### FOR SALE OR RENT

#### BY NANNIE BYRD TURNER

Placarded, branded, set for show, It shrinks a little from the street Where all day long the traders

And all day long the buyers go; Where on an hour soon or late Some restless seeker, bargain-bent, Will touch the gray, relustant gate And read, "For Sale or Rent."

The curve of !ast year's lonely nest Walts for the glad returning

win .s Shoreward, for port, a kind wave What if it be not tenantless? brings The empty shell upon its breast;

bide

Yea, pledged to fling its portals Of its abiding peace.

wide

When stranger-feet shall come.

The End of the Game. 日の一般の日 CHELDRED WOOD CHELDED CONTENTION By GEORGE S. EVANS. 

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eve.

The Honorable Dudley Collier was | change in the administration of jusjustice of the peace of Long Valley tice was needed. Township, and had been such from a 'He's had the office till he thinks time whereof the memory of man he's got a mortgage on it," was the ran not to the contrary; he considway one put it. But despite the pleadings and caered that the confidence reposed in him by his fellows was a mark of high favor and esicem. What matjolings, the Clarks would give no intimation of their position tered it if he did preside over but one The members of the Collier faction also called on the new voters.

case a year on the average? At the They showed how Collier had altrial of that one case he was in the public eye. What if on one occasion he had heard one lawyer whisthey ought not to vote, because perhaps per to another that "the presumption that a justice of the peace knows no law is indisputable in this instance?" long enough to learn the true condi-What was the difference if his fame had gone abroad because it was his taned invariable rule during a trial to rule with the representative of this facin favor of one litigant, and then tion as in the other case. rule in favor of the other one in order to balance the account? The yet. emoluments of the office were not great: it was not for them that he was all they would vouchsafe. coveted the position, but the dignity! -that was the thing. It gave him a standing. That was his reason for holding on so tenaciously

I jess naturally need that office in freely made by each faction, and my business," was his explanation. But his sway was threatened. An tried and true friends of Collier's election was again at hand, and Kelsey, more familiarly James called "Jim" Kelsey, his life-long of Kelsey had never been so active. opponent? was likely to be elected. Collier was a Democrat, and had the night before election eve, and polled eight out of fifteen votes in the township at the last six elections, while Kelsey, who was a Republican, as uniformly polled the other seven. Each candidate voted for himself, for every vote was needed.

"Dud Collier'll stay with this game until he gets defeated." said hopes rose high. The father and Kelsey, "No man except George Washington ever escaped defeat if he stayed with the game long enough. Defeat is the ultimate lot of the polltichin. Ingratitude is his reward, tu reception to them as the guests Dud Collier'll catch it.'

I few months before the election, the widow Scott had sold her ranch had listened to the speeches with into a new-comer, John Clark. Now | terest. it happened that Clark had two sons of voting age. The introduction of these three elements into the poli- loyal as if the Clarks hadn't attendtics of Long Valley made such poli- ed Collier's meeting of the night betics uncertain. Try as they might, fore. The chairman had called the

And old, so old! It almost seems As though there flitted, shadowwise Across the windows' shuttered eyes Sweet faces fashioned out of dreams; As though, did one but know the call. sudden lifted word would bring Glad children round the corner An., wering, rollicking.

What if the gentle people stay he empty shell upon its breast; In some immortal guise alway But this, that harbored souls, must Among the rooms they ured to bless? Then, for the remnant of its age. the stranger's pleasure: marked "A Not they who take nor they who lease May touch the perfect heritage

"done the right thing."

they had not lived in the vicinity

tion of affairs. But the Clarks main-

couldn't vote for him they

the same discreet silence

'We haven't made up our minds

Imagine the surprise of Col-

feelings by applause. After the meet-

ing was over, there was an impromp-

his boot and chuckled to himself,

half aloud: "I've a scheme that

"What is it, father?" asked Frank

"I'll tell you later," vouchsafed

Lafe Thomas did not notice the

whispered conversation. He was too

busy portraying the merits of his

tried and true standard-bearer. Af-

ter he had finished Kelsey spoke.

ly to the speeches of Kelsey and his

The

The Clarks listened just as attentive

the father, curtly,

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-Youth's Companion.

"For justice of the peace oftiong Valley Township-Dudley Collier." A cheer went up for Collier. "Ain't you fellers got any more idea of the solemnity of this pro-ceedin' n' to cheer?" asked Lafe Thomas, one of the inspectors of

election. "For justice of the peace of Long Valley Township-James Kelsey." "For justice of the peace of Long Valley Township-James Kelsey." A cheer went up for L'elsey, led by

Lafe Thomas. The final vote stood: Dudley Collier .....9

pressed emotion of the township at the result. A special election was called for

the election of a justice of the peace. The vote was the same as at the previous election. Not one of those stubborn farmers could be induced to change his vote. Feeling ran high. It mattered little who was justice of the peace so far as the welfare of the community was concerned. In fact, it is almost certain it could have exsted without such office. But to these farmers politics took the place of other amusements. Another special election was

alled. And now came the surprise. John Clark announced himself an independent candidate for the contested office. He had three votes to begin with-his own and those of his two sons. These three votes represented the balance of power. Both warring factions recognized this. or robbers." Cast for Clark and the old result would come about, Collier eight and Kelsey seven; cast for Kelsey, the

vote would be Kelsey ten and Collier eight: cast for Collier it would be Collier eleven, Kelsey seven. Excitement reached high-water mark in that township. It seemed as though the deadlock would be broken at last-Each voter apparently retained his ingrained stubborness. James Kelsey recognized that if

each voter remained true to his convictions he was a defeated man. A If brilliant idea occurred to him. he could not be elected, he could at least keep Collier from being reelected. Giving up his cherished ambitton did not appeal particularly to

We are seeking for light. We Kelsey, but politics was politics. hope to vote right on election day," "I'll retire that man to private life," threatened Kelsey. The week before election came.

He held a conference of his adher-The canvass has been unusually ents. At this conference Kelsey warm. Aspersions on the character said: of the opposing candidate had been "I can't be elected, and so I'm

willing to help beat the other fellow. excitement ran high. The seven Of course, I'd rather win than lose, but seeing as I can't win I'd rather had never been more steadfast in see a dark horse win than to see Coltheir allegiance. The six "stalwarts" ller win."

After a stormy time , It was decid-Collier was to close his campaign ed to transfer the Kelsey support to Clark. Would Collier be surprised? Kelsey was to wind up his on that

Well, rather. Dudley Collier was deeply trouller and his men, when the Clarks bled. There were signs of disaffeccame in and seated themselves just tion in his ranks. Two of his stanchas his meeting began. Surely it was est supporters were suspected of bea good omen. If he could win their ing Clark sympathizers. Not that votes he was out of danger. His there was any reasonable ground of suspicion. Trifles light as air make sons listened attentively to the politicians change their plans. Conspeches, but did not manifest their firmation of political suspicions is never required. From mere trouble, Collier passed to worry, and from worry to terror. Defeat stared him of honor. They said on leaving that in the face. Whatever might hapthey had enjoyed the evening, and pen, Jim Kelsey should not have the office. He had an inspiration. If he

couldn't be elected, neither could The next evening Kelsey wound up Kelsey. He decided on a conference. his effort. His loyal six were as His faithfuls, with two exception, attended the meeting. The exceptions were the ones he suspected of treachery. After a long discussion, it was neither the Collier nor Kelsey adher- meeting to order, and Lafe Thomas decided to throw the Collier strength

# Old Book, Just Come to Light, **Tells Stirring Stories of Old Days** When Women Pirates Were Abroad

Pirates and petticoats on first blush do not seem to blend, but his-When Mary was four years old her tory, nevertheless, records the fact mother put her into boy's clothes, that less than 200 years ago there and, taking her up to London, Mary were real women pirates. and her mother fell into dire distress. She was told at this crisis of Only the other day an old book detailing the dare-devil adventures her sex. She was now thirteen and handsome as a picture. She hired of Mary Read and Anne Bonny was out as a footboy to a French countknocked down for \$39 in an auction room at the sale of the library of less. But conventional life soon wearied her and she enlisted on a the venerable comedian, William J. man-of-war. After spirited engage Le Moyne. ments she left the service and went

Just "Robbers' Whims." to Flanders.

blunt old sea dog.

and story.

Captain Johnson, the author, was There, as a cadet, she carried an old English sea rover. The facts arms in a foot regiment and won recorded he personally gathered from the participants and their aspraise for bravery, her sex never being suspected. While deserving a sociates. His recital has all the dicommission, she could not obtain rect simplicity, the indelicate truthone, as they were bought and sold, fulness of scriptual nurrative of and this feminine soldier of fortune early Elizabethan drama. No pirate was penniless. Spolling for new knew our waters better than this fields to conquer, she guit the foot

regiment and joined a horse guard, The account of his own capture. where her bravery and good behavdetention and ransom by the Infor won the esteem if the officers. dians on the Ohio River in 1700 is Her advance was assured when she now scarcely less valuable American fell in love with her messmate, a than his masterpiece, for which he handsome young fellow named apologizes in the preface for calling Fleming. it a history, since he tells us "it's Sailed With Pirates, nothing but the actions of a parcel

When but a few days out the ship was captured by pirates. Being the This parcel of robbers is the quar only English person aboard, the piry from which Marryatt, J. Clarke rates kept Mary, together with the ship's plunder. She sailed with the Rusself, Pyle and hots of lesser writers are said to have builded their pirate crew for some time, until the sea romances, while Robert Louis King's proclamation pardoning all Stevenson had more than passing pirates who voluntarily surrendered acquaintance with the record. How Mary Read and Anne Bonny escaped was taken advantage of by her captors. All went ashore and lived in their nets seemed strange. In boldapparent content until their money ness and daring, no less than selfgave out. Hearing that Captain sacrificing courage, these women pi-Wood Rogers, governor of the island rates were not surpassed by any of of Providence, was fitting out a prithe picturesque freebooters with vateer to cruise against the Spanwhom their fortune was cast and lards, Mary joined the crew. whose deeds are enshrined in song

They had not sailed far when the crew. Mary included, turned against Externally these first and only rethe commander and took up the old corded women pirates had little in trade of pirating. Mary Read always common with the gaily caparisoned declared she abhorred the life of a feminine pirates of polite romance pirate, and only followed it under or comic opera. Despite the donning compulsion. Men who sailed with of real breeches, braving every hardher, however, swore under oath at ship and peril known to the twenty the trial for her life, that there was heroes of Johnson's history and with no pirate afloat more resolute in not a few of whom they fought hand undertaking hazardous ventures to hand with sword or pistol, Mary than Mary Read. In one of the Read and Anne Bonny were genuine fiercest conflicts with a manof-war, women is not "perfect ladies." They none kept on deck but Mary Read, would have gone to their graves Anne Bonny and one other. their sex unsuspected by their fierce and bloodthirsty companions had not

#### Eloped With Pirate.

Anne Bonny's father, when she As with not a few of their tinsel was five years old, put her into counterparts, the little blind god was boy's clothes, installed her in an estheir undoing. Both were tried for tablishment, giving out that she was their lives in Jamaica in 1720 and a relative's child whom he intended condemned to death, but escaped exto educate to be his clerk. Losing his business and repute soon after, "As to the lives of our female pithe father left for new parts where, rates, we must confess," says the embarking as a merchant, he acauthor, "that they may appear a litcumulated money, bought a vessel tle extravagant, yet they are neverand sailed for the American coast.

In his North Carolina plantation theless true. As they were publicly tried for their piracies, there are liv-Anne, who had resumed petticoats. ing witnesses (1724) enough to testiwas much courted. She was widely fy to what we have laid down consought, and her father had great matrimonial expectations for her. "If there are some incidents and But Anne was captured by a worthelss spendthrift, who, when he found turns in their stories which may give them a little air of a novel, they are her father disowned her, shipped not invented for that purpose; it is a kind of reading with which this in search of work. There Anne author is little acquainted, but as Bonny fell in love with the darehe himself was exceedingly diverted devil Captain Rackam, and, discardwith them when they were related to ing her husband, donned trousers him, he thought they might have the and cloped with the pirate -Boston Post.

that side, went on its course until it.

found its way into a telegraph pole,

from which it was subsequently dug.

and yesterday Mr. Nash, its owner,

brought it with him to Atlanta to

which it had been knocked by the

bullet. He carried it to a Kimball

House block jeweller, from whom he

purchased it originally and by whom

it was placed on exhibition .--- Atlanta

Changed the Telephone Number.

telephone company in New Haven,

said he should not change the num-

His 'phone number has been twen-

answer was that Mrs. Embler was

Skiddoo, well, how is Mr. Skiddoo

'phone number was changed .--- Wor-

Truth Triumphant.

tion at the circus Monday, who also

took part in the parade, whose horns

wers loose and she could "wiggle" them. Last winter this paper said Ala Shadden had a cow that could

There was a sort of cow on exhibi-

cester Telegram.

The

Constitution.

The charm was badly battered

# FRANCE HARNESSES WATER POWERS.

Energy Supplied by Rivers Converted Into Electrical Force.

In reports just made to the State Department by Consul General Mason of Paris and Consul General Skinner of Marseilles, special attention is called to the movemnt in France to harness her water powers, which is being wonderfully accomplished. Already electric power is being brought over 100 miles to operate trolley lines.

Greater industrial efficiency is being sought in all directions, but par ticularly by the distribution of energy supplied by rivers and streams, This is being especially felt in the region extending from the Mediterranean to the Alps. The degree to which this energy may be multiplied is indefinite, but with present knowledge it is assumed that 2,000,000 horze power may be economically obtained, of which perhaps the fifth has been secured or is in process of being

secured. The hydraulic forces of the world a year ago stood, expressed in hores power, as follows: Unifed States, 17,500; Canada, 228,500; Italy, 210. 000; France, 161,000; Switzerland 133,000; Germany, 81,000; Sweden, 71,000; other countries, 69,000. Total. 1,481,000.

This amount of power is approximately equal in potential energy to 2 per cent, of the world's coal production. The greatest completed French works are to be found in the Alps, where sparse population, natrowness of range of raw materials, and remotences from large markets deter large industrial operations. A: present work is in progress on eight different plants, which will revolutionize manufacturing conditions in the whole Mediterranean region, and in Durance Valley, where general conditions are favorable to manufactur ing enterprise. The Vesuble plant, now in opera-

tion, supplies Grasse with power at the rate of five cents per horse power hour. The Brillane and Saulce plants will soon be in operation, and will supply power to the Marseilles trans lines and other companies. These plants are sixty-five and 102 miles from Marseilles, the Saulce being the farther. The Brillane plant deals with a sluggish, muddy stream-the Durance-and requires settling basins at intervals. The power will be transmitted under tension of forty-five thousand to fifty thousand volts. which will be reduced near Marseilles to thirty-five hundred and five thousand volts. In the country overhead wires will be strung on iron poles supporting an inverted porcupine platform under the crosstrees, to pre vent unauthorized persons from Underground reaching the wires. transmission is regarded as ultimately

Furs of the Middle West.

necessary.

Despite the general opinion that most of the wild animals that inhabited the Middle West a century ago have become extinct as a result of the march of civilization, the contrary is true, and thousands of musk-Pats, skunks, raccons, opossums foxes and civet cats, with occasional minks and weasels are killed and their pelts sold for sums that in the aggregate would be a great surprise to the public not in touch with the trapping trade. Not in years have the Central Illinois trappers been so



Tobacco was legal tender in the American States when they were still colonies of Great Britain.

Vatican was thoroughly cleaned lately and a quantity of repainting done. The work employed 5700 people for six months. Merely in cleaning wall papers, one thousand loaves of bread were used daily,

A firm of London motor manufacturers supplies its customers with specially colored confetti, which the motorists sprinkle when running through a police trap. Drivers who follow at once read the sign and act accordingly,

Motor-boats of all sorts are becoming more and more numerous on the Venetian canals, threatening to displace the old-time gondola. The gondoliers are much disturbed. In a dispute between two of them and two electric launch men the latter were stabbed, one fatally.

The raffesia of Sumatra is said to be the largest and most magnificent flower in the world. It is composed of five roundish petals, each a foot across, and of a red color, covered with numerous irregular yellowish white swellings. The petals surround a cup'nearly a foot wide, the margin of which bears the stamens.

This story is told of Dan Leno, the late idol of the London music hall stage. His mind failed, and he was confined in a private asylum. Soon this he got up an argument after with one of the attendants about the correctness of the clock, "That "No, sir, clock's wrong." he said. the clock is quite right." "I tell you "No, sir, it's quite it's wrong." right." "Then if it's right, what's it doing here?"

A miner who lost his life two thousand years ago has been taken from a copper mine in Chile recently. Copper oxide had mummified his whole body. The mummy is in a fine state of preservation. Coarse sacking, evidently the clothing of the ancient Inca workman, was found with the body, as were two mallets, one fashioned out of granite and the other out of ironstone. These implements were tied with thongs into bent sticks made as double handles. Both the hide and the sticks were as fresh looking when found as if they had been in use only the day before.

The Vienna Fancy Dog Club has established a novel dog market. Persons with dogs for sale are invited to send the animals to the clubrooms every Wednesday, where they will be exhibited. Each animal will be examined by a voterinary surgeon and also appraised by experts. Purchasers can therefore be assured that the dogs are quite free from disease and also worth the price demanded. And all this service will be performed entirely free of charge; neither buyer nor seller will be asked to contribute a penny. The club will bear all the expenses, as its only object in instituting the market is to promote the breeding and traffic in dogs of good race.

CATS AND MIRRORS.

# Mary Read was an English girl. and factories.

ents could get any satisfaction out of | had begun to speak, when the sound When interviewed they of approaching footsteps was heard. the Clarks. maintained a strict silence as to their II. marched the three Clarks. The political convictions.

The campaign opened with a rally ance was long and hearty. by the Collier faction at the school-While apparently listening to the grandiloquent appeal of Thomas in house. Those present were Collier and his seven faithful followers, behalf of Kelsey, John Clark was in their wives and children. The reality otherwise occupied. His mind Clarks had been invited to come by was busy with his own thoughts. He the eight voters, but they didn't was something of a politician himcome. Henry Marders, who had self, although he would have scornserved as a supervisor years before. fully denied such an accusation. He was the chairman of the meeting, would have "allowed" that he was "some" on human nature, but poll-He waxed eloquent over the virtues of his candidate for the office of jus- tics-never! While sitting and aptice of the peace. There was a man parently listening to Thomas, Clark who was entitled to the suffrages of was mentally canvassing the political his fellow-citizens, because he had situation. He noted the steadfast always answered duty's call. It was loyalty of each faction to its canditrue that he had served as justice date. He figured on the number of of the peace for twenty-four years, votes-the combination possible to but the speaker believed in keeping make with such elements. true merit in office. Dudley Collies It was at John Clark, especially,

was a representative clifzen of Long | that the oratory of Thomas was Valley, and it behooved all good men aimed. If he could convert him to to vote for him. Than Collier arose, the Keisey side of the fight, undoubt-While it is generally considered a edly the father would convert his violation of political ethics for a ju- two sons to his way of thinking. dicial candidate to take the stump, John Clark sat wrapt in deliberation. Collier was not troubled. He was Before he was aware of it he slapped ignorant of such section in the Code of Political Ethics. His adherents cheered and applauded. Collier spoke | ought to work."

at great length. He reviewed his past service. He pointed at his un-Clark in a whisper. tarnished record. He spoke feeling-

ly of his party loyalty, of his efforts in behalf of the Democratic party. He thought that he was deserving of re-election because of his administration of justice in the township. He didn't know that lawyers that came from the county seat to try cases in his court spoke of him as a judge who dispensed with justice.

stalwarts as they had to the speeches The next night the Kelsey faction of Collier and his followers. held a rally. Kelsey was there with same scene ensued at the end of the his six adherents. The Clarks were meeting as at the other. There was not in evidence-the people Kelsey a reception, the same fulsome flathoped to reach. The same proceedtery bestowed, the same hope exings were gone through with at the pressed that they could see their way Kelney meeting that were had at the clear to vote for Kelsey as for Col-Collier "opening gun." There was the same vociferous applause, the same enthusiasm. There were exbed confident of victory. hortations to stand by the party. All the old time tropes, the ancient stock of the political orator, were brought out and re-introduced to to be kept open until sunset, and acthe audience-"the torsin has sound-'beacons will blaze," "the gage of battle has been thrown down," "victory will perch upon our bandays must end. The ballot box was per," and so on, and so on.

opened amid suppressed excitement. How to reach the Clarks! That The clerk of the board began to read was the problem confronting the poloff the vallots. fticians of Long Valley. The power "For justice of the peace of Long to shange the face of the politics of Valley Township - Dudley Collier,' that region lay in the hands of this new factor. If Herbert Kelsey could only get those votes his election was was the first. Fifteen ballots were called off, and the vote on the tallysheet stood: assured. His faithful servants rea-soned with the Clarks. They point-ed out how Collier had held the of-fice for years and years and

to Clark. The decision was to be kent secret. It was "allowed" that Jim Kelsey would die of sheer surapplause that greeted their appearprise

Election day came, and when the votes were counted the result stood thus:

Dudley Collier..... James Kelsey..... John Clark ..... 16 "I always said Dud Collier d catch it." said Kelsey to Clark, "but I didn't think his defeat'd be so near unanimous."---Argonaut

## The Moro.

The Moro is brave to fearlessness, a born pirate, and essentially a firstclass fighting man. He is nover happy unless on a marauding expedition and stealing from his neighbors, friends and foes alike. The chief who is the most successful thief is the most respected and the most powerful among chiefs.

The Moro trades with his neighbors on market-days in the various coins of the realm and foreign moneys. At other times he is a free ocean-rover, extending his trading voyages as far north as the islands of Negros and Panay, south to the Celebes and Borneo, and westerly to the Palawan. He is the most successful of smugglers, and a little act of piracy when chance offers goes without mention. The Moro is the most perfect of aquatic beings, the most skilful small-boat sailor or large "prau" navigator extant. can no more drown than can a fish. There is no record of a drowned Moro. He can dive to the bottom of the sea at depths of from twentyfive to one hundred feet for the valuable mother-of-pearl shell, and his life is largely lived at sea from in-Along the coast many of the fancy. Moro villages are built over the water .--- Colonel Owen J. Sweet, U. S. A., in Harper's Weekly.

#### A Cool Room.

lier. The meeting closed with three A man recently walked into a rousing cheers. Each side went to hotel at Checotah and asked for a room. In describing the kind of Election morning dawned. By 9 room he wanted he said: "I want a o'clock the eighteen votes had been The weather is beastly cool room. cast, but the law required the polls hot, and I would die in a close room. "Waal," drawled the proprietor, cordingly the voters and election without moving from his chair, "I've board lounged around all day. The got a room where a man froze to day was interminably long, but all death last winter. Is th-a-at co-o-o-l enough for ye?"-Kansas

City Journal. English in Japan.

Baron Takaki says four-fifths of the Japanese boys are now studying English, and that it will soon become the langauge of Japan and later of the world.

Tigers are greatly on the increase in Burmah, owing to recent legal re-strictions on the carrying of arms.

same effect upon the reader.'

cerning them.

Cupid found them out.

ecution. Both died in prison.

#### Origin of White Skins.

The origin of colored skin, or white either, is still unknown. If the sun is really an active agent in hangs in a window in the Kimball its evolution, the power of the sunlight must have been curtailed when people took to wearing clothes.

The slightest protection, as seen in the use of ladies' veils, keeps the white skin pure. Therefore, if there is any protection afforded by natural dark skin, an equivalent is obtained for white people by the use of clothes. Until white people begin to discard clothing in the tropics their skin will remain white.

Sunburn must not be confounded with pigmentation of the skin. Sunburn is merely a tanning of the opidermal cells on the surface of the skin, whereas pigmentation is caused by a deposit of dark matter within the deeter layers of the true skin.

Summing the whole evidence from history, anthropology, ethnology and general evolution, it seems considering all arguments derived to me that the colored skin is an intermediary stage of development between our primate ancestors and the pure white or Caucasian skin. My general contention is that white skinned peoples come from the oldest stocks of humanity, and that in the process of evolution they became white by the use of clothes .- From un Address by Dr. T. F. Macdonald, of Geraldton, Queensland.

#### British Autopsy of an American Joke.

Out of the American packing industry springs one of the popular banterings of the Briton who cannot ber of his 'phone for the sake of getsee a joke. What he does not see is really the American turn of phrase. at him, but he has changed his mind. One of the usual anecdotes, for instance, turns upon the strange ty-three, and people developed the "he put for the door." and habit of calling him up and telling phrase, the Englishman never sees the point, him to skiddoo. He is an advocate but then he does not know the of forgetting slang and objects to exidiom. The packing joke is this: A pletives of worse origin as well, but Briton, admiring the enormius prohe stood the talk until somebody late duction of fruit in a California valat night called by telephone and lay, asks how so much is disposed of. asked if Mr. Skiddoo was in. "Well," replies the American, "we eat what we can, and we can what talking and the voice said: "Oh, Mrs. we can't." The inquirer is bewildered, but only because he would and the little Skiddoos?" Then the have said "tin" instead of "can." In some versions he is represented as repeating the sentence with "tin" for 'can," as a specimen of American humor.-London Chronicle

#### Only 100 Years Ago in England.

A decently dressed woman was last night brought out into Smithfield for ale, but the brutal conduct of the bidders induced the man who was, or pretended to be, her husband, to refuse to sell her, on which a scene of riot and confusion highly disgraceful to our police took place .-- London Times of May, 1806.

Bullet Struck Watch Charm. active as this year.

One firm in Muscatine pays \$2000 A watch charm of the Masonic each week for hides. There are many variety, dented with a bullet, now firms scattered over Illinois which House block, where it is under the do an coually large business, and It is probably safe to say that during observation of all passersby who care to see it. That piece of gold upon the present season trappers will be which is carved the figures emblepaid in Illinois alone the sum of \$100. matic of the secret order saved the 000, while Iowa, Indiana and perhaps life of W. R. Nash, a well known several other States of the Middle Georgian, a week or ten days ago West all expend equally large sums at Woodberry.

in this direction. Descriptive stories of the duel at The majority of the animals trapthat place, in which James Clark ped in the Middle West are the musicused his pistol promiscuously, have rats, which have been the least atbeen printed. In the gathering when traction for the trapper, as the pelts lead was flying thickest and fastest bring only 12 to 15 cents, was W. R. Nash. A bullet from skunks range from 50 cents to \$2.50, Clark's pistol struck a watch charm according to size and condition; rac awinging in front of Nash's vest. econ from 50 to \$1.75, openuum from The charm gave the leaden pellet 25 to 75 cents, red foxes from \$1 to a deflection, and instead of penetrat-\$5. Civet cats bring only 25 cents -nig the body the bullet glanced to Chicago News: the left and, clipping the flesh on

#### Japanese Shop Signs.

while

In Japan the majority of shops cealing in goods from other lands dis play signs in some foreign language and many of these are very curious have it replaced in its setting, from productions The great lifes is to have foreign characters, their correctness or intelligibility being a secondary consideration. The following are specimens of these remarkable notices-"The All Countries Boot and Shoe, Small or Fine Wares;" "Old Curious;" "Horseshoe maker instruct by French horse leech;" "Cut Hair General Embler, treasurer of the Shop;" "If you want sell watch I will buy; if you want buy watch, I will sell. Yes, sir, we will, all will. Come at my shop. Watchmaker;" "Hatter ting rid of the slang that was hurled

temper the light a triffe. The all Native Country; Antematic of Na sea;" "The House Build for the manufacture of all and best kinds of Hats and Caps." In some cases the signs are entirely devoid of meaning.

#### Dear Little Soul.

There was company to dinner, and little Edith was seated at table in all the glory of her best dress and pinafore.

Dinner was proceeding amicably enough, but there were one of two awful pauses, and in the silent deptus of one of these the sweet treble of little Edith was raised.

"Oh, mamma," she cried, "what is this?'

"This" was a very obvious hair; but mamma, although red with confusion, had sufficient presence of mind to say:

"Hush, dear; you can see what .! is-it is a crack!"

wiggle her horns, and there were some people who scoffed at the idea. Silence for a moment, and then: "Oh, I say, mamma, ian't it funny? The cow at the circus proves that a I can move this crack about."--Chicow can enjoy that rare accomplish-ment.---Matrimuville Reporter. cago Tribuue.

Is It True That the Animals See Reflections,

"I've half a mind to write to a paper in the New Hampshire village where I was born and reared," said a lover of animals the other day, and ask the editor if a story I read in his last week's edition is a true story.

"It's about a wonderful cat that sits on the edge of the sidewalk with, his back to the gutter and looks into a store window as if he didn't care for anything or anybody. When he sees by means of that window that the English sparrows are pecking close beh!, " him, he turns as ca's can turn, lise the whilf of a flash. light, and nails a bird or two.

"Now, I've meaned with cats and dogs, and all kings of living critters ever since I could walk; studied their ways and habin, and I never could make any of them pay the slightest attention to themselves in a mirror. I've held them up to the glass, thinking they might splt or growl or fight, and they weren't so much as interent ed. The joke was always on mo.

"And you can't fool them on dummies, toys made in their own image and made perfectly-runabout rats and mice and imitations of that kind. They won't even paw over them and examine them. Accordingly, I am rather doubtful about that very clever New Handpshire cat."-Provide "2 Journal.

Great Wealth.

It is generally believed that Professor Summer's prophecy has al ready been fulfilled, for John D Rockefeller is credited with having a billion. In this connection it is in teresting to note, also, that while in the early part of the last century there were only a few men of great wealth, today the multi-millionaires scattered throughout the country are to be counted in the thousands. in other words, the proportion of very wealthy men and women to those of moderate means is as much larger as is the amount of money that is required to make a great fortune. man with merely a million today cuts much less figure than did the man with one hundred thousand dollars half a century ago. He is fairly well to do, but is in no position to car with the kings of high finance. On the whole, the term "great wealth" in very indefinite. What would be con aidored such by some would be m garded as abject poverty by other Perhaps the time will come when i thrifty Americans will be millionair and only those with a billion or will be classed among these of g wealth.-Hartford Telegram,