And loveliest of all a Deer!
Only Its eyes were blurred.
And hanging by It, very near,
A beautiful great Bird;
So I could smooth his feathers through,
And kiss them (very softly), too—
But ob, he never stirred!

Josephine Preston Peabody, in Harper's.

***** IN THE COILS OF A BOA-CONSTRICTOR

By O. P. KINGSLEY.

Early in the year 1900 I was stationed in the south of Negros Island, in the Philippine group, at the little "pueblo" (village) of Bayanan. Here I acted in the capacity of sanitary inspector of the La Carlota Sub-District of Negros. The territory in-cluded in my district was many miles in extent, but owing to the fact that the greater portion was wild, and the snake's head, like a pendulum of inhabited only by roving tribes of Visayans, whose haunts lay far in the unexplored interior, my work was confined to the small settlements located within a radius of forty miles, many of these being extremely difficult of access on account of the dense tropical growth and the unsettled condition of the country.

As I sat in my office one pleasant morning, contentedly smoking a cigar and contemplating with pleasure a short trip I had planned for the afternoon, a sharp rap on the door brought me back abruptly from my At my invitation a native entered, bearing a letter, which he deposited upon the desk and withdrew. A glance at the address showed me that it was from the Chief Inspector of the Department. The contents, which I rapidly glanced over, directed me to proceed without delay to a little "barria" called La Paz, situated some thirty miles inland, to investigate a reported epidemic of smallpox raging in that vicinity among the natives.

Realizing the gravity of the situation, should the report be true, I decided to start at once. I had never visited the place before, and was not sure of the exact distance or the dif-ficulties liable to be met with en route; for these reasons I was desirous of having plenty of daylight to travel by. Hastily collecting the necessary equipment, together with my revolvers and ammunition, I crammed the things into my saddlebags and stepped out just as the horses were brought up-one for myself, the other for my old servant Juan, who was to act as guide and interpreter.

Our route for several miles lay along a well-beaten trail, which would have been pleasant enough for ordinary travel had it not been for the flerce heat of the sun. Soon, however, we reached the Rio del Sangre, nir of my sojourn in the Philippine the bamboos along the banks of Islands, and with the revolver and which afforded a delicious shade, dagger which put an end to its cathough the river-bed was practically dry. My guide now informed me that following the channel we could shorten the distance by several miles, and I therefore turned my horse upstream, glad enough to keep in the

As we advanced toward the interior the scenery became more wild good soap in alcohol. tunnels. The only sound was soft water. the dull thud, thud, of our horses' hoofs, hardly audible in the soft river-bed, with an occasional shrill cry from a monkey who had discovered us from his leafy bower, or the lazy does not contain earthy matter or alchanged its position.

Advancing in single file, owing to the narrowness of the river-bed and the many obstructions that were tering a space comparatively clear of added, effervesence commences. obstructions, I spurred my mount inheavily, wheeling sharply to the fall to the bottom. right. Being unprepared for such a Test for iron: Boil a little nut-gall manaeuvre, I was hurled headlong and add to the water. If it turns from the saddle, striking upon my gray or slate-black, fron is present. head and shoulder in the soft, mud- Second: Dissolve a little prussiate of dy river-bed. My face was smeared potash, and, if iron is present, it will with the filthy, ill-smelling muck, my turn blue.-Technical World Maganeck felt as though it was broken, zine, my brain was in a dizzy whirt, and my eyes were blinded with the odorous mud.

For a moment I did not attempt to Conflicting stories are told about move. Although I was aware of a the nitrate beds of Chile. Rumors curious movement beneath me, I supposed I had been thrown upon some beneath my weight.

Suddenly my attention was attracted by a strange hissing noise which sounded quite close to me, and at a loss to account for. Meanwhile, the movement beneath me increased rather than diminished. This was certainly unnatural, and I rolled over escaping steam, and the movement beneath me became so violent as to partially raise my body from the river-bed. Dashing the mud from my cyes as best I could, I threw out my hands for some available support. My right grasped mud, but the left caught hold of a cold, slimy, wright grasped mud, but the left caught hold of a cold, slimy, wright grasped mud, but the left caught hold of a cold, slimy, wright grasped mud, but the left would be three or four times greater."

me. I lay in the folds of a great boa-

Had I been in the best of physical condition, sunarmed I should have been no match for this great reptile, and situated as I was—practically in a semi-conscious state—I must surey fall an easy victim.

The thought of my position made me frenzied. I attempted to regain my feet, but now my left leg was pinioned with my right, and, struggle as I would, I could not free them. In frantic rage I clutched the slimy coils, to fling them from me; but only to be dashed down with stunning force.

Again and again I tried to wrench myself free, but all in vain. With clenched fists I beat the great body, and endeavored to tear the creature to pieces with my nails, but the thick scales were as proof against my attack as armour-plate. Meanwhile we rolled over and over in the river bed, as with strength born of desperation I fought the loathsome monster, which was slowly crushing the life out of me. The thought of my pistol flashed through my mind, and I felt for my holster, but it was empty; I had placed the weapon in my saddle-bags. Frantically I endeav ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦ ored to tear from my body the evertightening folds, but, struggle as l would, it was of no avail. I was fast becoming exhausted, a dizziness seized me, and the trees and shrubs seemed to be tumbling and whirling about in wild conclusion. Suddenly my strength seemed to desert me altogether, and I ceased to struggle while just above my face, swaying death, whose every stroke was bring-

ing me nearer to destruction. Strange thoughts flitted across my mind; incidents of boyhood life long since forgotten were brought vividly to memory, and I seemed to stand again in the old homestead with my friends about me, though all were strangely silent. As I watched, the scene began to melt away like a

A blinding flash, accompanied by a deafening report; the rush of a dark body over me; then all was darkness. When next I opened my eyes my na tive guide was rapidly unwinding the now lifeless serpent from my body, while on the ground beside me lay a blood-stained dagger and a pistol, still smoking. Having freed me from the reptile, Juan brought water and proceeded to remove the worst of the filth from my person. The cold water also served to revive me, but I lay helplessly upon the soft grass while my guide recaptured my horse. This done, Juan assisted me into the saddle and supported me until a settlement was reached, where I remained at the house of a friendly native until I had recovered somewhat from the effects of encounter. My nerves, however, remained in a wretched state for months; dreams were haunted by great dragons and hydraheaded monsters, who chased me over river and jungle. Just as they were on the point of crushing me to death I would awake with a wild yell, bathed in cold perspiration and trembling in every limb, but by degrees this wore of until I became my natural self.

Juan, good fellow that he was, secured and preserved for me the skin of the reptile which so nearly made an end of me. It measured fourteen and a half feet in length and eleven inches in circumference. In due seareer .- The Wide World Magazine.

Tests For Boiler Water.

Will you please print some simple tests for boiler water?-E. G. A. Answer.-Test for hard or soft water: Dissolve a small piece of and picturesque, the vegetation rank drops of the solution fall into a glass and luxuriant, the trees meeting in of the water. If it turns milky, it many places and forming a series of is hard water; if it turns clear, it is

Test for earthy matters or alkali: Take litmus-paper dipped in vinegar, and, if on immersion the paper re turns to its true shade, the water flutter of a gally-plumed parrot as it kall. It a few drops of syrup be added to a water containing any earthy matter, it will turn green.

Test for carbonic acid: Take equal parts of water and clear lime water. constantly being met with in the form If combined or free carbonic acid is of rocts and failen tree-trunks, I was present, a precipitate is seen, and soon some distance ahead, and, en- if a few drops of muriatic acid be

Test of magnesia: Boll the water to a gallop, as the sun was rapidly to twentieth part of its weight, and sinking towards the horizon and I then drop a few grains of neutral was antious to reach my destination carbonate of ammonia into a glass before dark. Rounding a sharp bend, of it and a few drops of phosphate of my horse, with a wild snort, plunged soda. If magnesia is present, it will

Chile's Deposit of Saltpetre.

have been current in this country and Europe to the effect that the suproots, which were slowly giving way ply was limited and likely to give out in twenty-five years, if the present rate of consumption is maintained. This statement is now contradicted by the United States Consul at Valwhich, in my dazed condition, I was paraiso. He says that a Chilean official whose business it is to keep track of the matter is quoted by the Chilean Times as saying that Government still possesses 2,000,000 with the intention of reaching firmer hectares of nitrate grounds. Even ground, but found that my right leg was entangled in something. At my first movement the mysterious hiss- thousand million quintals of nitrate. increased until it sounded like A quintal is 101.41 pounds. The ex-

> The cost of living is still incre ing in German cities at an alarming



Thackeray used to lift his hat vhenever he passed the house in which he wrote "Vanity Fair."

Robert Browning could not sit still. With the constant shuffling of his feet holes were worn in the carpet.

Chicago, it is said, has more rats, in proportion to its population, than any other city in the world. The average is about two rats for each inhabitant.

Three good washes are received by an Abyssinian during his career-at his birth, on his marriage-morn, and at his death. At all other times he shuns soap and water.

Dinizulu, the Zulu chief, has a graphophone, with which he entertains his guests, and also an organ of England build, on which he himself performs.

unlucky in Paris and Berne that none of the houses in these cities bear that numeral. Instead of it the number twelve and a half is used. The English city of Birmingham is securing control of the street-car

systems there. Early in January the

municipality instituted electric trac-

The number thirteen is deemed so

tion covering eighty miles of track-Schoolchildren in Copenhagen, Denmark, must keep clean. times a week they have to bathe, and while they are thus engaged their

clothing is being purified in steam-

In England a man devised a trainwrecking scene for the amusement of an audience. The engine driver entered so recklessly into the spirit of the occasion that he killed the author of the entertainment, who was lying bound upon the track.

native of Egypt who recently died left \$400,000 stored in gold in his house. Many Egyptians who are possessed of wealth will borrow money at interest to conceal the fact. Large quantities of gold coin are annually melted in Egypt and converted into ornaments.

The Philadelphia Record declares that Charles C. Reber, an employe in a shirt factory at Strausstown, Berks County, Pa., is an expert at sewing on buttons. He sewed on 4200 buttons last Friday in five and one-half hours, which means six hundred shirts, seven buttons to a shirt, or about fourteen buttons in a minute. At another time, not being aware of the fact that he was being timed, he sewed on seven buttons in twenty-five seconds. Mr. Reber claims he can fasten, on a wager, twenty-one buttons in a minute, seven buttons to a shirt.

PICTURES OF SLEUTHS.

Criminals Who Snapshot Detectives-Uses of the Photographs.

Have you ever noticed-to use an Irishism-that you hardly ever no tice the portraits of Scotland Yard detectives in the illustrated papers until they are either retired or are just about to retire?

Did you, for instance, know how Detective Inspector Walsh looked prior to his quitting his service the other day, or were you familiar with Chief Inspector Arrow's features until he accepted, a month or two ago,

the post of chief of police at Barce-If you think carefully over these two questions you will have to confess to yourself that you are unable to answer either of them in the affirmative, the reason being that neither of the officers mentioned was ever previously photographed for publication. This is one of the many

upwritten laws of Scotland Yard. Nevertheless there is hardly a detective in London who has not been photographed over and over again, for the simple reason that there is in existence a class of men who make a specialty of snapshotting police officers, with a view to selling the portraits so obtained to professional

Such photographs are, for obvious reasons, greatly sought for. Certain detectives make a specialty of cer-tain lines of crime. One, for example, deals with coiners, another with anarchists and undesirable aliens generally, and so on. All really highclass criminals also specialize in crime. There you have the thing in a nutshell. For a professional coiner to be familiar with the features of the man who is on the lookout for him is, from his point of view, eminently desirable.

And he usually is familiar with them, thanks to the snapshotters, themselves for the most part criminals or ex-criminals. In fact, one notorious counterfeiter arrested the other day by a clever ruse was found to be in possession not only of the photographs of the men who arrested him, but of carefully tabulated written descriptions of them into the bargain .- Pearson's Weekly.

A Lake of Quicksilver, A lake of quicksliver more than three acres in extent and from ten to fifty feet in depth has been dis covered in Vera Cruz, Mexico. It is said to be worth millions of dollars and has been known to the Indians for some time. It is high up in the mountains and almost inaccessible A plan is on foot to dig a tunnel from the base of the mountains to the bottom of the lake and let the quicksilver leak out that way.—Kansas City

There are 27,941,960 people whose lves are insured in the United King-iom, the total value of the policies in force amounting to the engricous aum of \$10,005,808,588.

A Precautionary Measure

By TOM P. MORGAN. "Uh-well, sah," judicially remarked old Brother Quackenboss. parsin' no 'pinions on de eppersody, one way or de tudder, muhse'f, but dess givin' yo' de skin and bones of de pubseedin's and leavin' yo' draw yo' own exclusions. 'Twuz dis-uh-way: Endurin' of de funyal, uhwhilst Pahson Bagster was deliverin; of as comp'mentary an address to de cawpse as yo' 'most ever listened to, a section of de plaster, 'bout dat wide and mebby dis long, fotched loose Pahson's head and knocked him senseless—Yessah, put him plumb out'n business for de time bein't Well, uh-cou'se, yo' know, de orgies hatter go on-uh-kase dar was de cawpse and dar was de 'semblage, ah-waitin' wid polite impatience— but dar wasn't a-nudder preacher to be had; so Puhfessah Toombs, de undertaker, stepped into de britch, as

yo' mought say, wid his mouf uh-

snappin' like a steel-trap, and says

he, sawtah dognatiously:

'Yo'-all will please make note, Bruddren and Sistahs, dat I takes muh stand right whuh de Pahson stood, uh-kaze fum de place whuh de plaster done fell down dar kain's no mo' plaster fall down, uh-kaze it's plumb done down and th'od fallin', no matter how bad I stretches de troof; and wid dese few words of splanation I'll puh-seed, not uh-kaze I's stuck on de lamentable, but uhkaze I takes a puhfessional pride in muh Art and admires to have de celebration go off fitten and shipshape-wid de fudder conformation dat dis yuh isn't muh pussonel sediments (not by sev'ral, uh-kaze our depahted feller-citizen, uh-lyin' dar, done owes me a balance of six dollahs on de funyal of his fou'th wife) -I'll pubseed to read fum dis yuh book de remahks dat was writ to be used in a burial at sea, b'llevin' dat dey sounds solemncholy enough to fit de 'casion and far enough fum de troof not to cause no mo' plasterin'

"And den he done so. Dat's de way 'twuz, Brudder Bosanko-yo' can cut it over to suit yo' own bias.' -From Puck.

WORDS OF WISDOM

All compromises with evil are

Some men would rather "lose out", than "win out."

The world likes its apologists, buf hates its friends.

The law of giving is the law of life-no more, no less. Blessed are the pure in heart, for

they shall see people. A Pharisee has never yet had power to deliver a publican.

All painting in "clay" is doubtful until it has been "fired." Noon is the vindication of the fa

natic streaks of the dawn. In the human heart are buried vast belongings that are eternal.

God ne'er dooms to waste the strength He deigns to impart. I must live pure, speak true, right

wrong follow the King-else wherefor born? Be a whole man-not legs or arms,

or stomach or shoulders, or even a head-but be a whole man.-Home

Lead Pencils.

Cedar suitable for use in the manufacture of lead pencils is yearly becoming more scarce and expensive. Germany alone exports 16,166 tons to foreign countries every year, or about 3,033,200,000 pencils. The difficulty and expense of procuring suitable wood led to careful investigation for a substitute and for some time a German company has been making pencils the core of which is encased in a composition whose principal ingredient is potatoes. It is said these pencils are a trifle heavier than those made of cedar, but they are easier to sharpen, and the available supply of potatoes is practically inexhaustible. A pencil of the best quality costs the manufacturers only \$0.00928, while one of second quality can be marketed for about half that figure. The possible yearly output is estimated at 14,000,000,000 pencils.-Forest and Stream.

Violating the Unities.

Theatrical folk, as a rule, cannot resist the temptation to respond to applause. It is music to their ears. To "get a hand" gratifies the ambition of the humblest actor and the 'star" alike, and they are prompt to render their acknowledgment, regardless of the shock it may give to the illusion of the play.

A well-known actor had taken the part of the hero in a drama in which it was necessary for him to be killed off in the next to the last scene in the last act. He had won tremendous applause by dying in a most realistic manner. The curtain went down, but the hand-clapping was insistent, and he appeared before the curtain, bowing and smiling.

'Go back!" yelled a deeply-interested but horrified little boy in the gallery. "Don't you know you're doad?"-Youth's Companion.

Use of a Volcano.

Residents of the district round Vesuvius have pit to practical use the lava which has flowed from the volcano in past and recent eruptions. Naples and its vicinity appear to be a world of lava. The streets are paved with it. There are lava stair-cases and statues, drinking troughs, bric--brac, and even fewelry. The guides make profit out of it by pressing coins or other objects on partly cooled fragments and selling these to visitors. On the ashy sides of the mountain there is enough lava to build a large city. In appearance it resembles a shoreless, frozen sea of dull black that shimmers strangely urple in some lights.-London Dally

There are 10,000,000 American vomen doing their own work in their wn homes without pay, while 1,500,-000 servants and waiters look after the wants of the remaining 6,000,000

News of Pennsylvania

UNABLE TO CHECK SLAUHGTER.

Report

Harrisburg (Special). - Increase of the number of mine inspectors has falled to bring about the hopedfor decrease in the number of mining accidents. Chief of the Depart ment of Mines Roderick makes this admission in the first part of his annual report for the year ending De-cember 21, 1906, just made public

Mr. Roderick compares the United States with Great Britain, pointing out that Great Britain has thirtyeight inspectors with 103 mines in charge of each inspector in additio to quarries, with a total of 18,642 employees inside mines under the inspector's jurisdiction and a total production of 6,663,870 tons for cach inspector. Pennsylvania has twenty bituminous inspectors with sixty-nine mines each, with a total of 7,693 employees and a production of 6,476,649 tons per inspector. Pennsylvania also has twenty anthracite inspectors for thirty-two mines each, and 5,818 employees and 3,-511,028 tons per inspector. Mr.

Roderick then says:
"In the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania the number of insp tors has been increased since 1900 from eight to twenty, and in the bituminous fields from ten to tweuty, and in the hope that the augmented number might result in bringing about a decrease in the number of accidents. The records show, how-ever, that the reverse has been the case, and it will be necessary, therefore, to resort to some other method to bring about this greatly desired result.

The chief does not suggest another method, but a little later on in

his report says: "Assuming that the English Government takes as great care as any other European country of the mine workers, it appears that Pennsylvania is greatly in advance of European countries in the care and protection afforded its mine workers, and yet the number of fatal accidents in this State is greater than in any of those countries. The department has frequently been subjected to unfair criticism for undertaking to place the responsibility for fatal accidents where it belongs.

The statistics are quoted showing that of 557 persons killed at anthracite mines, 274 were the result of the victims' carelessness; sixty nine to carelessness of others, 188 unavoidable and twenty-six resulted from accident for which responsibility could not be fixed. Of the killed at bituminous mines, 307 victims died from their own carelessness, ten by the carelessness of others, 142 unavoidable and eighteen by accidents for which responsibility could not be placed.

The chief then says that the fig-ures show that two-thirds of the accidents resulted from the victims carelessness and that the remaining third may be taken as the reasonable percentage of accidents "It seems impossible to to miners. adopt any methods," he proceeds, 'either by legislative enactment or by special rules, that will tend to mine-workers."

STARTLING LETTER

Received By Wealthy Lancaster Man. Lancaster (Special) .- "Give up

he is almost a recluse.

letter says that the writer had been chosen by lot as a memper of an organized hand, Strong Forty-two," to secure from him, \$10,000, or if he refused to give it, take his life. It was directed that the money be placed beneath a water trough near the Quarryville Railroad, and a failure to comply would result in death.

The attention of the police was called to the matter and the threatenning epistle was sent to Postmaster . Clay Miller, who believes he knows the writer and it is likely he will soon be found and arrested.

Two Killed By Train.

Pittston (Special)—George Wright and Michael Ahren, of this city, were run down and killed by trains within half an hour of each other. Wright was on his way home and as he crossed the Delaware. Lackawanna & Western Railroad tracks became confused by the passing of two trains and was struck and killed by one of them. Ahren was killed in so rapidly that the York Fire De-almost the same manner at the partment was powerless to check Broad Street crossing of the Erie them. Railroad.

Prospecting For Coal. Hazleton (Special). - Four large tracts of land in Carbon County have been leased by H. D. Stimson, a wealthy Philadelphia soap manufac turer, who intends to embark in the coal business. He has organized the Penn Forest Coal Company, which will do the prospecting. One of the 2000 tons of coal were set on fire tracts is in Banks township and the and the blaze will continue for sevother three in Penn Forest and are heavily underlaid with coal.

First Ride In The Cars. York (Special). — Mrs. Leslie Sheeler, of Red Lion, who is 66 years old, made her first trip on a steam

ear coming to York over the Mary-land and Pennsylvania Raliroad. On account of fear of a wreck Mrs.

on his way home from the World's out of the prison yard. When the Fair, Chicago. In speaking of her guard discovered what he was doing first ride on the cars she said she fired several shots at the fleeing really enjoyed it.

Shot Wrong Man.

South Bethlehem (Special) .- After a scrap at the New Jersey Zinc of Pittsburg, general manager of the United Coal Company, and Joseph Graham, fire boss, were killed in Edna Mine, No. 1, by a fall of slate, the worse of the fight, went to his home, socured a shotgun and returnhome, secured a shotgun and returned to the works, discharging a load of buckshot into the legs of Thomas Alcorn, whom he mistock for Wil-

Philippi then took to the woods and has not yet been apprehended. Alcorn's wounds are serious.

BURNED BIG BARN.

Chief Inspector Roderick's Annual Discharged Employe Confesses To Constable.

Allentown (Special) .- Justice of the Peace Linderman and Constable Leiby, of Egypt, distinguished themselves again by arresting another firebug in the person of James Shafer, aged 17 years, from whom they got a confession concerning the barning of a barn of Charles Snyder on the night of July 7. Linderman and Leiby several weeks ago arrested Robert Hartsel, a member of the gang which had burned so many barns and houses in Lehigh and Northampton Counties, after Hartsel and successfully eluded the Allen-

Linderman heard that Shafer had been laughing at Snyder while the latter was talking of his loss to another man, and the boy was arrested. Four hours scientific sweating gained the confession, and Shafer is now in the Lehigh County jail on a charge of arson. In the fire which destroyed Snyder's barn eleven horses were burned to death. Shafer said that revenge for being discharged from Suyder's employ had prompted the

MARRIED HIS NURSE.

Norristown Man Married Woman Who Helped Him Back To Health.

Norristown (Special) .- A pretty little romance has just come to light by the announcement of the wedding of Louis R. Derr, a young society man, and Miss Lillie M. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Smith, of Pennsburg. The bride is a professional nurse, and it was while serving in that capacity in the Derr lousehold when suffered a severe and protracted Illless that the little god Cupid played his pranks.

When the family bld good-bye to the nurse last June they little dreamed that she was to return a member of the household. A letter received this week from the bridegroom prepared the family to be in readiness for a bridal reception, as it stated that he had married Miss Smith and was spending the honeymoon at Rockville, Md.

OLD AGE A FAMILY TRAIT. Grandparents Of Those At Miller

Reunion Were Centenarians. Spring City (Special) .- At the annual reunion of the Wilmer Miller family, held at the home of Elmer Miller, the four children were present, whose ages total near the 300 mark. This family are noted for their ong living, as the grandfather lived to the good old age of 101 years, while the grandmother died at the age of 104 years.

The four brothers and sisters, who all enjoy the best of health, are Miss Eliza Miller, of Phoenixville, aged 68 years; Mrs. Martha Russell, of Philadelphia, aged 75 years; Mr. Samuel Miller, of Atchison, Kus., aged 71 years, and Mr. John C. Milby special rules, that will tend to ler, of Phoenixville, aged 80 years. lessen the loss of life among the Another brother, Joseph Miller, who was absent at this annual event owing to sickness, is 78 years of age.

Jack The Slasher.

York (Special) .- "Jack the Stock Slasher" is at work in this county, \$10,000, or be murdered where you and E. E. Horn, who owns a farm sit," was the demand made upon near Bittersville, discovered that a Charles B. Grubb, the last male repportion of the tail of his driving

entire length and a portion of the going about with the aid of tail cut off. The cow in this condition was put to pasture, where it was discovered.

York detectives are trying to ferment on dumb animals.

York Factory Burned.

York (Special) .- A fire entailing a loss of \$125,000, totally destroyed the plant of the York Felt and Paper Company. Jere S. Black, late

Five loaded freight cars, standing on a siding, were destroyed by the flames. Three employees of the plant were compelled to jump from Reflly, a former postmistress of Car-windows to escape the flames, but liste, and the widow of the late Majplant were compelled to jump from

none were hurt. There was a partial insurance on the plant. Sponta toous combustion caused the fire and the flames spread so rapidly that the York Fire De-

Locomotive Spark Starts Fire. Lancaster (Special) .- Sparks from a locomotive on the Quarryville Railroad set fire to a shed in the lumber and coal yards of W. G. Melliner & Bro., at West Willow, and owing to inadequate fire protection, the en-tire plant was destroyed. More than

eral days. The loss will reach \$12,-

Escaped From Prison Guard. Allentown (Special).-While employed with a gang of other prisoners in grading the prison yard here. William Mecker, serving a term of six months for receiving stolen goods. board a train.

In 1893 her son was killed in a wreck near Port Royal, Pa., while on his way home from the World's Fair, Chicago. In speaking of his train co-workers had laid out of the prison yard.

man, but none took effect.

Irwin (Special) .- John H. Jones

Michael Boyle, of Coaldale, while t work in a mine, lost his balance all fell headlong down a chute, a istance of 145 fet, escaping with no nore serious injury than governal rectured ribs.

CLEARING HOUSE FOR BABIES.

Pittsburg Club Women's Plan Q2

Caring For Stray Infants. Pittsburg (Special). - Pittsburg club women propose to establish clearing house for stray babies. Th project caused a long discussion a union meeting of different clubs but friends of the idea won finally.

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The idea is to establish some central place where unfortunate womes. can leave their children for adoption. At present, friends of the scheme charge, mothers are compelled to abandon their infants, leaving them on doorsteps, and when found the little ones are in such physical con-dition that they die. Opponents of the idea declared

that a clearing house would encour age women to desert their little ones, as they would thus be relieved of inconvenience in keeping them.

STOLE FOR WEDDING OUTFIT.

Abraham McLaughlin, of Lancaster, Arrested For Stealing Horses.

Lancaster (Special) .-- His eagers dess to get married landed Abraham McLaughlin, aged 23 years, of this city, in the county jail a self-con-fessed horse thief. Instead of the connubial bliss he anticipated Me-Laughlin, who is a well-known young man, faces a long term of imprison-

On Monday night a team belonging to H. G. Rush, of West Willow, was stolen. A description of the stolen property was telephoned all over the county. Tuesday morning a man endeavored to dispose of a team answering the description to George K. Diller, of Blue Ball, for \$100, about one-third of the actual

The intending purchaser, becomheadquarters here and he was told to take the man into custody This he did and the thief gave his name and admitted the theft. He was to have been married in a few days and said he wanted money.

SILK LOCKOUT MAY COME.

Twenty-Two Mills Now Affected By The Scranton Strike.

Scranton (Special). - Twenty-two silk mills in this vicinity are now affected by the strike. The last to show its influence is the Providence Mill, which has shut down, throwing 150 girls out of employment, who,

it is said, had no intenion of striking. There are now 3701 girls on strike. It is intimated that a general ockout will be the next step, although the operators are reluctant to take such a course. Running short-handed is profitless, and it is probable that the owners will close their mills unless a settlement can be reached. The owners declare that an eight-hour day is impossible except under the conditions which can be made general throughout the

country.

Seventy-five of the one hundred girls employed at the West Pittston Mill of Frost and Van Riper went on strike in sympathy with the other striking silk mill workers. They had presented no grievances and made no complaint to the mana-

Dives With His Crutch.

Chester (Special) .- One of the most expert youthful swimmers in this city is Harry Brown, 15 years old, a one-legged boy, who learned to swim before he became a cripple. representative of the family of that well-known name in this section, and one of Lancaster's wealthiest men. The letter was received by Mr. Grubb at his rooms in a local hotel, where stall and an ear was found split the with the accident Harry has been

> He frequently makes a dive at a point eight feet above the water. carrying the crutch with him, in orret out the case and apprehend the der that he may be able to walk field who is inflicting the cruel treatwith apparently as much ease as any of his companions and is reputed to be the best diver of them

> > STATE OBITUARY.

York .- Samuel E. Ilgenfritz, one Fusion candidate for Lieutenant of York's oldest and most respected Governor, is president of the comheart disease. The deceased was 70 years of age and leaves a family

surviving. Carlisle.—Mrs. Ellen Duncan Ege or William F. Reilly, died here after an extended illness. The de-ceased's first husband, who died twenty years ago, was Abner Rheem, a prominent Carlisle business man. Mrs. Reilly had many prominent friends in southern Pennsylvania

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Miss Mae Wells, of Wilkes-Barre, who left two weeks ago to visit friends at Bridgeport, Conn., has sent word to Wilkes-Barre friends that has been married to Albert

Smith, of Bridgeport. The rapid increase of carp in the Bald Eagle Creek is causing alarm to Center County fishermen, as the carp are destroying the bass.

Joseph Kisis, aged 15 years, of Port Griffith, on returning home from work in the breaker started for the Susquehanna River to wash. While crossing the Lehigh Valley Railroad he was struck by the Black Diamond Express and instantly

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will spend a million and a half of dollars in the construction of a new yard at Williamsport. The new yards will be adjacent to the mammonth yards of the Reading and the New York Central.

Captain Smith, of Troop C. State Constabulary, stationed at Reading, has announced the promotion of John S. Van Voorhis to first pergeant, rgeant.

Mrs. Agnes Healy, of Delta, white descending a flight of stairs, caught her foot in her dress and she plunged headlong down the stairs, dislocating her hip and otherwise badly injuc-