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New Orleans has a smaller police force than other American city of corresponding size.

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A French savant has discovered that tears are bactericidal and may be depended upon to exterminate certain microbes

"If people will talk good times in stead of hard times," avers the India-napolis Sentinel, "the latter will quickly disappear."

John D. Rockefeller has given nearly \$5,000,000 to the Chicago University and has what the Detroit Free Press terms, "the good taste" not to demand that it be named for him.

Sir Charles Dilke, recently said in the debate in the British Parliament "The most dangerous illusion any in habitant of the united kingdom can have is that we are a popular power. We are probably the most unpopular of the great powers."

A San Francisco woman disposed of an estate of \$10,000 by writing a few lines in pencil on an old envelope. Lawyers say that the will cannot be broken, and their opinion that women know nothing about business they regard as confirmed anew.

England is having hard times, notes the Courier-Journal. Its leading securities declined nearly half a billion dollars in value during the past year. Its imports fell off \$88,000,000 and its exports \$32,500,000. Its trade in coal and textiles dwindled alarmingly.

Navigation of the great lakes dur ing the season of 1893 resulted in the loss of 123 lives The number of yes sels lost was fifty-three, with an aggregate tonnage of 24,258, and valued at \$1,040,400. Partial losses by strandings, collisions and fires bring the total up \$2,112,588. The shallow waters of Lake Erie claimed nearly half the lives lost, Lake Huron being second.

John Hyde, expert special agent of statistics of agriculture, has written an interesting monogram on what he terms "Geographical Concentration." In it he develops the fact that the process of agricultural centralization works very injuriously to the American farmer, and that many of his vicis situdes are due to the single-crop sys tem. He shows, for instance, that while hemp is a product cultivated in Europe from the shores of the White Sea to the Mediterranian, and that it flourishes in extensive regions in Asia Africa and South America, its cultiva tion in the United States is almost wholly confined to Kentucky, that State in 1889 having produced 93.77 per cent. of all the hemp raised in this country. Obviously hemp is capable of being produced over a wide area in the United States, but its cultivation is almost wholly unknown outside of Kentucky. Mr. Hyde makes a strong plea for mixed farming, and says that so long as American farmers persist in devoting themselves to the production in great quantities of a few things, they cannot expect to prosper. Oklahoma is going to knock very hard for admission as a State, declares the St. Louis Star-Sayings. The Ter ritory was organized only three year ago, but in population and wealth it is to-day far in advance of the other Territories seeking admission as States. The report accompaying the applica tion for admission as a State shows that she has 2.372.482 acres of dand in farm use valued at \$13,022. 345. In the last year the farmers har vested 284,254 acres of corn, 222,319 acres of wheat, 109,374 acres of oats, 21,311 acres of cotton, 18,755 acres of sorghum, 14,121 acres of Hungarian millet, and 4125 acres of broom corn. It is almost as large as the State of Illinois, and has a population of about 250,000, which is greater than that of any other State when admitted to the Union. Its assessed valuation of property in 1891 amounted to \$6,878. 928, which in 1893 had increased to \$13,951,056. It has six National banks with deposits of \$685,574. The Territorial Legislature has been attentive to educational matters, and there are already in nearly all the districts school-houses, normal schools, col leges, and an agricultural and me chanical college at the town of Stillwater. In religious matters it has also kept pace with many of the older In the Territory there are biates. 165 Methodist churches, twenty-five Baptist, twenty-four Congregational, twenty-five Catholic, twenty-four Pres byterian, six Episcopal, and fifty Christian Endeavor Societies. This is a remarkable showing for Oklahoma, and we can searcely believe, adds the Star Sayings, that Congress can refuse her admission.

The London Times says that in a financial way the past year was the most trying in a decade.

The London Times, commenting on the condition of the Bank of England, says that institution is indispensable to the money market.

Germany has decided that cinnamon yellow is the best color for war ships. The French stick to the gray tint, something like wet sail cloth.

The Chinese Y. M. C. A. in San Francisco has recently sent \$42,000 to Canton as a contribution by the Chinese of the former for the evangelization of their countrymen.

W. C. Latta, of Purdue University, in an interesting address on "Farm Drainage" before the Indiana Tile, Brick and Drainage Association at Indianapolis, said that uplands as well as lowlands should be drained if good crops were desired.

Under the heading, "Ireland in 1893," the London Times says that the year was one of the most peaceful and prosperous of the century. Since 1826 there has been no better agricultural season, and the people have never been freer from distress. There are many signs of the material and moral improvement of the people.

According to the figures presented by the London Times in its agricultural review of the past year, the area in Great Britain devoted to wheat was 1,798,869 acres: to barley, 2,251,293, and to oats, 4,435,944. The wheat crop is estimated 45,429,407 bushels. The paper says that at the end of the year there were 2,079,587 horses in Great Britain, 11,297,551 head of cattle, 31,774,824 sheep and 3,278,030

Manuscripts by noted authors have s great a value as autographs that within the past few years some authors have stipulated with publishers that their manuscript should be kept clean -perhaps copied on a typewriter for giving out to the printers -and returned to them, that their families may traffic in them after they are dead, presumably. T. B. Aldrich i said to be one of the authors who always wants his copy back.

In the University Law Review some interesting figures are collected as to the pecuniary value of life and limb as estimated in the courts within the last five years. The value of a life is in some States fixed by law, and New York is one of the States which does not allow the recovery of more than \$5000 for the loss of a life in a suit against the person or corporation through whose negligence the loss oc curred. This figure seems strangely low, since five times that amount has been allowed in this State as compen sation for the loss of a limb. Fifteer thousand dollars has been held not ex cessive for the life of an intelligent young man in Kentucky, and a verdict for a like amount has been sustained in Tennessee when the life was that of postman and express agent, thirty three years old, though a verdict for \$12,000 was held excessive in the same State where the life lost was that of a weak man fifty-seven years old. The courts allow less for the loss of a drunkard's life and more for the life of an industrious and steady man. The lives of children are usually valued at from \$3000 to \$1500. In Illinois the loss of an eye has been compensated for by \$5000, and of two eyes by \$9000. In New York a verdict of \$14,000 for assist me with my correspondence. But I do hate to have a gossipy, eurious girl around me. However, I the loss of an eye and disfigurement of the face has been sustained. In this don't see what else I can do.' State, also, it has been held that \$6500 for the loss of a hand is not excessive. Two thousand dollars was held to be the proper amount for the impairment of the use of a hand in Louisiana. The New York courts have usually been liberal in allowing verdicts for damages. A verdict for \$10,000 for the loss of the arm of an eight-year-old boy has been held proper. Texas juries are even more liberal and the courts in that State have upheld a verdiet for \$15,000 for injury to one arm and other wounds. An allowance of \$11,500 for the loss of the leg of a man eighty years old was held not excessive in this State, and one of \$15,009 for an injury to the limb of a woma of twenty-seven was also held not excessive. A verdict of \$12,000 for the hass of a leg by a boy five years old was also approved in this State, and one of \$25,000 for a similar injury was not disturbed. In Wisconsin a verdiet of \$30,000, for the loss of both legs of a boy was reduced to \$15,000. and a verdict of \$20,750 was reduced to \$10,750 for an injury to a man's log in a Western State. The loss of the leg of a boy was regarded as worth \$15,000 in the Illinois courts.

WISHES I asked a little child one day. A child intent on joyous play, "My little one, pray and tell me Your dearest wish; what may it be?" The little one thought for a while, Then answered with a wistful smile : "The thing that I wish most of all Is to be big, like you, and tall." I asked a maiden sweet and fair. Of dreamy eyes and wavy hair "What would you wish, pray tell me true That kindly fate should bring to you?" With timid mien and downcast eyes

And blushes deep and gentle sighs, Her answer came : "All else above I'd wish some faithful heart to love. I asked a mother, tried and blest. With babe asleep upon her breast : "O, mother fond, so proud and fair, What is thy inmost secret prayer?" She raised her calm and peaceful eyes,

Madonna-like, up to the skies : "My dearest wish is this," said she. "That God may spare my child to me." Again, I asked a woman old. To whom the world seemed hard and cold "Pray tell me, O, thou blest in years,

What are thy hopes, what are thy fears?" With folded hands and head bent low She answer made, in accents slow "For me remains but one request It is that God may give me rest."

-Boston Globe

retired.





prietor of the "Favorite Shopping Agency," leaned back in her tilting,

piquant face. "Why don't you learn to use a typewriter, my dear Marion?" aske l her caller, Miss Lilian Lefebre, sym-pathetically. "You could rattle your letters off in no time then."

disgusted look. "Don't I have enough to try my

one of those abominable clicky machines

has increased to such an extent," per-sisted Miss Lefebre.

suggest unless you hire a young man." Both girls laughed at this, and then

Miss Lefebre rose, saying: "Well, I must run along or I shall your references prove satisfactory. Can you come prepared to go to work be late. Sorry you cannot spare time to-morrow morning? "At what hour, ma'am ?"

to go, dear." Left alone, Miss Maidmont plunged

This latter correspondent called than ever after that night, for it is first, and proved to be a very young man, just graduated from a business needless to say Mr. Ardmore accepted his "boss's" invitation in spite of his "boss's invitation in spite of Dame Grundy. Time flew by on wings of happiness in the tiny office, and as Christmas ap-proached, the business of the Favorite college, and totally inexperienced. He had probably used his mother's

stationery. It was quite late in the afternoon when Jack, the diminutive office boy, brought Miss Maidmont a very cor-rect visiting card bearing the name of Agency increased enormously. Miss Maidmont congratulated herself that she never had had such a successful 'Mr. Arthur Ardmore. season.

Marion experienced a quickening of credit for the increase was due, and decided that she would make her priher pulses. This was the other applicant. "Show him in," she said, curtly, to grinning Jack. present. She lit gift would be.

Jack knew what was going on, of

He always knew everything that transpired, or was about to transpire in the office, though how he found things out as he did was a matter of

marvel to Miss Maidmont. The grin vanished from the young autocrat's countenance as he sedately pulled aside the portiere which screened the proprietor's private office from the and advice. room in front, and beckoned waitin

to Mr. Ardmore. Miss Maidmont looked up interestedly, and met the gaze of a fine-look-ing, well-dressed young man, of say

Then as she noticed an astonished expression grow in his handsome, dark eyes, the peculiarity of the whole pro-ceeding occurred to her, and she blushed vividly. mission on it. Mr. Ardmore regarded her intently as she spoke, and then said, signifi cantly: "No, Miss Maidmont, I shall insist

"Is Mr. Maidmont in?" queried the on getting your engagement ring my Jack chuckled audibly, and the sound revived Miss Maidmont. "That will do, Jack; you may go now," she said severely, and the culprit

self." Marion's eyes drooped beneath his

ardent gaze. At last it was Christmas Eve, and the city arrayed itself in snowy holiday attire in honor of the day. Miss day attire in honor of the day. Miss Maidmont reached the office early that morning, and she entered with glow-ing, rosy cheeks, and sparkling eyes, caused by Jack Frost's cool kisses. "Pray be seated. Mr. Ardmore." she

She knew where much of the

"Pray be seated, Mr. Ardmore," she said, turning to her caller with a dig-ified gesture. "There is no Mr. Maidmont," she continued. "I am the proprietor of this agency, and I am Miss Maidmont." "Ah, indeed!" said the young fel-low politely, but Marion imagined she care a deem of amusement outper for On her desk was a square, white envelope addressed to her as proprie-tor, and after she had perused its contents the roses were displaced by lilies, and all the light died out of her

big blue eyes. The communication was Mr. Ardmore's resignation, stating that for reasons beyond his control, he was "You are desirous of obtaining a as amanuensis?" she inquired

All that long, wearisome day Marion shopped alone, and her task had never before seemed so arduous. She had become accustomed to relying on him and following his advice. "Would she do without him?" "What Co., who are my references." "Mr. Ardmore, you will understand

thought desperately. It was late in the short afternoon when she returned despondently to the office. Mr. Ardmore was busy at that I shall require something more than a mere correspondent. I really wish someone to fill the position of private secretary, and I did not feel as his desk.

With a sudden resolution she went though I could get along with a girl, don't you understand?" Miss Maid-mont smiled confidingly as she finished

directly over to him. "Mr. Ardmore," she said, "is there no inducement I could offer you that would cause you to consider your res-ignation? I should be willing to give Mr. Ardmore returned the smile with a very admiring glance, and in-wardly decided that Miss Maidmont you a share in the business if you would remain." would make a most charming "boss."

"Yes," he replied, "I shall be delighted to accept an interest in the business provided you are willing to "What would you consider a proper business provided you are willing to form a partnership with me which shall be ratified by a ceremony to be duly performed by a clergyman in good standing, and sealed by a gold circlet. Oh, my darling I love you. Haven't you seen it? That is why I was leaving. Can you care for me enough to marry your typewriter?" Marion raised her eyes, and by one swift glance of unutterable affection answered him. remuneration for the services I re-quire?" Marion felt a trifle anxious. "Favorite Shopping Agency" could not afford to pay fancy prices, even for a very fascinating young man, with eloquent eyes and a silky Mr. Ardmore mused a moment. "Say twenty-five a week," he said at length. Miss Maidmont breathed more free-

answered him. Jack, the office-boy, met Miss Lely: that was where she had placed her febre on his way home that evening, and confidentially informed her that "Very well, Mr. Ardmore; suppose se call the matter settled provided the missis was goin' to marry her

"Well, why not?" said Miss Lefebre. "Many a man has married his type-writer, and surely turn about is fair play."--Family Story Paper.

MATERIAL FOR TEXTILE FABRICS RECOMMENDED BY UNCLE SAM.

THE USE OF ODD FIBERS.

Terms --- \$1.00 in Advance ; \$1.25 after Three Months.

Production of Pineapple Fibertivation of Sisal Hemp-The Remarkable Ramie.

TTHE Government is making great efforts to create a pop-ular interest in American fibers. Of such materials in raw the United States imports

vate secretary a handsome Christmas present. She little realized what that the \$50,000,000 worth annually, though it is reckoned that one-half of that It was customary for Mr. Ardmore guantity could be produced in this country just as well. The other half is derived from vegetable species which could not be cultivated profitsuitable to present to their brothers and fiances, while Miss Maidmont shopped for the men who wanted gifts ably here, climate and soil being un-suitable. Seeing immense profits ahead, inventors and capitalists are for their sweethearts and cousins and aunts. Often they made the rounds of the shops together, and afforded one another the benefit of mutual criticism turning their attention to the making of machinery for obtaining fibers from various plants which the farmers will

various plants which the larmers will supply as soon as manufacturers de-mand them. Meanwhile Uncie Sam is circulating information far and wide on the subject, telling what kinds of leaves and stalks will yield the most One day Marion laughingly re-marked that as she was so experienced in the art of purchasing engagement rings, she certainly should make arrangements for buying her own when the time came, and make a good comleaves and statks will yield the most suitable stuff for cordage, twine and all sorts of textile fabrics. The fiber bureau at Washington, under the direction of Expert Charles Dichords Dadas has made here such thous of

Richards Dodge, has great hopes of the pineapple as a fiber producer in this country. In Florida the fruit is grown on a large scale, but the leaves grown on a large scale, but the leaves are thrown away—thousands of tons of them annually. It is a frightful waste, for they can be made to yield one of the most valuable fibers known. In India pineapple fiber is woven into the most delicate of all vegetable fabrics—the celebrated "pina." The latter looks like gossamer and is so light that it will almost float in the air when tossed up. For making it the fibers are laboriously separated by hand, the ends being glued together so as to make a continuous thread. so us to make a contribution in taking They can be spun like flax. At the same time, they are wonderfully strong, and there is record of an inch rope formed of them that stood a strain of 5700 pounds before breaking.

The cultivation of another plantnamely, sisal hemp-for the fiber yielded by its leaves is already promising to develop into a great industry in Florida. Every year we import from Yucatan \$5,000,000 worth of this kind of fiber, which can be produced just as well and of better quality in the as well and of better quality in the Peninsular State, south of the frost line. The sisal grows readily in the poorest and rockiest soil, which can-not be farmed profitably for anything else. Apart from its commercial value, it is one of the most interesting elserts in the world. It is a bush of plants in the world. It is a bush of huge green bayonet-shaped leaves. When about six years old it sends up from its middle with great rapidity a stalk or mast twenty-five feet high and three inches in diameter. From the upper half of this stalk small branches grow out, each branch bearing tulipshaped blossoms. The flowers do not smell pleasantly, their odor being de-scribed as resembling the bouquet of a mouse in an advanced stage of de-composition under the floor. Pres-ently the blossoms wither, the petals drop off, and in their place leaves ap pear. Within a few days, where each

prop of, and in their place teachs ap-pear. Within a few days, where each flower was, a complete little sisal plant has developed, attached to an ex-tremity of the parent stem. When mature it drops to the ground, and, if it manages to come into contact with the mother earth, proceeds to take root and become a growth like its progenitor. This method of reproduc-tion is found in no plant save the sisal tion is found in no plant save the sisa and a few of its near relatives. As many as 1000 small plants may be As gathered from a single stalk as they ripen. They are remarkably tenacio of life and will retain their vitality for months out of the ground. Plantations

WHAT TIME SHE LOVES. What time she loves me and doth lay Her little hand in mine, The winter blossoms like the May

And stars through storm-clouds shine What time she loves me not-ah, me! In spring the winter seems to be!

When I do feel that she is kind. Life hath no more to give, For sweetly doth the sun and wind Make all Life's violets live ! But when, perchance, her frown I see,

Life's last, sweet violet dies for me How, on her lightest touch. My hope, my heaven depends ! If it be ill to love so much.

Love maketh all amends ! Cruel or kind though she may be, Her love is heaven and earth to me! -Frank L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Worldly wise-Geographers. There's the rub-At the Turkish bath.

Gossip of the ring-Society chatter over an engagement. - Truth.

When you bury your grudges do not erect a tall monument over them. not erect a -Galveston News.

Some men are the architects of their own fortunes; others only carry the hod to theirs.--Puck.

"Johnny, is your father a firm man?" "Yes, mom, when he knows he's wrong."-Cleveland Plain Dealer. "That fellow Jawley is a broker, isn't he?" "Yes." "Has he any money?" "Yes.—he's got mine."— Life.

The trouble with the family tree is that its latest twigs put on the greatest air of self-importance. --Truth.

Somehow or other people always distrust a man who is generally known to dye his whiskers.—Somerville Journal.

Although the relations between France and Germany are strained they don't seem to be very clear.-Texas Siftings.

Lloyd (at dinner)-"Mamma, what makes us eat soup first, then fish? Is it so the fish can go in swimming."-Babyhood.

Be modest; don't forget that many things which you regard as events are looked upon as mere incidents by other people.—Puck.

Aunty--"So you have had your first it a course dinner?" Little Girl--"Awfully."--Good News.

Some genius has invented an indoor game of baseball. This goes to show that the game is not altogether played out. -- Hartford Journal.

Bride -- "Why do they give us so many things we are too poor to use?" Groom-"Yes; this cock-book, for in-stance?"-Detroit Tribune.

"I enjoyed the ser 1 to-day more than any I have hear a six months." Mrs. Seequick---"Is ur new cloak sealskin or beaver?"--inter-Ocean.

"What is the correct English of it? Do you collect a bill or collect a debt?" "The English of it is you can't do either just now."—St. Louis Republic. Maud-"'I've made a splendid reso ntion." Guinevere-"What is it? lution." Guinevere-"What is it? Mand-"Tre determined to leave off getting engaged."-Chicago Record,

The boy stood on the icy walk, Whence all but him had slid; Zip went his heels, up went his feet, And "wow-wow" went the kid. --Binghamton Republican,

"Money talks," remarked the busi ness man, who was ruefully contemplating a lot of idle capital; "but it doesn't talk in its sleep."--Washing ton Star.

Miss Porkopolis-"Is it true that all Bostonians live on baked beaus?" Mrs. Beaconstreete--- "Oh, no; lots of them live on their relatives."-Somerville Journal.

saw a gleam of anusement quiver for a moment in his eyes, which caused her to become most severe and frigid mass of corre-spondence. I am weeks behind in her manner. time in answering some letters from my most in-portant customors, and I have written situatio both in tatters." So saying, Marion Maidmont, prohaughtily. "That was my intention in calling," replied Mr. Ardmore, demurely. "You have had experience?"-Miss Maidmont was gaining confidence. "Yes, three years with Gumbo &

revolving chair with a comical expres-sion of hopeless despair on her

Miss Maidmont gave her friend a

patience now, what with cranky cus-tomers to buy for, and greedy shops to purchase from, without fussing with

"Well, then, why do you not employ astenographer? I'm sure you can easily afford it, now that your business

"What! and have a commonplace firt of a girl about, boring me with her insufferable airs, and poking her nose into my business? No, I thank

you." "Well, nothing seems to suit you, Marion," langhed Miss Lefebre, as she fastened her jaunty sealskin cape. "I'm sure I don't know what else to "I'm sure I don't know what else to

into a pile of correspondence which her new typewriter was laughing at littered her desk, and drove her pen her, but his face was as grave as an furiously as she answered numerous owl's.

petty inquiries and sent samples to out-of-town customers. But somehow "Nine o'clock. I close at five. You will have an hour for luncheon, and out-of-town customers. But somehow she felt unaccountably blue and de-Saturday afternoons

mustache

figure.

"I will be on hand, Miss Maidmont, She had longed to accompany Lilian to the matinee. It was a 1 bid you good evening," and the fine day out, and her work bored her young fellow courteously bowed himself out "Really," she thought at last, as she

her little explanation.

"And the salary?" he suggested.

'Is he married or single?" asked threw down her quill after a vain at-tempt to collect her thoughts, "I Lilian Lefebre, when she called to see Marion and inspect the new type must get assistance of some kind. I am writer.

we call the matter settled

Marion looked up quickly to see if

overworking nowadays. It would not be a bad idea to get a stenographer to "I-I never asked him." stammered Marion with a sudden sinking of "Single, I suppose heart.

Lilian laughed provokingly. "You suppose, then you're not at all sure of it. He looks like a marfor a moment meditating,

ried man to me, but of course you don't care, do you?"

with knit brows and an anxious pucker about her sweet mouth. "I wish it Marion decided that Lilian could be about her sweet mouth. "I wish it were possible to get a man to assist me," she thought. "It would be a but she did not understand why she

real help in many ways." "Well, why not?" she added sud-denly, half aloud. "Why should f felt such an interest in Mr. Ardmore's affairs, though she experienced a dis-tinet feeling of relief when Jack casunot employ a young man to conduct i my correspondence? He certainly would be of immense assistance to me in purchasing articles of the masenally informed her that Mr. Ardmore was a bachelor.

One morning she found a big bunch of roses on her desk when shearrived. line sex's attire, and his opinion will be invaluable as regards gifts of eigens, smoking sets and walking sticks. Actually I believe Til try it." Somehow she was unaccountably pleased, for she gatesed immediately who had placed them there. "Extravagant fellow," she thought;

"twenty-five dollars a week won't al-low of buying many roses at this sea-Mise Maid And in her enthusiasm, Mise Maid-mont at once commenced a draft of an son of the year. The private secretary soon made himself invaluable by the active inter-

writer. A young man to act as respondent and general assis Address Maidmont, Box ..., N. Y.

Address Maidmont, Box-, N. Y." This was inserted in several of the most popular Sunday papers, and Momlay morning Miss Maidmont ex-ultingly found a great heap of mis-sives in response piled upon her desk. Ma spent most of the morning in roading and sorting them, and finally answered the two which impressed her most favorably; one because of

her most favorably; one because c its line diction, and clear, bold hand writing, and the other because it ha of the superfine lines paper.

Descendants of Montezuma.

The action of the Mexican Government in recognizing the claims of the Marquis of Castellanos and other de ndants of the Montezumas by the payment of annuities, is regarded in Madrid as a partial restitution of sequestered estates rather than as a pen-sion, as was announced from the City f Mexico

The living descendants of the line of Mexican kings who were overthrown by Cortez are connected with the first nobility of Spain and boast a family tree which reaches back to the four-teenth century. They reside at Sala-manea. They have not a large for-tune, but possess sufficient means to enable them to appear at court. Up to 1850 they received handsome rev-enues from entailed estates in Mexico, but the estates were seized by the Mexican Government and for forty-three vears they have not derived. tree which reaches back to the four three years they have not derived a penny from property to which, as heirs of Montezuma, they claim to be enti-tied. The present head of the family is Senor Don Augustin Malconado y Carbajai Cano Montezuma, Marquis of Castellanos and of Monroy. The Mar-quis is a lawyer, graduated by the Salamanea University, but he devotes? his time to agriculture and to a large factory which he has in Old Castile. — San Francisco Examiner.

An Easy Going Oriental Prince.

Otto Ehlers, the manets German traveler, tells of an easy going Chinese prince whom he visited in the Laos States while on his way from Siam to himself invaluable by the active inter-est he took in the business. If did fully half of the shooping, besides con-ducting the correspondence, and as-sisting with the books. Miss Maid-mont and he grew to be great friends. One day when a greatified customer sent Miss Maidmont a box for the opening night at a Broadway theatre, Miss Maidmont invited her typewriter -to accompany her. aquin. The present ruler leaves a carcs of affairs chiefly to his wife. He has had his throne placed in the palace kitchen, so that he can receive visitors and watch the preparation of his meals at the same time. The sub-jects seem to be content with his man

Muss Maidmont intrust, and to prove a second part of a diministration, and a source and to accompany hor. "But is it quite proper?" he asked democratic spirit manifested in his democratic spirit manifested in his choice of a throne room. The dy usay, however, promises to become extinct, as the prime's son shi hor is a confirmed dramker and is unmar-It all account as relievables that they is a confirmed dramker and is unmarboth laughed, and were better friends | rick --- Chicago Hernick

of sisal practically take The fiber yielded by the selves. The fiber yielded by the leaves is superb material for cordage, binding-twine and other purposes. Ramie is the most remarkable of the

new fiber-producing plants. Its cultivation it likely to become eventually one of the foremost agricultural indus-tries of the United States. All that is required to bring this about is a satisfactory machine for separating the fiber economically. No contrivance fiber economically. No contrivance that will accomplish this cheaply has as yet been devised. Consequ the stuff is nowhere produced ently the stuff is hownere produced of a commercial basis at present, except in Jayan, where labor is procurable for next to nothing. The Japanese sepa-rate the fiber by hand and dry it on the roofs of their houses. One man

can thus prepare two pounds a day. The plant belongs to the nettle fam-ily, and is sometimes called the "stingless nettle." It is also known as China been cultivated in that grass, having Th ountry from time immemorial. fiber is in the bark of the stalk, which has a pithy centre. has a pithy centre. It is very beau-tiful, light, strong as silk and will not mildew. From it all sorts of exquis-ite fabrics are made, counterfeiting silk and the finest linen, as well as laces for curtains, muslins, dres goods, plushes and handsome and ser dress viceable carpets. It has been sug-gested as a future material for yacht soils, on account of its lightness and strength. Ramie thrives in the Gulf

Strength. Bainte thrives in the Ohl States and California. One acre of it a year old will produce 27,000 pounds of stripped stalks ready for machine. A firm in Salem, Mass., has devised a plan for reducing the fibrous parts of ac plants into a wool-like substance from which nice yarns for certain classes of manufacture are produced. For the sake of encouraging farmers to cultivate it California has offered a hounty on this fiber.—Washington

Toronto, Canada, has an office called the department of neglected children, which is superintended by J. J. Kelso, whose duty it is to find suitable homes for unprotected children.

Father---"Well, young man, I un-derstand, then, that you love my daughter?" Nervous Youth---"N-n-n no, sir, I wish to marry her."--Chi ago Inter-Ocean.

Philanthropist .- "You say you are keeping a lookout for work? 'Thei why can't you get work?' Weary Willyum—"That's not what I'm keep ing the lookout for."—Chicago Record Hoax-"I hear Hamphat has just received a legacy of a million doliars." Joax—"Yes, and that makes him at once the richest and the poorest actor in the profession."—Philadelphis Record Record.

Kangaroo-"It's your ivory the hunters are always after. Why di you carry it in your trunk ?' Ele phant--"It's your skin they want Why don't you hide it in your pouch." --Chicago Tribune.

'She had as pretty a name as I even and. It was Marjorie Mayblossom ac as I ever heard. nt she had it changed." "Changed?" Yes, by law." "Good gracious! "Yes, by law." "Good gracious! What did she have it changed to?" "Mrs. Marjorie Smith."-New York Press.

She (sympathizingly)-"I feel, so sorry for the poor street car conduct ors. It must be terrible for them to be on their feet all day long." He-"Humph! They ain't. They're ou the passenger's feet more's half the time."- Buffalo Conrier.

"I believe in trying to put as good "I believe in trying to put as good a face as possible on everything in times like those. Maria," said Mr. Billus, looking again at the bill that had just been brought in, "but it does meen to ane that \$3.75 for complexion wash in one month is putting it on a little too thick, "....Chicago Tribune.

advertisement which, when completed to her satisfaction, read as follows: WANTED .- Stenographer and type