## W. M. CHENEY, Publisher.

## LAPORTE, PA., FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 1894.

The United States produce annually forty-six million tons of hay.

VOL. XII.

Bioveles used for business purpos are not taxed in France. All others are. Last year 132,276 machines were taxed.

"If it is true, as the Census Bureau alleges," asks the Chicago Record, "that there are 100,000 more married men in the country than there are married women, what, in the name of Hymen, are those 100,000 men married to?'

The native Russian peasantry of Esthonia and Livonia, now numbering altogether about 1,500,000, have sent thirteen deputation to St. Petersburg to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of their emancipation by the Emperor Alexander I.

According to the Chicago Herald all the United States Senators from the States south of the Potomac served in the Confederate armies except Irby, of South Carolina, and Blanchard, of Louisiana, who were too young then for military service.

At the annual meeting of the Han nemann Hospital Association in Philadelphia the other day an interesting explanation of the crowded condition of the hospital was made. Secretary Lewis said the institution had been crowded beyond its capacity, and the number of typhoid fever cases was in excess of all previous years. This condition the physicians ascribe to the business depression and consequent worry of men over financial matters.

The death of David Dudley Field, the eminent New York jurist, recalls to the Philadelphia Ledger the most remarkable story of four famous brothers, all of whom led useful lives. Cyrus West Fields, one of these brothers, who died in 1892, was the projector of the Atlantic cable ; David Dudley Field distinguished himself as a lawyer and acquired a national reputation by his codification of the laws of New York. Other brothers are Supreme Court Justice Stephen J. Field and Dr. Henry M. Field, the editor of the Evangelist. They were sons of a poor, but distinguished Berkshire clergyman, who managed to give three of his sons a collegiate education, of which they made excellent use.

Officials of the United States Navy Department have found a curious typographical error in the Bering Sea law recently passed by Congress, and are wondering what its effect may be. It is feared, states the New Orleans Picayune, that it may invalidate the whole law. The award of the Paris the ground, the going down of a red Tribunal prohibited the capture of seals at all times within a zone of sixty | line is sometimes followed almost comiles round the Pribyloff Islands, "inclusive" of the territorial waters. The bill, as introduced by Mr. Morgan, Chairman on the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, contained the correct phraseology, but when it was printed the types made the word "exclusive," and the bill was so beholder. Similarly, the morning

A Missouri nursery farm has offered to give every boy and girl in Pike County enough standard apple trees to plant an acre of ground.

SULLIVAN

Italy's Foreign Minister cogently reasons that war is improbable because no European sovereign wants it and public opinion is against it.

Holland puts all beggars to work at farming, whether they like it or not, and there is less of that sort of thing in that country than in any other civilized country in the world.

Canon Wilberforce, in a recent interview published in the Westminster Gazette, contends that the lower animals are immortal, and uses his belief as an argument against the establishment of a Pasteur institute in England.

It is an interesting fact that out of the 68,403 postoffices in the United States the ten largest furnished thirtyand two-tenths per cent. or nearly onethird of the entire revenues of the department in the last fiscal year. These en postoffices are located at New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Brooklyn, San Francisco, Baltimore and Pittsburg, and they rank in the order given. Chicago is No. 2 in the list and shows

the largest increase in business, which was eighteen and three-tenths per cent. St. Louis comes second with ten and four-tenths per cent., Cincinnati next with nine and four-tenths and New York next with eight and seven-tenths per cent.

The proposal of Kaiser William to make the peanut a liberal portion of

the German soldier's rations has an unusual interest for American farmers. maintains the American Farmer. First, it is something that there is a fair margin of profit on, which there is not on wheat and corn sold abroad. Second, we would not have, for the present at least, the destructive competition of Russia and Argentina. But we fear that just as soon as the Kaiser's saldaten begin to eat peanuts in considerable quantities, he will order the German colonies in Africa to go into peanut raising. Anyway, it will be some years at least before they can produce as good and cheap pea

nuts as we can raise in the South. While there are no night mirages in the far West like the one of an inverted shore, lighthouse, and vessels, recently seen off the North Carolina coast, the twilight or dawn upon plains o: mountains sometimes brings astrange magnifying of celestial bodies near the horizon. Thus, at close of a day, when from evaporating snow or a recent rainfall the air is humid near and sullen sun below the western sky incidentally by the rising in the east of a full moon, as vast and fiery, which, red and portentous, seems to

poise at the moment of its complete emergence over prairie, ridge or mountain, threatening to roll, a burning sphere, down the slope toward the passed. What the legal effect of the and evening stars at times take on size and colors so extraordinary that even the experienced plainsmen can scarcely believe that new and vast constellations have not appeared for the first time in the heavens.

IN THE HEART. If no kindly thought or word We can give, some soul to bless; If our hands, from hour to hour, Do no deeds of gentleness ; If to lone and weary ones We no comfort will impart-Tho' 'tis summer in the sky, Yet 'tis winter in the heart !

If we strive to lift the gloom From a dark and burdened life ; If we seek to lull the storm

Of our fallen brother's strife; If we bid all hate and scorn From the spirit to depart-Tho' 'tis winter in the sky, Yet 'tis summer in the heart ! -George Cooper, in Sunday School Times.

**GRANDPA PINNEY'S MOVING** 

BY BELLE C. GREENE. H dear, Abner!" ex-claime. Mrs. Rodgers to her husband one May morning as she bustled about the kitchen, "I don't

see how in this world I'm ever going to get through with all my spring work-cleaning and everything! If I didn't have to keep one eye on gran'pa I could do more. Seems as if he grew

worse and worse She paused with a sigh. Her hus-band waited silently for more. "When the peddler called yesterday he was setting quiet as a lamb by the stove, with the cat in his lap, kind of

playing with her, so I ventured to go ap garret and pick over the rags—it makes such a litter down here—and when I got back gran'pa was still set-ting there and fast asleep. I thought everything was all right, but come to wake my fire for dinner a few minutes after, there was an awful towsing and mowing in the oven. I opened the door and out jumped the cat! If there'd been a hot fire he'd done just

there'd been a hot fire he'd done just the same I suppose!" Abner, who was sitting by the table looking over a lot of garden-seeds for the spring sowing, laughed shortly and shrugged his shoulders. "You know what I think about gran'pa's doings," he said; "you know where I think folks had ought to go when they lose their faculties and are

when they lose their faculties and are no good to themselves nor anybody

else." "Now, Abner," said his wife, re-proachfully, "don't say you'd send gran'pa to the poorhouse! Think what a good man he's been, and what a smart man. How can you be so un-feeling! You wouldn't want your children to do so by you, in your old

"I sha'n't probably outlive my use falnes," answered Abner, coldly. "My father worked till the very day of his death-more'n paid his keep till the

last." "And father Pinney has already more than paid his keep, if he lives to be a hundred, and you know it!" re-turned his wife, indignantly. "You always lay out to forget that he's give us the old place!" "Well," said Abner, "I sha'n't hire

help at present; we can't afford to, not while we have such an expense a-going on in the family." Her father, when he came to live

Her lather, when he came to live with them, had made over to Abner the old homestead, the "Pinney Place," as it was called. It was a good farm lying adjacent to theirs, but the house was old and of little value. So, also, was the house they now occupied, and the plan was to sell the "Pinney Place" and with the money build a new house where their own now stood. But Abner seldom chose to remem-

ber the ample provision grandpa had made for his support, and on this oc-casion, instead of replying to his wife's reminder, he picked up a pack-age of early lettuce seed, and started

form around them, just below where the main branches joined the trunks, and made some steps to lead up to it. Then on the last day of May, which "The money it he money it he money it is creamed the main branches joined the tranks, and made some steps to lead up to it. Then on the last day of May, which was unusually warm for the season, in spite of his daughter's coaxing and scolding, he insisted on dragging his bed and bedding up there. A single chair and his Testament completed the furnishing. From that time on, not only did he

spend his days in the tree chamber, but he actually slept there at night. Nothing but a smart shower could drive him into the house.

drive him into the house. What seemed strange, no harm came to him from the exposure. He did not get the terrible colds and rheu-matism that Belinda had feared; on the contrary, he seemed to grow stronger and happier every day. And she found she could accomplish twice as much work. It was true, as Abner had said, "he was out of her way;" still, she did not feel quite easy about him.

him.

It seemed a dreadful thing to have her old father sleeping out there alone in the darkness of the night! So she anxiously hoped that he would not think of going this year. But a few days after the recorded conversation, Belinda came home from

an errand to a neighbor's house, to find that the "May-moving" had taken place. Abner, who had been a witness to the proceeding, only said, carele relessly: "Let him be, he's all right; nothing

happened to him last year." What finally recordied Belinda more than anything else was a remark

ber father made in his rambling way, which gave her new insight into his feeling. "Belindy, darter," he said, "don't

hender me. Everything is free outof-doors, free and welcome. She knew then that he realized how

grudgingly he was housed and fed. His withdrawal from the house seemed but a natural instinct, the protest of If his self-respect. After that she could ust not oppose him farther. She allowed him the most perfect freedom to come

and go as he liked. "God 'll take care of him, as Ho does of the birds and the rest of His creatures," she said to herself, trustfully.

One day Abner came in very much elated. "Belindy !" he exclaimed, "what should you say to an offer of four thousand dollars for the old place! What kind of an offer is that, hey?" and he rubbed his hands in great sat-

isfaction. "I should say it was a bouncing

good offer, and you'd better take it, said his wife. He went on excitedly to tell her the particulars.

"And now, Abner," she said pres-ently, in her coaxing way, "I do hope you'll try and feel a little more patient with grand'pa. Just think of all that money coming to us through

him!' "The best of it is," continued "The best of it is," continued Abner, who just now could think of nothing but the money, "the best of it is, Belindy, it's going to be paid down! So all I've got to do is to elap it into the bank, and let it stay

till after the crops are in. Then we'll begin the new house right away -have it all done and ready to move into by spring!" "And when we get into the new

house, we're going to have Mary and the baby come home to live with us, ain't we? You know you've prom-ised," reminded his wife, bent on taking all possible advantage of her un-

Mary, their only daughter, had married a poor man, and was now a widow, supporting herself and child by working in the factory in a distant town. To have her child and grand by working in the factory in a distant town. To have her child and grand-child at home with her had long been the wish of the mother's heart; but her husband had always put her off. "Wait till we get into the new house," he had always said. "Then there's had always said. "Then ther's had always said. "Then ther's had always said. "Then ther's had always the ter off. "Wait till be more reom." But she had feared that he never really meant to consent. Now, to her astonishment

"Yes, yes; let 'em come !"

naturedly:

fore.

REPUBLICAN.

"The money i the money I's screamed Abner, frantically, and rushed into flames, only to be driven quickly back. He flew outdoors and round to the parlor windows, hoping to gain en trance there; but he was too late. The whole hence scemed to be in farmed whole house seemed to be in flames

whole house seemed to be in hames; it burned like tinder. Before any of the neighbors were aroused, before Abner and his wife thought of anything but the money, the whole house and all it contained was gone—money, furniture, clothing —everything gone in a night! At first the thought of his loss drove

Abner almost wild. He raved like a madman, and his wife looked into his face in speechless agony. What could she say? How was she to comfort a man like him for the lost

of his property? She did not think of herself for a moment; she only felt for him. But all she could do was to pray

But all she could do was to pray silently that God would mercifully help him to bear his grief. And as it in answer to her humble prayer, s miracle began then and there to be worked in Abner's sordid soul. While he sat on the great chopping-block in the dooryard, in the midst of the ruin of his hopes, gradually his misery seemed to abate. The sun had risen, the birds were

twittering in the trees, and by and by the cows came up the lane one by one of their own accord to the milking The old horse and the colt in the field put their heads over the fence and whinnied, and finally the great rooste strutted up quite close to Abner and crowed encouragingly. Abner, looking up into his wife's face, almost smiled up into his whe s face, atmost smiled "I forgot the creatures," he said, slowly. "They're left to us—and there's the land. If we only had the money to build the new house with J wouldn't care."

"Never mind; we shall get along omehow. I reckon the Lord'll pro-

vide," she answered cheerfully. "Belindy," said Abner, tremulously, "the worst of it is I deserve it all. And see here," hesitating and speaking with evident effort, "I-I'm afraid I've got nobody but myself to blame for the fire. Belindy—I suppose—it was my own hand that set that fire. You see I went into the parlor just at dusk to make sure the money was safe be-fore going to bed, and not contented with feeling it, I lit a match to see. expect that match done the mischief; it must be! And I believe it's a judgment upon me, too. "Yes," he sobbed, breaking down

entirely now, "yes, I've been a grasp-ing, wicked man, and now granpa's

At the mention of grandpa Belinda At the mention of grandpa Belinda sprang up with a cry, and hastened to the chamber in the tree, closely fol-lowed by her husband. In their sel-fish grief they had quite forgotten grandpa! Was he safe?

They clambered quickly up the steps and reached the landing. There on the bed lay the old man, still sleeping. He was a very sound sleeper always, and evidently the fire had not wakened him. As they looked upon him, the thought

of what would probably have been his fate had he been sleeping in the house, made their blood run cold.

"We should have forgot him-and we couldn't have saved him, anyway !" they said.

While they stood th re he awoke. Seeing his unusual visitors, he sat up in bed and rubbed his eyes, a little bewildered; then suddenly a wonder-fully bright expression illumined his

AMERICAN ORANGE TRADE. PHENOMENAL GROWTH OF A DO-MESTIC INDUSTRY.

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

Driving the Foreign Fruit From Our Market-Immense Yields of Flor-ida and California Trade.

Ha and California Trade. HE growth of the American orange trade has been phe-nomenal, and its history is full of interest. Thirty years ago the oranges consumed in this country were obtained mainly from the Medi-toremena countries the tort Sicilian terranean countries, the tart Sicilian orange, however, being supplemented by the "sweet Havanas," which latter

have since been so completely sur have since been so completely sur-passed by the even more luscious Floridas, the finest oranges in the world, that they now practically exist only in memory. Oaly three decades ago the entire orange trade of this country was controlled by a few ex-tensive importers. Business was then done entirely on orders, the importers and ing their orders abroad every fall. sending their orders abroad every fall, at which season sailing vessels, which have since been entirely supplanted by

have since been entirely supplanted by steamships, were chartered to trans-port the fruit from Sicilian and other Mediterranean ports to this country; in fact, September was the month in which business arrangements were an-nually made six months in advance of their fulfillment. This method of conducting business existed for many verses birt in 1865.

This method of conducting business existed for many years, but in 1865, the growers of Sicilian oranges, who had previously sold their crops en-tirely on orders, began to ship them to this country on consignment. The old importers then gradually aban-doned their original methods and be-mento receiver finit as consignees in doned their original methods and be-gan to receive fruit as consignees, in-stead of importing it. New firms en-tered the field and strong competition sprang up in the business, which was then profitable, as may be seen by the fact that a single New York firm, in one season, realized a clear profit of over \$30,000 on its Sicilian consign-

ments alone. About fifteen years later the American fruit firms were largely super-seded by Italians, the fruit growers of Sicily and the native shippers of Pal-ermo and other Mediterranean ports sending their sons and relatives to this country to establish firms, till now only three or four distinctly Amerionly three or four distinctly Ameri-ican firms of prominence remain in the business. During the last ten years, however, the importation of oranges from the Mediterranean has steadily decreased, and, while large quantities continue to come from Sicily, the imports from Spain have dwindled into utter insignificance. The decline of importation was brought about by the rapid growth of the doabout by the rapid growth of the do-mestic orange industry, which has been most remarkably developed. For-eign growers at first ridiculed the idea that they could ever be deprived

of the American market, in which they had long been accustomed to reap bountiful harvests annually, but their ridicule was soon turned to regret. About that time, only a single decade ago, the Florida orange industry sprang into prominence as if by magic, and the product of the Florida groves has since swiftly and steadily in-creased, till now the annual crop is estimated at fully 6,000,000 boxes, and

it is yearly augmented. California has since come into great prominence as an orange-producing State, and last year supplied 2,500,-000 boxes, which were distributed mainly through the West and Northwest, only a limited quantity reaching the Atlantic seaboard, on account of the high rates of freight, it costing 871 cents a box to transport orange from the Pacific Slope to New York by rail, while those from Florida, coming by steamship, are transported for fifty cents a box, giving the Flor-ida growers an advantage of 371 cents

Lena—"She would be better off without her husband, wouldn't she?" Laura—"I should say'so." His life is insured for \$40,000."—Truth. When a man begins to remark how different children are now from what they were when he was a boy, he may look for gray hairs in his head.—Puck. Little drops of water, Little grains of soap Make the active Anarchist, Get right up and slope, —Washington Star,

lvn Life.

Clara -- "What, are you reading,

NO. 36. TO-MORROW.

Advancing swiftly just a span Before the coming morn, Phantom To-morrow flees away As each To-day is born : Then halting on the path of life, Teasing and mute she stands, And, as men gaze with hone or fear.

She beckons with her hands Thus, tempestress-like, she leads men on

But will not suffer them To touch the veil that masks her face Or e'en her garment's he

And as they follow wistfully Along the vale of years. Vainly they strive to see if she

Is smiling or in tears. -C. H. Williams, in Philadeiphia Life.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

What is life but a great cake-walk .-Galveston News.

When a man is the slave of gold, he is serving a pretty hard master. When genius attains to a dress-suit it has become celebrity. --Puck.

Some clocks strike ten when it only six. It is the same way with

many men. "Business" covers a multitude of transactions just out of reach of the

law. -Puck. A woman is never so likely to be mistaken as when she is perfectly sure she is right.

The angler is so absorbed in his hobby that he generally fishes with baited breath. Good cooks can make pie of every-thing, from beefsteak to vinegar.— Atchison Globe.

Hannibal succeeded in crossing the

Alps; but he didn't have any hotel bills to pay.--Puck.

A good resolution is supposed to be one that will stretch a little when

"You say he is a bad egg. How did you find it out?" "He showed it the moment he was broke."—Fun.

It is is easy for a man to paddle his

They are by woors rash. To heal them over, neatly bind In politices of cash. —Washington Star.

When the pot calls the kettle black.

the kettle fearlessly demands an in-vestigation of the color of the pot.--

It is better to walk and catch the

next ferry-boat than to run for dear life and miss the one that is just start-

Hardup is a pretty decent sort of chap, but he never sticks to anything." "Did you ever lend him any money?"

The star of hope may shine over-

head, but we feel more security when we can get her anchor planted safely

"Johnny," said the teacher, "is a jackass a biped or a quadruped?" "Please, sir," said Johnny, 'that de-pends on the jackass."—Life.

Puck.

ing.-Puck.

-Philadelphia Record.

in the mud below.-Puck.

own canoe when his parents buy the canoe and paddle for him. —Puck.

When hearts are broken, as we find

necessary .-- Galveston News.

error may be still remains to be seen. but some people think that the Senate will have to reconsider its work and pass the bill again formally before it will be properly operative. There is a good deal of red tape about legal matters.

The rapid development of the life insurance business of this country is one of the most remarkable economic facts of the time, asserts Frank Les lie's Weekly. "And as indicating the growth of a provident spirit and habit among our people, it is a fact of im mense significance. Some conception of the magnitude of this interast is afforded by the returns of the thirtytwo old style life insurance companies now doing business in this State. The total amount of premiums paid into these companies last year was \$192, 706,838. The death claims paid dur ing the year amounted to \$75,903,820 The surplus, as regards policy holders, held by these companies at the begin ning of the present year was S116. 549, 186. These figures leave no room for doubt as to the steadily increasing popularity of life insurance as a means of assuring reasonable protection against the accidents and adverse fortunes of life to those who would otherwise be defenseless. It is no doubt true that the cost of insurance in some of the standard companies is excessive, and that the business could he safely and profitably conducted a much lower charges to the policy holder, but even at the extravagan rates sometimes exacted, the life in surance system offers advantage which fow persons with others dependent upon them can afford to disi logi m ummin lonanis.

The western part of Kansas, it is said, has been losing its population rapidly within the past few years. Twenty-two counties, which in 1888 contained a population of 102,669 souls, now have but 54,663. This exodus has been due to the long and destructive droughts, to which the region is subject; and the farmers who remain are still setting up windmills and endeavoring by their help to irrigate their fields. The loss of population has not been so marked, however, in the farming districts as in the towns. All along the railroads are towns, which once contained a teeming population, and promised a great future, but are now practically tenantloss. At Chico, for instance, the train now stops only on signal. Once its arrival was a great event, and crowds of people swarmed to the station. In that day Chico had the appearance, at least, of prosperity, and boasts were made of its growth. Kanopolis was to be the hub of Kansas, and eastern capitalists, some of them men of note, invested liberally in the future of the town. To-day its ambituous Capitol square is used for a sheep pasture, and the train rushes by as though it were a tank station. South Hutchinson furnishes another illustration. It was a young giant at its zenith, with brick hotels, churches, school-1 puses and a street car line. Prairie bgs now run about the chancel of the biggest church, and the hotel door is kidden

age off. At the door he turned, however. and said, perhaps with some idea of encouraging her: "Ain't it about time for gran'pa's

May-moving? He won't be round un-derfoot so much when he gets up in his tree.

"I hope he won't go. I hope he's got all about it," she said, anxiousforgot all about it," she said, anxious-ly. "I tell you, Abner, it isn't safe and it isn't respectable for an old man like father to sleep outdoors in a tree ! Seems as if I couldn't have him do it again She dashed the tears away from her

eyes as her husband went out. I do wish I could ever learn to

hold my tongue, complaining to Ab-ner !" she exclaimed, bitterly. "He ner !" she exclaimed, bitterly. "He always blames everything off on to gran'pa, and that's all the good it does. It's a burning shame I can't have help through house-cleanin'; but if gran'pa 'll only give up his May-moving this year I won't say another word—not if I work my fingers to the bone !" night?

Two years before, when the spring

came round, Grandpa Pinney I taken a queer freak into his head. As Abner expressed it. "he got cranky on air." When the weather grew warm, and the trees leafed out and the birds began to sing in their branches, the old man became strangely restless

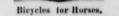
and uncasy, talked incoherently about "stifling" and "smothering," and in-sisted on having all the doors an I windows in the house wide open. Later on, he scened unwilling to stay in the house at all, and moved his exceeding of the scene the scene this

stay in the house at all, and moved his armchair out under the great twin oaks across the road. There he spent most of his time, reading his large print Testament or watching the birds and looking contentedly off over the pleasant fields. "It shouldn't suppose anybody would be likely to look there for money ; they'd be more apt to think I had it under my pillow," he said that night, "At any rate, we've got to run the risk of losing on it wherever we put it."

nsent. Now, to her astonishment d delight, he answered goodgrandpa's room was the largest and best room in it. Mary and the baby came home to live, and mother and daughter did the housework together

"Yes, yes; let 'em come!" came a His good luck seemed to have warmed his heart, and made him for once fatherly and benevolent. The The next day the man who had about l The next year grandpa forgot all The next year granapa lorgot all about his May-moving. He was con-tented and happy in the new house, where he now found everything "free and welcome." But he still likes his chamber in the tree, and sits there

bought the Pinney farm paid to Abner the price in full-four thousand dollars; more money than either Abner or his wife had ever seen beoften of a summer afternoon, poring reverently over his Testament or gazing up through the trees, dreaming perhaps of heaven.-Youth's Compan-



Why couldn't we have horse bi-cycles? It wouldn't bemach expense. The poor horses shouldn't be asked to After much deliberation they de-After much deliberation they de-cided to hide it in a little capboard over the mantel in the parlor, and accordingly, while Belinda tiptoed to the window and made sure no one was nigh to see. Abner wrapped the money carefully in a large bandanan handker-chief, and put it in a dark corner of the cupboard. Several times Abner left his work and stole into the parlor to make sure walk in this day of universal wrig-gling on wheels. Think of the fun! In crossing a street it is so diverting In crossing a street it is so diverting now, after long planning, to succeed in dodging five or six wagons, and ditto electric ears, only to be run down by a sneaking bicycle that was not in sight when you started. But how fast and furious the fun would grow if we could only put all horses on wheels, too—a sort of swift-travel-ing tread-mill arrangement. This needed reform should proceed at once. --Boston Transcript. and stole into the parlor to make sure -Boston Transcript.

## A Thirsty Stone,

A new kind of white hydrophane has been found in Colorado, which is remarkable for its power of absorbing liquids. When water is dropped remarkable for its power or animony inquicks. When water is dropped clowly upon it, it becomes chalky and then, by degrees, perfectly transpar-ent. It has been named the "magic stone," and is coming into use by jewclers for lockets, to conceal photo graphs or other objects which the wearer may wish only to pleasure. - New York Frees. to reveal of

Ten years ago there were probably no less than 150 firms receiving the delicious Florida oranges directly from the fragrant groves, and, in fact, it was said that a well-worded circular and a brass stencil-plate were the only prerequisites for procuring abundant

consignments from the confiding grow-ers. The number of receivers in this city, however, has rapidly decreased, and there are now not more than ten or twelve firms of noteworthy prom-inence in the trade here. When there incace in the trade here. When there was such a large number of firms in the trade there were many whose busi-ness methods were open to criticism, and who duped the orange-growers and the public, but they have happily been driven out of the trade, which is now conducted by reputable firms and on

conducted by reputable firms and on strictly business principles. The rapid growth of the Florida orange trade has seriously interfered with the importers, as is strikingly shown by the fact that, while there were 1,798,000 boxes of Sicilian oranges imported in 1886-87, there were only 682,000 boxes imported in 1891-92. Despite the difficulties with which the growers have to contend almost

Despite the difficulties with which the growers have to contend almost every season, the erop continues stead-ily to increase. Most of the trees in the orange groves of Florida are now over four years old and will soon be in full bearing, when, it is estimated, tho erop will be at least 10,000,000 boxes. There were over 900,000 boxes of Florida oranges received in this city

There were over 900,000 boxes of Plorida oranges received in this eity alone last year, while less than 5000 boxes were received from California, whose last grop was 2,500,000 boxes. The California crop is also rapidly increasing, there having been 2,500, 000 boxes grown last year against 2, 000,000 the previous year. Oranges are also being successfully grown in Arizona and Louissana. The crops here are yet small, but are instreasing, and with the immense and growing yields in Florids and California, the day is not far distant when only Amer-tean oranges will be found in American markets. New York Tribuue.

Seals cannot live in izeah water.

"Do you like them?" "Yes, inde There is so much 1 can skip." -- New York Weekly.

"Where is the bearded lady," asked the manager. "It is time for the show to begin." "He went out to vote," explained the ossified man.-Indiana-lis Journal.

The Spectacled Girl--"Have you read 'Ships That Pass in the Night?'" The Auburn-haired Girl-"No. What kind are they-courtships?"-Indianapolis Journal.

First Lady—"And the last thing that Henry did was to give me a kiss." Second Lady—"Indeed; I should think that is about the last thing he would do."--Tid-Bits.

"Miss Twilkins has gone to Europe to cultivate her voice." "Dear me! I didn't know she could afford it. " "The neighbors subscribed the money."-Washington Star.

Patient -''I am troubled with in-somnia. What would you recommend?" Doctor-''A good, refreshing sleep seven nights in the week. Five dollars, please. "---Boston Transcript.

"Haven't you made Mr. Bulger's portrait a good deal more than life size?" said one artist to another. "Perhaps. You see, that's as big as he thinks he is "-Washington Star.

"Did you tell the hired girl that you wouldn't pat up with her work ?" aske I Mr. Simmins at the dinner table. "Yes." "What did the say?" "She 

Elderly Maiden --- "This is so unex-pected, Mr. Weltalong, that -- that you must give me time." Elderly Laver --- "Time, Mia: Rebecea? L.s. you think there is say to spare?"---Tit.Bite.

Affable Swell-"Well, the fast 's, my name is not Smithson. You cos, I an traveling incog. There's ne card." Fultow Passenger - Glad to hear it. The traveling is pickloss Here's mine." Brocklyn Life.

that the money was safe, and as often questioned nervously as to whether they had chosen the best hiding-place; but finally he concluded to let it remain. "I shouldn't suppose anybody would be bicket to have these for me

pleasant fields. They had hard work to get him in doors for his meals. The idea of sleeping outside, however, had not then occurred to him. This was two years ago; the next year, not content with si ting under the trees, he built a sort of rude plat.

In the midst of their joyful excite-ment, they were both suddenly struck with an anxious fear. Since Abner could not take the money to the bank till the next day, where should they put it for safe-keeping through the ion.