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A NEWSPAPER paragraph says: "A fate census of France embraced 20,-000,000 women." Happy cansus!

THE people of rank in England who have fallen into poverty are to be peasioned-made strong again, as it were.

A KALAMAZOO merchant gives away a copy of "Stanley's Travels" with each pound of cheese purchased at his store. Puns are in order.

Ir has been discovered that some o. the largest manufacturers of Bologna sausages have been mixing poor horseflesh with worse pork in making their

There are two "Geraldine" poems: one, a romance in verse, by Will M. Carieton; the other, a souvenir of the St. Lawerence, by Alonzo Hopkina. The latter was published anonymously.

In Germany the law provides that a critic may not enter a theater to unjustly criticise a play, "even if he has purchased a ticket." There is a delicate flavor of humor in the idea of a critic ever buying a ticket.

THE English government is transporting young trees by the wholesale struction. from Scotland to the Isle of Man, where Greeba Mountain is being thickwith practical forestry on a large

toonists. Dr. O. G. Cilley, of Boston,

Is the young Englishman who is re-

THE same year in which Lincoln Robert C. Winthron, ex-Congressman ex-Vice President Hannibal Hamlin, Oliver Wendall Holmrs, W. Lo Giadin the year following.

An old lady of Lebanon, Ind., has her son-in-law has been arrested for the crime on no stronger evidence than mere suspicion. This outrage is unin-law joke, and it reveals the fertile be arrested wherever met.

THE experiment of constructing a farge building of paper has been successfully made at Hamburg, where an immense hotel with its facade and other important parts composed of that material has been erected. It is claimed that the building is absolutely fireproof and also impervious to the action of the elements which render prick, stone or wood unsightly or unsafe under prolonged exposure.

In large cities, nearly all of which are in the north, no economy is practare furnished with little regard to expense. They are in charge of engineers and janitors who draw large salaries. The course of instruction embraces almost everything in the present and past, on the earth, in the heavens above and the waters beneath.

A Coxgo native who has been taught his first, to the archbishop of Canter-Good Chief of the Tribe of Christ, greetbegs you to send to his fellow servants more gospel and less rum. In the bonds of Christ, Ugalla." It seems to us that the letter hits the nail pretty effectually on the head.

smokeless powder by armies will reof Msult in making military operations such more difficult than they are now. Thehe absence of smoke and the reduccietyed noise of the detonations will carcely allow of marching by the ound of cannon. In order to get an dea of the situation on a battle field it will be necessary to examine it directly from some elevated point.

> which was drafted Franklin Pierce's vain. greatest presidential message, declares it was in the handwriting of seventeen different prominent public slah Minot, who is still living in

Man of good-will everywhere may

MODEL COOKING SCHOOL Mr. Bishop has so acranged his pho-

PRACTICAL WAY OF IMPROVING BRITISH COOKING.

Example Is Better Than Precept"--Over 40,000 Pupils Since 1874.

A correspondent thus writes of a visit to a London cooking school: In the large vestibule of the school, into which we pass, is a broad counter enclosing a corner, and here, on a "fair white cloth," are arranged all manner of ornamental dishes, entrees, galanines, jellies, creams, etc., which are daily made by the teachers in the demonstration classes, and are here set out for sale. No doubt many a clever housewife avails herself of this method of procuring admirably made dishes at a trifling cost which could not be turned out at home witnout a \$300 chef. Turning the corner of the thing wonderful.-Bridgeport (Conn.) counter we find ourselves in a wide News. passage, which divides the various kitchens. The first kitchen is empty, but Mrs. Clarke tells me it is to be used for children's classes, the demonstrator's ga -stove being placed in the midwhich the pupils stand and imbibe in-The next kitchen is very big, and

indeed it needs to be, for there are ly planted with them as an experiment about twenty girls and women in it. pupils and teachers, and yet Mrs. Clarke says that it is unusually empty, owing to the inroads of influenza on BEN. BUTLER'S drooping eyelid will both staff and pupils. This is the pracno longer fornish a subject for the car- tice-kitchen for plain cookery. A group of girls are gathered round one performed a surgical operation upon it table, making apple-dumplings under removing an elliptical section of the the supervision and example of the eyelid, and restoring it to almost nor- teacher, who is making some too; farther on is another broad table into which gas-ranges are let at intervals, at one of which stands quite a young Is the young Englishman who is re-ported to be preparing a key to the works of Robert Browning could see her hair in school-girl fashi n down the piles of unsold Buconian keys to her back. She is ev dently a novi e Shakespeare's works, which were pre- in the culinary art, and is stir.ing a pased by Ignatius Donelly, he would saucepanful of apple jelly in embryo, hesitate at the threshold of his literary which is simmering over the gas, in a tentative way, as if she were not quite sure what was going to happen next. Nor many things in the earth, the In beyond this kitchen is the practicewater and the air are out of the reach scullery, where the pupi's are taught of photography. A flash of lightning the proper methods of washing up, the has frequently been photographed, best way to clean pots and pans, the Not long ago a scientist with a camera management of ovens and fireplaces, and an electric battery got a good pic- open and close ranges, and sundry ture of the bottom of the Mediterran- other matters of practical detail of which the ordinary British cook is con-

spicuously ignorant. Passing once again through the big was been gave birth to ex-Speaker airy kitchen, where the central group an extent without parallel in any counof pupils is busily rolling out the pasarbich is the practice-kitchen for high-class cookery. In here the pustone and Alfred Tennyson, while pils are somewhat older, as becomes Senators Morrill and Payne were born | those who would pene rate the arcana of soups, entrees, purces, savouries, sweets, ornamental pastry, and fancy cakes. It has evidently been a day of been shot by some one unknown, and cakes, for all so ts of choux a la creme, scones, cakes, &c., are being neatly arlesson of the day has been on fish endoubtedly due to the ancient friend of trees, and the dainty fingers of the idemic of influenza prevails in the malicious paragrapher, the mother teacher are engaged on soles a la Rou- towns serves to remind us of elements for evil that exist in the aged whole process from beginning to end: and heary chestnut. That joke should the nearness, the methodical precision which economizes so much time and makes flurry impossible and unnecessary: the extremely simple and lucid explanations how, why, and when to nix each ingredient, and the exquisite leanliness and avoidance of all handing; and I come to the conclusion hat such teaching, founded on the old proverb, "Example is better than pre-

y weeks' lessons of five days a week. Such teaching is worth all the cookery-books in the world, for the written recipes can never give a defin te idea of iced in conducting public schools. The what a dish ought to look like in color school houses are often palaces that and general appearance when served; and appearance is quite half the battle n good cookery. Nothing could be lish that the teacher sets before us, the creamy sauce, whose whiteness is reeved by the pattern in pounded coral neath. My uncanny mind immediately sees a likeness between the "Demonto read and write, has just sent a letter, stration' room, with its tiers of raised seats overlooking a huge table, and bury. It is as follows: "Great and the dissecting-room at a hospital; but keep the idea to myself, and do not ing: The humblest of your servants seek to give qualms to my companion kisses the hem of your garment, and by suggesting it. The seats are occuoied by a number of women-mostly books, I should say-who, armed with

notebooks and pencils, jot down the

remarks of the teacher, a neat fingered,

ent." is not only invalvable, but ab-

surdly cheap at the price of eighteen-

lainty little figure, in her snowy white cap, apron and sleeves. The audience an uses me; it is so easy to distinguish those who have come there of their own accord, and paid the fee themselves out of their own pockets, with the earnest desire to require as much kn wiedge as possible, from those who have been sent there sy their respective "missises," and who eye the teacher superciliously, ardly condescending from time to ime to make a note in their books for form's sake. The fact that since the opening of the School in 1874 no less man forty thousand five hundred pupils have passed through the various lasses down to the present time, is a seen the original manuscript from proof that it has not been created in

A Phonograph Orchestra.

The reporter was ushered into the men of this country including cabinet nandsome dining-room of Henry G. officers and heads of departments, but Bishop, where the instrument (an Edithe most pointed suggestions in it son phonograph) and all its appliances were in the fine, peculiar chirography were stationed. Mr. Bishop, with the skil of a person who had handled a phonograph for years, adjusted the nstrument and turned on the battery. The various choice melodies which read with pleasure that excellent poured forth from the cone-shaped showing presented in the year's record transmitter sounded very natural. of the Young Men's Christain Association. This excellent organization has eral pieces played by the 7th Regiment band, of New York, about four years scored in 1889 a well-deserved success. band, or New 1012, about of the igo; a banjo solo by a son of the It has proven its usefulness in every mayor of Newburyport, Mass., played channel in which good work course as about a year ago; a cornet solo; sevlone, and its balance-sheet goes to eral selections by a male quartet, and passing under many of the principal show how much may be accomplished for civilization, by vigorous, intelligent, enterprising, Christian effort.

eral selections by a male quarter, and is reported to have proven streets, and is reported to have proven both an engineering and a commercial which were played at Edison's laborations.

aograph by the appliance of the coneshaped transmitter that whenever he starts it going the sound can be distinctly heard throughout the whole house. Mr. Bishop has also recorded been taken and are reproduced. He

down to my breakfast and listen to reptile's two powerful forelegs. the concert of the 7th Regiment band, played several years ago, and enjoy it Captain, but when the animal came as much as if I had actually heard the within scenting distance of the alligaband itself." He is undoubtedly right. tor it showed a desire to drift rapidly The working of this machine is some- in the direction of home.

Newspaper Gossip In 1818.

it be not either offensive or injurious the dun mule made his initial bound. dle between three large tables, outside to those with whom it deals. This is With a wild circular sweep and an not "new journalism," but "old jour- echoing "swish" he left the muddy United States in England in 1818, en- the off side of the mule, and lay for a titled "Residence at the Court of Lon- moment waiting for further develop-

papers. In other countries, matter of so suddenly joined him company, here, in addition, you see perpetually even the concerns of ind viduals. With as wild a snort as ever echoed through the evergreen glades of Forida, he made one wild plunge, broke loose Does a private gentleman c me to from the colored man, and went off own? you hear it in the newspapers; through the woods as fast as his short does he build a house, or buy an ea- legs would carry him. tate? they give the information; does he entertain his friends? you have all went along, over logs and stumps, their names next day in type; is the against trees, across pools and mire drapery of a ladies' drawing-room changed from red amask and gold to by as badly a scared mule as ever set white satin and silver? the fact is pub- foot in Florida. Captain Royce and licly announced. So of a thousand his man followed the procession, and,

other things. English had realized the fable of living | alligator beside him. with a window on their bosoms. It may be thought that this is confined to a class, who, surrounded by the allurements of wealth, seek emblasonment. If it were only so, that class is immense. But its influence affects other classes, giving each in their way the habit of allowing their personal inclintry, ancient or modern. When the Allegheny Common Council passed a ry for the dumplings, we cross the drama at Athens took cognizance of resolution offering Mr. Carnegie a site don newspaper reaches every part of ing Mr. Carnegie and four the city, the kingdom, and in three months was appointed to take charge of the every part of the globe.

Unhealthy Habits in Towns. The British Medical Journal raises its admonitory voice against the unranged in huge sieves as they are healthy habits of people who dwell taken out of the various ovens. The in cities. The fact, says the Journal, that the prevailing anaise when we enter. I watch the the insanitary influences of town life. The prevalence of germs, bad odors and other self-evident sources of grave disease in cities is well known. It is rather the less constantly recognized unhealthy habits of townsfolk that are mostly at fault when the fairly-fed and well-to-do are smitten with colds and influenza. Diet is abundant but taken irregularly. The townsman, as a rule, s not a good breakfast-eater, and he dines too late and too heavily. He is much addicted to taking alcohol, tea or coffee between meals. He is a late pence for a lesson of two hours, or riser and goes to bed late, so that a ten-and-sixpence for a course of twen- large fraction of his "day" is spent at night in artificial light.

He seldom takes enough exercise for the "constitutional" is 'ntolerable to men of a certain temperament, and others have no time for that form of physical exertion. A hurri d race to eatch a train or omnibus is not hygienic. He is gregarious, and his more appetising in appearance than the natural flocking instinct makes him ove look, both in his pleasures as well fillets of sole smothered in the thick as his duties, the fact that he works or plays with his fellow-man in ill-ventilated or over-crowded rooms. Above which recalls the lobster stuffing under- all, he is out of training, as he fluds out during the first days of a holiday. Many explorers and fight ng men have noted that they catch cold readily in towns after bearing cold and damp with impunity in the country.

A Shabbily Dreszed Millionaire. Mrs. Hetty Green has enjoyed the eputation for a long time of being the most shabbily dressed millionaire who wanders within the precincts of Wall street. Russell Sage wears inexpensive clothes, but they are not only neat but usually have the appearance of being recently purchased. The only millionaire rival Mrs. Green has in point of shabbiness is old Joe Robinson, who was one of the contractors engaged in the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad, and is said to be worth four million dollars. He does not wear any overcoat, because it represents an expenditure of money he is not willing to make. His whole outfit, including hat and boots, would not command two dollars and a half at any well-reg ulated pawnshop.

He is one of the few stingy millionaires who are perfectly good-natured in their stinginess. He is not cross or crabbe l, but greets everybody he knows with the utmost geniality. He and Sidney Dillon are very good friends, but neither the arguments of Mr. Dillon nor of any one else can spur him on to invest money in a wardrobe. The story is told of his seeing a friend on the street not long ago, in conversation with a gentleman whom he did not know. He went up to the two men and was about to speak, when the man who was a stranger to him turned and said he was very sorry but he had no small change. The friend explained the situation, although he was somewhat embarrassed, and the stranger extended profuse apologies to the millionaire.

-The underground electric railway at Buda Pesth, Hungary, is five miles long,

MULE AND ALLIGATOR.

You Can't Catch a 'Gagator with a When Captain Royce, late of Ohio, made his home in Florida he found a a few remarks of several prominent his plantation, and realized almost as fine alligator preserve in one corner of men of this city who have talked into much from the sale of hides as from the instrument. It is very amusing to his oranges. In crossing a small bayou listen with what accuracy they have one day he saw a huge alligator snugly intends to have the Concordia Singing little else than his nose on exhibition. ensconced under a hanging bank, with Society and Jerome May's Banjo Quar- A colored man was sent to the house tet give several selections at his home for a log chain and piece of pork, and for the purpose of recording them. the offered bait was taken safely in at Mr. Bishop, it is understood, is the one gulp. But when the attempt was possessor of the only phonograph of this kind in the city. "Why," said he, discovered that their muscle was as "with this little machine I can sit nothing against the steady brace of the

"Bring the little dun mule," said the

But diplomacy finally attached him to the shore end of the chain, and when he was given the word "go" he made one jump that was accompanied by As for the publication of social gos- unforeseen consequences. The alligasip, this can do no harm provided that tor had let go for a new hold just as nalism." Here is an extract from a bed of the stream and went sailing book of Mr. Rush, Minister of the through the air. He struck close to ments. They came when the mule Everything goes into the news- caught sight of his mortal foe that had

The chain held, and the alligator holes—a genuine stampede, gotton up after running a palf mile, found the The first burst of it all upon Mad- mule in a tangle of bush, half dead ame de Stael led her to remark that the from fright, and the altogether dead

> "Golly, boss," said the colored man, "dat hide ain't worth shucks," and the condition of the saurian showed that his diagnosis was correct.

One of Mr. Carnegie's Benefactions. In 1886, Mr. Carnegie wished to build a library for Pittsburgh to cost ations and objects to be dealt with in \$500,000, but the Common Council, print; so that altogether these are under the charter then in force, could thrown upon the public in England to | not accept the conditions he prescribed. private life, what was said became on Third Ward Diamond square, known first to a few listeners, then to which he secrepted on May 20, 1886; a skew it town; but in three days a Lon- A commission of eight, four representconstruction. Ground was broken in September, 1887, and the contract called for the completion in eighteen months. Under the deed of gift Mr. Carnegie was to erect a library building at a cost of \$250,000, but he exceeded this by about \$50,000 in making improvements which the commission suggested. On its part the city agreed to maintain the library for all all time. Strangely enough there is not a book in sight save the catalogue. The 125,000 volumes are ranged upon 2600 shelves in an apa tment called the "book magazine." This is lighted by electricity and contains no woodwork save the shelves. In the large music hall which fronts on Ohio street is a \$15,000 organ, stretching across the back of the stage for a distance of forty feet and thirty-five feet high. Those who have heard it, speak highly of its beautiful tone. It has thirty sto; s. which give the performer the command of a dozen orchestras. The building includes an art gallery, in which are already many valuable pic-

The New Methodist Book Concern.

The new publishing and mission house of the Book Concern and Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, New York, is situated at Fifth avenue and Twentieth street. It covers 105 feet on Fifth avenue and 170 feet in Twentieth street. The first two stories are of granite, the next four of brick, and the seventh and eighth of granite and brick. The cost of the building will exceed \$1,000,000. The basement contains the engine room and storage cooms. Several elevators, both for freight and passengers, run in various parts of the building. The ground floor, with the exception of a part rented to a piano firm, is used by the Book Concern. The second floor is devoted to the wholesale department, and to offices for the numerous bookkeepers and the agents of the Concern. On the third floor are the bishop's offices, library and chapel. The fourth floor contains, aside from the publishing department, to which space is given on five floors, the offices of the Christian Advocate, the Quarterly Review and the board of education. A large part of the fifth and sixth floors is devoted to the bindery, while on the seventh floor are the presses. The compositors and stereotypers occupy the top floor. The Missionary Society has its offices on the tifth and sixth floors.

A Liberal German Prince.

The Prince then proceeded to utter: protest against an article of a semi-official paper, giving out as the watchword for the coming elections the suppression of social democrats and their partisans. He de lare I that he would vote against the bill. Although he was a most determined opponent of social democracy, the government must leave the people a certain free choice of means for arriving at a common end. There was in social democracy a good deal of idealism, but that quality had gradually become rare in Germany, having giving way to placehunting.

This closing remark of the Prince evoked a burst of cheers from some section of the House. The speaker received the warm congratulations of the left and centre, while the members of his own party vehemently reproached him, and compelled him to declare that he had not spoken in the name of his party.

What oxygen is to the air cheerful-

SO LITTLE MADE ME GLAD.

So little made me glad, for I was young, Flowers, a sunset, books, a friend or two, Gray skies with scanty sunshine piercing through. How little made me glad when I was young.

So little makes me happy now I'm old; Your hand in mine, dear heart, here by the fire; The children grown unto our heart's de-How little keeps us happy when we're old! And yet between the little then and now, What words of life, of thought and feeling

> What spiritual depths and heights un An me, between the little then and now! For little things seem mighty when we're

young; Then we rush onward through the chang-Ing years,
Testing the gamut of all smiles and tears,
Till mighty things seem little. We are old.

CNE VALENTINE'S DAY.

BY KEZIAH SHELTON

The early days of February came conny and smiling; the birds that had passed their northern winter in the varm b anches of the fir and spruce trees of the woods, were hopping lightly from the silvery blossomed passy willows to the fringed and tasseled hazel and alder shrubs, now and then trilling forth from their tiny throats purest spring-like songs of

Adown the hazel-bordered countryread came two resy girls clad in navy blue walking suits, with here and there in their costumes a dash of red; their bright faces and wind-tossed hair crewned with jaunty crimson varns with dark blue tassels.

Their steps were elastic with health and youth's undoubting hopefulness; they gave the finishing touch of life that made the scene a perfect one o two young men who were sitting unobserved by them in a sunny corner where two walls met, sketching the stretch of grev roadway with its shrub bearinged edges and fluttering birds.

"Be quick and sketch them, Jack, it is the one thing needed to make the theme perfect. There, they have paused, and how unconsciously graceful they are pausing! Not often do you get such an accidental touch as this, and the picture will be the envy at the Aunual Exhibition."

Rapidly the sketching went on, and ogether the girls resumed their steady tramp, keeping perfect step, and passing the two young men who looked as innocent as only the guilty can! If they had not sketched the girls, they naturally would have shown some consciousness of their approach.

in start of surprise as they su den-"What handsome, stylish young men! Did you notice the moustache of the dark-haired one? What a natural wave it bad, not that horrid waxy curl at the ends that makes you feel that it must have just come fresh from the barber's tongs," said Mabel Tinkham, who was something of an artist in her taste as regarded masculine beauty. Being herself a rich hue-l blonde, it was but natural that who

should have been attracted by the dark style of Roland Holland. "No, I did not notice the dark one as being other than a common-looking man, but the brown-bearded manwhat a figure he had! And a perfect face!" and Mary Peck, with a graceful movement of her arm, put up her hand to her hair, to assure herself that the wind had not blown it "every which "Really, are we blown quite into frights, Mabel? I wonder who those fellows are, and where they came from. One was sketching and the other leaning on the wall and looking; or do you suppose he was posing? Wouldn't he make a splendid portrait?"

"He? No, he couldn't hold a candle to the dark one. I wish we could know them, but what is the use in talking such nonsense; you and I shall never know such as he out in this wilderness! I wonder if pa will ever get his business straightened out, so that we can once more have a comfortable home in the city! For one, I am heartily tired of living out he e in the country, shut out from all society. I don't see why men who know enough to do business on change don't know enough not to get 'fleeced,' as pa calls it. Oh, dear, what made him fail all at once, and send us out here to grand-

father's?' "I don't know, I am sure; buying long and selling short and buying short and selling long, and being rich a few years, and then suddenly 'as poor as Job's turkey' is a conundrum I cannot understand. But I began to feel that when pa and his clique was rich, then somebody was fleeced and made poor; we didn't know who it was, that was all, and we just enjoyed it.

"Now pa talks about our being fleeced, and I suppose somebody is flourishing on the fleecing just as we did; and never dreaming that out here in the woods we, the fleeced, are dragging along miserably, shut out from all the things we used to have. How long have we worn these suits? Mine is actually sprouting a fringe around the bottom, sort of growing its spring foliage as one might say. I wonder if we can have some new ones this spring?"

"I don't know. We have actually worn them three years; they were the last we had before we came here two years ago the fourteenth of this month. Don't von remember we were planning such fun for the novel valentine party Lucy Hoyt had sent out invitations for? Then pa failed, and we arrived here at grandpa's the evening of the party. I thought I should die as we that night in the kitchen and watched grandpa popping corn and grandma cracking walnuts, and actually feeling that they were making a real good time for us!"

"Never fear, I remember it all; it was just horrid. And grandma says now she don't see what all our 'opportunities' have amounted to when we can't do half as much to help ourselves, as girls who never had half our "How provoked she is because we

don't want to teach; and she is right, we couldn't do it if we did wish to. She told me this morning, if I wanted a new dress I ought to find some way to earn it; that it was a shame that pa had spent thousands of dollars on our school bills piano lessons and French

board' fore and after school, has dressed moved from their set. and put money in the savings' bank:

and you two girls can't even give the siveness at last, or rather the hopelessneighbor's children lessons on a meladeon! Oh, I am sick of hearing it all; and the worst of the whole is it is true; and, as much as we hate that

.. Well, what can't be helped, can't; so what is the use of talking? We may just as well make the best of it and come right down and take what fun there is going; so let's walk on to Betty Plummer's and tell her we will accept her invitation for to-morrow night, and go right in for a good

time with the neighborhood young folks. I said at first I never would do it, bht then I did not expect to stay here forever; now I begin to think we pay. But, let's draw the line at marying, we will flirt with the boys and have a good time. 'Twill be something to take up our time. Grandpa and grandma will like all but the flirting; they will begin to have hopes of us and think we are at last growing sensible, and we can keep dark about our real opinions of folks and things. hope, though, they will not play kissing games. Just think of having grandpa's hired man kiss us! Of

course, he is invited." Betty Plummer was quite overcome by the sudden cordiality of Mabel Tinkham and her adopted sister, Mary Peck, and for the rest of the day was in quite a flutter of excitement over

the event. Roland Holland and his friend, Jack Staples, had chanced upon the Plummer farm for their halting place in this neighborhood while sketching. When they returned to a late dinner the voluble, gay-hearted Betty chattered of her morning callers, and with country freedom soon had given the young men a full history of neighbor Tinkham's oldest son who had " years ago left the farm and gone to New York as a clerk, and lately became what the country people called a stockgambler; had been rolling in money a few years, and married a city girl; later had lived in Europe a few years, and then, just as all gamblers do suddenly he began to lose, and all at once found himself at the bottom of the heap and glad enough to send his two girls to his old home, which had never been good enough for them to visit

when they had lots o' money." She told the young man that the were real nice, but couldn't do a thing to earn a dollar, and seemed actual

proud of it! Then she talked of her valentine party. and the young men having identifi Mabel Tinkham and Mary Peck as the two stylish young ladies of the morning episode, entered into Betty's plans and soon had given the quick-witted country girl some hints about valentine tricks. Betty was always ready for a good-natured joke and readily agreed to their suggestions.

In response to one of these she went over to grandpa Tinkham's on the evening of the thirteenth and told the girls of these tricks. One was for the girls to take an early morning walk on the fourteenth and the first man they met would surely be their future has band! Others were to be tried at the house. One of these was to go out into the dark, and standing on the doorstep unwind a ball of twine for a few yards and holding the end of the twine in one hand, with the other throw the ball as far out into the darkness as possible, then begin to wind up the end in their hand, repeating

"I wind this long line so very fine, Hoping to find at the other end, The love I would call my valent

The man I'd choose for lover and friend." old maid, at the end of the line would stand before the maiden ber future husband who would yield the line to her, clasp her in his arms and take his first kiss and disappear in the darkness, and when the gates were propitious she would meet this very man, perhaps be introduced to him in the nost prosaic and orthodox manner; and surely some day he would come to claim the hand of the maiden he had

kissed in the dark! "I shall go for a walk before tomorrow morning, Mary; will you go too?" cried Mabel, gleefully.

"Indeed I will not. You'll be sure meet somebody's hired man driving the cows to the spring for water," replied Mary, scornfully.

Then she continued, "I will control my impatience to see my hero until evening. I shall throw the ball of twine from our back door-step, and let it roll down the slope into the garden, and then gently draw my hero up to give me that sweet betrothal kiss, and as it is hardly proper to accept anything from a stranger, I will return it at once," and Mary joined in the general langh.

Betty went home and reported. Early the next morning Mabel went out for a walk and for half a mile met no one, not even a hired man driving cows to water, nor a milkman going toward the village.

Suddenly, as she turned a corner, she came face to face with the dark, moustached stranger she had seen a few mornings ago posing so gracefully beside the stone wall as he lifted his hat and passed around the corner.

Mabel was not more romantic than the ordinary girl, yet her heart throbbed more rapidly, and the rich He offered no explanation as to the color swaved back and forth in her shapely cheeks, as she wondered if there could be anything in such happenings, and queried mentally over and over again, "who could be be, where from, and with whom was he staying in that neighborhood, and would she maybe sometime really meet and speak

with him?" But it was time to return for breakfast, and, lo! he was returning, and politely lifted his hat once more from the close-cut, dark, curling locks.

Evening came, and Mabel and Mary were much entertained by the society into which they were for the first time introduced. Hitherto they had held themselves aloof from the young people about them.

teachers, and after all we couldn't | The remembrance of their New teach even the school in this district! York circle, their winters at Washing-And there's Nancy Farnum, who's ton, the years spent in London, Paris, never had a dollar spent on her school- Mentone and Nice had been too fresh ing, and has earned ten dollars a week | in their memories to admit of their acfor forty weeks a year, for the last knowledging that they could associate five years; has helpod her ma for her even temporarily with those so far re-

well, furnished her ma's parlor up, But the innate love of some sort of sociality had conquered their exclyness of ever resuming their old place had forced them to vield.

The hours ran on in more or le stupid games until ten o'clock, when old farmhouse and the way grandpa one by one the betrothed maidens and grandma live, we have nowhere else to be!"

one by one the betrothed maidens slipped away from the party to try some trick. Unobserved they were not, and it was easy to guess who hoped to be the favored one, as, after each girl passed out, some admiring swain was sure soon to follow.

None of the country youth dared follow stately Mary Peck, and the envious tongues whispered, "She'll not meet anyone; she holds her head too

On the back door step Mary stood half shivering with the cold night air, half with a superstitious thrill. Slowly she wound the ball after throwing it, softly repeating the rhymes as told by Betty. For awhile the line was slack as if lying along the ground, then it became a bit more taut, and soon she was sure there was some unknown attachment at the other end of the line.

When she saw a figure actually com ing toward her in the darkness, she nearly lost her self-possession; but her pride came to he aid; she would not cream and make be self an object of ridicule before those youths; she felt so much superior to them, that it would have been the last thing she could have endured. The light from a window suddenly flashed upon the advancing igure. It was the brown-bearded stranger, who at that moment clasped her in his arms, kissed her lips raptur-

ously, released her gently and disap-peared like a dream in the darkness! It was some moments ere she had recovered sufficiently to re-enter the house with a calm, undisturbed face, except for a rich, deep flush not at all an ordinary color with her.

Here she had need of all the selfossession years in society had given her, for in her absence two guests had 973 belong to the church of England arrived. Mabel was already chatting freely with Roland Holland and Jack Why prolong the story? The end

was the usual one; the new acquaint-ance soon ripened into an old; the acmusintances became friends and in time the Detroit Free Press, it has increased lovers. Then came the quiet wedding 400 per cent, as custom house figures at grandpa's; the short bridal tour, and prove. the prosaic settling down as housekeepers in two small flats in New now \$10,000 a ton. A project is on foot York, where in domestic contentment they dwelt ever after, in as great a de-

the average families. Grandma made this domestic peace possible, by persistently insisting that both girls should take daily practical of courtship should commence in learnng the art of household economies. The girls sometimes rebelled, fancying that things would manage to go on somehow without all that troub e.

But grandma had her way, knowing that a young man with a moderate income has double need of a competent home keeper.

"Pa" never made a second fortune but drifted from Mabel's to Mary's. and haunted Wall street with other ghosts of "better days."

The Visit of Count de Paris to America.

Several well-defined reasons are given to account for the decision of the Count de Paris not to return to England for some time, but to visit Caba, where his wife's family, as coheirs of the late Queen Christina, have family interests. In Cuba, it is stated, e will escape east winds, be able to judge of the state of things in the island and the prospects of the Secessionist party, and will then go to Washington, whence he will make a tour through the United States. He can do nothing just now in French politics, but he must not let himself be forgotten The Americans, as a friend of his remarked a day or two ago, are sure to make a g cat deal of him because he is a Prince, the father-in-law of the King of Portugal, a Pretender to the Crown of France, and the historian of their Civil War.

His great personal friends, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Morton, on account of their official position, social experience, and wealth, occupy a place at Washington in some respects superior to that of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, They are sure to lionise the Count de Paris, and the American journals are equally sure to help them. Of course a triumpha' tour in the United States would have a great effect in France. The excite ment going on now in Portugal has had no effect in leading the Count de Paris not to return at once to England. His feeling in regard to the Anglo-Portuguese quarrel will be shown in other ways.

The Count de Paris will be accompanied by the Countess and their children and the Duke de Chartres. He will return to Sheen House in May if the Anglo-Portuguese question settled by then .- Paris Paper.

A German "Yankee."

A full fledged German, bearing the odd name of August H. Yankee, obtained his last naturalization papers from the Clerk of the United States District Court, Boston, the other day, and is now an American citizen. Mr. Yankee's occupation is that of a farmer, and he lives in Dover, Mass. He was born in Wotschihons, Germany, in 1863, being now 27 years of age. origin of his name.

The word Yankee, as almost every body knows, is said to have originated with the Indians, who used to call the English settler the Yengeese, or Yangeese, as they could not master the correct pronunciation of the word. Whether some of the ancestors of this young man came over to America with the Hessian troops in the time of the Revolution and on their return adopted the name Yankee is not known. It is thought, however, that this may have been very possible by more than one of the officers of the court.

-There is talk about one or two English gun vessels being adapted for the use of captive balloons at sea,

NEWS IN BRIEF.

-An electric bicycle, to run upon -Dr. Sequard claims that his elixing

has cured intermitten fever neuralgia, rheumatism, insomnia and leprosy. -According to Dr. Alfred Carpenter, of 721,000 children born in England in 1888, 130,000 died before the close of

-Trees do not suffer from electric lights, as has been supposed. Dr.

Siemens is said to have proved that the electric light really aids vegetation. -The Kentucky Constitutional Convention has decided in favor of per-

mitting ministers to become Gubernstorial candidates. -Professor A. L. Garner of Roanoke. Va., declares that monkeys have a

language with a fully developed gram-mar and he is studying it.

—The Emperor and Empress of Russia will celebrate in 1881 their silver wedding at St. Petersburg. There are to be festivities on a scale of extraordinary magnificence.

-Observations at the Berlin postoffice show that underground wires are much less liable than overhead lines to dis turbance on account of magnetic storms.

-It is said that the hop vine is the best substitute for rags in the manufacture of paper. The vine pulp pos-sesses great length, strength, flexibility, and delicacy.

-It has been calculated that it would be possible to take from a section of the River Negro lakes, occupying about nine square leagues, upward of twomil-lions of tons of salt.

-An inventor is trying to prevent rallway collisions by constructing an apparatus that will give warning of ocomotive engineers when their trains get too near one to the other. -The new Masonic Temple in Chicago .

Ill., will be in effect a monument three hundred feet high and 170x140 feet at base summit. -Brazil is larger than the United States but in the whole twenty States, which make up the Republic, there are

not as many people as we have in New York and Pennsylvania. -Recently published statistics show that of the 199,473 non-commissioned officers and men in British army, 137,

and 37,278 to the Catholic church. -The mathematician of the Circinnatl Commercial Gazette says that the consumption of Maiaga grapes has increased 100 per cent, in this country in ten years. As a matter of fact, insists

-The wholesale price of whalebone is Australia to the Antartic seas, where it of continuous harmony as falls to is believed plenty of whales are to be found. It is an almost untouched whal

ing ground. -Superintendent Byrnes, of the New York police force estimates that 1000 essons in her kitchen; that the period men mysteriously disappear from public view every year, but upon investigation being made it is found that 995 of them have either gotten into trouble with a woman or are short in their accounts.

> -The latest style of horse shoe for cavalry horses on the Contient is made from layers of paper, glued together, and subjected to hydrautic pressure This is attached securely to the hoof by gutta percha, and, being very elastic, permits the expansion of the hoof. -A new operating table for veterinary surgeons is so made that the top of

it can be moved by a powerful crank, and be made to stand on edge on the floor at the side of the table. The animal is led alongside, and, while standing on its feet, is firmly lashed to the top, which is then tilted into place again. -"Sundown Doctors" is the appella tion said to be applied in the city of Wash

ington to a class of practitioners who

are clerks in the Government offices,

and who have taken a medical de-

gree with a view to practicing after the hours of their official work are over. -Machine guns, having the electrical attachment for firing, require one less man to handle them, while the gunner

can train and operate the gun at will by simply touching an electric button. -In Sydney, Australia, an assistant of the geological commission has discovered how to photograph objects at a great distance. He has gotten an mpression of landscapes at a distance of sixteen miles, and made a clear pic-

ture. -In photographing projectiles in motion no results of any importance are obtained till the velocity of the shot exceeds that of sound. But at higher speeds a wave of compression is found preceding the bullet in its flight. The shape of this wave is a hyperboloid revolution, with the apex some distance in front of the shot. Behind the projectile there is a conical wave formed. the angle of which is less the greater the

velocity. -One of the points especially noted by military observers during the recent manœuvres abroad, where smoke ess powder was used, was that in a clear atmosphere, unobserved by the smoke of battle, all bright accourre ments were seen at a great distance, thus showing the positions of the various

hodies of troops. -Relief from the buzzing and intercuptions which try the patience of persons using telephones is promised by a ystem now being tested at Providence, R. I. Two wires are used, one of copper, the other of iron, and it is claimed hat the liability of induction is removed

entirely. There is not in the world so toilsome a trade as the pursuit of fame; life concludes before you have so much as

A Great Gampier.

Philippe Ricord, the great French surgeon and specialist, was a sad rake, and one of the most inveterate and terrible gamblers to be found even in Paris. He made in the course of his professional career four or five large fortunes, but every penny of his money, or very nearly every penny of it, went to the green baize. He would receive at night, and nearly after the last visitor had left him the old man, instead of going to bed, would rake together his earnings, jump into his carriage, and drive off to the game to play till the sunlight streamed throngh the windows, and then go home, have a nap, and go to the hospital, attend his estients, or lecture. He must have had a constitution of iron to have stood such a life.