny-''l don't see how that young chicken can be so comforting noise and reared up on its tail; they were not a bit frig. lened, and Hired Mau-"Why not?" Johnny-"Why, because it is sit-ting on its pin-feathers."-Puck. would eatch hold of it by the head, and drag it along the ground over their shoulders.

Mr. Homeman-"Did you read that

article about a football player getting shot the other day?" Mrs. Homeman-"No, John; but, goodness me, you don't mean to say the game has come to that?"-Boston

SHE COUNTRIES.

He-"I wonder when you will be able to set as good a table as my mother ?"

BASHFUL BACHELOR AND HELPFUL MAID. Bashful Bachelor, nervous and fidgety, trying to remember a speech he had been rehearing for an hour pre-

Helpfal Maid, auxious and expec-B. B. - "My dearest, 1-I have long wished to tell you that I am full-I near my heart is full-my palpitating

heart-I-I mean your smiles H. M .- "Perhaps, dear, we could live

(The all important date was fixed within five minutes.) -- Truth.

SHEER FORCE OF HABIT, "Does the razor hurt you?" No raply. "Is the draught too strong?"

"Shall I shut the door?" No reply. "Awful fire last night!" No reply. "Shave you pretty close?" No reply.

"Getting very chilly now!" "That was a very heavy thunder-torm last night!" Fu reply.

No reply. 'Irim your hair up a little?' No reply, "Brilliantine on the moustache?" No reply.

" day rum?" No roply. Then the barber, who was alone in his shop, ast down greatly refrance l

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL,

Dews are less abundant on islands STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE and on ships in midocean. FUNNY MEN OF THE PRE

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE,

The Mamma- "At what age do you

consider children most interesting?"

BAVED AGAIN.

John-"Please, ma'am, it sin't po-lite to point."-Truth.

THE PRACTICAL SIDE OF IC.

"You haven't read Brown's last

THE BEST TIME.

ac is selesp. You ought to see him. Todd-"When shall I call?"

Nodd-"Anytime during the day.

RESENTED THE IMPUTATION.

Caller—"Wonder if I can see your mother, little boy? Is she engaged?" Little Boy—"Engaged? Whatcher givin' us? She's marriel."—Boston

OF PRACTICAL DESERT.

"What has become of Brown? The last time I saw him he had water on

"He's the head of a reservoir com

ONTO JACK.

Dolly Swift-"The price-mark on Jack's birthday gift is quite plain-

Sally Gay-"H'm! I wonder what it really cost?"-Puck,

HIS WIFE COOKED.

would be just the thing for me now.

HAD REASON.

THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.

Bob's Widow- "Do you dare to sit

Her Brother-"Of course I do, for

"Doctor says a little hard work

Nodd-"My baby looks lovely when

Africa on the map.

Transcript.

the brain.

pany now." -Judge.

Darwin declared that insanity is not peculiar to human beings. He as-serted that animals often become in-Liked Them Well Grown-Onto Jack-Saven Again-An All-Sufficient Reason, Etc., Etc.

The earliest known attempt at an explanation of the rainbow was made by Aristotle. It was along the line of The Bachelor Friend—"Any time modern scientific investigation.

Many chysicles at helican. Many physiologists believe that in-

sanity is a return to the habits of the wholly undeveloped man. Professor Freeman writes that at different peri-Teacher- "Johnny Green, point out ods of insanity the action of the un-fortunate patient becomes "horribly monkey-like." Milk should be kept at a distance

from every volatile substance, and milk which has stood in sick chambers should never be drunk. The power of milk to disguise the taste of drugs "I think I have. It seems to me he last owed me \$18." - Detroit Tribune. -as potassium, iodide, opium, salicy-late, etc.—is well known.

The depths to which the sun's rays penetrate water has recently been determined by the sid of photography. It has been found that at a depth of 553 feet the darkness was to all intents and purposes the same as that on a clear but moonless night.

The Canadian authorities have decided to test all cattle imported into the Dominion with the Koch tuber-culine lymph. "If any animal is found to be affected with tuberculosis the owner will have the alternative of taking it back to the place whence it came, or having it slaughtered without compensation.

As far as is known swallows' mi-gratory flights are always carried on by day. The fact that, though warblers and other migrants are constantly found dead around lighthouses, having dashed themselves against the windows of the lanterns, swallows have never been known to meet their fate in this way, furnishes strong presumptive evidence of this peculiar-

ity of the swallow tribe. The habit of feigning death when attacked is ridespread among animals, and Angus Gaines has found it in the microscopic insect which produces the itch. When he touched an itch in sect with the point of a needle it feigned death, remaining perfectly still for some time. This it did researched. peatedly. The same habit of "pos-suming" has been found to characterize several varieties of suakes.

A medical paper reports cases from Philadelphia hospitals where men who have recovered from electric shocks of upward of a thousand volts "felt no pain whatever." As in the reports of several of these cases it is said that the subjects mouned and writhed before recovering consciousness, it would seem to be more accurate to say that they did not recall their suf-ferings at the time they made the statement to their physician.

The Last of Her Tribe.

The last survivor of the Delaware Indians, who formerly owned all of the lands in this section of New Jersey, died a day or two ago in her humble cottage in Southsmpton township, N. I., and was buried from the little Methodist chapel at Tabernacle. Her name was Ann Roberts, and she was the widow of John Roberts, a mulatto, who died a number of years ago. They had several children, some of whom are still living. A picturesque figure she was as she stood erect in front of her cabin with her long black hair streaming over her shoulders, and the neighbors all had a wholesome respect for her. She was nearly six feet in height, very muscular, and despite her years-she was past ninety-could do a day's chopping in the woods with almost any of the men in the neighborhood. The house she lived in was bought with some pension money she had secured on account of the death of one of her sons in the war. Somehow she managed to pick up a living for She—"By the time you are able to provide as good a table as your father neighbors kindly supplied her wants does, my dear."—Burlington (Iowa)

her a Christian burial. "Indian Ann," as she was called. was the last survivor of the Edge-pillock Indians, a branch of the Delawares. They were assigned to a reservation in Shamong township in 1757, where they remained for a long time prosperous and happy. they were removed to another tract of land in Oneida County, New York. Indian Ann's parents accompanie them, but soon became weary and returned to Burlington County, where they lived in a cabin on the Woolman farm, near Mount Holly, until their death, which occurred some time in the fifties. - Philadelphia Ledger.

Wanton Destruction of Game.

Our attention has recently been arrested by a recent invention which is a menace to wild water game, and an outrage on the sentiment and practice of all true sportsmen. A recently devised pneumatic boat has for its upper portion simply a circular rub-ber dost, arranged into water-tight compartments, easily inflated with air. Attached to this on the under side is a pair of rubber wading boots. The operation is very easy. The boatman thrusts his legs into the wading boots, inflates his boat with air, propels him-self with his feet; his body being concealed in his boat, which is covered with loose sea weed, he can easily ap proach and mingle with the unau ing water fowl to his profit and their lestruction. We do not know when we have heard of a more piratical mashine for the extermination of our wild game. Some gunners will un-loubtedly use it, but the true sportsman never will. It might be well to make a target of this pirate boat and its vandal occupant whenever it makes ts appearance on the water. - Atlanta Sonstitution.

A WINTER THOUGHT.

Old Winter is a surly soul, Gaunt, haggard, grim and gray: His trumpet blast sweeps from the knoll

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RATES OF ADVERTISING

All that is green and gay, But isn't be a poet still, Of swoot and gentle art,

Who tools a kind and gentle thrill Of sunshine in his heart. When be depicts to dreams wind-tost The flowers of summer's train,

In arabesques of sparkling frost Upon the window-pane? -R. K. Munkittrick, in Harper's Weekly.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Tell us not in mournful numbers
Life is but an empty dream.
When wa've had mines pie and doughnuts,
Turkey, cake and real fee eream.
—Chloago Inter-Ocean.

McSwatters—"I hear Hogo, the humorist, has broken his back?" McSwitters—"Well, that's a funny

snap!"-Syracuse Post. The centre-board of a yacht is most important in a race, but on a pleasure-

trip the side-board is most thought of,
-New Orleans Picayune. She—"These horrid photographs don't do me justice at all." He—"My love, it's not justice you stand in need of, it's mercy."—New York Ledger.

A rose by any other name
Might be as fragrant. Still,
We'd all be just as ponniess
When settling up the bill.
—Culcago Inter-Ocean

Twenty per cent. of the Chicago women who registered did not vote at the late election. It is evident that Tuesday is bargain-day in Chicago. -

Rochester Herald. Teacher (to class) - "In this stanza what is meant by the line 'The shades of night were falling fast?' Clever Scholar—"The people were pulling down the blinda."—Tit-Bita Some o' these days the tide will turn,

Though the river looks long and dim:
But while you're waitin' you'd beffer learn
To swim, my boy, to swim!
—Atlanta Constitution.

Intimate Friend-"Has your hus-and's love grown cool?" Sarcastic Wife-"Oh, no. He loves himself just as much now as he did when we were married twenty years ago."--

"Did I understand you to say that Thompson was a farmer?" "Good gracious, no! I said he made his money in wheat. You never heard of a farmer doing that, did you?"—Indianapolis Journal.

"Answer by return male," was the way the letter wound up that Miss Footlites received from Mr. Suddenrox. "I wender," said she, "whether he means by the messenger boy or by post."—Indianapolia Journal. In a suburban Boston pulpit last

Sunday morning this notice was read? "The pastor will preach his last sermon this evening, and the choir has arranged a special praise service for the occasion."—Philadelphia Ledger.

The pen may be mightler than the sword, But many a man is willing To bet that his little typewriter

Is over so much more killing. Traveler (to train-boy)-"Got any funny books-Mark Twain or any of the humorists?" Train-Boy- 'No. sir; but I've got a couple of London papers containing comments on the American elections,"—Chicago Rec-

Minnie-"Did you hear about Molly's flance falling off the trolley car and breaking his arm?' Mamie— "Yes. I wonder if he will sue the company for damages?" Minuie—"I guess not. I shouldn't wonder if she does though."—Cincinnati Tribune.

Father (to son who is just going out in the world)—"And remember one thing—never marry a gal as is richer than yourself. When I married your mother I had five dollars and she had twelve and a half, and she never ceased to throw it up in my face yet."-Judge.

Diamonds Are Hard,

After perfect rubies and emeralds, and perhaps after great pearls, comes the diamond in value. This, too, has a range of colors, the most prized being red, blue, green and water white, while brown or gray tinges are not quite so highly esteemed. The Koh-i-Noor, of 1024 carats, ranks low in point of size with some of the world's great stones-for instance with the Great Mogul, 279 carate in weight. Diamond is the hardest mineral known, brittle though it be; acids do not effect it, and it is also the only combustible gem. It has high refractive and dispersive powers ("fire"), and some specimens become phosphorescent by the action of light. It usually occurs as an eight-sided crystal.—New York

He Dotes on Dog.

The Cleveland papers report the curious case of Mrs. Charles Umlauf, of that city, who had her husband ar-rested for alleged assault and battery. t came out in court that the cause of the domestic unpleasantness was her refusal to cook dog for Charles on the family stove. Her energetic remonstrances against his efforts to convert the children to his own views as to the toothsomeness of that viand provoked him to violence. Charles promised the justice to keep the peace in the family, and was let go with a caution from the bench. Subsequently he told a reporter that he had been cating dog flesh for seven years past and prefers it to chicken. - Atlanta

Profits in the Drug Business. "Speaking of profits in the drug business," said a Broadway druggist, 'my lease is for seven years, and has four years yet to run. If I don't retire with \$100,000 clear from this store my figuring powers are very faulty."-- New York Sau.