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fore the Christian Era.

Groups Washington-if we have Morse; before Franklin's discovery; be he date accurately printed-dled in love the discovery of America by Co-December, 1799. And now, ninety lumbus—perhaps before the days of Christ. Such are the assertions of a ears after date, New York is erecting Chicago To Sans correspondent who a Memorial Arch. Is this typical of asks consideration of his statement on

New York Grant Memorial Monument | Chicago was certainly the northern THE three big steamships that ran very name of the race that built it is to nothing a during the past few days buried in oblivion. It was not the Ingot into port with broken noses, dians. The ancestors of Tecumisch and

The Vesuvius having stood all the everywhere in the Mississippi Valley est applied to her and developed sevhundred horse power more than Mound Builders for want of a better a not required of her, has been ac- name. The race is dead. The last gied by Secretary Tracy, and will man of them had passed to his eternal his soon go into commission. She rest long before this land became the tome of the modern redmen. Dut the inighty works of these simple people live after them. We look upon their resulting that all differences between lng of respect, being, as they are, the periods nations shall be settled by last remaining vestiges of a race most paramon, and will propose a general remarkable and most interesting of all managest. Chill is the only Amer- the men on earth, springing mysterimilion whose delegates at the In- ously into existence, living for centuries

in which the victims had ligion; that they had a commercial system, and that they could send a mes-

mis protected by hundreds of available in the hands of primitive peo-

larging the electric clouds harm- tem consisted of a chain of large sition. A young into employed in a worn upon the first finger of the left It is said that the Scotch are the du Chien, Wis, thence down the Mis- herself the attention of the entire most patriotic people in the world. stssippi to Arkansas and onward in a rom, but was quite conscious that she upon celibacy, then it is that it is put There has indeed been enough of suff. more or less straight line to the termi-There has indeed been enough of suff more or less straight line to the termiring and enough of glory in their nus at the City of Mexico, then the ously prostrated and covered with dust. rule is also adopted for women, but it to their country. We suspect that such point could be seen distinctly at the fugue and chorus, the natural sympaaferyor of patriotism can burn in the next, and thus a signal light could be thetle questions: hear's only of a weak people who have hastily transmitted from one station to maintained their independence at the another over the thousands of miles which separate the two terminal points

sens of a large country to be so warmly at a distance of many miles, perhaps a catriotic. This difficulty is the greater half dozen spanning a hundred miles; verse interests and ways of thinking, nal mounds are usually grouped thouand it becomes more difficult still, if, sands of a lesser size, and sometimes a as is the case in our country, the citi- fortification or other earthwork, indimens of one section are determined to cating that a city of a large size had

mounting a number of contiguous bor- next station, twenty miles to the north, light, will be larger and better built or Flint Hills, now Burlington, away than before. Some of its industrial establishments have already been enlarged from mound to mound, from station to and nearly all rebuilt, its schools and station, hundreds of miles in either di-

the Mound Builders is the greatest than ever the Mound Builders is the greatest wonder of the western world. Nor is ing for \$1000 per foot front. The it a myth, as so frequently originates health of the city has also been remark- in the fertile imagination of the newsably good, and, as the inundated dis- paper writer, but the mounds and that has been thoroughly cleaned up, earthworks are there to show for themthere is no reason to doubt that it will selves, and their purpose is self evident. Now forests have grown up, so that becontinue so through the summer. Altogether, the progress made in reviving observation is cut off; hence the line is Johnstown seems remarkable when one out of repair; but students of archaedlooks back upon the stores of the great ogy assert and believe that the thousands of mounds in the long line from Chicago to Mexico City were, beyond a doubt, signal stations in the first and

her shabby bounet, came into the office

"Yes'm,' he replied, briefly, but not 'What can I do for you?' unkindly. 'What can I do for you?'
'Well, I—I—I've brung a little piec cates might post as well have been issued I'd like to have printed in the paper. I against the leposits of bullion and the writ it myself, and I don't know as expense of coinage and of handling you can make it all out it's so long the coin would have been saved, the since I handled a pen, but I'd like

the demands for the redemption of the last word and she wiped her dim certificates whenever such demand is eyes on the corner of her shawl before

very much less than three hundred mil-lions, goes without saying. The main features of the plan for silver coinage the very picture of health. Here's now he ag considered in Washington, photograph I've got of him that I

That was taken a year ago and it use the builden. A dollar certificate, looks just as he always did, and he with three-fourths or seven-eighths of a died with that same smile on his face dollar in silver behind it, as well as -dear little soul! I know he's better the credit of the Government, is much off, still it's been awful hard to give

paper covered with cramped and angular writing in blue ink.

'It's some po'try I made up 'bout him, she said. 'It ain't very good, I know; some of the lines don't rhime very good and lots of the words ain't spelled right, but I reckoned you could fix that up all right. I'd agree to take three extra copies of the paper if it was published.2

> 'I am very sorry,' said the editor, as more than the mere announcement of a

papers sometimes, although I don't I min't got a cent in the world, I himsel walked all the way here. I don't mind gous. so much myself, but I know it'd please all of us was, for that matter-the dear, dear little fe'low!'

She drew a limp cotton handkerchtef from her pocket and wiped her eyes as 'I'll take the piece and see if I can

git it printed some place else—to please his pa, you know. He was the only child and, unless you've laid away your own flesh an' blood, you've no blee of now terrible it is to have a little life like that go out jist when its gittin' more precious an' interesting ev'ry day. Its ben mighty hard for me, his old grandma, even when I know it won't be but a little while till I'll be Returned a ring of jimmals to imp y
Thy love had one knot mine a triple tye.

stairs, I kin git down alone. But it's graphy was changed and written with kind in you to offer to help me. Yes, a "g." A jimmai ring, supposed to yes, I know you'd put the piece in the paper if you could; I ain't blamin' you was found at Horseleydown, in Surrey,

'It was stilly in me, I know; but I lection. It is described as follows:
ever stopped to think but what ev'ry
"The ring is formed of twin or d never stopped to think but what ev'ry body'd be as interested in our dear lit- ble hoops, which play within one anklsses and loving words of the little boy that died.

Irksome Kindness.

When suffering under certain afflic-The Mound Builders' telegraphic sysem consisted of a chain of large nounds, starting at Chicago and A young hely employed in ates rushed up to her, uttering in 'How did you fall?'

'Are you hurt?' 'How did it happen?'

'Did you lose your balance?' In the midst of these queries the victim preserved an unblemished front of courtesy. Finally, however, came a ilence, and her would be rescuers were ust turning away, when up rushed the anitor who had just heard of the mis-

Why, Miss Smith, cried he, in genue interest, 'did you fall?' Miss Smith turned upon him one coldly withering glance.
'No, Mr. Green,' said she, calmly 'I got down here on the floor, and rubbed my clothes in the dust to

amuse myself! And then the different workers dis persed to their several occupations.

Knew His Business.

A small fishing schooner was crawl ing along the shores of Puget Sound driven by a light wind, one day recent-iy. She was an old-fastioned craft, med by two men, a captain and mate. The mate, who was stationed on the bow of the vessel, suddenly esed a tide-rip ahead, and thinking it was evidence of a sunken reef, hastened towards the stern of the vessel. "Captain Blank, there is a reef dead

abead? reported the mate. 'Humph!' replied the captain, withnt changing the course of the vessel The mate went forward and watched he tide-rip uneastly for some time Finally he again went aft.

'Captain,' said he, 'we are getting langerously close to that reef." 'Mr. Mate,' growled the captain savagely, 'you take care of your end of the vessel and I will take care of mine. The mate said nothing now, but going forward he seized the anchor and threw it overboard. It caught on bottom and the vessel swung around, bow to the wind, with everything shaking. 'Captain,' said the mate, as he again went aft, 'I have to report that my end of the vessel is at auchor.'

Not So Bad as He Expected.

Two soft, white arms go stealing around his neck, and a fair, peach-like cheek is rubbed care singly against his own. Faintly whispered "Dear papa, and "Darling old boy," and "Don't ou love your own caramel?" reach his startled ears as he vainly attempts to pull himself together and avoid the lovng, sugar-coated attack which he well

knows is coming.
"Well, daughter mine," he finally asks, "what is it? Not anot er new dress, surely?" "Oh, no, papa darling."

"H-m-m, that's good. And is an't be the mi liner again?" "No, papa love." "H-m-m, better still. It isn't the

"No, you dearest papa." H-m-m, Great scott! You don't "No, you lovely old dear." "Well, what in the name of goodnes

do you want, my little girl?" "Darling papa mine, I don't wan! anything-ah-that is-Jack wants

It has been demonstrated that spirits turpentine is one of the best remedies for roup in fowls. Rust and rot do more for the imple ent maker in winter than wear and

Oats can be fed dry; alternating, they

tear do in summer.

will give good results.

Its colors are carmine and mauve.

Why Women Wear the Gold Circles on Certain Fingers.

Ring lore is certainly a curious subject, and just as entertaining and Interesting as it is curlous. Searching for one into all sorts of historical highways know as I ever have in this case, I'd be willing to pay to have it printed, but the person who should so far forget himself was thought most presumpt

his pa to see the piece in print. He was so wrapped up in Johnnie. But, then, orable distinction, and it is cited as an Affianced persons, according to anevidence of the high honor in which the estate of wedlock was then held that those about to enter it might be so adorned. But while tinger rings have figured in all the political court and ecclesiastical history of all times, it is their record as love tokens and marriage embients which leads the greatest interest to these pretty or priceless (as the case may be) baubles of mankind,

which was given as a love token only Thou sendest to me a true love knot, but I

In later years this ring became one Well, I'll have to go know. I'm of espousal, and was intended to typify bout the piece, but I ain't community of interest, mutual forbear blamin' you none. Of course you have | ance, endless devotion and all the other o go by the rules of the paper. No, attributes of the estate of matrimony in thank ye, you needn't help me down its most ideal perfection. The orthoand is now preserved in a British col

that on bringing together the flat surring. The whole device represents the tions, one is likely to become so irrit-able as to resent sympathy. If people union, the whole being of fine gold and

upon the third, but if he is resolved is carefully explained that "widows are

who is not governed by any rule, for she wears a wide band of gold on her thumb. Naturally it attracts much attention and occasions comment. One night at a dinner party a gentleman asked her why she wore it. Immediately she penciled upon the menu:

For pleasures past and joys to come I wear this ring upon my thumb. Under this her querist promptly

the sweet old fashion of giving and taking the emblem, "for our love's sake," yet remains to us.

Retrothal or engagement rings vary the donor. Where there are no limitations of this sort his taste, if it be perfect, will lead him to choose a diamond altogether preferable to a large stone. stones, generally a sapphire set between two diamonds. Others select a ruby easily dimmed, or "aged," as the lapidary expresses it, by contact with imthe fair Egyptian, "prilliant sorceress the Nile," dissolved and drank to her right hand and on the left, but the blue his Sigune forgot the world. imperial lover ages ago.

So let our love
As endless prove.
And pure as gold forever. Ladies of the present day wear

A new postage stamp has recently been issued in England, value tenpence. Russia loans money to her farmers at

Do not keep a hen or rooster lover 4

With eves of blue and sunny bair Face as fair as the lily-leaf The fairle's bind with golden sheaf. O, the roses come and the roses go, And life drifts as calm as the raver's flow

Only a pair of brown, brown eyes. That brought the sunlight from the skies Into one life, and beart and soul, Till love came in as the surges roll. But love will come and love will go. And the years glide on as the river's flow

Only-O, lovel only to be A Gream of love and light to thee! Only too late he saw the shade. His presence in one life had made. Twas only a "good-by," lightly spoken But O, 'twas "only" a girl's beart broken!

THE VANISHED VILLAGE.

girdle he carried an abundance of spare money, in a valise sealed letters, which commended his skill, and an important introduction to the master, who superintended the building of the house of

His eyes wandered longingly over the and there a fruit tree, and beyond, in heard the story, but haven't heard it the blue distance, the walls and towers correctly. The case of the sunken vilor the city whither he was going. He lage is altogether different. The people so that the rim would shade his daz- village, and when All Souls Day came

zled eyes, and went on. he stopped in astonishment, when right were merry and gay, played and

the sunshine, the roofs were decorated with tiles, and in the gardens blossomed e, too, that no sh

steps could not be heard. get information about the village. But peals were heard, and as the youth

sky and the gleaming midsummer sun

which are usually hidden from mortal

stronger than fear and horror. He the everlasting stars. If another wom lookel at the ring with beaming eyes, an should gain power over you and and he had a presentiment that this your heart should turn away from me, first meeting with the beautiful girl then take this ring which I have given as the roofs of the city grew golden, be broken you will forget me, and I he stonecutter passed through the may never come to you again.

man with feathers in his hair and a ring know, and from there will there be no in his nose, and was celebrated far and return for you. wide as an inn and ale houre. Diethart took iedging there, and when he had temoved all traces of his wearisome tears from her lashes, and swore that entered the room, he found his children them. They questioned him as to who he was, whence he had come and what weeks since a change had taken place hight, she had not a word to say. he was seeking in the city. Willingly in Elsa. She had taken a fancy to none

he had passed through that day,

the taxes were not so high we might

Sunday as well, a youth was walking the city, and it was an ancient custom to Elsa's love when her sharp eyes no-along a dusty country road. His name among the inhabitants to honor the was Diethart, and he belonged to a guild of stonecutters. His goal was the next town, where he was to find work more I cannot say. Therefore the peometric department of the stone of the s In the building of a church. In his girdle he carried an abundance of spare fering, only the sheep was of silver and youth, that she found out easily; but is to take the place of integration in the city who had bewitched the place of integration and youth, that she found out easily; but the lamb of gold. And his majesty is said to have been very much amazed at

Glowing hung the sun in the cloud-less sky and poured its blinding light village possessed inexhaustible silver the house and found what she had special train of eighteen carriages, deon a wide sea of ripening wheat. Not mines, and the people hardly knew hoped for. Diethart lay stretched out veloped the unparalled speed of about a bird was heard; everything that wore | what to do with the excessive riches. feathers had flown into the mountain | Then, as is apt to be the case, they bewhich surrounded the broad valley; came proud and haughty, and, in their but grasshoppers, crickets and dancing arrogance, played ninepins with balls her eyes fell on the gold ring on the guard scraped and hummed untiringly and pins of gold, and committed all young man's right hand. Jealousy —Stanle sorts of crime besides; and one night The bag weighed heavily on the traveler's shoulders, and the flask which he was swallowed up, and at the present carried by his side had long been empty. | day it is hardly known where it stood.

Now the landlady, who came and waving fields of corn, but no inviting went with keys and mugs, entered into roof appeared above the field—only here the conversation of the men. 'You have is midday, he said, and at the same bad ones, like ourselves. They were a writing erased from a slate. time thought of his last rest in the prosperous, but they did not play with Golden Rose and of the cool drink golden ninepins. Now, it once hapwhich ran out of an oaken cask. He pened that a whole year passed without they said, 'Why should we pray and He had, perhaps, gone as far as a mourn? We have carried nobody to strong man's voice could be heard when the grave in the last year.' So they before him lay houses surrounded by danced, and exulted as in the joyful orchards, and above them rose the re- time of May. Only one workman, who have overlooked this village? he asked in the next village. And when he re-

over the place where the village once

The vouth felt uneasy at the sight of might be something written on the in-

Then the door opened cently, and When the stars began to grow pale

'Now we must part,' she said, 'but church goers pass by men, women, maidens and children. All walked with as you long for me, take the ring from 'And do you tell me nothing more, my heart's love, about yourself and the

'And may I not even know your

'I am called Sigune,' answered the beautiful girl. Once more she waved

In the courtyard the cocks were crowing to announce the dawn of day. For the young stonecutter a blissful time had begun. All day

I only caress you secretiv? 'Do not wish that,' she replied, anxously. 'Woe to me if you should once Diethart glanced timidly at his sur- to me and take my words to heart. I coundings, and hastened his steps. He know that you love me above every ally felt uneasy, but the love which thing; but you men are fickle creatures the silent maiden aroused in him was and your fidelity is not as steadfast a lusty road. The sun went down, and binds me to you, and you to me, will rched gateway.

In the market place stood a handsome taken my place, then you will be apparition, but before he reached her house, that bore on its signboard a wild obliged to follow me to the place you

and politicly he satisfied their curiosity, other than the strange young stonecut- to consciousness were in vain.

in abundance, but in old times they same time her arm brushed his brown having the entire city lighted free of gave us other treasures besides, that is curiy locks as if unaware; she sang to cost, silver and gold; but all that was over the lute for him her mative airs and sweet Italian melodies that she had 'Yes,' said another guest, 'if what is learned from a foreign master; but written in our chronicle is true, our Diethart showed only measured politecommunity was formerly rich beyond ness and cold respect for all favors be compare. Once the emperor visited stowed upon him. Jealousy was added

Oh, how she hated this unknown rival! 'They say, too,' began a third, 'that | the new building. It was still within; in the middle of the day. in old times there stood near here a vil- | the workmen were taking their midday on the floor asieep. Nobody else was ninety miles an hour. The highest about. The maiden bent over the speed, as measured by a stop watch, blazed up in her heart. Cautiously she took hold of the ring, slipped it gently from the sleeper's finger and

concealed it in her dress. Then Diethart awoke from his sleep. went with keys and mugs, entered into | He arose in confusion when he saw the pounds I could not sit down and let master builder's daughter, standing before bim in great excitement. He did not notice the loss of the ring; with the ring, everything connected with it stood still and looked up at the sun. 'It | who dwelt there spent good lives and | had disappeared from his memory, like fore, for the first time, he was aware of Elsa's captivating beauty, and as he, seized by sudden love, held out his arms sighed, pressed his hat over his forehead a death among the inhabitants of the towards the beautiful form, she fell glowing with love on his breast, and embraced his sunburnt neck.

was now completed, the belis were and these dried and powdered and ringing for the first time, and old and tak n in small do es cause a person to young were hastening towards the new | dance about and behave like a lunation ticulated spire of a church. The trav- was piously inclined, took no part in crated to-day. But the feast of conse- asleep. eler rubbed his eyes. 'How could be the godiess things, but went to church cration was to be followed by a second, 'It must have been the glare | turned home at evening his village had | the people as the first. | Elsa, the archiof the sun that blinded my eyes.' And disappeared. A golden cross only rose he hastened his footsteps. disappeared. That was the cross give her hand to-day at the altar to the young stonecutter Diethart, and the approaching. The windows shone in that sank too, and now grain grows bride's father had provided the richest and most brilliant wedding the city had But from time to time it rises ever seen. It was a good omen for lilles and white roses, but the deep still- and becomes visible, and there are peo- such a handsome pair as Diethart and ness which lay over the village struck the youth as very strange. No dog barked, no cock crowed, no cattle lowed, spoke the landlady and drew a long beautiful and stately; that was admitted even by those who envied them, and

the bridal procession marched to the gayly decorated house of the bride's

with music and dancing.

When the wedding supper was over and there was no lack of silver in room. He had traveled a long distant Elsa had danced the last dance of lippor, the bride's garter was unfastened and each one of the guests had a piece of the blue silk ribbon as a remembrance. The bride's father filled a great ilver bumper with sweet wine and drants the health of his children the fifers and kettle drummers began to ay and in the midst of the merry nating the bridal pair fled from the

> Weary of the wedding festivities, the newly married couple sat together in words of love.

> Teasingly Elsa said, 'Before I become your wife you must tell me one have spoken such words, or has another held your heart before me? That you must confess to me, for now there must be no longer any secrets b-tween you

'Grieve me not with such suspicions. thou dear delight of my eyes,' replied made merry with many a pretty maid, but no other has won my heart, and ic one other have my lips ever sworn love and fidelity.

'Ah, then, tell me,' continued Elsa, 'where did you get the ring that you used to wear? Did it come from some tender woman's hand, you wicked fel-

'A ring, a ring?' asked Diethart in perplexity, and he shook his head. 'I her white hand, then left the room as have never worn a ring before you placed this one on my finger.' 'What?' said Elsa, becoming excited. Will you deny that you wore a ring on

> at my father's?" 'You are mistaken, Elsa,' Diethart, growing red.
> 'Oh, you false man!' cried the angry bride. 'Shall I hold the ring before

your right hand when I first saw you

And with a swift movement she irew the ring, which she had taken from her sleeping lover, from her quite popular. It consists of running bosom, and held it before her husband's as many threads as there are guests all 'Will you still deny it?' Very strangel' said Diethart. 'Is it

ssible that I have worn than ring, Elsa? Let me see it.' He took e ring and placed it on his finger. Then he drew a deep sigh. "Yes," he id, softly; 'I know the ring. Sigure. gone, what have I done to theel

Elias screamed aloud, 'Oh, you faith-ess, you decettful mau! Depart from and is very amusing to bim. one and never let me see your face Suddenly she stopped speaking, and sold shivers chilled her to the marrow

They were no longer together in the bridal chamber, but a third person was would not be the last. Puzzled and you from your hand and throw it in the hopeful he continued his way along the deepest well. Then the chain which form of a beautiful, pale woman who beckened with her white spirit hand. 'Sigunet' cried the bridegroom, 'thou callest me, and I must come to thee,' he fell to the floor.

Elsa's cry of distress had been heard in the hall, where the people were still The beautiful Sigune spoke these making merry. When the bride's

lying lifeless on the floor. All efforts to restore the bridegroom

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-The government telegraph service of Great Britain transmits, it is said, on the average 1,538,270 words a day to newspapers alone. -The artistic arrangement of nat-

mal flowers is part of every Japanese

indy's education-a much more satis-

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factory accomplishment than the man--The city of Philadelphia makes a profit of more than \$1.0 0,000 a year by supplying gas to the consumers, besides

-About seventy-two million cans of tomatoes are put up each year to satisfy the demand for this vegetable, which nly fifty years ago was raised for ornament, and thought not fit to eat.

-Oil and gas have been discovered in Johnstown, Fulton county, N. Y., and the most flattering prospects for

-It is said that in London luncheon perhaps he had a sweetheart far away, social function, the fashionable people recurring to the habits of their fore One day about noon Elsa was passing | fathers, will take their heartiest meal

-Trials of the latest express com sleeper to kiss his red lips, but just then | was just over ten seconds per quarter

> -Stanley says his one aim now is to get away from the crowds; not because he does not wish to see them, but be-cause they prevent him from do ng any work. He told an artist at Cannes "If you were to offer me a thousan you sketch me, I am too busy.

> -Mrs. Wanamaker, it is stated, has introduced a new fact in Washington and has a class of young ladies meet at professor of physical grace from abroad teaches them how to walk, to go up and down stairs, to bow, to smile, to make eyes and to dispose of the hands.

-There is said to be a plant in Arambraced his sunburnt neck.

From the tower of the church, which with seeds which are like black beaus nouse of God, which was to be conse- till be becomes exhausted and falls

 A wealthy citizen of Osaka, Japan. and that seemed quite as important to who is the owner of a rich copper mine, ner the two bundred and sixtleth anniversary of the mine coming into the possession of his family. On that occasion each of his 100 or more employes a swallow-tail coat.

-The Eighth Hussara of the British Army have a gazelle for "child of the regiment." It accompanies the regiment everywhere, and is an especially conspicuous figure on the Sunday tread, apparently imitated from

that of the drain major. -There comes from over the sea the important announcement that of the horseback riding astride, at London's next coaching meet, four have backed out. The other four intend to appear in costumes of "blue redingote, with skirts falling to the knees, tight buckskin breeches, long potent-leather boots

and a silk hat," -A French statistician has been studying the military and other records with a view of determining the height corded facts extend over nearly three centuries. It is found that in 1610 the average height of man in Europe was 75 meters, or say a feet 2 inches. In 1790 it was 5 feet 6 inches. In 1820 it the present time it is 5 feet 34 inches.

-What would appear to be a form f telpherage system is at present being considered as a meass of transportion mail matter between Buenos Avres and Montevideo, in South America. Postal communication between the two cities is now maintained by way of the Platte river, but the service is necessarily slow and full of delays. The new proposal is to erect a small overhead eleric railway, on which will run cars capable of carrying postal matter and tween the two cities is about 180 miles.

-The biggest flower in the world was recently discovered by Dr. Alexander Schadenberg. It was found on Mount Parag, which is situated on one of the southeastern Philipine Islands, The native who accompanied Dr Schadenberg called the flower "bolo." The bolo in bloom is a fine petaled flower, nearly a yard in diameter, as large as a carriage wheel. A single flower weighed over twenty-two pounds. The five petals of the immense flower are oval and creamy white, and grow around a center filled with countless long-bued stamens.

-A new "fad" has struck the social circle at some places. It is called "spider web party," and is becoming over the house, twisting them about the pictures, over the doors, windows, number, and each guest is furnished with a corresponding number to follow by the threads through all their de vious windings and snarls to the end. where a prize awaits him. The pursuit leads to all kinds of complications

-At present English is practically an unknown tongue at the Vatican. The Pope can neither speak it nor read Cardinal Rampolla, the secretary of state, is in the same plight. So is tary. Cardinal Simeoni, chief of the Propaganda, who has charge of all the English-speaking countries, cannot speak a word of our language. Monsigner Jacobini is learning it. Italian Cardinals only one, Cardinal Mazella, can talk English, and he, it is worth noting, is a Jesuit. of the Jesuits, Father Anderledy, also speaks English.

Through errors in the triangulation of Hungary the mans of Austria have heretofore made it out to be a much smaller country than it is in reality, A new meteorological and volcante observatory is to be opened in Pompeii. when there will be a congress of scientific men to celebrate the occasion.

THERE is no debt more binding than that which you owe your family.

THERE is not enough justice in the world to prevent the right from occas-ionally getting left.

THERE'S very promptly punished nose students who kissed the Russlan adies the other day. Turkey thought a wise thing to do, no doubt, in view the pernicious activity of the Rusan authorities in the matter.

the contary that is to clapse before the the following basis:

the bergs went on their way mining that fright dignity and the earlier race, ally indifference to ocean racers for

alos in an emergency, approve of the arbitration resolu- they never had been born, at she cannot afford to stand en-

s known danger of such shelters ity of light. ole institutively seek them rather tree atting as lightning rods and dis- ple

ational history to make them fondly when the country is so vast that the ations of different sections have ditime their ways of thinking on the cit-

than its power to protect. markable, and it is quite likely that by thurches are in good order, and the rection,

flood published one year ago. On the first of May there was stored in the United States Treasury vaults standard silver delives to the number of No.420 mis. Against these there were samed \$200,004,245 in silver certificates, bent, and dressed in rusty black, with heaving a balance of 13.5 5.941 silver a strip of hap crape dangling from dollars in the Treasury unrepresented, of a great daily paper. The Government has been put to enormuns expense in coining and handling this vast amount of suiver, and to what purpose? It is actually worth no more now than it was as bullion. The certifi-Government coming only such an amount as wealth be necessary to meet the semants for the redements.

Her voice died away to a whisper at made. That this amount would be she added: are on there lines; and it is the best so- wouldn't take the world for now. Intion of the silver question which has Fet been proposed. More coin is not photograph of a sunny-faced, smiling proposed. needed, and the next best thing is to boy of about 5 years. stronger than a similar certificate hav-ing only the latter though navidate. That's why I writ the piece, I thought the latter, in the case of the United rem. Itates Government, is all-sufficent,

ORIGIN OF TELEGRAPHY.

A System That Was In Vogue Be-

There was a system of telegraphy between the site of Chicago and that of the City of Mexico before the days of

terminus of a telegraph line whose other end was in Mexico, at so remote a period of the world's history that the Hiawatha are moderns compared with

The first telegraphic system was employed some centuries ago by that cur-ious race of people that built the huge great earthworks, and like Volney among his ruins, can only feel that to them is due our veneration. For

minion whose delegates at the in-mational American Conference did from the face of the earth as though Being wholly unknown to other peosione in this matter, and an effort 'pies of their times, we have no data on lagain be made to get her ascent, which to base a reliable history of this peculiar race of men. Our antiquarians tell us that they built substantial cities: that electrical storms are re- that they were tillers of the soil; that of from many places, and two or they knew the principles of art; that e deaths from lightning have been they had a written language and a re-

sage across the country with the veloc-A telegraph in prehistoric times, as an simil a harmless wetting. If peo we look back upon it, seems certainly a again a storms must get under a myth, yet it is after all the simplest they should not seek one standing thing imagnitude. telegraph. The electricity als, but should penetrate the latter which Franklin found himself able to conditionable distance when they will control would have been totally un-

> mounds, starting at Chicago, hence bearing across the country to Prairie a step-ladder, and not only called upon second finger, if married he wears it capital of the Artec empire. These No one was so illbred as to laugh, is carefully explained that mounds were built in the most suitable but one after another of her associous subject to the rules."

cost of many hardships and many per-its it is hardly possible for the citithus, as may readily be seen, a danger signal could be sent across a state with the speed of light. Around these sig-

less of another. It saily destroys a to one of the most remarkable inclosure people's love for their government when | earthworks of the continent, there are they real its power to harm oftener mounds of all shapes and sizes, the numper running up into the thousands. No better selection of a signal station could have been secured than this. On the very brow of a great bluff overlooking thereary of its great flood chiefly by the Mississippi are located the eight memorial services for the dead. The huge conical mounds of earth upon necessery from disaster has been re- back in another age of the world's hiswhich the signal fires were lighted, away the time another anniversary comes tivity. A light at this point would be Sound Johnstown (which is now a city instantly observed at Muscatine, the

tween many of the stations the line of

original telegraphic system. A Lonely Heart. A little old woman, wrinkled and

'You're the editor, be you?' she asked of the man who looked up from his desk as she entered.

'He took scarlet fever and didn't

She laid several pages of cheap unte

THE RHYMES OF RINGS.

information on so odd a subject leads he looked at the page after page of writer, it was considered in ancient times highly im proper for single or unmarried persons to wear circlets on Oh, don't you? I didn't know. I've doctors or senators." For all but these seen po'try pieces about the dead in dignitaries such an unwarranted orna-

> THE "JIMMAL RING." Herrick writes of the "jimmal ring,"

tle Johnnie as we was. Good bye, sir, other like links to a chain. Each hoop and she went slowly out, a weak, pa-thetic little figure, her eyes blinded vex, and each is twisted once around with tears and her heart aching with and surmounted by a hand issuing loneliness and longing for smiles and from an embossed work mist or sleeve, rising above the circle and extending in the same direction. The course of the twist in each hoop is made to correspond with that of its counterpart, so faces of the hoops they unite in one

According to the aucient ritual in marriage the husband began the ring business by placing It upon the bride's thumb and putting it successively on the man hald his forefinger significantly into the room stepped the one who had on his mouth, and went his way in silence. Diethart in perplexity followed each one a person of the Trinity, with a final "Amen" the fourth finger was reached and there the ring remained. The Greek church ritual directs that the ring be placed upon the right hand. ring as a vain and heathen emblem, but

BETROTHAL AND WEDDING RINGS. pend, or should do so, on the purse of solitaire, and of the best he can afford, a small and pure blue-white stone being Some prefer a ring set with three or an emerald, which signifies promise of happiness. Few people choose pearls for an engagement ring, as pearls are up the steps which led to the church supposed to typify tears. They are also | door. But before she crossed the threshtoo perishable to become emblems of old she turned once more and tore a love, which, in its first glow at least, is ring from her hand, which rolled dways unders out to be indestructible. Their beauty is very precisious, being pure air, while acid annimitates them completely, like the famous one which

The wedding ring remains about the same. The Romans made theirs of ron to express endurance, and baser metals have been used since. The ideal marriage token cannot be improved upon-it is a ring of pure virgin gold, peither too heavy nor yet too slender. It is softly rounded, so there eyes. are no sharp edges. If you hang it on a string and strike it softly it will ring out an indescribably soft and sweet sound. No other symbol expresses so well the true heart's devotion. Her-

rick's lines are very pretty: And as this round is nowhere found To flaw, or else to sever,

numerous rings regardless of their significance. At the present time, according to the Roman rule, one cannot classify by any such token either the young woman in the nursery rhyme, who has been immortalized "with rings in her ears or bells on her toes," the Egyptian lady whose portrait on her mummy case represents her two hands covered, thumbs and all, with rings, or the lady of "the court" with costly jewels flashing from every one of her white tapering fingers.

It was a pretty village that he was

and no sound of people's voices was breath, heard. The youth thought it remarkof the chimneys. It was as if the village had been dead. But the village was not empty. As stantly at the gold ring on his finger. the stonecutter entered he saw men and women stepping out of the houses. They were dressed in holiday attire, chains and buckles, but the dress of the

this still people, but he mustered cour- side, and he drew the ring from his age and approached one of the men to finger. and fro, but no tone was heard from it. she gained the power of speech. With secret horror he watched the

bended heads and nobody gave him a your finger, and I will come to you. At the very last came a maiden. She were a lily on her breast and was her-self as pale and beautiful as a hily. And She looked at him earnestly and haid as she passed by the youth she raised her finger silently on her mouth. Then her drooping lids, looking at him with the mildest eyes and paused. Then the And may I not even feeling of oppression left the young man's mind, sweet longing rose in his heart, and he followed her that he might speak to her. But she, too, laid her finger on her lips and went silently stlently as she had come. silently down the steps and fell at the worked on the building with hammer young man's feet. He bent down, and chisel; but when night came on, picked up the ring and placed it on his and the other young men sat behind finger, and when he looked up, maiden, the full tankards, or joined in the bride. 'She church and village had all disappeared, merry dance with their sweethearts, your eyes?' and he stood in the middle of the coun- Diethart drank in love and happiness try road, with the cornfields on the from a rosy mouth, and in the arms of

overhead. Was it all a dream? No, he could glistened in the sunshine. Some magic was at work here. At the time of midsummer many things became visible,

arched gateway.

and the citizens asked him to draw ter who worked for her father. But followed his first love to that silent nearer and to tell them what was taking the youth had no eyes for the young place from which there is no rejura.

place in the outside world. Diethart girl's beauty, and the beaming glances related what he had seen, but he was which she cast at Diethart's robust, silent about the uncanny adventure youthful form, when he entered her

which he had met with and then he father's house, made his heart no praised the city and the fruitful fields warmer than the eyes of the carved e had passed through that day, angel over the church door. That dis-'Yes,' said one of the citizens, and turbed the patrician's daughter, but ne stroked his heard complarently, 'yes, vainly she strove against the love which it is a blessed piece of country, and if had arisen in her proud heart. With a woman's art she knew how be contented, even if it isn't any longer as it was in the old times. Then dearer and dearer to her father, and that things were different. Wheat, corn shally be came and went in the house and barley still grow plentifully in our daily. With her own hand she poured fields, and the mountains give us wood | the golden wine into his glass, at the

long ago.

What he had heard gave the stone- they were not a few. only half heard what had been said at ling to the established custom. the drinking table and looked con-

When the watchman's cry sounded on the street and the guests left the tance, but sleep would not come to him people was entirely different from that to-night. He sat up awake on his usually seen in the country. Their faces couch, and thought about his adventure were pale and anxious, their eyes were and the beautiful silent maiden. Again fastened on the ground, no sound came he fastened his eyes on the ring and from their lips, and even their foot- tried to find some engraved mark. The outside was smooth; perhaps there

the beaten path which led towards the out his longing arm to the lovely womchurch. The church doors stood open, an, and the silent marien sauk, bliss the lights of candles streamed from the fully smiling, on his breast, and renave, but neither singing nor organ turned the caresses of the loving youth chanced to raise his eyes to the tower he the beautiful, mysterious maid stole saw how the bell in the belfry swung to away from her lover's arms, and now

'Oh, why has the days so many hours, when I cannot have you with mel' said he once, intoxicated with feel the gold ring on his finger, and it love, to his beautiful wife. "Why must

journ'y he went to the common room to refresh himself with food and drink.

At a long caken table, behind the city was Miss Elsa, the only child of fused words which she undered while tankard, sat two citizens conversing the weal by architect, but she was the fever kept her for weeks on her about the affairs of the world. The proud, and of all burgers' sons who is d nobody understood, and when she arrival of the stranger was pleasing to courted her favor not one was good was well again, and people questioned