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### The Baltic Canal is the outcome of a project formulated 500 years ago.

When the Siberian Railway is complete one can go from London to Japan in sixteen days, and girdle the earth in about forly.

In their jubilant delight in their fine crops Western Kansas und Nebraska are already proffering to send "relief" to the effete East.

The mortality among cattle at sea, resulting from cruelty, want of water, etc., was formerly stated at sixteen per cent., while at the present time it is one per cent.

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"Health," said Miss Arnold in Boston, to the Chauncey Hall kindergarton graduates, "is the first requisite of success. The 'new' woman has none of the old-fashioned belief in nerves and notions."

A colored man and a Chinese woman were married in Lawrence County, South Dakota, a few days ago. The Clerk of the Court had serious doubts as to whether they were a good legal match, and postponed granting the necessary license until he was fully satisfied that such a union was not forbidden.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch says this year will go into history as bicycle year. The growth of the wheel's popularity has been so amazing that it seems as if all the world had suddenly discovered that the wheel is a good thing and is trying to get on one as soon as possible. The roads are alive with cyclers. The factories cannot meet the demand. The supply of tubing is exhausted.

Economy in small things is the rule of life among the poor of France. In this country we waste enough in a week in the way of food to supply a French family for a month. They utilize crumbs and scraps and bits of food which we seemingly regard with disdain, and all of which is perfectly healthful and suited for food. It is no wonder to the San Francisco Chronicle that under such conditions that the people of France have more available property and wealth than any people in the world.

The common cotton tail rabbit appears to be continually pushing its way northward and replacing the Northern hare. Mr. Bangs finds that the latter is rare in Massachusetts,

GLADNESS. A warmth of gold, all summer stored, The golden rod gives up; And filled from springtime's scantier hoard Shines the sweet buttereup; And from the singing of the breeze And low, sweet sound of rain, The little brook learns melodies To sing them back again.

Forgotten all the cloudy sky Of dark days overcast; For flower-hearts let gloom go by, But hold the sunshine fast. And, all year long, the little burn, Though wintry boughs be wet, Picks out the happy days to learn-The sad ones to forget. -Charles B. Going, in St. Nicholas.

## THE BICYCLE'S STORY.

AM a bicycle.

tide of power, the conqueror leads to crimson glory and undying fame, but a plain, ordinaryno, not as "ordin-0 ary," but a safety -bicycle for hire. and am as comfortable as my keepers can make me, but I am not decked in ribbons and nurtured in commodium

quarters and ridden only by the aristocracy over smooth pavements and for short distances. I never even had such luck when I Then I didn't see him any more,

tune, but a man took me on trial-that is to say, he took me on the instalment plan and tried to pay forme, but couldn't, and was forced to return me at the end of a month, and then I was only good enough to go among she had left me by a fence and clamb-the hirelings, and there I have stayed ered across a stony field among the ever since. Goodness me, how long it seems since I got the first wrench to my steel ribs and had my frame skinned against a tree box !

I was born a combination wheelthat is, you can take out my spinal column, and then I can be ridden by a lady, not in bloomers, and thank my stars no bloomers have ever yet enveloped me in their folds. That time the man had me on trial,

I think it was my most uncomfortable experience, for he was green at the business and so was I, and the result was that both of us got bumps innumerable, and though he came out of it with a twisted knee and sprained ankle and a barked nose and a lame arm and a hurt back and a black eye with a few me on the hireling list.

something. A bicycle has a good deal to learn when it first leaves the factory. People who came to hirs arter. People who came to hire wheels knew anything, but I am sure my lady looked a little shy at me as I stood would have known, for we were such n passed me good friends and I had never given her by, but not for long. My keepers put a moment's pain in all my life. Well, a new coat of enamel on me and other-after five miles of a run we reached a wise put me in shape, and thereafter physician's office in a little village and I became quite popular. Riders who the young man hurried the doctor inhad me out for a spin when they reto a carriage and back again we went, turned would say they didn't know why it was, but I seemed to be more he riding away, telling the doctor where to come. I won't say what kind intelligent than other wheels they had of time we made, but I think we did tried, and I was not half as liable to that five miles in ten minutes, though, make a sudden swerve and bang into being excited at the moment, I may a wagon in the street or into a gatebe exaggerating. In any event the young man got back quite a time bepost or over a bank, or to do any one of the forty dozen other things a bicyfore the doctor did, and when he came cle is likely to do when the rider is he found me leaning against the rocks least expecting it. Of course, I knew this myself and was constantly striving to please, just and my lady's head resting on the young man's arm. She was as white as a lilly, with a little line of blood as any other public servant is, for hadn't I had enough of bang and running down from under a handkerchief the young man had tied about batter with that instalment plan party? har head, and when the doctor came she I guess yes, and I am sure a properly fainted, though she was conscious when regulated bieycle knows when it has the young man and I got back. The dochad enough. tor immediately went about fixing her Sometimes, though, I couldn't help so he could carry her to a better place being a little frisky. Once I rememamong those rocks, and as he worked ber an athletic sort of a fellow took over her I heard the young man telling me out and for six mortal hours he him how he had been fishing in the pedalel me all over every road ;in the stream below, and how he had seen suburbs, rough and smooth, and alher on the crags above, where a stone loosend unde her foot, throwing her most drove every bit of breath out of my tires. I submitted because I couldn't well do otherwise, but the over into the water, where she struck a glancing blow upon a rock, which cut her temple. The water was not time of my revenge was at hand. He deep, but stunned as she was, she was pumping me along a bit of pleasant country road where the shade would would have drowned if he had not have been very grateful to me if he been there to rescue her, and he had had only run along slowly, when he bound up her head and rushed away caught up with a pretty girl on an on me for the help that was needed. awfully ornamental wheel. The doctor laughed softly as the young I could hear him laugh with a chuckle man was telling all this to him, and he at his luck, and he sailed alonside of looked at him rather queerly, I her and began talking. Of course, he thought, for a physician to do in time had no business to, but bicyclists that of such awful danger, for my lady way are not so extremely formal, and looked like she was dead, she was that she talked back to him, and it wasn't white.

of sylvan scenes while I leaned up day, and she put her pretty white THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE. against a tree and watched her by the hour. One day a handsome young fellow wheeled by, and they nodded pleasantly, she blushing a bit, and he Several days after that they smiling. came to my place together, and she took me away with her for three days. That was a delight to me, for we went on the saddle, remarked : "Old felfar off by easy stages, and the young low, you're a corker."

man on his own wheel-a beauty it was, too-went with us. There were others in the party, but my interest was in these two, and I lady .- Detroit Free Press. paid no heed to what the others did or

where they went. The third day, as we went bowing homeward, my lady appeared to be ill at ease, and there were times when if I had not had all my wits about me we would surely have gone off the road and over the bank into whatever may have been below to have received us. 'The young AM a bicycle. Not such as, swept along by the full nearly all day what could have hap-

pened, I remembered to have seen them the night before on the piazza, where I leaned up against the wall. I was feeling the need of rest and did not pay much attention to them, but I remembered that they were quarrelling (one of those lovers' quar-

but it must have been more serious

first came from the factory. I thought I was going to fall into that good for-ternoon and morning spins tozether. ternoon and morning spins together. I say I did not see him any more-I mean, for some time. That was several weeks later. We had gone into quite a remote section, where there was excallent sketching ground, and crags overhanging a stream. I suppose she had been gone an hour when I heard her scream, and a minute or two later a man's voice shouting. No

answer came to it, and presently his head showed above the rocks and he came tearing my way. He looked dreadfully frightened, and when he saw mo he said "Thank God !" with a sincerity that seemed like a prayer, and swinging me out into the road he sent me along at a speed I thought was not in me. By degrees I began to understand that my lady was hurt in some

way and he was going for help, for he was the young man my young lady ad-mired most, and it was his face I had seen in her sketches--even more 'of them than before we had gone on that other incidental casualties, I was noth-ing to brag of myself. That's why when he had to give me up they put young man where help was, I braced

"My husband will pay it," she said, I don't know what that is, but I

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guess I must be it, for he would hardly tell a fib in the presence of my

## Oklahoma's Dog Killer.

Down in Oklahoma they have many queer ways and queer things. The way they dispose of outlawed dogs would cause a citizen of Kansas City, who is used to the comparatively peaceful ways of the dog catcher and his noose and profanity, s shock. They have neither wagov nor noose in Oklahoma cities, but they have few stray curs which Detroit Free Press. have forfeited their right to live besause they have no master.

Not long ago a Kansas City man stood on one of the principal streets of a bustling town, looking up and down and figuring on the tablet of his leave the town?" mind a future great city, when up the street he heard the report of a gun and saw a crowd of people run in every direction.

"Ah!" he thought, "a tragody. What luck." For your ordinary peaceful citizen likes nothing better than the stimulus of a shock of that kind when in a country with a reputation for desperate deeds and men

Standing in the street was a small man holding a smoking shotgun, and writhing upon the ground was a big yellow dog. Another shot and the dog was dead. Then the crowd swarmed in, and the man with the gan wormed his way out, followed by a crowd of adoring small boys. It was the city dog catcher. No noose and long torture for dogs in that town. The city executioner just loads up his gun and goes out and cancels a dog or two, and then collects a salary from the town .--- Kansas City Star.

If the reader will listen to any heated debate, he will almost certainly find that neither of the disputants is making the slightest effort to recognize the force of his opponent's arguments; but each is only watching for something in the other's words that he can criticise, some weak spot that he can assail. That sort of thing may be all very well for soldiers on the field of battle, or for lawyers before the bar, but it is altogether unworthy of intelligent men in discussing the eternal verities. Every man should realize that as his own knowledge of spiritual truth is necessarily imper-Judge. fect, it is altogether likely that he can learn some thing from the man who

due to the failure of men generally to

see the truth that each cau ioarn

something from the other, but that no

man can convince another against his

It is not the most fluent talker, not

the most plausible debater who gives

the greatest proof of intelligence, but

the man who is always ready to listen and to learn, -- New York Witness,

Thumping Through Seas.

propulsion has been patented by Lor

enzo Julia Y. Ping, a Spanish captain.

Two propellers are employed, one at each side of the keel, the propeller

having the same weight as the water

to be displaced, and being forced out

ward by steam power and returned by

the pressure of the water in its rear.

The propeller is a hollow cylinder,

noving in a stuffing box through open

ings at each side of, and so as not to interfere with, the rudder the major

portion of the propeller when in its

nnor position being exposed and as

cessible from the interior of the ves

sel. In front of each stuffing box is

steam cylinder, the piston head and

propeller being connected by a rod,

and steam being admitted only to the

front of the piston head to force the

propeller outward. The propeller is

with no terdency either to rise of

lower, thus reducing the friction to a

minimum, and all of the propelling

mechanism is so locate ! to be readily

accessible in case repairs are needed

Too Much Thistle.

attempts at fighting the Russian

Taugut Many Schools,

more schools than any other man in

islament, except in extreme cases -

In the 114 schools he has

pun

Western farmers find that individual

esigned to have a very easy motion,

Something entirely new in vosse

that it is far better to learn what he can from that man than to waste time and make sacrifice of good-fellowship claimed. aless controver David That dress. "Force of habit, probably," he said after a thoughtful pause .a very simple proposition, and yet all the bitter controversies and religious Rockland Tribune. persecutions of the past, and all the doctrinal disputes of the present are

## SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL. Sulphate of zine is used to render

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS. ses pure amber color. It would take sound fourteen years to travel from the sun to the earth. The Rose From Her Hair-His Busi-Paper is being used as an insulating

ness-No Longer Aristocratic-Talking Shop, Etc., Etc.

She gave him the rose from her huir; He had called and was going away: She gave him the rose, but she did not sup-

pose He would keep it forever and aye. Yet the dead rose was carefully kept: As he was too true to her, fac' For the rose that she gave him found an

For the rose that odorous grave In his other girl's potpourri jar. —Washington Post,

#### HIS BUSINESS. "You ought to see that fellow strike

OBLITERATED.

It is said that the kola nut, so com monly used by the Africans in the "I suppose he's a bookkeeper?" Congo country, besides being very re-"No, he's a professional juggler."-

is considerable.

England.

freshing and strengthening, is almost a certain cure for asthma. By the discovery of helium on our globe only two permanent lines are

The ptarmigan of the Arctic region

mage are almost identical in color.

Meerschanm in good quality is now mined just like coal near Eski-Shehir,

Turkey. The veins are small and the

expense of working up the material

Probbs—"So you were in the Iowa cyclone. At what point did the storm left in the chromosphere spectrum of the sun which do not correspond to the lines obtained in terrestrial spec-Dobbs-"It didn't leave the towntra."

> The assistant engineer of the Chi cago Drainage Board reports that the drainage canal will not hurt navigation on the lake, nor lower water more than a fraction of an inch, except when it is high.

> The summit of Mount Baker, Washington, which is just becoming visible through the melting snows, is said to have changed its shape. A new peak, between the dome and the south peak, is said to be plainly visible from New

Whatcom, By means of a recent invention the blind are enabled to write with facility, using the ordinary Roman alphabet. The invention is described as a hinged metal plate with square perforations arranged in parallel lines, iu-Ziggsby-"I think a man is a oward who would strike a woman, side of which the stylus is moved in making the letters.

Argon and helium have been exdon't you?" Perksby--"Well, I don't know. No soward would dare to strike my mother-in-law."-Brooklyn Eagle. tracted together from a meteorite, say Professor Ramsey and M. Berthelot, which points to the existence of argon ontside of this earth. Professor Hodg-NOT AN ENCOURAGING EXAMPLE. kinson has found gases, which he "Give me the man who sings at his believes to be the two new elements, in minerals of the samarskite and eux- til I've made a reputation."-Truth. work," quoted the citizen who believes enite group.

"Well," rejoined the skeptic. "I'm One of the greatest mistakes about not so sure about it. You know the mosquito does that."- Washington food which people make is to forget that the true value of food to anybody is the measure of its digestibil ity. Half a pound of choese is vastly more nourishing, as regards its mere composition, than half a pound of "Is my proposal accepted ?" he asked of the daughter of the naval construcbeef; but, while the beef is easily digested, and thus of vast service, the cheese is put out of court altogether for some folk by reason of its difficult "It is received and filed," she responded, "but I expressly reserve the

## Revolution in the Oil Industry.

digestibility.

EASILY EXPLAINED.

"I wonder what makes these butlargely used for food. One-half the tons burst off so?" Dora petulantly exwhole product, or 500,000 barrels, is used in the four great centers of the oked at her tight-fitting dustry. Chie Kanana Clity

#### RATES OF ADVERTISING:

One Square, one inch, one insertion	3.0
One Square, one inch, one month	80
One Square, one inch, three months	80
One Square, one inch, one year	10-0
Two Squarss, one year	15 0
Quarter Column, one year	80.0
Half Column, one year	80 0
One Column, one year	200 /
Legal advertisements ten cante pe	e 11a
each invertion.	
Marriages and death notices gratis.	
All bills for yearly advertisements od	Josho
quarterly. Temporary advertisements	a matter

be paid in advance. Job work-cash on deltvery.

Dove-winged against a tender, turquoise skt The white smoke flits; or through the lam-

THE SMOKE

bent alr Quivirs to fading violet spirals fair; e shifts to gray, curled upward heavily. rises in strong, twisted columns high

agent for three main telephone wires that are being laid in Nottingham, From grimy funnels, flecked with fitful flare:

Or through the planks of creaking bridges bare:

resembles the prairie chicken in size and habits, and in their summer plu-It sifts a sinuous way to trail and die,

The still, vast skies are background for its strife;

'Tis like man's yearning, mounting from man's pain,

Seeking the tranquil heavens, waveringly inrth's ceaseless clash and clangor give it 1160

"Tis like man's prayers, that rise from toil and strain, Trail, and are lost, in God's immensity,

-Hannah Parker Kimball, in Scribner.

#### HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A woman is irresistible only when she doesn't know it .- Detroit Free Pross.

How much a plumber's kit resembles burglar's kit of tools !-- Atchison Globe.

A thoroughbred is a man who forgets that he has on new clothes. - Atchison Globe.

We speak of some men as all wool, probably because they shrink at noth-ng. - Boston Transcripf.

g. - Boston range instancere How by the statesman instancere Man's weary woul is veced. He'll shake your hand one minute and He'll pull your leg the next! --Truth.

"What !" exclaimed Robinson Crue, as he spied the foot-print on the land, "Is Trilby here, too?"sland. Truth.

The business man who does not advertise is often caught in the set of counterfeiting prosperity. -- West Union Gazette.

Citticus-"I wonder how it is that o few women stutter when they talk?" Witticus - "They haven't time."-Tammany Times.

Johnson-"Why are you so particu-lar with your poems?" Mason-"I can't afford to turn out poor work un-

Experience in the world's ways shows That as a general rule The politician who has the push Is the one who has the pull. —Boston Courier.

Don't throw old shoes at a bride, Make a neat package and send them to her three years after her marriage. They may be acceptable .- Atchison Glob

Sister-"There, you have the candy all over your new suit! What will mamma say?" Little Brother-"Well, mamma won't let me have any fun in these clothes till I get 'em spoiled."-Puck.

The refined oil, worth \$1 a gallon, is She (poutingly)-"Befor: we were married you used to bring me candy every time you came." He (briskly) -"Yes, my dear, and it cost a good leal less than the meat and potatoes . bring you now."-New York Weekly. Willie S .- "Mamma says she alrays likes to call on you." Mrs. Twickenham (highly gratified) - "Does she, Willie?" Willie-"Yes'm, When she goes away she says she feels so satisfied with herself."-Brooklyn oil for use in salads, and some is used Life. A pupil whispered in the next boy's ar, "Our teacher is a regular duffer." ear, The master, who had just put a question to the whole class, thought the pupil was framing a reply, and said to him : "Come, my lad, speak up ; per-haps you are right."-Chronique. Her head had dropped upon his shoulder. "If only," he whispered, "thy check could remain there forver," Little thought he what was to Little thought he until he got ome and tried to remove her check from the dress coat with ammonia and alcohol. - Detroit Tribune. "Poor little creature !" exclaimed Uncle Allen to the mesonite that was buzzing about him. "There's room in this great would for both you and me. \* \* But you shouldn't try to crowd me," he added, a moment later, as the insect alighted on his nose. And he crushed it remorseless ly .- Chicago Tribune.

Learn to Listen.

differs from him most radically, and

will.

took it along."-Truth. NO LONGER ARISTOCRATIC Sayles-"You're surely not going to have Mrs. Naylor arrested! Don't you remember that she had klepto-

lon't you?"

all he reads.

Star.

balance.

mania last winter?" Thredd-"Yes; but her husband has failed since then."-Puck.

MIGHT BE DISTRACED. Young Wife-"What! You think of joining the army? Horrors!" Husband (tenderly) -- "Are you

afraid I'll get killed?" Young Wife-"N-o; I'm sfraid you'll run. "-- New York Weekly.

HE HAD HIS DOURTS.

TALKING SHOP.

right to reject any or all bids."-

has almost wholly disappeared from many parts of New Hampshire, though it still abounds in Maine, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. He accounts for the spread of the cotton tail to the northward as the result of the destruction of the pine and spruce forests which are replaced by a scrubby second growth of shrubs. "The hare goes into the coniferous forests and the cotton tail comes in with the second growth."

The new impulse lately given to gold mining has brought new life into many leserted towns and abandoned camps in the West. One of the most notable of these resurrections-revival does not accurately describe the situation-is in the case of the camp of Florence, Idaho. In 1861 this camp had a population of 30,000 people, with banks, saloons, hotels and every thing that goes to the making of a city. It was a placer camp, and gold was plentiful as gravel, while it Insted, But it didn't last long, and in those bonanza days miners would not stay to work quartz. So the population. deserted Florence as quickly as it came, and for many years the town was absolutely deserted, and as much a rain as ancient Carthage. Recently several good quartz ledges have been discovered at the old camp, and Florence is building up again.

Sheep farmers, the world over, have been very busy during the last thirtyfive years. In that period the St. Louis Star-Sayings estimates that the increase has been ten-fold in the Argentine, nine fold in Australia and five-fold in South Africa and the United States. At the commencement of the Civil War the clip was two pounds per head of our population; now it is five. New sources are also being opened up to us daily by new railroads, and clothing should go down in price at a very brisk rate. Parts even of Asia are now sending wool westward. The Afghan "doomchee" -a shoop with a tail the heighth of the animal and as broad as its hind quarters, furnishes good wool, as also do some of the Persian and Thibet sheep, but India, China and Burmess sheep cannot do so. The sheep there grow hair instead of wool, and another peculiarity they persess is that no one over suw a purely whith native sheep in India or Bormah.

well.

born

long until he was entirely absorbed in "Is she your wife?" asked the docthe girl, and was leaving all the rest tor, still smiling.

of the matter to me. Then I pricked "Oh, no," replied the young man. up my ears and got ready, and all at

blushing fariously. "I thought it hadn't gone quite ouce, when we came to a good place. I took a header into a ditch, the girl screamed, the man swore, and I lay laughed so that the young man got over on my side helpless, but happy. mad, and began to say words at the He and I rode home in a passing pie doctor.

cost him \$7 for repairs. All kinds of people hired me, and with most of them I could do very Never, though, with a fat wo-There was one of these that thought she could reduce her flesh by Hee she will be sufficiently recovered riding, and she lit right down on me

the first time she came into my place. How I regretted that I had not been right along behind the carriage as if it man's machine, when she all depended on him. I dou's think I settled herself fifmly in my saddle, and began paddling like a duck in the water. After that every day she came | terest in her. He even forgot me at after me, and I began to feel my bursend out for me the next d den was more than I could bear

enough glory for both of us.

with her, She was a dainty little creature, light as a fairy and strong as saying that I was a bicycle for hire? I wish to correct that. My lady and wire, and she knew where all the prottiest places were, and there we I wish to correct that. went together, and she draw pictures the young man came into my place to Augusta (Me.) Journal.

#### HER METHOD.

"Mrs. Brown never sits up to wait for her husband? "No?

"No. When she expects him to be out late, she retires early, sets the alarm at 3 o'clock, and gets up, re-freshed and reproachful.''-Life.

#### DIDN'T PHASE HIM.

"So you think you can stand the ardnous duties of a variety actor? You know in our play we find occasion throw you down a thirty-foot flight of stairs into a barrel of rain water." "I think I can stand it," said the hungry man. "I was a tax collector for three years."- Tit-Bits.

#### THE BEASON WHY.

New Parson-"Which do you like est, Willie, your day school or your Sunday-school?

Willie-"My Suuday-school." New Parson-"I am glad to hear that. Why do you like your Sundayschool the best?"

Willie-"Because it is only once a week."

#### TWO VARIETIES IN ONE.

Bass-"And of which variety is your wife, the clinging vine or the lf-assortive?"

Cass-"A little of both. When she wants a new dress or a new bonnet sho generally begins in the elinging-vine role; if that doesn't bring the money, then she changes to the self-assertive; and-well-she invariably gets the dress or the bonnet."-Boston Transcript.

#### THE BLUPP WORKED.

At 7 o'clock in the morning two lucilists, who are to fight to the death at a place in the suburbs, met at the ticket office of the railway station. "Give me a return ticket, as usual,"

says the first duellist to the clerk, in a terrible tone and with a ferocious twist of his monstache. "I-I say, do you always buy return

tickets?" stammered his opponent. "Always."

"Then I apologize." - Tit-Bits.

#### DEVICES OF THE MILEMAN.

"I declare !" Mrs. Wiggin exclaimed, pouring a light blue stream out of the pitcher, "if the milk doesn't grow poorer every day! What shall we do with the milkman ""

Mr. Wiggin sawed gloomily at his is now in the sixty-eighth year of his age, and claims that he has taught

"I suppose there's no way out of it," he grumbled; "Pli have to pay his

And the next morning they had real ailk for breakfast.-Rockland Tribune.

Louis and Omaha, for making lard ; half the remainder is sent to Holland for making bogus butter, and the rest of the product is used at home, or sent abroad to other localities for the same use or for filling cheese. Some of it appears on the tables as refined olive

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for the preparation of the popular Saratoga potatoes. Thus, for small and great uses this new product is entering into almost every opening that can be made for it by the withdrawal of other oils or fats. It is curious to note the effects of this new product. It has wholly changed the manner of making pork, from the production of heavy pigs to light, small ones, for thin, lean meat, and no use for the inside fat. It has greatly restricted the sale of butter, especially the lower qualities of it, and changed to a large extent the manner of making cheese, obliterating to a serious degree the market for pure dairy goods, and, in the end, causing what is called in the parlance of the marketment, the great slump in the value of cheese. It has led to the destruction of the olive

groves in great part. It has changed the destination of tallow from its use as a material for soap and a lubricant to its use as butter, and the material for making oleomrgarine, and it sheds light upon the studies of the student who is in the habit of burning the midnight oil, formerly derived from the sperm whale. Thus the world changes, and we change with it.-

#### A Lazy Mau's Labor Lightened.

New York Times.

He can be seen at Longport, near Atlantic City, N. J., and is probably as lazy as any amateur fisherman that over baited hook or hooked bait. He was seen the other day with three lines in the water. He was catching as many fish as the others with consid erably less offort. The lines of this ingenious individual were fastened to small pieces of umbrella ribs about twelve inches long. About one inch from the end of the wires were fasteucd small sleigh bells. When he cast the line into the water he drew it taut and then stuck the wires into the ground. When a fish would nibble a the bait the bell would jingle and thus draw the attention of the tisherman to the line. It is beautiful. The old

man drops his fish a line, and when they call on him they ring a bell. He is not obliged to think, everything is so comfortable about him

#### Armed for Emergencies.

A whiskered Westener from Alma. Kan., was arrested in Kansas City few days ago for bellicosa bearing the public streets, and was found to be carrying in his pockets a pistol, a pair of brass knuckles, and a copy each of the Old and New Testament. He declared he was a good church member in his own town.

#### An Eccentric Empress.

The eccentric Empress of Austria, after wandering in the Greeian Jal ands, has at last returned to Viennas The court functionaries notice that she has developed several peculiarities. For instance, she always dresses, for no matter what ceremony, in a high gown of unrelieved black. Then Then she absolutely refuses to listen to music, even the music of Strauss. Sh avers that her nerves are shattered, and unable "to bear the strain of music." Her Majesty's most remarkable eccentricities, however, have to do with her food; she lives almost entirely on milk-the milk from a spe-cial sort of cow reared in Corfu.-New York Dispatch.

#### Brizands of Sielly,

At Aci Reale, in Sicily, two brothrs who had sold some cattle and had the money with them were attacked in their farm house by nine masked brigands, and one of them was shot. The carabinieri then came in, and, after a long fight, killed six of the brigands. captured the other three, and found that they were all townspeople, among them the village shoemaker and the barber.-Louisville Courier Journal.

#### Suit for a Queer Reason.

A woman in Atlants, Ga., is saing a local druggist for \$1000 damages because when she sent to his store for a certain corn cure he sent a substitute, which, she claims, "poisoned her foot, made her suffer from survicty, and brought her many weary nights.

designated localities. The details of operations are settled by the town ouncils, overyone in the neighbor bood takes a day off to fight thistles and in this way it is possible to make at least some stand against the persevering plague and to keep some soc tions fairly free for other than thistle crops. Some day science will find the thistle useful and then it will immedia tely become delicate, difficult to raise

Maine.

"That's all right," laughed the doctor again. "I like to see your interest in her. She will be your wife some day or I'm no judge of signs.

plague grows again faster than the inthat far," said the doctor, and he lividual farmer can find time to hos it down, so they all unite as often as convenient to have "hosing bees" in

thistle avail nothing, because the

wagon, the girl disappeared, and it Help me to put her in the carriage. I think by the time we get her to my

to go home. Going back, the young man wheeled ever saw so young a man that had quarrelled with a girl take so much in-

me, what a delight it was to go flying

the doctor's office, and they had to But But there was another woman-ah, my lady was all right, and tall was

Posteript-Didn't I begin this by taught he has whipped 115 pupils He says he does not believe in

and scarce. William Mark Brooks, of Norway,