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nity by its general applicaade and the arts has brought new dangers. Two men were killed on the surgets of Balti used umbrella to come in conde a terrific storm was prevailh an are light in front of a The man dropped dead, while nes shot from his hand. The dividual placed his hand n awning pole, which had berged with electrity by a fallen I" so lost his life. In the life we are in death. But it uestion whether there is noal more possible death around places, though the imperfect he means used to attain cerhanical results, or from a lack ht on the part of the public, e is any need of.

roof that American and Brit-

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A NEW SELR.

Our other years have alipped away, as dips the flower its sheath. Once more with hands held out we gamp a gift the Father sends, And give Him thanks for length of day, for joy that comes with breath, For home and books and happy work, for children and for friends.

All in the midnight and the frost we ned the old year out; All in the dawnlight and the glow ye bid the new year in! The King is dead! Long live the King!-'tis aye the clamorous shout; And ever 'tis with mirth and hope is new-born reigns begin.

What yet may wait of care or grief to day we cannot tell. Another year, another start, mother chance to do What lieth closest to our hand; God over us, all is well, D. daining fear, we greet the year, whose first white leaves are new.

A ROMANCE OF. THE CUBAN WAR.

BY HELOISE DURANT ROSE.

-Margaret E. Sangster, in Harper's Bagar.

TICNESTA, PA., WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11, 1899.

"And here's news of his engagement to another woman?" echoed Laurie, evidently in hopeless amazement.

"The nurse who took care of him. There is a flaring account of it in today's Reporter." "Confound the newspapers; it's all SHORE A CHARACTER

The solutions to these putales will ap-

25 .- A Drop-Vowel Quotation.

26 .- A Double Acrostic.

famous poet, and the finals a so-

27 .- Five Beheadments.

have a bower. 2. To wander and

have a trough. 3. A journey, and

have belonging to us. 4. A roof cov-

Part of the body, and have a kind of

28 .- A Diamond.

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLES.

22 .- A Novel Acrostic-First and

third lines. The Red Badge of Cour-

age. 1, Trend; 2, hoods; 3, elfin; 4,

racks; 5, ebony; 6, daubs; 7, bards;

23 .- A Traveling Puzzle- Katydid,

24 .- Five Hidden States-Maine,

Utah, Missouri, Idaho and Oregon.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

The chemical composition of nitride

of calcium is given as N2 Ca3, and its

specific gravity at sixty-two degrees

Fahrenheit is 2.63. It melts at about

Diphtheria prevails but little in

rural districts, for only five per cent.

of the cases in Massachusetts from

1887 to 1895 were in towns with less

The sanitary authorities of Sutton

Surry, England, have gone into the

perfume business in an unusual

manner, for they are producing laven-

idea, Easter, error, ortolan, angle,

21.-A Charade-Earnestly.

8, agave; 9, doges; 10, green.

lemonade, debate, tetrarch.

2500 degrees Fahrenheit.

der on their sewage farm.

than 5000 people.

ering, and have behind time.

A consonant.

To wink.

5. A consonant.

4. A fluid.

A man's name.

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1. Behead a place of refuge, and

briquet which was given to him.

The primals spell the name of a

Reading across: 1, A civil lawyer;

w-n s-m- v-ct-r- f-r h-m-n-t-.

B- -sh-m-d t- d- - -nt-l - - - h-v-

a lie," cried Laurie, fumbling for his eyeglass and almost dropping his lisp. "They have mixed our names up; it is I that am engaged to the nurse Miss Sterling, whom I just mentioned; Lawrence has never looked at any other woman nor had a thought except for his flances; I can swear to that."

2, somewhat aged; 2, a time-piece of "But his letter," began the General. "All his confounded chivalry; wishany kind; 4, a kind of spice 5, a Shakespearean character; 6, to dising to give Miss Mona a chance to be close; 7, a special business intrusted free of an invalid; why, he's more a man now, with legs and an arm off, than half the whipper-snappers one

The incidents of this story are taken from life.—The Author.] T was breakfast time d from iffe. T was breakfast time d from iffe. The Author.] T was breakfast time d from iffe. The Author.] d from iffe. The Author.] T was breakfast time trom iffe. The Author.] "My sister is nearly broken-

at Avondale, and he could manage to escape the routine the true explanation of the situation, General Higgerson, of he office. He arrived in high spir-for the fifth time, its with his friend, a Major Laurie, then you have made three people very happy to-night," added the General. "Tell your sister that I am off for New York, and get a note from her.

"There is one at 11.45, if you really

coffee Just as his poured out his indignation and woe to mean to go."

> me, I'll get ready now," said Laurie, looking at his watch and relapsing into his lisp and drawl.

The next morning when Major Laurie walked into the adjoining bedroom his friend started up in bed and

> note was in his hand before he had time to frame the words.

"My darling." she wrote, "forgive me for misunderstanding your letter. I cannot free you from our engagement as long as I realize that you love me and that I can be of use to you. What matters to me a loss of an arm or a leg, as long as you have body enough left to hold your soul to-gether. I am yours till God calls that soul home to Himself. Your Loving Mona."

Toward noon of that day Major Laurie had a vision of Mona with her arms around her lover's neck, heard her joyful cry, and from Law-rence a murmured "My darling-at last," and he hastily left to themselves two of the happiest hearts in New

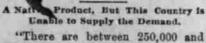
As he turned to Mona's brother in the next room, wiping his eyeglass, which had suddenly become misty, he said below his breath, "By Jove, I rather think I've done a good day's work."-New York Times.

A Story of General Grant.

Stuart Robson tells the following story in which the late President Grant occupies a prominent place: "I was playing some years ago in a wellknown theatre outside of New York. The first act was over and I was chatting in the wings with my manager when a boy rushed in on the stage to tell us that General Grant and his are wounded," suggested the family were in one of the boxes. A

A French statistician has calculated flush of gratified pride mounted to the but I was not in much danger, that the human eye travels over 2000 manager's face, followed by a look of you know; now some fellows got so agonized doubt, as he evidently reflected that perhaps the General had 'dead-headed' into the box. 'Did you There was poor Lawrence-(both his listeners started)-one leg send him a box?' he asked me, and on clean gone, the other up to the knee, my replying in the negative he pulled one arm off, and a scar across his face a card from his pocket and, scribbling -and the plucky chap just smiled a line on it, told the boy to take it to through it all." the box office and bring back an an-Father and son exchanged glances. swer. The boy rushed off, his head "He pulled through, thanks to the full of the General, and returned in a devoted nursing he got," continued Laurie, unconscious of the interest few minutes with the card, which he handed to Mr. Manager. A ghastly cotton. his words aroused. "I never saw look crossed his face as he read it, that man down until yesterday, when and without a word he handed it to me. The first line read, in a rather he collapsed as though shot. "How was that?" asked Gilbert, in shaky managerial chirography; 'Did constrained voice. General Grant pay for his box?' while "Well, you see, it was this way; he's underneath appeared: 'No, but my very reticent, still, we all knew he was son, Fred Grant, did-U. S. Grant.' levoted to some girl at home, though -New Orleans Times-Democrat. he never mentioned her name or spoke

PRICE OF MICA. PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.



\$1.00 PER ANNUM.

300,000 pounds of mica used in the United States annually," said a wholesale dealer in that mineral in New York to a writer for the Washington Star recently. "North Carolina, New Hampshire and other States once supplied all the mica used in this country, but so extensively has the material been utilized in the last ten years in various arts and mechanical trades that many of our most productive mines have been pretty nearly exhausted. The consequence is that about fifty-five per cent. of the material is now imported from Norway, Sweden and Russia, and the expense incident to shipping it to this country has raised the price of the article twenty per cent. The wholesale price of mica at present varies from \$1.20 to \$25 a pound, according to the size and quality of the sheet, and a still larger advance may be expected if new American mines are not soon discovered.

"The material is largely used in the arts for spectacles and optical instruments, especially for holding small objects for examination through a microscope. It is also used, when finely ground, for making bronze powder. Sheet mica is used, as is well known, instead of glass, in places exposed to heat, such as reflectors, headlights and stove and lantern lights. On naval ships it has taken the place of glass in portholes, where it is not easily fractured by the discharge of heavy guns.

"The working of a mica mine is a comparatively easy and inexpensive process. Sheets of the silicate stand in upright ledges, and, when uncovered, are easily separated from the adjacent rock. Then with hammers the splitting up of the strata is accomplished without much trouble. Blocks yielding sheets two and two and a half feet square have often been quarried in New Hampshire. 'Scrap' mica is gathered in the mines in great quantities, much of it being the debris left where the sheet mica has been broken by the picks in cutting it out. It is ground up for use in varnish and paints and makes a glittering coating for wallpaper. It is worth from \$5 to \$25 a ton.

Combating the Tsetse Fly. All have heard of the ravages of the

terrible tsetse fly of Africa, which is so fatal to cattle and horses that none of these animals can approach with impunity the so-called "fly belt" where the dreaded insects congregate, This belt commences about 100 miles from the coast, and extends for about the same distance up country, and the re-enforcements recently sent to Uganda to quell the mutiny which broke out among the Soudanese troops were compelled to cross it. In order to protect their ponies two officers of

the Royal Welsh fusiliers hit upon the cevice of dressing the animals up in

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CENIUS.

Older Lawrence

Far out at sea -: he sun was high, While veer'd the wind and flopp'd the sull-

We saw a snow-white butterfly Dancing before the fitful gale, Far out at sea!

The little wanderer, who had lost His way, of danger nothing knew; Settled awhile upon the mast, Then flutter'd o'er the waters blue, Far out at sea!

Above, there gleam'd the boundless sky; Beneath, the boundless ocean sheen; Between them danced the butterfly, The spirit-life of this vast scene-Far out at sen!

The tiny soul then soar'd away. Seeking the clouds on fragile wings, Lured by the brighter, purer ray Which hope's ecstatic morning brings, Far out at sea!

Away he sped with shimmering gleet Scarce seen-now lost-yet onward borne! Night comes!-with wind and rain-and he No more will dance before the morn, Far out at sea!

He dies unlike his mates, I ween; Perhaps not sconer, or worse cross'd-And he hath felt, thought, known and seen A larger life and hope-though lost.

Far out at sea! --Richard Hengist Horne.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Long drawn out-The naval secretary interviewed.

Bell-"And so they were happily married?" Nell-"Yes; each one of them married somebody else."-Tit-Bits.

She .- "I think I must have hit the caddie." He-"Naturally; you were not aiming to hit him."-St. Louis Republic.

Mommer-"Billy, where are all those huckleberries? Did you eat that plateful?" Billy-"No, mommer; I ate it empty !"

Doctor-"Do you take a bath regularly? Once a week, I suppose?" Pa-tient-"Lor' bless you, no, sir. I hain't so dirty as all that!"-Sketch.

"Let me show you something." "What is it?" "A kinetoscope representation of Johnny going through a new pair of shoes."-Chicago Rec-

"Why did Josephine dismiss her suit for damages?" "The man proved that he ran into her bicycle because he was looking at her."-Chicago Record.

"Mrs. Rinks seems like a very fussy woman." "Fussy? Say, if she built a house she'd insist on having all the nails manicured."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Groom (very wealthy)-""Why did you marry an ordinary chap like The Bride-"I haven't the me?" slightest idea. Mamma managed the whole affair."-Harlem Life.

Mrs. Bronson-"The Sillibys have reached an agreement with the owner of their flat house." Mrs. Marble-"So?" "Yes. Their children are to be allowed to visit them once a week." -Life.

Emily-"I am so unhappy. I begin to see that Arthur married me for my money." Her Dearest Friend Well, you have the comfort of knowing that he is not so simple as he looks." "That woman tried to beat me down on the price of quinine." "What did she say?" "She said I ought to make it ten cents cheaper because she had to pay her little boy to take it." -Chicago Record. Tenant-"You call our flats the Klondike because they are so cold in winter and so hot in summer, I suppose. Ha, ha!" Landlord-"No, because there's no such money in them as people think."-Detroit Journal. Husband-"Anything you want down town to-day, my dear? Shall I order some more of that self-rising flour?" Wife-"We have plenty left; but I wish you would stop at an intelligence office and order me a selfrising servant girl." "Am I the first girl you ever loved?" she asked him, more as a matter of habit than anything else. "I cannot tell a lie," said he. "You are not. You are simply the best of the bunch." Being a modern maid, she was content with that .-- Cincinnati En mirer. Mr. Buyer-"Mr. Green, there seems to be something serious the matter with the horse I bought of you yesterday. He cong'is and wheezes distressingly, and I think perhaps he is wind-broken. What would you ad-vise me to do?" Jay Green (promptly) -"Sell him as quickly as you can; I did."-Tit-Bits. These two converted savages were speaking of a third; nothing is to be gained by repeating names here. "He'd sell his soul for a dollar!" ex-claimed one. "And that's 'way below cost, if there's any truth in the statistical reports of missionary expenditures!" replied the other, evidently much disturbed .- Detroit Journal.

"I ad not know we had to congrat-

off? "Vey soon; you'll be invited."

ested.

verifie her name; have known her since sie was a girl."

Report says that he had entangled yo himself with another 'lady, who will G now find that she must look else-where or consolation."

bs late, dear." "The Southern mail is in," ob- hers if to be jolly for a couple of days served the General, nodding toward a till laurie takes his departure." small pile of letters at her plate, She flushed slightly as she laid the elematis on the sideboard, and took her crossed her father's face as she broke

and admitted a tall, fiance.

father

handsome girl, with

the seal of the first letter. He turned likedto much." an odd machion. One of theme, to the paper in his hands, and his eyes nately, allowed the steel rod caught this heading: "A Romance in Real Life." He glanced at the article casually, and then the smile died

"Where have you been, Mona?" in-

"Down at the river; I found the

-

matis in her hands.

quired her father.

mouth.

ing this week is young Colonel Lawrence, who was severely hurt in the charge at San Juan. Among the nurses who went to look after the sick was a handsome young woman whom the Colonel formerly admired. Fam-ily misfortunes had forced her to adopt nursing as a profession. Their friendship was renewed, and when the Colonel came home he was en-gaged to his old love. Colonel Lawrence is to, be married very shortly.

"'ity that your friend is an officer bright blue eyes and a determined and just home from the war; it will She held a big bunch of cle- keel the wound open," added his "fonfound it, so it will; I am deuc-

stone wall near the boathouse ablaze Lawence, we must be careful not to with these blossoms. I am sorry to show him that Lawrence has hurt us. Mom is plucky enough and must force

"dily! Poor girl, how can she be?" sight the General.

"I hould like to wring that rascal's seat at the table. A conscious smile neck exclaimed Gilbert, impetuously, "nd he of all men, whom we all

answeed his father.

ticle casually, and then the smile died away, this hands tightened on the paper and his face grew hard and stern while he read the following paragraph: "With the invalided officers return-ing this week is young Colonel Law-

to you sister. ulate ou, old fellow.

and, 'pon my word-scar or no scar-

"And then?" asked Gilbert, as Lau-

"Oh, then he wrote, alluding to his

being a wreck, and referring to the ac-

could have seen him."

again.'

excitement.

rie paused in his narrative.

edlysorry for Mona. No wonder she is ct.up, but as Laurie is sure to know

"Tat is just where it hurts so,

"B George," exclaimed Major

"Wen does the happy event come

"Wip is she?" asked Gilbert, inter-

"A Miss Sterling, whose nature

"Dether anxious time for her when

to a messenger; 8, the act of going out; 9, one of the minor prophets; 10, a blue mineral; 11, upright; 12, remeets every day." "What is to be done?" cried Gilcently; 13, a failure of any kind; 14, "The Morning Star of the Reformation;" 15, the goddess of health; 16, feeble; 17, a place of public worship;

"By thunder, sir, if what you say is 18, a loquacious person; 19, a mountain in the Bolivian Andes; 20, not native; 21, a novel which exposes the wrongs of the North American Indians.

for the fifth time, wondered what kept his daughter as he fidgeted with his paper and stirred his hot What time does the train leave?"

"If you will kindly order a trap for

patience was at an his on, who was naturally much in-end the door opened conted at the behavior of Mona's

tried to ask a question, but Mona's

osta in Chipa are virtually s furnished by refusal of the inister to China to support tion of the Angle Eastern for the contract to build the anton railroad after the conerefor had been granted to anayadicate, says the Ner amercial Advertiser. It is to conceive of the British aking smith a shand had the cate likely to fall under the Russia or France. The rold runs from Canton, o Hong Kon) to Hankow, a town bout midway between Canton and Pekin, and thy it traverses a country which lies chily within the British sphere of infince. It will be valuable according for military as well as purposes, and Great commercial not look with com-Britain uch a project if she did place would be controlled by adly to her. It is acts anich are making Great the United States sube power in the Far East.

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from an agent of the Agriartment, published some told how the public cat. in Texas had been injured ck of tenure furnished no the ranchmen to conserve of nature and of the State. a partial remedy has been The plan, which has found in Montana and Wyoming, certain parts of the public armers who cultivate irrigated amount of range land to be nate in each case to the f irrigated land under culti-It is estimated that upon a nber of irrigated acres enough be produced to support durr a certain number of cattle. that number of cattle during g, summer and autumn would certain amount of range land. quantity of range land to be measured by the number of acres controlled by the prosee. Under this arrangement on the leased lands is pre. stead of being trampled down royed by overstocking. This nent applies, of course, only lands, but efforts are being induce the national Governlease public lands on the same

olation. As le laid down the paper the General glanced at his daughter. She them. There was poor Lawrencewas sitting with a dazed expression on her face, gazing at a letter she held.

exclaimed, what does this mean?" she med, holding out the letter. He took it from her, and this is what he repa

"24 West Fifty--street, "Naw Yoak, September 12, 1898. "Dear Mona-You may have seen in the papers an account of my being wounded; I made light of it in my last letter, fearing to alarm you, but the truth is I am a wreck, as the papers have accurately stated. Jam invalided and crippled, and if it had not been for devoted nuising I should not be here to-day. Under the circumstances I do not in justified in holding you to your engagement; notwithstanding the pain it causes me to do this I want to release you entirely and leave you free to marry some-one who is not so shattered as myself; but believe me, dearest, that whatever my fu-ture life, you will always be shrined deep in my beart of hearts. Your faithful friend, "HENRY LAWRENCE." about her: couldn't get him into the slightest flirtation with any one. When we came back together he spoke for

"What does it mean?" almost shouted the old General. "It means that your lover is a scoundrel, Mona; read this," and he thrust into her hands the newspaper containing the "Ro-mance in Real Life."

"Be brave, child; be brave," said her father, as he watched her anxiously. After a moment's silence, the girl

turned a pale face toward her father; "I will be brave, but leave me to myself for a while," and crushing the letter in her hand, she hastly left the room

It was a terrible blow to the General; he had always liked Colonel Lawrence, and consented to the engagement just before the young man was ordered to Cuba. Pacing the rooms wrathfully, he gave vent to his feelings. "The scoundrel! I should like to horsewhip him myself for a whelp of a cur if he were not wounded. What are his hurts to the stab he has given. Mona-ah! when Gilbert hears thisand then the General remembered that his son was coming home that week. It was a satisfaction to have a man around to whom he could give vent to bis outraged feelings.

As though in answer to his thoughts, the butler at that moment brought in a telegram. "Yes, Gilbert was coming, and, fortunately, a day earlier than expected, bringing a friend with him for the ball. Just as well to distract her attention," thought her father, as Mona joined him with her hat on and a letter in her hand.

"I have written a few lines to say that his views upon the subject of our engagement entirely coincide with mine "My brave girl."

"Don't say a word more, now, father; I can't bear it."

"Gilbert is coming to-morrow at I with an old college friend, who, it seems, has just turned up in New | roused, "you don'tknow how much York.

"I am glad," said Mona, quietly, and then calling to her dogs, she walked quickly away. Gilbert Higgerson was a good-heart-

Matrimonial Inhibitions.

Don't marry a polished girl-she might reflect too much. Don't marry a tennis girl- she'll be

the first time to me about his affair. 'You see, Laurie, I am such a wreck; on to all your rackets. should I marry a girl when she might Don't marry a girl who plays pool-

have to nurse me? and then, at best, she knows too much about pockets. I'm not a whole man; will have but Don't marry a musical girl-she one sound arm and only part of one knows too much about notes and bars. leg to offer her.' By George, I felt Don't marry a bright girl-she for the poor devil when he talked like might go out when you most needed that. Well, I suggested to try her her.

and see what she thought about it. Don't marry a grass widow-you Write and offer to release her. He might have to cure her of hay fever. caught at the idea. 'But I wouldn't Don't marry a melancholy girl-her write as though pleading with her; I sighs might prove a heaviness to you. Don't marry a girl who cries-damp powder is awfully disappointing. Don't marry a "peach"-she might would not want to be married out of pity, but would just state the facts

aud leave her free to decide,' said he. 'And what do you think she'll write?' not be easily preserved. I asked him, 'I think she is too Don't marry a lazy girl, unless you

faithful to give me up,' he answered, are in the tire-repair business. Don't marry an industrious girl-it he looked so proud and handsome as might prove too great a temptation for he spoke, I only wished his sweetheart

Don't marry a vain girl, unless you are anticipating breezy times and will want to know which way the wind blows.

Her Pet Parrot.

count in the papers, and yesterday her A woman came out of a tailor's es answer came; I was in his tooms when he got her note-ust a short one, but tablishment on G street Wednesday morning and I could not but turn to he turned white, and said bitterly, stare at her. On her left forefinger 'She writes that my views upon the subject of our agagement ending sat an imperturbable green parrot There was a faint suggestion of frosty meet her own: sh releases me, evidently without rerret, thankful to be sting in the sunny air and Master free from what might have been a bur- Parrot was fortified against it. He wore a coat, or a blanket, or den to her.' I tried to cheer him up; whatever you like to call it, of green he gave me one lok, such as you see velvet, made of two pieces, just the in a hunted beast a you shoot it down, and, by Jove, he keled right over. I shape of a turtle's shell. One piece was in a fearful fuk, and called his hung over his chest. The other pro man. He came round presently and tected his back, and the two pieces were joined to a kind of collar. A begged me not to mation the subject

bicycle stood at the curbstone. The "Laurie, for Gd's sake explain lady placed the utterly self-possessed matters a little mos," cried Gilbert, bird on the handle bar, mounted and who had risen frowhis chair in great rode away. I said to myself that obviously there was a woman who was-"Yes, sir," cried to General, equally well, who had been having "Miss" on her visiting cards since hoop skirts

were in fashion, but when I asked depends upon wha you have been telling. Colonel Lwrence is engaged the very next woman I met about it, to my daughter Mon." she told me that the parrot's mistress "The mischief!" and the eyeglass not only has a husband, but a real dropped from its haltual place, live baby, too .- Washington Post.

yards in reading an ordinary sized novel. The average human being is supposed to get through 2600 miles of reading in a lifetime.

It is claimed that with cotton compressed in the round bale it is possible to put 70,000 pounds in a single railway car, while but 12,000 to 14,-000 pounds of uncompressed can be put in a car, and 30,000 to 40,000 pounds of square-bale compressed

Experiments as to the porosity of thin sheets of metal carried out in the United States Navy Yard at Washington have shown that a plate of steel one-thirty-second inch thick is absolutely impervious to water, even under a pressure of six thousand pounds to the sonare inch.

Users of electric incandescent lamps are warned that, though the heated filament is inclosed in hermetically sealed glass globes, they may set combustible materials on fire. Dry goods merchants, for example, who are in the habit of placing such lamps among their window goods, should not have the lamps in contact with the goods, or they may find their display suddenly in flames.

The Origin of Soap.

The Consul at Havre, France, gives an historical sketch, saying that, according to some authorities, soap (French savon) takes its name from the town of Savona, near Genoa. A washerwoman of that place, while one day warming a solution of lye in an earthen yessel which had contained olive oil, found that the combination of the two made a semi-solid mass which very much resembled the arti cle at present in general use. From the writings of Pliny the Elder, however, it is evident that soap was known to the Romans as early as the

first century. According to him that ordinary article was prepared with ashes and tallow, while a better quality of soap was made with goat's fat and beechwood ashes. Neither of these products was hard, but of the consistency of the common soft-soap, and, curiously enough, were used fre quently by the Gauls in bleaching their hair and by the Romans as a perfume. Pliny says that the article most in use for washing was saponin, the mucilaginous product of a Syrian

there has been in that city at least one

death from this cause every year for the past twenty-five years. The practice prevailing in many of our large cities, as well as in the smaller ones, of allowing vacant lots to produce year after year crops of noxious and poisonous weeds cannot be too strongly condemned. It was by seeds pro-cured from such sources that the re-

corded fatality was effected.

specially constructed garments, which gave them a most comical appearance. resembling the pantomimic creatures seen on the stage at Christmas time.

First, the ponies were swathed in bands of straw, on the top of which came coat and trousers of cloth dipped in oil and iodoform. It was necessary thus to raise the material from actual contact with the hide of the animals, for the tsetse fly can pierce ordinary cloth. It will be interesting to learn whether the ponies thus protected went unscathed through the terrible "fly belt," for the experimental clothing, if effectual, may lead to the introduction of some material which may come into regular employment for the same object. -Chambers's Journal,

An Old Porto Rican Town.

San German is one of the oldest towns on the island of Porto Rico, having been founded in the same year as San Juan. It contains 24,847 inhabitants. It is situated on a long irregular ridge, along which runs the Guanagibo River. It has a fine church with marble altars, and three plazas. It has a large botanical establishment in connection with a seminary for young priests and contains several charitable establishments. Its territory grows cane, coffee, cacao, cotton, corn, oranges, lemons, alligator pears, tamarinds, pines, and has large bands of cattle and forests of fine trees. It manufactures Panama hats, mats, hampers, and hammocks of maguey fibre. This town was attacked and destroyed by the French in 1528, and in 1748 it obliged the English to retire.

Ouite a Beard.

Probably the longest beard in the world is that of a metal worker at Vandenne, near Nievre, France. The man is seventy-four years old and in perfect health. When fourteen years of age he had a beard six inches long. It grew from year to year, and now his hirstute attachment when unrolled has reached the respectable length of ten feet ten inches. When this man goes out walkin he carries his beard rolled up in a big skein under the arm, as the old Roman senators carried their togas. In winter time he winds his board several times around the neck, using it as a boa. Since the man is rather small in size, measuring but five feet three inches, the beard is more twice the man's height. -Chicago Journal.

He Meant Well.

The trial of a doctor's suit was published in a Connecticut newspaper some years ago, in which a witness was called for the purpose of approv ing the correction of the doctor's bill. The witness was asked by the lawyer whether the doctor did not make several visits after the patient was out of danger. "No," replied the witness, "I considered the patient in danger so long as the doctor continued his visits."-The Sanitarian. Torpedo Boat's Wear and Tear.

So injurious is life on a torpedo boat that a year's continuous service will mentally and physically incapacitate a man. This assertion is made on the authority of Lord Charles Beresford, but that the strain on any. one serving on these crafts is very great is shown by the fact that to one month's service the British naval regulations allow one week off. Austria is endeavoring to mitigate the hardship of service on these boats. and life on one built for the Austrian navy, and tried on the Thames recently, was demonstrated to be pleasanter than on those of the English navy,

A Great State.

Kansas is a great State in a variety of ways. Among the candidates who were voted for at the late election occur the following names: Napoleon Bonaparte, George Washington, Audrew Jackson, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincolu, John Bunyan, Tom Corwin, Julius Casar and Edgar Poe. Nearly all of these were candidates for the Legislature.

Its Annual Victim.

