Here is a conversation between two men that I heard yesterday merning. If they had been women I wonder what would have hap-

pened. "Have you met the new partner in

"Is he a young man?"

"No: not very young. About your age, I should think." "Do you think I am old?"

Oh, not very old, but you are considerably older than I am." "I doubt that, but how old are

"I'm 36. How old are you?" "Thirty-seven." "Then I am younger, but I thought you were even older than that. You

look older." "Oh, you think so?" "Yes. Maybe it's the bald spot that makes you look older. Then you have an old figure, too."

All this was said in perfect earnestness, and yet the men parted friends.

Cocoanut Butter.

There are several factories in India and one, at least, in Europe, that at Mannheim, Germany, where butter is made from cocoanuts.

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THE CRISIS EXPECTED.

JAPANESE ADVANCING.

Closing in on Pekin to Strike the Final Blow.

The advance guard of the Japanese army has crossed the Yalu river and formed a new camp. A battle is believed to be imminent.

The crisis of the China-Japan war is looked or within the next 10 days or two weeks by hose most interested and best informed on he contest. The legations of the two counries are expecting daily to bear that the deisive battle has been fought. This is based on the fact that the Japanese have been tradually closing in around Pekin, and the nvading army is compelled by force of cir-umstances to strike their blow at once or not at all. The intense cold which comes on about the middle of October makes this im-

Perative.

The Japanese climate is very mild even in winter and the Japanese troops are unprepared for the rigorous climate about Pekin which is due within two weeks. The Chinese look upon this as one of their defenses and the Japanese appreciate that it compels them to concentrate their campaign for this year into the next few weeks, and, if possible, days. For that reason they are ex-pected to make herole efforts to decide the

contest at once. A dispatch from Shanghai says that Prince Kung, the emperor's uncle, who was recent-ly called from retirement to take the position ly called from retirement to take the position of president of the Tsung Li Yamen, and the presidency of the admiralty, and to whom was entrusted the conduct of the war with Japan, remains in Pekin, where he is occupied with providing defenses for the capital. He is, however, in telephonic communication with Viceroy Li Hung Chang, who is at Tien Tsin. Li Hung Chang has sent another body of 8,000 men well armed and passably well

of 8,000 men well armed and passably well drilled to Pekin. His best regiments remain at Tien Tsin. 4,000 rifles were landed at Taku from a Hamburg steamer last week.

A dispatch from Tien Tsin says that the Japanese are pursuing the campaign towards Moukden cautionsly and are avoiding any dashing enterprises. Their cruisers are closely watching the Chinese fleet in the guif of Pe Chi Li. The dispatch adds that fugitives from Ping Yang describe the Japanese tives from Fing Yang describe the Japanese tactics as most scientific while their weapons are perfect. On the other hand the Chinese operations are said to be conducted in antiquated fashion, and there is considerable disquated fashion, and there is considerable dis-agreement among the Chinese generals. The Japanese are gaining the sympathy of the Corean population by paying for their sup-plies and maintaining strict discipline. The dispatch cocludes with the statement that the admiral of the French fleet has arrived.

A disputch from Berlin says that the negotions with the United States with a view to the joint protection of their subjects in China are said to be much advanced by the Anglo-French agreement on the subject, and a general entents may shortly be expected. The dispatch says that Austria has entrusted the procection of her subjects in China to Ger-many.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Japan has four Field Marshals. Prace has been restored in Hayti. The foreign hop crop is very large. CHOLERA is raging throughout Russia. THE South is selling corn to the West. GOLD is accumulating in the Treasury. THE Baltic Canal was officially opened. Onto is second in the production of pig

Tue long drought in South Daketa is VENISON has become plentiful in the Lon-on market.

AGITATION for a separate Polish Kingdom has revived in Germany. THE Treasury Department is puzzled to know how to keep liquor out of Alaska.

South Dakota's wheat erop, now being thrashed, is estimated at 30,000,000 bushels, STUDENTS of Princeton College formally decided to abolish hazing in all its forms. THE college football season has generally opened. Harvard refuses to meet Prince-

Brans are plentier this year in the Maine and Adirondack woods than for some time

FARMERS, who buy their own seed wheat, are now paying fitty cents a bushel for the New fortifications are to be erected in

Pensacola Harbor, Florida, at a cost of UNITED STATES marshals in Kentucky have

bagged 120 moonshiners as the result of six Corrox in general looks better than ever

known in Texas, and a crop of 2,590,000 bales is predicted. A NEW celibate order of laymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church has been instiuted in Mew York.

THADDEUS STEVENS'S will has been sustained, at Harrisburg, Penn., after twentysix years' litigation.

It is estimated that the watermeion crop of Georgia yielded the State from \$500,000 to \$750,000 this year. The Chinese soldier is paid off once a month. He gets \$4, out of which he has to buy his food and clothing.

The Southern Exposition, which is to be held in Bultimore in 1897, will involve an expenditure of \$5,000,000.

Government officials are favorably con-sidering the scheme to have mail transported in large cities by street cars. THE average daily expenditure of the Japanese Government in connection with the war is estimated at \$150,000.

FIFTEEN farmers of Guilford, N. C., who escorted four Mormon missionaries out of the country have been acquitted.

Ix Warsaw. Poland, the houses in which cholera exists are burned without the tormality of removing the patients. REPUBLICANS gained enough votes in the Connecticut town elections to cleat the next Governor without recourse to the Legisla-

THE Minnesota Railway Commission has made a reduction in grain rates of fifteen per-cent. It is feared three roads may be bank-rupted.

A new telephone is about to be brought out in New York City to compete with the present monopoly, and will make rentals #2

MEDICAL Schools after European models have been opened in China this year. The instruction for the present will be given in English.

Italian Anarchists.

There has been a renewal of anarchistic activities at Milan. An infernal machine has been found on the window sill of the police barracks. A lighted fuse was attached. Several arrests have been made. According to the Rome "Chisciotte" the police have discovered an anarchistic plot extending over the whole of Italy, and organized by Albany, the notorious anarchist.

Severe Snow Storm.

Reports from various parts of Eastern South Dakota and the western part of Minnesota are to the effect that a severe anow storm prevailed Sunday, accompanied by high winds and heavy rains. The snow fall at Huron, 8. D., was heavy and lasted for three hours, while west and north of that city the storm was even more severe. This is the first anow of the season.

Remarkable Petrifaction.

A remarkable case of petrifaction was discovered when the body of Solomon Kreppes was exhumed in Taylor's Cemetery, near Brownsville, Pa., for removal to another grave-yard. The grave was near the fence which separates the cemetery from the national pike, and it is supposed that water percolating through the limestone road bed had kept the body covered with a calcareous solution. The clothing was found well preserved, although the burial took place eight years ago. The hair and beard were crisp and felt like threads of glass. The body was entirely turned to stone, and so hard that smart blows with a pick made no impres-

Explosion of a Meteor.

A large meteor exploded near Neversink Station, Penn. It came from the east, and when near the earth there was a crash which shook buildings a mile away. The meteor was kite-shaped, tapering off to a tail with a streak of fire benind it.

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No. 2 White	32			3
No. 8 White	34			9
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Cattle Market Reports,

Cattle are sold at these figures live weight, Logs are sold at not weight, that is 20 per cent (generally) off from live weight. Sheep are sold gross, that is live weight or nothing off.)

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Good, 85 to 90th 2 50@ 2 90
Fair, 70 to 80th 1 75@2 00
Common, 65 to 70tb 1 00@1 80
Spring Lambs 2 50@3 50
Venl Calves
Heavy calves 6400
Chicago Cattle Prices were about steady at \$1.00@6.20 for natives; \$1.50@4.50 for

at \$1.00@4.20 for natives; \$1.50@4.50 for westerns and \$1.25@3.25 for Texans. Hogs—There were scattering sales to shippers at better than \$5.25, but almost the entire supply sold under \$5.25. That figure brought good heavy hogs; indeed very descent stuff sold at \$5. The bulk of the sales to packers were at \$4.30@5.00; poor rough and mixed sold as low as \$4.50@4.00. Sheep—Notwithstanding liberal receipts, the market is in better shape. Choice lambs sold higher and choice westerns brought from 5 to 10 cents more; quotations ran from 75c to \$3.25 fcr sheep and from 1.50 to 4.25 for lambs.

Cincinnati.—Hogs weak at \$4.25@5.20. Ca-tle strong at \$2.00@4.75. Sheep strong at 75c.@3.75: Lambs steady at \$1.75@3.75.

But a Slender Thread.

Many a love affair which promised to go on smoothly to the end has been broken off by a mere trifle, said Mrs. Botherwell. An unbecoming gown may wreck a girl's hopes, a hasty word or act ruin a man's chances of success. You remember Fred Clark? He is a good fellow, though perhaps not the bravest in the world. Last summer I introduced him to one of my guests, and he took a great fancy to her. Of course I did everything in my power to throw them together, and among other things gave a buckboard party. They sat together on the back seat and were getting along finely. He had reached the point where he told her he could not live without her, when the read took an abrupt turn, and the whistle of an approaching train sounded. It seemed right upon us, though it really was on the other side of the hill. Well, he flew out on one side of the wagon and she out on the other, and when we turned a ound to look for them they had disappeared. One of the boys jumped out and helped her back into the wagon, and some one rescued him, but she was so indignant to think that he had jumped without caring what became of her that she hardly spoke to him again. So you see that match was spoiled. Then there was Maud Atherton. A young man who had been devoted to her for some months invited her to join a yachting party. She determined not to run the risk of being seasick, so as a preventive measure, took any amount of smelling salts, lemons and other things with her, and to crown all, wore several mustard plasters. She was not seasick, but presently she began to suffer agonies from the plasters, and though she smiled and tried to look natural she squirmed and twitched in a manner fearful to behold. Of course her companion noticed her apparent restlessness. He said nothing, but after that day she knew him no more. He afterwards declared that she was the most nervous girl he ever sawjust twitching all the time-and he had no intention of marrying a woman on the verge of nervous prostration. So you see what trifles will break young love's slender thread.

Levity Out of Place.

One of the national vices of the American people is levity-the unheaithy quality which, in contradistinction to honest and wholesome galety or humor, turns all serious things to ridicule, and undermines the qualities of earnestness and of respect for real distinction.

A person reading the debates in Congress or in the state Legislatures must sometimes wonder whether the most influential debater is not be who can make his fellow-members laugh the oftenest with humorous trivialities

In a recent debate, a member, who was arguing against the appointment of certain federal officers from of or State somed those in which they were to serve, said that he opposed such appointments because he was fond of watermeions, and he was afraid that if "any more men were sent West from Georgia there would not be enough able-bodied persons left there to harvest the watermelon

At this the house laughed. It may find that the woman who has faithfull have served well enough as a joke, but it was hardly to be accepted as an argument in favor of the point which he was urging.

Many denates consist largely of the fokes, bandled back and forth between members. There is a general tayor of cynicism and instructive for the trouble is surely dispelled and the sufferer brought back to health and good such jokes, bandled back and forth between members. There is a general (avor of (ynicism and insincerity | spirits. about such contests, not of real wit, but of idle levity-as if the members did not choose to take the public business as a serious matter at all.

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A volunteer sham tight took place recently in England. During the retreat, a Scot h volunteer, in scrambling through some bushes, stu k fast in a hedge. One of the advancing foe, seeing the situation for a joke came toward the unfortunate volunteer at full charge, with his bayonet fixed and a ferocious look on his face. The poor fellow in the hedge, seeing the threatening aspect of affairs, bawled out at the top of his voi e: "Haud on, you idiot; dinna you ken it's only in fun?"

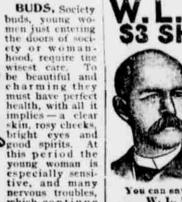
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The process of whitening sugar

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