t ships of war of his They were bringing m, who were mostly vars fought in Europe on; men who had deho were officered by nd soen us run at

neral Jackson will save moissile, who was the other man, lle Marie de ter of a titled emigre, r, had but a slighting proaching him. ple New England ry, as I have said.

you care?" said I, no her too much of my you are a use a little girl down

She spoke very you know. And she foot, and her eyes vas jealous of a huuy shortly after this I

visiting my friend, at his plantation; and other reason in that the Comte de ion was near by. talking, after two Valleres and I, of how weak our de-

er gloomy. I can as-the little, thin mulatto trembling like an English!" he said

before we ey bad stolen a march negro fishermen had noused bayon, and te, and I know Major about like a hunted the scene, if you can, er day, 1814! officer who entered

He was sorry, but he laughter. , for we wouldn't give ckson had said that he are they?" uers a good this surprise might oliged," said the elder courteous.

ientenant bowed back Up-stairs they took ry; and the major and or room together, for the ley. We should be they had time, which the sentinel outside; The door closed:

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act while there's cond from a table where

in the hurry of our ig to jump from to they think of it,' by half," said I.

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of the window. tor," anid he. in the light of will tell you fine animal of

ion? Will you dare?" But we must

aid I, but not nave said I have no tleman." I was peering out, liers—at a bare-legged

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I dashed down into the thick shrubs: I scrambled and sank in morasses; I heard voices here, there, which seemed to die, which again gained force. I stumbled and fell on my face; and then at length I found myself on a little path. I had no more notion than a baby where it might That was lead. Yet at last it seemed they had

lost the trail. I am no Louisianian; I didu't know at all the woodcraft of that broken land, while Vallere knew it all. But to be sure, I had to go somewhere. So I followed that path; and after a half-hour, although I heard voices and shouts, I saw no one; and then the path opened on a great house,

I knew it, my friends; the house the Comte de Maur had bought; the plantation where I brought my heartbeats to little Marie de Maur. And then again I heard the pursuit, close had seen us run at behind. I knew they would have me; and had burned the while to my dismay, on looking out, I gton, as you know, and saw the caps of some of the jack-tars on the road beyond.

Now the servants of the place had rushed out, eager and fearful, The comte himself was shouting strange French words from his front door. A midshipman, hat in hand, was ap-

I looked about; I can tell you, tooked about. I saw how the shrubbery grew up close and shadowed a house, like that of the servants' quarters on those plantations. I edged up to it, and saw an open window. Out of a window I had come; into window I would go. In a brief glance I saw a fat negro woman standing arms akimbo, looking out on the King of England's men.

I leaped in. She turned about, as if I were a ghost. I thought she would ery out. As an actual fact, she did nothing of the kind. She was quick-witted, that old soul. Quickly and taking some soiled linen from a basket, motioned me in.

You may believe I understood. Down I went into that basket, and a inged enough by the clean sheet was thrown over me, with the soiled linen on top of that. Presently I heard a gruff voice. My

friend grunted as if she didn't underwith nothing at the stand English. She was a wonderful y the poor little fort person, I can assure you. "Not here, eh?"

A sword-point touched my shins, and poked down there till I thought I should cry out; but I didn't, as was lucky, for the owner of the sword moved away, and the door shut.

I lay there half-smothered till could stand it no longer, and then I stretched my head up, and the first sight I saw was the little mademoiselle. a few miles below the I wasn't a prepossessing sight. Imof that, I remember agine the situation yourself.

"Monsieur the captain," said she, with sparkling eyes. "Begging your pardon," said I, as I

best could. officer who entered "I had no notion you were the ous, and a fine young man Celeste hid," she said, with "Or else you would have given me

We were thinking of up?" said I, much piqued. "Where They have gone, taking all the

men and my father. I didn't have to use my dagger. They were very

as only a gentleman The dagger was a little trinket at ould, "for your offer of her belt. Every lady of the city and the countryside wore one that week, I dere say thinking that their pretty selves might have to fight the English, For gossip had it there had been a toast on Admiral Cochrane's ship,

"Beauty and Booty." "I will sing 'Yankee Doodle' or the 'Marseillaise,' if I can get away—to New Orleans," said I, impatiently. "You must get there," said

sobering. "You must let them know. They've taken all our men with them. For a moment she stood there reflecting, and then taking a step nearer, she said, "You shall go back into the

"Well?" said I. "And Celeste and another woman shall carry you—as if you were— "Old clothes," said I.

"No, a charming, brave gentlesaid mademoiselle, clapping man,' her hands; and really it was the vainest moment of my life.

"That's good of you," said I. "But what follows?" They will take you to a place the bayon where there's a skiff. Keep through the passage to the right, and you will reach the river near the

"I will try it," said I, getting back love dogs as well as into the basket, where I stood for a moment looking at her. "You are a brave lady, mademoiselle." I knew

there was more in my eyes than just what those words conveyed. "And you, I have said, a brave gen-

"No more?" said I. "No more than that to you?"

"Yes," said she, and her eyes were downcast and her face crimson. dow was wide, you reach General Jackson, I'll marry t, brandishing you-if you want to ask me again.' I sprang out of my basket toward her, but she pushed me back. love-making is not so important."

"As New Orleans?" said I. "Now I don't know about that." "Besides, it is only on the condition that you get there," said she. Back and down into the basket I went, without so much as another

word. She threw the sheet and the linen over me again. "God help you, dear," she said, and her tone made my predicament even worth while.

"Celeste?" she called. Presently there was a heavy tread the bell was unheard. Then the fair t. He came and an explanation in Creole French. I wondered if they would be able to carry such a burden as I. But fortunutely I was slight then, and Celeste not of a heavenly build, like her name. It the bullets For the two negro women, big and at Lundy's heavy, carried me easily. Once a sen-to get clear, tinel challenged; my heart went into ling and even my mouth. But the fellow became of the land, I satisfied with the women's answers. Then after some jolts, we stopped.

which I was glad enough, you may be lieve. My eyes were open on a sunny place on the fat, complacent negress and her heavy-featured companion. The shrubs were thick where we stood and in the shadow of the bank was a skiff, the oars across the seat.

My two carriers went down to the water's edge, almost nonchalantly, as if I didn't exist; and then they began to shout a high, dolorous melody, with the intention of drowning the splashing sound from the oars of the skiff. As I took my place I saw the smallness of the chance. But agair Vallere's quick action fired my spirit, as it had in the leap from the window Yes, I was in the skiff. I was pad dling very carefully under the bank. The water in the bayous was high then; there were little naused channels I could take, and as it chanced I I knew those waters from my visits to the De Maurs. I had rowed there with mademoiselle many a time, and her talk now rang in my ears-her promise. And then I thought of the good Vallere. Had he been shot or taken?

But I must not tell you of all I thought and fancied; of how I saw some redfoats and avoided them. would make a story altogether too You know that I reached the city, and the cathedral bell was toll ing, and the air was filled with shouts and songs. You could hear "Yankee Doodle," "La Marseillaise," "La Chant du Depart," altogether, a medley of airs, of tongues. And then I knew my friend, Major Vallere, was safe.

Into the streets, out of all sorts of lodgings, were running that motley army, some in dandified clothes, some in buckskins, some our regulars, some Lafitte's swaggering pirate gentry. Ah, there pever was such a scenesave that when the city went mad after the battle! And bright eyes watched and tender voices cheered, which made me think of mademoiselle.

Presently I found Vallere. Tears were in the brave gentleman's eyes as he told me how he had hid in a cypress. covered by the moss, and how his dog had followed him, and had whined there at the foot of the tree.

He hated to do it, but New Orleans must be saved. He descended from his perch, and killed the dog-not the least sacrifice made for the country in quick-witted, that old soul. Quickly I explained. In her dialect, half French, half English, she saw a way, and taking some soiled linen from a had succeeded in reaching the city sooner than I.

> And what followed? Ab, my friends, the great battle, when those splendid Englishmen-as brave men as ever lived-were moved down like a scarlet-topped meadow by the

> And the pity and the uselessness of it, when, if we had known, the treaty had been signed, peace already had been made!

> Did mademoiselle keep her promise? Well, you may believe I made her keep it. Of the events following my strange adventure, the chiefest for me indeed was not the battle, but just my meeting with mademoiselle. -Youth's Companion.

> > Buyers at Book Sales

"Two things are noteworthy about the book sales of this city," remarked a men who has made it a practice to attend old book sales. "One is the almost entire absence of a middle class of buyers, such as we find in the European countries. Abroad, all classes who can afford it buy books. Here, aside from the retail booksellers, all the buyers belong to one of classes; rich men who can afford to buy anything, and poverty-stricken bibliophiles who are willing to give up their last dollar for a choice volume. of comfortable incomes seem to prefer to buy of the regular retail dealers.

"The other curious fact is the amount of buying done under assumed names. After a sale is over it is often impossible for the anctioneer to say what has become of the volumes he has sold. He may have his suspicions that John Smith, the extensive buyer, is really Mr. So and so, but he seldom knows positively. Rich men seem to have been driven to this course to escape the persecutions of the army of persons who have books to sell."-New York Post.

The Loneliest People on Earth. Perhaps the most isolated tribe of people in the world is the Tshuktshi. people occupying the northern portion of the peninsula of Kamskatka and the country northward toward

Bering straits. These people are practically independent of Russia, who appears to have reasons of her own for letting them alone. They have practically no communication with the outside world, and have only been visited two or three times-the last time by Major de Windt on his journey through Siberia.

The inhabitants of the New Siberian Islands are also practically alone on earth, for they can only communicate with the mainland, and therefore with the rest of the world, once a year, and a succession of bad seasons might isolate them for years. The pygmies of the great Central African forests, if they can be called a tribe, have also been a people apart. For ages their existence was little more than legendary, and only two expeditions commanded by white men have ever penetrated into their abode. -Pearson's Weekly.

He had been coming every night for over 700 nights, and a fortuneteller had told her to stop him off for one night and break up the monotony. She loved him dearly, but when next he came, she said:

"Thornwald, suppose you skip morrow night just for a change?"
"With all my heart," he replied.

When a night had passed Majoria looked for him, but he came not. Another night passed, and another and another, but his old familiar yank on girl sent out a general alarm and got track of him. That one night had done the business. He had met and fallen in love with another girl, and had no more use for the old one. breaking up the monotony the guileless Majoria had broken her own heart. She lingered around for twenty years, but as no one seemed to want her, she folded her hands and died .- New York Sun.

LASSOING OF A GRIZZLY.

HOW THE VAQUEROS DO IT THE SOUTHWEST.

The Heroic Sport Indulged In by Geron ino, a Blg, Good-Natured Apache, and His Fellow Rancheros-Bather Rough



knew when Ger. him a close second in the race, which

man in the moon, should attach the suggestive name of Geronimo, but did know that he was the best rider, the best hand with a rope, the best trailer, in fact, the best allaround vaquero on the range. He was the oldest man, in point of service, on the ranch; had been there before the new owner purchased it, and employed an entirely new outfit. No one questioned Geronimo; even the new boss, who was not a tenderfoot, accepted him along with the other fixtures, and the Indian came and went as he pleased. Always on hand at the spring and fall rodeos, or round-up, where the rush, excitement and danger were as exhilarating to him as mescal, and where he was invaluable for his knowledge of every brand in the Southwest, when it came to the monotony of riding herd he would disappear, eventually returning after several months' absence,

ragged, barefoot and hungry. We did not question him; we knew where he had been without that—he had been in the mountains or desert, throwing off the surfeit of civilization he had accumulated after a stay of one or two months on a cattle range. So, when he rode up to the outfit on his pinto pony and, with a broad grin on his face, mumbled his "Buenos dias, senors," before renewing his acquain'ance with the cook, we took no more notice of him than if he had but returned from a brief errand to the rauch-house. There was one thing at which his pride balked, and that was the contraction of his name to "Rony" by the Americano vaqueros, but constant repetition finally accustomed him to even that.

It was a day or two after his return from one of his semi-yearly vacations that he took his rifle and followed the trail of a mule deer into a broad canon filled with live-oaks. He had not been filled with live-oaks. He had not been dian Government. The annual mean gone over a half hour when he came rainfall there is about 620 inches and bounding back light and swift as a shadow, as though his namesake was amounted to 790 inches. Nowhere after him. "A bear, a bear." he said else does the tropical downpour equal in his guttural Spanish, as he ran up. that which descends upon this district "an grande oso," and began coiling in his hand the hair rope with which his cow pony was picketed. Three of the steadily till the middle of November. and, running to their horses, also took rivers is under water for eight months up their lariats and mounted. I knew what was coming; they were going to is no communication, even between neighboring villages, and to this enplease, not assist, only sit in his sad-dle and watch?" I agreed, and we

galloped into the canon. It was not over a mile to where the them apart .-- New York Sun, bear, a big cinnamon, weighing at least 1200 around under the trees and munching acorns. The soft, dry sand in the bed big, shaggy head. Then he lumbered to get letters from home saving: The vaqueros faced him and rowelled their trembling ponies within forty feet of the big, ugly-looking brute.

he launched it whistling through the air, and the loop, settling over one big, hairy forepaw, was drawn taut. turn home after so much 'suffering The bear dropped on all fours and and hardship.'

The bear dropped on all fours and and hardship.'

"You don't know! We live well. whose pony wheeled as if on a pivot the climate is not bad, and even at the and bounded away, taking up the front it is not half as black as it is slack. One of the Mexicans threw his painted. We have very few earthrope and caught the bear by one of his quakes (only one since I came here), hind feet, checking him; up went his and they are slight. As for pests, I bearship again on his haunches, and have never seen a country so free from a third noose settled on the other fore- them. Mosquitoes alone are troublenaw. Down he went again on his four some. feet and lunged at the horse and rider nearest him; then the fun began in banana grove, you may find one or earnest, and certainly was exciting. two, and if you bunt in the moun-Growling, snapping, snarling, lung- tains you may find a snake, but all ing, and rolling over and over, the this rot about finding snakes in bed bear worked himself into a perfect and centipedes in your shoes in Manfrenzy of impotent rage. Sitting up-right on his haunches, he would tug imagination.—Baltimore Suu. desperately at a lariat, and then followed a veritable tug-of-war between the bear and the pony, the other vaqueros slacking their ropes. The young man called on his best girl to pony, badly frightened, would strain spend the evening. When about to fearfully, but as he saw and felt him- return home the conversation chanced self dragged nearer and nearer his to turn to art, and the young lady said more powerful opponent the physical to him that he reminded her of the and possibly mental strain became too Wenus de Milo, whereupon the young much for him, for with a fearful, half-man was delighted, thinking surely human neigh of terror, he would relax it was symmetrical form she alluded his efforts, and, just as the danger to. When he got home he consulted point was drawing nervously near, the an encyclopedia, and to his deep chaothers would tug the bear over in the grin and mortification found that the direction he was already braced.

broke and over and over went horse out his brains on a soft cabbage .and rider under the sudden suspping | Berlin (Ohio) Bec. of the tension. With a snarl vengeance the bear made a lunge at his prostrate foes, but was checked by the others within a length of his rethe use of a lariat it may be well to got them when they went to war in the saddle-horn the horse "backs" country to send out Tam o' Shauter and pulls, facing the weight, except caps and socks to the men, while an rider throws his leg over the rope and arges that silk nightcaps be sent to this of course could not be done in on the veldt some head covering is ab

The fourth vaquero then threw his rope about the forepaw, from which already dangled 'a broken lariat, and pony, while that animal turned an al- form a single thread.

most complete back somersault. Forward lunged the bear, and then came the narrowest squeak of all, for the vicious blow of his powerful forepaw broke the tree of the saddle as the rider, scrambling to his feet, leaped to one side, and continued leaping until he reached a place of safety, which took him some little time, for that infernal Apache and the greaser allowed the bear rope enough to make ended with the winner up a live-oak tree. There were but two ropes on the bear now, and with the ponies weakening under the strain and fright it was thought best to end the contest, which was gradually getting too unequal, so the vaquero who was stripped off his pony went to the broken saddle and, securing his rifle from its leathern sheath, ended the fun with a forty-four .- St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

GREATEST AND LEAST RAIN. One Region Where It Rains Cats and Dog

and Another Where Almost None Palls. An English professor named Fair child has recently been visiting a place on the coast of Peru about three hundred and fifty miles south of the equa tor, known as Payta. He says this is supposed to be the dryest spot on the face of the earth. Another peculiarity of this coast is that it has risen about forty feet within historic times.

The average interval between showers at Payta is seven years, When Professor Fairchild visited the place in February there had been ome time before, a drizzle lasting from 10 o'clock one evening till noon the next day. Tuis was the first rain that had fallen in eight years. Ho found nine species of plants growing in the reinvigorated soil of which seven were annuals whose seeds must have remained dormant in the ground for eight years. There is one plant, however, that manages to live for seven or eight years in the dried-up river bed and yields a living to the few natives of the region.

This is the colored cotton of Peru whose long roots, apparently, enable it to suck up a little moisture from the sub-soil and keep the plant in bearing during the long drought. Some of this cotton is imported here, and mixed with woolen fibre and is also used in other manufactures.

The opposite side of the world furnishes the counterpart to this almost rainless region. It is among the hills of Assam, where the elevations con dense the moisture brought by the south monsoon and pour a deluge upon the Cheraponji station of the Iu in the exceptional year of 1861 it among the Khasia Hills. The rains begin in March and continue almost Mexican vaqueros leaped to their feet. That part of the plains adjoining the every year. During this period there is no communication, even between how it was done, and now I should forced isolation is attributed the fact have an opportunity of witnessing the that there are considerable differences sport. "But would the senor, if he of language among the people of neighboring hamlets who undoubtedly, at one time, spoke the same language. Their swamps and quagmires keep

pounds, was quietly rooting How Soldiers Pare in the Philippines, "One is reluctant to destroy au impression, even a false one, when that of the canon had given no warning of impression brings to us a lot of symour approach, and we were within 100 pathy," writes an officer of the army yards of him before he threw up his in the Philippines. "It is very nice poor soldiers! We often think of you spot among the trees when, yelling at sleeping in houses infested by all the tops of our voices, we spurred our kinds of poisonous reptiles and having horses in a wide circle around him; nothing to eat, nothing to drink and he stopped, and, rearing on his nothing but hard work in a country haunches, waited on the defensive. infested by a dangerous foe, where earthquakes are of hourly occurrence and where typhoons blow down all the houses which the earthquakes leave Once, twice, three times Rony's standing!' We gain a morbid pleas rope circled around his head, and then ure, perhaps, in hearing you talk that way, and perhaps we also dream of the reception we will get when we re-

"If you hant for centipe les in a

A few evenings since a certain Venus de Milo had no arms. He went During one of these tugs a rope down in the cellar and tried to butt

Nightcaps For British Soldiers. When the Canadian contingent sailed for South Africa each soldier To those not familiar with got a "housewife"-just as our boys state that as the rope is fastened to Cuba. Lady White is appealing to the case of a dead pull, when the oid campaigner on the veldt strongly permits the horse to pull naturally; the officers. He says that in sleeping the present instance, as it would have solutely necessary, and that the differinterfered, not only with the rope, but ence between a woolen and a silk nightcap is marvelous.

Tarantulas are being raised in another tug began. The bear again Australia for the sake of their webs, settled back on his haunches, the the fliaments of which are made into pony facing him pulled in the oppo- thread for balloons. They are lighter site direction for his very life, and than silk and, when wover, lighter they tugged like Trojans, when than canvas. Each tarantula yields "snap" went the cinch, skinning saddle and rider over the head of the ment, of which eight twisted together NEVADA'S "DEATH SPRING

Men and Animals Fall Victims to the

The death of Robert Watson, a cat tle man, after drinking of the waters "Death Spring," in the Rabbit Hole mountains, again brings into prominence this terror of Nevada stockmen. The spring is situated in Humboldt county, Nevada. Its waters are so impregnated with arsenic that death results to most creatures that drink from it. Running from the spring is a tiny stream, clear as crystal, which sinks into the ground about a hundred yards from the spring. Along the banks of this stream are to be found the bones of hundreds of small animals, and even of deer, sheep and cattle that have drank of the water and died.

Stockmen have built a high fence about the spring and, so far as possible, have enclosed the stream. It seems impossible, however, to keep stock from drinking the water. Situated many miles from any other water supply, cattle will get to it, no matter what precautions are taken to prevent them. Hundreds of head of stock are lost each year on account of it.

Watson had lived in the vicinity for a quarter of a century and was well aware of the fatal properties of He was out hunting the spring. stock when he became separated from his companions. He lost his horse and was obliged to follow them on

The second day after his mishap, after being nearly thirty hours with-out water, he reached the spring. His thirst was overpowering and, in his partial delirium, he drank of the poisonous water, much the same as shipwrecked sailors drink from the ocean when their thirst becomes unbearable. His friends, who had expected him to overtake them every hour, had, in the meantime, concluded that some mishap had occurred, and turned back to look for him. They found him shortly after he had drunk of the deadly waters. He was still alive, but suffering the greatest agony. All that could be done in the desert te relieve him was done, but without avail. He died within an hour after his companions found him.

A similar spring is to be found between Mountain Meadow and Susanville, Lassen county, California. The waters of this spring and the stream that runs from it are green and uninviting, unlike those of the Nevada spring in this respect. The bones of many deer, cattle, sheep and wild animals that have tasted of the water of spring or stream are to be found in the vicinity. Stockmen have built a seven-foot board fence around the spring, and on top of the fence have put several lines of barbed wire, that stock may be kept from it.

Wagner's Idea of America.

Although Wagner never was in this country, the possibility of his coming over here is referred to often in his published correspondence. In fact, he made America a stand-and-deliver argument with his friends, several times threatening to forever put aside his "Ring of the Nibelung" and to cross the ocean to earn a competency unless they contributed to his sup-

That Wagner regarded America as a gold mine well worth exploitation by foreign artists appears from a letter which in 1848 he wrote to Franz Loebmann, music director at Riga, whose brother wanted financial assistance to go to America with an orches-Wagner advised Loebmann to assist his brother. He instances the case of a German musician who went to America as a poor man and in a very short time was in receipt of an excellent income; adding that a whole orchestra would certainly be still more lucky, for 'in a country where villages are constantly growing into cities in five years there can be no lack of opportunities for the settle-ment of whole bands of musiciaus." FLOUR-Bands, Best Pal. \$ Could snything be more deliciously WHEAT-No. 2 Red. American Monthly Review of Reviews.

She Saved King From Kidnappers. An interesting incident happened as Queen Maria Christina drove the other day to the station in Madrid on her way to the court. Her majesty was seen to nod and smile and wave her hand to a woman in the crowd, while the young king, who sat opposite his mother, showed signs of delight. The woman, who was decently clad, bowed low in recognition, her face radiant. It was Alfonso's former nurse, who, it may not be generally known, once rescued him from kidnappers. The woman had left her charge asleep in his cradle for a few minutes, and returned to find gone. She tore down the stairs, into the road, and soon overtook two men carrying what seemed to be a basket of clothes. She at once threw herself on the basket and pulled off the covoring, and there was her foster child in a half-smothered state.

"Papa," said the beautiful girl as she sat down beside the old gentleman and pulled his paper away Harold wants to have a talk with you to-morrow.'

"Oh, he does, does he?" returned the old gentleman in a tone that was not calculated to inspire confidence in a young man, "Well, what's the matter with to-night?"

"He prefers, papa," replied the beautiful girl, "to wait until you are at your office," 'And what is the particular advan-

tage of my being at my office?" 'He can call you up by telephone there, and we have none in the house, you know," answered the beautiful girl.-Chicago Post.

Methuen Descended From the Datch. It is interesting to know that Lord Methuen is a despendant of the Dutch founder of the West of England woolen industry, and that the name of the eldest son for generations has been Paul. He is very popular among the Guardsmen of the three regiments and, what is quite the same thing, with the Household Cavalry. He is with the Household Cavalry. He is EGGS—State......somewhat delicate looking, but has a CHEESE—State...... well-knit frame and a good head on his shoulders. He is young for a lieutenant general, and is understood lieutenant general, and is understood to have theories of his own about tactics, which do not always run on all fours with those of the commander inchief, the Adjutant-General and fur Redvers Buller.

HOW RAISINS ARE SEEDED.

Ingenious Machines That Turn Out Ten or Twelve Tons Dally. Unlike the eastern imitation, the

California seeded raisin is subjected to a dry temperature of 140 degrees Fahrenhelt from three to five hours, immediately after which the fruit is submitted to a chilling process, and while in this reduced condition of temperature is passed through cleaning or "brushing" machines, which remove every particle of dust and the capstems, thus making it a pure and wholesome article. It is then taken automatically, by elevators, to a room where, spread upon wire trays, it is exposed to a temperature of 130 degrees Fahrenheit, which brings the fruit back to its normal condition, and in this "processing" the berry is converted into pectin, that delicious jelly which gives to fruits their best flavor. The raisins having been prepared through this alternate heating and chilling to keep indefinitely and resist climatic influences, are passed through seeding machines, each of which has a capacity of from ten to twelve tons daily. The raisins are pressed between rubber or similar surfaced rollers, which at first flatten the berry and press the seeds to the surface, when an impaling roller catches the seeds between its needles or teeth affixed to its periphery, deftly removing every particle of the flesh. The seeds are removed from the roller by a 'flicking," or whisping device, and are sent along to the seed receptacle, finally ending their journey in the engine room, where they are burned as fuel. Four hundred and fifty carloads of ten tons each, or 9,000,000 pounds of seeded raisins, were shipped from the Fresno district last year, and a very much larger tonnage will be turned out this year. Some estimate can be formed of the possibilities of the Fresno seeded raisin plants when it is stated that their aggregate capacity for this season will approximate from 1,700 to 2,-000 carloads, while it is probable that 1,400 carloads will be the output. Each seeding plant has from five to twelve machines of ten tons daily capacity per machine. Some of the packing houses cover a ground space of 150 by 225 feet and are three stories bigh.

ECCENTRIC MUTE.

Has Invented and Carries His Own

Telephone with Him. Chicago Chronicle: A walking telephone caused considerable merriment in the business houses of Evanston the other afternoon. J. C. Chester, of Glendive, Mont., was the curiosity and he carried speaking tubes and 400 yards of insulated wire wound about his person and threaded in and out through his clothing. A sign up on his breast which read, "Yell 'hello' and place the receiver at your ear," made him additionally conspicuous as he walked from store to store. Chester is an inventor and is deaf and dumb. He says he is on his way to Washington to secure a patent on his contrivances, which "assist deaf persons to hear and dumb persons to talk." He needs money to get there and asks for assistance by means of a little tin whistle which is connected by wire to the receiver and through which he lisps and breathes at the same time. The sound thus produced is very faint, but the electric current, which is supplied by a battery carried in the hip pocket, adds to its volume, and through the receiver resembles a Punch and Judy dialect. Chester is a graduate of the Columbus (Ohio) Deaf Mute Institute, he says, and carries credentials Fulton of that institution.

## MARKETS.

High Gram.

HEAT—No. 2 Bou.

OIRN—No. 2 White ..... 28

Oats—Southern & Penn... 28

RYE—No. 2

HAY—Choice Timothy. 14 50

Good to Prime. 13 50

W—Rye in car ids. 13 50

700

9 90 15 00 14 07 14 00 7 50 9 50 TOMATOES-Stnd. No. 3.8 No. 2.

Seconds CORN—Dry Pack CITY STEERS...... City Cows 914 10TATOES AND VEGETABLES. POTATOES-Burbanks . . ONIONS..... HOG PRODUCTS-shis.

Clear ribsides.
Hams.
Mess Pork, per bar.
LABD—Crude.
Best refined. BUTTER-Pine Crmy .... Under Fine Creamery Rolls..... CHEESE-N. Y. Fancy. . . 

North Carolina.... LIVE POULTRY. TOBACCO TOBACCO-Md. Infer's .. .

TIVE STOCK. PEEF-Best Beeves ..... 9 BHEEP.....

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