

"Our hearty congratulations go to Miss Ellen Hinsdale, daughter of Profossor Hinsdale, of Michigan University, who has just received the degree of Ph.D. from the Gottingen (Germany) University, the first woman to

and gazing upward at the brilliant stars as they slowly sailed overhead. I was in that delicious, dreamy state, half-asleep and half-awake, hearing only the murmur of the voices around only the murmur of the voices around only the more the foil second of a start of the boats in readiness. By this time the nondescript was plainly visible to all. It appeared to be an old hulk, with a single mast in the centre. The bell bones strewed the floor, and several bones strewed the floor, and several bones strewed the floor, and several bones strewed the floor and several strewed bones strewed be floor and several strewed bones strewed be and bone and the several strewed be and bone and bone and bone strewed be and bone and bone strewed be and bone strewed bone and bone several strewed bone and bone strewed be and bone strewed bone and bone strewed be and bone strewed bone strewed be and bone strewed bone strewed be and bone strewed bone stre me, as one hears the faint sound of a was suspended from the masthead, articles of wearing apparel, which and ever and anon sent forth its sol- seemed to indicate that the place had I presume I had lain thus for nearly an hour, and my eigar had burned alwith the heavings of the sea. most to my moath, while the long column of ashes was still unbroken. when something struck my ear like the sound of a bell. It was not until it was only dimly discernible. I had heard it several times that it seemed really to affect my senses. All at once I gave a start, the ashes dropped upon my bosom, and I arose to a sitting position and gazed around

that when we halted there were several hundred yards intervening, and to accompany it, but on account of a

dogs! Where is

"The demon has got him !"

In reply to our eager questions,

they said the moment they came along

side the craft they heard a low, hol-

low, unearthly sound, which caused them to hesitate. The captain climbed

up the side of the vessel, descended

the hatchway and disappeared from

view. He was hardly out of sight

faces of the crew attested.

that night in June, Henry, when you first asked me to marry you?" emn tolling, as the hulk rose and sunk been tenanted by two human beings of opposite saxes, and had probably Before the ship was brought to we been torn to pieces by the tiger. The had passed the hulk some distance, so room was long and low, extending the whole length of the vessel, and having at either extremity a massive iron chain, terminating in a heavy ring at A boat was lowered, and the captain one end, the other being fastened by a having selected a crew, pulled away strong staple to a beam in the vessel's toward the hulk. I asked permission side. The brute had a chain to his neck recent illness was refused. Fortun- and had been confined to one corner of the room by a delicate iron ring, which had been put there to be nary regarding the appearance and broken. Over the centre of the room action of the hulk that the curiosity was written something in an Indian of us all was so intense as to be pain- dialect, which was pronounced by the ful. We strained our gaze, as the mate (who had spent several years in

wire, with extra barbs affixed, and an order for 2000 tons of it has been placed with the Oliver Wire Company FIRST, LAST AND ONLY. of the South Side. One thousand Mrs. Jones-"Do you remember

"if you will only stop smoking eigartons are aleady being shipped to New ettes, I'll begin smoking them myself York for transshipment on the first and shorten my life by at least ten

quick." Stage Manager -- "What's the matter?" Prompter-"One of the star's diamonds is disarranged."-Philadelphia North American. "Harold," said Harold's rich uncle,

receive the degree in philology at Gottingen. That a woman should be allowed to receive the degree after carning it nearly drove one of the Professors of Philology into feminine bystories."

In 1868 the average price of steel rails was \$158.50 per ton, and that year total production in the United me. States was only 6451 tons. By 1878 the price had declined to \$120.50 and the output increased to 115,192 tons. Fon years ago over 2,000,000 tons were produced, the largest on record with the average price down to \$37.12. In 1896, the price was uniformly \$28, and the output only 800,000 tons. Uhrough the break of the steel rail of contracts were made as low as \$17. which the American Agriculturist bell. thinks is a remarkable showing in price changes of a generation.

During the next four years twentynine railway systems of this country will have bonds maturing to a total par value of \$223,000,000 in round numbers. The larger proportion of these bonds bear interest at six and seven per cent. The total annual interest charge which the companies ave to pay amounts to \$14,500,000 in

numbers, Between 1901 and 15 twenty nine other roads will have maturing bonds to the amount of \$262,000,000, on which the annual interest charge is not less than \$16,-000,000. In nine years, therefore, sailroad bonds amounting to \$500,-000,000, and calling for annual payments of \$30,700,000, will mature.

Immigration to this country from Europe has lately undergone a marked decline, notes the New York Mail and Express, the arrivals at all ports during the last seven months having been 15,523 fewer than for the corresponding period the year before. This decrease appears to have been due partly to industrial depression here, but more largely to the inducements which the the matter?" South American countries are offering to new sottlers. The agricultural development in progress in South America is attracting a large immigration, and will continue to do so for a lopg time to come, but with a revival of business in this country there will he another rush to our own shores.

"Hark !" said I; "didn't you hear ate for me indeed, was that refusal! that bell?" There was something so extraordi-"Just what I have been trying to make Edmund believe!" laughed

Florence Harris. "He persisted in not believing it." "Listen !" 1 said, raising my hand. captain and his crew drew rapidly India) to read : And immediately there fell a death- near it.

like silence. We saw the distance swiftly decrease And while thus intently listening, between the two boats until the shadthere came across the sea, faint but distinct, the soft, distant sound of a owy forms merged into one. And then followed an impressive silence-We scarcely breathed for a suddenly broken by a howl, a pistol minute. The strange, solemn sound shot and a scream; and as our hearts after, the captain was wrapped in his was repeated at regular intervals, as almost stopped beating we saw, a moif swung by the hand of some exment later, the boat put off from the hausted sufferer, or tolled by the swell hulk, and the men rowing with all their might back to the ship. As

of the ocean. The captain by this time had ap-proached and stood in the attitude of the captain was missing. Backstay Bob dashed toward the attention.

"We must be near the land," I venboat and, shaking his fiet at the men, tured to say, rather in the form of an demanded furiously : inquiry than that of an assertion. "You cowardly 'No, sir," responded the captain. Captain Luster ?"

"The nearcat island is a good 800 miles away, and this doesn't come Absurd as the reply might have seemed at any other time, it was utfrom there, I should think." "What can it be?" asked several in tered in solemn carnost, as the ghastly

the same breath. "The sound comes from that direction," said Florence Harris, pointing

toward the equator. "Perhaps it is on board a ship," I again ventured.

"Don't think it is," replied the captain, with a shake of the head. "What can it be?" asked Florence.

To this no one ventured to reply when the noise they had heard at first for several moments. In the mean-

time the tolling of the bell had be come quite distinct, and Adolphus The next moment the report of the captain's pistol was heard, followed by Fitzgibbon gave a yawn, a groan, a a terrific shrick, and then all was kick, and awoke.

still "Aw-yes-aw-I was about to sug-Horror-struck, they called loudly gest-aw-that the tea-bell should and repeatedly to their commander, but receiving no answer pulled away and repeatedly to their commander, confusedly rising to his feet, and from the ship. pitching back and forth. Then, see- "You're a p

"You're a purty set of cowardly ing us all in the attitude of attention, wneaks, aint you, to go and desert he asked, "What-aw-the doors is your captain that way, when, like euough, he needed you to save his life,

"It's the Bell of Doom !" exclaimed exclaimed Backstay Bob, forgetting in Backstay Bob, a tall, scarred sailor, his fury that the first mute was among from his position at the wneel. those whom he denounced. "I'm go

"Pshaw! you're childish," replied ing back to that old hulk, and if I the captain. "Whatever it is, we are can't get at the demon in any other has had success in this world. It is rapidly approaching it, for notice how way I'll put a key of powder in it and stated that Emile Richebourge, the blow it to blazes !' much louder it sounds."

"Bob is right, if his excitement does Such was the case. The bell was now heard clear and distinct to the make him forget his mannare," said ing scusational stories for the Petit path, and was approaching nearer the mate. "It was not my intention Journal.

"I have sought-I have found that which I sought-vengeance."

Carefully removing the body of the captain to the little boat, we scuttled the mysterious craft, and saw it sink to the bottom of the ocean. Shortly winding-sheet and followed

The strange, awful tale regarding the old craft we never learned. It As ever remained to us all a decided they came nearer we discerned that mystery of the sea.-New York News.

High Schools in New York.

New York City is to have high schools-something it has not had,

says the New York Press, since the old High School was turned into the Normal College. The city now has its Normal College for girls and the College of the City of New York for boys, but it has no system of high schools, which are popular in nearly every other city in the Union. The Committee on High Schools of the Board of Education at the meeting of the Board recently recommended the establishment of three high schools, and the report was adopted. The Girls' High School will be situated in the building now occupied by Grammar School 47 at 36 East Twelith street; the Boys' mixed, or "co-ed" High School will be in the building occupied by Grammar School 62, at Courtland avenue and 157th street.

The Board appointed a committee to visit the schools of some of the other cities so that the latest ideas may be put into practice in the high schools of New York when they are established.

Made a Fortune Writing Stories,

At least one of the "penny-a-liners" French nevelist, has amassed a fortune of \$400,000 in twenty years, by writ-

Mr. Jones-"If you refer to that first, last, single, solitary and only occasion upon which I over asked you to marry me, I do-and you never gave me another chance, remember.'

BETWEEN TWO FIRES.

The Fiancee-"I'm very much disthis the Spanish sharp-shooters will pleased with Jack, and I'm half inlie in ambush to pick off adventurous clined to break off the engagement." revolutionists, and as well to stop all The Confidante-"You won't do who attempt to invade the lines of the that, will you?" The Fianceo-"Well, I dislike to do

Pittsburg makers through the Spanish it, because, you know, mamma has Minister at Washington, Senor Dupuy de Lome, and is considered a desirable one at this time, when the been so violently opposed to our marringe."-Puck. demand for wire is light and the slug-

UNUSUAL FEIL

Mrs. A. Quitt-"So you cleared that makes a 2000-ton order worth getting. poor Mr. Liftem from the charge of stealing that turkey? Well, I'm glad of it, but he's such a worthless characthe ore to the finished material it in ter that I don't believe you will ever get a cent for your pay." volves a vast amount of labor to make

A. Quitt (the famous criminal law ver)-"I may not, but I've got a plamed good turkey out in the woodshed."-Truth.

PLED DEGENERACY.

"You admit you are an impostor?" said the judge. "No, 1 didn't, your honor.

"You claimed to be blind, and yet you have an unimpaired eyesight. "That's true, your honor; but I'm morally blind, sir, and not being able to see the harm in my innocent decoption-

"Six months," ejaculated the judge. -Harper's Bazar.

CURE FOR THE CLUB HABIT.

Mrs. Yeast-"I wish I could think of something to keep my husband at home at nights."

Mrs. Puncheon-"Get him a bi evelo Mrs. Yeast-"That would take him

served, will make an angel of a crank, out more than ever." Puncheon-"Oh, no, Mrs. wouldn't! My husband got one the

erved in a slovenly maner, will simp ly drive one into a passion. -- Wash day before yesterday, and the doctor ington Star. say he won't be out for a month."-Household Words.

TILERE @ DANGER.

"It seems odd," remarked Mrs. Ten-spot, "that with all the words in the English language an ordinary person's vocabulary is only about two thousand five hundred words. "It is odd, my dear," replied her husband, "and it behooves you to be

but I apprehend there is no doubt that we must interpret it by Shoemaker. The writer is discoursing of races at

Whitchurch. He says that 'there was "You go through your vocabulary so many times a day there is danger a very respectable field ; and although neither the Duke of Queensberry, that you will wear it out."-Judge. Lord Egremont nor His Royal High ness, the Prince of Wales, were pres-

People who sell newspapers in the ent, it being holiday time, a number streets of Moscow, Russia, are comof royal snobs were.' pelled to appear in uniform.

vessel leaving for Havana, and the remainder of the amount will be foryears."-Indianapolis Journal. warded as soon as it can be manufac tured. The wire will make a continuous

spanish soldiery. The order came to

gish condition of the steel market

single strand, when followed up from

it into pigiron, steel billets, wire rods

and wire, and occasions the employ

ment of a large force of workmen, i

whom will be paid, in consequence, several thousand dollars in wages.

Refinement in Serving Food,

Refinement in serving food, the use

of pretty dishes and clean napery,

having hot food hot, and cold food

cold, is the difference between home

cosking and boarding house cosking.

The idea seems to prevail among

boarding house keepers that what

boarders want is variety, and variety

is given, often at the expense of qual

ity, always at the expense of proper

preparation. The things that should

be not come to the table in a luke

warm condition, and cold things are

whole bill of fare, there will be not one single thing that is properly pre-

pared, or perfectly served. A single chop, a hot roll and a cap of coffee

all perfect in their way and properly

when a dozen half-cooked dishes,

Origin of the Word "Such"

"While turning over the leaves of

the eighth volume of the Sporting Mag

writer in Notes and Queries, "I have

come upon what I think is a very early

nstance of the word 'snob." The con

text does not indicate its meaning

azine, published in 1706," says

In the

anything but cold in reality,

While the wire in itself is in a

"It's a shame," cried the young wife; "not a thing in the house fit to eat. I'm going right home to papa !' line 630 miles long, and will be "If you don't mind, dear," said the stretched on poles on the outer bank husband, reaching for his hat, "I'll of a deep and wide ditch. Behind go with you."

"Have you seen Redding's new book?" "Gracious! Has he also turned author?" "Oh, no. Better Better than that. He has designed the cover for somebody else's book."-Philadelphia North American.

"That fellow-" The dark-browed man's voice shook with emotion and things-"would sink to any depths far the sake of wealth." It was true; the chap he cursed was a diver by trade. -- Cincinnati Tribune.

Byder-"Well, it's a mournful fact that a good bieyele will wear out the same as everything else." Wheeler (a beginner)-"Yes; I suppose so But, between you and me, I think I'li go first."-Brooklyn Life.

Author-"You have no idea how many stamps I use posting my manuscripts to various editors." Critic-Very likely. I think there ought to be excursion tickets for manuscripts at reduced rates."-Tit-Bits.

Kersmith-"You don't take any interest in the question of bloomers, perhaps, because the question has never come home to you. What would you do if your wife wanted to Kajones-"What bloomers?" wear would I do? I'd let her wear them ! I guess you don't know Mrs. Ksjones !' -Chicago Tribune.

The Height of Trees,

It has, perhaps, occurred to few of us that the boughs of trees accupy a very different position in summer and winter, respectively, but Miss Agnes Fry has made careful measurements of the height from the ground of branches of both walnut and mulberry trees in August and December, and she finds that in some cases there is a difference of as much as thirty-one inches in the height of the same branch from the ground in these two months. This particular figure was obtained with a branch of a mulberry tree, and it was found that in December a weight of thirty-five pounds was not sufficient to lower it to its summer position.

In other cases there were differences of from thirteen to ninoteen inches in the distances in summer and winter respectively of branches from the ground. No wonder, then, that the diagnosis of a tree in winter from its general outline is so difficult a task .-Public Opinion.

It is said t at in twenty years Emile Richebourg has amassed a fortune of \$100,000 by writing sensational stories for Le Petit Journal of Paris.

carefal. "Me careful? Why?"

was repeated, far louder and flercer. High School will be in the building now occupied by Grammar School 35 at 60 West Thirteenth street, and the