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In 1884 the popular vote was 10,000,-000; in 1888, 11,400,000, and it will probably reach 13,000,000 votes in 1892.

Says the New York World: Our school rooms are filled with spectacled children. This was not the case before optical records and visits were made.

The Boston Herald thinks "a permanent Census Bureau would probably not materially increase the gross expense of taking the census, while the results attained would be much more accurate and valuable."

"Which succeeds better, the city or the country boy!" is said to be a favorite question for discussion in country debating societies. "The general trend of opinion seems to be," notes the Philadelphia Record, "that the country boy succeeds better, but only after he becomet a city boy."

As one result of the English protectorate in Egypt, new irrigation works, have been pushed in all directions, and the agricultural productions of the country greatly increased. Last year four hundred millions of pounds of cotton were produced in Egypt, being nearly, one-quarter of the entire quantity consumed in Great Britain.

A story is told of a now-celebrated attorney, who, when he first appeared before the United States Supreme Court at Washington, to argue a case, started in to make a speech such as he had been in the habit of inflicting on juries. He was at once stopped with the remark : "Counsel will please confine himself to the law in the case; we have no time to listen to aloquence." This, remarks the New Orleans Picayune, would be awaward for a lawyer who has nothing but his cloquivace to stand ou.

The annual mortality of the entire human race amounts, roughly speaking, according to a French medical journal, to thirty three millions of persons. This makes the average deaths per day over ninety one thousand, being at the rate of 3730 an bour, or sixty-two people every minute of the day and night the year round. A fourth of the race die before completing their sighth year, and onear besite and out of the seven enth year; bothe average duration of life is about thirty-eight years. Not more than one person in a hundred thousand lives to be ahundred.

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Let us look on the beauties of nature, nor school Ourselves to be happy by rote and by rule; Let us deem the earth fixed, and declare the sun rolls, If you please, with the moon on his arm

A FOOL'S ADVICE.

round the poles; Let us draw on the shies No meridian lines, Nor, straining our eyes,

Seek divisions and signs; Let the day turn to night without counting its hours,

And the seasons be known by the blossoms and flowers.

O, let's not en leavor to fathom the laws Of motion and matter, nor seek for the

cause Of form and of color; it's useless to care Why heaven's above earth, if it only is

there: We shall only perceive The design of the whole Was the heart to relieve

And to gladden the soul; Let us live in this world unannoyed, unperplexed.

And willingly wait to be wise in the next. -Eva MacDonagh, in Harper's Weekly.

UNCLE DAVY.

She had run over barcheaded and came hastily in the north door; her hands were all purple with grape juice; 111 she had been making grape jelly. Aund the butternut tree.

Why?" "Oh, Car'line's run away again. I tied her up just as strong as I knew how to the front gate with a piece of clothes line, and gave her two cookies and her world she untied that knot. Davy's got all away. to go an hunt her up."

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"He'll go," said Mrs. Whitman. "He 'most cried other day. He told me he thought Sarah was too bad. He jest sets his eyes by Car'line. Davy, Davy !"

Mrs. Whitman stood in the door and called loudly, but she had to call several times before Davy heard. He was very busy, indeed, gathering in his winter store of butternuts. He had been workgathered two bushels, and was well on towards a third. His brown cyes gleamed with a steady radiance under his old straw hat; his fingers flew. The provi-dent instinct of the squirrel and bee he wanted to get the butternuts all gathered by 5 o'clock, because he was going to a party that evening. It was

going to wear his best clothes, and he meditated asking his mother for a little of her hair oil with bergamot in it to put his shoes very particularly. Davy had

white tire and those shining curs smong the bright October undergrowth The road was very dusty. He kicked up a white cloud as he walked. "Shan't have any time to black my shoes," he thought, woefully. Uncle Davy was a very particular boy, and needed a great deal of time for everything.

When he reached the Briggs house there was still no sign of Caroline. He went around to the side door and found it open and Mrs. Briggs sitting there mending a coat. She was a large woman and seemed to quite fill up the doorway. "Have you seen anything of Car'line?"

asked Davy, standing before her.

"Car'line," repeated Mrs. Briggs. "Yes, Car'line, Sarah's little girl. She's run away, and I'm tryin' to find her.

"When did she go?"

"I don't know-a little while ago." "Well, I declare," said Mrs. Briggs. 'I dun know but I did see her. There was a little mite of a thing run by a little while ago in a white tire an' I wondered who she was. I'd just come out here with this old coat of Mr. Briggs's to mend. I didn't want to get any dirt around in the sittin' room. I guess 'twas her fast enough.

"Which way was she goin'?" asked

"Oh, she was goin' down the road. She couldn't have gone back, 'cause I've been sittin' here every minute, an' I his death with rheumatiz, sleeping out should have seen her. I ain't been in there side of that swamp." the house but once to get a spool of thread, and then I wan't gone long 'nough for a mouse to get past. You keep right on an' you'll find her."

Uncle Davy was out of the yard before the last words were out of Mrs. Briggs's mouth. He hurried up the road, looking more hopefully for that little white tire--it seemed to him that he must see it. Many a time had he pursued his "He's out under little niece Caroline when she had run away, and had always found her easily.

Caroline, although she had a venturesome spirit, never ran very far. But tonight it began to seem as if she had, Her Uncle Davy reached the Smith house and went to the door to inquire. But doll, to keep her amused while I made the door was locked and all the curtains the grape jelly, I don't see how in the were drawn; the Smiths were evidently

Davy kept on to the Wheelock house; that was a quarter of a mile farther; 'cause you tied her up the there was still no sign of that little white tire. He ran through the weedy yard to the door and knocked. Nobody unswered, although he could see quite distinctly the motion of a rocking chair beyond the kitchen window, and knew there was somebody at home.

He knocked again louder; nobody him." came. He could still see the tall back ing hard all the forenoon, and had of the rocking, chair sway. Finally he went boldly to the window and pounded on it; a startled face turned toward him from the calico back of the rocking chair, then somebody went across the floor, and the door was opened. "Who were upon him; he was laying in his lit- | is it?" asked a gentle, drawling voice. the winter store like them, and took a Mrs. Wheelock was very tall and pale, genuine thrifty delight in it. Then, too, with pale sweeps of hair over her ears, he had another object in working fast; he wanted to get the butternuts all gath- "It's Davy Whitman," replied Davy. 'Have you seen Car'line?'

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> "My sister Sarah's httle girl has run away. Have you seen her go by here?"

"No, I dun know as I have," repeated on his hair; he was also going to blacken Mrs. Wheelock, slowly, while her look of bewilderment deepened. "I ain't been When did----But Davy

is!" be shouted, and there was a shout in response. Then Sarah's sus-band and Mr. Briggs came up. Ain't you found her yet?" pasted Davy half sobbing.

"Found who?" cried her father shak ing him.

"Car'line." "Car'line"-she was found all right. She wan't lost. She didn't run far. She went back to the house whilst her mother was gone, an' Sarah found her eatin' grape jelly when she get back. She'd eat a whole tumbler, but I guess it won't hurt her any. It's you we're huntin' for. It's 12 o'clock at night. What did you come in here for?"

"I was huntin' for Car'line." Davy was so tired and bewildered now that he was crying like a baby, aithough he was twelve years old. His father grasped his little cold hand fast and pulled him alone. "Well, there's no use standin' talkin'," said he. You'd better get home. Mother's got some supper waitin' for you. Mr. Briggs's team is down here a little piece; so it won't take long, and you won't have to walk."

Davy would not have walked far. Sarah's husband took hold of his other hand, and he and his father nearly carried him between them to Mr. Briggs's wagon, which was tied under an oak tree. "It's lucky he ain't no older," said Mr. Briggs, as he got in, "or he'd got

Davy fell asleep again as soon as the wagon was under way. He never knew how he got home nor how his father pulled off his little damp jacket and wrapped him in his own cost, but the flash of lights in his face and his mother's voice awakened him thoroughly when he got home. Sarah was over at her mother's waiting, and Car'line had been put to bed on the sitting room lounge. Sarah hugged him and cried, but his mother hurried him into the bedroom and took off his damp clothes and rolled him in hot blankets, then he sat out by the kitchen stove with his feet in the oven and drank a great bowl of ginger tea and ate a plate of milk toast, of which he was especially fond. Everybody stood around him and petted him,

"They didn't have the party to-night," said his mother, "they were so upset about yeu. They're going to have it tomorrow night, so you won't lose that." Sarah leaned over and stroked Davy's little damp head lovingly. "To think of Uncle Davy's going out to find Car'line an' staying out till midnight," she said, tearfully. "Sister'd never for give herself if anything had happened to

Uncle Davy looked up at her suddenly, his honest face gleaming out of the folds of the blanket. "You musn't feel so bad, Sarah," said he. "I untied Car'line."-Atlanta Constitution.

An Unassuming Monarch.

"The Emperor of Austria is one of the most unassuming monarchs in all Eu-rope," said W. P. Eldridge, a gentleman recently returned from Europe. "While in Vienna I had occasion to visit the palace and found the Emperor's audience chamber crowded with Generals and noblemen who had come to thank his Majesty for promotions and decora- in paste." tions; but mingling with these were authors, inventors, professors, widows and orphans seeking pensions, and a number of very poor men and women who had petitions to present. There are few countries in which persons of this latter class would ever chance of seeing their sovereign; but in Austria anybody who has anything reasonable to ask of the Emperor is sure of an audience. On one or two days a week his Majesty receives all comers who have applied to be received, and he receives them alone. Every applicant takes his turn. A master of ceremonies opens a door, the visitor walks in aud finds himself face to face with the Emperor, who is usually unattended. The door closes and the petititioner may say to the Emperor what he likes. There is no chamberlain or secrewhite tire a long way ahead. Davy tary to intimidate him. The Emperor stands in a plainly furnished study in undress uniform without a star or grand cordon, and he greets everybody with an encouraging smile and a good-natured gesture of the hand, which seems to say, 'There is no ceremony here. Tell me your business, and if I can help you, I will.' The Emperor of Austria has a clear, penetrating eye, and quick catching manner. By a glance he makes people feel at home, and by a word draws from them what they have to say. Then he gives his own answer straight out and fearlessly, but generally with an acquiescing smile, and whatever he promises is faithfully performed. There is noth-ing petty or evasive in him. He is a monarch who replies by 'Yes' or 'No,' but always with the greatest courtesy. got to," ne said to himself. His legs A most lovable trait in him is, that whenever he sees anybody nervous in his presence he makes the audience last until by his kind endeavors the nervousness has been entirely dispelled."-St. Louis Star-Sayings.

CURIOUS FACTS.

A railroad depot in Berlin, Germany, cost \$4,000,000. More than twenty-five per cent. of the

freight of this country is coal. Queen Victoria's household is said to consist of nearly one thousand persons.

A century ago there were only fourteen newspapers in London, England. The penny weight was the exact weight of the old British silver penny. The smallest parish in England is Wilcot, Oxon. It contains seven per-

sons. A hunter in Pennsylvania the other day shot a buck and a doe with one dis-

charge of his gun. All petitions to the British House of Commons must be in handwriting and may not be printed.

The largest Lima beau ranch in the world is said to be one of 2200 acres in Ventura County, Cal.

A London (England) cabman was recently fined for carrying fourteen persons in his cab at one time.

A girl in Nashville, Tenn., giggled herself to death the other day because her brother was intoxicated.

The best class of oysters come from the smallest creeks, while they increase in coarsenes, the farther they are found out at sea.

The curious information is given that the crown of England, which is valued at \$500,000, has been in pawn four times, once for \$10,000.

The Chinese not infrequently condemn a prisoner to keep awake until he dies. A criminal in such circumstances usually lives nine or ten days,

The University of Oxford, England, has the reputation of having been founded by King Alfred in 872. It numbers at present about 12,000 members.

Humboldt County, Cal., has a timber reserve of redwood, pine and spruce of 73,396,000,000 feet, being greater than that of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin combined.

The ship-canal from Paris, France, is to be about one hundred and fourteen miles in length and twenty-three feet in dopth, and the estimated cost is thirty million of dollars.

A petrified "green" pine limb was found recently by a Georgia man near Buena Vista. "The limb is perfect, showing where the straws made indentations and the grain of the wood. It is somewhat white and resembles coral wreath."

Probably the youngest woman evangelist in the country is Fannie Edwards, a histen-year-old Louisville, (Ky.) girl, who has been preaching the Gospel to Tennessee mountaineers. She is very attractive in appearance and quite eloquent, it is said.

The Shah of Persia has more than \$35,000,000 worth of ornaments, gemr and precious stones in one strong room, 20x14. There are scabbards in this TREAMER WASHE SLOBOOSCO - CALLAN MILLIN finest turquois in the world has a case all to itself. When leaving home the Shah locks up his jewelry and "travely

Two Big New Fish.

Those who sail upon the sea and fish in the waters thereof have always enjoyed exceptional advantages in the discovery of wonders. The fisherman who make their headquarters at Gloucester, Mass., often catch rare and interesting creatures on their trawls while pursuing their occupation at the Grand Banks and on other great schoals off the coast. Accordingly, the United States Fish Commission appealed to them recently for aid in preparing a collection of marine and fresh-water fishes, which is to be an important feature of its exhibition at the World's Fair at Chicago. As a result, one exceedingly rare and another entirely new species has been secured.



The banker Dill case ended abruptly at Clearfield with a verdict of not guilty, but the defendant to pay the costs.

Mrs. Mary Oxtoby, an aged inmate of the Washington county home, committed sui-cide Monday evening by hanging herself to an tron grating.

The Blair and Cambria Lumber company, of Hollidaysburg, failed and A. B. Hicks, of Duncansville, was appointed its assignce. The Hemlock Lumber Association, of

Northern Pennsylvania, met at Williams-port and advanced the price of hemiock stock, all grades, 50 cents per thousand.

Hiram Rice and wife, of New Castle, died of the grip withm a day of each other. This is the third case within two weeks where both husband and wife died within a few hours of each other.

Preston M. Gernet, of Bethlehem, a young member of the Northampton county bar, shot himself in the Court House at Easton. He was on trial for embezzling funds coming into his hands as attorney. He cannot recover.

At Greensburg Osborn Morgan was con-victed of illegal liquor selling and sentenced to pay \$500 and spend eight months in the workhouse. Petrox Marial, for the same offense, was found guilty, sentenced to eight months to the work house and fined \$500 and costs.

Governor Pattison has issued a proclama-tion calling attention to the vast proportions of the famine in Russia, recalling the bounty of the world sent to the Johnstown flood sufferers, and advising 'he citizens of the State to send contributions for the reliaf of the Russian pessants to the Russian Famine Beliaf Committee in Washington Relief Committee in Washington.

Abraham Patterson, a young farmer of Star Corners, Hartford township, Ohio, four miles from Sharon, was struck by a tree while chopping in the woods, and instantly kilted.

Edward Allison, a brakeman, fell from his train at Radebaugh, near Greensburg, and was cut to pieces. He had only worked about three weeks on the road.

Charles Mackey was drowned in Catfish creek, Washington. The creek at this point is only 18 inches deep, and Mackey's face was barely under water. It is believed he fell into the creek and was unable to rise, ar he was drunk.

Edward Turner, the oldest member of the Luzerne county bar, died at Wilkesbarre. He allowed a traveling doctor to operate on a bunich and blood poisoning followed. Solomon Shaffer, 16 years old, of Greens burg, was found frozen near his home.

In a difficulty between pupils at the Fair-view school, near Millersdale, Westmore-land county, Charles Orczeck, aged 14, was struck and kicked by another pupil named

Baughman. Orczeck may die Diphtheria in its worst type is prevalent at Greensburg and vicinity.

The grand jury of Westmoreland county has begun a crusade against illegal liquor sellers.

A fire occurred in the Columbus Catholic church at Johnstown, daranging that edifice to the extent of \$3,000. This is the church presided over by Father Davis at the time of the flood, and where newspaper men were as well merimed so well received.

Harry Vincent, colored, died in the county fairty vincent, colored, died in the county jail at Carlisle. He was in for some minor offense, but seemed determined to die and refused all food. Efforts were made to force him to take food, but he fought them off successfully, and after days of starvation, he cooly jurned his face to the wall, and died.

Stephen DeAyla was placed on trial at Wilkesburre for the murder of his wife at Scranton. He broke down and wept like a child. District Attorney Kelly, who read the indictment, was much affected. The latter was the murderer's best man at his wedding and a fellow classmate in college.

The family of A. J. Campbell, of Kelly's station, on the Allegheny Valley railrond, has been sadly depleted by diphtheria re-cently. Jennie Campbell, aged 14 years, was Campbell, aged 11, was stricken and died a few weeks later. Her remains were removed from the house through a window that Jennie might not learn of her sister's death. Katie Gampbell, 5 years old, took sick on the day of the funeral and died 10 days after. Mabel, seven years old; John, 9 years, and a baby are still iil with the disease. A number of other cases of diphtheria are reported in the vicinity of Kelly's station. The distillery of George Dengler, in Alba ny township, near Reading, has been seized for alleged violation of the revenue laws. The distillery contained 452 gallons of apple brandy. Patrick Dungan, a farmer residing near Crossingville, suicided by cutting his throat Saturday. He had been ill with grip and became despondent.

delightful, vague anticipations. He was sion as a heavy sleeper.

planned to go in the house about 5 o'clock settin' to the window sense dinner. nd comm ace his preparations, and it was about a quarter before 5 o'clock and she stood staring after him. She when he heard his mother's voice calling him. He obeyed rather hesitatingly. 44 shan't get the but'nuts pie ced before it's time to black my shoes," he thought, as he went over the dry October grass to the house. Davy was only twelve years Pram, upon the west coust of Africa, old, and small for his age, although he was an uncle. His mother and his married sister, Sarah, little Caroline's mother, were waiting for him in the door. "You must go right off and hont up Car'line; she's run away," his mother called out, as he came in sight. "Don't stop a minute." Sarah was almost crying. "Here 'tis almost 5 o'clock," she exclaimed, "an' that little but of a thing! Go right off, Davy. Davy looked startled, then inquired "Which way do you s'pose she went?" "Oh, dear, I don't know! I was out in the kitchen making grape jelly. I didn't see her. I didn't know how long she's been gone. Oh, deu ! "I'll tell you what to do," said Mrs. Whitman with the air of a managing general. She was not a very old woman, although her hair was gray and she covered it with a high blackcap and a severe black front piece. She always wore a large, stifly-starch apron. "Sarah and I will go up the road," said she, "an' you, Davy, go down. An don't you take Towser, because that last time Car'line run away, an' you took him to track her, he tracked a woodchuck instead, an' you weat a wild goose chase for two hours. That dog ain't the kind that tracks folks, an' I don't want you to lose any time foolin' with him. It's gettin' dark. You shut Toweer up in the barn; then you start. You stop at Mis' Brigg's when you get there and ash if they've seen anything of Car'line, an' you stop at Mis' Smith's an' Mis' Wheelock's an' if they have you keep on till you find her, no matter how far you tail fishes, were caught in 100 fathoms have to go. Don't you come back with-

Davy, cagerly. BY MARY E. WILKINS. HERE'S Uncle Davy ?" asked Sarah Cobb of her mother.

companies shows that there are a numher of places which rarely appear upon the map that may be reached by wite from this country. For \$2.25 per word one may communicate from New York with the heetic town of Pram while connections can be established with the lively incale; of Grand Bassam; in the same region, at \$1.04 for every ten letters. For \$1.17 per word you may address your long lost relatives or buildess partners in Dielda, Meeca and At Hedjas, while the rate to Bander Abbas, Bassidore and Lingah is sixty. four cents in addition to the hoat hire from Jask, Persia, where the message is delivere l. Every word sent to New Zealand, via northern Siberia, costs the souder just \$3.74, which is the highest on the list. It costs sixty coats a word to to reach Romansanaguas and Aquada de Pasageros down in Cuba, and \$1.85 to let the old folks in Sungle Ujong, on the Malay Peninsula, know you are living. In sounding for a marine cable off the Hawaiian Islands recently, the crew of the United States strasmilip Albatross brought up some twenty-five new species of fish. Among them was a flounder, six or eight taches in length, with an elongated jaw and a pouch like a pelican's. A speckarn of the roll set home, or Hippocampus, found 100 miles northeast of Honolulu, is in the collection and is the only one known to have been found in that region. Two or three new species of Macrurus, or greatof water on the slopes of Oniu, and out her." several cel-like fishes were found at the same time. An octopus, weighing between forty and lifty pounds, was caught in the dredge and is now preserved in alcohol. Specimens of the batilsh, with slender fins, that look like legs and with gills in the back part of the body, and crabs with globular bodies and limbs covered with sharp horns, were also brought to the surface and have been preserved in alcohol. The collection is MA to be sent to ichthyologists at Washing. streethaten, and to Professor Smith, of Yale, year scent Agussiz, of Harvard, their dis ward of the inten. wanson, Cose, Nich. nningham, William.

"I can't see how she uatied that knot," said Surah. Her pretty face was all streaked with tears and grape juice. Her mother took a corner of her apron and wiped it forcibly as they started up the road, "You keep calm," she said. "She'll be found."

Uncle Davy sout Towser in the barn. Then he walked briskly down the road. There was not a house for some distance, but he peered carefully over the stone walls across the fields. Caroline was five years old. She was very fair aud chubby, with carefully brushed, reddish curls and a little blue ribbon to keep them out of her eyes She always wore a nice little white tire in the afternoon. Davy

was gone, stood there quite a while before she went back to her rocking-chair. The Wheelock house was the last in that direction for a mile. Davy walked on about half a mile, then he stopped before a narrow lane that led over through the fields to the woods. "I'm 'fraid she went into the woods. "I'm a goin' up the lane," he said. "I'm 'fraid she went into the woods.

The dusk was increasing fast; however, the full moon was rising, and it would be still light enough to see the trudged on. He emerged from the lane into a cart path through the woods. It was darker there. He called all the time at short intervals: "Car'line? Car'line! Here's Uncle Dawy! Car'line!"

But there was no sound in response-Davy's voice grew husky as he went on; it seemed to him he was walking miles, but he did not know how many. It was now quite dark except for the moon, but that lighted the open spaces quite brightly. He had had a plan of taking a circuit through the woods and coming out in a point further down on the road. He knew there was a path, but somehow he had missed it, and did not come out. although he was constantly expecting to. At last he sat down on a rock in an open space to rest a minute. "I've just trembled under him and he was panting for breath.

In a few minutes he called again: "Car'line, Car'line, Caaline! Here's Uncle Davy! Where be you, Car'line?" but he could scarcely speak. Davy was a slender boy, and, besides, he was worn by anxiety for Caroline, of whom he was very fond, and agitated, too, by a secret remorse.

He put his head down on his knees and groaned. He had completely forgotten the party, even the blacked shoes, the best clothes, the bergamot hair oil. "I ain't never goin' home without her, anyhow," he said, but his voice was little more than a whisper. The sharp notes of the autumn insects ran together in his ears. Uncle Davy had not found Caroline, but he was so worn out that he fell asleep.

It was a lorg time after that when a cold nose and a sharp bark awakened him. It was Towser, who for once had tracked folks instead of woodchucks. Davy sat up straight and everything came back to him. He heard noises and saw lights moving through the trees. "They're after Car'line," he thought with a pang, "they ain't found her yet.'

Davy staggered to his feet, there was a crash through the underbrush, and his strained his eyes for a glimpse of that | father took him by the arm. "Here he | lously obeyed, -Once-A-Week

Superstitions Turks.

Notwithstanding the progress the Turks have made of late years in the arts of civilization, all, from the highest to the lowest, over the length and breadth of the Ottoman Empire, are a prey to the devoutest superstition. The office of Munejim Bashi, or Court Astrologer, still exists. The man's duties are not of a very complex kind, but they have an important bearing on political and social movements. For every action of the Sultan and his ministers he has to calculate the most propitious day, hour, and even minute; and he publishes annually an almanac, in which, for the benefit of the whole Mohammedan popit is best to have the hair cut or the bled, to visit friends, to buy houses, lands or slaves, to undertake a jouracy, and even to do nothing. Next to the Koran no work is more widely studied among the Sultan's subjects, and it is very doubtful whether even the great Evangel of the Prophet is more scrupu-

One of these is called the "lampris," and is the first of its kind known to have been taken in these waters. It looks somewhat like the common sunfish of the brooks, though upon an enormously exaggerated scale, weighing fully 300 pounds. In color it is most brilliant, being painted in vivid tints of red, white and blue. The fins are crimson, the back sky blue and the sides of an tridescent whiteness.

The other fish is the "escolar" of the Canary Islands, which is so highly prized there for food that it is considered cheap at \$1 a pound. It is not so very uncommon in the warm waters of the globe, but has never been caught here before. In appearance it is not very striking, being grayish brown in color; but its body is completely covered with an armor of small bony plates, each of which projects outward in two sharp points. The specimen captured measured over six feet in length and had a mouth big enough to take in a fair-sized salmon.

Both of these fishes were taken on the Grand Banks in water more than 1000 feet deep. Their skeletons have been preserved for the National Museum. Before being dissected models were made from them and painted for the collection to be shown at the World's Fair.

Killing Insects by Use of Fungus.

Professor S. A. Forbes, State Entomologist of Illinois, has imported from France a package of the germs of a destructive disease of the white grub, discovered there by Dr. Alfred Giard. The disease is produced by a fungus very similar to one of those which have infested the chinch bag of Illinois for several years. The package received consists of the spores of the fungus. ulation, the days are specified on which These can be grown artificially in gellatin and so obtained in unlimited quantity. nails trimmed, to take medicine or to be | Professor Forbes has begun the artificial culture of this fungus, and will experiment with it on American white grubs and other insects to test its value as an Insecticide .- Chicago Herald.

> One of the big redwood trees in Sequois Park, in California, is 34 1-2 in feet in diameter and 370 feet high.

The freshman and sophomore classes of Washington-Jefferson college have decided not to have a cane rush this year.

During a row among Italian laborers at oyalbanna station, Westmoreland county, Lovalhanna station, Sunday, one of the participants was so badly cut up that he will probably die.

Conrad Achtizer, a Scottdale hotel keepe was sentenced at Greensburg to pay a fine of \$250 and costs for illegal liquor selling, and may also have his license revoked. William Bell, for illegal liquor selling, was given \$500 fine and 10 months in the work house.

Michael Hannan, of Loretto, died as a r sult of a mule falling on him last week.

A number of Washington county sports for the extinction of hawks and owis, and offers \$1 for each bird that is killed during the coming month. The reason is that these birds have been playing havoc among the game birds here.

Lake Erie is frozen from the American to the Canadian shore for the first time in six

Bridget Murray, a Braddock domestic started to visit relatives at Hawkins, on alighting from the train the handle of her umbrelia, which had a crook in it, caught on the engine. The train started, and the sudden shock Miss Murray received threw her under the wheels and she was ground to merce. pieces.

Ellsworth Bryner, of Ohio Pyle, was fatally sho by Gilpin Bryner while hunting.

The recent cold snap killed much of the game around > haron.

The Republican State committee met at Philadelphia and decided to hold the State convention at Harrisburg on April 29. There were 19 votes cast for Pittaburg.

The State Debt-The debt of the State is being speedily wiped out, and from now on the sinking fund will be a mere bagatelle. being speedly wiped out, and from how on the sinking fund will be a mere bagatelle. State 'reasurer Boyer's monthly report showed \$761.93 34 in the sinking fund. Monday the balance of the \$8,000,000 loars will mature, and will be paid off as fast as the bonds are presented. On the same day a payment of \$15,510 will be made to the agricultural college. This will leave \$163,-883 24 in the sinking fund, and arainst this there is now outstanding old bonds amount-ing to \$134,000. The next loan to be met is due in 1894, and the last in 1912. The annual appropriation of \$100,000 to the sink-ing fund will be ample to meet all claims. Heretofore, under the Humes law, the sinking fund rereived \$1,000,000 annually. The general fund this evening contained \$5,665,524 34, so that with the regular receipts of the department there is no danges of a failure to pay the \$5,000,000 public school appropriation in June. The actual cash in the treasury venite is but 7 cents.