THE OLD SOD. KATHERINE TYNAN.

the eas and far away, wallow, do you remember at all, a nest in the left-ened garden wall, the the sun looked through an ivy leaves of lilac were large and

towers.
And pillared temple and stately town,
And the Holy River goes slowly down.
the sup is secking his saftron bowers,
But my heart files far to an abbey gray,
Where the dead sleep sweet and the livi

Bere's vellow chempak that Buddah loves lictus shedding her odorous breath, the orange evening is lonely as death, no sound save the croon of the mourn

The dajsied grass with the dew is pearled, And the cartie stand where the shades are

long.
The cuckoo's calling his summer song.
The angelus rings o'er a hawthorn world;
And syes I know where the lovelights be,
Are growing misty with thoughts of me. O, swallow, swallow, that land is far,
And a human body's a prisoned thing,
But you will fly a vay in the spring.
To our home where riseth, the evening star.
The blackbird's singing in some green brake
and my heart is breaking for that song's
sake.

Ezchange.

VIRTUE'S REWARD.

Two young ladies were seated on the of the "States" at Saratoga. Each had tipped her parasol over her nose at just the right angle to cast a becoming shadow and neither was at all interested in the book she held be-

Presently one of them, Miss Benton, closed her book and yawned-not a man was in sight. Then she got up and shook out all the little frills and ribbons on her gown while Miss Miller watched her with lazy interest.

"I have been wishing for the last ten minutes," she said, when the ribbons were adjusted to her liking, "that there was some way of preserving our good To condense and can them, for instance, as we do peaches. Now, this gone almost as completely as if it had never been.

·How delightful," she went on dreamily, "it would be to reproduce it some winter evening, as one does the

"As far as I can make out," said Miss Miller, "you want to eat your cake and keep it, too."

"Come," she added, springing up with sudden energy, as Miss Benton shook her head, "we'll go at once and have ours taken. I'll give you mine and you shall give me yours. I couldn't bear to think, when I part from you to-morrow, that I had left

ent made of boards and canvas. On the outside of it hung a frame filled with tintypes of all the people who, during the summer, had sighed

to see themselves as others saw them. Miss Miller stopped to inspect these with much interest.
"They look like they might be good likenesses," she said, "only the people

seem to have been very bad subjects. They are evidently excursionists from the backwoods." When she entered, after an exhaus-

tive survey of the productions of art outside, she found that Judith had already made arrangements with the young woman in charge to take their

The young woman produced a young man with very thin legs and a very large head, which made him strongly resemble a caricature, who in turn Miller. produced a camera and seated them in front of it. "Look pleasant," persuasively.

"Don't move," threateningly.
Then he pulled off a little lid, walked leisurely to the door, ran back suddenly to clap the lid on and say with a flour-

"That'll do, ladies; that's all." They go up feeling dazed and waited till the young man returned from the next room. He came in on a run, as if he had been a long distance, and

themselves. Miss Benton looked rather pensive, as if she was still thinking of the unpreserved Summer, but Judith was seated with her head on one side and defiant, devil-may-care expression that, for a tintype, was wonderfully

captivating. They expressed themselves as well pleased, each bought one and walked out leaving the other two on the counter. When they reached the hotel Miss Miller wrote on the back of hers "To Katherine Benton, from Judith Miller August, 1888." Miss Benton wrote a similar but reversed inscription on hers; then they exchanged pictures and next day parted with many promises to visit each other during the

The morning they left, the tintype man coming into his shop found their pictures on the counter and remarking that they were good specimens went outside and abstracted two of the excursionists from the frame. The void thus made he filled with Miss Miller

and Miss Benton. Mr. Stephen Howard had been spending a month canoeing among the Thonand Islands. Business called him back to New York, but he had still a few days to spare and he determined

to spend them at Saratoga. He was rather a fine looking specimen of humanity, with a comfortable

income and plenty of brains. Partly Bohemian in his tastes and partly a sodety man-a combination, his lady friends declared, which made him extremely interesting. The proper thing to do at Saratoga

is to go before breakfast to the spring you consider the lesat disagreeable or the most beneficial and imbibe. If you are a constant patron of this place of many waters you will have

your favorite spring which you are willing to maintain with your life is superior to all the others. Conversation never flags at Saratoga for this reason. Each one is fighting for his or her favorite.

Mr. Howard, not being a Labitude, followed the crowd and then strolled up the street to look about him.

In due time he came to the board to Miss Benton. tent and the frame of tintypes. He stopped to look at them and began msically wondering if they appearti as commonplace in real life as in

from, what were their histories, where they had gone to.

As his eye travelled slowly down the frame he started to find Katherine Benton gazing pensively back at him.

"How in the world," he murmured.

"How in the world," he murmured. addressing the picture, "did you get here? You and your friend in your stylish attire spoil the monotonous effect produced by your neighbors. I

will resoue you, Miss Benton, from your present conspicuous position."

On coming out of the shop he met

After he had read the morning pa pers, tried to take a nap and been disturbed by a baby, in the next seat behind, pounding him on the head, he and looked straight before him.

Something with a sharp edge cut his finger; then he remembered the tintypes. "Its very good for Katherine," he

other girl is-she's remarkably pretty. carried on behind him in piercing whispers.

"Good heavens! Betty, where do you suppose he got it. I never laid eyes on the creature before in my life and there he sits gazing at my picture as if we were old friends."

At this nothing short of superhuman effort prevented Mr. Howard from turning round. With wonderful self-control he remained quiet and waited for further developments. Betty murmured something sooth-

ing and then the irate maiden began again: "I wish I could get a good look at

doesn't he, Betty?-at least his back does. But the idea of a strange man having my picture is simply unbear able. "I should think it would be the fact

you minded," Betty mildly suggested, not the idea. Besides, he need never know it is your picture unless you talk so loud he hears you."

thought Mr. Howard. "Betty, I must get a good look at him. I'll tie on this thick blue veil to

street, stopping to look in the shop windows, till they came to a kind of ty, but evidently a gentleman." Both were silent for about ten min-

> again: "This veil is simply suffocating; I must take it off. Betty, I'm going to

rack—they're in the way. ard, "Now's my chance."

did and offered his assistance. She accepted his help without

After that she held a long conversa catch, but he heard her order the Inc. also that the name on her bag was

to do was to return the tintype.

to her himself. After a while this desire changed her and ask her to let him keep it.

presented them with four pieces of tin hard thought sent the following tele from which they gazed fixedly back at gram to Miss Benton, whose journey. ing, he discovered while at Saratoga had taken her to Newport:

Newport—
Telegraph me immediately an introduction to your friend Miss Miller. Will write explanation.
STEPHEN HOWARD.
By nine o'clock he received this au-

To Mr. Stephen Howard, Union club. Nev

York—
Miss Milier, allow me to present my friend.
Mr. Stephen Howard.

KATHERINE BENTON.

The whole affair had been so like at

adventure and so out of the common run that he almost dreaded to meet the girl for fear she would spoil all by proving stupid or uninteresting.

his card and the telegram in her hand. Of course she had no idea that Mr. Stephen Howard was the man who had possession of her picture, and, as she said afterwards, it seemed as if she and saving "well!"

that had brought them together.

"And the telegram," she said, "was such a clever idea. Where did you get

"That's a very unkind remark," he replied. "Don't you think I look cap-able of originating such a clever idea? inner consciousness. I wanted to know you. Something had to be done at once, for you might leave town at any

telegraped." Before he left he found that she expected to be in town a week. She and her aunt (presumably "Betty") were waiting for some friends with they were going to White Sulphur. That her home was in Washington, and it was not till he reached his room

ed the tintype. He sat up till late that night writing

DEAR KATHERINE-I am firmly convin you should have been a soldier. You possess the very quality to make you shine in the profession of arms—prompt obedience.

I can never sufficiently thank you for the

like to see things harmonious and I

some friends, slipped the tintypes into his pocket and thought no more about them till he was seated in the train the

dug his hands moodily into his pockets

reflected. "I'll ask her to let me keep it when I see her. I wonder who the The face was full of possibilities and he went on building up a history for it till suddenly aroused from his reverie by an exciting conversation

The baby had long since disappeared

and two ladies had taken its place.

summer has been perfect; but it has him. He looks like a gentleman,

"I suppose they imagine I'm deaf."

walk down the car to get some water.' A short pause and then a young lady of medium height and good figure you without the comfort of a tintype." | walked sedately past. After she was So tify sauntered slowly up the again seated she delivered her opinion. "He's not exactly good looking, Bet

utes and then this fair unknown began

put these shawls and bags up in "Now," thought Mr. Stephen How-

He stood up at the same instant she word and he was careful to show no signs of recognition.

tion with Betty too low for him to gage to be sent to the Windsor Hotel and he had seen for himself that the tintype in no way did her justice-

As soon as Mr. Howard reached his room he sat down to think out the situation. Obviously the thing for him

But how? To be sure, now that he knew her name he could leave it at the hotel for her: but then he was distinctly conscious of a desire to give it

and he felt he would much rather know This he determined to do, and after gram to Miss Benton, whose journey

To Miss Katherine Benton, Riggs Cottage

Armed with this telegram and tin-type he at once started for the Wind-

She came in almost immediately with stood before him for a week gasping

In reality it was not five minutes before they were both laughing and explaining and interrupting each other to wonder at the strange course of events

Evidently you don't know me. That stroke of genius was evolved from my moment. I rose to the emergency and

that he remembered he had not return-

curiosity.

The day after you left Saratoga I arrived, and while strolling about came face to face with your ladyship in a tintype. You were hung out with a frame full of

You were hung out with a frame full of other unfortunates as specimens of the high class of work done within the establishment. Having an idea that you would not be altogether pleased with your position if you knew of it, I rescued you and also one who seemed to be a kindred spirit.

On the train, next day, while gazing in rapt admiration at yourself and K. S., I became suddenly aware from certain indignant sounds behind me that no lesss a person than the original kindred spirit had the next seat back.

I at once saw in this remarkable coins

I at once saw in this remarkable coincidence the finger of fate. The finger most emphatically pointed towards an introduction uction.

By careful attention to what was said beand me I found that her name was Miller and her destination the Windsor.

As soon as I arrived I sent you that re-markable telegram, and there, my dear Katherine, you have the whole story up to

date.

No! The childlike simplicity of my nature will allow me to conceal nothing. I have just spent two hours with her and I find her, as the novels say, "all my fondest fancy painted," or in plain English, an extremely painted," or in plain English, an extremely pretty and attractive girl.

Farewell. Now that I have given you enough material to build up a wonderful romance I will leave you to its construction.

Only don't blame me if it never comes true. Blame your kindred spirit.

Yours truly,

STEPHEN HOWARD.

The next afternoon he took her out driving and he never remembered enjoying a drive so much. He told her the names of the people they passed and what they were noted for. Mostly men who were so rich they were obliged to stay in town all summer to

look after their money. He noticed that nearly all of them looked admiringly at the girl beside him and it pleased him-he felt as if her beauty, in some way, reflected

great credit on himself. He made some excuse to see her every night and often in the daytime. The few New Yorkers she knew were out of town, so he had her all to him-

Alas, that good times should end so quickly? One night when he called he found his week of bliss was over. Aunt Betty informed him their friends had arrived and they were to start for the "White" in the morning. She hoped they would have the pleasure of seeing him in Washington next winter, which hope her niece demurely

city exceedingly hot and stupid.

He left undone that which he ought to have done and spent the morning at the club trying to extract amusement from the other loungers. About seven o'clock a brilliant idea occurred to him-

Next day Mr. Howard found

"By Jove!" he exclaimed, "I've forgotten to give her that tintype. "White" Miss Miller was standing on the hotel plazza, when she saw Stephen Howard, her embodied thought as it happened, slowly sauntering towards her with the air of having been there all summer.

In a brought the Eastern frontier of our Surmese territory considerably nearer the Western frontier of the French possession, which has procured for M. Jules Ferry the epithet, meant to be opprobrous, of "Le Tonquin-ois," and which used to be known in England, chiefly as producing a lay.

A cold April.

She fully expected him to say "Why,

ning surprises of various kinds for your friends," she asked, "or am I specially favored?" ·Now this is a very pretty compliment delicately conveyed," he answered, with a laugh. "I assure you, Miss Mil-

world and required no explanation.

"Do you spend all your time plan-

get told my presence is a special fa-"I don't think I meant to convey any such impression. Would you like me to show you some of the beauties it appears, have revived an antiquated of the place, now that you are here?"

"If you mean the beauties of nature -the inanimate-nothing I should like better." Nevertheless by the time they had eached the extreme end of the lawn they sat down by mutual consent under

one of the trees. "It is pretty here," she remarked. "It seems a pity to go any further."

A long silence followed, broken only by the sounds from the hotel, softened by the distance to a murmur. "Miss Miller" he began abruptly, "I

ame down here to bring you back your tintype." She looked at him in smiling astonishment. "That was very kind of you; but

ouldn't you have mailed it? I am o much throuble." Miss Miller, like the rest of her sex, vas more or less a hypocrite.

He had laid the picture on the grass He had laid the picture on the grass and included the hand before him and she held out her hand not only become dangerous neighbors to ensure warm weather about Christfor it. He took no notice of the action. "I wonder if you would give it to me," he said, "if I asked you for it? But I'm afraid the picture wouldn't satisfy me now that I have known the original. I would like the picture as a surety of the reality. Do you think, Burmese and other adjacent territories Miss Miller, there is any chance of of the Empress of India, constitutes the fine weather after. At Coleshill, in

I keep the picture?" They were in full sight from the hotel, so from all appearances they might have been discussing the weather. But that night Katherine Benton at Newport received another startling telegram. It read as follows:

Congratulate me. Lucky fellow. Have won original of tintype. S. Howard.

"Disgusting!" exclaimed Miss Benton as she tossed it from her. "He actually counted the words."

The French manufacture a paper linen so cleverly that it is almost impossible without examination to detect the difference between it and damask; and even to the touch the articles made of papier linge are very much like linen, and are used for many purposes to which ltnen is applicable

Petroleum wells have been discovered among the coal beds of Alabama. A machine for making shoe strings out of paper is a recent Philadelphia

SIAM AND THE SIAMESE.

Siam is a kingdom about which a good deal has been written, but of Queen, to whom they brought magnifi- representation of Mount Merutropical products flourish, valuable timber abounds; and the only partly-developed mineral wealth of the country is immense. In one respect the Siamese have been fortunate. The ried in state thrice round the base of Sovereigns have often been far super- th hill. kok, the capital, has the electric light, tramcars, and Government offices of lence of slavery. Further and much-needed reforms are expected from him, but even were the political and fiscal administration of the kingdom very much better than it is, the Siamese, light-hearted nation of Buddhists, fond f amusement, and accustomed to frequent holidays, are little fitted to develop the great resources of their coun-Its internal trade is chiefly in the hands of Chinamen, who, with the Malays, add some millions more to the

the policy of Siamese royalty to settle at Bangkok, and to develop the external trade of Siam. THE SIAMESE QUEEN, Political complications, we said, have areated a Siamese question Its origin and development call for some explana tion. Siam, it will be seen by a glance at the map, occupies the largest part of the Indo-Chinese peninsula, and has on the West British Burma as it was before the annexation of Upper Burma. While Upper Burma remained under of Stam lay between the British Burma of that period and the French possessions, for such they really are, in Annam. Collisions between the English and French in the Indo-Chinese peninsula were, therefore, very unlikly. But the annexation of Upper Burma has brought the Eastern frontier of

England chiefly as producing a bean much prized by a certain class of snuffwhen did you come?" just as first ar-rivals always do to later ones. He French and English, lie districts in "good morning," as if his being there was the most natural thing in the world and required no cycles in the recognized by the King of Siam, but ons—a bright sun and a cold wind whose future is not yet fixed. Further often bearing each other company—is north are the British Shan States, an well known, and that old physician was anners as it were of the new British sagacious who i used to say to his province of Upper Burma. Now patients:through the territories just mentioned runs southward, and then through the whole depth of the peninsula, the River Mekong Eastward of the Mekong In Shropshire, there is a well known ler I appreciate it. It's not every day I Valley, and between it and French Annam, is a range of mountains which have been hitherto regarded as the western limit of the French possessions. But the French, and obsolete claim set up by the old Kingdom of Cambodia (to which their possessions in the Indo-Chinese peninspla once belonged). They are said to be rapidly advancing westward towards the Shan States in the north and wards the Shan States in the north and the British protected districts in the St. Swithin's day, it is the Saint christsouth, so as to bring their new frontier within dangerous proximity to ours, Banbury say that when in August the with the further disadvantage of in- wind has been south two or three days. creasing our difficulties in the way of delimitation. The immediate object of the French is to make the Mekong their boundary on the west instead of the mountain range which formerly separated them from that river and its valley. They are surveying the territory between the Mekong and Annam,

If dry be the buck's horn and contemplate starting steamers on it. Now the Mekong, after entering Siam proper, makes further south a detour to the east, and in the rough sorry you thought it necessary to take triangle thus formed by it, with the

mountain range on its east, lies the distinctly Siamese province, Luang Prubang. Thus, if the French estab lish tnemselves on the Mekong, they a province undoubtedly Siam's. It is "the ice bear a man before Christmas, impossible to say where the work of it will not bear a mouse after," and the annexing Stamese territory thus begun will end, if a check is not promptly and decisively given to it, and this, with the danger of a French approach to the

my longings ever being gratified? May new and important Siamese question. A BOYAL HAIR-CUTTING IN SIAM. Siamese children have their hair cut only once, and this important ceremony takes place at the age of four-teen. Up to that time youths of both sexes have their heads closely shaven say at Bewdley—

Siam took place on the 22nd of January

of this year, and the event was cele-brated with a degree of splendor and ectat bitherto unequalled in the history of the country. Siam, from its warm and sunny climate, and the character of its people, is particularly well adapted for pageant and pantomimic displays. The Siamese are passionately fond of sparking jewelery, brilling the biography of his father. He has been engaged upon the work a long time.

The most prominent of the surviving work of organizing these demonstra-tions with a zeal and earnesiness which plodding Europeans reserve for dull business alone. An ever-changing variety of procession and triumphsi A Cincinnati (Ohio) child has been reclaimed from idiocy by the operation of craniotomy.

Chicago is about to add to its attractions a steel chimney, 250 feet high.

A locomotive is running on the Chicago and Alton road which consumes its own smoke.

A Cincinnati (Ohio) child has been wariety of procession and triumphal marches was kept up for seven days, and when to these were added the glamour of purely Oriental surroundings, picturesque brilliancy of colored temples, fretted and golden minarets, and, above all, an unparalleled display which may be cured by Hall's Hair Remembroidery, it was crousable if the on-

looker really began to wonger if the

whole scene was not merely a fantasy of On each of these days the king and which very little is generally known, his son appeared in costly State robes, Up to a comparatively recent period and from a highly-adorned pagoda it was chiefly associated in the minds witnessed fantastic dances, and the inof most Englishmen with the famous terminable processions which defiled Siamese twins. It was not untill 1857 past. On the morning of the fourth that, after several failures, a treaty of day the top-knot of the Crown Prince friendship and commerce was negotiated between England and Siam. In the one of the Palace buildings, in the following year a transient interest in presence of the hightest nobility and Siam was aroused in the British public officials. Immediately after the cereby the arrival of ambassadors from mony the Prince was carried in a gilt Bangkok, and their reception by the palanquin, supported by nobility, to a cent presents. Since then, the de- mythical abode of the God Siva-which velopment of commercial relations be- had been erected in the courtyard. tween this country, especially between At the base of this hill he was copious-British India and Siam has been considerable, and political complications, to be adverted to further on, have created a Siamese Question The area an elegant and richly gilt pagoda. Here of Siam proper is more than twice that the young Prince was invested with a of the United Kingdom, and the native crown and sword by his royal father, population is not much above six millions. In large sections of it the chief were privileged to be present, and

ior in energy and enlightenment to most Asiatic potentates. The late King of Siam and his successor have done what they could to introduce the forms of Western civilization. Bangtended in person—the three Ministers in residence here—those of Great European architecture, and the present King has also shown himself a re-States—also had the unique privilege former of abuses, especially of the of participating along with the Siames worst of Siamese social evils, the uni-versality of serfdom and the preva-Crown Prince

THE WEATHER AND THE MONTHS.

This is what the old folks thought. If January be warm or windy, March and May will be cold. A warm day on nev clothes, haven't I? I'm not cer ain. Would you er advise me to hev the first of the year was always thought unlucky. Says a sixteenth-century poet of the North Country:—

If January kalends to summerly gay, 'Twil be winterly weather to the kalends of estimated population already stated. Railways are being constructed, and Europeans have been encouraged by A wet February was regarded as the precursor of a fine Summer, and it was the custom in some of the old country churches to "pray for rain" about the feast of St. Valentine. One old coup-

> All the months in the year Curse a fair Februeer. and there was a saying in the Vale of White Horse, in Berkshire: - "When gnate dance in February, the farmer becomes poor. There is an old proverb still current

among the farmers in the Staffordshire

A wer March makes a sad harvest. According to a tradition familiar throughout provincial England the weather at the beginning and at the end of March is always transposed.

Hence the old saying, "If March comes Humbling an Autocrat.

A warm May is considered bad for health. Hence the old saying in Bedfordshire:-A hot May makes a fat churchyard That the weather in May is treacher

saying:-July is chiefly noted for the old tra-

Rain in June is deemed fortunate

st. Swithin's Day, if thou dost rain, For forty days it will emain; St. Swithin's Day, if thou be fair, For forty days, 'twill rain nae mair.

In the South part of Leicestershire, ening the apples. The shepherds around wind has been south two or three days, and it suddenly grows hot, and you see clouds arise "with great white tops rike towers," there will be thunder and added to our numerical strength, and rain very soon.

In September, the Scotch folk attach

If dry be the buck's horn On Holyrood morn 'Tis worth a kist of gold

On the 80th October is St. Luke's Day, and often brings a short spell of warm weather which is known as "St. Luke's little Summer." Ice and cold in November, are said

Buckinghamshire folk have a saying that there will be a flood at Christmas "if there is ice in November that will bear a duck." Thunder in December, is a sign of

Warwickshire, the farmers use to say-This means that fine weather at Christ-

mas is not to be desired, either on ac-

sexes have their heads closely snaven with the exception of a small topknot, the cutting of which indicates that the child has attained his majority, and is child has attained his majority, and is other weather lore, not borne out by the returns of the Registrar-General, if less noetical and romantic are much more reliable, and much more suited to the soberminded folk of this practical nineteenth century.

> FREDERICK W. SEWARD, son of the late William H. Seward, has finished

Battle Cry of Freedom." "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," and "The Vacant Chair." is living at an advanced age in

A Victim of Confidence.

As I stood one delicious Spring day on the steps of the Court House at Fargo, Dakota, now North Dakota, a homely and hay-seedy young man hipsalted up the walk, and, pausing n front of me, said: "Say, mister, I hev \$50." "Yes," I replied, curtly, and hardly alf in a tone of query. " An' I want ter know how to spen it. I ain't no drinkin,' ner gamblin,

ner immoral critter, any way, "Better seek out some of the poor cople in the back alleys over yonder,' sneered. "Plenty of places in which to put an over-plus of money. They an spend your \$50 for you a sight better than you can.' " Er hull \$50?" "Yes, er hull \$50."

er part uv it.' Ah?" "Yaas. Think I'd er better give all er it erway?" " No; not under the circumstances." " Man said ter me this mo'hin' that

" But er hey ter mosey to home on

ersition at \$200 er week, sellin' books. Think I oughter take er position?" " Hardly." " 'Nother man wanted me ter take ticket in er lot'ry. Sure thing, \$500

of I'd give 'im \$100, 'eed fine me er

"I think you needed it badly." "Couldn't you put me onter a job?" He pulled out a roll of \$5 bills and ounted them carefully.

for \$5; but I wanted advice."

emarked. "Doan know how to spen" his. How'd you spen' it?" "In various ways. You might get good suit of clothes, visit the theatre "Visit the the-aye-tur? Thet's whut our preacher says is the doorway uv the devil. No, sir-r-r! Clothes? I

"Never wus in er city afore," he

more?" "Well, I'll see two or three others, in' ef they say clothes, clothes it is." "As I was passing the Police Court next morning a voice called:-

I went in. Standing and waiting a rial was my hero. His clothes were orn, bloody and muddy. He had a black eye and a gory gash on his left were missing.
"Mister," he whimpered, I hain't

got er cent. Can't you pull me though?

Man advised me to go with him and I

"Mister!"

went. Got in er room, an' he kicked, an' gouged, an downed me, an' took all er my money." "Served you right," I replied, and stepping over to the desk I told the Police Judge all about the prisoner.

The autocrat of the seaside resort s not the man with his millions, but the hotel cook. The clerk in the office may imagine that he owns most of the earth and the head waiter may feel that he has a warranty deed of the remainder, but when you come right down to facts the boss of the kitchen is the boss of the ranch. He is the un-

At our hotel the soup had invariably been seasoned so high with cayenne pepper that not one out of ten could ould taste it. The same was true of he devilled clams. One day I made kick and in five minutes I had half a dozen guests with me. We interviewed the landlord and his reply was: "I have nothing to say about it

seen power behind the throne to which

ou must go to the chief cook." We sought an interview with that nagnate. He was a colored man with the dignity of a Roman Senator

We made our complaint and he re suit my taste."

"But it doesn't suit ours." "Can't help dat, sah. "We want less "Can't help dat "Do you refuse to make a change?" "I certainly do, sah. I 'lows' no ody to tell me what to do." We returned to the veranda and vent into convention. Every minute

in a quarter of an hour we numbered forty men. Then it was unanimously Resolved. That if the cook refuses to use less pepper we seek some other hotel. Delegates were appointed to wait on the landlord, and he replied:

"Gentlemen, I am sorry, but I dare not interfere. Forty rooms were vacated, forty runks packed, and then mine host wiled. He called in the cook, and though that individual attempted to stand on his dignity he had to wilt. By this figure res time the excitement was intense, and had the forty gone they would have een followed by a hundred more. 'Less pepper" was the watchword all over the house, and it meant a great deal to that landlord. We kicked, we saw, we conquered, and the next soup and clams exactly suited the popular taste. The cook is still the unseen power behind the throne, but he has

skipped a cog and no one is afraid of him any longer .- Detroit Free Press. Made Him Downhearted. "It always sort o' makes me feel sad and downhearted to read about the prodigal son in the Bible," said Farmer silkens to his male offspring who was

ome on his Summer vacation.

"Yaws," echoed the old man as his tips curled contemptuously, "he came back honorable and flat-footed. I've done wrong an' I want another "Y-a-a-s?" "Yaws; he didn't come back to the

ouldn't you let me have a twenty to keep up my end with the fels at the Not much he didn't. And the old man beaved a sigh and went out to feed the hogs.-Merchant-

Theodore Roosevelt wear a flannel

shirt in Washington. His colleagues

on the Civil-Service Commission have

Pops, ole boy, I'm dead broke;

refused to follow his example in this There is nothing which man so much hates as to be told the truth about him-

SOME PAPER NOVELTIES.

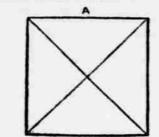
L-CHINESE JUNE

aono the many curiosities made from a single piece of paper. I have seen ats, tea-cups, fish, frogs, and even a kettle in which you could boil water.

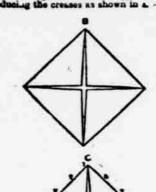
The greatest curiosity in my collection, however, is a paper "Junk" made by a life an hour. It has sails, two seats, and a hold, and for year with the sails, two seats, and a hold, and for year with the sails, two seats, and a hold, and for year with the sails, two seats, and a hold, and for year with the sails, two seats, and a hold, and for year with the sails, two seats, and a hold, and for year with the sails, two seats, and a hold, and for year with the sails, the sails of the the benefit of those who would like to "try a hand" at making one, I will endeavour to

nious toy.

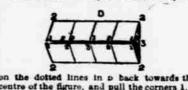
Take a square piece of paper (not too thick, but of medium quality) and fold it in half at the opposite angles, then unfold it

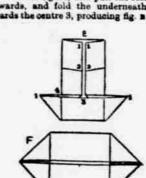


and fold it again at the other opposite angles



Now take each corner and fold it in to the Now take each corner and roll it in to the sentre, or where the creases cross, producing fig. a. Next turn the corners from the sentre back to the edge (fig. c); now take any two corners on the same side of the square (corners marked 1, 1) and fold at 2, 2, so that the points 1, 1 shall be directly in a line with the points 3, 2; repeat this on the corner with the points 3, 8; repeat this on the oppo-site side, then unfold and repeat on the two remaining sides, leaving it in the form p; fold



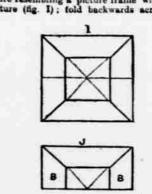




By pulling the flap on the inside of each boat outwards (fig. o), and folding across the dotted lines in fig. o in the order of the



back or underneath, and you will have nbling a picture frame without a



dotted line and you will have J, and by



at fire you don't succeed, try, try, try

-One of the commercial novelties of

-A man breathes about twenty times in a minute or twelve hundred times

year will amount to 26 000 000 -The British War Office has given

-The Simplon tunnel will need eight

-The area of Boston is set down by

the surveying department as including 23 707 acres. -It is estimated that the British

-The dogs of Mercer county, Penn-sylvania, killed \$8000 worth of sheep

-British iron and steel exports to America, Argentine and Europe show a serious failing off.

Fair will be 1400 feet loug, and the second building in size on the grounds. -The largest brickkiln ever lighted in

-Portugal has reduced the import duty ou wheat. That nation hopes to

-Chicago's post office is credited with doing more registered letter business than any other post office in the

-"Fortis" is a new explosive invented at Liege, France, said to be more powerful than anything known up to -- An automatic machine which forms,

paper or fifty, is a recent invention.

ments. -The progress of cotton cultivation in this country has advanced from 900, 000 bales in 1830 to over 11,000,000

-Within fifty miles of the coast of Japan a depth of more than five and one-quarter miles was reached without striking bottom. -Frederick B. Didler, of Bultimore,

England, and Edinburgh, which is done without a stop is at present the longest run in Great Britain The excessive amount of vibration

-By order of the German Emperor no more children in the empire will be baptized with names that perpetuate the memory of socialists or anarchists.

being an increase of 382,000 stace

nually. Of the increase in this trade last year the United States gained 80

countries. The country is said to be well adapted to the breeding of the hardler descriptions of English mutton sheep. employes of the owner-live on a 5000

great as Yorkshire, which includes atmost every sort of shooting that the country affords. -Electrical illumination has made astoni-hing strides in London. There are now as many as 325,000 lamps in

ed States 14 056,750 horses, 2 296,532 mules, 16,019,591 cows,36,875,648 oxen and cattle, 48 431, 136 sheep and 50,625 -The United States has been invited by Russia to send a representative to a

onference to discuss the establishment of an international bureau for the exchange of intelligence about mercantile failures. -Good faith is the richest excheque

sources increase with its payments. No man can become rich by never giving away anything.

would see more sunshine. Sin is only limited by ability. A flea would kill an elephant if it could, When everything else seems to be giving away, try standing on a promise.

brouble never happen. Bethlebem, Penn., has the biggest

NO. 45. NEWS IN BRIEF. the Maine coast is a floating jewelry

-The wool production of Ohio this

30 000 worn-out belimets to the Salvation Army.

years and a half to bore, and will cost

mines will be exhausted in less than 600

last year.

-Machinery Hall, at the World's

avoid an advance in the price of bread. -Ex-Senator Tabor has sold the

-A document envelope that works like a telescope, adjusting itself to one

fills and weighs packages and then seals them is used in many large establish-

-Fort Worth, Texas, has the artesian well that flows 864,000 gallons of pure water daily, the largest in the world,

centre of the figure, and pull the corners 1, 1 the Chillan government for munitions outwards, and fold the underneath part 8, of war furnished. -The 1244 miles between Newcastle

has a modest claim of \$4,000,000 against

-In the city of St. Petersburg, Rus sia, it begins to freeze at the end of October, and a general thaw rarely taker place before the beginning of April. -India raises one bushel of wheat

-The population of New South Wales,

Australia, according to the census re-

turns is 1.134 000, exclusive of Chinese.

-Three steamers from Syria and Egypt recently unloaded at Marseilles, France, 400,000 ergs, 107 casks of yolks of eggs, and 725 baskets of fresh toma-

-The export trade in the Bahama

Islands amounts to about \$2,000,000 an-

per cent. -The island of Martinique, which was recently devastated by a cyclone, numerals, you will have a purse; extend this is the most beautiful island in the West Indies. It was there that the Empress Josephine was born.

> acre farm in Knox county, Ind., and a large schoolhouse is provided to meet the wants of their olive branches. - Norway is becoming observed as a country for sportsmen. One rich Engli hman has leased a tract almost as

use, and the capital invested in the various plants amounts to \$15,000,000. -The census men found in the Unit-

of Governments, for, the more it is drawn upon, the firmer it is, and its re-

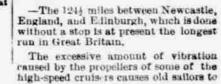
There are millions of taskmasters who never cracked a whip. If some of us would look up more we

Wrong living is caused by wrong thinking. The things which cause us the most

Maine was one of 800,000 bricks fired at Fairfield a few days ago.

Poorman Mine, at Caribou, Col., to Leonard Gow of Scotland for \$650,-

bales in 1890.



become homesick.

per head of her population, the United States over seven bushels per head, and South Australia nineteen bushels.

-Patagonia is the most recent addition to the list of frozen meat exporting