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England receives about \$400,000,000 a year from the amounts it has loaned to foreign countries.

On July 1 over \$9,000,000 in interest was due in Philadelphia, the city interest alone being \$1,289,576.94. This is an age of debt, exclaims the Boston Globe.

Where all the bottles and pins go furnishes a subject for wonder. Powderly, while at the head of the Knights of Labor, declared that he destroyed every bottle after its original contents had been used, and advised all to follow his example in order to aid the glass industry.

Germany, it is estimated, receives annually \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000 from its foreign investments and \$200,-000,000 from its merchant marine and the profits of its citizens engaged in business in foreign countries, while the expenditure of its people traveling in other countries is about offset by that of foreigners traveling in Germany.

Says Law Notes, "after an animated trial, consuming ten days, the police judge of Omaha decided that it was not criminal libel to accuse a man falsely of being an A. P. A. man. One Bennett was accused of branding State Senator Howell as a member of that order, to which charge Howell attributes his defeat for election as Mayor 'of Omaha."

Justice Harlan, of the Supreme Court, in an address before the Yale Law School, stated that he believed 63 of all documents in American history he would have preferred to have been 6 the author of George Mason's bill of rights. This was the first instrument upon earth defining that principle which underlies every free government to day-the separation of man curiously. the three functions of government, executive, legislative and judicial. He took occasion also to express his displexed approval of Americans who are ashamed of their Government by pathetic. saving that "there are those among us who affect to believe that no government without royalty can be enduring. They affect the manners and ways of those they see abroad, and express disgust at the simplicity of all that is American. It would be well for them to stay permanently abroad. They are Americans in name only and deserve our pity rather than our contempt." A Berlin paper prints some facts regarding electric railways in Europe, which suggests to the San Francisco Chronicle that the people in the Old World are slow to take up a good thing. According to this paper, Germany has 252 miles of electric railway, France 82 miles, Great Britain and Ireland 661 miles, Austria-Hungary 44 miles, Switzerland 29 miles and Italy 241 miles. Servia, Russia, Belgium and Spain have but from 6} miles to 181 miles each. Contrasted with the 12,000 miles of electric railway operated in the United States this is a very sorry showing, and the disparity is emphasized when it is stated that European countries are almost as accicient in other methods of getting about as they are in electric railways. The United States may learn some things from the people of Europe, but the latter might derive some excelient pointers from us on the subject of moving passengers in big cities. The statistics of accidents furnished by some of the insurance companies disclose some odd facts. Out of 4000 given accidents 681 were caused by falling on the pavement, while 143 were from slipping down stairs, with 157 due to miscellaneous causes, making a total of 981. Accidents from riding in carriages and wagons, are given at 421, which is closely followed by that new form of accident on the bicycle, coming up to 413. It is shown that 264 persons were cut with edged tools, while 195 suffered from the falling of heavy objects. Kicking horses were the cause of 134, while nothing is said about mutes, probably because the mule does not exist in the section of coun- old coal merchant soothingly, "don't try from which these figures were take on so. Either girl is yours with collated. The whirring of intricate machinery, from which one would exyou. pect au immense number of accidents to occur, really has but a small percentage to its credit, being only 107seventy-two eyes were hurt, sixty-nine fingers crushed, fifty-five people stepped on nails in their stockings, and, singular to relate, out of 4000 accidents only forty-three were due to railroads. The list all the way through shows, comments the Atlanta Constitution, that more accidents come to the man who walks upon his feet thau to the one who rides on railroads, sails on a steamboat, or coasts around on a like bievele.



How often we hear discontented ones talk Of grand opportunities lest, And how by the waves of condemnable

luck They've over been ruthlessly tossed. They'll tell in a sort of disconsolate way Of laboring always in vain, And how they would handle the contract if luck Could live their lives over again.

The man who has falled in his business af-

fairs, The prisoner locked in his cell. The wedded ones battling, with family

cares, All have the same story to tell, Wherever we go that disconsolate cry We hear in a pitiful strain: "You'd see matters different with me if I Could live my life over again."

without me," said Mollie mischievous We should never weep over milk that is But hustle around for some mor urning to young Bromley with a

We cannot recall opportunities killed, Nor chances blown off from our shore. This word of advice is the best we ca

give: Don't over the past sit and brood, But tackle the future determined to live The balance of life as you should. —Denver Post.

and-and-I kissed you. That was before supper, and later in the even-ing, when we sat on the front steps, 1 MILLIE AND MOLLIE. said that I couldn't live without

you and that we must get married. "Before we go any further," inter 80000000000000000000000008

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'VE come to ask rupted the old coal merchant, "which you for the is Millie and which is Mollie? When hand of your your dear mother was alive she could daughter," said tell the difference sometimes, but I don't know to this day." young Bromley,

evere look.

the same length, and tied at the

"Well, papa?"

with like ribbons. Millie tied Mollie's bows and Mollie tied Millie's.

"Young Bromley tells me," began

old Mr. Dimmock, after he had taken

other, and then dwelling upon the

features of both with one eye sweep,

'that he proposed to you last night.

"Oh, not to both, you know," Mr. Dimmock," interjected young Brom-

ley. "He asked me to be his wife," said

"How is this?" said the old man,

draughts of their fresh young beauty by looking first at one and then at the

"Oh, how dull you are, papa!" said stumbling to the seat offered him the girls in duct. "I think that is Millie on the right," by the girl's

spoke up young Bromley. "Why, Mr. Bromley," said she, "I "Which one?" asked old Dim- am Mollie."

"Very good, now let's go ou," said mock, the coal

ing down the newspaper which he had been reading, and eyeing the young man curiously. "I beg your pardon, papa," said Mollie, "he told me that he couldn't "Sometimes I think it is Mollie, and again I am sure it is Millie," relive without me." plied young Bromley, genuinely per-

"Well, let's get our bearings," con-tinued the old coal merchant. "Brom-The old coal merchant looked symley, you asked Millie to marry you "You can't have both," said he, down in the summer house, and kissed her! That's correct, isn't it?" "There's no doubt about that, sir,"

after an awkward pause. "They're splendid girls, good enough for anybody!" exclaimed the said Bromley eagerly. young man.

"And after supper when you sat together on the stoop you told Mollie 'Well, I rather think!" said the old that you couldn't live without her?" t "That I deny, sir. Oh! I bey your man, proudly. "I could be happy with either of

them," went on young Bromley. "I'm disposed to think," observed old Dimmock, "that you have been "Did you kies Mollie?" we 'pardon, Mollie, you needn't look so "Did you kiss Mollie?" went on the

old man relentlessly. happy with both of them." "No, sir, I-'So they've told me more than

"Yes, you did, Mr. Bromley," flared ap Mollie. once," said Bromley, with the pleasant light of recollection in his eves. "I admit," said the young man, 'Well, can't you make up your struggling with his emotions, "that I mind which girl you want to marry?" The old coal merchant looked at the kissed her when I said I could not live young man with the fresh color and without her, but it wasn't Mollie." "Oh, Mollie!" said Millie, "how the loval blue eves as if he would like "Now, Millie, do be reasonable," said Mollie. to have him for a son-in-law. Young Bromley did not answer for a ement, and then he said slowly: Old Mr. Dimmock looked mystified "Which do you think sounds the bet-"It seems to me," I said, with a show of impatience, "that if I were in ter-'Millie Bromley' or 'Mollie Bromley?' Sometimes I've looked at love with one of those girls I could tell it in that way. the difference between them. So far "I don't think there's much to as I can make out, young man, you choose," returned the old coal merhave asked Millie to be your wife, and have tried to make Mollie believe that chant, weighing the question with every desire to be fair. 'You know," continued the young you could not live without her. Now, "there have been times when gone to bed perfectly charmed and Mollie your conduct would apmau, "there have been times when I've pear to be perfidious. Of course, as between you and Mollie, I must bewith the name 'Millie Bromley,' and in the morning 'Mollie Bromley' has lieve Mollie, for the girl certainly caught my faucy. Millie, Mollie; knows whether you kissed her.' Mollie, Millie-it's au awful puzzle. The old man eved both his daugh-

The young man got very red in the

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

TIONESTA, PA., WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25, 1897.

The Married Man's Discovery - Under Mitigating Circumstances-An Expert Observer-Going by Contraries-Both Nervous-Force of Habit, Etc., Etc.

The Happy Man-"'I tell you, old fellow, a man doesn't know what real bappiness is until he's married." Cypical Married Friend ""Then he Cynical Married Friend,-"Then he finds it consists in being single."-Brooklyn Life.

A Selfish View. She-"Look at that poor moth flut-

ering around the light. He-"That's better than having it fluttering around my overcoat."-Puck.

Force of Habit. "Does your husband act as he did before you were married, Mrs. Lightly?" "Much the same. When he goes Millie domurely. "He told me that he couldn't live out at night he remains very late."-Detroit Free Press.

Merely a Suggestion. Bridget-"Sure, ma'am, I wud call your attenshun to the beautiful supset out av the kitchen winder.' Mistress-"That's nothing, Bridget. The young man blushed furiously You ought to see it rise some morning."-Life.

and lifted his hands in protest. "I'm sure," he stampered, "one of you is mistaken. I asked you, Millie, An Expert Observer. Charley Checks-"Wouldn't yer like ter be an umpire, Sammy, an' get to be my wife in the summer houseinto all de games free?' Sammy Spots-"Naw! What would be de use? Dem fellers never see nuttin' uv de game."-Puck.

> Convicted of Insincerity. "My motto," said the summer boarder, "is 'live and let live."

"Hypocrite!" sneered the mosquito which had been perched on his nose. Only by a precipitate retreat had it been able to avoid a crushing blow .---Puck.

Under Mitigating Circumstances. Jinks-"How much do you think minister ought to get for marrying a ouple?"

Filkins-"Well, if wholly unacquainted with them, perhaps he might be let off with six months."-Town

Topics. Going by Contraries. Askins-"What do you think will

be the outcome when you propose to Miss Swift?" Teller-"She is such a contrary girl that I am inclined to think she

will accept me because I feel sure she will reject me?"

His Usual Pose.

"Julia had her husband's photograph taken with his head stuck in a newspaper. "Why did she do that?"

"She said that was the way he always looked to her when he was at home. -Chicago Record,

Both Nervous. Suitor (nervously)-"Mr. Matchitt, \$1.00 PER ANNUM.

A MUNICIPAL FARM. A Successful Experiment in Agriculture by the City of Macon.

As a demonstration of the profit there may be in a city farm, attention is called to the city of Macon, Ga. From the facts as set forth in the Macon Telegraph there are few little farms in Georgia that are more profit-able. The farm covers sixty acres

and is planted this season in a single All the land inclosed by the mile track is planted in the cereal, and

some twenty or so acres in addiion are under cultivation. The crop this season is nearly ready to cut and something like 2500 bushels will be the result. These oats would cost the city not less than \$750 if they had to

be bought. This is not all, for two cuttings of hay will be made from the same land, which W. Lee Ellis, who is in charge,

estimates will produce something like 3500 bales, which would cost the municipality easily \$3000.

The city has more stock to feed than is generally considered. Taking the fire department, the sanitary squad, the street force and all, not ss than fifty mules and horses must be fed by the city, and all this provender, raised under Farmer Lee's supervision, is a direct saving.

Mr. Ellis, in speaking of the matter, says: "The cost of operating the farm is practically nothing, except for labor needed in plowing, planting and har-The stock must be kept vesting. anyway, and, with the number needed to do the city's work, all that is necessary in the cultivation of crops we raise can be done when the animals would be idle if not thus employed. We use all the fertilizer made by the city stock. Outside of that we have spent this year just \$10 for the commercial article.

From a measured acre of the city land last year there was cut at a single entting 5400 pounds of fine hay. This was after a forty-bushel crop of oats had been harvested, and early enough to make certain another cutting of hay before frost.

Up to the time that Mr. Ellis began to cultivate the city's farming land it had been the custom to rent it out for \$5 an acre. Its annual product is now estimated at over \$60 an acre.'

Porpoises Capture Rancher's Hog. Ole Iverson, a rancher living on Me-Neil's Island, started from Tacoma; Wash., for home in a skiff. His only cargo was a quarter of a hog that he intended to salt down for batching when the long days of winter come. As he passed Steilacoom he noticed a large school of porpoises all about his little craft and soon discovered they were following him. When he reached mid-channel; the school, numbering about 150, began to close in on him and two of the biggest ones worked up close

alongside the skiff. A New Reservoir.

Iverson by this time was pretty well scared and bent to his oars like a good In Pawtucket, R. I., a reservoir has just been constructed, which, accordseafaring Swede. But the fleet-tailed cording to casual observation, has been sea pigs were too swift for him. As made to stay. It has a depth of

A SLUMBER SONG.

Fou, with the dark and weary eyes, Weary of love and sacrifice,

Come with me over the waters pale In my small gray boat with the slender sail

Into the twilight we shall steal, And the little gray waves along our keel

Shall sing you a slumber song of the sea, Where sleep endureth unendingly,

The gray Sea Spirits in tender wise Shali lay cool hands upon your eyes;

In their arms of mist you shall fall asleep. And sea dreams into your soul shall creep.

And none shall know, -but on the shore The old gray willows, bent and hoar,

Shall shiver and sigh to themselves next day, Leaning out over the sea alway. —Harper's Bazar,

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Promptness is the art of waiting for other people.-Life.

If some men had brains in propar tion to their gall, the whole world would be subject to foreclosure at their pleasure.-Life.

A man must toll ere pleasure's thrill Belleves this life so vexed. You've got to pedai up one hill Ere you can const the next. —Washington Star.

"Five dollars!" exclaimed an indignant man who had used the long-dis tance 'phone for as many minutes, "and yet they say 'talk is cheap," "----Judge.

First Bather-"What makes the water so full of weeda?" Second Bather-"I counted eight widows in bathing this moning."-Philadelphia Record.

She-"I never expected to work like this when I married you," You -"I didn't suppose you cared. worked hard enough to get me, didn't you?"-Indianapolis Journal.

A swell yachting club from Duquesne Went sailing one day on the meane, But the white-winged yacht Rocked until the whole lacht All wished for dry land once agesne.

-Puck.

"Sad about the Duzenstickers." "What's the matter?" "They've lived together fifteen years, and they never had a quarrel until lately, when they bought bicycles of different makes. -Chicago Record.

Her Tiresome Admirer-"I don't believe you have thought of me since I've been away." She-"Well, you know very well that the doctor gave me strict orders to do nothing that would tire me."-Standard,

The Court-"Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon a verdict? Foreman (in the Far West)-"The gents has, but that stubborn cuss in No. 7 sent won't agree with us."-Philadelphia North American.

"Mrs. Meeker," observed a friend of the family, "is a very superior woman. She can converse intelligently, I believe, on a thousand different topics." "Yes," sighed Mr. Meeker, "and she does."-Chicago Tribune.

"Marriage," said the puffy man "made me what I am to-day, Marriage

is the mighty engine of civilization." "Then," remarked McCorker, "you

are not self, but machine made, I sup-

pose."-Philadelphia North American.

cold storage house." "To keep his

meats and groceries from spoiling?"

from melting away."-Cincinnati Tri-

'No; to keep his daily supply of ice

"How fashions do change!" ex-

Old Friend-"Oh! he's all

"Women

building on the lot next door?"

"What in the world is Smithers

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SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL. A bar of lead cooled to a point about 300 degrees Fahrenheit below zero, according to the experiments of M. Pictet, gives out, when struck, a pure ausical tone. Solidified mercury, at the same temperature, is also resonant,

while a coil of magnesium wire vibrates like a steel spring. A new method of preserving meats, from which much is expected, consists in immersion in a thirty per cent. solution of salt through which a continuous current of electricity is being passed. The curing is completed in

from ten to twenty hours, when the meat is taken out and dried, Gold leaves so thin that 250,000 measure only an inch in thickness are

produced in the Swan process by placing thin sheets of polished copper in an electrolytic gold plating solution only until a continuous gold film has formed, then dissolving away the copper in a solution of ferric chloride. Liquefied carbonic acid is now produced so cheaply that its use for motive power for such purposes as driving light carriages is often considered. A difficulty encountered is the great

absorption of heat and consequent loss of efficiency through the refrigeration of the engine, as the liquid expands and returns to the gaseous state.

When the flashlight of a submarine camera was burned recently in the Mediterranean, crowds of fish, with their wide-staring eyes, were instantly pictured on the sensitive plate. Phoographs of submarine forests are startingly novel. Seaweed makes an altogether different appearance when seen in its natural element from, that which it presents when seen floating

beach. A new nickel-iron alloy, reported by Dr. Charles Guillaume, of Naufchatel,

to the International Committee of Weights and Measures, shows less expansion and contraction under the influence of temperature than any other metallic substance known. It consists of thirty-six per cent, of nickel and sixty-four of iron, and the expansion is but one-tenth of that of platinum. It is expected to prove of considerable value for measuring apparatus exposed

to sudden changes of temperature. Railway tracks are found to be not absolutely stationary, but to be moved slightly, especially on steep descents, through the influence of the traffic over them. Austrian and French engineers report that the left hand rail, seen in the direction of running, moves forward more than the right one, while Egyptian engineers have an opposite experience. One explan-ation is that the cranks on the right side lead on European locomotives, and those on the left side on the locomotives of Egypt.

on the surface or driven up on the

"Of course, you've proposed to one of the girls?" inquired their father. ters hard. Millie was biting her nether lip and so was Mollie: but Mol-'Oh, yes, indeed," said young lie was trying to keep from laughing. Old Mr. Dimmock had an idea. Bromley.

"Then that is the girl you want to "I would like to clear up this thing marry," exclaimed the old man, triumphantly, "Why, it's simple enough after all. You've taken quite to your satisfaction and my own, Bromley," said he. "Let me ask you whether Mollie kissed you when you a load off my mind. Which one was told her you couldn't live without

"It was Millie-I think." answered young Bromley, hesitatingly.

'Think! Don't you know?' "You mean Millie, of course," he The young man flushed, and looked replied, with embarrassment. "Perhfully at the coal merchaut. haps she wouldn't mind my saying 'Mr. Dimmock," said he, "I'll put that she did kiss me in the summer it to you as man to man: Which it house. But she didn't kiss me on the Millie and which is Mollie?"

"Dou't cross-examine me, sir, re stoop. I kissed her." "How is that, Millie? Mollie?" joined the old man "If you want to marry one of the girls, it's your busiasked their father. "Papa," said Mollie decidently. "I couldn't keep Mr. Bromley from kissness to find out."

'Heaven knows," cried young Brom ing me, but I assure you I didn't kiss ley in anguish, "I want to marry either Millie or Mollie, and have her all Mollie looked her father straight in to myself. It's trying enough for a the eye and then she shot an indignant fellow to be over head and ears in love shaft at Bromley. with one girl, but when there are two Millie hung her head and her face of them it's more than flesh and blood

was as red as a poppy. "I think," said the old man dryly can stand." "There, there, my boy," said the "that it's plain I'll keep Mollie, and we'll have that marriage before you make another mistake, young man.

my blessing, but I want to keep one for myself. Let me see if I can help New York Sun. And going to the open French Autoy's Curlosity. James Mother, aged fourteen, emwindow he called

'Millie, Mollie! Mollie, Millie!" ployed by Tailor Sullivau, of Meriden, "Yes, papa, we're coming," sounded two sweet, well-bred voices from the Conn., walked out on a roof. Seeing

a box on an electric wire pole, he pro shrubbery. There was a tripping of tight feet cured a ladder and went up to examine the contrivance. He took hold of along the stone walk under the upper vine, and Millie and Mollie blood a wire loaded with 1000 volts and was into the room.

bout to grasp it with his left hand "How do you do, Mr. Bromley," when he felt a burn on the wrist of they said together with the same that hand and found that he could not nation and the same merry glint in release his hold with his right. He was drawn upward so that h

their even. Millie had auburn hair and brown lost his footing, and his weight broke eyes; so had Mollie. Millie had a his hold. He fell ten feet. Mr. Sul-Cupid's bow of a mouth, little teeth livan hearing his fall hurried to him. pearls, and a dimpled chin; so The right hand was burned to the bone had Mollie. Millie's arms, seen through and the left wrist badly scorched,

er-why-er-your-er-daughte -I wish to-er-speak-" Mr. Matchitt (also nervously)-"Look

here, young man; out with it. If you wish to marry my daughter, say so Don't keep me sitting here, in this awful suspense!"-Puck.

An Unnecessary Admonition. "Did you tell that young man not call here any more?" asked Mabel's father, severely.

"No-no.

"Why not?"

"I didn't think it was necessary. I don't see how he could call any more, He calls seven times a week.' -Washington Star.

Understood the Case.

Stranger-"I should like to retain you in an important case. It is a fight over a child. Great Lawyer-"Between husband

and wife?' "No; she is an orphan and has no near relatives. The contest is between

listant relatives on both sides of the house "Ah! I see. How much is she heir-

ess to?"-New York Weekly.

Another Long-Felt Waut. Customer-"My wife has been pestering the life out of me to get her an easy chair. She's always nagging about something, and if it isn't a chair it'll be something else, and it's hardly worth while getting one; but, still, I thought I'd drop in so as to see what you had. She'll be sure to ask.'

Furniture Dealer-"Here, sir, is chair so perfectly easy and comfortable that she'll fall asleep the minute she touches it." Customer-"Cracky! I'll take it."

-New York Weekly.

The Seasons.

Little Girl-"Mamma, is this summer?"

Wise Mother-"Dear me, will you never learn to know the seasons? Now remember. When it is so hot one day you can't breathe, and so wet and chilly the next that you can't go out, it's summer; when it suddenly gets so cold that everybody shivers, and ice and snow appear, it's autumn; when it becomes warm and balmy, and the birds sing, and grass gets green, and trees begin to bud, it's winter; when the winds start up and cyclones sweep over the country, and blizzards carry death and devastation in their wake and the rivers freeze, and the snow piles up three feet high, it's spring." -New York Weekly.

Public Land in Missouri.

According to the figures furnished by the Department of the Interior last year, Missouri has still 617,000 acres of public land subject to entry, a surprising quantity considering the ago of the State and the price at which land is held in the more densely settled portions. The land offices for this State are located at Booneville, Ironton and Springfield.

twelve feet, a top diameter of ninetyseven feet and a bottom diameter of ninety-five feet. The concrete walls are four feet thick at the bottom and two feet thick at the top, with an outside batter of an inch to the foot. Extending all around the outsidesof the walls and imbedded in the concrete are wrought iron rings. There are four of these rings, about seveneighths of an inch in diameter. The upper one is one foot from the top of the wall; the others are each one foot lower than the last. The entire sides and bottom are of one continuous mass of concrete, the whole being laid out without joint or seam and of the most approved material. The concrete is made of one part Portland cement. three parts sand and six parts gravel. Any person at all familiar with the use of such material need scarcely be told that this is an exceptionally strong construction, and one that, barring aceident, will make the reservoir practically safe for many years to come

Bandaged the Wrong Leg.

A prominent young couple of Phoenix were riding their bicycles leisurely along West Washington street recently when a Chinese vegetable peddler came along at a lively gait and upset the bicycle of the gentler half grown fox. Mrs. Dudley was atand fractured his left leg. His lady tracted to the scene of the combat, which was near the barn, by the unfriend and companion, who is a re-markably talented girl, did not ery or ring her hands in helplessness, breaking limbs from a neighboring tree, she made several splints. Then she tore up a white skirt for bandages and hailing a passing buggy, she aided in lifting her injured friend into it and had him driven to the office of Dr. Helm.

The doctor helped the man into his opening of the contest, but there was office. Then he proceeded to make an examination of his injuries. "Who a wet and matted spot upon the fur of the fox that told its own story of the bandaged this leg so neatly?" asked the doctor. The girl blushingly reaffair, and it was evident that there had been a fight, in which the cat had been the victor. The cat has caught the doctor, as an amused smile covered rabbits and no end of other smaller his face, "it is beautifully done, but I game, and has fought dogs to a finish, find you have made a slight mistake. but foxes have not been included be fore, so far as known. lowed this aunouncement was joined There is a dog at Paris, Texas, who

master for breakfast every morning He belongs to H. C. Peterson, a work A moving staircase for passengers, man of the cotton seed mill at Paris It is Nick's duty, besides waking hi master in the morning, to take his dinner to him in a little pail overy day Should Mrs. Peterson, by any mis-chance, overlook the matter, the dog is sure to remind her in proper time some time to convey packages from place to place within the store, by bringing the pail and urging her to till it. At first it was supposed to be

Emperor's mustache is greatly ad-mired by his people. Some loyal subjects even go so far as to sleep with their heads tied up in bandages in order to give their mustaches the dasired twist at the corners.

drew opposite the United State Penitentiary one of the two big lead ers shot out of water into Iverson' frail craft, knocking the rancher overboard, breaking one of his ribs and upsetting the skiff. The other big fellow grabbed Iverson's quarter of pork and started to make off with it for deeper water. The rest of the school started to ram him as one porpoise, and for an instant there was a minia ture maelstrom, with Iverson and the big porpoise as a storm centre.

Iverson, by a desperate effort, manclaimed Mrs. Sunggs. "That is very aged to swim out and made a landing. true," asserted Mr. Sunggs. Dr. Macklinson of Steilacoom was sent used to wear dresses, then they began for, dressed the man's wounds and says to wear gowns, and now they wear frocks."-Pitisburg Chroniele-Telethat he will be all right again in a few days. Iverson says he will sell his ranch cheap, and he has forsworn meat graph. for as long a time as he must live on the island. While the sea fight was Blinks (after a long absence)-"And

A Time-Keeping Dog.

the dog's intuition which enabled him

how is Jinks getting along? Is he a serious affair for Iverson, it furnished maily in love with Miss Do Pretty as much amusement to a party of excurever?" sionists who watched it at a safe disover that." "You don't say so?" "Yes, indeed! Been married to her a tance while on a wayboat from Tacoma year."-New York Weekly. to Olympia.

"What do you mean, sir," roared Cat Caught Fox. the irate father, "by bringing your The family cat of George J. Dudley, portmanteau to my house and ordering of Millbury, Worcester County, Mass. room?" "I'm adopted as one of the which has long been famous in the family," coolly answered the young neighborhood as a hunter, broke all

bane.

"Your daughter said she would man, records the other day by capturing a be a sister to me."-Standard. Wheeler-"Have you learned to make the repairs on your wheel yet?' Sprock-"No. I never shall, either, earthly yells of the fox. When she I haven't a bit of mechanical genius. reached the scene Reynard was sitting "Oh, yes, you have." "Indeed, I haven't. I couldn't even invent a car back upon his rear legs, howling with

terror, while the cat stood guard near coupler."-Cincinnati Enquirer. Mrs. Dudley's coming distracted the "Do you think," said the lady who was shopping, "that anybody would attention of the cat for an instant when steal this umbrella if I were to leave it. the fox darted away and was out of sight in a moment. No one saw the for a few minutes?" "Really, madata,

replied the clerk, "I shouldn't like to venture an opinion without first examining the umbrella."---Washington Star. Salesman-"If the goods are not

just as represented, we will cheerfully refund your money." Rural Customer-"Don't tell me sech yarns as that, young man! Yo might gimmo me money back, but 'tain't human na tur fer ye to be cheerful about doin' it."-Puck.

"I suppose," said the amateur botanist, "that orchids are the most expensive plants in the world." am not so sure of that," replied Mr. Dinwiddlie. "I have seen the assortion that \$500,000,000 is invested in electric-light plants in this country. -Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph,

Consumption of Stamp

According to the Postoffice Department estimates, this country will use next year of ordinary stamps 3,144,-167,000 of newspaper and periodical stamps 6,462,000, and of postage due stamps 21,168,600. Of the ordinary stamps two and one-half billions are of the two-cent denomination, and 5,-000,000 are of the ten-cent special delivery series.

plied it was her work. "Well," quoth You have got the bandages on the wrong leg." And the laugh that fol-

in by the victim.-Arizona Gazette. can tell the time of day, and calls his A Moving Staircase.

in the shape of an endless leather belt transferring them from one story to another, is now in use in some of the great department stores of Paris. is called a transporting carpet. Endless belts of canvas have been used for

Admire the Kniser's Mustache.

to know the hour, but he has many The upward twirl of the German times been seen watching the clock and once, when Mrs. Peterson set the hands ahead to test the matter, Niel brought the dinner pail promptly on the stroke of 12, although in reality i was only 11 o'clock.