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THE chrysanthemum will be the national flower pro tem., for exhibitions of it will be held in more than a halfdezen important cities and in smaller places this month.

IT is now reported that Dr. Peters is alive. If this report be true, the report tell how their babies got buttons up recently of his massacre was incorrect. Every one hopes the Doctor is not dead, but this intermittent mourning is becoming excessively menotonous,

Appropriate Approp the subscription, says: 'There is no spontaneity." It struck us that there was too much spontanelty-in not sub-

WITH the admission of the two Dakotas, Montana and Washington, an area three times as great as that of the British Isles is brought into the family of States. I g in are we constrained to remark that this is a great country.

Some one has suggested that Admiral Walker and his squadron be ordered to Ro Janeiro to encourage the new republic. The new republic don't want any encouragement of that kind now; it seems to be getting along very wel without foreign interference.

THE postage on parcels should be reduced as proposed. It can be done without great cost to the Government, and the result would be a great benefit to the people in general. It is not surprising that the express companies are opposed to having a reduction made, because their interest lies in keeping the postal rate as high as possible, but such opposit on is only a strong argu-

THE public may get some idea of the quality of low-priced revolvers by noting the fact that when the Government wants 2000 perfectly plain but serviceable revolvers it contracts with the Colt Arms Company to furnish them at \$12.50 each. The best revolver is a bad thing in the hands of ninety-nine men out of a hundred, and very few get the best.

Title gambling saloons of Monace have been enlarged on account of increasing business, and it is pretty evident that the scientific Prince of Monaco does not intend to put an end to naco does not intend to put an end to then a powder. That's it. Oh, docthis use of the Casino at the end of the tor, I want to ask you if—" present lease. Possibly he thinks that the losses from gambling constitute a proper punishment for those who fail to study science enough to learn that the chances are against the players,

To no the possessor of an unique thing is a great delight and satisfaction to many people, and should there be any Americans, they possess the experience of that entirely unique thing, a railway ride of six thousand miles, carrying with them all the way their own hotel on wheels, drawing-room, bed chambers, dining-room, kitchen bathroom, library, offices, smoking-room and other conveniences, seeing more cities, towns and industrial centres, and receiving more courteous attentions than were ever seen or received before by any traveling party in the same space of time.

THE Marine Conference is now con sidering the adoption of a rule requiring all boats to carry lights at night, The proposition is that regardless of size and whether they be rowboats, satiboats or steamboats, lights shall be carried, and it is a good one. No river in America has so many small saffboats as the Delaware during the summer time, and nearly every small boat sailor in this vicinity has had one or more narrow escapes from being run down by larger vessels. Hundreds of others did not escape, and the great majority of the accidents and the narrow escapes were due to the fact that the small boat had no light. The pilot of the steamboat, tug or sailing vessel was not able to see the rowboat or catboat until it was too late to avoid a

ALTHOUGH several European na tions are reported to have adopted a smokeless powder for small arms, General Benet reports that "no American has yet submitted for trial a smokeless powder," and yet he has reason to believe that invention originated here. A smokeless powder would enable the Government to reduce the calibre of the gun itself and of the ammunition, or, if the same weights should be carried, increasing the number of rounds of ammunition served to each soldier. A 30-calibre rifle (the size proposed for use with smokeless powder) would be lighter than the usual sporting rifle and have a bore not much more than half ing them and sticking them in album the size of the present military weapon,

UNCLE SAM should have copyrighted the title United States. There are scripts, missals and rare books in the three nations on the American continent now known as the United Statesour own, the United States of America, the United States of Columbia and the W. E. Kimball, the great tobacco two latter become better known by nist, of Rochester, has the finest collecsuch title, and not as "Columbia" and tion of orchids in the country. He has "Brazil," there may be diffiulty in the spent fabulous sums of money to buy post-offices with correspondence carelessly directed. It is true that Euro- great deal of his time in studying and peans usually direct letters to this watching their growth. country by the full title, "United Henry Clews, of Wall street fave, States of America," a style of super-scription that looks somewhat strange to his home. You can take his atten-tion away from his business if you begin to Americans, who seldom have need to talk about his house, and he is perto use the letters "U. S.," and never feetly delighted when anybody requests think of any other union of States.
But the time may come when the United States Columbia and the Columbia a United States Columbia and the United States of Brazil may be of such importance as to require a wider dis-

SHE COULDN'T REMEMBER. When It Comes to Asking Ques-

tions, Fair Woman Takes the Cake: "Women are our worst cases," said old Dr. Bismuth to me the other day. "It takes them an hour and a half to their noses, or how they themselves feel whon they think they are sick. And when it comes to asking questions, there's no heading them off at all. I explain in the simplest manner every de-

tail in regard to their taking the med-Armoros of the World's Fair fund icines I give; and after I've got them the New York World, in referring to out, and the deer locked and bolted they'll come rushing back to go through with this catechism: "Oh, doctor, what did you say to

take first—the drops or the powders?"
"The drops first."

"And then the powders?"
"And then the drops again?" "Y's, yes," "How often did you say?" "Every two hours-it is marked on

the medicine. "Oh, is it? How many drops did you SILV PT Six.

"In how much water?" "And then one of the powders?" "Are the powders bitter?"

"Yes, if you, like." "Shall I take them at night?" 'No; it is not necessary.' "What if they don't cure me?" "Then come back again."

"Shall I take them dry?"

"No; not at all."

'It isn't anything serious?" "Oh, no; not at all." "Because I'd want to know the exact ruft, if it was. There's heart disease My mother's uncle n our family. little worried, and if I thought there really was any danger I'd-I declare, I've forgotten which I'm to take first, the drops or the powders; which did you say?

"The drops." "And then the powders? Oh, yes; I

get-sixteen drops in-" "No; siz drops." of water, and-"

"No, no-in to tenspoonful of water. "Oh, yes, I must be crazy, I

Prominent Men. Joe Jefferson is an artist. Edwin Booth is an enthusiastic whist

Billy Florence is a fisherman. His chief hobby, though, seems to be prac-

studying books on American his ory, George Bancroft, the historian, is passionately fond of roses, and has some

f the finest specimens in the country. Robert Bonner devotes all his time and attention to his horses. His mania s to own the fastest trotting horse on the trotting turf.

George W. Childs, the Philadelphia collecting authors' manuscript, china, and bric-a-brac. William Rockfeller is an admirer of awhile,"

fast horses. He owns a three-quarter mile track at which he treats his friends to races between his own horses. Cooper Hewitt, son of Ex-Mayor Hewitt, has one of the best collections

of musical instruments in America and John D. Rockfeller's hobbies are hurches and charities, and he devotes

all his spare time to furthering the interests of the Methodist church. He is also fond of horses.

Henry Villard, the railroad megnate, is passionately fond of music. He is

good performer on the violoncello, and is thoroughly posted on all the doings in the operatic world. Russel Sage is an enthusiastic chess player. After solving the problems of

the bulls and bears, and puts and calls Wall street, he goes home to solve blems on the chess board. Mrs. Harrison is a very good painter.

Nearly a I the pictures in the Harrison homestead were painted by her, and many of them are really works of art. The President takes a great deal of interest in his wife's work. Jesse Seligman devotes all his spare time and attention to the Hebrew Or-

small arms, thus reducing the weight of phan Asylum, improving that institution and doing what he can to add to of the children who the comfort live there. This seems to be a perfect hobby with him, George Gould is a philatelist, He has one of the finest collections of foreign stamps in the world and devotes a

great deal of his spare time in arrangaccording to their classification, Another hobby is his baby. Brayton Ives, of Wall street, has perhaps the finest collection of old manucountry. He attends all the sales and frequently sends commissions to the book sales that take place in Europe,

and is considered a well posted bibl

devotes all his spare time and attention

John Wanamaker, the Postmastertinction of title than that which nov which is connected with Bethany time one has the freedom and privacy Church in Philadelphia. He is so of one's own home.

wrapped up in the success of this Sun. Ottawa and the Government Buildday school that he is frequently caught neglecting his business to discuss Sunday school matters.

Charles A. Dana finds recreation among the flowers. His flowers have taken prizes at the flower shows in this vicinity for a number of years and always form one of the most attractive exhibits at the show. He is especially fond of chrysanthemums and has thousands of varieties of these curious plants in his garden. Jay Gould's hobby seems to have

been collecting dollars; but in addition to this very interesting collection, which now numbers several millions, he is very fond of flowers. He has, perhaps, the finest conservatory in the country. and he works among his flowers and rare plants in his conservatory just as his gardener would.

President Harrison is very fond of bric-a-brac. In his house in Indianapolis he has a very rare collection, among which are some very valuable Greek and Roman coins. He also keeps

man, and has no particular hobby. He is moderately fond of horses and relieve it of its otherwise creamy dullvachting, and is a good fencer and boxer. He is a man of strong literary boxer. He is a man of strong literary and artistic tastes, and if he had not Senate Chamber and House of Combeen a millionaire's son he would probably have been an artist.

The Future Life.

rising, I know, toward the sky. The sun-shine is over my head. The earth gives me its generous sap, but heaven lights me with the reflection of unknown

roses as at twenty years.

The nearer I approach the end the plainer I hear around me the immortal patter t near around me the immortal contains a great lumbering symphonies of the worlds which invite me. It is marvelous, yet simple. It is marvelous, yet simple. It is marvelous a fairy tale and it is history. For half a century I have been writing my thought in prose, verse, history, philosophy, drama, romance, tradition, satire, ode, song—I have tried all. But then a powder, That's it. Oh. docnever could remember any thing. It's symphonics of the worlds which invite so provoking. Now, let me see—after me. It is marvelous, yet simple. It is

> ever. The thirst for the infinite proves of the falls can be obtained. These infinity.—Victor Hugo. infinity .- Victor Hugo.

An Economist.

tical joking.

Oscar S. Straus, ex-Minister to Turkey, makes a hobby of collecting and a newspaper and recognizing a friend, you don't live out this way, do you?

> "Which way are you going?" "Out to Lake View to get shaved." "What, all the way out there to get shaved when there are hundreds barber shops down town!"

"You see, Jobble, I have just gone to housekeeping, and must economize, urmalist and philanthropist, is fond I get shaved for five cents in Lake View, Ten cents saved every day or so will amount to something after

"Yes, but you don't save anything. You may pay only five cents for your shave but your fare there and back is ten cents; don't you understand?" "Well, I'll swear I'm the biggest fool I ever saw. Been doing this trick knows how to pay on nearly all of for six weeks, wondering all along them. going to a five-cent barber shop. Stop the car at the next street, conductor. Probably I've got sense enough to walk back, but I don't know."

Franklin.

Who, of all the great men gone be fore, would so much eajoy back to our planet for a visit as Di Benjamin Franklin with his kites and lightning-rods? And he would sur-ly ask to be set down at the door of Thos. Edison, first of all.

Just a hundred years ago, when Dr Franklin was eighty-two, he wrote to a friend, with a most delightful naive boyishness that he wished he could have been born a century or two later. He said: "Many improvements, now unthought of, will before that period be produced; and then I might not only enjoy their advantages, but have my curiosity gratified in what they are to be.

and there was every prospect of a complete recovery.

The New Housekeeping.

One of the finest of the apartment hotels indicates a solution of the serv-ant girl problem that will appeal more and more to women. Its suits are aranged for families, but differ from irst cass flats in that no kitchen is rovided or dining room. Every one eats in a saperb dining hall on the seventh floor, the meals in which we supplied, cooked and served by weer and manager of the building. All one needs to do is to est, drink, sleep and pay one's bills when they become due, the cares of housekeeping being shouldered on the proprietor of the estab'ishment, while at the same ings.

Ottawa is the capital of the Dominion of Canada, made so by the choice of the Queen. When it was a question of making a selection, both Montreal and Toronto were anxious for the honor, but the Queen bestowed it finally Ottawa. It is in the province of Onta-rio, and although a long way removed from some of the outlying parliamen-tary districts, is fairly central.

There is one parliament for Canada consisting of the Queen, an upper house, styled the Senate, and a lower house, styled the House of Commons. The Senate consists of seventy-eight members appointed for life, and the House of Commons, of 214 members, elected for five years. The Government buildings of which

we give some beautiful views, taken during an artist's tour this summer, are

situated on what is called Barrack Hill, in the midst of beautifully laid out grounds, and the situation is the most picturesque one imaginable. They a scrap-book in which he has a copy of all the specches he pas ever made. This scrap-book was very useful when Gen.
Lew Wallace was compiling h's autobography.

William Waldorf Aster who is the William washes the western base of the William Waldorf Aster who is the Waldorf As heir presumtive to about \$200,000,00 hill. The building is of light-colored is a very model young man for a mil-lionaire's son. He is a good business arches, and the cut sandstone or and arches, and the cut sandstone or and arches, and the cut sandstone or and arches, and the cut sandstone or arches, and

The main structure contains the mons. There are two departmental buildings removed about a hundred yards from the Legislative Chamber. A third departmental edifice called for by the growth of affairs in the north-west, I feel in myself the future life I am is in course of erection, and altogether like a forest which has been more than Canada will have public buildings far died of it, and my own cousin thinks once cut down. The new shoots are in advance of those posessed by many be has it now; and so, of course, I'm a stronger and livelier than ever. I am of the European powers (no other

The Parliamentary Library You say the soul is nothing but the splendid building, circular in shape and resultant of bodily powers, why then is remember. How stupid of me to for-get—sixteen drops in—" my soul the more luminous when my bodily powers begin to fail? Winter is feet high. There are two librarians one "No; six drops."

"Oh, yes; six drops in half a tea-cup heart. I breathe at this hour the fragf water, and—"

on my head and eternal Spring is in my heard in the second cut reproduced the dome of this building, which is of exquisite beauty and finish.

Ottawa itself, is a great lumbering

I feel that I have not said the thous-andth part of what is in me. When I and night.

in the powders? I'm afraid I've made a mistake."

and the part of what is in me. When I go down to the grave I can say, like so many others: "I have finished my life." My day's work will ficgin again the next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley, it is a thoroughfare. It closes in the twilight the powders? I'm afraid I've made a mistake."

EVERYONE HAS A HOBBY.

Some of the Peculiar Diversions of Prominent Men.

In more was and the principal mills are clustered around the Canadian Falls. Much of the principal mills are clustered around the Canadian Falls. Much of the principal mills are clustered around the Canadian Falls. Much of the prosperity of the city is due to the valuable water power furnished by almost the prosperity of the city is due to the valuable water power furnished to valuable water power furnished to the valuable water power furnished to the valuable water power furnished in the prosperity of the city is due to the valuable water power furnished my these falls, and the river's turbulent rapids, which serve to run quite a number of flour mills and factories.

On the opposite bank of the Ottawa River lies Hale, the home of the lumber of the lumber of the principal mills are clustered around the Canadian Falls. Much of the prosperity of the city is due to the valuable water power furnished my there around the Canadian Falls. Much of the prosperity of the city is due to the valuable water power furnished my there around the Canadian Falls.

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On the opposite bank of the Ottawa River lies Hale, the home of the lumber of the law and place and pure the prosperity of the city is due to the prosperity of the c to see it mounting and mounting for- It is from this bridge that the best view

> and no one should visit Ottawa without seeing them. In the summer months when the busy hum of the mills fills the air, and the water foams and sparkles with many colors in the warmth of the sun, they are the brightest; but in the spring freshets their grandeur increases, and they, as the increased volume of water comps and roars, carrying everything before it, seem altogether new-born. This vigorous new life is in striking contrast to the thraldom from which they have just been released; for in the winter they are enchained in ice and shrouded in snow. Then they seem want with a bird cage I can't under-but the ghosts of their former selves; stand." and were it not for the gush of escap-ing waters it would be difficult to im- his tracks-destroy a clue of some ine that they ever lived; for the clang of the wheels and the sharp hiss of the driving saws are no longer heard, and the roar of the waters in the unfathomable basin has ceased. The gladsome

uproar of spring, have given place to the rigid silence of winter. The spray has formed itself in fantas-"I thought so at tic draperies, lacing the rocks, and connecting the river's frowing sides by icy threads seemingly spun by a gigantic spider born of the frigid north. The whirl-pool in front of the Falls, whose to run him in. They'll have him by depth no man has yet discovered lies morning."
unraffled in the arms of the frost king "But what in the world—" whilst the frozen foam has heaped itself in weird shapes upon its glossy surface.

The writer is indebted for the above The writer is indebted for the writer is indebted for the above The writer is indebted for the writer in the writer is a writer in the writer in the writer is a writer in the writer in the writer in the writer is a writer in the writer in the writer in the writ land's account of Ottawa, in his very white mice, these twenty years, with a interesting book entitled "The Queen's knife burled in his heart."

A Woman of One Poem.

Rose Hartwich Thorpe, the author of "Curfew Must Not Ring To-night" is now living in the South for the benefit of her husband's health, but as her own health suffers there, they think of mak- value was missed. The motive wasn't ing Southern California their future home. She is now a woman of 39, and she wrote the well known verses when she was under 17. All she got for them benefitted by the old man's death? 1 a glauce at the tearful, yet ho eful was a letter of thanks from the editor inquired," "Not Lyne Laird!" A Surgical Triumph. of a Detroit newspaper to whom she sent the lines. She is a native of Indiana, and passed her childhood in apportant nerve in a patient's arm, great poverty. She says: "Of all dull, Traux, is his sole heir at law." and in the course of the operation some prosaic lives, mine was the dullest and of the nerve itself was taken away. most prosaic." When she wrote Curof the nerve itself was taken away. Inost prosaic. When she wrote CurThis was naturally followed by a loss few she had no education and no knowof sensation in the part of the skin to
which the nerve was distributed. After
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"You have murdered me, Lyne
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"I withdraw my objection," said the
been the light of old Israel's life since
her mother died and she came to live
with him, six years ago." a leg which had just been amputated, ant to her reputation among her neighproceeded to restore the continuity of bors that she should "keep house" in he patient's nerve with the borrowed approved fashion than that she should piece of tissue. The result was that write well, and she remarks: "Until the sensation returned in thirty-six hours, year 1880 I was laundrymaid, cook, seamstress and nurse for my children This experience recalls the story of Mrs George Ripley, to whom suspended Harvard students used to go to be coached. Some one is said to have found her listening at the same time to one boy who was reciting Greek and another who was demonstrating a propo-sition in analytics, while she shelled peas and rocked the baby's cradle with her foot.

An Industrious Woman.-Mr. Mc-Corkle-"What are you going to do with that knitting? I thought you were going shopping." Mrs. McCorklehours I shall spend while waiting for change."

Mrs. Humphrey Ward, has been offered 5,000 dollars for a story of thirty

How it Turned Out.

"I'm going now to run away,"
Said little Sammie Greer, one day,
Then I can do just what I choose;
I'll never have to black my shoes,
Or wash my face or comb my hair.
I'll find a place, I know, somewhere
And never have again to fill
The old chip-basket, so I will,

"Good bye, maisma," he said, "good bye!"
He thought his mother then would cry.
She only said, "You going, dears"
And didn't shed a single tear.
"There, now," said Sammle Greer, I know
She does not care if I do go
But Bridget does; she'll have to fill
The old chip-basket so she will."

Bu Bridget only said, "Well, boy, hou off for sure? I wish you loy." And Sammie's little sister Kate, who swing upon the garden gate, said anxiously as he passed through, "To night, whatever will you do When you can't get no lasses spread At supper time on top of bread?" One day from home and Sammle Greer's

Weak little heart was full of tears; He thought about "Red Elding Hood." The wolf that met her in the wood. The bean stalk boy who kept so mum. When he heard the glants "Fee for fum." Of the dark night and the policeman, And then poor Sammie homeward ran.

Quick through the alley-way he sped. And crawled in through the old wood she the big chip-backet he did fill. He blacked his shoes up with a will: He washed his face and combed his hair; He washed his mother's chair; He wasned his tare and combed his had he went up to his mother's chair; And kissed her twice and then he said, "I'd like some 'lasses top of bread."

SAVED BY A PARROT.

"Stop thiei!" Pit-a-pat, Pit-a-pat, "Halt, or I fire!"

The watchman paused beside a lilac

Bang! As the shot rang out upon the still ight air, its intended victim looked

At the same instant the moon peeped over the top of a dark cloud, its silverwhite ray illuminating his handsome, hough startled face.

"Halt!" shouted the watchman, reocking his weapon.
But not even the whistling of the aden bullet had brought the fugitive o terms. He raised a large object to a evel with his head, and, with marvelus agility, leaped into the air, and disappeared from view over a high stone

From the vantage ground of th's barren, the parting custodian of the place was soon flashing his dark lantern up and down the narrow confines of the eserted little court.

e saw that his pursuit had been a fail-"Hello, Tom Daley! What are you ing here?"

dark face vanished above the door.

leard a noise in the rear." Well?" "I ran around and saw a man leaping from the library window." "Hal a burglar?"

"Exactly."
'Had be taken anything?" "He carried in his hand a bird cage-

he largest of all of them, I think," "That's strange. Would you know "I would, and do."

"Lyne Laird," "The old man's former secretary?" "The same, I got a good view of him, and am sure. What he could stand."
"Nor I, except that it is to cover up

kind, "A clue!" repeated Daley, hoarsely. "You don't mean—"
"That Lyne Laird murdered his forner employer and benefactor, Israel

music of summer, and the turbulent Thorndale? That's it to the smallest "I thought so at first, but facts are ' Hadn't we better give the alarm?

He may get out of the city." "No danger. I've notified the police

"That's right. I was the first-"Never mind that. I'm called as a professional detective to take control o. the case, and place you in charge of the

"And much obliged I-" "The lower floor seemed to have been good deal ransacked, but nothing of

robbery says I."

"That's clear."

"So they say. But you don't mean

"They say that the old man dis- ceeded by a hush of horror, charged Laird last year, for making love to her." "That was my only clue. An hour after the matter was placed in my down his judgment. hands, I left the city for Keokuk, where she had been for a month, visiting an old schoolmate.

"And you found-" "That Lyne Laird had been there for from the place. wo weeks, but left the morning of the day the murder was committed, estensibly to return to Chicago, where he is employed as a stenographer. Instead of that, he came here. "That looks bad, What was be do-

ing in Keckuk?" "Paying courtesy to Miss Traux." "No?" "Yes, and successfully, too, He urged her to marry him at once, but she declined to do it without her uncle's con-

"Which he would never have given?" "Of course not. So the knight of the pencil makes a double play: he eliminates the consent question, and makes

sent."

his prospective bride the helress of a cool million, all with one stroke of the

"I see." "Since my return this evening from Chicago, where I learned that Laird had not been seen since he left on his vacation, more than a fortnight ago, I have found that he was seen here, within two blocks of where we now stand, on the night of the murder."

"It will go hard with him, won't it?" "Hard? It will hang him!" Tom Daley had made no mistake. The man who had eluded him was indeed Lyne Laird, the accepted lover of Mezzofanti, a look of deathly whiteness terribly shocked, and then remarked the dead millionaire's niece. Vaulting a second wall he escaped

a mile from the place. In the busiest portion of the city he entered a large lodging house, and quietly mounted to the upper floor. Then he unlocked a door and passed nto a small, scantily furnished sleeping

He placed his burden, a large wire eage, upon the bed, and proceeded to light a lamp. Then he threw himself into a chair. "What do I not owe to Susie?" mur-

mured he. "But for her I would never have imagined myself suspected. She crime, was more than a match for Detective "I k "Still, I'm in a bad box," he resumed, after a moment's reflection. "it will be shown that I was here the

night of the muider, probably that I bad." was seen to enter the house. Besides The watchman paused beside a lilac bush, fragrant with the blossoms of May, and leveled his revolver.

But the fugitive sped on through the eglected grounds surrounding the old Phorndale mansion.

Bane!

Bane!

turned toward the cage from which a large parrot was peering forth.
"If anything was said, either by the ssassin or his victim, its ten to one she will repeat it, continued the young man. 'I remember her as something wonderful as an imitator."

'Perdizionel' At this word, uttered in the shrill, falsetto voice of the parrot, Lyne Laird sprang excited y to his feet. "Perdizione!" he repeated. "It's the favorite oath of Mezzofanti, Mr. Thorndale's old partner in the cigar importing trade. I heard him use it frequently when he was here three years ago. 1 always suspected him of designs on the old man's fortune. He's the murderer!"

"Perdizione!" Neither Lyne Laird, nor Poliy Balu, pronounced the word this time. It A muttered curse escaped his lips as eminated from a man whose dark scowling face was glowering down from the the adjoining apartment.

"Who's there?" came from the par-"Pretty Polly," said Lyne, encouragingly. "Michael Mezzofanti, you have killed

me!" shricked the bird. "I am saved!" cried Laird. "Perdizione!" The word was softly hissed out as the

Early the following morning Lyne Laird was arrested by Graves the detective.

I have heard many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say that the first as a many a mother say the He waved an immediate hearing, and was remanded for three days.

In the meantime a strange thing came to light. This was the discovery among the dead man's papers, of a will executed by him three years before. With the exception of \$10,000 given

Susle Traux, his entire fortune was levised to his old time partner, Michael Mezzofanti, of New Orleans, While this caused a decided sensatio few were surprised, Mr. Thorndale had been an exceedingly eccentric man. d always professed great regard for Mezzofanti, to whom, since the dissolu-tion of their partnership many years

before, he had more than once advanced money. A telegram was at once sent to New Orleans, apprising the legatee of his good fortune, and on the second day he put in an appearance and qualified as the executor of the estate.

When the case of Lyne Laird was called, the courtroom was crowded. A strong prima facie case was made by the prosecution, and the defendant placed in the box to testify in his own man or mascot?

He protested his innocence, and stated that he had called upon the murdered man to beg the hand of his niece in marriage. He admitted that he had entered the

mansion the night before his arrest and had carried away a large cage, contain-

attorney for the State,
"I thought she might be able to clear me of the suspicion I knew to be upon me, by repeating what ever was said at the time of the murder." "I have sent for the bird," remarked

the mag strate. "But, your honor," sneered the lawyer, "a perrot don't understand the natire of an oath." "Who's there?" came from the sub-

ject of the discussion, which was being

torne into the court room. face of his yet constant sweetheart. He saw the encouraging smile upon "Don't jump at conclusions. The her pale face suddenly transformed into dead man's niece, pretty little Susie a look of agony, and noted a gleam of triumph in the sinister eyes of the ex-

> swept through the room had been suc-"I suppose that settles it," remarked

ecutor, as the bird shricked out:

the magistrate sadly, as he took up a pen for the apparent purpose of writing "Wait, please, ' said Susie Traux, and whispered something to Ler lover's attorney. Without a word the latter rushed

In a few minutes he returned almos breathless. "This is John Polatsky," said he pointing to an old man who followed him, "the leading bird fancier of the Let him be sworn.

"Did you sell birds to the late Israel Thorndale?" was the first question. Yes, many," "Did he buy from you one answering to the name of Polly Ballou?" Yes. Five years ago." "Would you know it?" "Yes, very."
"Is that the bird?"
"No, surely."

"How do you know?"

"This is yellow where Ballou is red. NEWS IN BRIEF. The bird-fancier shrugged his shoul-

"Yes, many times. She was mine until three days ago."
"To whom did you sell her?" "To that man." Necks were craned, and was fol-

lowed the direction indicated by the afterwards went to visit that friend. bony finger of the bird fancier.
"Perdizionel" hissed out Michael coming into his usually swarthy face.
"True; of course, I recollect now I went to his funeral." the eyes of the watchman, and was soon a dear price for the bird!" cried Polat-

> The executor and legates of the Thorngale estate made a quick dash for the door, but was intercepted. His identification by the bird fancter, was followed by other and crushing evidence, and he was convicted and executed for murder.

and pretty Traux became a millionaire.
"You said it would hang him," half
queered Tom Daley the day that Mez—A sign that is attracting hand

was more than a match for Detective Graves. Her warning may save me, yet."

"I knew better," replied Graves, with an effort at a wise look. "We detective strong ones for country people." The strong ones for country people." The strong ones for country people." The strong ones for country people." anderstand though, that he and the heiress are to be caught in the matrinonial noese soon, which is about as pattern of wall paper.

Give the Baby a Drink:

The other night I was on a late train

going out of New York, and in front of me sat a lady with her nurse and child. The latter was a remarkably pretty and were shapped to St. Louis to be isealthy looking child of about fourteen months. Soon after the train started he child began to show signs of unsiness, and soon, in spate of all the efforts of mother and nurse to quiet it, it began a series of twistings and conortions that would have done credit to a Japanese juggler, accompanying them shricks that testified to the strength f its lungs. There is an inborn horfor of a crying baby Implanted in every numan breast, and the passengers soon wearied of this amateur and unsolicited nusical performance. and trotted, and held Baby to the car indows and doors, but Nature as see: from a rapidly moving car at night did ot seem to have a quieting effect. A ectic flush rose to the mother's cheeks, when a quiet, sensible-looking, motherwoman arose from the other end of the car, brought a cup of water, and said, "Perhaps the baby wants a drink," It was just what it did want, and in five minutes it fell asleep in the nurse's arms, much to the rehef of the other

cupants of the car. Many a baby is drugged with pare-toric and soothing syrups when all that it needs, or wants, is a drop of water. It is always a safe thing to try a child with a teaspoonful of water when it is with a teaspoonful of water when it is season, and a large number have restless or evinces a desire to nurse frequently. A child who cannot ask for vessels, employing about eight his it suffers torments for a drop of water. Especially in hot weather is this true. a baby's food, it is more apt to require water than we are. Milk induces thirst, as anyone who has tried a milk diet knows.

KNOW THYSELF.

Are You Superstitious? You can discover whether or not you e superstitions by asking yourself the llowing questions:

ves, fairies vampires, ghouls, ogres ups, gnomes, bogies, brownies, pixieleprelauns? Do you believe in an evil genius Do you believe in the evil eye?
 Do you believe in a bottomles

1. Do you believe in witches spirits

5. Do you believe in a devil with orns, cloven foot and a long spike Would you pass the night in :

raveyard, chu, ch, with a corpse in hurch, or in a charnel house? 7. Do you wear anything which car considered in the nature of a talis

Did you ever employ anything a talisman.

9. Do you attach any meading to our-leaved clover.

Would you willingly pass unde 11. Do you feel uncomfortable when Would you sit down with thir een at table? 13. Would you start on a trip on

Friday, or would you defer commence ing an important work on that day? 14. Do you attach any particula sportance to certain numbers, espect to three, seven or nine? 15. Would you give a child of your

same name as that of one who had st died? 16. Are you afraid of the dark? 17. Did you ever have your fortune old by a gipsy, an astrologer, cards or

18. Were you ever made uneasy by earing the in-ect commonly known as ie death-watch? 19. Would you venture to knock bree times at midnight on the door of an empty church?

Proverbs About Bain-

When there is unusual clearness in placed overhead, when they furiously came from a swamp and massacred three or four of the mechanics engaged

the ceiling. Although this occurred many years ago the profits of the red many years ago the profits of the red men's hands are still plainly to be seen.

The "Ghoat" which manuel know through the night; if it clears off in the Point. Nr. J. recently, turns out to be

fair afternoon. If it rains when the her rescuers flung his overcoat around our shines, it will rain the next day. If her she recovered consciousness, and ed- appear suddenly in the south, submitted without further ado to be

during an east wind, it will continue a had, with her mother, paid a visit to a full day. If an assemblage of small relative's house in Centreville, and in clouds spread out or become thicker or the night she had undoubtedly left the darker, expect rain. Small inky clouds foreteil rain. Dark clouds in the west at sunrise indicate rain on that day, If the sky after the weather becomes the sky after the weather becomes before, though none so perilous as the leave with small clouds, expect rain. heavy with small clouds, expect rain. 'ast.

-The total Indian population is less ders as if to imply that his sit was too than 256,000. Of these 21,232 live in deep to be expressed in words. houses, and 9,512 families are engaged "Have you ever seen this parrot be- in agriculture. And among these so called savages there are 28,063 church

> noted for his absent-mindelness, that he once altended the funeral of one of When reminded by the astonished ser-vant of the recent death he was at first

-The newly selected capital of South Dako a, got its name of Piecre from Pierre Chouteau, one of the St. Louis Chontexus in the days when all that region trailed extensively in furs with St. Louis, Old Fort Pierre was abandon ed a great many years ago, and scaled by a vestige remains. It was at Fari Pierre in 1856 that General Harney met The will was proved to be a forgery, the Sioux Indians, whom he had whip-

of anti paid the penalty of his terrible of people to where it hangs, on a carpenter shop, in Paterson, N. J., reads Coffins made and rejuited. Extr.

-Probably the largest yellow pure tree in Missouri was cut down recently in Reynolds County. It was fourteen feet six inches in circumference, and made five thousand feet of lumber Two ections were cut from the ball, and made one board forty-two inclins wide and twelve other wate boards, which exhibited to the honor of Reynolds

out his sign to the prolic some of he rothers were horrifled at the innevation, but when they discovered that that same sign brought him about three couples per day to be married they stroked their chins in a rathertiv way and decl red that he had a great head for husiness.

Rev. Pather Gessner, of Elizabet N. J., recently attempted to fasten hoisting rope to a large block of grants to be used in his new church, when the Father Gessuer, instead of the ston was rapfilly dragged skyward, the puley catching around his waist. He was misted to a considerable height before the engineer observed his dangerous esition and stopped the ongree. His and was somewhat lacerated and his irms slightly stretched, but otherwise he was not hurt.

-The season of 1880 has been the worst experienced by the Provincetown (Mass.) Grand Bank cod fishing fler for lifteen years, it is said. "Not full fare has been brought in for the men, which comprised this year's flee! landed about 50,000 quinties, again-500 quintals. Judging from the present ion to the first sent to the Grand

anks from Provincetown." —A New York saloon was to be opened and the proprietor appned to a well-known florist to furnish him with stands of flowers which should be an propriate for the occasion and yet have some allegorical meaning. The pieces when completed represented Colombia discovering the land of mixed drinks. Balboa refusing to take water when he came to the Pacific, and Ponce de Leon pouring water from the fountain of youth in a glass held above his head, ike a bartender making a gin fize. To some mysterious reason one of the big-gest floral pieces was a scroll bearing

the words: 'The Press.'

—An andacious tramp had an experience in Rutland, Vi., that he will not soon forget. Just at dusk be called at a residence and many the door hell. and the man of the house answered it.
The tramp rushed rusely by him into the hallway and demanded supper. The man of the bouse replies: You are welcome. You have come to just the right place. How did you happen to hit it so well? I am High Swriff of the county and took two of your friends overto jail recently, Just wast," shed, and, looking down the street, the Sheriff saw him running at a race horse galt.

-A curious accident which hap-pened recently in Page points out a pessible danger in the wearing of combound bracelets of cellulaid. A ittle girl sat down before the Bre-pla to prepare her lesions. Her hair was kept back by a semi-circle comb of celluloid. Aster head was bent for-ward to the the this became warm, and hair was partly burned off, and the skin of the head so is jured that several months after, though the form was bealed, the cicutrix formed a white patch on which so hair would grow. The burning point of a cluid is about girl had attained that heat as it was held before the bre.

-Near Wauteemali, Fla., stands as 2). Do you believe in drams, omens, or the bold Springfield Church, known as the bold sortents, signs, warnings, harbingers, or handwritings on the wall.

A. M. E. Church, known as the bold sortents, known as the bold by a former generation when Indians were numerous in Fiorels. The savages were very hostile, but gave no trouble air. When clouds are gathering to in the work, and while the remaining ward the sun at setting, with a rosy two escapel and fiel for assistance, the ine, they foretell roin. ne, they foretell rain.

Every gray and morning red.
Put on your hat, or you'll wet your head

The ceiling. Although this occurred the ceiling.

Point, N. J., recently, turns out to be light, it will rain the next day.

If it rains before seven.
It will clear before eleven.

Point, N. J., recently, turns out to be a young woman in a sommunbolistic state. She was monading pitcodally and If it rains before seven.
It will clear before eleven.
If it rains before sunrise, expect a shivering when found, but when one of expect rain.

Hain from the south prevents the drouth
But rain from the west is always best of explaining her recuitar predicament. But rain from the west is always best. of explaining her peculiar predicament.

When rain comes from the west, it She said that she was 24 years old, and will not continue long. If rain falls lived in New York. Last Safurday she