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sell our competitors tully 50 percent. If you have any papering to do this spring it will pay you to run down and get our prices. We pay railroad fare on thought the death of the other would be a service not only to his country, but to thought the death of the other would be tra expense and save enough to pay for your time thrice over.

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### IRRELEVANT QUESTIONS.

Some Examples of Old Tests For Ex- Enemies as Well as Friends Infuaminations of Lawyers.

Many men, even successful members of the profession, hold that as a good ex-amination does not necessarily make a good lawyer it is better to make the com-ditions of admission easy and thus allow the fittest of the lot to survive. This sentiment has been less since the Amer-

INTERESTING DUELS.

THE VANKEE AND THE ENGLISHMAN WHO DIDN'T FIGHT.

A Curate Who Was Made a Dean and Who Just Missed a Bishopric. Dancing Under Compulsion-A Famous French Female Duclist.

The stories of American duels are of great interest and are among the most famous in the whole history of dueling. but they are too well known to be repeated. The majority have been desperate tragedies when good men and true have been led to kill each other often through misrepresentations that lost the world many a noble and helpful life. world many a noble and helpful life. One, however, that was not so disastrons was between an American and a hot hended foreigner. What the quareel was history stateth not. Perhaps it was so small as to be quite overlooked, but at all events it was arranged that the two take their places on kegs of powder, with a lighted fuse placed in the bunghole of each. The kegs, of course, were empty, but as the foreigner saw the fire slowly

but as the foreigner saw the fire slowly burning down to the supposed volcano below him his courage failed him and he Still more interesting is the story of

a service not only to an country, but to the world. In this particular case the skipper of a vesther beaten Yankee whaler met an Englishman in a foreign port and had an altercation with him.

perhaps over a matter of precedence.  $\Lambda$  duel was arranged, and at the ap-pointed time the Englishman appeared, where the two precedences is thereby bringing with him two swords, as though the Yankee had the choice of weapons. He inferred that the armory of the whaler contained no such invaries. But the skipper would not accept the proffered weap-ons, whereapon the other brought out a ons, whereupon the other brought out a hardsome pair of ducling pistols. These, too, were refused, and the Englishmun demanded in astonishment what his oppo-nent did want to fight with, whereupon the Yankee replied he had brought his wenpons with him and produced a pair of well sharpened harpoons. The Eng-lishmun, of course, protested, but as the choice of weapons did not lie with him he was obliged to accept the harpoons. he was obliged to accept the harpoons. When the Yankee raised the nurderous

ooking piece, the Englishman knew that rm, experienced in piercing the dodging whale, could not fail to miss him. The unwieldy harpeon began to shake in his awkward hand, and he flung it down. leaving the exultant Yankee master of

the situation. Another interesting duel fought without the use of ordinary weapons had for one of its principals the Duke of Rich-mond, then vicercy of Ireland. His title under the table. On a visit to a friend in the west of Ireland the duke complained that he had no one to drink with him, and his host, wishing to remedy this deficiency, wait for a curate famous for his liquor drinking. After five bottles had been disposed of by each the curate com-plained that it was too slow work and proposed bunipers of brandy. These were nmediately i fled and as quickly emptied. resh bumpers were then filled for each,

but as the representative of the church stretched out his hand to receive one he fell helpless to the floor. On the follow-ing day the duke made him a dean, re-marking that if he had been victorious in the drinking duel his curacy would have been exchanged for a bishoprie,

been exchanged for a bishopric. A little carlier than this the famous Dr. Younz, going with some ladies to Yauxhall, then the real-evous of all the beauty and fishion of London, played in the German fine to amose them. Just behind them came a bontload of officers, and when the dector ceased playing one of them insisted that he should continue of them insisted that he should continue or he thrown into the water. Wishing to avoid a dispute before his friends, he con-

## TO ANCHOR A DRIDGE

houses will be able to return.

is over.

their goods.

Two Men Lost Their Lives While Pushing Cars Onto the Bridge-Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Match 4 .- The

LIVER CURE high water mark in the Susgasanas river is falling rap.dly and the worst Is perfectly harmless in its effects and pleasunt to take. Thompson's Barosma cures by gently stimulating the liver and It is expected that all the lawlands

cures by gently stimulating the liver and kidneys to exercise from the system all particles of matter that are poisonous, net only to them, but also to the stomach, heart, blood and other organs of the body. Barcana cures are permanent. When the liver is torped or inactive the whole system must suffer, undergoing a process of slow poisonong; the stomach is filled with earbonic acid gas, inflaming the mucous memorane or costing of the stomach, causing heartburn, julpitation, will be free from wate, roon and people who were forced to vacate their It will be several days before huadreds of houses will be tenable as

BAROSMA.

THE GREAT KIDNEY AND

they are filled with mud and debris. All the business in the town of Plymouth is done on Main streat. Every merchant on that thoroughfare has suffered loss by damaged stock. The the macous membrane or costing of the stomach, causing heartbarn, polyitation, indigestion better taste on rising a dull neavy singgiesh feeling, a desire to skeep, fullness and dizzy headedness. Thomp son's Barosma is an excellent stomach tonic, a similating with the food neutralizing the acids and carrying the blie from the liver. If the bow is are costive or in liver trouble, Thompson's Dandelion and Mandrake Pills should be used with the Brossma. They are purely vegetable, and will not gripe. river rose so rapidly that the storekeepers did not have time to remore All the mines on the west side of the river from Pittston to Nanticoke are idle and likely to remain so for the balance of the week. The vorkings were flooded and it will take some time to pump the water out. The mines at Pittston and other places

### Inflammation of Stomach and Liver Permanently Cured.

Wyoming valley. The cutput of ccal Rever since I can remember, for tweaty scar-or more, my back has troubled me, caused by inflammation of my stomach and fiver first, thru my kilmerys becrime involved Arttimextic path beer of so-called curves. I finally found a complete curve in Barson's Backache, Liver and Kildbey Corre serveral berthe reducing all inflammation and semusequently enting the pain. Thanks to harosma, I have been perfectly well for tunkin yrakis. E. G. Ownx. B. G. Ownx. for the next few days will be limited. The railroads are retting in good shape now. The Lehith Valley and Central Railread of New Jersey anunce that they will be able to run The Pennsylvania railroad, cwing to washouts between this city and

Sunbury has been unable to run any P. S.-My wife's health has greatly improved taking Thompson's haroana. She has gained weight, and that sellow that to her skin has en replaced by a fresher and healthier color. trains between these points and in-termediate places, but it is said that the road will be in such shape today All druggists \$1.00 a bottle, or six for as to permit the movement of trains \$5.00

GENERAL MERCHANTS.

AND-

The body of Jamas McGuire, the Lehigh aviley brakeman, wan lost S. H. HASLET & SONS., his life at White Haven while tryin to place some leaded cars on a bridge to prevent it from being swept away has been recovered. The body of al companien, Conductor Joseph Fishe Furniture Dealers, has not yet been found. The me made a hereic effort to save the brid but went down with it a ter they ha UNDERTAKERS. succeeded in getting the cars on It.

being alleviated as speedily as po

sible. A meeting of citizens was hel

in the City hall yesterday afternor

scribed to the relief fund and a con

Central Four to Nine Hours Late.

ably over. Several fire engines ar-

at work pumping out the basements

of large buildings on Main and Ex-

chan e streets. All railroads are still tiel up with the exception of the New

York Central, whose passenger trains

are getting through from four to nine

Rain Caures Rise.

of the sufferers.

hours late.

also contain much water. It is co timated that by the flooding of the collieries 25,000 miners are idle in the

all their passenger trains today.

## TIONESTA, PENN. Pumping Out Cellars. Elmira, March 4 .- The drop in the

THE OLD RELIABLE temperature has improved the flood situation have, the Chemany river having receded to 10 feet in depth. The fire engines have been euroged all day in pumping out the cellars of bus iners places in order that fires migh be started in the heating apparalo but it will take another day's pumpt before this can be done. About 50 families were affected by the foot and there is much suffering which is

> LIVERY STABLE TIONESTA, - PENN.

and several hundred dollars sub S. S. CANFIELD, PROPRIETOR. mittee appulited to care for the needs

#### Good Stock, Good Carriages and Bug gies to let upon the most reasonable to He will also do Rochester, March 4 -- At midnight JOB TEAMING the water in the Genesee river was All orders left at the Post Off very slowly falling and if the pros- receive prompt attention ont low temperature continues for a day or two and no more rain falls in the Genesee valley, the danger of additional damage by flood is prob



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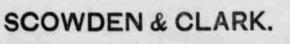
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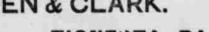
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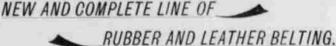
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the work of raising the standards of le-gal education. Many good ancedotes are told of the old tests. An able southern hwyer still living has a good story about his examination by Reverdy Johnson, one of the greatest lawyers of the last con-tary. Mr. Johnson knew the young man, but apparently he did not allow his asked him one or two questions as easy ble and then very severely demanded: Young man, can you mix a good

that he had passed.

rnileoads and owing to the numerous creeks and rivers, there had to be fre-quent fording of streams in order to aske good time between the country owns. The candidate presented himself towns. before the judge, who, after looking at the young man a few moments and taking in his measure, asked: "Can you ride?" Yes, sir. "Do you own a horse?"

Yes, sir. "Can he swim?" "Yes, sir." Whereupon the judge bowed gravely

and remarked: 'I am very glad, sir, to welcome you to

the practice of law in my district." Since those days, of course, law has changed. More statutes are passed ev-ery pear than existed when Chief Justice Marshall brought order out of American legislation. The inwyer has not only to be possessed of wide information and ne curate knowledge, but he must be trained in the processes of the state so as to be able to nurster the facts and details of new problems. The rising of the stand means the improvement of the bur.-Philadelphia Times,

When Women Become Stron

There are startling examples of the de topment of the expacity in women for ing men's work. When families that doing men's work. have been strong and prospered get start-ed down hill and the men die off or go to seed or lose heart or health, it is not an uncommon thing to see the women develop under stress of circumstances a virile vigor that meets the storm and weathers

Very able women are developed by de Very able voumen are developed by de-fects in man, and, of course, when the wheel has once fullen to them and their wills have been trained to steering they will not readily give up a place that they have fairly won. Nor should they. The mischief, what there is of it, has been fone; let the consequences ablec. The chief mischief is that, though a woman may come out strong in doing a man's work, the man whose work is done for him, if there is one, is apt to come out weak -- McClure's Magazin

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the moviling and hostile jury. It is power the work of raising the standards of le over them seemed like the fascination of

FASCINATING RUFUS CHOATE.

enced by His Oratory.

him one or two questions as easy smallequentia which Cicero attributes to as the alphabet or the multiplication ta- Cornelius. There was never a harsh note in his speech. He had a voice without any graff pet

"There," pointing to the sideboard, "There," pointing to the sideboard, "arre the ingredients, sir. Now, let use see what you can do." see what you can do." The candidate approached and used his finest touch and sense of selection in com-pointing the tonic. Then, topping it off artistically with a fresh mint, he present-ed it to his examiner. Mr. Johnson gave the case his best care and patience, and finally, when the bottom of the generous glass had been reached, he looked at the young mun admiringly and announced that the had massed. away the ax with which Choate claimed the deed was done when he heard some-

Another story is told of a indicial dis-trict in Florida where, before the era of rullwoads and owing to the numerous ulation of the ax." Indeed his speech

was a perpetual surprise, Whether you liked him or disliked him Whether you liked him or disliked him, you gave him your ears, erect and intent. He used manuscript a great deal, even in speaking to juries. When a trial was on, lasting days or weeks, be kept his pen-ink and paper at hand in his bedroom and would often get up in the mildle of the night to write down thoughts that came to him as he lay in hed. He was always enreful to keep warm. It was said be prepared for a great jury argument by taking off eight great couts and drinking taking off eight great costs and drinking eight caps of green tea.-Senator Hoar in Scribner's.

#### The White Pine,

According to Professor Spalding, the white pine tree seldom attains a height greater than 160 feet or a diameter of more than 10 inches. A tree of this va-ricty once measured by the dividon of forestry of the department of agriculture was 170 feet tall and 48 inches thick. The tree was 400 years old. It was a little sapling 50 years before Columbus sailed from Palos.

It is not an easy tree to propagate, so many of the seeds being unfertile. It It does not, as a rule, produce flowers and cones until it is 15 or 20 years old. Dur-ing the first decade of its life it will grow about one foot every 12 months, and it grows a little faster till maturity. A tree 20 years old ought to be about 25 feet high, and at 30 or 40 years of age it ought to measure about CO feet.

#### Can't Down Him.

"Somehow," she suid, "I never can see you without thinking of truth." "Is that so?" he asked, being a fellow

who was always doing something original "Yos. Truth crushed to earth will rise

again, you know. "But what has that got to do with

me? "Well, you've been thrown down by nearly every girl in this town, but I see that you continue to come up smilling."-Chicago Herald.

med; but, arriving at his destination, sought out his tormentor and demanded satisfaction with swords and without seconds early the following morning. When they met, however, and had taken

their places, the doctor instantly drew out a huge horse pistol and, pointing it at the a mage norse parts and, pointing if at the officer's head, compelled him to dance a minnet. The officer had no choice but to obey and for a quarter of an hour kept up the dance. The doctor then lowered his pistol, saying as they were quits they might now arrange another affair with seconds and the officer might have satisresult.

But if England was an uncomfortable place to live in those days, France was still worse. Such a state of affairs existed that in 1041 was instituted the "Sa-viar's truce," whereby duels were prohib-ited from Wednesdays until Mondays. But, like all other forbidden things, the duel rather grew in favor than decreased. Montaigne says, "If three Frenchmen were put into the Libyan desert, they would not be a month there without fighting and quarreling." Cases are re-corded of father and son facing each other in mortal combat, brother arrayed against brother and the dearest of friends killing each other for absolutely nothing except perhaps a misplaced word. Even the women of France have fought, though, indeed, it was no very unusual occurrence in any country for a wife to disguise herself in her husband's armor when here each to be the form when he was unable to meet the foe him-

One of the most famous of the women the of the most famous of the women duclists of France was Maupin, one of the performers at the opera. Scrane, the famous fencing master, fell in love with her and gave her many valuable lessons In the art. One evening at a ball Mau-pin was very rule to another lady and was requested to leave the room. She replied she would if those gentlemen who had espoused the lady's cause would accompany her. This they consented to do, and after a hard combat she killed them all. Then she quietly returned to the ballro But of these affairs no count can be

made. More people have prohably lost their lives over some foolish quibble than have been killed in a dozen wars for their country's good.

#### Significance of Ears.

A book on the cars as an index of char-acter having been published by an English author, a learned reviewer, Dr. A. Keith, mentions his own elaborate study of the ears of more than 40,000 people, includ-ing 800 criminals and 2,000 insane per-sons, besides those of 300 apes. He was forced to conclude that the cars gave no clew to personal traits.

Time Needed For a Leg's Tollet.

Insurance collectors, visiting many families daily, hear odd remarks some times. A collector called the other night apon a railway watchman. A little gir rame to the door and said. "I guess yo can't see father because he's got his ler off." The collector looked sympathetic and said in a shocked voice: "My, oh. my? How did that happen?" The little girl made answer: "Oh, he takes it off every night before he goes to bed. He's got a wooden leg." Her father didn't care, she rdded, to go to the trouble of putting the leg on again until next morning, as it required 15 minutes to adjust the straps. Philadelphia Record.

Ogdensborg, N. Y., March 4, -The water in the Oswegatchie river rose two feet during the night, caused by a heavy rain. The lower floors of mills are flooded with water. The docks are all under water and valuable lumber and timber to being carried away. An ice gorge was formed at the bridge connecting Ford and Lake streets and should the ice above the dam give way heavy damage will



New York, March 4 .- Not a west ern train entered the Grand Central station Monday afternoon or evening All were stalled somewhere along the line or delayed by the floods. Noth-ing came down the Hudson river division except the local trains.

### American Mules Best.

London, March 4 .-- A parliamentary paper has been issued containing dispatches and reports regarding the remount demastment in South Africa. It refers to the American mules as being the "best received from any source, magnificent workers and kept in condition under the most adverse circumstances." The American horses the report says, varied greatly, but the majority were excellent.

### To Abolish Slavery.

Berlin, March 4. - The Reichsanzeiger last evening published decrees providing for the gradual abolition of house slavery in the Cameroous and Togo colunies.

#### SOME SAVINGS.

"That happened in the reim of Queen Dick" is a circumicention for "Never, "To take her down a peg" is nothing suilor's direction as to the lowering of the ship's colors,

To "have the gift of gab" means the

stretchers for stretching cloth new from Finest and Fastest Trains in the South

the memory of Joe Dun, bailing of Lin-coln, who was so keen a collector that his name has become a proverb.

To "get the sack" is a fate that some-times overtook inmates of a certain sultan's harem, who were put into a such and thrown into the Bosporms when he desired to be rid of them.

Dendhead, as denoting one who has free cutrance to places of amusement, comes from Pompeli, where the checks for free admission were small ivory death's heads. Specimens of these are in the museum at Naples.

"By book and by crook" is an allesion to an ancient manorial custom which permitted the meighboring poor to take all the wood that they could reach and pull down from the forest trees, using only their shepherds' crocks.

