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ed to REPUBLICAN NEWS ITEM, Laporte .Pa.,

mal furs, the natural coats of the coney, hare, nutria, muskrat and beaver. To manipulate the skins of Standing, sentinel-like, where the Susquehanna splits itself into the north and south branches, is old Fort these animals so as to properly pre-pare the fur for felting purposes is an Augusta, the veteran fighting strong-hold of the United States. Beside a modern fort it would look, in size, like a dog alongside of an elephant. It is expert chemical operation; in fact, a trade in itself, entirely distinct from that of hat-making, and is carried on by 'hatters' ' fur-cutters in London, the now the property of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gross of Sunbury, Pa., and is located in a field about 165 feet from the river world's great center for that work. The art of the hat maker includes a knowledge of the particular fur or combination of furs for making a given quality of hats. The proportioning of bank, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

the different furs requires the utmost exactness. The quality of product having been decided upon, the fur is It was built in 1756, after plans by Col. Gordon, as a protection against the French and hostile Indians, and was named after the mother of George then cleaned and separated from stray hairs and all unfeltable substances. II. In shape it closely resembles a bakeoven, and its interior is curious and interesting. A small mound of earth marks the spot, with an opening in the ground two and one-half feet This initial process is accomplished by a windy machine called 'the devil.' "The next process, 'forming,' con-sists of distributing by means of air currents a light coating of fur upon the wide. Twelve four-inch stone steps lead below. On descending the ground space inside is found to be 10 by 12 feet, and eight feet from the floor to the apex of the arched ceiling. The currents a light coating of tur upon the outer surface of a revolving perpen-dicular cone, perforated with small holes. When fur covers the cone suf-ficent for one hat, it is wrapped in wet cloths and given a brief hot bath, then stripped from the cone, and, after the 'stopping' process of adding a little fur to weak spots, is wrapped with other cloths inside a woolen cloth to 'harden' arch is brick, and commences in an offset purposely made in the wall five feet above the ground floor. The bricks are said to be of English manufacture.

Its location at the forks of the Sus-quehanna was a strong strategic ad-vantage, as it held the chief passage by waterway from the north of the state. When completed it was regarded as one of the largest, strongest and most important of all the fortifications erected on the frontiers of the provin-ces. Its original armament consisted of at least twelve cannon and two swivels, and one of these cannon is still in existence in Sunbury. It is of Eng-lish make, of about three and one-half inch bore, and weighs nearly 1,000 pounds

move stray hairs in the fur, and then it is stiffened with a coating of shellac, thoroughly dried and then subjected to steam, which softens the shellac and draws it into the fabric. When dried it Fort Augusta ranks next in importance to Valley Forge as a factor in the achievement of our liberties, and is immersed in a hot alkaline solution to free the surface from shellac, and it is to be hoped that some day public spirit will see that steps are taken for its preservation, and a suitable tablet then in cold water to remove the alkali. placed upon it to mark its stanch as-sistance in the early career of this great fabric is dipped in boiling water and placed on a block patterned for the final shape of the hat. After the dyeing process comes that of finishing, which country.

Italy's Towers. Travelers all know how celebrated consists of steaming, blocking to shape the crown, drying, coating with a stifthe bell towers of Italy are. Each important church is made more beautiful architecturally by the campanile, or bell tower, which can be seen for miles move the long nap, and oil applied to smooth the surface. The 'curling' deaway, because the church is always on the highest point of land. partment cuts the brim to the desired

Italy has church towers and civil towers, the first being the handsomest, They are always attached to a house of worship and in mediaeval days were used as watch towers and for forts. In the sixth century bells were introduced in the towers to call the people to pray-ers. Civil towers arose in the eleventh century, when palaces, with battle-mented towers, were built in great numbers. Nearly all the towers in Italy are square; some, however, have six or eight sides and a few are round. The oldest are undecorated and built of massive stone or brick, lighted by mere loopholes of windows. Gradually many changes were made and ornamentation, pillars and large windows were put in the towers.

the snoring habit. There is just one case of the kind known to exist, in Kansas City, Kan., and while there is The leaning tower of Pisa is well known. It was built in the twelfth century and is thirteen feet out of per-

HOW FELT HATS ARE MADE. TELEGRAPHING IN SPAIN. Thousands of Men, Women and Boys

the present time fur-felt nais are made in eleven states-namely, Connecticut, Indiana, Illinois, Maryland, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jer> sey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island, says the New York Com-mercial. There are in all more than 200 manufacturing plante producing bats for men's hows' women's and

hats for men's, boys', women's and children's wear, composed of the fur of the rabbit, beaver, nutria and other

animals. The industry employs up-ward of 25,000 men, women and boys,

and the approximate value of the output is said to be \$20,000,000 annually. Speaking of men's hats and their man-

"Felt hats include the popular derby and the various other styles of soft hats, all of which are made from ani-

it for handling. By a process called 'sizing,' which consists of repeated im-

mersions in hot water, together with rolling and unrolling, folding and un-

folding, the cone-shaped mass is re duced to one-third its original size. It is wonderful how each fiber will twist

and intertwine, basket-fashion, with the other, until the product is a closely

woven mass. "The 'body' is then 'shaved' to re-

'Blocking' succeeds stiffening. The

fening solution, drying again, ironing

ing and band and cementing the lining, the derby is finished. If a soft hat is

desired the stiffening process is omit-

A Horse That Snores.

key in Kentucky; they are nearly as numerous as women with cold feet.

However, while these two evils are pre-dominant with the human race, yet it

is indeed seldom that a member of the

animal kingdom becomes afflicted with

Snoring men are as plentiful as whis-

ted.

Employed in the Industry. One of the leading industries of this It is Generally Attended With Much country is the manufacture of hats. At the present time fur-felt hats are made

It is Generally Attended With Much Difficulty and Uncertainty. The Spanish ceremonies which ac-company the handling of a telegram would be amusing were they not so irksome and time-killing. You ap-proach a little window in the one office in the city, and, when your turn comes, hand in your message. The clark hand in your message. The clerk counts the words a couple of times over, adds up the result of each page, refers to the written tariff, and finds out what the cost is in francs. Then he takes another slip of paper, finds he takes another slip of paper, finds out what the rate of exchange is at the moment, and reduces the france is at spanish pesetas. Finally, he reads out the result—say, 597 pesetas, 35 cen-times. You engrave these figures in your memory, and leaving the hall, go out to another widow in a passage outside, and there await your turn, re-peating always the number 597,35 till the clerk asks you what you want. Then you explain that you are come to purchase Spanish stamps for the sum of 597 pesetas and 35 centimes, and then you take out a note for 1,000 pesetas. The passage is dark on the prightest day, and you accept the stamps and your change in spirit of true religious faith, for you see not even darkly as in a glass. When you return to the inner sanctuary and help to make a queue, awaiting your turn again, the chances are that you find yourself short of stamps, in consequence of a mistake on the part of clerk outside. This happened twice to me, but I am bound to say the indi-vidual discovered and rectified his error, so that my only loss was of about thirty-five minutes more.

What "Sing a Song of Six Pence" Means. You all know the rhyme, but have you ever heard what it really means? The four-and-twenty blackbirds represented the twenty-four hours. The bottom of the pie is the world, while the top crust is the sky that over-arches it. The opening of the pie is the day dawn, when the birds begin to sing, and surely such a sight is fit for a King.

The King, who is represented as sitting in his parlor counting out his money, is the sun, while the gold pieces that slip through his fingers, as he counts them, are the golden sunbeams. The Queen, who sits in the dark kitchen, is the moon, and the honey with which she regales herself is the moonlight.

The industrious maid, who is in the garden at work before the Kingsun- has risen, is day-dawn, and the clothes she hangs out are the clouds. The birds who, so tragically, end the Heavy song by "nipping off her nose" is the sunset. So we have the whole day, if not in a nutshell, in a pie.

Wearing Hats in Parliament

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out wrinkles, after which it is pounced with emery paper and singed to reand neighbors for their kindness shown me during the sickness and width, rolls up the sides and pitches the front and rear as the style de-mands.. With the process of trim-ming, consisting of sewing on the bind-

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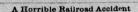
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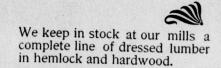
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pendicular. Around a hollow, brick	•
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tube are built eight stories of open gal-	
leries, supported by slender columns. It	5
is 179 feet high and at its summit is a	i
room where Galileo experimented.	1
There are also six bells, the largest of	t
which weighs 12,000 pounds. One of	1
them, which was tolled when criminals	
were led to execution, is ornamented	5
with figures of the Virgin and the arms	t
of the city.	
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The bell tower of Florence is perhaps more beautiful than that of Pisa. Giotto was the architect and no expense was Figures by the greatest scuipspared. tors adorn the base and the upper three stories are ornamented with spiral shafts and carved moldings. Black and white marble was the material used and the mellowing hand of time has only added to the beauty of the

The Prince of Wales, when annoyed, winks his left eye rapidly; the Emwinks his left eye rapidly; the Em-peror of Austria puffs out his cheeks; the Czar lays his hand flat on the top of his head; Mr. Gladstone turned swiftly on his heels, as if executing a volte face, and the Sultan of Turk grasps his throat tightly with his hand.

Prevents the Kettle Boiling Dry. To prevent kettles from boiling dry a water tank is placed in the cover a water tank is placed in the cover the kettle below and attached to a pivoted bar which lifts a plus, in the cover to allow the water to flow into the kettle when the latter Becomes dry.

case the afflicted animal contracted he habit from man.

Prince, the oldest horse on the Kansas City, Kan., Fire Department, has he snoring habit, and he's got it bad. All of the "laddies" at Fire Headquar-ters have good records as snorers, but Prince can allow them all a bad cold nd then beat them out, pulled up. Snoring Prince, or the prince snorer, is the horse driven by Assistant Chief William McConnell. He generally minces away at his food until after 12 o'clock each night, providing there are no alarms.

At about this hour he lies down in his stall and in a few minutes his eyes close and soon thereafter the snoring The noise produced by the begins. sleeping horse is similar to that of a snoring man. Before it became known that Prince actually snored several of the firemen, who take turn about watching at night, were accused of going to sleep on duty. The only founda-tion for the accusation was the snoring. In order to prove their innocence it became necessary for them to peach on Prince.

How Ibsen Looks. Ibsen, the Norwegian dramatist, is an extraordinary looking man, Almost a dwarf in height, the upper part of the body is immense, compared with his lower limbs. He has a huge head, severed with bushy white hair, and his keen blue eyes glare at his interlocti-tor with a piercing glance.

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