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VARIETIES.

by snow drifts.

postage stamp.

swim.

Miss Etherenl Mildness was detained

The stamp of civilization : The

If the man in the moon keeps a dog.

A man may properly be said to have

What throat is the best for a singer

The best thing about carpets is that

"Boys, what is a stratum?" "A ayer," "Mention an example." "A

The latest in umbrellas is an ovai

pane of glass inserted in the front breadth to "sight" anything approach-

Voltaire said of Mdlle, de Livry

"She was so beautiful that I raised my long, thin body, and stood before her

No distinction on account of sex

says Dame Fashion. New spring water

proofs for ladies will be made after the

"I'd like to give something to the

Lenten dinners are becoming fashion

sources. Compared with the last year,

like a point of admiration."

layer." "Mention an example." "A hen." "Yes, and a ship; she lays to."

you buy them by the yard and wear them out only by the foot.

been drinking like a tish when he finds

he has taken enough to make his nead

to reach high notes with ?- A man

we will bet two to one it is a skue-ter

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widow sighed.

Rock me to Sleep.

POETRY.

The subjoined poem -we do not know who wrote it - is one of the most beautiful of its kind we have ever seen. We do not envy the heart that does not thrill to its wild and tender Backward, turn backward, oh Time, in you

flight.

Make me a child again. just for to-night ; Mother, come back from the echoless shore Take me again to your heart as of yore-Kiss from my forehead the furrows of care, Smooth the silver threads out of my hair --Over my slumbers your loving watch keep-Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep!

Backward, flow backward, ob, tide of the year I am so weary of toils and of tears-Toil without recompense-tears all in vain Take me and give me my childhood again. I have grown weary of dust and decay. Weary of flinging my soul's wealth away, Weary of sowing for others to reap ; Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep

Fired of the hollow, the base, the untrue, Mother, oh, mother, my heart calls for you Many a summer the grass has grown green. Blossomed and faded-our faces between ; Vet with strong yearning and passionate pair Long I to-night for your presence again ; Come from the silence so long and so deep-Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep

Over my heart in the days that are flown No love like a mother's love ever has shown No other worship abides and endures, Faithful, unselfish and patient like yours None like a mother can charm away pain From the sick soul and world-weary brain ; Slumber's soft calm o'er my heavy lids creep Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep Come, let your brown hair, just lighted with

gold, Fall on your shoulders again as of old-1 et it fall over my forehead to-night, Shading my faint eyes away from the light-For with its sunny-edged shadows once more Hap'ly will throng the sweet visions of vore. Lovingly, softly, its bright billows sweep-Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep

Mother, dear mother ! the years have been lon Since I last hushed to your lullaby song-Sing them, and unto my soul it shall seem Womanhood's years have been but a dream Clasp me to your arms in loving embrace, With your light lashes just sweeping my fac Never hereafter to wake or to weep-Rock me to sleep, mother, rock me to sleep !

## BISCELLANT.

## How to Teach Politeness.

Those people who are continually auding the "good old time," seldon lauding the fail to contrast the manners of Young Americans of to-day with those of th children when they were young. And in truth, it cannot be denied that the in truth, it cannot be denied that the children fifty or a hundred years ago spoke more respectfully to and of their parents and teachers than they do now-a-days; but, on the other hand, the loving confidence that exists between most children and parents of the pres-ent time was very rare then, and the respect with which the young treated then elders was inspired by fear rather than love. So we are left to solve the their elders was inspired by fear rather vons, restless and agitated as man than love. So we are left to solve the could be. We were walking rapidly up retaining the confidence and down the chamber where lay the and friendship of our children, and, at the same time, teaching them good hands of the coroner's physician, and manners. Prof. Allen in one of his addresses at the Newtown institute, said that he had nowhere found better manners among the children than in Friends' among the children than in Friends' households, and he thought that the reason for this was that there, more than elsewhere, they were treated as part of the family, and unconsciously learned to extend the same consideration to others which they received themselves. He told an amusing story of a boy who was never allowed to present him-self before company, because he was somewhat backward and presented an awkward appearance; but on one occa-sion he plead so hard that his mother gave him permission to go in the parlor if he would not speak a single word. When the guests arrived, one after another addressed questions to him, to uone of which he ventured a reply, whereupon one of the visitors ex-claimed, "Why, the boy is a dunce." room. At this the unfortunate youth rushed ont to the kitchen, exclaiming, Mother mother, they've found out I'm a dunce and I didn't open my mouth! People generally act as though they hink children have no feelings, and have not sense enough when they are lighted or snubbed. How often do see people enter a family in which they are acquainted, speak pleasantly to all the grown folks, but vouchsafe not even a nod of recognition to the children. Is it any wonder that boys become rude and boorish, caring for nobody, cause they are perpetually made feel that they are in the w nobody cares for them ! in the way, and that them ! Is it any wonder that girls in their teens are so awkward and ill at case when they first begin to be treated with some conideration ? If children were treated with the same politeness which we ex-tend to young ladies and gentlemen, "the awkward age," when hands and feet are such inconveniences, would not make its appearance. I once had in my school a family of children who invariably attracted the attention of visitors; they were not especially pretty, nor smart, nor well Once at home and in the solitude of my chamber, 1 sat down at my table dressed, but people who saw them never failed to remark, "What pleasant mantailed to remark, "that prevent The first ners those children have." The first time I visited their bome I discovered the secret. The mother, having occa-sion to pass before one of the girls, said to her as she would have said to me, the son and of his torn handkerchief, f to her as she would have said to me, "Excuse me for passing before you." The mystery was solved at once; she treated her children as she would have them treat her, and the consequence was they were the best bred children in the neighborhood. Parents and teachers who forget to "Elbaare" and "Thank you." to to have the best bred at it. It did not seem to have the meter and teachers who forget to teacher and teachers who forget to teache

THE UNKNOWN DEATH. A DETECTIVE'S STORY. Murder had been done in Philadelphia-or, at least, so it was supposed-and the papers were full of it. The journals were divided in opinion about wish to make the chamber of the deceased."

the matter, some maintaining that it was a case of simple suicide, others in-clining to the belief that there had been He led me to it at once. foul play, and still others arguing in favor of death from natural though un-known causes. Indeed, it would appear, at first sight, as if the latter were the true supposition, and the majority of superficial readers and thinkers who talked over the affair at home or in the streets the next day, seemed to have very little trouble in arriving at a like limm nices of hold detected on the

All that was known was this : an esteemed citizen-a man of wealth and high standing-had retired to rest the white tings of dried foam ! night before apparently in sound health and good spirits, and at two o'clock the following morning had been found dead companion would hear it and grow alarmed. in bed, without one visible mark of upon his person. His son, However, I did control myself, and who had returned home from a pleasure as soon as I could trust my voice, said : party at that hour, had entered his "Is there no way by which this house father's chamber to deposit the front door key there, and had made the hormight be entered except by the first

"Oh, yes," returned the son, as comrible discovery. This young man, s steady, reliable and devout church posedly as ever, "there is a door in my spartment opening on an old, unused portico, but this has been locked and er and Sabbath school teacher had then aroused the house, and had communicated the ill-tidings to the bolted all winter. terror-stricken family.

At the coroner's inquest I was pres ent, and there the son after repeating substantially what has been said above, called the attention of the jury to the following additional and important facts : that on entering the chamber he facts : that on entering the chamber he had found everything undisturbed and as usual, that the bed-clothes even were not rumpled, and that the position of not rumpled, and that the position of self, and found it as secure as of old— is a secure as of old — is a secure as of o

escaped me." regular breathing of the sleeper that he regular breathing of the sleeper that he suspected, for an instant, that anything I followed him, and without the slightest hesitation he led me to his sive evidence may be forged. I was not on the jury, but was there

at the request of the family, in my offi-cial capacity of murder-detective, and it is needless to say that I subjected at it-but that was not what fascinated the body and its surroundings to the closest scrutiny. I could discover The walls were full of shelves, and nothing, however, that appeared in the least suspicious, or to warrant a sup-phical instruments. position of foul play. The post-mortem examination failed equally to satisfy, in the system; but one thing it did develop; and that "Yo science ?"

For once in my life 1 was at fault, and must confess that I did not know how to proceed ; but still, for all the search unmolested, and not only that, absence of proof, and the seeming regu-larity of things, I felt in me a deep mistrust that murder had been done in the premises and by no unskillful hand. Whilst I was deliberating how to act, the son came over and begun a conversation. He talked on the all-absorbing topic of the moment, and was as neron the varie

The son answered the summons in | I took it and read, written in lead pencil, the following : He looked not a little surprised at "The shrewdness of the detective has my sudden return. "What is the matter ?" he demanded. been too much for me. It was night when I did it, and I fancied the means "Nothing," said I-I was quite cool and collected by this time-"I merely wish to make another examination of the chamber of the deceased." when I did it, and I innered the means put it beyond reach of discovery. I was mistaken, and I pay the penalty of that mistake freely now. That doctor is a shrewd practitioner. A man does

not counterfeit madness with him with

He led me to it at once. I again scrutinized the body, this time paying more attention to the face and head of the dead man. There was absolutely nothing to be seen there that had not been seen be-fore. I then pressed open the mouth slightly with my fingers, and, as I did I turned to the physician and the offi-

limp piece of handkerchief. I looked into the mouth, and nearly trembled showed triumph-triumph at having next door. succeeded in tracking and taking a criminal so adroit and calculating-and possibly I had some good ground for being elated.

I did not ask the family of the murdered man for a reward, but I carried away the air syringe, and I have it to this day. 1 have made repeated expe-riments with it since it came in my possession, and each succeeding one but convinces me the more of its deadly and dangerous character. and dangerous character.

There is another thing I must say before I close, and that is this : I have solved the mystery of that limp piece of handkerchief I found on the day I

This observation was just what I undertook the investigation of the wanted, for it pointed out to me a way to obtain a view of this man's private room, and that too, without exciting the least suspicion. the least suspicion. "Will you let me see that. door ?" I

and easy that it was not until he had noticed the absence of the deep and escaped me." science is connected with the detection of crime, and it also shows from what a the slight link a massive chain of conclu-

bed-chamber. I say I look back to it with pride,

There was the door fastened as he had said, and I made a show of looking public will hear and approve my recita and I can only hope that an intelligen -the story of the UNKNOWN DEATH.

The walls were full of shelves, and How Postage Stamps are Made. the shelves were crowded with philoso-

The process of manufacturing the I left the portico door finally, and as ittle postage stamps is quite interest-ing: In printing, steel plates are used, on which 200 stamps are engraved. Two men are kept at work covering was going carelessly remarked : seem to take an interest in

time, although ten presses can be put into use in case of necessity. After the vanity, and knew now that I might

small sheets of paper upon which the but with his own proper aid, for the 200 stamps are engraved have dried instrument of death. I turned back, as I spoke, and picked up a pamphlet from the study-table in the center of the room. The book was written in the Italian

I have some slight knowledge of the tongue of the modern opera, and I read on the title page that the work was one the title page that the work was one the title page that the work was one the title page that the destruction initiar to that used for bank notes. tongue of the modern opera, and I read on the title page that the work was one

this cause.

fe, and that it was by Cas-time on little racks which are fanned of animal life, and that it was by Casby steam power for about an hour, they

In its general aspect Norway presents out between sheet board. the most unpromising conformation of and pressed in hydraulic presses, capable of applying a weight of two thousand tons. The next thing is to cut the sheets in half; each sheet of cut the sheets in half; each sheet of

Atter the Funeral. A Remarkable Relic. It was just after the funeral. The bereaved and subdued widow enveloped The Pall Mall Gazette says : A ped bronze fork with two prongs, discov-the ered by Mr. George Smith in the mound in millinery gloom, was seated in sitting room with a few sympathizing friends. There was that constrained of Konyunjik, supplies food for some reflection. If it really is a bona fide fork it is one of the most singular and look, so peculiar to the occasion, obremarkable relics of antiquity. That "fingers were made before forks" is a on every countenance.

"How do you feel, my dear?" obproverb the truth of which no one, we served her sister. "Oh, I don't know," observed the poor woman, with difficulty restraining her tears. "But I hope everything Served her sister. "Oh, I don't know," observed the people of the west, at any rate, were destitute of forks; and if Mr. George

her tears. "But I hope everything passed off well." "Indeed it did," said all the ladies. "It was as large and respectable a funeral as I have seen this Winter,"

"Yes, it was," said the lady from the next door. "I was saying to Mrs. Slocum only ten minutes ago that the attendance couldn't have been better—

the bad going considered. "Did you see the Taylors?" asked the widow, faintly, looking at her sister. the middle ages, they were not used "They go so rarely to funerals that I either by carvers or eaters of meat even

suggested the bereaved woman, droop-ingly.

"Oh, yes," chimed in several. They came in their own carriage, too," said the sister, animatedly. "And then came in their own carriage, too," said the sister, animatedly. "And then there were the Randalls, and the Van Rensalears. Mrs. Van Rensalear had her cousin from the city with her, And Mrs. Randall wore a heavy black silk, which I am sure was quite new. Did you see Colonel Haywood and his

daughters, love ?" "I thought I saw them, but I wasn't

they ?" "Yes, indeed," said they all again ; and the lady who lived across the way

"The Colonel was very sociable, and forks were not in use ; and adds, "Your quired most kindly about you, and

Colonel sister bowed them out. When she reand Edward II's favorite, Piers Gaves-

"You can see, my love, what the furshesces d'argent pur mangier poires." eighbors think of it. I wouldn't have Le Grand d'Aussy (Histoire de la Vie had anything unfortunate happen for a Privee des Francois," tom. III, page good deal. But nothing did. The ar- 179) says that forks are enumerated in ients couldn't have been better." "I think some of the people in the eighborhood must have been surprised instance he mentions during the middle to see so many of the up-town people

"You may be quite sure of that?" asserted the sister. "I could see that plain enough by their looks." "Well, I am glad there is no occasion for talk," said the widow, smoothing had ancient precedent at least, and the skirt of her dress.

Norway.

The Mental Attitude of Primi-

tive Man.

TOUTHS' COLUMN. Grammar in Rhyme. Three little words you often see

a noun's the name of anything. As school or garden, hoop or swing IIL

ctives show the kind of notin, real, small, pretty, white, or brown

ead of nouns the pronouns stand, head, his face, your arm, my hand

Verbs tells us something to be done, To read, count, laugh, sing, jump, or run.

low things are done, the advertes tell, to slowly, quickly, fil, or well.

VIL onjunctions join the words together, s men and women, wind or weather.

VIII. The preposition stands before a noun, as in, or through, the door

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The interjection shows surprise, As oh ? how pretty-ah ? how wise

The whole are called nine parts of speech Which reading, writing, speaking, teach,

DICKY.-Consin Lizzie was onite inso late as the early part of the sixteenth so late as the early part of the sixteenth century among the most advanced in European nations. The Greeks had knives for carving. But when they fed themselves with solid food they did it with the solution to stay at home and be contented after the ed paws. She will,

it with their fingers, which they after-ward wiped on pieces of bread. When they took soup they used either a spoon or a bit of bread hollowed out. So Ulster pattern for gentleman. poor," remarked a Toledo lady. "It's likewise the Romans fed themselves rience the folly of such an undertaking.

hard times, and they must be suffering but I've got to use this Sill to have An Irishman giving his testimony in

of one of our Courts a few days since, in a riot case, said, "Be jabers, the The carptor, scissor or structor was a person guided by rules, who performed his task to the sound of music, and with appropriate gesticulation. In Wynkyn de Worde's *Boke of Keruynge* too, published in 1513, the author tells

the carver he must "Set never on fyshe, of saucy black eyes, a black bushy tail dear," she said, "It's against the law to beest ne towle more than two fyngers curled gracefully over his back, and athombe," clearly showing that two little sharp foreteeth, with which Potient to doctors after Patient to doctors after consultation he could crack nuts a great deal better "Tell me the worst, gentleman ; am 1

than you or I with the hammer. knife must be fayre, and your handes going to die ?" Doctors : "We are di-vided on that question, sir; but there Dicky might well claim some literary

preeminence, and crack a few nuts for my youthful readers, for he belonged is a majority of one that you will live." purposes among our ancestors at least two centuries before this was written. teas to good Mrs. Brown, the faithful teacher of my early days; and besides Young lady-Are you a good runner, bidding her good-bye, and expressing the hope that she would be caim, Her account of Edward L for the wardrobe that was the exact counterpart of the very firstrate. I was once in a nule account of Edward I, for the year 1297, little fellow who "sits up aloft" in race, and they gave me three quarters Webster's Speller, and watches the of the distance start, but-aw-I did

ton, had (Fordera, year 1346) "Irois melancholy catastrophe of the country not win, maid and her milk pail. able, the aim being to give as great Dicky lived in a little tin house, which contained parlor, bedroom and variety as possible in the kinds and dining-room. The last, which also cookery of fish. A printed bill of fare an inventory of the jewels of Charles V of France for 1870, and this is the only as play-room, was a wheel, and on one of these occusions mentioned served this Master Dicky delighted in turning fifteen different fish served in a multi-

rapidly round when in a froliesome plicity of ways. ages. He also remarks, writing in 1872, that then the knife was commonly bod. His favorite food, besides nuts, The Russian budget for 1875 estiseemed to be the parings of boiled employed to convey food to the month mates the entire revenue at 559,300,000 potatoes, roubles. Of this sum the direct taxes

"as it still is in England, when for that purpose the blades of knives are made ad and round at the end. So Mr Thackeray's "Snob's" friend Marrowfat he was always polite and entertaining. sources. Compared with the last year. He never stared at the new-comers till the revenue is expected to exhibit an to hide somewhere ; or said in a lond meaning 20,000,000 roubles.

somewhere; or said in a lond Pins IX, says a Rome correspondent, whisper, with a silly giggle, "What big shoes she wears !" "Did you ever see such a queer-shaped nose?" "I won "I won- a text, and with greater for that brass than the improvisatori breast-pin?" No, no. Dicky was too well bred for such things, and 1 wish the moment a flood of eloquence. He well bred for such things, and 1 wish other little Dickies were like him. I have a suspicion that when school was dismissed, and the hum of voices had ceased, Dicky was occasionally liberated from his close quarters, and allowed to enjoy something of his native freedom. But this is conjecture, Dear little squirrel! He lived to a rood old age, a blessing and a joy ; for nothing except figures is required. Each player puts his right hand, palm palm downward, on the bar, extending as many fingers as he chooses. Then they guess how many flogers together have out, and the one who comes nearest to A BIRD'S NEST.-There is a pretty correctness scores one point. Twelve nest in the museum of Brown Univer sity, which shows what wisdom God ame as fingers, and when the guesses are equally good neither counts, Lamora is an Italian diversion, brought can give to a little bird. The nest was hung by strings, so the baties would be rocked to sleep by every breeze. But as they grew heavier every breeze. But as they grew heavier the that her twig the mother bird found that her twig was too weak. So she looked about until she found a stout cord. This she wove around the nest, and then hung it up to a strong limb overhead. This steadied it, and made all safe. Some time past the French preas has been frequently giving accounts of snicides, an epidemic not only preva-lent among the civil population, but also in the array. The Commander-in-Chief of the Friteenth Corps d'Armee has issued an order condemning it in steadied it, and made all safe. Some little swallows once built a nest against a lime kiln. But the wall was so warm the clay soon cracked and the nest fell down. Immediately they so warm the clay soon cracked and the nest fell down. Immediately they built it over, but again it fell. Not discouraged, they tried it a third time with no better success. They built a fourth nest, which re-mained firm, and in it they reared a little brood. They had found and worked up a kind of clay that would stand the heat. They came back the stand the heat. They came back the next year and repaired their cottage with the same clay. This they did also the third year. After that they did not return, having probably lived out the term of swallow life. desicating air, are baked to a hard, dry SERIOUS ACCIDENTS. — What a dreadful place a school-honse must be, and what shocking things happen there, if the talk of school-children is to be relied upon ! Yesterday noon I heard a dozen of them speaking about the varions incidents of the day. It was impossible to catch all they said, as three or four talked at once, but I managed to learn these startling facts : prisonment and deprivation of light Nelly Jones coughed fit to split her and air. In the beginning of 1816 a year memorable in the history of the table-That Lawrence boy actually boiled turning and spirit-rapping, Angelique Cotton was a girl of fourteen, living in the village of Bouvignoy, near La Per Nelly Murray recited loud enough to the the roof off the house. riere, department of Orne, France. She was of low stature, but of robust as frame, and apathetic to an extraordi nary degree both in body and mind. On January 15 of the year named while off. Susie Jennings thought she'd burst. Ellen Walters broke down com-began to move and change position. And yet it was an ordinary school- The work-women were alarmed ; work was for a moment suspended, but was Conscience, -- "Children," I said to a soon resumed. But, when Angelique again took her place; the table anew to move with great violence ; sho felt herself attracted to it, but as soon as she touched it, it retreated before They looked at each other, but gave her, or was even upset. The following "I think I don't know such a big very decided in affirming that Ange-hque Cotton was possessed of a devil, and that she should be brought be-When you have interfered in a family fight, and been knocked down stairs by the brutal husband, and had a kettle of hot water poured on you by the ill treated wife, console yourself it isn't right." Then I asked if they had feit some and that sne should be fore the parish priest. Eat the cure was a man of too much common sense to heed their request for an exorcisan and resolved to see the facts himself. Light broke over their faces at once. "Now," I repeated, "what is con-the girl was brought to the enre's the second to be the facts himself. youth is like the coral islands-green and sunny amidst the melancholy ocean. After it has happened to you several times, you will decide that you have laid up memories enough of that sort, and we have a several times are between the several tin the several times are between the several times are between t chair on which Augelique moved in a contrary direction, rocking the while, and giving Angelique great A dry goods business Selling salt difficulty in keeping her seat, Popular Science Monthly for March,

Smith's fork is a fork, as he evidently supposes it to be, another and a very important addition will have been made to the claims of Asia to early superiority cer who were with me, and had read the letter over my shoulder. I must confess that I think my face "Yes, it was," said the lady from the

"I thought I saw them, but I wasn't with appropriate gesticulation. In sure. They were here, then, were Wynkyn de Worde's Boke of Keruynge

observed :

the sickness of your husband." The widow smiled faintly. She was gratified by the interest shown by the

turned she said :

here," suggested the aillicted woman, trying to look hopeful.

their children, have no right to require the children to say 'Please' and 'Thank

you' to them. "Practice what you preach" is an old maxim, but as good as it is old; and therefore the best way for parents and teachers to inculcate politeness is "to be polite themselves.

### Human Labor.

Human labor is a thousand little rills that replenish the fountain of man's ex-It rends the rocks asunder to build the marts of commerce. It sends its tiny but powerful roots into the soil, that the crops may, in due season, fructify, and replenish and gladden the earth ; it dives into the darkened mine, where cheering sunlight never pene-trates, to bring forward some of the most important necessaries of modern civilization ; for where would that civilization be without the products of labor? As we value the products of ware should we ceilization be without the product of labor, how much more should we es-teem the intelligent agencies by which they are produced? In whatever sphere of action it may be, labor is hon orable, and there is at times a moral heroism and spirit of self-denial exhib-ited which renders it sublime.

"Let us pause at the grave Webster," said a Vermont lecturer. "Too cold !" shouted a may in the sudience, and no pause was made.

And Casturini was the name of the Professor spoken of in the newspaper its pale, inanimate face, I remarked that my companion shook with a slight paragraph and well-defined tremor. I made a I felt th

turini.

pected nothing-as if nothing more dangerous than love of science actuated follow in this matter, I was merely searching for one everywhere-that was me in my investigations.

We continued our walk about the he at once produced the air-syringe. It was a strange instrument, in shape "This affair passes my comprehen-

it was like an ordinary syringe, and such as is daily employed in medicine, sion," said I. "And mine also," said the son. I was about taking my leave when

only larger, perhaps twice as large as any of that kind I had ever seen. It small piece of red rag on the floor, just under the edge of the bed, attracted my attention, and I stooped to pick it was mounted on a stand of polished walnut, like an electric mrchine, and, indeed, looked like one-that is, a up.

The son observed my motion, and said : "I wonder how that got there?

have the rest of that article in my drawer-it belongs to me !"

"Do you want the piece ?" I asked. "Not at all," he replied ; but if you would like to have the remainder, I will get it for you."

He left me without waiting for trace. I touched it with a feeling akin reply, and quickly returned with the rest of the handkerchief. He handed horror, and asked : "Has this no other use than to deit to me and said as he did so :

"I am at a loss to conjecture who prive animals of life ?" "None," was the smiling response. could have torn that handkerchief, for "Can you operate it ?" "Better than any I ever met." I thought it was safe in my apartment when I went out early in the evening." I put the piece he gave me with the other I already had, and took my leave. I was standing facing this man as he made this boast. I laid my hand on his shoulder. He started and seemed not to know what to make of my conduct. and, with my face buried in both hands,

"Your crime is discovered, sir !" fell to thinking and reasoning. I thought of the scene I had just left, and could not doubt that the verdict of arrest you for "You are a patricide, and I arrest you for the murder of the who lies in the other chamber !" His face turned fairly purple with

been steeped in water, and to the touch it was just in the slightest way sticky. I spoke to him again and several times, but could get no answer. Then I rang the bell and sent for the I further remarked that it had a very faint white tinge in spots, as if some kind of foam had recently been upon it. coroner's physician. He came, looked at the man Just at that instant I caught sight of a

ting on the chair, speechless and black in the face, and shook his head. paragraph in a daily paper lying in front of me, and mechanically read it. "This man has lost his reason !" were his fearful words. "What has caused

"A ghastly scientific discovery is re-ported from Turin, where Professor it?" I told him, and showed him Castu

Casturini, the celebrated oculist, has found a way of killing animals by rini's air-syringe. We took our prisoner into custody forcing air into their eyes a few sec-onds, and almost without causing pain. -Experiments were recently made at the Royal Veterinary School, and it is said that they have fully and conveyed him to the police station. The ride somewhat restored him, but he was still altogether overwhelmed and crushed. We left him in a cell and went our

the Royal Veterinary School, and it is said that they have fully proved the truth of the Professor's invention. Within the space of a few minutes four rabbits, three dogs and a goat were killed in this manner. The most re-markable fact is that the operation leaves absolutely no outward trace." various ways. In the mording I was the first to call The officer in charge told me he had

been up the greater part of the night, and was then sleeping. I waited half an hour, and then, in I started up instantly after having read this, and began rapidly to walk the room. 1 was flushed and agitated. Perhaps I had the key to the mystery company with the doctor, who had by that time arrived, went to the cell.

The man was there on the bed, lying I was searching to solve! "Gracious!" I thought, "if this paragraph be true, might not the method of destruction be applied as fatally to man as to the inferior ani-to man was there on the bed, lying in his shirt and pantaloons, with his face downward, and motionless. The doctor touched him-he was cold and stiff. The patricide was dead. By his side lay a paper ormahed and

death and rang the bell,

The paragraph was as follows :

that my companion shook with a long and well-defined tremor. I made a mental note of this, but at the same track. I laid down the volume and gradnally track it. I how the dead. I did not, of course, for a moment imagine that the man at my momen cut the sheets in half; each sheet of course, when cut, contains a hundred stamps. This is done by a girl with a large pair of shears, cutting by hand being preferred to that of machinery, which method would destroy too many stamps. They are then passed to that tions perforate the sheets between the stamps. Next they are pressed once more, and then packed and labelled, and stowed away in another room, preparatory to being put in mail bags for despatching to fulfill orders. If a single stamp is torn, or in any way mutilated, the whole sheet of one hun-

single stamp is torn, or in any way mutilated, the whole sheet of one hun-dred are burned. About five hundred thousand are burned every week from this cause. For the past twenty years is defined as a subsided by countless which are widely unlike their which convey the overflow of the moun-tain lakes, subsided by countless which it is even which they refer—when not a single sheet has been lost, such streams that in varying volume leap care has been taken in counting them. from the hills as waterfalls, or rush care has been taken in counting them. During the progress of manufacturing. from the hills as waterfalls, or rush foaming down the mountain side the the sheets are counted eleven times.

Opium Cultivation in China.

I Said So.

indeed, looked like one—that is, a cylindrical one. It was furnished with a crank, by which it was worked, and had two large, funnel-shaped month-pieces. These latter were not station-ary, but could be moved—brought in earer together or more widely separate. This, then, was the instrument of This, then, was the instrument of the more and the instrument of the more and the instrument of the more and the instrument of the The Pall Mall Gazette says: "Opium

This, then, was the instrument of increased, whereas the import of the indian drug has been stationary or death, and it performed its dread work indian drug has been stationary or stone and silty soil, has accumulated to wash of the rocky surfaces, in broken beyond our power. To look at things silently and surely and left no external nearly so for several years past. The usual edicts deprecating the cultivation the plough; or on the embanked level to of such a pernicious drug at the ex-pense of cereals and other crops, and

cient rivers, or when rich lacustrine alluvium is met with, or where moprohibiting its culture under heavy penalties, has continued from time to time, and influential Chinese function-aries have not failed, as heretofore, to raines are spread out at the embouchure of glacier grooved and expansive urge the Crown to take steps towards rescuing the country from the too cer-

tain ruin which must be the conse-The Reason Why quence. But all to no purpose; the

rug is so highly prized as an alterative, Can you wonder that American wo and the desire for it as a sedative is so general among all classes, while the local executives are everywhere so easily bribed into a connivance, that the cul-is of a limited, irksome sameness, they tivation is persisted in, and it will no are, as a consequence, unnaturally pale doubt continue to extend until effects soft, and tender ; their blood is poorly are produced which must eventually organized and watery, their muscles small and flabby; and the force and functions of their bodies, as a whole, ests of the country at large. The sup-ply from India has for some time been run low in the scale of life. A spurious limited to about an equal rate year by fullness is often seen in the outline

year, and as it is a maximum in com-mercial economy that a trade which does not increase must of necessity the endurance is put to the test, as in

tend towards the opposite direction, it performing the functions of a mother. follows that the only too probable event we have to look forward to is a maiden of one year to the mother of gradual decline of our share in the the next is often so striking and endu-

rade, whenever the Chinese shall have ring that it is difficult to believe we learned how to grow and prepare their are looking on the same person. The produce so as to bring it to an equality with the Indian staple." round pleasing shape is prematurely displaced by a pinched angularity, and an untimely and an unseemly appear-

ance of age. And it is all nonsense to blame our climate for this sad state of

things; blame only their hot house, Here is a domestic drama from Paris. enervating mode of life. English ladies A young girl was about to be married

A young girl was about to be married to a journeyman carpenter, whose suit was by no means agreeable to her. She had refused and protested against the match, but her father was inexora-ble on the subject, and insisted on the marriage, though the mother would willingly have yielded. At length the bride-elect appeared resigned to her fate, and the father, pointing out the happy result of his firmness to his wife, triumphantly exclaimed, "I told you so." Next day, however, the poor girl, having left a letter at home explaining the cause of her action, jumped of the Bridge of Austerlitz into the Seine. She was, however, saved, and carried

I was searching to solve! "Gracions!" I thought, "if this method of destruction be applied as fatally to man as to the inferior ani-Thurriedly returned to the house of death and rang the bell, I has man was there on the bed, lying in his man as there on the bed, lying in his man as there on the bed, lying fatally to man as to the inferior ani-thad endeavored to tear it up. I hurriedly returned to the house of death and rang the bell, I how man was there on the bed, lying in his man as the discretion, simply ob-thad endeavored to tear it up. I how man as the discretion the bell, I has the discretion the bell, I has the bell, I has the discretion the bell, I has the bell, I has the discretion the bell, I has the discretion the bell, I has the bell, I has the discretion the bell, I has the bell, I has the discretion the bell, I has the bell, I has the discretion the bell, I has the bell, I has the discretion the bell, I has the bell

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> good old age, a blessing and a joy ; for among the pleasant recollections of my childhood hours, I shall ever cherish kindly the memory of Dicky.

we see mathematics introduced under the purely rational form, instead of under the empirical form with which it should be commenced by the child, as impervious primitive or metamorphoric rocks that are characteristic of the we see a subject so abstract as grammar country not permitting the absorption put among the first instead of among of the melting snows or the summer's the last, and see it taught analytically

stone and silty soil, has accumulated to a sufficient depth for the operation of and observe how their attributes and actions originally grouped themselves in the mind, imply a self-suppression that is impracticable.—[Popular Science Monthly.

# French Astronomical Investiga-

One of the Marseilles astronomers has devised a method of determining

the apparent diameter of the stars, which he claims to be of peculiar merit. If, through a first-class telescope, a star, whose angular diameter is really nothing, be viewed through a sufficiently high magnifying power, the image is seen to be a bright spot sur-rounded by the concentric rings of light and shade which are called difthese startling facts : fraction rings. Now, it has been shown

that these rings, if of extreme faint-ness and distance from the central spot eides | Kitty Carson nearly died of laughing. can only be formed when the angular

diameter of the source of light is nearly insensible; and, following out this very unique suggestion, M. Frizean has applied to the Marseilles telescope The teacher's eyes shot fire.

take the roof off the house. Robby Fitz's eyes grew as a disphragm having two spertures for the observation, in a suitable manner, of the fringes produced by the intersaucers. Tommy Hudson almost ran his feet

pletely !

day.-St. Nicholas.

class of littleones "what is conscience." I knew it was rather a hard question for such young minds, but I wished to draw out their thoughts.

When you have interfered in noble and useful acts wrought in early

and will never interfere between tell us when we are about to do or have done wrong.

St. Paul on inflation :- "Be

with the distances of the

direction is the interesting fact that Sirus appears to have a measurable diameter.

tures in the diaphragm. Among the results of the investigations in this

and wife.

Never Interfere.

puffed up."

Now, according to this arrangement, t is found that if a star has a certain diameter, the fringes will disappear altogether, and if the diameter is zero the distances of the fringes will vary two aper-

word as that," said one. Then I asked if they had felt some-