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English Radicals are asking for the appointment of public defenders to oppose the public prosecutors.

Madagascar has important mineral wealth, not only iron, graphite, rock salt, coal, nitre and other things, but probably workable gold.

As the result of the existence of a chillo trust in Belgium, the New Orleans Picayune assorts that the humbler classes of the population there are forced to purchase horseflesh as a substitute for beaf.

The manufacturing product of England exceeds that of "any other European Nation. It is more than equal to the product of Germany, Italy and Spain combined and very nearly equal to the total manufacturing products of France and Russia.

A law against "unfair competition in trade" has come into force in Germany. It is aimed against false descriptions and other forms of swindling by advertisements. Not only the advertisor, but the newspaper publishing the advertisement, may be prosecuted.

At the last regular school election held in Phelps Opera House, Greenville, Mich., Dr. A. W. Nichols was elected director, in place of L. W. Sprague, and O. C. Millor, a member of the board, succeeds himself. There never had been as exciting a school election there. Hacks and buses were running all day carrying women to the polls. The issue was the exclusion of music, drawing and fairy tales and substitution of shorthand, typewriting and lecture courses. The educational roform party won and useful instruction will succeed fairy-talo entertainment.

With the exception of Texas, which is a much larger State in extent of territory, Georgia ranks first among the States of the South in the mileage of her electrical railways. The record is as follows : District of Columbia, fiftynine miles; Maryland, 233 miles; Virginia, 163 miles; West Virginia, twenty six miles; Kentucky, 167 miles; North Carolina, thirty-nine miles; South Carolina, ten miles; Georgia. 235 miles; Florida, thirty zeven miles; Alabama, seventysix miles; Mississippi, four miles; Tennessee, 208 miles; Louisians, 156 miles; Arkansas, thirty-eight miles; and Texas, 254 miles.

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THE WAY OF LOVE, "Come," said Love, upon a day: "Come, and fare my rosy way; If perchance the thorns we meet They shalt make the roses sweet."

So with Love I passed along, All the world was sweet with song; Never thern was mine, for he Hid them in his heart from me! -F L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

AT THE END OF THE ROAD.

out.

you down."

house.

tur, I guess."

per.

sauce.

your fingers.'

'Rastus's face.

BY MARY CLARES HUNTINGTON,

HEY a'n't to know a thing about it attend the party at all. But a softness unless they mis trust. It's to be a roal surprise," said Lou Harlow, though, that flittering little Holland girl had stayed in Rhode Island." poising herself, like one about to

'Rastus was not long in finishing the | ing. doorway of Mrs. chores. When he had harnessed old Green's kitchen. "You must come, Mis' Green. 'Twill came in to shave. Mrs. Green was sit-found but one dipper among the pile, do you good to get ting by the kitchen window, dressed and naturally felt the prestige of be-You're too in her best gown-a black alpaca, with ing the only person who had given an a shut up, fashionable large sleeves. It had just unduplicated article. Mrs. Dodgson, much shut up. Sarell will miss

else is there. Get 'Rastus to bring Mrs. Green set the teapot further

back on the stove and marmured an indefinite "M'm." The milk house door opened with a rattle of pails. Lou's eyes turned slightly in that di- be laid out in. rection as she talked on persistently. terday and invite you, but he had to go another way, so I stopped in new. It's rather late to be giving invita-tions, I know; but it's all been planned and answered "yos" in an absent way, "Brother Ed was going to stop yes

might stir you up to coming better dows. With a curiously aggrieved than Ed could. It does seem too bad feeling his mother noticed how care-not to have a lot of folks at a tin wed- fully he avoided shaving the down

meal cooker that I got at the five-cent He colored. He had a trick of

store in the city, and I shall take that. Well, I won't hinder you any longer about your supper. Good-by. Now do come if you can. Good-by." The kitchen door timed its closing (1) Well, I won't shaved since and here 'tis Friday. Gett to suit, a'n't you, mother?" and here 'tis Friday. Getting hard

quality which gave him an added

boy who used to sob out his little | tableful of such tin articles as go to grief upon her sympathetic bosom had fill the shelves of a well-stocked panreached man's estate, how entirely was try; the younger people intermingled told by some trick of manner, by freely; games started; a girl with an occasional tone of voice or lift of eyes. untrained, linnet-like voice scated her-Ho thought that she did not know, self at the atshmatic melodeon and and therein lay part of the sting. It sang from the "Gospel Hymns." seemed to put her far from him, and Harlow's "tin wedding surprise" was

she felt a chilling prescience of the time when her place in the house would be taken by some one else. Re-the guests, was more busily hostess Lon Harlow, bustling about among gret that a boy must ever grow beyond like than Mrs. Harlow herself, "Sarell boyhood filled her now for a moment. never mistrusted until the last min-She would have liked to call him back ute," she was telling everyone. and say sharply that if he could not "When we suggested her fixing more'n ride down to the Harlows' with her usual for the ovening, she said she

"Well, it's only natural. I wish, bough, that dittering little Holland member that Will and I had been married ten years to-day. It's real pleas-ant to have one's friends so remembar-

The

Mrs. Green, taking inventory of the been made over, and the size of the the local merchant's wife, began talk-

night. That lace at her throat is very becoming. I hear something about her and your 'Restus. How's that?" Mrs. Greon drew herself up stiffly. "Folke can hear a good deal," she said.

"'Rastus looks rather young to think of marrying. And Lou-why, she's-let me see." Mrs. Dodgson screwed her face into arithmetical puckers, "She three years older 'n Rastus! I remember she was born the same year as my Ameret."

"Oh well, it's the fashion nowadays for men to marry older'n themselves, Mrs. Green answered, with a blandness born of remembrance that Mrs. Dodgson's own son had wedded a woman ten years his senior-a widow with an overgrown daughter just en-tering her teens-and that the affair was very displeasing to his people.

But her neighbor's friendly inquisitiveness set her into a new train of thought. What if Lou Harlow had been the one whom 'Rastus had fan-

cied? Before her rose a vision of heavy bread, cake smelling of saler-"Mebbe," she said, laconically. A moon in its second quarter was showing above the eastern horizon as homestead; she thought of what it 'Rastus walked across the lots after would be to live day after day with start and cordial bow, but the bit of helping his mother off. A few crick-talk that followed was inaudible to ets vibrated from the grass; sweet-her. She feit certain, however, that ness born of the first October frosts ness! Looking across the room at one who but a few hours ago she had lent to the air a subtle exhilarating characterized as "that flitterin' little buoyancy. Life seemed on this even-ing to open before him radiant with of pride akin to what she felt in 'Rashope. When he leapt a wall he was in a tus the trimness of the black gowned wheel-worn lane leading from the figure, the quiet manner, the delicate 'Restus came in presently, and, after washing at the sink, sat down to sup-per. He was thin and not over tall, with a vivid boyish complexion and a chin like his mother's, marked by a decision that almost sovere coldness of English, two childless, middle-aged gray-blue eyes accentnated. It was people. They were coming up from minded her of his father when he had only when 'Rastus smiled that one their house now. As he waited by the come courting out Pemigewasset way,

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL. Eighty-five per cent. of the people who are lame are affected on the left

side. Sea water contains silver in some quantity. It is often found deposited on the copper sheathing of ships.

The ordinary speed of a house-fly is twonty-five feet a second; but when chased it often attains a speed of 160 feet a second.

An observatory for terrestrial magnatism has been established in connection with the astronomical observatory in Munich, and Dr. Franz von Schwarz has been made director.

A chair of ichthyology has recently been established at Munich in connection with the Tierarztliche Hochschle of that place. This seems to be the first professorship of the kind ever established.

Roentgen rays have been used to take pictures of flowers. They show the ovules inside the overy in an unopened bud, the seeds within a seed vessel, and even the veins upon the white petals of a flower.

Dr. F. Eldridge Brown, a wellknown authority on color blindness, says that women have a much better perception of color than men. For the whole population he estimates the percentage of color-blind persons is 3.5, while Dr. Wilson puts it at 5.5.

There are many authenticated examples of increased power of mind during sleep. One of the best known is that in which the great naturalist Agassiz successfully reconstructed from certain aemains of the skeleton of a fossil fish at which he had been working unsuccessfully in his waking moments for several weeks,

By actual count a naturalist took two thousand tiny feathers from the lining of a single bird's nest, while in the construction of another 482 twigs were found to have been employed. In building the bird works from the inside, sitting among the material and twisting and weaving it into shape. The mother bird assumes the resp sibility for the nest, the father following her about and helping her when she will permit it.

Deadly Duel With Pills,

An extraordinary duel, which at the time created an immense sensation, was one in which the decision was arrived at, not by swords or pistols, but by means of a deadly poison. The mon-who, it is hardly necessary to say, had fallen out over a lady-had left the arrangement of details to their seconds, and until they faced each other they did not know by what method they were to settle thair differences. One of the seconds was a doctor, and made up for the occasion four black pellets, all identical in size and shape. "In one of those," he said, "I have placed a sufficient quantity of prussic acid to cause the almost instantancous death of any one who swallows it. We will decide by the toss of a coin which of you is to have first choice, and you will alternately draw a pill until tho

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COLD-WATER CRANES.

The modest violets, white and blue, That quench their thirst with morning dow;

The cowslips nodding at the son Down where the laughing brooklets run;

The bloodroot blossoms, pure and white That keep the bubbling sorings in sight;

The water-lilles, tall and rank, Each one a brave cold-water "crank;"

Yea, flowers of every form and huo Are to the laws of nature true:

They slp the nectar God has given. Most grateful for this gift of Heaven:

They meet His smile and own His power In every welcome summer shower:

They thrive on rais and mist and dow And all intexicants eachew.

Sweet flowers, I wish all men would heed Your mute reproof, your simple creed!

A DOCTORS'S OPINION.

A DOCTORS & OPIMON. Speaking on the subject lately, before the Anthropological Society of Munich, Bavaria, Dr. Brendel, who said that the present time, referring to his own land, might be called the alcoholic period of man, because of the prevalance of the use of alcoholic drinks, added; "Alcohol, which conservation before

provalance of the use of alcoholic drinks, added; "Alcohol, which apparently brings so much pleasure to its partakers, acts as poison, if even consumed in small doses daily, by means of its cumulative active action, as is strikingly shown here in Munich, the centre of beer consumption, by the frequent sudden cases of death of apparently healthy men. Fatty, enfeebled hearts, shriveled kidneys, fatty or hardened livers, changes in the tex-ture of blood vessels, which cause paralytic strokes and softening of the brain by burst-ing in the brain, chronic catarths of the stomach and bronchial tubes, etc., trembling of the limbs, aberrations and diseases of the mental faculties, delicium tremens, etc.— these are some of the consequences of an immoderate drinking of alcoholic stimulants. Frofessor Dr. Bollinger, of this city (Ma-nich), has in the same manner proved the prevalence of various diseases of a definite nature of the internal organs caused by the universal drinking of beer. A normal heart or kidney is the exception only hers in Mu-nich. This state of affairs also injures the programy in a most serious manner. Dr. or kidney is the exception only here in Mu-nich. This state of affairs also injures the programy in a most serious manner. Dr. Demme found that of the children of non-drinkers eighty-two per cent, were sound, while of those of drinkers only seventeen per cent, were sound. * * * Although large quantities of hoverages were drunk formerly, still only in the last century, and more es-pecially only in the last decades, in which the brewer's art was perfected, has drinking become universal. It has spread everywhere and increased to a frightfol, most alarming, extent. It has been introduced even into country communities, and the only insvitable consequence will be the thorough degenara-tion of the human race if the evil is not checked before it is too late. Although it is contended that beer contains less alkednel-han either wine or whisky, it is, neverthe-less, as injurious as either of them, while its vannted nutritive value stands in no propor-tion to its price. When a man is required to perform the greatest feat of corporal exer-tion in hattle, sport, exploration, etc., the baneful effect of alcohol is most strikingly shown. * * In spite of the marvelous advantage of our present age a retrogreesion in an ethical sense ts undeniable, the chief cause of drunkenness because the beer saloon has become the centre and focus of social has become the centre and focus of social life,"

THE TOPEN'S MORAL RESPONSIBILITY.

"Why do men drink?" is an old question upon which some savants are seeking to throw new light. The London Society for the Study of Inobriety has been recently discussing the problem, though with no very harmonious results of opinion. Dr. Norman

She would have liked to call him back grew in her eyes as his lithe figure disappeared through the barn door. "Well, it's only paterel door.

Ilike one about to take fight, in the

you if yon don't sleeves was supposed to offset the ing at her elbow. come, She'll want scantness of the skirt. At any rate, "How nice Lou Harlow looks to come. She'll want scantness of the skirt. At any rate, to see her near neighbors, if nobody as she told the neighbor dressmaker, else is there. Get 'Rastus to bring "there wasn't any more pieces, and 'twas better the scrimpin' should come

in the skirt; for one's skirt dida't

"I'm real glad I've got this to wear to-night," she said. Not that there

in such a hurry that we are out and as he tilted his chin before the small out flustered. I thought, too, that I mirror that hung between the win-

ding surprise party. Everybody's to from his upper lip, and that he left a bring something beside refreshments, you know. I've the cutest little oat-ineal cooker that I got at the five-cent more'n usual," she ventured.

blushing like a girl. "I haven't shaved since Sunday,

with mathematical accuracy to the issuing of a young man from the milk Through the window Mrs. Green saw Lou's innocently surprised

it was about the surprise party. "If those Harlows a'n't managin' !" was her mental comment, "But it'll take more'n a pretty puttin' on to make Lou one mite engagin' to 'Ras-

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When Debt is dressed up in its best, With linen fine and purple raiment, With jowels rare and haughty air -

Why, creditors don't ask for payment; But when arrayed in garments frayed Debt walks the street with aspect hun

Without a friend: the men who lend

Must have their money quick, or grumble --Ward Levette Wilson, in Life. HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Always put off till to-morrow business that does not concern you."-Truth.

Magoozleman-"There's a curious thing about water-it expands in freezing." Gigman-"So does the price."-Puck.

"At this point she broke down and wept scalding tears." "Dear me! She must have been boiling over with

rage."-Cincinnati Enquirer. Mr. Youngly-"They say that there is no fool like an old fool." Miss Newville-"But that saying originated before you were born."-Truth.

Man is never full out of reach of a dominating power. When ho's big enough to defy his father, then ho gets married. —Adams Freeman.

Richard - "What makes you so sure she will marry you ?" Harry-"Well, you see, her mother and I have engendered a mortal hatred of each other."-Boston Transcript.

Cleverton-"You don't mean to tell me that you passed the night with Plankington and don't mind the mos-quitoes?" Da*haway-"I do. After the first one bit me I lost consciousness."-Life.

"People don't think I amount to much in this concern," said the office boy, as he file't away the paid bills; "but they'd think different if they knew I handled all the receipts."-Roxbury Gazette.

Bill the Biffer-"What's d' object of dis organization uv yours, mister?" Mission Worker—"To resone the fallen, my man." Bill the Biffer— "Well, don't talk to me; I'm no bicylist."-Roxbury Gazette.

Chawley Goirocks-"My dearest Margaret, I love you tenderly, devotedly. Your smiles would shed-" Margaret-"Never mind the woodshed. How about a residence built

for two?"-Washington Times. "One of the hardest things in making a speech" said the old campaigner, "is to say just what you mean." "Yes," was the reply, "that's pretty hard. But once in a while it's good deal harder to mean just what you

say."-Washington Star. "Ah, for a lame back, I presume?" inquired the druggist, survely, "No," replied the callow poet, who had asked for a porons plaster, "for writ-er's cramp." "Pardon me, but how can you apply it to your wrist?" "It isn't in my wrist ; it's in my stomach."

be; but I truly and unselfishly love

-New York Truth. Mr. Hardnutt-"I admit, sir, that my life has not been what it should

The English statistician, Mulhall, recently published an estimate of the wealth of all the leading Nations. His information was gathered from the most reliable sources and there is every reason to believe that it is approximately correct. Mr. Mulhall shows that the wealth of the United States far exceeds that of any other Nation. Here are some of his figures: Great Britain..... 47,000,000,000 France..... 42,590,000,000 Gormany 81,185,000,000 Russin. 25,445,000,000 Austria..... 19,275,000,000 Italy. 14,815,000,000 Spain 12,580,000,000 Belgium..... 5,035,000,000 Holland...... 4.900,000,000 Canada...... 4,180,000,000 Bweden 3,641,000,000

It is further shown by Mr. Mulhall that the average carning capacity of the American workingman is much greater than that of the workingman in any other country.

From 1880 to 1890 the State of Kansas enjoyed a continuous boom. Its population increased at a great rate and it was confidently predicted that Kansas would soon become one of the wealthiest and most populous States of the West. The history of Kansas for the past five years presents a sad commentary on these high expectations. It is estimated that the population is fully 100,000 less now than it was when the census of 1890 was taken, and the exodus continues. A large part of the State is a semi arid region and utterly unreliable for agricultural purposes. Crops there have been almost a total failure in two of the last five years. Thousands of Kansas farmers moved last year to more favorable regions and thousands more are preparing to leave. The Atlanta Journal looks for a very large movement of farmers from Kansas and other parts of the Northwest to Georgia. Good huds can be had in this State at low prices and the "seasons" never fail. There is always a sure return for intelligent and industrious effort. It is a great thing for people who have endured the hardships of the Northwest to find themselves in a land where extremes of heat and cold are unknown, where neither blizzards nor droughts do come and where all the conditions of life are pleasant.

knew how winning his face could be. fence in the shadow of a lilac bush he where she had lived as a girl. "Lou Harlow stopped in to ask us could see them distinctly in the clear to a tin welding surprise at her moonlight-two somewhat bent fig-

brother Will's. Probably she men-tioned it to you," said Mrs. Green, as them walked another figure, with out. Her quick eyes had recognized she poured the tea, "I shall have to youthful poise of head and shoulders, two young figures at the gate, and she carry something in the shape of tin. I wonder if the dipper I got of that at the sound of a girl's laugh. turned her back upon them, barring the progress of Mr. and Mrs. English.

"If I haven't stove my thumb into pedler last week won't do. I took it for rags. They do pay so little for this cake," Mrs. English was saying. "Never mind, ma. Turn it 'tother rags now, I declare it's hardly worth savin' 'em. If it hadn't been for them side to when you hand it in, and old overalls of yours I shouldn't made nobody'll notice," suggested her husout enough to get this dipper." band.

The musical girl laugh sounded "Likely they won't have more'n seven dippers," said 'Rastus, helping again.

himself to a second dish of apple "Let me carry it, Aunt Martha." With a thrill of satisfaction 'Rastus

aw the napkin-covered plate change Mrs. Green looked disturbed, "Well, dippers is handy. Every housekeeper needs two, and they use hands. The slim, quick stopping Every figure was ahead of the others now. up quick. Dippers nowadays ain't As she reached the gate he seized the coveted opportunity, and moved for-ward, awkwardly snatching off his hat. what dippers used to be. 'There's hardly one to be got but has a weakness in "Good evening, Miss Holland. Let the solderin'. I don't know what's more provokin' than to have a dipperme open the gate for you."

Never did gate latch so long refuse ful of water come eplashin' onto the to lift; and when she had passed floor and leave nothin' but a handle in through was it not to pause and turn The quick, bright smile flashed over back with a pretty "Oh dear!" How he blessed the rose branch that caught her skirt, and so held her for his re-"Better carry a pan or something of

hat kind." Ileasing. "Thank you," she said, de-His mother took the suggestion as murely, looking at him with the moonthat kind." ofoundly serious. "I haven't one I could spare. Can't at a brisk trot, but his mother was ful over everything. profoundly serious.

we stop for the Blake girls, 'Rastus?' alone, sitting very erect and holding They like to get out, and it's rather the reins far apart. "The Blake girls couldn't come. Miss Betsey had a bad turn last night, far for 'em to walk now they're failin'. I declare it goes to my heart to see poor Miss Betsey so meechin' lately, and Miss Harriet didn't want to leave

She doesn't seem to know whether her her. So you see you could have role things is on straight or not. Last down well enough. I know you've Sunday 'twas all I could do to keep spoiled your new shoes a trottin' my mind on the sermon for wantin' to through the wet grass 'cross lots, "

"Well, you won't have to ride home straighten her false front. 'Twas alono," said 'Rastus, happily, as he helped her out. What were new shoes How much the bey looked like his twisted so the partin' was over one And it's real pathetic to see Miss helped her out. What were new shoes Harriet hoverin' about her sister and in comparison with that interchange fussin' to make her comfortable, when of glance from a girl's eyes? "I don't all the time Miss Harriet's the oldest. believe the Harlows were very much Miss Betsey ain't but sixty-eight. I surprised after all, mother. When I shouldn't wonder if 'twould chick 'em up consid'able to go to the surprise party this evenin'." One by one, in twos and threes, and One by one, in twos and threes, and

"Well, you can take 'em ; I'll walk. merry family loads, the guests arrived ; and there was talk and laugh and in-'Twould be too crowding in the buggy terchange of kisses among the women ; for us all, and I don't want to get out the business wagon. There's a spoke

Mrs. Green looked narrowly at him; drifted to the kitchen, the younger to the repose of his face indicated noth-1110

circle was strictly feminine. 'But, 'Rastus, I can't hitch old Nell. You know how she acts the minute we get out-a caperin' and pullin'." plates, heralding coming refreshment,

the company's attitude of constraint "I'll be on hand to look out for lessoned; biscuits and preserves and 'Rastus pushed away his chair as many kinds of cake as there were and the door closed after him.

housewives present, proved a wonder-His mother watched as he went across the yard, with slender shoulders well ful impetus to sociability; and when from Glasgow for its destination. thrown back. Even in overalls and coffee was served, steaming hot and de-colored shirt he had not the slouchi-liciously fragrant, the last stiffness was ness of many farmers. She recognized swept away. Some of the married Kara Sea to the Yenisel, up that river the fact with a thrill of pride; but an-other fact was present to her also. The room and looked respectfully at the into the lake.

When came a homeward movement among the guests Mrs. Green paused,

"I have enjoyed it all so much; haven't you, Mis' English? I do think a surprise tin weddin' the best way of romemberin' the anniversary-it don't make so much work for the folks of

the house. Seems to me it's a pretty long while since you and your hus band have been up to tea with me. Now, why can't you be a mite more neighborly and come soon? Say Wedneslay, Nothin' to hinder? Well, I'm real glad. And you are to bring your niece. Not havin' any girl of my own I like to see a bright face like hers 'round once in a while. I guess

'Rastus must have got the horse unhitched by this time. Good-night.' 'Rastus was patting Nell's nose as he stood by her when 'his mother came out. Retta Holland was still at the

gate ; waiting for her sunt and uncle, and Mrs. Green smiled at her as she Mother and son drove along passed. the bush-fringed lane at a plodding gast; for old Nell seemed in an indolent mood, 'Bastus loth to urge her on. The moonlight lay white and beauti-

"I've asked Mr. and Mrs. English to tea next Wednesday," said Mrs. Green. She cleared her throat at the eager interest on 'Rastus's face, and added what ahe knew would establish perfect understanding between herself and him. 'And I've asked the niece, too.

"Have you?" In 'Restus's voice was a thrill of such gladness as comes when one is twenty-three and in love

father in spite of having her eyes and chin1 Mrs. Grosn felt a sudden allembracing motherliness that let the girl of his love into the depths of her heart. But she only said, in a matter

of fact way : "I should think 'twould be real lonesome for the Englishes bein' as their house is where there a'n't never any pussin'. I should hate to live so an awkward standing aloof or scraps far from folks. I wouldn't for any-

toward the old yellow house. To him the loug hall and the sitting-room it seemed that under some circumstances he could live his whole life at

dent.

For a Siberian Lake.

A steel twin-sorew staamer for Lake Baikal, in Sibern, has just started It is-115 feet long and draws only three feet of water. It will go through the

shows its effects." Two of the pellets were then taken as the toss had deeided, but without effect in either "This time," said the doctor, case. speaking of the two pellets remaining, You must both swallow the pill at the same instant." The choice was again made, and in a few seconds one of the men lay dead on the grass. - Gentleman's Magazine.

Queerest Bicycle Made,

Now, here is the queerest, cheapest bicycle that is made anywhere in this or any other country. That there is a fall in the price of bicycles is undeniable., But nobody over thought that in this year of grace 1896 a wheel could be made and sold for a quarter of a dollar, and both maker and seller have a profit.

. The author and finisher of the ingenious machino is Fred Dodson, a fourteen-year-old lad, who lives at Fishing Creek, Penn. Little Dodson worked for two months constructing his old wheel, which bears about the same relation to the moderu bicycle that the Spanish caravels did to one of the White Squadron.

He made his frame and wheels of the best boards he could find, built a comfortable saddle on a hickory spring, and used a strip of perforated leather in place of a chain. His pedals, eranks and braces are marvels.

When he discovered that his won derful product would go, he was the gladdest boy in the Keystone State, and when some one offered him a quarter for it he snapped at the bargain .- New York Journal.

Beggars in China,

A Chinaman can live well upon five cents a day, yet there are more beggars in China than in any other country, They travel in great companies, men women and children. The women suffer on this tramp, because their feet are bandaged. Crowds of young beggars follow carriagers for miles, howl-ing for gifts. Professionals often multilate their children so they may excite sympathy. These swarms of beggars are the result of there not being enough work for them all. Each family takes care of its own poor to a great extent and the Chinese are not azy, so it is the force of circumstances more than anything class that contributes to this state.

Robbed While His Leg Was Asleep,

P. Elliott sat reading a paper yesterday afternoon in front of his tea store at Eighteenth and State etrects. Soon he was fast asleep. He was suddenly awakened, however, by feeling a hand in his pocket. He waw a colored man put his watch and chain in his spocket and walk away. Elliott tried to arise, but his left leg was benumbed by the position he had been in and he was unable to do so. The thief escaped, --- Chicago Inter-Ocean,

your daughter, and if ever I give her a moment's pain I hope I'll be made to suffer torture for it." Old Gentleman (warmly)-"Oh, you will. You don't know her."-Tit-Bits.

A Sympathetic Crowd,

That much ridculed instinct which leads a crowd to collect without a clear idea of the reason for gathering, worked an unusual good at Tacoma, Wash., the other day. Somebody saw, early in the morning, a grief-stricken man walking toward the river with a small coffin. With him were his wife and a stranger who bore the coffin box. Without knowing just why a man fell in behind them, another and another followed until there was a good company. At the river side strangers put the coffin into the box and placed it aboard the boat. A flower boy, who had just landed and joined the crowd, laid a wreath on the casket. All was done silently, and the father, as he embarked, turned and in tears returned thanks for having found friends in a city of strangers. -New York Sun.

A Hundred Million Suns,

A peep into the heavens through a modern telescope is a peep into the very depths of mystery. With such an instrument one may gaze upon 100,000,000 stars, each of them a burning, blazing sun ! From what little we know of creation we cannot but believe that each of these suns is giving light and heat to a train of planets, just in the same manner that our sun gives light and life to his own little flock of worlds. Beyond those 100,-000,000 suns there may be hundreds of millions more. Thus they may continue "system after system and worlds without end." Verily, we may say with Richter's dream man who was taken on a voyage by an augel through the depths of space: "End there is none, neither was there a beginning. -St. Louis Republic.

A Fortunate Invenior.

Newton F. Hurst, twenty-four years old, is a grocer's clerk in Buffalo, N. Y., and gots \$5 a weak wages. Some time since he invented a car-coupler. and a few weeks ago he received a let ter from a manufacturing [firm offering \$30,000 in cash and a royalty or all couplers sold of his invention. He hasn't decided to accept the offe: yet, and in the meautime holds on to his 35 a week.

Revival of a Gallows Bird,

An Arab named Mohammed Ben Aidlel Benzerti was hanged recently in Tunis, Algeria, for killing four other Arabs. After the usual time the body was taken down and given to his relatives, who were preparing to bury him, when he remarked : "Before him, when he remarked : burying me, give me something to drink." They took him to a hospital and he is likely to recover.

harmonious results of opinion. Dr. Norman Kerr for one declares that little progress will be made in the way of decreasing drunken-ness until it is recognized as a disease, and not merely as a moral weakness. It is be-cause this fact has not been realized, he says, the best particular of all habors in the line of that no results of all labors in the line of legislation have accrued. Evidently Dr. Kerr begs the question in this statement. Legislation cannot do everything to offset the rum evil, but that it has, where invoked, the run evil, but that it has, where invoked, accomplished something in the way of the diminution of this social curse, is evident to every candid observer. If this question be asked, "Why do men drink?" of course the readiest reply is: "Because they want to!" readiest reply is. "Because they want to!" But why should they wish to? As the result of an appetite, all would agree, and at the dictation of a depraved and diseased ap-petite must be admitted, as Dr. Kerr contends. Rum is an intruder in the physical tends. Rum is an intruder in the physical frame, and induces an abnormal state, both morally and physically. But because the toper becomes at length a walking incarna-tion of disease, we are not warranted in ex-cusing him from moral responsibility for the taking of "the first glass" and of all the suc-cessive potions that have proved so madden-ing and destructive. Still, there is a pathol-ogy of drink, which may well be studied in connection with the systematic prosecution of temperance efforts.—New York Indepen-tont.

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The Toronto (Ontario) hotel keepers may bleyeling hurts their business. If the follow-ing extract from the Toronto World is to be

"The biegels continues on its way, revolu-"The bicycle continues on its way, revolu-tionizing our modern life in many of its re-spects. The saloon keepers and eight dealers not the latest to complain of the new order of things. The dispensers of liquid refresh-ments are the chief sufferers, by their own accounts, for thousands of young men who formerly patronized the downtown bars, spending, many of them, fifty cents a day on an average, have taken to the wheel, and their erst while havats know them no more. The erstwhile haunts know them no more. country hotel keeper, on the other hand, is much benefited by the cycle revolution. His oneo almost-descrited house, if it affords good accommodation, is visited only by dozuns of wheelmen, whose loose change, given in ex-change for meals and "soft stuff," replen-ishes his coffers and causes a broatening of the smile on his rabicund countenance."

TOVERTY AND DRINK.

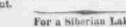
TOVERTY AND DERING. Destitution and want in this country, in profigate patronage of the saloou-keepers' profigate patronage of the saloou-keepers' phycamp in the wilderness of the land sta-phy camp in the wilderness of great tenc-mont atructures and drag out their lives in helpiss poverty, the lamontable fact is to an alarming extent the result of paying a fos-generous patronage to the liquor-sellers' trads. The practical problem for the Ameri-ean workman to solve is not the amount be may be fortunate in earning, but the sum he may problem by came of dependences and plenty in a contents home. Excessive alarming is not the only came of dependences isources of these misfortunes.—Salered Heart Beview.

ALCOHOLISM IN PARIS.

Paris in alarmed over the ravages of alco-holism. From investigations recently con-ducted, Paul Raymud has learned that the victims of the drink hatelt in Paris-those seriously injured by it in hearth, some to the point of deablement—now number 10,000 recommender.

point of doublement-now handless 300,000 annually. Ambulances carried to hospitals 300,000 pursons last year suffering from alcohothim in some form. This requestors, say 1. (Illus-tration, an expose of \$150,000 for treating diseases due to the effects of intemperanes in drinking. It is a sad fact that the pro-portion of women among these drunks and patients is nearly equal to that of men.

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of neighborly chaff among the men, thing." until the elder masculine element 'Bast 'Rastus turned and looked back