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In the high schools of Japan the atudy of English is compulsory.

Chicago has only twenty per cent. of its population of native birth, the rest being foreigners or their childrep.

The shoop raisers of Terra del Fnego are making pleuty of money. It is said that a man who starts in with a good outfit and 1000 awes should in ten years have an income of \$10,000 a 3 car.

Wheat is now carried from Duluth, Mirn., to Buffalo, N. Y., a distance of over 1000 miles, for two cents or even less per bushel, while it still costs from three to five cents a bushel to carry it from Buffalo to New York City, only 405 miles.

At Rome, Cavalry Lieutenant Blanc, who maltreated a private so that death ensued, has been sentenced. to three months' imprisonment and to pay an indemnity of \$5000 to the parents of the victim. The case dragged through two years and the defense cost the doughty Lieutenant \$16,000.

Twenty-five years ago the great battles of the Franco-German war were fought. That war of only 180 days cost Germany, in dead and maimed, 6055 officers and 110,701 men. It appears almost incredible now that within a few months 21,508 French officers and 702,048 French soldiers were made prisoners or compelled to disarm.

A church in Washington now has a drum corps, announces the Pathfinder. "Things have gone on until a church is often no longer a church simply ; it is a hitchen and dining-room and a room for sociables, etc., with, incidentally, a place to hold religious meetings. The church should be made attractive, of course, but should it be made a club-house?"

The troubles at Kucheng and Tarsus remind the Philadelphia Record of the interesting fact that China and Turkey are now the only considerable parts of the world not under Caucasian Goverament or protecterate. Africa has been apportioned out in the last twenty years as China is likely to be in the next twenty. "How much longer the Unspeakable Turk is likely to last is a question, but only a question of time."

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LAUGH ALONG.

Laugh at it,

Chaff at it,

Chaff at it:

# TIONESTA, PA., WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2, 1895.

cry, quietly and miserably, till the papers, and eaw that her name was boy was almost beside himself. At last, between the sobs, he learned her with the matter. He wrote to her a If the world present a sorrowtrouble, which was grave, indeed. She and her sister had very much wanted to go to a certain ball, and, more than that, to have new dresses for it, of soft, white Liberty silk, such as she Is there threat of wee to-morrow--

Laugh at it; The joy will come as surely If you face the world demurely; Or the grief will fall as certain If you strive to rend the curtain-From the coming day to borrow All its store of joy or sorrow. So let the world keep drifting -Laugh at it, Chaff at it;

The deeds of mortals sifting-Chaff at it. Laugh at it! -Cleveland Plain Dealer.

HIS REWARD.



D ways of the numberless assistants whose life books thus opened to him so many of their

Lately there had come to the place a slight, gray-eyed girl, who wore her black dress with such grace and held her small head with such dignity that he whimsically had named her to him-self "The Little Duchess." He liked to look down and catch a glint of her hair's sunshine when his brain was dulled with calculating change and his fingers ached with shutting cashballs and despatching them on their journeys. And he used to wonder greatly how any customer could hesi-tate to buy silks and satins when their lustre and sheen were displayed by her slim little fingers and the quality descanted on with so persuasive a smile. There were handsomer girls in the shop, girls with finer figures and better features; but to the boy in his mid-air cago there were none with the nameless charms that made the little duchess so lovable. For, of course, he did love her. In

less than two months he had begun to watch for her cash-ball with a trembling eagerness, to smooth out and stroke gently the bill her fingers had written and to wrap it and its change up again with a careful tenderness all; twice at the door on leaving— weather remarks, to which she had re-sponded graciously; once or twice about bills that she had come to reo-

ent off daily for fortunate enstomers. But her purse was empty, so in their emergency the sisters had hit upon a more than human he expected his replan, questionable, indeed, but not ward. And the little dachess had dishonestly meant. The sister came cried quietly over the letter, and for to the silk counter and purchased thirty yards of silk, paying 15s. for it instead of £3 15s. everal days cut off silk and satin with a pensive, unhappy look that quite touched her customers-those few "That was on account; I was only among them who realized that it was taking a little credit like other cus- human flesh and blood at the other

tomers," said the little duchess, with a haughty movement of the head. "On Saturday I was going to make out a bill for an imaginary customer and send £3 up to you. Don't imagine I would zoelly wroment to firm by a half. would really wrong the firm by a half- | writing she remembered too woll. "Oh, no," cried the boy, eagerly; down to the Gardens in the lunch penny.

"it's all right."

it's all right." "That's not all." The girl began to She hesitated when the time came: "That's not all." The girl began to cry again, hopelessly, miserably. "I had no money to get the dresses made, and the next customer paid £2 102., and—and—I only sent 103. up to yon —I wanted to make it just £5 I had borrowed. I thought I might borrow enough, as I was borrowing—don't forget, I would rather have died than have stolen the £5, Mr. Walters." have stolen the £5, Mr. Walters." "Of course, of course, I under-stand," said the cash clerk, seeing that it was a worse fix than he had imag-ined, but longing to take her in his

arms and kiss away the tears. "And then that horrid Mr. Greaves, showing golden against the black of who signed first in a hurry, asked for her lace hat. For hook and took it for something, For him, his face had hardened,

my book and took it for something, and then sent it up to the desk, and the figures are all confused, and the bly shorter, his hands were rough check leaf isn't the same as I sent it and unsightly, his clothes hung awkto you. I hadn't time to make it wardly upon him and his linen was right, and when the books are com- doubtful. pared to-night it will be noticed, that I shall get into trouble, and, oh, I am then he put out his hand, took her so miscrable !" The little duchess was small gloved one and looked at it cu-

sobbing pitifully. He kissed her this time in carnest, on the lips, the checks, the hair, the tear-wet eyes. I think he would be kissing her still, only a gardener's form, and specially his smile, obtruded itself upon their notice, and they sat apart, looking fooliah, till the two o'clock bells made them hurry back to the her were must be married now, Nellie; that's all I've had to think about all this awful time." His face flushed a little under its tan, and his eyes lightened.

to the shop. "T'll put everything right-don't yon worry," he said, and she smiled relievedly and went to the counter. That afternoon he did what all the

"We musn't talk of that time, other years of his life he had deemed impossible for him to do. He made a though ever, eh, Nellie?" neat alteration in his books, so that the "No," she said, regarding her brown £5 in question would not be missed. shoes intently. His eye noted the smooth round-ness of her cheek, the delicate pink To-morrow, he resolved, he would take £5 of his own, and would pay it into the account of the firm. The little that came and went, the turn of the duchess would be his debtor, and run that, I may assure you, no one else's duchess would be his debtor, and run change and bill received. He had no more risks. But, alas for the mor-spoken to her half a dezen times in row! white neck.

"Aren's you going to kiss me, Nel-lie?" he said slowly; and he drew her a little strangely and awkwardly to

Then she spoke. "I knew it wouldn't be any use, tify at the desk, and once he had had said at his elbow, and he slowly be- and you'd never have any money or the great good fortune to find and came aware that he-surely it was a get a place after this. We couldn't return a handkerchief she had dream !-was being arrested for de- be married on nothing, and it would dropped. Such a pretty, ridiculous falcations in his acounts. He learned only drag you down to have me, too. atom of mushin it was, with a fanciful that for some time past the firm had I'm not worthy of you." "Nellie" taking up one-quarter, and been aware of considerable discrepan-""Well, little duchess," he said soft-"Nellie" taking up one-quarter, and some delicate scent londing a subtle fascination that had made it a real detective accountant in the office. "Well, little duchess," he said soft-some delicate scent londing a subtle detective accountant in the office. set eyes lighted up with tenderness. had discovered, as he thought, a clue,

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

A pnoumatic tube is to be placed on Brooklyn Bridge to expedite mail communication between the two cities. STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MENOF THE PRESS

They Never Speak Now - Light Headed - An Easy Boss-Quite Ready-Almost a Fixture, Etc. a few minutes.

He asked the malden for a kiss— His love he could not smother. She said (in fun): "Should you take one You'd surely want another." According to a recent lecture of Pro-fessor Shuster, of London, the mafest course for a human being in a thunder

He shock his head and firmly said "I will not ask for two!"

Diamond dust was supposed to be poisonous by the early chemists; but With sweet surprise and murmured: "All The other follows do!" —International Ticket Agent. it has been settled that there is no poisonous matter in the diamond.

QUITE READY.

He-"I'd like a flower in my coat when I go. She-"I'll put it in now,"-Life.

" AN RASY BOSS.

The Weather Bureau proposes to establish a system of rocket firing along the Atlantic coast to notify vessels passing at sea of the approach of storms.

It is reported from Paris that the aeronaut Capazza, dropping from an elevation of 4000 feet, has succeeded in guiding his parachute exactly to the spot previously designated by him. "You say you came up from Florida It is not generally known that, size

parture.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL,

storm is to get thoroughly wet.

David H. Wyckoff recently wrote

that a million horse power could not produce the effect that a single flash of

lightning has been known to accom-

thread of the same thickness.

According to the French professor,

the rabbit is able to bear the greatest

cold. He shut a rabbit up all night in

The Paris-Lyones-Mediterranean

note the instant of arrival and de-

bodies have been burned since the be-

ginning of the movement. The process

an hour. The society counts among

Lightning and Rubbers,

she were scaled in a glass cage.

many a life in a thunderstorm.

when a thunderstorm came up.

Only a little while ago Horace W.

was on deck wearing rubber boots,

but steadying himself with one hand

by a wire cable from the main topmast.

shivering it into splinters. Down the

but he pulled through. If it had not

been for the rubber boots, the cur-

it is cornered, and a pair of defective

rubbers will do you no good.-New

A Pneumatic Boat.

The pneumatic boat of the Interna-

A Convict's Romance.

rival in Indiana, and was sentenced to

twenty years' imprisonment. The

sentence having just expired, the ex-

convict-now a white ha red man-

has been married to the woman on ac-

A man in a jealous passion killed a

York Press.

He

It is not agreeable to be struck by

for size, a thread of spider allk is de-cidedly tougher than a bar of steel. An ordinary thread will bear a weight of three grains. This is just about fifty per cent. stronger than a steel "Easy enough. I came by boat, but more than half the time I was on

LIGHT-HEADED. Willie Gibbs-"It's swfully strange, but when I go into the watab, I never with her little tan shoes, and her hair can hold my head undah faw a moment."

She-"It would be very surprising if you could."-Truth. a block of ice and the next morning the animal second to be very comfortable and not to know that anything unusual had been going on.

# THE AMEND HONORABLE.

Indignant Citizen-"See here, sir! Railway Company has recently put clocks on the outside of its locomotivea You reported in your paper that I was going around with a black eye. It's abominably false, sir. I am suffering from graulosis, and have to wear a on the side toward the station platforms, for the benefit of both passenpatch to keep the light out." gers and station agents who wish to

Editor-"I don't like to make cor riously. "I-I am glad you're ont," she said, carefully looking away from rections, my friend, but I'll fix is all right in the paper to-morrow. I'll announce that your antagonist is in bed with two black eyes."-New York Weekly.

# AFTER A LION.

diphtheria and that beyond doubt the "Who is this Dean Swift they are talking about?" whispered a society lady to Lady Bulwer at a party. "I dread disease had, in a number of cases, been communicated by pets to human beings. should so like to invite him to one of The fourteenth annual bulletin of my receptions." the French Cremation Society states

"Alas, madam, the dean has done that in Paris alone more than 20,000 something which has shut him out of society.' of converting the corpse of an adult into ashes occupies slightly less than

"Dear me, you don't say so? What a dreadful thing!" said the lady in a breath. "And what was it?" sho added.

its members a large proportion of wo-"Well, about a hundred years ago he died,"-Tit-Bits. men.

CALLING HISTORY TO HIS AID.

The deacon shook his head. "I can't do it," he cried impatient.

lightning. Nor is it at all necessary. There is a sure preventative -as sure ly; "I've put money in your schemes as it is simple, inexpensive and always accessible—a pair of rubbers. If a antil my patience is exhausted-and

# RATES OF ADVERTISING

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Two Squarzs, one year	15 0
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> WITHOUT US. We struggle and strive for a wonderful

- place In the wonderful world about us,
- And then we die, and the wonderful world It is elaimed that proxide of hydro-Gues merrily on without us, gen in combination with the electric current will bleach discolored teeth in
  - Carrie Blake Morgan, in Overland,

# HUMOR OF THE DAY.

- The man who keeps step with con-sience rarely gets his heels trampled, Cleveland Plain Dealer,

  - Orevenante reactions, Orally, till ears are sore, Come the volces of strong men weeping And women who want the score, —Pittsburg Press,

Do not tell secrets to people on an occan voyage. They can never keep anything to thomselves. - Life.

She is in a deal of trouble, For she has lost her good name, For site me test net unbrolla, Twas engraved on her umbrolla, And sumebody stole the same -Washington Post

Some hearts never learn the difference between an earnest longing and a hoggish greed, ---Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Spinner-"After all, it is easy to make the time fly." Bicyclist-"Yes, only the other day I made a century run."-Life.

Housekeeper-"Your milk is as thin as water to day." Milkman-"Well, it was very foggy this morning when we milked."

Before marriage, a girl complains cf her kin to her lover, and after mar-riage he complains of them to her.-Atchison Globe.

Bilkins-"I am advised to take a vacation and go abroad at once." Smithers-"Who so advised you, your loctor or your lawyer?"

Doctor-"Are you troubled by treams?" Patient-"Very much! I ave in my pocket now the third bill for my daughter's latest."-Puck.

It is by no means vainly That sho's educated well; Sho's able, when she sees a monse, To give her college yell.

- -Puck.

When you find a man of whom it is often said that he has his heart in the The British Medical Journal calls right place, there is apt to be someattention to the fact that diphtheria thing wrong with his head. -Atchison is often spread by cats. During the last epidemic at Brighton, Eugland, it was found that several cats died of Globe

"Cholly shows a great lack of selfconfidence," said one friend. "Yes; and right there he shows a great abundance of good judgment."-Detroit Free Press.

oit Free Frees. Five dollar bills and ten dollar bills Are things I don't often see: But four dollar bills and nine dollar bills Are presented quite often to me. —Life.

Extract from the casualty column of a Western newspaper: "He fell on his neck, but he dida't weep, for he fell a long distance and the neck was his own."-West Union Gazotte.

Possibly the highest proof of the shrewdness of doctors and lawyers is the fact that they seldom rely on their own judgment in their own cases .- Chicago Times-Herald.

To lie in a hammock is bills; Then the world seems to have not a frown; Though it's when one is thinking like this That the pesky old thing tumbles down.

Clerk-"Our new boss is a good one. Started his administration by giving each of us a Derby hat." Wigwag—"Making his presents felt, eh?"—Philadelphia Record. ALMOST & FIXTURE.

by boat and rail without change. How is that possible?"

the rail."-Life.

The Norwegians have adopted a very practical and business-like way of making King Oscar comply with their demands. It is simply to cut down his royal allowance if he refuses. It is a new plan, says the Baltimore American, for a dissatisfied Nation to fine a monarch, but it will probably accomplish more than the more spectacular and heroic style of fighting to the death for their liberty. A King can afford better to lose his subjects than his allowance, and the shrowd Norsemen have made able use of a practical fact.

People who have tried to learn other languages than their own will wish success to that young German philologist, who says he has invented another system by which it is possible to learn a language in three months. As the result of a challenge, he has promised to submit his system to a practical test. He has undertaken to learn twolve languages in three years, namely French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, Danish, Swedish, Norwogian, Polish, Russian, Czech and Hungarian. He started on the task on July 15, and will, therefore, have finished his work on July 15, 1898. when he will undergo an examination by a committee appointed for the parpose. This man certainly has confidence in his invention.

The person who was asked to point out the most popular book of last year based on the circulation of copies would hardly be likely to hit upon the right answer. It is not to "Trilby," the graceful, nor the brave "Gontleman of France." nor the "Prisoner of Zenda," nor "Coin's Financial School," nor "Merrie England," nor any of the books of the day that hold the record. All these, with their 25,000 and 50,000 and 100,000 of circulation, are far in the year. The leader in books last year, as for all the years, was the Bible. The report of the American Bible Society for 1894 shows that this single organization printed and procured in the twelve months 1,958,674 copies of the book. and of these 815,905 were circulated in America and the rest in foreign lands. The San Francisco Examiner believes that "a work that sells at the rate of over 800,000 a year in the United States after some centuries of curculation is not exactly to be conmidered as laid up the shelf."

wrench for the lad to take it from his Last night, for the first time, the man vest pocket and proffer it to her.

So great a wrench, indeed, that he and had convinced the firm that in proffered his love, too, humbly, but | Walters he had found the offender. fervently, and received a very won-The lad was ashen pale, horror stricken, as he realized how these dering look from the gray eyes, a badly concealed smile, a "Thank you, things must go against him. He could not drag in the name of the little for the handkerehief, and a "No, luchess; even if he did it would not thank you," for the love. He had kiesed her, though, and that avail him much; he certainly had al-

was some consolation afterward to his sore spirit-kissed her right upon the girl's share would only be to have two sore spirit-kissed her right upon the sweet, scarlet lips which had said of them brought to trial and perhaps "No" so decidedly, and then, bold no to jail. The little duchess in jail! longer, had fiel to the shelter of the That hair catching the prison-yard acquaintances expressed a desire to bag some big game. "Well, if you friendly packing cases and beaten a retreat to his desk aloft. the garments of shame! The boy

That was nearly a fortnight ago; drew a deep breath, waved one very not once since had she spoken to him, and to day he was feeling desperate.

made,

room followed by the policeman. It had been a very busy morning and he had found hardly a second to back to-day. On my oath, before raise his eyes from his work ; the once that he had looked down she had been farthing of my moneys." his trembled in its ongerness, the busy with a customer, a girl prettily ed and golden-haired like herself. set eyes gleamed and the white lips That had been at about ten o'clock; worked hefore twelve her each box, with the "Your purpose, Walters?"

notch upon it that his penknife had The manager looked hard, disberolled down its line, and he opened it, as he had opened it twenty times that morning; but this time it lieving

"Direst need. Oh, believe me, sir. I have served you three years notar I ly as man can serve—yesterday I borrowed this money and brought it borrowed this money and brought it almon head, and the result is that ealmon head, and the result is that I have served you three years honestbore his, fate. Besides the bill there was a little twisted note with "John Walters, private," written upon it, and the boy's very heart leaped at the back this morning-don't ruin my tight. Down below customers wealthy whole life for this one act. vaited for change and anxiously

"Your pressing need yesterday?" John drew a deep breath again. vatched for their own particular ball "I-can't well tell you." Then the heads of the firm came in while the deus ox machina read again

al again, with cagor eyes, "Please vill you meet me at lunchtime on the strand? Do, if you can. I am in they scorned his story. The defalca-rouble. You said you loved me." tion amounted to almost £50 in all. Chen, as he began mechanically to and he had confessed to £5, which nanipulate the waiting balls, he had been found upon him. Of course, ooked down to the accustomed place he and no other was the offender, and of the little duchess. She was pale, ie saw, and her lips trembled oddly low and again. There was a frightmed look in her gray eyes, and once ir twice he thought he noticed a parkle as of tears.

At lanch time he actually tore brough the shop and away down to he appointed place. She was there, till pale, still nervous and fluttering. every side. As he passed the silk counter the little duchess was meas-Montagnals and Eskimos came from the souther the southern shore of Hudson Strait he appointed place. She was there, all pale, still pervous and fluttering. 'Let us go to the gardens. It is juncter," he said, putting a great ful beneath her hands. She was very This involved a tramp on foot of 1000 estraint upon himself; than, when at white, and in her eyes was a look of abast they were within the gates, "God ject horror and entreaty; his eyes re- ages was ever male in circumstances pless you for this, Nellin !"

sugged face that was all aglow with its brilliant, glancing light. ove for her.

"For telling me about the worry-She sat down on a seat and began to freely as she read the secount in the Mail and Empire.

Not worthy, his little duchess! Then the crimson rushed into her face, and she flung up her head defiantly.

"The little duchess !" he said, dully ;

"It's good not to see the walls," he

added, looking round at the spring's

brave show, then away to to the blue

sparkle in the bay and the glancing

"I married the new shop-walker four months ago !"-Hartford Times.

Bear Hunting in a Town's Suburbs,

"You are thinking about going bear hunting, oh !" remarked Sumuer Elmore, the largest salmon packer on the Columbia River, when one of his acquaintances expressed a desire to want to get plenty of bears without much trouble go to Astoria."

"Astoria is a nice little city of about wistful glance at the silk counter, and then walked straight to the manager's 10,000 inhabitants, but half a mile south of the Custom House is a virgin took the £5 yesterday and brought it forest skirting Young's River and the Lewis and Clarke. The forest God, sir, I have never misapplied one stretches castward to the Willamette Valley and is full of elk, deer and his voice deep

"In the summer time during the packing season thousands upon thou sands of salmon beads are thrown into the Columbia River off the water front. The tide carries them around into Young's Bay and they drift up on the

great numbers of them come down from the mountains to the beach to feast on salmon heads. Many people set big log traps baited with salmon in the timber along the beach and indignant at their misused trust, and many bears are trapped every year almost within ganshot of the Custom House,"-San Francisco Post.

# Walk a Thousand Miles to Worship,

they must teach their employes a lesson. So John walked down that its earlier history, preserves the story long shop by the side of the official, of many a deed of heroism and devo-The history of Canala, especially his head very erect, his face pale and tion on the part of Christian mission his knees shaking; all his tife he aries who worked and perished among would remember the glances of pity, the Indians, but there are few stories curiosity and disdain that he met on which reflect so much credit on Indian satin, that gleamed warm and beauti- to worship in the Province of Quebec ess you for this, Nellie !" assured her, and passed on and out of of greater hardship. The citizen who "What?" said the girl, with un- the door. Yes, all his life he would is loath to walk a block to church pertainty, but not looking at the dark, remember that that rose red satin and along a smooth, dry pavement, ought to think of these Indians plodding

After the trial everyone thought 1000 miles through an inhospitabl him fortunate to get only two years, country, through forests, across river isking me to come. Oh, God bless and the httle duchess, who had grown mountains and lakes, to render a duty thin and ancient-looking, breathed they owe to their religion. -Toronto thin and ancient-looking, breathed they owe to their religiou.-Toronto

what good does it do? Next month you are back for more."

"But, father," protested the young man, "this is the last time I shall have to call upon you-tide me over only one day and I'm saved. Remom-ber what Joshua did."

"There you go," interrupted the tricity, and if the lightning has to go deacon, raising an impatient hand; through a sheet of rubber to get at "always quoting the Bible on me. But I fail to see how you can find a you, it will leave you alone, and take something else. In other words, when parallel between this case and Joshua. you have on a pair of rubbers, and not in contact with anything, you are "You appear to forget," said the young man earnestly, "that Joshua perfectly insulated.\* kept his son from going down for twenty-four hours."--Rockland Tribfact proven by innumerable experi-ences. A pair of rubbers has saved

une.

# THEY MET BY CHANCE.

Two real estate men, both partial o bicycles, met in the club house not many moons ago. "Where is your wheel?" asked No.

1 of No. 2. "Laid up for repairs," answered

No. 2; "and yours?" "Ditto. What's the matter with

yours?" "Riding out last night. Met a mon-

key on a wheel in the dark. Collision. Bruised my face and leg and broke my wheel. The wretch who was the cause of the catastrophe escaped. How was your bike damaged?"

"Riding down K street and met a fool on a velocipede. He turned into could not get through his boots, so it passed down the cable. me at Seventeenth street, and, besides of rubbers to be effective against having two tires broken, I came out lightning must be sound and whole ith a barked shin and sore nose." "What time was it?" exclaimed with | Do not put on an old pair with crack in the toe, because electricity will get out of a very small hole when No. 1.

"About 10 o'clock." "I was the 'fool'."-Washington Times.

### TRACING THE LOSS.

The two dollar bill was missing; that was one sure thing. Mr. Hanktional Pneumatic Boat Company, New inson had given it to Mrs. Hankinson York, will be useful to sportsmen and to pay the iceman, and Mrs. Hankintravelers. It resembles a horse collar son had it on the mantel. Now it was made of india rubber cloth, but the one. Two plumbers had been in interior is provided with rubber boots through the room carly in the afterand trobsers, into which the user noon. Later the men from the storthrusts his legs, bringing the bost up warehouse had called for the round his waist. He then walks into Hankinson silverware, ere the Hankthe water and inflates the collar, which insons departed for the constry. buoys him up. Of course he can pro-pel the beat by treading the water or by rigging up a sail, and he remains quite dry. 'The "beat" is easily car-These, besides the usual members of the fami', were all who had been in the room

"Perhaps," Mrs. Hankinson mildly observed, "as the window was open, ried about.

t was blown out." Mr. Hankinson snorted. "Most likely it was blown in !" he

said. Then the cook came forward.

"Thim plumbers tak at !" she said ; "they were here first. The storage min couldn't hev tuk it for they wor count of whom he committed the crime. During his imprisonment the here last, an' I saw it after they wor gone !"

sweetheart worked so hard that she Mr. Hankinson thought profoundly was able to accumulate money enough for a moment, and, as this seemed a plausible theory, he lot it go at that. to support both during the remainder of their lives. -Pack.

woman will simply put on a pair of rubbers when the lightning begins to

Johnny Snagga-"Papa, what is the flash and the thunder to roar, and will difference between a boom and a boomlet?" Mr. Snaggs-"A boomlet stand on the floor so that she touches nothing else, she will be as safe as if is a movement in favor of a candidate we don't want, my boy."-Pittsburg Rubber is a non-conductor of elec-Chronicle-Telegraph.

# Vultures and a Dead Tiger.

The vulture is seen at its best when dead tiger, brought into camp to be skinned, is exposed in the open. Overhead is a cloudless sky, and not a bird to be seen in that great void by the This is not a theory merely; it is a human eye. The tiger's body is thrown from the pad to the ground, and before the skin has been removed there, above one, and always nearing the earth, are the vultures circling, Folger, of Cambridgeport, Mass., was on a pilot boat in Boston Harbor, posing like things of air ; now a dozen of them, in a few minutes a score or two, and then a hundred strong. Then, when the flaved carcass of the tiger is left by those who skinned it, the vul-tures descend; down they come like Lightning strack the topmast, feathered thunder out of the sky, and from the cast and west and north and cable went the current. Folger was knocked unconscious. When he re-covered he was full of aches and pains, south. The very embodiment of power, while they whirled aloft and in their quick descent to earth ; and now, as the waddle around that carrion beast, misshappen ghouls, whose only rent would have passed entirely through him. As it was the current apparent strength is that of the rayening jaws which toar and gorge the flesh, until within the hour tiger's naught of that splendid brute remains but a clean-picked skeleton.-Thirty It might be well to add that a pair Years of Shikar.

# A New Filter for Ships.

A new filter for ships is made of a tree-trunk. The water is pumped up into a reservoir and then forced, under heavy pressure, into the filter formed by the trunk of the tree. In a few minutes the water is seen oozing out of the lower portion of the trunk, and is entirely freed from salt and the objectionable taste of seawater; in fact, it is drinkable, and may be used for all domestic purposes. This is a discovery of the utmost importance, as heretofore shomicals have been the only means of purifying the sea-water, and this iometimes brought about unpleasant results, on account of developing new elements by the mixture of the parifiors with the salt water. - Now York Lodger.

## Rapidity of Bair-Growth.

Authorities differ as to the rate of rowth of the human hair, and it is said to be very dissimilar in different individuals. The most usually acceptad calculation gives aix and a half inches per annum. An Englishman's hair, allowed to grow to its extreme length, rarely exceeds twelve or fourteen inches; while that of a woman will grow in rare instances to seventy or seventy-five inches, though the average does not exceed twenty-live or thirty inchos,