MIFFLINTOWN, JUNIATA COUNTY, PENNA., WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1892.

DEAD.

Oh weary eyest that oft did weep, Closed now: rest well in dreamless sleep, Oh tired hands! that did their best, On heart! so torn with love and pain, Thy , publes ne'er can come again. Oh busy brain! so full of thought, Thy work is ended: all is nought,

On feet! that trud life's stony road, There's rest for you neath grassy sod And thou, sh soull that wing'st thy flight From earth's dark prison into light-

Great gain, oh soul! be thine for aye-

### THE STORY OF THE JAPAN-ESE FANS.

Three Japanese fans hung upon trawing-room wall, their handles tred ogether with a big yellow bow. They were very beautiful fans, and everybody who came to the house admired them very much. They had painted ladies beels into the lake. npon them, and gentlemen dressed in did not seem to mind. And, while scatlet and gold, with pigtails as long they went home to change their clothes, they went home to change their clothes, day long, so perhaps they liked it.

And there were screens of peasilver embroidery. But there was

Little Lucy thought so, too, as she ber shoes.

the brown es how tired they were of as to say: looking at the peacocks' feathers and own country, and show her its wonders so tender-hearte I and sympathetic that they went straight to the King and ceited little house in astonishment, the Queen of Japanese Fan-land, and host came out of it. He had two pigand Queen consented, to the brownies' great delight.

night when she was wakened by a gen- iy to come in and dine with him. tle touch upon her cheek, and rubbing at the sleepy child from the bottom of satisfaction. the bed, doing it so vigorously that

confusion. "Come with us, Lucy," they cried in wonderingly. soft chorns; "we are going to Japan we may take you too."

How pleased Lucy was, to be sure. She sprang out of bed, and began ask- works a tremendous lot of expense. ing excitedly for her clothes. But the You see the Town Council has no need ladies had thought of that beforehand, to bother after taps and drainage, and and before she could say a word, they a comfortable water supply. We've a put her into a long silver skirt that good many of them in Japanese Fanwobbled against her toes as she walked; | land," he added looking up at the blue cramming her soft little body into a stream. queer round-shaped garment, all coverpattern, popped curly shoes upon her of steps, as easily as she could have unfeet and tiny round fans into her hair, rolled a reel of silk, and bung them and floated away with her down the out over the balcony. And all the little staircase, into the dark stillness of the ladies and gentlemen tripped daintily

"How shall we go?" asked Lucy, wonderingly, but the little ladies and | The host said dinner was ready, and

Why, straight into the jar of potpourri. so many balls of thistledown.

ting in its corner, and walked quietly humanity, came to the conclusion that away, through the drawing-room door, Japanese Fan land must have laws across the hall, and out into the dewy of gravitation of its own. moonlight of the summer night. And then set off at a comfortable jog-trot but there was nothing to eat or to down the garden, swaying with a soft drink except tea. In Japanese Fan-motion, the little ladies and gentlemen land they never do drink anything lying among the cushiony leaves.

Lucy was quite excited by this time,

peep out of the jar, and see where in see nothing through the top of the their powers of digestion. but a bit of moon and three stars. were uncertain as to the exact routeit was so long since they had seen the not be anxious; the brownies would see that they arrived safely at their desti-

And with this Lucy had to be conrising ground presently, for the jar puffed and panted a little heavily, al-

"We must get out here," said the hung all over with silver bells. little ladies and gentlemen in a chorus. And, as before, they floated upwards, host, and sailed away in the little boat through the mouth of the jar, and sank gently downwards until they stood with very bluest stream that Lucy their feet upon the ground.

upon the borders of a moonlit lake. the ground where they stood. But, right in the centre of the brightest spot right in the centre of the brightest spot of moonlight, floated a little boat, shaped like a beautiful white swan, and rowed by twelve men who wore long never troubled its head about the way rowed by twelve men who wore long it went; but then there are no boards

gentlemen to them, and so Lucy and where more almond-eyed ladies were her quaint wee friends sprang into the drinking more tea, under funny droopboat, and were rowed away into the ing trees that were trimmed with blue shining silver of the lake, while the jar and scarlet ribbons, and that seemed just waited to see that they were safe, and to grow upon nothing. And occasion and then turned round, and trotted ally it flowed right over the ladies contentedly home again.

which way they were going, she was chiefs when they caught sight of the so busy admiring the boatmea's short little blue boat. tackets and pale green baggy trousers. | Sometimes, by way of a change,

But presently the little ladies and gentlemen all broke out into a cry of delight, and, looking up, Lucy saw an island stretched away before them, and and startle the storks, or would pay a label with the storks. knew that it must be Japanese Fan-land. What a funny shape it was, to again as if nothing had happened, be sure. One little neck of land stuck | while running through a gentleman's straight out towards them, and the private mansion was quite a common mainland swept away from it in an immense circle. And in the distance the in the very least. whole island looked like a wonderful

mosaic of coloring. They drew nearer and nearer, however and presently came to a little landing-place and then the boatmen helped them to slight. And, touching helped them to slight. And, touching the grass; roses twice as large as Lucy's the ground with their heads three head tied together with magenta by which they meant to say "Good-bye," sprang back into the little boat and rowed away. A great many of the inhabitants of

the island were gathered together to and stariling than the last. welcome the little ladies and gentlemen, for the brownies had sent word that they were coming. And so much saluting went on, so much touching of the ground with be-pig-talled heads, that Lucy felt quite giddy. Indeed, by the time they had finished, several of the gentlemen had quite lost their balance, and had turned head-over-

that they were a leiting on the top of the rest of the party walked on into the and other's besits? They smiled all interior, chattering so constantly and day long, so perhaps they liked it. There was a great par of potpourri bewildered. She was quite sure, too, telow them that scented the whole that they were glancing at her feet, which really seemed enormous in comcock feathers, and Eastern draperies in Parison with their own. And, although they were too polite to say anything, nothing quite so beautiful as the Japan-se fans.

shood underneath them every day, and she wished that she could go to the country whence the beautiful ladies and gentlemen came. They would soon she forgot all about her feet, in the wonders of the island. For there However, they were very kind to willingly have taken her, for they were, oh! so tired of sitting on the top were, oh! so tired of sitting on the top were in it, oh! such marvelous things. First of all, they came to a quaint of one another upon the drawing-room First of all, they came to a quaint wall. And somehow the brownies got little house built in a circle, and with to hear of their wish, and came one a golden ball whirling around on the top. But the funniest thing about it evening to see if they could do any-thing for the patient laties and gentle-was, that it was built upon nothing at men with the gay clothes and the pig. all. It just balanced itself up in the Well, the ladies and gentlemen told looked down upon the world as much

"I am no common house I am an smelling the everlasting potpourri.

And they said, too, how much they should like to take little Lucy to their

You will be to take little Lucy to their

You will be to take little Lucy to their You will find me comfortably furnished, And the brownies were and of superior attractions. Well, while Lucy gazed at the con-

begged them to release their faithful tails which r ached down to his heels, begged them to release their latitude and a long blue cost trimmed with subjects for one night. And the King and Open consented to the brownies' teapots. And he bent himself double to do honor to the little ladies and Little Lucy was in dreamland that gentlemen, and invited them gracious-

Well, after a little consultation they her eyes and looking up in wonder, accepted the invitation. But while she saw a dark-haired lady with they were making up their minds, Lucy almond-shaped eyes, bending over her, had time to notice what she had not observed before. And that was that ting upon the counterpane, fanning little stream, coming apparently from herself languadly, and a third and a nowhere, flowed uninterruptedly down fourth were exploring the wonders of one of the chimneys, and issued from the toilet-table, puffing their faces with the back door of the little house, as unbaby's powder, and rubbing lip salve concernedly as if nothing had been in on their ceeks for rouge. While a its way. The host saw her look at it, whole row of riny gentlemen nodded and nodded his head with much self-"Ah!" he said, "that's a fine thing

their pigtails flew up and down in wild now, isn't it?"

"What is it for?" asked Lucy,

"Well, it isn't for anything, exactly Fan-land, and the brownies say that he told her; "it just happened to be there. But you've no idea how con-

Lucy was very much impressed, and over with a wonderful crimson still more so when he unrolled a flight up them, and went inside the quaint hanging house.

gentlemen all said "Hush!" together, himself led the way into the dining with a friend. "You can't expect me and then, where do you think they room. Such a pretty room, all over to love shoemakers just when my own fans and funny red feathers and silver stars. And little tables were dotted They seemed to float rather about with only two legs spiece, and than to climb up its shining sides, and those both on the same side, so that but to sink lightly down on to the soft the tops balanced themselves aloft in tea. brown rose-leaves, as if they had been the curious fashion peculiar to Japanese Fan-land. The only wonder was And then a very strange and wonder- that the tea-trays did not fall off on the ful thing happened. The pot-pourri floor, but, somehow, they didn't, jar got up from where it had been sit- Lucy, who was a wise little morsel of

The host had invited them to dinner, except ten. It was very sweet and hot, however, and Lucy enjoyed it very and would very much have liked to much. As for the little ladies and the world they were going. She could gentlemen, they drank cup after cup,

Well, when dinger was over, they all The little ladies and gentlemen were of them turned to her, as their most not so curious The jar knew the way, honored guest, and asked her what she they said. For their own part they would like to do. She didn't hesitate a moment. She said, that above all things, she would love to sail away company's time-tables. But Lucy need down the little stream that flowed out of the back door.

All the little ladies and gentlemen looked very much pleased indeed. It was just what they had been dying to tent. They seemed to come to some do themselves, only they had been too polite to say so. So the host sent a message by one of his servants, an l though it stumped along as gallantly very soon a funny little boat was waitas over; and then; all of a sudden, it gave a lit-le hop into the air and stood qui'e still.

Very soon a many little work a little work and then in the modele, and had a tiny wooden house in the middle, painted blue, and

So they said good-bye to their gentle down the blue stream. It was the Where were they? Why, standing by a streak of white running down the ever seen, only varied here and there middle. And, as they sailed along it, The trees drooped dark and heavy about it, and the shadows blackened at middle. And, as they sailed along it, the little silver bells played the sweetest music in the world.

And oh! what wond rful thing they pigtails, fierce moustaches, and large in Japanese Fan land, with "Trespasshady hats.

They beckened the little ladies and then the stream went into a garden ontentedly home again. heads, but they just looked up and Lucy had no time at first to notice nodded to it, and waved their handker-

occurence, and did not alarm anybody

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Then, too, they saw such marvelous sights on the journey. Storks balancing themselves on trees a great deal smaller than themselves; silver and gold stars growing like flowers among streamers; wonderful birds with long red tails, catching bright blue fish in their enormous beaks, and a thousand and one other things, each more new

Presently they came to another hanging house, and this was the scene of a great commotion. A pair of lov-ers had just eloped from it and were running away as hard as ever they could, their hands outstretched and their pigtails flying. There was a temple exactly in front of them, but that didn't seem to trouble them in the in and get married before they were overtaken by the angry father. He was pursuing them with a scimitar in each hand and a teapot upon his head, but he could not see them just at that moment, for the gardener had planted a rose-tree right in front of the hall door, and the angry father was on one side of it, and the flying lovers were on the other. Lucy could not help hop-ing that the cross old gentleman would

that his poor pretty daughter would Everybody that they passed, except the cloping couple, who were too agi-tated, and the father who was too angry, saluted them by kneeling down and bumping the ground with the tops of their heads. Lucy came to the con-clusion that it must be the constant friction that made them all so bald except just where their pigtails grew into those great, long, thick plaits. And started for the platform, intending to pressing invitation to have a cup of tea from the funny upright trays.

At last Lucy saw that they were over a lady sitting in a high-backed chair. And then the boat slid away from Japanese Fan-land into the moonlit waters of the lake, and the little ladies and gentlemen all brought out their flowered pocket-handkerchiefs, and cried.

But the silver bells played a sweet began to nod. For the brownies had hold of the boat, and were swimming ideas. over the lake with it in their arms. bottles under their noses, until at last ucy and all the little ladies and gentlemen lay at the bottom of the ooat fast asleep.

Lucy never remembered how they got home. The brownies might have old her, but they never did. Only when she awoke she was lying in her own little bed, and nurse was standing over her and scolding her for having

verslept herself. Lucy went down into the drawing room, by and by, and looked up at the Japanese fans, and down at the potcourri jar. The latter looked very solmn and heavy, Lucy could hardly be ieve that it had ever done anything so frivolous as trot away with her and the attle ladies and gentlemen to the silvery lake. As for the little ladics and gentlemen themselves, they were, as usual, smiting with an imbecile expression and sitting upon one another's eads. And it's my belief that they never went to Japanese Fan-land again, but sat upon one another's heads for ever.

# Just the Difference.

"It all depends on the point of riew." an old gentleman was accustomed to say when forced to disagree shoe pinches." "I'm so sorry to go," said a lady,

after making a long afternoon call, "but I promised to be home before

"Oh! do stay, and I'll explain iffo our husband," replied the hostess, who had just been urging the same invitation. "Don't do it!" came her nephew's

roice from the next room. "Don't et her lead you into misdemeanors that you will be punished for afterwards. She used to coax me in just that same way, and then I had to suffer for it."

"Nonsense, Henry!" said his aunt. That's nothing but a loke. Don't take any notice of it, Mrs. Bell, but

"You see, when I was here in school," pursued the ruthless nephew, "we lived out of town, and I was expected to be at home every night before dark. Once a week I used to run in to call on auntie, and she always persuaded me to stay to tea, and so go home in the evening; and when I said father would settle with me afterwards, she used to say, 'Oh, just stay, and I'll take the responsibility. "" 'Well, didn't she take it?" asked

"Yes," was the reply, "she took the responsibility, but I took the

# MANNERS FOR BOYS.

In the street-Hat lifted when say "Good-bye" or "How do you do Also when offering a lady a seat or acknowledging a favor.

Keep step with any one you walk with. Always precede a lady upstairs, but ask if you shall precede her in going through a crowd or public place. At the street door-Hat off the moment you step in a house or private

Let a lady pass first always, unless she asks you to precede her. in the room, also older people, are

you are seated, and stand till she takes Look people straight in the face when they are speaking to you.

ONE feature of the World's Fair exhibit from Rhode Island will be a collection of books written by the women of that State gathered by Mrs. F. P. Palmer, President of the Rhode Islan

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ALL DENOMINATIONS-

in Ingolvent Disbellever Rebuked and Atterward Converted-The Fickieness Fortuse-Argument for a Skeptic-The Hebrew Faith, Lte.

OUITE a remark. God's. able scene occurred at an evenconnection with a a friend. series of evange, men." listic services held in Lebanon, tian. Tenn., writes the Rev. E. P. Hammond. I had been asked

to interest myself in the spiritual welfare of a hotel proprietor eels into the lake.

They were fished out, however, and id not seem to mind. And, while least. They were making for the door as straight as possible. Perhaps they thought they might have time to go in Lebanon. He attended our in Lebanon. meetings, and in a few days made a public declaration of his faith, which touched the hearts of all who heard it. He had a friend who was a lawstudent, and an avowed infidel, and in him I was also desired to interest myself. But he manifested decided hostility.

At the last meeting I made & solemn appeal, urging every one at tion?" fall head-first into the rose-tree, which once to "flee from the wrath to come." he seemed on the point of doing, and I felt the moving of God's Spirit upon my own heart, and saw its effect upon others. Towards the close of the inquiry meeting one of the students from the college in Lebanon, approached me and said, "There are two young men here who have been converted within a few days, who will tell their experience if you wish it." I at once requested them to do

late and many had left the hall. When passing one of the pews 1 discovered the young inficel, and said man. drawing near the coast. The stream to him in a low voice, "If your inflhad one last zigzag before it went into
delity is, as you say, better than our
the lake, and took a farewell ripple religion. Why don't you urge your moon with Mr. Gladstone, at Ha-

He at once said in an excited man ner, "I will discuss the subject with

he would dare to flaunt his sceptical

I then said, "this young man for the world is in bringing the huhas a word to say." He replied, "I man mind into contact with divine came here for a discussion." I re- revelation.—Christian Inquirer. plied, "I did not promise to discuss with you." "What do you believe?" he asked

excited manner, saying "You cannot horse of some man who gains his livshow their disgust at his insolence, rose to leave. He asked why I did not "hold the audience." I replied, of did while I was speaking, but they do not believe a word you say." Then looking him in the face I added. "And you do not either." He then hastily left the hall.

My heart was rejoiced to receive ecently from Mr. W- a full acount of the conversion of this infldel, and of his work in the ministry. When this friend wrote me, the regenerated sceptic was preaching the Gospel with much blessing in Mani-

manifested by the enemies of God. Let us pray and labor for the most hardened. The scoffer of to-day may be weeping for his sins to-morrow, and may soon be found seeking to to the light-blue ribbon, gold collarlead others to Christ.

# The flebrew | nith

has lived in expectation of a Messiah. garter. The medal, however, is an Its literature teems with references to the glorious event. Prophet, sians laugh in their sleeves when they priest and poet have pictured his see foreigners—to whom it is given by coming and his triumph, and the dozens-wearing it as a mark of high whole world has accepted these teach- distinction. ings as divine. Christianity, indeed, sees in Jesus the fulfillment of these prophecies, Islam finds their fulfillment in Mohammed, while the Jew, rejecting each of in the midst of dangers that multithese as well as many other plied about them, and the troubles claimants, has looked for some other yet to come; but all alike have acyet to come; but all alike have ac-cepted the prophecies as sacred and titles to evil that contested their way, ly from the root, but the following he must be strangely insensible, in species form plants from eight to eigh-

This wonderful faith, which has characterized Judaism through all erful and beautiful feature. The they have always been upheld by a firm, unfailing assurance that some day a descendant of their famous ancient king would come and restore them to their home and to a chief place among the nations of the earth. For thirty centuries this belief has been their stay and strengtha precious common bond which has bound their hearts together and preserved them a separate and peculiar

The Fickleness of Fortune.

Learn how quickly turns the wheel of fortune; from how high up to how far down went Nebuchadnezzar. Those now in places of position and power, even though they should live, will in a few years be disregarded, while some who are this day obscure and poverty-striken will ride up on the shoulders of the people to take their turn at admiration and the In the parlor-Stand till every lady spoils of office. Oh, how quickly the wheel turns! Ballot-boxes are the steps on which men come down as Rise if a lady enters the room after they go up. Of those who were a few years ago successful in the accumulation of property, how few have not met with reverses of fortune, while many of those who then were straitened in circumstances now hold the bonds and the bank keys of the nation and win the most bows on the exchange. Of all fickle people in the world fortune is the most fickle. Every day changes her mind and woe

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN to that man who puts any confidence DR. HOLMES ON DRAGGING in what she promises or proposes. She cheers when you go up and she laughs when you come down. Oh, trust not a moment your heart's affections to this changeable world. Anchor your soul in God. From Christ's love gather your joy. Then, come sorrow or gladness, success or

"No, it is the invention of

"The Bible claims to be God's which were being Word, does it not?" asked the Chris-"Yes, the men who wrate it pro

> tend that they 'spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost "" "If the Bible, then, is not what it claims to be, it is, you think, an imposture, and its writers liars?"

"Yes, that is what I believe."

"Good men would not lie and deceive, would they?" "Of course not." Then the Bible, you are sure. could not have been written by good

"I feel certain that it is not." "Now, answer me candidly. Does the Bible condemn sin, and threaten bad men with punishment?"

"Yes," rather reluctantly. "Does it condemn lying and decep "Yes." a little sharply.

"Would bad men-deceivers and their own sins?" "They would not be likely to do so,

sertainly. The young skeptic felt the ground giving way under him, and changed

the subject. -Bible Society Recorder.

The One Question. The sentimental twaddle about re. Agion being "Good enough for they often stopped, in answer to a close the meeting, as the hour was women and children" had a sharp rebuke the other day from Mr. Gladstone, the eminent scholar and states-On his way home from the delity is, as you say, better than our to take luncheon and spend the after- that form a practically solid mass warden Castle. The two men had a long talk on religion and political Mr. Gladstone said: questions. "Talk about questions of the day, there is but one question and that is I replied, "This is no place for a the gospel. It can and will correct discussion, but if you wish to say a everything needing correction. All "Hush, hushaby," and presently Lucy word you can do so," never imagining men at the head of great movements the lump first drove two crotched and the little ladies and gentlemen that after a solemn meeting like that are Christian men. During the many stakes in the ground at a distance of years I was in the Cabinet, I was ten feet apart, and in the crotches he brought in association with sixty rested a smooth pole. Then he built a As I moved towards the platform master-minds, and all but five of fire midway between the posts in such And they laid poppy leaves over their he said, "I will do that," and fol- them were Christians. My only hope a position as to concentrate the heat at

# A Consolution.

When the favorite horse of a friend I answered, "I believe that Jesus of ours went lame, he consoled him-Christ came into the world to save self by the thought: "Well, after sinners." He then sprang up in an ail, it is better that it is not the prove what you have said." The ing by him." This is like what Fenefew who were remaining in the hall, to lon said when his library got on fire -he thanked God that it was not the house of a poor man.

# Eussian Decorations.

to foreigners they usually take the which is burned in the fire, and which form of medals, which at St. Peters- imparts certain properties that preburg are the reward of faithful do- pare the rubber for preservation. mestics of the courts. Dumas pere received the medal of St. Anne after he had written a story of a Russian life; but, hearing that such a decoration was of no social value, he returned it to St. Petersburg, whereupon a cross of the second-class of that order was dispatched to him, Facts like these should lead God's with an apology for the mistake, as it and the result is that their rubber has cople never to waver at the hostility was termed. A famous singer was once ridiculed at St. Petersburg when he walked about wearing the medal of St. Andrew, which he innocently regarded as being very nearly equal a treatment very like that of masticachain and eight-pointed star, with a blue eagle on it, of that famous order, which ranks with the black For 3,000 years the Hebrew nation eagle of Prussia and with the English

upper servant's decoration, and Rus-

The Rearing of Children. If any one has reared children, and inducted them safely into manhood that beset them, and the temptations that surround them, and the liabillooking back upon his household, if teen inches high. Viola Glabella, he be not overwhelmed with a sense Smooth Yellow Violet. Will not grow in the centuries, has been its most pow. of the multitudinousness of God's the same locality as the Downy Yellow mercies. A man may do many things Hebrews have suffered and been scat- in this world that are deserving of other a ticle. Grows in shady, wooded tered as have no other people, but praise, but there are few things that valeys, where the soil is a rich, loamy he can do more deserving of praise than, dying, to leave his name with a family of children who shall more than fill his place, who shall maintain virtue and intelligence and good habits throughout their lives.

> A POSTOFFICE in Kansas is named Zero. It was probably so named on account of the postmastor's salary.

LITTLE things have their influence. Thorean says: "I have read that a descent of an eighth of an inch in a mile is sufficient to produce a flow." MARIA PARLOA has built a home from her domestic writings, and is practically independent of her pen.

IN TWILIGHT TIMES.

n twilight times, when the full day is done.
The battle fought, the fret and fever past,
And with the quiet setting of the sun
We sink to peace, and welcome rest at last,
In twilight times. Old friendships steal like ghosts about us then, Old loves awake, old sorrows stirring sigh, Old fancies murmur of sweet moments, when The primrose bloomed beneath the April sky, And low and soft ring memory's golden

In twilight times. In twilight times the pulses beat again, With the fresh glow and gladness that they krew. When life was dancing in each youthful vela. When joy was sure, and hope was brave and true, In twilight times.

The falling powers are bright and strong once more,
The failing clasp on faith asserts its wight,
And fresh and sweet as dreams or fairy lore,
Life shows itself in love's celestial light,
So low and self ring memory's golden chimes,
In twilight times.

SKIRTS.

lady of some pretensions to gentility. s the great ladies do in Europe. To be are, their dresses are so made only to sweep the tapestried floors of chateaux defeat, riches or poverty, honor or and palaces; as those odious aristocrats disgrace, health or sickness, life or of the other side do not go dragging death, time or eternity, all are yours through the mud in silks and satins, and ye are Christ's and Christ is but, forsooth, must ride in coaches God's.

but, forsooth, must ride in coaches when they are in full dress. It is true that, considering various habits of the Arguing with a Skeptic.

'The Bible, the word of God!" exaccidents which the best kept sidewalks ing meeting in claimed a young skeptic in hearing of are liable to, a lady who has swept a mile of them is not exactly in such a condition that one would care to be her neighbor. \* \* \* Why, there isn't a beast or a bird that would drag its tail through the dirt in the way these creatures do their dresses. queen or a duchess wears long robes on great occasions, a maid-of-all-work or a factory-girl thinks she must make herself a nuisance by trailing through the street, picking up and carrying about with her—pah! Tuat's what I call getting vulgarity into your bones and marrow. \* \* \* If any man can walk behind one of these women and see what she rakes up as she goes, and not feel squeamish, he has a tough stomach. I would not let one of 'em into my room without serving 'em as David served serving 'em as Saul at the cave in the willerness-out off his skirts, sir! cut off his skirts!"

I suggested that I had seen some pretty stylish ladies who offended in the way he condemned.

"Stylish wemen, I don't doubt," said the little gentleman. "Don't tell me that a true lady ever sacrifices the duty of keeping all about her sweet and clean flars-make a book that condemns to the wish of making a vulgar show. \* \* There are some things that no fashion has any right to touch, and cleanliness is one of those things The Professor at the Breakfast Table.

SOMETHING BIG IN RUBBER.

The biggest "biscuit" of rubber ever een in North America is on exhibition in a store in Warren street. It came from the Upper Amazon, weighs a trifle over a thousand pounds, and cost its owners \$1010. Around its largest circum erence it measures ten feet, being composed of successive layers throughout. There is e ough rubber in the "lump" to make 5,000,000 election bands, or, if made into a single string, there is enough to make a line which would reach 150 miles. Although the bi cuit is now per-

feetly black it was pure white, like the juice of the milk-weed, when taken from the tree. The native who made rubber, in its fluid consistency, was poured on the hottest surface of stringer, and as it felt the warmth of the fire it congealed. By turning the pole slowly around the layer of rubber took its present shape, which is that of a big, overgrown biscuit.

It is slow work turning the stick and ongealing the rubber, and a whole lay is consumed in making a single layer. It took forty days to complete the biscuit in question, for, besides hardening it, it had to be cured and smoked by processes very similar to those used in curing and smoking bams. The Amazon natives use a peculiar When Russian decorations are given bark to effect the curing process, rubber which is here described smells so much like the ordinary sugar-cured ham that one could not tell the difference if blindfolded. In this respect the rubber from the Amazon possesses a distinct superiority over that from Africa. In the latter country the natives seem to know nothing whatever about the curing and smoking process,

an indescribably vile odor. In preparing this big lump for com mercial use, it will be first put into the grinder or mill, where it will undergo tion. This makes it pliable. It will then be put into a calender, where it will be flattened and drawn out into the acquired size and shape, after which it will be cut up into the shapes u sed in commerce. - Er.

### MICHIGAN WILD FLOWERS. III .- VIOLETS.

W. A. BROTHERTON, EOCHESTER, MICH. Viola Cucullata. Common Blue Vio-Found throughout the eastern half of the United States, hence well known. A pretty flower of many shades from dark blue to white; prettiest variety being variegated with blue and white. In this species the leaf and the flower-stems spring direct-Violet, which will be described in an-

alluvium. It has prostrate stems, eight to ten inches long, bearing several yellow flowers, May. Not very hand-Viola Canina Muhlenbergii, Muhlenberg's Dog Violet. A spreading, lender species with stem six to ten inches long, bearing smooth, pearshaped leaves and pretty, pale-purple, bearded flowers. Prefers deep, rich. moist soil, in shades. May. Viola Rostrata. Larkspur Violet.

Somewhat resembles the last, but handsomer. The flowers are pale blue, larger, with long conspicuous spurs, like the larkspur. May. Viola Striata. Large Yellowish-white Violet. Grows about a foot high, with flowers, which are not spurred. May. Viola Canadensis. Canada Violet. The

largest of our violets, often eighteen inches high. Flowers not so large as in the last, but much handsomer, white with a faint bluish tinge, often very fragrant. Like some flowers pre-viously mentioned, finely adapted for n assing in large beds in flower-gardens or parks. It grows in low, rather shady woods, where the soil is very rich, with a little sand. In such places it often covers the ground, forming immense natural flowerbeds, like Tiarelia Cordifolia. The finest of our white violets, and, except V. pedata, our finest violet. May

THE New York State Forest Commissioner has just purchased 1000 acres of land in the Adirondacks for park



Republican.

Philip-Mother, they call all the men in Wall street either "bulls" or converted into an overcoat in case of bears." Which is papa? Philip's Mother-It's time to go

to bed, Philip. know whether I was a "cub" or a when the sun sets. "calf."-Brooklyn Life.

Not Riinded by the Glare.

If I should marry you, could I wear a crown? Foreign Nobleman-Oh, no. ·Well, I don't mean a crown, exactly, but a coronet or a scepter or twice

something like that. \*\*N-0." "Then what's the good of a title?" "Think of a palace you could live last longer than any of the others, in and the horses and---

"I have all that at home." "Then there is the society-dukes and princes and-presentations at court-you know. "I'd like that. But you'd always be with me, wouldn't you?"

"Oh, yes." "I forgot about that. I guess I won't accept."-New York Weekly.

It Discourages Them, They stood together in the conservatory, did young Mr. Dinwiddle and the younger Miss Gaswell.

could think of and the conversation began to drag. she looked about her at the blossoms who would never consent to have a

and the shrubs: Extremely cold weather is bad for

plants, especially to artificial plants." -Pittsburgh Chronicle.

A Pointer on the Race.



The spring poet and the spring chicken walk out together. - Harper's Bazar.

They had been billing and cooing for several hours and the shades of an extensive travel r. night were beginning to fall. He arose and putting on his gloves, was this pair of molerate stimulants were about to take his departure.

"Weat! are you going to leave al- day and forever they would not take ready, Kosciusko?" murmured the away an ounce of physical prospermaiden. "I must, dearest. I'd give ten years of my life to be able to spend ensively used for packetbooks photo-

but there is a called meeting of the Idiotic Order of Red Muffs and I am pliable, resembling the finest suede, and Most Puissant Past Grand Cyclops, and if I ain't there on time I'll have to pay 35 cents fine. I've got to go. Farewell, doorest," and he scooted will see a score of columns, several of like a beautiful dream -Texas Sift. them bearing Greek inscriptions, and ings.

# married? I did not know that she to pagan uses.

knew any gentlemen. nave known one at least or she exhibiting himself in variety shows on wouldn't have got married. Little Ethel-Did you know papa Antwerp, Belgium, to Christiania pefore you were married to him,

mamma? Little Ethel's Mamma (with a sigh)-I thought I did.-Yarmouth contained a man. The voyage was Register.

"You seem to be well used to trampfng the track," said the bearded pard, scraping an acquaintance as they went along. "Certainly," was the reply, "my

So Many Ties

tleman " "And why do you go all the way to New York." "Well, because there are so many ties between us."-Boston Post.

### "What have they wound up on that eart?" asked the old lady who was visiting the fire engine house.

"Firemen's hose," was the answer. "Go away," she rejoined indignantly. "You can't make me think that any fireman or anybody else had legs to fit those."-Washington Star.

ADVERSITY has the effect of eliciting

talents which in prosperous circumstances would have lain dormant. THERE are 208,749 railway bridges in the United States spanning 3213. miles. THE Honorary Vice-Presidency of the Egyptian Exploration Fund, made vacant by the death of James Russell

Lowell, has been filled by the election of George William Curtis to the place. THERE are now 400 electric roads in various ways. in this country. Three years ago the

number was only thirteen.

-Of Waterloo veterans France has

-Western New York has a skunk

farm where black skunks are bred and raised for their pelts. -Portland, Me., in a re ent entire week had but two arrests out of a p.p-

or zel in China, and a handred can-celled stamps will buy a baby. -The new Garman tent is devisible outo two portions, ca h of which can be

- St. Tammany Parish, La . boasts of a spring which pours forth clear pure Philip-Well, I only wanted to water during the day, but go s dry

> -An 800-pound cinnamon bear was captured recently in Lassen County, California. It is believe it ble one of

> -In a New Hamp-hile graveyard there is a large marble the fe on which the following words are inscribed "Sacred to the memory of three

-Miss Morgan, the New Y rk cattle reporter, has made money enough by

-Miss Madden has traveled 2000 miles horselack on her mission for the lepers of Si eria. She has secured \$5000 for a hospital.

-It is said that Queen Victoria and the Duchess of Somerset both pour their t-a into their saucer: rath-r than swallow it while it is too het. -Rose Elizabeth Cleveland, sister of

-Mrs. Heber Newton has the repu Finally Miss Gaswell observed, as tation of being one of the few women photograph taken or a portrait painted.

House in New York City, is Lisette Mc-

ed the number of see is in a bashel of various grains found that corn went 72, 130; wheat, \$30,000; peas, 109,000; cotton seed, 161 166, -At a Catholic convent in Fort Ber-

-A new diamond is being cut in Antwerp, Belg um, said to be the largest ever found in Africa. It weighs 400 carats, and when it is finished it will be reduced one-half.

guist. Though only fourteen years of age, she speaks French German, Chinese -From a report recently issued it is learned that the number of women pur-

suing studies at the various colleges in

Paris have increased from 152 in 189) to 252 at the present time. -Lace promises to be more fashionable than it was last summer. In many cases the entire bodice is of lace. This is particularly effective when the gown

Newman, of Omaha, Neb., has been slected fellow of the American Geographical Society. She has earned this distinction by her observations as

Hy. -Antelope skin, which has been exthe rest of the evening with thee, graph frames, etc., is now being employed for gloves. It is very soft and

Little Ethel-And Cousin Mary is ing which had previously been devoted -Herrmann Zentung, who makes his Little Ether's Mamma-She must living by traveling in trunks and then

the Continent, made his last trip from

white mountain goat and black bear "Certainly," was the reply, "my that there are in the world. So white profession is that of a walking gen-tre the go its that it takes days of practice theman."

> -Axolotl, or fish with legs, is the name Mexicans give a queer creature which can swim like a fish or run up a smooth wall like a fly; can live and grow when kept constantly in water like a true fish, and yet can live and grow entirely away from water (excepting a little to drink) like a true air

> -Fish are drowned when taken from the water into the air, and animals when put even for a short time under water, but the axoloff cannot be drowned anywhere. Yet he is nowhere safe, for the inhabitants of the place where he is found-Mexico, New Texas-think that his flesh is very good to eat, and catch great numbers of the axolotl for food, which they cook

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

eight left. -A M'ssonri man has carried the same knite for sixty-nine years.

ulation of 40 000 persons. -O'd post go stimps are highly

American Girl (after a proposal)— the largest ever tak n in a trap.

-All other thin; s being equal, a paritone voice in a man and a contralto voice in a women will wear better and

her work to build and furnish a comfortable home.

the ex-President, is about to write a They had talked of everything they book on Egypt, and has gone to that far- if country in search of material.

"Yes," replied the young man after Scotland has passed an ordinance maka short pause; "extremely cold mg provision for the teaching and weather is very discouraging to graduation of women in a lits univers-

> Evoy, a hard-once young brunette, She is the only france hotel cashier in that city. -A Mississippi man who has count-

> hold, North Dakota, all the arters, in cluding the mother superior, are Indians, and the spiritual director is a priest of Mohawk descent.

-The daughter of W. K. Vanderblu. New York, has a reputation as a linand It lian with ea e.

is of the fashlonable light-shaded -Mrs. Newman, wife of Bishop

-Tea and coffee are not foods. It test from off the face of the earth to-

comes in all the tan and light shades. - In the magnificent court of the emple of Medinet Haboo the traveler in the chambers on the north west side of the temple he will see crosses designed to consecrate parts of the build-

Sweden, in a wooden box, which stood on the ship's d ck four days and four nights without anybody's knowing it stormy, but Zietung kept his nose to a crack in the boards, ate his sandwiches, and kept well, -The precipitous mountain crags around a large lake near the Columbia River, in Idaho, are said to be the fluest fields for sport in hunting the large

over the snow. -Young la lies are now employed in the spectro-photographic department of the Paris Observatory. It has been found that they are gifted with keener visual power in regard to minute objects than men.

breathing animal.