A bicyclist has just obtained a verdict of \$24,500 against a railroad company for the loss of his legs. If he had not been a wheelman what would the sum have been?

à sharp line of distinction should be ärawn between the classes that are in the "submerged tenth" because they are hopelessly degenerate and those coming to us from Canada and Europe, who begin at the bottom, but quickly rise to self-support and selfrespect.

Koyama is a member of the Japanese Diet. That body had been considering a land tax bill which the government was determined should become a law. When the roll was called Kovama announced that certain agents of the government had paid him \$4000 to vote for the tax bill, and then sedately proceeded to vote against the measure. In his artless Japanese fashion, Koyama further rebuked his would-be corrupters by pocketing the money. While this is exceedingly interesting evidence going to show that the dawn of civilization in Japan has become a sunburst, it is disappointing. Koyama is evidently young. He must learn that the first requisite of a

successful politcian is to stay bought and say nothing about it.

It is a little over a year since Philadelphia transferred to the United Gas Improvement company, under a 30 years' lease, the franchise of the gas company, and reports recently made mark sharply the difference between political control and business management. The city now has a revenue of 10 per cent, on an increased quantity of gas sold at \$1 per thousand, whereas it was formerly unable to make both ends meet at a higher rate. Consumers are supplied with better gas, and the worn-out gas mains have been replaced with new ones, to the comfort of citizens whose noses had been assailed with the odor of escaping gas. In this work of betterment \$3,112,829 has been expended within the year, although the lease only requires the expenditure of \$5,000,000 in this way during the first three years, and of \$10,000,00 thereafter. All these improvements, it should be noted, will ultimately revert to the benefit of the city, as at the end of the 30 years the gas-works must be returned to the city without the expenditure of a dollar of public money on the improvements made or to be made.

More evidence of the use of boracic acid as a meat preservative comes from Philadelphia. A soap-maker in that city, who purchases the excess fat from the market stalls, says that about five years ago he noticed that something in connection with the tallow was preventing its union with the lye in the soap-making process. He concluded that there was an acid of some kind in the tallow, and on making that statement to the firm that supplied the tallow it was admitted that the meat men were using a wash for the meat, and that it was boracic acid. He asked if the fluid was injected in the meat, and was told that it was used only on the surface before the meat was put into the ice-chest. The soap-manufacturer adds that he has often since that time noticed in butcher shops that meat that had been undeniably washed with a preserving liquid or powder was avoided by the flies, while they would swarm on untreated meat. He had observed also that he had less trouble with the acid in cold weather, when it was presumable that less of the preservative was used. Apropos of the phenomenon of sleep, a printer in a newspaper office in Bangor, Me., thought that he had solved it. He might have succeeded had not nature called him to account for his triffing. His scheme was simple and plausible. He did not believe that slumber had any effect on the muscles; they need simply rest or change in the character of exercise. As to the brain, that could be rested in the same way. He dropped off a few minutes from his sleep every day. In the course of a month he had reduced his ordinary time of slumber of eight hours to five. At length he reached the suprememoment when he was to pass his first sleepless consecu tive twenty-four hours. As has been said, he was a printer, a compositor. He needed a certain font of type that was kept in a dark corner of the room. He climbed up on the stool. Three hours later they missed him. A search revealed him sitting on the stool fast asleep. He was taken home and he slept for long periods throughout a week. So far he has not found his experiment profitable. This is a good illustration of all the attributes of nature. Poor humanity cannot ignore her laws without a stern admon ishmant

It appears that Admiral Dewey is a good hand at an epigram as well as at fighting. But then one is never surprised at finding a new virtue or accomplishment in Dewey.

The statement that Missouri never punishes train robbers is a cruel slanler, facetiously remarks the Kansas City Journal. It often happens that outlaws of this class are sent to the penitentiary even before they have been operating in the state twenty years, and sometimes they are compelled to remain there weeks and weeks before the governor padons them out.

A dispatch from Pine Bluff, Ark., to the Little Rock Gazette, states that as a result of the recent successful experiments in Mississippi with monkeys as cotton pickers, several Jefferson county planters will make similar experiments. One of the most successful planters in the state, we are told, will soon have monkeys in his field. This looks like the revival of a hoax that convulsed Birmingham, Ala., some years ago.

If a German scientist is to be be lieved, everything needed to make a man weigh 150 pounds can be found in the whites and yolks of 1200 hen's eggs. "Reduced to a fluid," declares the savant, "the average man would yield 98 cubic metres of illuminating gas and hydrogen, enough to fill a balloon capable of lifting 155 pounds. The normal human body has in it the iron needed to make seven large nails, the fat for fourteen pounds of candles, the carbon for 65 gross of crayons and phosphorus enough for eight hundred and twenty thousand matches. Out of it can be obtained besides twenty coffee-spoonfuls of salt, fifty lumps of sugar, and forty-two litres of water."

The death of Caprivi removes from the public life of Europea man whose chief distinction was that he succeeded Bismarck as chancellor when Wilhelm ascended the throne of empire. Yet Caprivi deserves honor for a long life of hard work and high achievement in both military and naval lines, as well as in statesmanship. A brilliant general in war and a methodical worker in the barracks of peace, he proved himself as equal to the task of reor. ganizing the German navy as to the command of an army corps. Had he not been overshadowed by the towering figure of his predecessor as chancellor, and had he not failed to maintain the harmony of relations essential to his continuance in office, the name of Caprivi would command a more eminent place in the diplomatic history of the century.

In this country the majority rules but does not tyrannize. It is the chartered license of the smallest minority to admonish solemnly, assail bitterly, ridicule, impugn and defy the sovereign, before yielding him that loyal obedience that no one dares refuse in the end, philosophises the New York Commercial Advertiser. Some of us call this government by discussion. It is edifying enough when it does not lead ignorant foreigners into acts which compel us to painful severity. Because the tolerance of criticism implies neither abatement of swiftness and force of national action when national authority is outraged, nor embarrassment of government by faction in the moment of action. The nation discusses with the noisy divergence of a debating society, but ac s with the unity and force of an army. Domestic turbulence has learned this; external Our consul at Liverpool has sent to Washington a suggestive report on the results of a trial at that city of antomotor freight wagons. The joint report of the British experts who witnessed the trial points out several defects that are alleged to make doubtful the much more extended use of the vehicles in Great Britgin in the near future, and emphasizes some of their limitations. The trial at Liverpool included only automotor freight wagons, and the aim there has been to at tain the maximum of speed and durability in competition with the railways for cheaper freights. Thus far it has been shown that these wagons may work in commercial competition with railway rates with loads up to four tons and over distances of thirty to forty miles. This is where British effort has been stopped temporarily, awaiting the manufacture of an improved machine. With such proof of what British and continental European manufacturers have been able to accomplish, it will be strange if the plans and models of our own manufacturers do not take into account the defects. and forthwith adapt their plants and appliances to the needs of the foreign demand. They have the capital and can secure the primacy in the world's markets in this line.

THE AMERICAN NOMAD.

Tarning from the quiet fields Where the lazy cattle graze; Leaving her in tears who bent O'er him in his helpless days; Faring down the dusty road, Leaving all he loves behind, Rushing in where striving men Push him down and never mind.

Dreams of sweet old peaceful scene Sometimes, in the rush and roar Memories of cradie songs That are sung to him no more; Newer friends and newer hopes, Gaining step by step, and then For a little chinking coin, Leaving all behind again.

Ever striving to outstrip Those that labor at his side; Bpurning love and spurning resi Till the last unsatisfied; Here today—tomorrow where? "Home" a hollow, empty nam Happinass to give in trade For a little pelf or fame.

Still the lazy cattle graze Out upon the sloping hill, And the smoke is curling up From the old red chinney still; Still the rusty hinges creak When they swing apart the gates, And a little vacant lot For the restless toiler waits. —Cleveland Leader.

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THE OLD UNIFORM.

A Story of the Zouaves.

One of my desk-mates in the office talion, and they send us out a captain

at the ministry of war was an ex-non-commissioned officer, Henri Vidal. He had lost a left arm in the Italian camin the flourish of his signature.

A good fellow, Vidal; the type of the upright old soldier, hardly 40, with a sprinkling of gray in his blonde im-perial-he had been in the Zouaves. We all called him Pere Vidal, more respectfully than familiarly, for we all knew his honor and devotion. He lived Helived in a cheap little lodging at Grenelle, where – on the money of his cross, his peusion and his salary—he managed to support his widowed sister and her three children. As at that time I, too, was living in

used to make him tell of his campaigns as we passed near the military school, close of the empire—the splendid uni-chasseurs, white lags forms of the Imperial Guard, green chasseurs, white lancers and the dark and magnificent artillery officers, black and gold, a costume worth while get-

and gold, a costume worth while get-ting killed in. As we walked along the hideous Boulevard de Grenelle he stopped sud-denly before a military old-clothes shop—there are many like it in that in front were hung, amid sordid rags, a few o d officers' uniforms, rain-rotted and subburned; with the slope-in at the waist and the padded shoulders they had an almost human aspect.

Vidal, seizing my arm with his right hand and turning his gaze on me, raised his stump to point out one of the uniforms, an African officer's tunic, with the kilted skirt and the three gold braids making a figure eight on "Look!" he said; "that's the uni-

form of my old corps, a captain's Drawing nearer, he made out the

number engraved on the buttons and went on with enthusiasm: "My regiment! The First Zouaves!"

Suddenly his hand shook, his face darkened; dropping his eyes, he murmured, in a horror-stricken voice:

"What if it were his!" Then brusquely turning the coat about he showed me in the middle of the back a little round hole, bordered by a black rim-blood, of course-it made one shudder, like the sight of a wound.

A nasty scar," I said to Pere Vidal, who had dropped the garment and was hastening away. And fore-seeing a tale, I added to spur him on: "It's not usually in the back that bul-lets strike captains of the Zouaves." He apparently did not hear me: he mumbled to himself: "How could it get there? It's a long way from the battlefield of Melegnano to the Boule-vard of Grenelle! Oh, yes, I know— the carrion crows that follow the army; the strivers of the dead! But why the strippers of the dead! But why just there, two steps from the military school where the other fellow's regiment is stationed? He must have passed; he must have recognized it. passed; he m What a ghost!"

What a ghost!" "See here, Pere Vidal," said I, vio-lently interested, "stop your mutter-hug, and tell me what the riddled tunic his head thrown up his hands beating the air for an instant - drop his sword calls to you." He looked at me timidly, almost suspiciously. Suddenly, with a great ef-fort, he began: "Well, then, here goes for the story; I can trust you; you will tell me frank-ly, on your honor, if you think my conduct excusable. Where shall I conduct excusable. Where shall 1 begin? Ab, I can't give you the other man's surname, for he is still living, but I will call him by the name he went under in the regiment—Dry-Jean —and he deserved it, with his 12 drinks at the stroke of noon. "He was sergeant in the Fourth of the Second, my regiment, a good fighter, but fond of quarrel and drink —all the bad habits of the African soldier; brave as a bayonet, with cold, steel-blue eyes and a rough red beard on his tanned cheeks. When I ensteel-blue eyes and a rough red beard on his tanned cheeks. When I en-tered the regiment Dry-Jean had just re-enlisted. He drew his pay and went on a three days' spree. He and two companions of the same kidney rolled through the low quarters of Al-giers in a cab, flying a tri-color bear-ing the words, "It won't last forever." It did wind up with a knock-down "But our company, the Fourth, was to snatch the prize. In 20 leaps I reached the redoubt; helping myself with my rifle-butt I crossed the talus. I had only time to see a blonde mus-tache, a blue cap and a carbine barrel almost touching me. Then I thought my arm flew off. I dropped my gun, fell dizzily on my side near a gun-car-riage wheel and lost consciousness. "When I opened my eyes nothing was to be heard but distant musketry. The Zouaves, forming a disordered half-circle, were shouting "Wire l'Em-perent" and brandishing their rifles. "But our company, the Fourth, was It did wind up with a knock-down fight. Dry-Jean got a cut cn the head from a tringlo that nearly finished him, a fortnight in the guard-room and the loss of his stripes—the second time he had lost them. "Of well-to-do parents and with some education, he would have risen to be an officer long before if it had not been for his conduct. Eighteen months later he got his stripes had not been for his conduct. Eighteen months later he got his stripes back again, thanks to the indulgence of the old African captain who had seen him ander fire in Kabylie. Hereupon our old captain is promoted chief of bat-

of 28, a Corsican named Gentili, just out of school, a cold, ambitious, clever fellow, very exacting, hard on his men, paign, but with his remaining hand he executed marvels of caligraphy--down to drawing with one pen-stroke a bird gaiters; moreover, never having served in Algeria, not tolerating fantasia or the slightest want of discipline. The two took a hatred to each other from the first; result, the guardroom for Dry-Jean after every drinking bout. When the captain, a little fellow, as stiff as a bristle, with the nustaches of an angry cat, flung his punishment at Dry-Jean's head, adding curtly, 'I know you, my man, and I'll bring you to order!' Dry-Jean auswered never a word and walked away quietly to do nedek drill. But all the some the to do pack-drill. But all the s meth

shipped off to Italy. But let me come at once to the day before the battle of Melegnano, where I left my arm, you know. Our battalion was camped in a little village, and before breaking the ranks the captain had made us a sueach -rightly wonorh - to ramind us denly before a military old-clothes shop—there are many like it in that quarter—a dirty, sinister den, showing in its window rusted pistols, bowls full of buttons and tarnished epaulets; in front were hung, amid sordid rags, a faw e do effects' uniforms rain-rotted that we were in a friendly country and that the slightest injury done to the inhabitants would be punished in an exemplary way. During the speech the structure of for the state of reathat morning, and for the best of rea-sons – shrugged his shoulders slightly. Luckily the captain didn't see it.

and was being prevented from molesting a young girl when Captain Gen-tili arrived. With one look-the litthe Corsican had a paralyzing way-he cowed the terrified sergeant; then he said to him:

" Dogs like you deserve to have

"At dawn the cannonade awoke us. men. wasn't the least straight of the lot. Kneeling in the rye, we kept on firing at the battery, which lay within range. Suddenly some one jogged my elbow. I turned and saw Dry-Jean, who was looking at me, the corner of his lips

nodding in that direction. "Yes, what of it?' said I, glancing at the officer, 20 paces off.

he did. "With a swift, precise gesture he shouldered his arm and fired. I saw the captain - his body bent backward,

"'Bravo, Zouaves! You are th first soldiers in the world!' "I found myself sitting near th

wheel, supporting my poor broker paw, when suddenly I remembered paw, when suddenly I remembered Dry-Jean's awful crime. At that very instant he stepped out of the ranks toward the general. He had lost his fez, and from a big gash in his close shaven head ran a trickle of blood. Leaning on his gun with one hand, with the other he held out an Austrian flag, tattered and dyed red-a flag he had taken. The general gazed at him admiringly.

" 'Hey thene, Bricourt!' turning to one of his staff; 'look at that, if you please. What men!'

Whereupon Dry-Jean spoke up: "'Quite so, my general. But you know-the First Zouaves-there are

only enough left for once more!" only enough left for once more!' " 'I would like to hug you for that!' cried the general; 'you'll get the cross, you know,' and still repeating, 'what men!'he said to his aid-de-camp some thing I didn't understand—I'm no scholar, you know. But I remember it perfectly: 'Worthy of Plutarch, wasn't

it, Bricourt? 'At that very moment the pain was "At that very moment the pain was too much for me, and I fainted. You know the rest. I've often told you how they sawed off my arm and how I dragged along in delirium for two months in the hospital. In my sleep-less hours I used to ask myself if it was my durk to cannot Dw Leen with was my duty to accuse Dry-Jean pub-licly. But could I prove it? And then I said, 'He's a scoundrel, but he's brave; he killed Captain Gentili, but he took of the form the energy but he took a flag from the enemy Finally, in my convalescence, I learned that as a reward for his courage Dry-Jean had stepped up into the Zouaves of the Guard and had been decorated. Ah! at first it gave me a disgust at my own cross which the colonel had pinned on me in the hospital. Yet Dry-Jean deserved his, too; only his Legion of Honor ought to have served as the bull's-eye for the squad detailed to put him out of existence. "It's all far away now. I never

saw him again; he remained in the service, and I became a good civilian. remained in the But just now, when I saw that uni-form with its bullet-hole-God knows how it got there—hanging a stone's throw from the barracks where the murderer is, it seemed to me that the captain, the crime still unpunished, was clamoring for justice.'

I did my utmost to quiet Pere Vidal, assuring him he had acted for the best. Five days later, on reaching the office, Vidal handing me a paper folded at a certain paragraph, mur-mured gravely: "What did I tell you?" I read:

mared gravely: what did 1 ten you?" I read: "Another victim of intemperance, --Vester-day afternoon, on the Boulevard de Gre-neile, a certain Jean Mallet, known as Dry-Jean, sergeant in the Zouaves of the Impe-rial Guard, who with two companions had been drinking freely, was seized with delir-lum tremens while looking at some old uni-forms hanging in a second-hand shop. He drew his bayonet and dashed down tile street to the terror of all passers-by. The two privates with hin had the utmost diffi-eukity in securing the madman, who shouted ecaselessly: 'I am not a murderer, I took an Austrian flag at Melegnano!' It seems that the latter statement is true. Mallet was decorated for this feat, his addition to drink has alone prevented him from rising the ranks. Mallet was conducted to the will soon be transferred to Charenton, for it is doubtful if he can recover his reason.'' As I returned the paper to Vidal, he

As I returned the paper to Vidal, he looked at me meaningly and concluded:

"Captain Gentili was a Corsicanhe has avenged hims sif!"-Translated for the Argonaut from the French of Francois Coppee.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS

Of the houses in Paris, France, there are still 10,000 (with 200,000 inhabitants) that use well water.

Under Henry V an act of Parlia-ment ordered all the geese in Eng-land to be counted, and the sheriffs of the counties were required to furnish six arrow feathers from each goose.

A large tom-cat for thirteen years made voyages on a mail steamer be-tween Sydney and San Francisco. The animal died, and was buried at sea, having almost completed 1,000,000 miles of travel.

There are some curious superstitions concerning waves. The Arab sailors believe that the high seas off the coast of Abyssinia are enchanted, ev find

A TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

THE DRINK EVIL MADE MANIFEST IN MANY WAYS.

Join the Band-No Matter How Mach Glamour is Thrown Around Wine it is the Same Deadly Irritant Poison-Wine Bibbing Leads to Disaster.

- Drink resigns almost suprems, How Potent is its sway, It prostrates high and low. It wreeks both grave and gay. Then shun the treachrous drink And boldiy take your stand, Amongst the brave and free— The growing Temperance band.

All Use of Wine Condenned.

To the Editor: Sir-A writer who styles nerself "A temperance woman, but not a teetotaler," recently filled two-thirds of a solumn on the Woman's Page in the New York Tribune with suggestions as to the kinds of wine and the manner of serving

the same. Growing enthusiastic with her subject, he arabes qued it with the sparkle of glit and cut glass. Bohemian and Roman, and hast about it a spell of aroma and bouquet, nutil the reader is reminded of descriptions of bacehanalian feasts in the history of the of bacchana. lead nations.

past about it a spein of around that bound the product it a spein of around that bound the of the reader is reminded of descriptions of bacchanalian feasts in the history of the lead nations. Her advice is decidedly belated; it does not fit the intelligence of our times. Chem-stry shows that the "one wine, red or white," which this writer says should be used "straight through" a home dinner contains a varying percentage of alcohol. Whether there be in this wine much or lit-le alcohol, the character of that alcohol is the same. It is an irritant, narcoite pol-ton. Its best friends cannot deny that it mas the power, when taken even in small quantities, to create a progressive, uncon-rollable and destractive appetite for more. This appetite grows stealthily upon the frinker. The ability to resist it varies with the individual, and is dependent unon hysical conditions, in which hereidity is a coverful factor. John B. Gough said. "By father could be a moderate drinker, out I can be only a total abstainer or a futter draukard." The gratification of this appetite ends in frankeances, crime, poverly, misery and mainess. Therefore, the family or indi-ridual who is drinking the red or white who this so-called temperances woman recommends for the daily home inner. Elighty-four per cent, of our gaupers, fity per cent, of the inmates of our insame isylems began their careers with so-called noderate drinking. No human being can brocesee when he begins where such tippling will had him. He is dealing in futures, with no knowledge of lischances beyond he fact that the drink he is inbibling has an enticing power for destruction; but this sate negenerally ignores. Modern chemistry shows that the four re the same sort of liquors, differing only n favor and the amount of alcohol they served with a more formal course dinner re the same sort of liquors, differing only n favor and the amount of alcohol they served with a more formal course four-ing the power for heart that alcohol they the power for harm that alcohol has is, to

power for narm that alcout hospital-the least, a barbarian sort of hospital-a relic of the days that had not the

ity, a relie of the days that had not the light of modern science. Through its action on the nerves and prain, alcohol, of all agents, is the most powerful for the destruction of those quali-ties of mind and character that make a people carable of self-government. It is, herefore, the most dangerous of all foes to our free institutions, which rest upon the capacity of our people. for self-govern-ment.

To follow this wine-bibbing advice is an To follow this wine-bibbing advice is an nvitation to disaster to that which we hold most dear-liberty under law. The ca-people will stand the strain of the American people will stand the strain of the colonial shoulshed from our habits. Commenting on this probability, Adolph Fick, professor of physiology in Wurtzburg University. Jernany, in a public lecture sail: "There is good reason for asserting that the Anglo-Saxon race at nc very distant in the set of the the the possible for book whether it will then be possible for boompete with the Anglo-Saxon in their seconomical pursuits is a question to be choughtfully considered." Mary H. HUNT.

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Telstoy on the Drink Question.

Toistoy on the Drink Question. The physiological and mental effects of lechol are now fully and clearly proved by physiclans and men of science, Alcoho a recognized poison which impairs di festion, disintegrates 'he blood and lowers physiolegical effects. Alcohol also pro-luces a weakening and obscuring of the mind. It has been proved by repeated working capacity of the mind and body. The mental and physical stimulation which follows the absorption of alcohol is very brief and worthless. The idea that the moderate use of alcohol is s harmless is now absurd. It injures a pitty alcohor to the quan-tity taken, however small that quantity any be.

ity taken, however small that quantity may be. To-day one can not and dare not say that the use or alcohol is a personal concern only; that the moderate use is uniquirious; that every one knows what he is doing and needs no lessons from others. No, it is no onger a private affair. It is an affair of the greatest importance to the community. Whether they wish it or not, all men are to-day divided into two campa—those who purposeless use of a poison, and those who purposeless use of a poison, and those who and we see this fight going on in every and. In Russia it has been carrieds of with especial energy for the last twent years.—Leo Tolstoy.

"At midnight Dry-Jean was en-gaged in a brawl with some peasants

their brains blown out; as soon as I can see the colonel you lose your stripes again, this time for good. There's to be fighting tomorrow; try to get killed.'

The column formed, and Dry-Jeannever had his blue eves glittered more ommously—placed himself beside me. The battalion moved forward; we were to dislodge the white coats, who with their cannon, occupied Melegnano. Forward, march! At the second kilometer the Austrians' grape shot cut down 15 of our company our officers, waiting for the order to charge, made us lie down in the grain field, sharp-shooterwise; they remained standing naturally, and our captain wasn't the least straight of the lot.

raised leeringly, lifting his gun. " 'Do you see the captain?' be said,

'He was foolish to speak to me as

and fall heavily on his back. ""Murderer! I cried, seizing the sergeant's arm. But he struck me with the but of his rifle, rolling me

over and exclaiming: "'Fool! prove that I did it!' "I rose in a rage, just as all the sharp-shooters rose likewise. Our colonel, bareheaded, on his smoking horse, pointed his sabre at the Austrian batter and shouted:

battery and shouted: "'Forward, Zouaves! Out with your bayonets!'

"Could I do otherwise than charge with the others? What a famous charge it was, too! Have you ever seen a high sea dash on a rock? Each company rushed up like a breaker on a reef. Thrice the battery was cov-ered with blue coats and red trousers, and thrice we saw the earthwork re appear with its cannon jaws, passable.

among them they recite verses which they suppose have a tendency to sub-due them.

The oldest inhabited house in England stands close to the River Ver, about 250 yards from St. Alban's bey. It was built in the time of King Offa of Mercia aboat the year 795, and is thus over 1100 years old. It is of octagonal shape, the upper portion being of oak, and the lower has walls of great thickness.

During the last decade excavations in Egypt have added to the treasures of ancient Greek literature buried in the sand for two thousand years-manuscripts of works by Aristotle, Herondas, Bakchylides, Menander, in Egypt have added to the treasures Herondas, Bakchylides, Menander, besides the Ninus romance, Grenfell's erotic fragment, and the hymns to Apasso, with music.

Children or Taxes.

If you live in Madagascar you must have children, or else pay a tax to the authorities. This is the latest decree authorities. authorities. This is the latest decree issued by the government of Madagas-car. For some time the population of that island has been decreasing. The government authorities sat in council a short time ago and decided upon a tax to be levied, upon every man who, at the age of twenty-five, is unmarried and upon every married man who, at the age of twenty-live, is unmarried, and upon every married man who, at that age, has no children. The tax is \$3,75 a year. Every girl must pay a tax of \$1.80 a year as long as she rem ins single after she passes her twenty fourth year, and every married won an does the same until she has children as the result of her marriage. marriage. 4

years.-Leo Tolstoy. The Great Desiroyer of Angle-Saxons. Mr. T. W. Russell, member of the Eng-ish Parliament, in an address at Belfast frelaad, referred to the history of the mem-bers belonging to a young men's society history leclared that everyone whose life ha iurned out a failure had been rained by frik. He described the appearance of the most brilliant of the youtful band labor ing on a wharf at New York, brought lo by the mocker. Drink had the country F the throat. When A. M. Sullivan hay o by the mocker. Drink had the country F the throat. When A. M. Sullivan hay o ing on a wharf at New York, brought lo yower, and charged him never to give u a more potent force in politics than churcy or chapel. The spath of Christian me and ministers was astounding. The secon and vengeance of a trade grown rich H widow's tears and children's crices were a most enough to make one quali. Drin was the preat destroyer of the Anglo-Saxon go of men. The lecturer had change some of his views, but those on the drin young of the history and the angle says in the history of the some and ministers was astounding. The secon and ministers was astounding. The secon and wengeance of a trade grown rich h widow's tears and children's crices were a most enough to make one quali. Drin was the great destroyer of the angle Saxon and on the views, but those on the drin young of men. The lecturer had change to the hangle some of the angle says the state legree.

Notes of the Crusade

The imperialism in the saloon power he imperialism to be dreaded. This cou-try can take care of Aguinaldo easier th we can of the saloonkeeper and his va

army. It is significant of the progress that te perance agitation is making in Germa that 200 students of the University of B lin have organized themselves into a to abstinence club, the first in the empire.

The brewers who were so patriotic at outbreak of the war are now kicking v prously against the additional war tax beer. Their patriotism was only on foam after all.