The Empress of China has dispensed

with any peace-note preliminaries and

proceeded to raise an army of 250,000

United States Count Hanna, writ-

ing from San Juan for the benefit of

touring Americans, dwells invitingly

upon a conviction that Porto Rico is

destined to become a valued winter

resort for our people as soon as the

removal of the heavy duties on Ameri-

can building material opens the way

to the erection of hotels such as our

people are accustomed to use when

Perhaps the congressional snubs

administered to New Mexico's ambi-

tion to be a State are responsible for

the remarkable decrease in the per-

centage of illiterates. It has been

known there for some time that the

territory was not eligible for statebood

on the basis of population alone, but

that educational qualification would

have to make a respectable showing

also. Accordingly, the school system

has been developed very efficiently,

with the result that illiteracy to-day

is little over fifteen per cent., as com-

pared with nearly sixty-two per cent

is said that if the sentence is reversed

by the court of cassation a revolution

will follow in the interests of the

army. Should the army in such a

sontest succeed that success would

operate as a reversal of the court's re-

versal, and a reaffirmation of Drey-

ha's sentence, his re-arrest probably

if in reach, and redeportation back to

that lonely island. But even should

the army lose, it would still be unsafe

for Dreyfus to appear in France, and

impossible for him to live there. He

would be too marked a man, too inti-

mately associated with bloody con-

tention, although the innocent cause

Within the past few days some im-

portant data bearing upon the col-

onies, protectorates and dependencies

of the globe has been sent out from

the Treasury Department at Washing-

ton. In view of the character of re-

cent events this data is of timely in-

terest. Some figures taken there-

Germany..... 8

Netherlands, ... 3

Portugal..... 9

Spain..... 3

Austria-Hungary 2

Denmark ..... 3

Tarkey ..... 4

China..... 5

United States... 4 163,257

ussia..... 3

nies. Sq. Miles. Population.

1,020,070

802,833

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245.877

104,000

86.614

2,881,560

According to the information set

sive in territory than population.

patients and must eventually prove

very lucrative to the nurses them-

selves. There are thousands of peo-

ple who are ill, and yet cannot af-

ford the luxury of a trained nurse.

Again there are others who do not need

than if they could have only a portion

of a nurse's care. The second class

are not ill enough to need the constant

presence of a trained nurse. The

nurse can now be hired to come in and

assist at an operation, to visit the pa-

tient at certain hours, dress wounds,

baths or change or otherwise make

can do. Many sick persons are made very nervous by the presence of an ab-

solute stranger constantly in the room

with them, and often prefer to dis-

pense with the services of a trained

nurse for that very reason. Under

the new arrangement such persons

these visits

can obtain all the benefit necessary by

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16,630,000

at the last census.

paveling for health or pleasure.

EBB-TIDE.

A sodden reach of wide and wind-swept lea,
A sky of shattered steel that palls the sight,
And one long shaft of sun that seems to write
Vast letters slowly on a slate of sea;
The dreary wail of gulls that skim the crest
Of shilen breakers sliding in to land,
A world grown empty, full of vague unrest,
And shadow-shapes that stride across the sand.

The gray beach widens. Foot by foot appear
Strange forms of wreckage creeping from the waves,
Like ghosts that steal in silence from their graves
To watch beside the death-bed of the year;
Poor shattered shapes of ships that once stood out
Full-freighted to the far horizon's sweep
To music of the cheery sailor-shout
Of men who sought the wonders of the deep!

Poor shattered ships! Their gallant cruising o'er,
Their cargoes coral-crusted leagues below.
They rise, unnamed, unnumbered, from theelow
Recession of the ebb along the shore.
The fickle tide that bore them bravely then
Betrays their shame and nakednoss to be
Mute witness to the littleness of men
Who battle with the sovereignty of sea.

Por me, as well, alone upon the dune,

There sinks a tide that strips the beaches bare,
And leaves but grim unsightly wreckage where
The brooding skies make mocker! of noon.
Ah, dear, that hopes, like tides, should ebb away,
Unmasking on the naked shere of love
Flotsam and jetsam of a happ'ar day,
Dreams wrecked, and all the emptiness thereoff
—Guy Wetmore Carryl, in Harper's Magazine.

"Saddle up-hurry," I said, "there are Indians betwixt here and the rail-

"Ob, look! There's a funny one!

behind the other. They were riding

as if to intercept the wagon, and there

was something very unusual in their

"I don't like the looks of them.

Fifteen miles of level plain lay be-

Could the horses hold out? At first

But what chance, in that race for life,

Indians, the heads of the ponies and

"They're gaining fast, Walter," she

Walter didn't look at her then. Her

At that my girl laughed.

her in surprise for a moment, and then

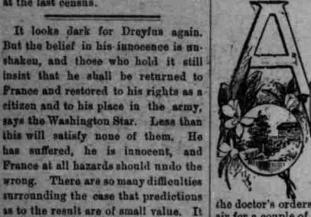
"I'm looking for a good place to

fight," he said. "We can't get away

ok out his field-glass.

turned at once.

By SIDFORD F. HAMP.



T the time I was him, John Hansford rode up, and foreman for Mason without waiting to shake hands or to & Jevons, wool-growers—so said "Martin, you had better call your the old managing director of a famous ranch com- small band of bad Indians is knocking small band of bac indians is knocking about the country somewhere north of here. They've killed a Mexican herder and burnt his cabin, and now they've crossed the railroad coming this way."

I lost no time. "Dick Taylor!" I

in the East, under | time of day. the doctor's orders, to live in the open

air for a couple of years. There were no comforts or conreniences about sheep-camps in those Sally and Walter." days. A bunk-house and kitchen, With his paper cap on his head and with all the furniture home-made excopt the cooking apparatus; some rushed with me to the stable; out cough shelter for the sheep and a stable for the horses were generally the only buildings, and these were all well armed, were galloping norththe only buildings, and these were all well armed, were galloping northapt to be set down in some hollow of
the bare, brown plain, to lake like
ovens under the summer sun and
to shake in the cold blasts of January.

Mason & Jevons had a lot of such
namps, but the home ranch, on the
Deep Arroyo, was a more pretentious
at that time of year, when my girl place. There my men and I had a cried out: dive-roomed house, about pasture "Oh, lo enough for two cows, and a small Then Walter saw what appeared to be er's head on garden, "under ditch," for the growthe legs of five horses trotting along a approvingly. ing of potatoes and such luxuries. foot from the ground.

its extremely early hours, its very five men, large and undefined, sailing ladians.

Plain fare and still plainer cooking, through the air. Sally told me after
"I this was rather trying to Walter; but he ward that this frightened her. never made the least bit of complaint, Suddenly the mirage cleare not he. He fell into the ranks at once, and although he was not re- to the northwest, five horsemen, one d to work, he set about learning the details of sheep-raising by doing

everything with his own hands.

Before a year was over the outdoor from are given in the table below life had turned his muscles into steel and burned his face to a brick red; Great Britain.... 43 11,350,412 344,059,122 still, he was only a boy, and could not 8,617,827 52,642,930 be expected to compete with the 10,600,000 seasoned men in an ordinary day's I'm afraid they're Indians." 33.911.744 work. And yet, for all that, he would come in brisk and smiling at the end" of a long day's lamb-herding, when us off."
some of the older hands were used up. "That

This puzzled the men, for they had been generally inclined to laugh at the boy as a "tenderfoot." The explanation really was that Walter never lost the wagon. Walter urged his horse his temper in dealing with the pro- to a trot, and then the desperate race voking, scampering, silly lambs. Now | began. few things are more exhausting than total loss of temper-especially tween the team and the home ranch. when it is lost for fifteen hours a day -and that is the usual misfortune of | Walter tried trotting, but the gallopforth in the table above Great Britain

has nearly twice as many colonies as Walter spent most of his leisure the other Powers, while her colonial time upon a superannuated cow-pony, a run. population aggregates in extent nearshooting at coyotes with a rifle, but it was months before he hit one. The had two steady old ranch-horses hitched aware. ly three-fifths that of the other coyote, although he always turns to a heavy road wagon? Though they "broadside on" and gives the marks-Powers. France comes next upon the list, but her colonies are more extenman the best chance he can, is a bad footed Indian ponies came up so fast target; his thick fur makes him look that my girl, as she turned her head much larger than he really is. Walter to watch them, could soon distinguish A new system has just been started among trained nurses in New York

But his failures only inspired him City and other cities, which will certo try again, until at length he became tainly prove a boon to the majority of in uncommonly good shot.

The men, to whom coyotes were their moving legs. familiar, uninteresting things, used to laugh at Walter's persentent hunting.
They dubbed him "Yelly Walter: Walter: The Dread Death-Dealer of the Deep voice Arroyo," and were always anxions to know when he intended to go off and all of a tremble. He just stood up in kill a few Indians.
"Don't be afraid of Indians," the round the sky-line.

the services of a nurse all day and all night. The first class cannot have boy would say, bantering the men in his turn. "If any of them ever come other riders, and if he did he would remaining three began crawling from Inquirer. them on account of the expense, and prowing round while I'm here I'll head for them; though that wasn't the bunch to bunch of grass toward the consequently suffer and are ill longer made in fun, but he kept it in earn- there was not a living figure clear ous to the besieged as the Indians

During the boy's second summer, after shearing time, my daughter, prairie and the gray streak of road. Sally, came out from town, where she tended to go, but John Hansford, a them comfortable in a manner such as I wool-dealer, had sent word that he s woman trained to such work along

was coming that day.

Walter was much pleased to take my place, for he and Sally were great friends, and with only one road to follow, there was no fear of missing the way. So, very soon after sunrise, the girl and boy set out on their forty-mile drive to catch a train which was

through the cover—that is, if it's sore

Sally stood up and clutched hold of "Oh, see them run!" cried Walter, him, and they both stared while the as at that moment the three crawling

"Yes, it's real water," said Sally. "There's a hollow there and the thunder-storm's filled it.

"Must be pretty shallow," said Walter, an idea jumping into his He didn't ask Sally's opinion this time, but, man fashion, he took his

"Sit down and hold on tight, Sally,"

With that he turned out of the road, whipped the horses into their best gallop and drove straight for the water. which was a shallow pond about three bundred yards wide and four or five times as long.

Maybe it was the sight of the water that encouraged the ranch-horses; anyway, they kept the pace so well that the Iudians were still more than half a mile behind when the horses Then he turned the wagon broadside

neplete the senior partner, and sent from his home only other man on the place at that ready

If you will think, you will see that he had a pretty good fortification. The wagon-box was between him and ride fast nor run on foot fast out to where the boy and girl stood more than waist-deep; they were half under water, and their heads and chests were well defended by the wagon-box and the trunk; there were only five In-

redskins-nothing but some scattered bunches of grass and a soapweed here and there. Sally understood the sitnation at a glance.

"Well, you've got an Indian-fighter's head on you, Walter," she said,

Presently the scene changed the somfort, but the sudden change from a horses' legs vanished, and the younggood city home to a sheep-camp, with sters saw the heads and shoulders of that could knock over a coyote five gether unconscious of the extreme in seven couldn't expect to miss ary feat he had accomplished.

Suddenly the mirage cleared, and the girl and boy saw, about two miles out of range and try to take us at the back, all we've got to do is to cross to the other side of the wagon, and then they're in more danger than they were before."

said he. . "They aren't cowboys; they've no hats, and I think no saddles. On came the Indians, almost up to the edge of the pool. Waiter was in-tending to disable the foremost one the moment his pony's hoofs splashed, when the whole five suddenly swerved we shall know if they're trying to cut to the right. Then, as if with one "That's sensible," said Walter, and motion, every Indian vanished behind the body of his pony, apparently leaving nothing for Walter to shoot at The riders immediately broke into except the soles of five left feet. But a hard gallop, and headed straight for the boy was not unnerved by this manœuvre. He fired, and down went

feet Walter covered him with his Winchester; but Walter was not anxious to shoot any Indians, for he ing Indians gained so much in the knew that he could defend Sally withfirst mile that he lashed his team into out doing so, as he now saw something moving on the plain-something of which the Indians were not one bit

"Look toward the west," said Wal-

"I see," said Sally, and her eyes brightened. "Guess what I was afraid of, Walter. I was afraid the fired away cartridges by the box in the forms. They grew from dark Indians would just wait and watch us grayish powder. "Here is some tooth vain. "Here is some tooth till we would have to leave this cold powder," said he, and wetting his running beasts. Sally could make out water. Now they'll have no time to the heads, arms, and flying hair of the wait until we're frozen out."

> come up, taken the unhorsed man behind him, and galloped out of range with the others. Walter let them go unharmed. For the aspect of affairs had voice had been jolted out of her by the changed-a good deal more, too, than bumping wagon, and be thought it was the Indians knew.

the bounging, rattling wagon and stared tion at a safe distance; then one rode off toward one end of the pool, and anstand them off." The promise was principal thing in his mind. But wagon. This did not look so danger-

> plain-nothing but the bare, burnt "That's all very fine," said Walter, when he noted this manœuvre, "but look when they stop."

> "I guess," she said, "you're not such a tender foot as they call you." She told me that he stared down at changed his tune and took her right cepted her view. There she crouched, with just her head out, and watched

through the cover—that is, if it's core keep them crawling or lying, so that than just a bush or two," for you see, they would not rise and see what was Sally hadu't been born on the plains coming. There they lay very flat, and without learning a good deal about Indian-fighting.

"Well, that's a fact," Walter cried out. "But— Hello! what's that?" and away! They know, now!"

Indians sprang to their feet, made a "It's water-it's no mirage," said dash for their ponies, and rode off helter-skelter.

> They had reason. Three angry, well-armed white men were within half a mile of them, and riding on like mad. We had arrived in time.

"Oh, father," said Sally to me, as I lifted her up out of the water and kissed her, "Oh, father, I'm so glad you came in time! Walter would have had to shoot those Indians, and I don't believe I should have felt happy again if he had."-Youth's

HARDWOOD SAWDUSTS.

The Fine Dusts Used For Various Specia

The fine sawdust of hard woods, that which is produced in sawing veneers, is used for a variety of special purposes; fine mahogany saw-dust, for instance, being extensively used in cleaning furs. There are sold fifteen or twenty different varieties of fine sawdust from as many different kinds of hard woods, these being gathered from the various mills.

While fine mahogany is the sawdast most largely used in cleaning furs, various other kinds are also employed for that purpose. The use of boxwood sawdust for cleaning jewelry is traditional. Boxwood sawdust is also used in polishing silver. Some sawdusts are used in marquetry work. Some are used in making pressed mouldings and ornaments. Sandalwood sawdust is used in scent bags. The production of coarse sawdust of various hard woods, such as oak and maple, is greater than the de-mand for them; such sawdusts may be burned in the mills where they are produced. Coarse mahogany sawdust may be sold for commonplace uses, or employed as fuel where it is made; but for the fine sawdusts of all the hard woods there is more or less demand; for many of them there is a ready market. The most costly of fine hardwood sawdust is boxwood, of which the supply is less than the

Fine hardwood sawdusts are shipped from this city to various parts of the United States; they are exported in considerable quantities to Canada and some are sent to England.—Sun.

Sleep-Walkers' Freaks.

A well-known physician gives an account of an Irish gentleman who swam more than two miles down a river, got "I guess we've got them where we ashore and was subsequently discovgether unconscious of the extraordin-

Professor Fishnell, of Bale, writes "I think so," says Sally. "They of a young student of Wurtemburg can't get within shooting distance at either end of this pond; they can't come in where we did without your hitting them, and if they wade across walking threw bolsters after him, which he always cluded, jumping over bedsteads and other obstacles in his

A man was once discovered at 1 c'clock in the morning in a neighbor's garden engaged in prayer, evidently under the impression that he was in

church, but otherwise in a deep sleep. A young girl given to sleep-walking was in the babit of imitating the violin with her lips, giving the preliminary tuning and scraping and flourishing with the utmost fidelity. It puzzled her physician a great deal until he learned that when an infant the girl lived in a room adjoining a fiddler, who often performed upon his instrument within her hearing.-Londor l'it-Bits.

Guest Boom Toothpowder.

Passenger Traffic Manager McCormick, of the Big Four, tells of a friend of his who was visiting some relatives. He was given the spare room and slept well. In the morning, desiring to clean his teeth, he looked through his valise for his tooth brush and box of tooth powder. He found the brush, but had come away from home without the powder. Looking about he discovered a small jar on the mantel. He opened it and saw it contained a tooth brush he dipped it into the powder and gave his teeth a good scrubbing. When he went down stairs to breakfast he said to his hostess:

"You must excuse me for taking the liberty, but as I came away from home without my tooth powder I used some of that you have in the little jar on the mantel in my room."

"Why, Charley," said the hostess, "that isn't tooth powder in that jar; it's Aunt Ann's ashes."-Cincinnati

Torpedo Boats.

The average distance of discovery of a torpedo boat by the searchlight from a battleship has been calculated to be 781 yards, and the greatest distance "It's all right, Sally," cried the boy, not looking down at her, for he feared get us surrounded. However, [I'll at which the torpedo can be fired was at school, to pay me a month's not looking down at her, for he feared get us surrounded. However, I'll at which the torpedo can be fired visit. When the day came for her reshe would go into hysterics, as he had have to attend to the crawling ones. With effect at 500 yards, it will be genturn, nobody could be spared to drive once seen an Eastern girl do. "It's Sally, will you just keep your eye on bave to cross about 300 yards under the two on horseback, and tell me to have to cross about 300 yards under fire from the ship she is attacking, and it will take the little craft about half a minute to do this.

"I find your political terms very puzzling," remarked the foreigner the proceedings, and grew exultant who was trying to gather material for PUZZLE DEPARTMENT. **MONOMENENCHONE** 

The solutions to these puzzles will ap-pear in a succeeding issue.

73 .- Twelve Anagrammatic Cities and

Towns of the United States. 1. Lion stew. 2. Tin chewers. Oil jet. 4. Tar pole. 5. Lion car. 6. Large bugs. 7. Evil Land. 8. Ten blue veils. 9. Brown tails. 10. Labor time, 11. Farrville. Lively Sam.

74 .- A Drop-Vowel Quotation. B-tt-r -tt-ck t-n sh-d-ws th-n [br-bb-d b- -n- th--f.

75 .- Five Beheadments.

1. Behead to form, and have aged. 2. Contracted, and have a dart. Cost, and have a kind of food. Hasty, and have a kind of tree. Closed, and have an humble dwelling. 5. To reproach, and have a relation.

A engaged B to labor 20 days, with

the understanding that he was to receive \$5 a day for every day he worked, and to forfeit \$2 a day for every day he was idle. At the end of the time he received \$86; how many days was

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLES.

Bonheur; Grace Darling; Jenny Lind:

69. - Six Beheadments - H-air; s-hare; l-aid; y-our; s-hut; s-pin. 70 .- Four Famous Women-Rosa

Joan of Arc. 71 .- A Charade-Carnation,

72 .- A Square-HIDE IDEA

PEAR NO MORE SIXTEEN-INCH CONS.

First and Probably the Last For Uncle Sam Will Be Tested This Year.

The first and probably the last monster gun to be built in this country is nearing completion at Watervliet arsenal, and, if nothing goes amiss, may be submitted to its firing tests in the fall. The finished gun will be five feet three inches at the muzzle. Its total length will be a few inches under fifty feet. The powder chamber will be eighteen inches in diameter by nine feet in length and will hold for a full charge over half a ton of brown powder. The projectile will weigh 2870 pounds. It will leave the muzzle with a velocity of 2000 ceet per second, and at this velocity the flying mass will have a striking energy of 64,084 foot-tons, or sufficient to lift sixty-four of the biggest freight locomotives ten feet in the air. At the muzzle the shell would punch a sixteen-inch hole through an iron plate two miles distance it would pass through a twenty-seven and a hadf-

Notwithstanding its great power Uncle Sam will probably never build another, for while the superiority of this kind of gun was incontestable eight or ten years ago, it does not compare in efficiency with ordnance of the modern type. For a given ap-propriation Uncle Sam can, by building twelve-inch guns, secure over twice as many guns of much greater penetration and efficiency.

A French Pickpocket.

There is a dilettantism even in thieving. A Parisian pickpocket who is now enjoying a well-earned rest from the excitements of his profession, has revealed some of his very curious methods. At one time he donned the uniform of an officer of marines, decorated with the Legion of Honor, and found his way into the society of naval officers, much to their detriment and to his own enrichment. At another time, in the guise of a priest, he visited ecclesiastical establishments, and under the pretext of charity re-lieved the holy fathers of their little superfluous cash. Then again he would array himself in ordinary civilian dress, representing himself as a silk merchant, and would have bales of that commodity sent to his address. Then the dealer in bicycles became the victim of this versatile swindler. At last, as his repertoire necessarily became limited, and as his fame had preceded him to one of his intended victims, he had the misfortune to be recognized and handed over to the police. - Westminster Gazette.

Mendicants are to have their nominal queen at one of the forthcoming carnival masquerades. The person selected to act as Reine des Gueux is not, however, of the begging fraternity, and her title only symbolizes an oldfashioned custom, which is to be revived. She is a young woman of eighteen, or thereabouts, who, every day, helps her parents to sell cow-heel and calves' heads in the central markets. Her reign is to begin and end on the Mi-Careme festival, when she will shut up shop, and, arrayed in gala robes, will be carried in triumph around Paris, with an accompanying king and maids of honor. Such fetes, with their symbolic attractions, form the chief amusements of the Paris market people, who rise early and work hard throughout the year .-Paris Correspondence of London Tele-

The Place For Advertisements.

The newspaper is the legitimate place of the advertisement. Custom has established it, and the successful advertisers, without exception, are those who use its columns. People are educated to search the newspaper, and because this is so it is the one proper place for the advertisement. Circulars, handbills, dodgers, etc., are but makeshifts and unclever imitations of the original article .-

BARN-YARD'S SOUTHERLY CORNER. When the frost is white on the fedder The haws in the thornbush withered and black, When the near fields flash in a diamond mail
And the far hills glimmer, opaline pale,
Oh, merrily shines the morning sun
In the barn-yard's southerly corner.

Marriages and death notices gratis.
All bills for yearly advertisements of quarterly Temporary advertisement be paid in advance.
Job work—cash on delivery.

When the ruts in the cart-road ring like And the birds to the kitchen door come for

their meal,
And the snow at the gate is lightly drifted
And over the woodpile thinly sifted,
Oh, merrily shines the morning sun
In the barn-yard's southerly corner. When the brimming bucket steams at the well, And the axe on the beech-knot sings like a

When the pond is loud with the skaters' And the horses stamp in the littered stalls, On, merrily shines the morning sun In the barn-yard's southerly corner. When the hay lies loose on the wide barn

And a sharp smell puffs from the stable When the pitchfork handle stings in the And the stanchioned cows for the milking Oh, merrity shines the morning sun In the barn-yard's southerly corner.

The steers, let out for a drink and a run. Seek the warm corner one by one, And the huddling sheep, in their dusty

white,
Nose at the straw in the pleasant light,
When merrily shines the morning sun
In the barn-yard's southerly corner.
--Charles G. D. Roberts, in Youth's Com-

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"I feel all run down," said the jocular citizen as the cyclist rode over

Jenkins—"How do you like Miss Doneup?" Hawkins—"Oh, she's not as bad as she is painted."-Judge.

Penelope—"Has your fiance a san-guine temperament?" Perdita—"Yes -he even thinks I am going to marry

"It's a good town, and it's like your bald head, Weary," said Dusty Rhodes to his partner; "there's no lock-up there.

'List!" she said, "oh, list to mei"
He listed to her.
And when he had listed low enough—
He kissed her.

"Every genius gets in debt," "Of course, it takes a plain, ordinary, numdrum, commonplace man to keep out,"-Detroit Free Press.

Pigg-"Say! Why do you call that fellow 'Asphyxiate?' That is a peculiar nickname." Penu—"Because his last name is Gaskill."-Princeton Tiger. "As soon as Jibson was appointed

to office he had his picture taken." "Cabinet?" "No; ordinary clerk ship."—Philadelphia North American It you call a man a lion He will always be your friend,
But just hint that he's a bear, and
He will hate you to the end.
—Cleveland Leader.

An orator said to his audience: "1 am speaking for the benefit of posterity," when some one shouted: "Yes. and if you don't get done soon, they'll

Mrs. Tracey-"Do you realize, my dear, that you have never done any-thing to save your fellow men any suffering?" Tracy—"Didn't I marry

you."-Spare Moments. Doctor-"Well, Mrs. Smith, if convenient to you and to your husband, we'll say Thursday." Mro. Smith-"It'll suit me, and so it'll suit him-

he's wery tame!"-Judge. Orator's Friend-"Dense throng, wasn't it?" Orator-"Dense? should say so! I tried every story I had on 'em, and didn't get a single laugh."—Chicago Tribune.

'Did you hear why the Smiths quarreled?" "I understand Smith insisted that the cost of their sitting in church should come out of Mrs. Smith's allowance for clothen."-Puck.

Dorothy (noticing with great dis-tress a rip in her doll, whence the sawdust was spilling out)-"Oh, mamma, please do something quick! Dolly 's just sawdusting herself to death."-Judge.

Blobbs-"What nonsense it is for newspapers in their accounts of weddings to describe the brides being led to the altar." Slobbs-"How so?" Blobbs-"Why, most of the girls could find their way in the dark."-

Court Proceedings by Telephone. A litigation was up in a magistrate's court at Castalian Springs,

eight miles from Gallatin. It was during the cold weather, and J. Tom Durham, of Gallatin, was counsel for one of the litigants. The trial was held in a country store in which there was a telephone. Eight miles' ride through the cold was too much for the constitution of the lawyer. A happy thought suggested itself to the attorney-he would use the telephone, conduct the suit and remain in his office by the fireside.

The case was called, all the witnesses were present and the suit began. Attorney Durham arranged for an assistant, who was to stand at the telephone and act as interlocutor, while he did the rest. The attorney carried on a careful and rigid examination of the witnesses, even crossexamining the opposing sides. At the conclusion of the evidence Lawrer Durham made a strong and effective argument, which was repeated to the court by the man at the telephone at that end of the line.-Nashville Bau-

A pew-opener in England greatly astonished a group of women who were constructing evergreen mottoes and wreaths for Christmas by announcing that she had found "a stray hen a-laying in the pulpit." Their excitement was calmed when she produced a large green "N" which had "strayed" from some text or legend.

shooting. They'll crawl up to y

old horses raced onward.

was all he said.

splashed into the pond and were brought to a walk. Walter drove them straight forward until water began coming into the wagon-box.

to the Indians. Sally and the boy were now about a third of the way across the pond, and they had entered it about midway between its ends. This suited Walter's plan exactly; he set the brake hard so that his horses couldn't move the wagon against his will, hung his cartridge-belt about his neck, jumped into the water, helped Sally down beside him, pulled her little trunk over

the Indians; the enemy could neither diaus and these could not get near enough to shoot without offering a far

etter mark themselves. The plain afforded no cover for the

appearance. Walter pulled up and "I think it's all right," said Walter.

the foremost pony.

The instant the rider was on his

Meantime the second Indian had

The redskins held a brief consulta against the blue or dim against the probably supposed.

> So Sally walked out a few yards. stooping as she waded, so that the water was over her shoulders, until the wagon and horses no longer inter-

and confident as she saw what the In- a book on American institutions. mile drive to catch a train which was to leave Plattville at five that evening.

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