which the deniens of the place ame into the ofon that ther so it wouldn't " and we really serious attention . ish did not often disturb it his conversational dis-

be that nothing was too especially after he had of paying something on an adroit operation sted in turning in a quareiderable flourish and bora dollar the next day. after having performed

t of this transaction, he feet into the capacious and told a story of one a former more or less ident of the town. I had stories of Hendershot r. Bush and Abner Blackm inclined to think that me existed. Hendershot was all Mr. Bush on the occasion You know about Hen-

Hendershot, who used adquarters Hotel? Hen- ler. yes; quite a man, Hen-Couldn't tell you all shot if I took a week off. | shot. d all the money I lent pathetic, as calmly as if the fifth week,' getting excited. iey to anybody in his life; ntrary, owed money to town. Hendershot was, with

Bet on some fool thing, se it, or anything. int of Hendershot for a last night when I was a m, or more so. More 'cause a yearthquake hill a good deal, but it on's, nor no other size,

take artificial onesina nesteggs. Seemed id out of corneobs, or a ing Hills.'
k, or a brickbat. Next "Then says the fellow: 'I'm out on e back on the things he knowed in England. chunk of coal in Gamiest hen in the yard she'd a blison the stones it

wasn't such a When she had weeks without get suspicious. d with one eye the nest. Then ave whatever it but she knowed when g till that hen everything in material.

in the billiarde with Judge in along the rail ot down on 'em,

Hendershot was ays he: 'Boys, ve the hen a hot, he couldn't walking around | do it.' o rig up some

rentional West, bet that the fowl would hatch out the freedom with billiard balls, red and white ivory the world. VEN in the uncon- low each other. Finally offered to billiard balls, red and white ivory chickens, but everybody fit shy of even this offer, 'cause nobody knowed what the old spreckled thing couldn't do. Finally he give up, and said

type was some-he'd just make an exhibition set of it, hing rather re- and chalked down the date and chalked down the date on the markable. Colo- wall, and told strangers who dropped nel Slocum ex- in that it was a grand set ag'in time, ressed the opin- an attempt to lower the world's rec we ord under the auspices of the International Setting Hen Association.

"Along toward night, when Hendershot was standing and admiring her, and pointing out that she hadn't moved a feather since she sot down, sometimes rather discon-in come a sandy-haired feller with a red face, and wearing one of these s numerous stories, most fore-and-aft caps, and funny-looking residents being immune clothes generally, and squinted his repetitions. His idea eyes around and seen the hen, and

said the feller:
"'Ob, I say,' says he, just like no that—'oh, I say, you know, what's the bloomin' bird on the table for?" "She's a setting on four billiard balls,' answers Hendershot, proud as

Lucifer.
"'Extraordinary, by jove!' says
the feller; 'does she think she can hatch 'em?"

"That's her ijee. And I don't with pride. "'Oh, I say, now, she'll soon get

hatch out billiard balls." "Bet you twenty-five dollars she keeps trying for three weeks anyhow,'

auswers Hendershot. "'I'll go you on that,' says the fel-"Bet you fifty dollars she keeps

at it the fourth week," says Hender-"'Go you again,' says the feller.
"'Bet you a hundred she holds out

the fifth week,' keeps on Hendershot, " 'Take that, too,' comes back the

feller. "All right,' said Hendershot; 'put

up your money.'
''Oh, I say. I'm not used to that,
you know. Don't do that way in
England, my dear sir. We're gentle-

men-I'll just record it in my bettingtem in your paper about book, you know, and he pulls out a small book and looks along down the ight inches in diameter, eight inches in circum-self, like this: 'His 'Ighness, fifty Mr. Bush never recoging guineas on the sweepstake; Juke of Slackwater, a pony on the Goodwood cup; Lady Bink, box o' gloves, and then he scratched down something, berfull name, 'cause she saying, 'Landlord, \$175 on her.' her full name, 'cause she saying, 'Landlord, \$175 on hen.'

'Well, Hendershot he caught right on, and he wasn't to be outdone, so says he 'Of course that's all right, my e that old hen, lord-both gentlemen - certainlyeut any time laying eggs I'll just put it down in my bettingbook,' and he dragged out a copy of I ever heard. Her ob-is setting. the Smith Patent Pill Company's Farmers' and Mechanics' Account Book and runs his finger down the s'n't handy, wasn't above page, sort o' talking to hisself—'The s. Next to real eggs, of President, five hundred on hoss trot: Chief Justice Supreme Court, \$40 on dog fight,' and then he scratched down, satisfaction out of 'em | 'Stray Englishman, \$175 on Everlast-

ggs she cottoned to door a little hunting trip-think I'll just brindle if she stay at your house.' Well, Hender-Preferred 'em on shot was tickled to have him, and out, if necessary, could put him in the best room in the to the attempt to hatch house, and gave orders that nothing por, bracing one | was too good for him. And he was quawking a good just the kind that knowed good things, roat if anybody and be went right in and made his-Powerful hand to self at home-had extra grab every uawk |- just like that | meal, lively teams each day to go out her throat, if she was hunting perabric chickens, and all the back platform of like the national debt. But Hendertrain one day and sot shot was tickled to death over it, and head of a bolt. used to spend half his time talking the section sta- with the feller 'bout the Jukes and

"And old Everlasting just sot on. blowed away the They left the winder open so she could Everlasting just get out when she wanted to. It was and kept the always her way to hop off the nest s setting on safe just at sunrise every morning, and nat of the feathers had hustle around and pick up a handful or the force of the two of gravel and be back on in ten miu-Hendershot went ates. Every morning before breakdeath to see her fast Hendershot took a look at her, t her on the back, and during the day he had an eye on wn in her throat her most of the time. Fenced off that dab at his hand which corner of the room so that she wouldn't be disturbed, and put up a b'iling volcaner had shade so's the light wouldn't hurt her eyes.

Well, at the end of three weeks Hendershot conidn't hardly contain hisself, 'cause he'd won the first bet. 'That's ag'in me, 'pon my honor,' says the Britisher, noting it down in his book; 'but I'll win on the next week's,' and he give his bill another Once Hendershot presented h'ist. is up, she would his bill, but the Britisher waved it away sort o'graceful and said he'd fix d for something it when they settled the bets. 'That's was bad on mak- all right, my lord, says Hendershot. house for half a day, and lots of her 'All gentlemen; you know,' and the Britisher boosted his livery bill again. "When the fourth week ended the

hen was still setting right along, and getting pretty the Englishman owned up beat ag'in. "Same way at the end of the fifth week. Hendershot was so tickled that he couldn't hardly talk. a-nursing the say, you ought to give me a chance for my revenge,' says the Britisher; n suddenly that 'go you another week for two hun-kled hen up and dred.' 'All right,' says Hendershot. ith two squawks | And he won ag'in, I'll be hanged if ched a dabatthe he didn't. Double the bet and you the bridegroom a man before he end them four balls go ag'in, says the Englishman. 'British pluck, you know-never say die." peaceful, and be- Hendershot agreed, with some reand steady, as | mark about the American eagle. 'Tell ank heaving, at you what, says he to Judge Lougs-dorf, 'old Everlasting is just making the set of her life. It's the billiard balls being so natural, you see. Being used to corncobs and chunks of never stirs for bricks so long that a billiard ball gives or dog?" And the answer is "Dog," her new hope. I'll go him one more week at \$800 if she holds out and he'll

"Well, she held out all right Press. Offered enough, and the Britisher was ready

they'd agreed that it was to be the A few minutes before four Henderahot was walking about pretty nervous, with one eye on old Ever-

lasting.
"'She's a-going to do it,' says he.
"She ain't moved a feather. She's right there. She's a-winning money To-night I'll give her a nest and thirteen eggs as her reward. Yes, sir; thirteen genyooine eggs, you understand-eggs that will hatch. She's

"Just then in walks the clerk, and says he: 'That Englishman left on the one o'clock train. Did he pay his

" 'Great beeswax, no!' yells Hen-dershot, 'Two hundred dollars, if it's a cent! Nor the bet, neither! You blamed old speckled fraud!' and he reaches over and gives the hen a poke with the billiard one, and she rolls over with her feet up.

"Then Judge Longsdorf picks her up and she didn't weigh more than six ounces. 'Why,' says he, 'she's got glass eyes and wire in her neck. That feller must 'a' been a taxidermist and stuffed her about four weeks agel

Well, when Hendershot could stand up without help, he said some things—also without help—but there's no use of my telling you what they 'enuse they wasn't things you could print in your paper, and there's no sense in your bothering with things you can't use. Just go ahead and make an editorial of this, and draw a moral on the sinfulness of betting if you want to, which I've always said it was, ever since I bet ag'in my own hoss and the critter got scared and know but she might—you hear wot I run away and come in ten rods ahead, say?' says Hendershot, awelling up with pride time," and he went out and left me to finish the article I was writing, tired of that you know. Hens can't urging people to dig deeper cyclone hatch out billiard balls.' Hens can't cellars.—Saturday Evening Post.

SOUTHERN STEEL.

Beginning of an Enormous Industry-Steel Roll Mills to Follow Cotton Mills.

The beginning of the manufacture of steel at Ensley, near Birmingham, Ala., recently is a striking and important fact of great significance for Southern industry. Three furnaces out of the ten that have been under construction began to make steel on Thanksgiving Day and the other seven are soon to be in operation. Where pig-iron can be made most cheaply, steel also can be made at least cost, so that we are now witnessing the first steps of a movement that means a vast development.

Hitherto the South has been producing pig for sale to steelmakers in the North. Much pig has also been exported to England and other countries. The significance of the event plants are already, we are told, in contemplation and several rolling mills

are building.

Low cost of production is nowalays the controlling factor in the location of new industries. It is the breeze that wafts the cotton manufacturing industry slowly from New England to the Carolinas. It is the beginning that is difficult. After the first cotton mills had shown the way to success, others followed in quick succession. So it may be expected the success of steel making at Ensley will have large results.—Baltimore Sun.

Agriculture in the Klendyke. Such of us as regard the Klondyke as a cheerless, arid waste of ice are surprised at the statement of a resi dent of Dawson City, sent to Washington by Vice Consul Morrison: "Grain has done exceptionally well, and I see no reason why it should not be extensively and successfully grown here. I see no reason why this conutry should not be able to produce its own vegetables and grains. The success I have had with flowers proves that all hardy annuals will do The coming year I intend planting several hundred hybrid roses; also summer flowering bulbs, a large variety of other hardy and half-hardy aunuals, and some of the hardy perennials. Small fruits, such as straw berries, currants, blackberries and raspberries, should do well. Currants. raspberries, cranberries, strawberries and blueberries grow wild here." Victor Smith, in New York Press.

Paid \$175 For Dog's Coffin. Seldom has a pug dog been buried with so much pomp and expense as "Dude" Rogers, of Denver, Col. who had been Mrs. Jennie Rogers's constant companion for seventeen

Mrs. Rogers said he knew as much as a child, that he had always been treated like one, and that he should be buried like one; so she sent for au undertaker to lay out his remains and measure him for a coffin. The casket, for its size, was the most expensive ever made in Denver. It was of ma hogany, lined with silver, finished with silver trimmings, and cost \$175. The body lay in state in Mrs. Rogers's friends came to make a farewell call on Dude. Mrs. Rogers had Dude buried in the garden back of her house. The grave was terraced up exactly like that of a baby and covered with roses.

When a Man's a Mar.

Why do all newspaper writers, when writing of a marriage, say that the 'couple were pronounced man and wife?" I admit that the bride was tered the marriage state? Sincerely, QUEBIST.

No, no, no! Ask any woman. No male is more than half a man until married. It requires matrimony to round out his being. In some parts of the country, when one man is introduced to another, the first query I'll go him one more if the one interrogated is a bachelor, and "Man," if he happen to have a wife. - Victor Smith, in New York

n any other hen, in might provide t nest and china Everlasting ag'in he others to fol-

ODD PURSUITS BY WHICH MEN GAIN A LIVING.

Converted a Hump on His Back Into Stepping-Stone to Success-Ingenuity of the Paristans in Adopting Queer Professions-Meat Hired Out.

The complexity of modern civiliza tion is shown in nothing more strikingly than in the extreme multiplicity of pursuits by which men to-day gain a living. In a country village which supports with difficulty a single baker or tailor, only the old-fashioned and indispensable trades are pursued; but population like London and Paris, not only these, but a multitude of strange, queer, out-of-the-way callings, which, even in towns of half a million or even a million inhabitants, would a franc or two a night. not give employment to a single human being, are followed by scores and even hundreds of men who derive therefrom not only the means of subsistence, but in some cases an independence and even riches.

Porson once said jestingly that he volumes, will remember the famous Paris under the inspiration of the During the mania the great law confined to that spot, whither multitudes of men and women of all ranks and conditions flocked to buy shares in Law's bank and Mississippi Company, which, though absolutely worthless, rose to twenty times their

original price.

A HUMP THAT MADE ITS OWNER RICH. Desks and writing materials for the transfer of shares were in great de-mand, but in a street so densely crowded they were not easily obtainable. In this exigency a hunchbacked man let out his protuberance for the infatuated speculators to scribble upon, and so eager were they to use it and so liberally did they pay him that he is said to have made in a few days a hundred and fifty thousand It was a happy thought that led this man to convert an obstacle into a stepping-stone to success; it crooked, his mind was straight, sell none. Hundreds of hunchbacked men would probably have seen the golden tide dreaming of thus profiting by it.

Since Law's day Paris has been pre-eminent for the odd pursuits and callings of many of its citizens. Of all the great cities of the world, it is the one in which to-day the most extraordinary and surprising modes of gaining a living are employed. Nowhere is keener ingenuity exercised in turning refuse to account than in this huge hive of industry, where literally nothing is wasted. Out of the very leavings of the regular industries of the metropolis-dirty rags, half-gnawed bones, mouldy crusts of distinguished. bread, eigar ends, parings and peelings of fruits, pieces of squeezed lemon thrown aside by oyster eaters, pieces of glass, clippings of hair, etc. -scores of shrewd men are continually make it pliable. realizing fortunes, and thousands are getting their daily bread.

Among the articles thus transformed by Parisian ingenuity are faded flowers that have been flung aside by the beauties to whom they were presented. The discarded bouquets are collected daily from the dirt heaps of the city, are picked over, sorted, and the ends of the stalks dipped into water nearly boiling, whereby the sap is made to mount into the flowers, and they become as brilliant as if freshly picked. They are then mounted upon rush stems, arranged in bouquets, and surrounded with fresh green leaves, after which they are sold by tidily dressed little girls who perambulate the boulevards and press them upon the Parisians.

FAINTING AS A PROFESSION FOR WOMEN. The following incident shows an originality of invention rarely rivaled even by the prolific brain of the Yankee. One day in a lawsuit before the Tribunal Correctionnel a handsome young lady, smartly dressed, was called as a witness. The presiding judge asked her name, and then her profession or calling. "I faint," auswered madame in a very low tone. The judge thorsupon directed an officer of the court to bring her a chair and allowed her to sit down. "Don't be afraid, madame," said he; "and and keep away moths. It was a bold please to tell me before you are sworn man who first dared to cat a tomato what is your profession?" fainting," again whispered the pretty witness in a barely audible voice. The gallant Vice-President now sent for a glass of water, which the lady sipped rogator she appeared to await further questions.

Again, the third time, she was asked her profession, when, with a look of wonder and surprise, she re- placed in the sauctuary. plied: "But, Mr. President, I have already twice had the honor to tell you that my profession is to faint.' exclaimed the astonished and puzzled Judge; "how can that possibly be a profession?" The lady explained that she gained her liveli hood by going every evening in a fashionable dress to a stall in the Theatre de la Porte de Saint Martin, and there fainting, as though overpowered by the powerful and vivid acting at the most critical and tragical moment in the play. She added that her services were considered invaluable, and that thus far she had given to the manager complete satisfaction.

HIRED CUTLETS AND GUARDIAN ANGELS. We have all heard of dress-coats to let, of hired jewels, and even of hired wedding presents, but who ever heard of meat to let? Yet in Paris the fine, appetizing joints of meat and other estables which are displayed in the windows of the cheaper restaurants are simply hired to tempt the passing epicure. There are butchers who realize a considerable income from letting out show joints, attractive legs of mutton and nicely trimmed cutlets. disposed with such Parisian art as to catch the eye of the plebeian bon viout on hire, and if you suffer from an

sum. living in the French metropolis are, cause of diseaso, ---

SOME UNIQUE CALLINGS. making soap bubbles, painting turkeys feet, retailing lighted fuel, guessing riddles, collecting samples, and acting as gaardian angel -of only one of which, the last, have we space for an explanation. The guardian angel establishes himself in the outskirts of the city near the wine shops, where he does odd jobs during the day for the shopkeeper, while in the evening he assists in getting home any of the sons of Bacchus who may have drunk too deeply. In doing this he must be deaf to all the commands and entreaties of his charge to let him enter any of the wine shops on the way; he must keep him out of broils, guard his perindispensable trades are pursued; but sonal effects, even fight for him if in the great swarming centres of necessary, and when he cannot be led home, carry him on his back or wheel him on a barrow. The earnings of these belpers of frail humanity are ridiculously paltry, seldom exceeding

THE EXPERTNESS OF WINE-TASTERS. One of the out-of-the-way modes of getting a living in London is that practiced by the wine-tasters of the Lon-don docks. These persons, who are supposed to have palates of exquisite Persons who are familiar with the delicacy, with much knowledge of history of popular delusions, which wires, hang about the docks, where they are bired by both dealers and would write in a work of five hundred buyers to accompany them to the vaults and give their opinions of the stock jobbing mania which raged in various wines submitted to them for examination. Though they carefully Scotch projector and financier, John avoid swallowing the wine they taste, yet their calling slowly saps their scene of operations was the Rue health, and they become at an early Quinquempoix. The business was by age physical wrecks. The sensations which they experience in sampling the wines are of the most delicate and subtle nature; it was one of these men who detected the flavor of iron in a pipe of wine into which a shingle nail had fallen .- Saturday Evening Post,

CURIOUS FACTS.

Japan has fifty sects of Buddhiam.

The watermelon grows wild all over Africa.

Benares, India, was an ancient apital before Babylon or Ninevali were founded.

Rhinoceros meat is something between pork and beef, and is not to be despised when no other flesh is to be obtained.

In Harrodsburg, Ky., there is a man who has a private coal mine that showed that though his person was he uses as his fuel supply and will

Raw eggs, milk and plenty of fruit are recommended for brain workers. running by them for life without The fruit corrects the bilious tendency of the milk and eggs.

The largest tree in the world lies broken and petrified at the end of a defile in Northwestern Nevada. It is said to be 666 feet long.

With plenty of water and without solid food, a horse will live twenty-five days; with solid food and without water, he will live only five days.

In the King of Saxony's museum at Dresden there is a cherry stone upon which, by the aid of a microscope, more than one hundred faces can be

The Indians of the interior of Bolivia wear shirts and bats made of the bark of a tree, which is sonked in water to soften the fiber, and then beaten to Among the Vosges peasants children

born at the new moon are supposed to have better hung tongues than others, and those born at the last quarter to have keener reasoning powers. In all these years of tea drinking,

tea has not been drunk at meals in China. The water from which it is made is always freshly boiled and Earth" traveled throughout the United used as soon as it reaches the boiling point. In Iceland horses are shod with

sheep's horn. In the valley of the upper Oxus the antiers of the mountain deer are used for the same purpose, the shoes being fastened with born pins.

Dancing eggs are said to be abundant in Shasta County, California. The egg is laid by an unknown insect on the oak leaves, and when it is mature it drops to the ground, where it dances about as if an inated.

Natural gas conveyed in bamboo tubes was utilized in China years ago, and one of their writers mentions boxes which repeated the sounds of persons' voices that were dead-a machine similar to the phonograph.

A great many things that are now used for food were once considered poisonous by the Romans, who used them to scatter among their clothes or cook an eggplant.

Regiment's Fing in the Sanctuary. A striking ceremony, like those of the days of the Crusaders, was witslowly, then bowing to her inter- nessed at Canterbury, England, when a large company of the East Kent Regiment, known as the "Buffs," the regimental colors, which were

Deau Farrar accepted the custody of the colors, conducted the impres sive ceremony and addressed words of sympathy and encouragement to the soldiers, who were about to sail for Africa.

British regiments no longer carry their precious colors in foreign wars, but deposit them in their home churches .- New York Journal.

Unsanitary Condition of Pekin. The three chief characteristics of Pekin, the Chinese capital, which most impress the newly arrived visitor are dust, stench and dogs. There has been no rain since June, and the hideous tracks that are dignified by the title of streets are ankle deep in black dust, much of which is pulverized flith. Along the macadamized streets, of which there are three, are open drains. These serve as sewers time the from which the sewage is dipped and the high vay sprinkled. When it dries the pulverizing is resumed, and, in addition to the original compound, the residuum of the tainted water is breathed into the lungs.-Correspondence New York Tribune.

Stray Dors in New York City. The Society for the Prevention of vant. Even clean linen, also, is let Cruelty to Animals in New York City picked up 25,466 wandering dogs in excess of blood, you can hire leeches 1898. Of these 1511 were restored to and have them set biting for a trifling their loving owners, and almost every Among other odd ways of gaining a adopted. Thousands were killed be

POPULAR SCIENCE.

some recent tests have brought to light the fact that iodine occurs in certain articles of human food in small quantities, and as it occurs in fish and shell fish, it has recently been suggested that this fact may be the reason why fish is so valuable a food for invalids. Traces of iodine have been found in cod-liver oil, and it is possible that it, together with the bromine and phosphorus, contributes to its tonie effects.

Light travels fully 6,000,000,000,-000 miles in a year, and even the most modest guesses as to the parallax of Polaris make it thirty-five light years. Pritchard's estimate in 1887 was ninety light years, but he has since modified his figures. Hence, if one will write two hundred and ten and add twelve ciphers thereto he will have the numher of miles which the most conservative authorities believe intervene between the earth and the pole star.

The deep sea is in total darkness, and plant life, according to Sir John Murray, is quite absent over ninetythree per cent. of the ocean bottom, Fishes and invertebrates, however, are scattered over the floor of the ocean at all depths. The majority of these deep sea animals live by eating the mud, clay or ooze, or by catching the particles of organic matter falling from the surface. It is probable that three-fourths of the deposits now covering the floor of the ocean have passed through the alimentary canals of marine animals.

From a recent investigation on the nfluence of pressure on milk, it appears that milk under a pressure of ten tons could be shipped a five or ten days' journey without fear of spoiling, but the cylinders capable of carrying such a pressure would probably weigh more than the milk. Great pressure applied for a short time greatly delayed souring. After a pressure of thirty tons for eight to twelve hours, milk will usually keep sweet three to five days, and after a pressure of forty tons at 123 degrees Fahrenheit for an hour, meat kept in good condition for three months.

Dr. E. W. Scripture described before the American Association for the Advancement of Science the method of producing an æsthesia by the direct application of an electrical current without the application of drugs. An alternating current with equal positive and negative phases was made to traverse the nerve. At a proper frequency of about 5,000 complete periods in a second it can be made to cut off all sensatory communication by this nerve. Needles can be run into the part of the body supplied by this nerve without any pain being felt.

As to the distance of the present pole star from the earth, it may be mentioned that its light requires about 44.6 years to reach the earth, notwithstading the fact that light dashes along with such inconceivable speed that it will cover 185,000 miles per second. The light from Vega, the next pole star, requires eighteen years to traverse the distance between it and the earth. As a consequence, we do not see the present pole star as it is at the present time, but as it was 44.6 years ago. Indeed, if the pole star were blotted out from existence to-day, it would still continue to shine out as vividly as ever for 44.6 years. So it is with all other stars, according to their distances.

Some Circus Statistics.

When Barnum's "Greatest Show on States on its annual tour, visiting every city of 40,000 inhabitants or more, it covered an area of nearly 3,. 000,000 square miles, and even then appealed to a population of less than 60,000,000. Tody Hamilton once told me that over 90,000,000 tickets had been sold for this show. Of Barnum's autobiography and his "Humbugs of the World" and "Lion Jack" it is said a million copies have been sold. Though not a humbug, Barnum was the Prince of Humbuggers. He began his career as showman by exhibiting Washington's nurse, Joyce Heth, setting her age down at 161 years. Who else would have had the nerve to do that? He made \$1500 a week out of this piece of humbuggery. When Joyce died a post mortem proved that Barnum had added eighty years to her age,-Victor Smith, in New York

The Sanitary Home is authority for the statement that potatoes contain a poison known as solanin. New pota toes contain comparatively little of this poison unless they grow above the surface of the ground and have a green skin, when they are generally known to be poisonous.

It is not, however, generally known that old potatoes contain much more marched to the Cathedral escorting of this poisonous principle-solaninand many cases of serious poisoning bave occurred in late summer when old potatoes are used. In 1892 and 1893 there was almost wholesale poisoning among the troops of the German army. The symptoms were frontal headache, colic, diarrhos, vomiting, weakness and slight stupor, and in some cases dilatation of the pupils of the eyes. Meyer investigated the case, and found in old potatoes, kept in a damp place and beginning to sprout, twenty-four times as much solanin as in new potatoes.

An Ancient House.

A great curiosity is a house 1,100 years of age, and yet fit for habitation. This old dwelling, the oldest inhabited house in England, was built in the time of King Offa of Mercia. octagonal in shape, the walls of its lower story being of great thickness. The upper part is of oak. At one house was fortified and known by the name of St. German's gate. It stands close to the River Ver and only a few yards from St. Alban's Abbey.

Christening Gifts.

Christening gifts are of ancient origin. Formerly sponsors presented gilt spoons to the child, which were called "apostle spoons," because the figures of the apostles were carved on the handles. A rich godparent gave 1898. Of these 1511 were restored to the complete set of twelve, while a their loving owners, and almost every less opulent one contented himself with four, and a poorer sponsor considered a single spoon a suitable of-

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TOPICS.

JANUARU 14.

to the Far Country. Luke xv. 11-24.

Scripture Verses.-Job xi. 13, 14, Isaiah i. 16-18: Ps. xix. 7; John vi. 44: Ps. li. 17-13; Matt. iii. 1, 2; iv. 17; Acts ii. 38; Jas. iv. 8-10; Ps. lxxx. 7.
Lesson Thoughts.

As soon as we lose our trust and confidence in God, and leel independent of his care and protection, we become prodigals in a far country and will soon be in sad want.

Our worthiness to be God's children depends upon our willingness to be his

ervants.
What an encouraging truth is this, that we need not plead with God for for-giveness, for he is even more willing to forgive than sinners are to be forgiven; he waits and watches eagerly for their return and receives them to himself at the first expression of true repentance Selections.

Repentance without amendment has been compared to continual pumping in

been compared to continual pumping in a ship without stopping the leaks. When a Russian soldier, heavily in debt, wrote out a list of his many obli-gations and exhibited it in a public place, adding in large letters the ques-tion, "Who will pay these debts?" the Crar happened to see the whimsical notice, and quietly wrote his name after the ouestion: "Nicholas." The soldier knew that he was free from his credi-As simple as this, absolutely as tors. simple, is the soul's way to get rid of

its sins.

There is one heart that is filled with generous kindness toward every man who wants to repent. The voice of God is calling you. The sound of your Fathis calling you. The sound of your Patter's voice is in your heart. . . Trust God. . . . Remember that he is on your side . . and does not desire that any man should die, but rather that all should turn and live.

Many persons who appear to repent are like sailors who throw their goods overboard in a storm, and wish for them

again in a calm. C. E. Gospel Hymns.—66, 198, 240, 214, 130, 65. Gospel Hymns, 1-4,-237, 386, 94, 335, 424, 211.

RELATED TO TAM O'SHANTER

Great-Granddaughter of Robert Burn Still Living. Relatives of great men still crop up out of the silence of neglect. A great-

granddaughter of the immortal Scotch bard, Robert Burns, is a resident of Nevada City. She is Mrs. Susan Eleanor Andrews, the wife of Samuel Andrews, an old Californian, halling from Londonderry, Ireland. Mrs. Andrews is the daughter of Robert Burns, one of the two sons of the poet, Robert Burns, the younger, had five children, four daughters and a son, named respectively in the order of their seniority, Mary, Susan, Elizabeth or Betty, Prudence and John. Betty married a Scotchman named Lamon and emigrated with him to America in 1835. Mrs. Andrews is one of the issues of that marriage. She was born at Nesquehoning, Pa., in 1844. John Burns remained with his father until the time of his death, in 1840, and after the death of his wife, in 1870, he likewise crossed the Atlantic to join his sister. He died four years ago, leaving four daughters, two in America and two in Ireland. Mrs. Lamon died in 1883, and four children survive her. 'All that remain of the Burns family," writes Mrs. Andrews, "are my two brothers, one sister and myself, and four of Uncle John's children." Mrs. Andrews takes great pride in her relationship to Bobbie Burns, from whom she has inherited a talent for verse writing.

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