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China has to-day twenty-six ports open to foreign commerce.

Taking the whole land surface of the globe into consideration, there are twenty-two and a half acres for each inhabitant on this planet.

If Turkey should be wiped out, it would mean the loss to Russia of an annual sum of \$7,500,000, which Turkey pays her by way of indemnity, and will have to pay till 1977.

Rudolph Cronau declares that by has indisputable evidence that the remains of Columbus still rest in the cathedral at Santo Domingo, Hayti. He asserts that the remains transferred to Spain in 1795 were those of the great discoverer's son, Diego.

The Louisville Courier-Journal states that the question of keeping down the cotton acreage for 1896 is attracting a great deal of attention in the South. The cotton exchanges are urging planters to diversify their crops and plant no more than they did in 1895.

The Statemen's Yearbook for 1885, an acknowledged authority on statisties, gives the area of British Guinua as 76,000 square miles, while in the issue of 1895 the same country is credited with an area of 109,000. No treaty is cited to account for this increase of 33,000 square miles. This seems to the Pathinder a matter for ecientific investigation. Of the increase of species there is definite knowledge, but the matter of territorial multiplication is anomalous, in fact without explanation, unless it be due to alliquial deposits along the

The New York Herald says that "the cable despatch of congratulation addressed by the Emperor William to President Krueger, of the Transvaal Republic, which is worded in the customary phraseology of messages from one Chief of State to another, is an historic document of far greater importance than it appears at the first glance. It is the recognition of the absolute independence of the Transvaal Republic and a repudiation of the rights of suzerainty which England claims to exercise over the South African Republic by virtue of the convention of 1884, which provides that clude no treaty or engagement with theless persevere any State or Nation other than the Orange Free State, nor with any native tribe to the eastword or westward of the Republic, unless the same has been approved by Her Majesty the Queen. This passage is the sole foundation for England's claim to suzerain rights over the Boers, which is now denied in the German Emperor's message, issued after calm deliberation in council with his Imperial Phancelor and with his Ministers of Foreign Affairs and of the Navy."

The Atlanta Journal says that "Georgia is to have another immense polony of Northern and Western set-Fers, if the plans of four gentlemen who are now in this State materialize. The names of the members of the party are: Messrs, W. W. Taggart, of Breckinridge, Minn., who was in the last Legislature; C. H. Fairall, of West Branch, Iowa, fand a brother of Judge Fairall, of that State; John J. Gamble, of West Branch, Iowa, and A. E. Sansburn, of Breckinridge, Minn. These gentlemen, who are all well known in their localities as business and professional men of high rank, have been in nearly all of the States of the South prospecting for They have about concluded to negotiate for a tract of 80,000 acres in the couthern part of this State, having been more impressed with Georgia Colonel had to be approached. The than with any other State in this section. It is their purpose to secure this land and divide it into lots of dogged persistently, but with no farms, which will be sold or rented, at avail. Evelyn stood out like a brick. the choice of the settler. The move- This burst of independence resulted ment which started some time ago and in her immediate banishment to eniminated in the great Fitzgerald colony in Irwin County, has caused a deep current of interest in the South cation between us strennously denied to be awakened throughout the Northwest, and in Minnesota especially there is a strong desire on the part of people to come to this section. The winters are so severe in the Northwest that the people are growing tired of the country."

Nell-"I wouldn't like to be in your shoes!" Belle-"No! they'd pinch you frightfully, wouldn't they?'-Philadelphia Record.

THE RIVER.

I am a river flowing from God's sea Through devious ways. He mapped n course for me; I cannot change it; mine alone the toil To keep the waters free from grime a

soil.

The winding river ends where it began; And when my life has compassed its brief

span: I must return to that mysterious source. So let me gather daily on my course The perfume from the blossoms as I pass, Baim from the pines and healing from the grass.

And carry down my current as I go Not common stones but precious gems to

show. And tears (the boly water from sad eyes) Back to God's sea, which from all rivers rise Let me convey; not blood from wounded

hearts, Nor poison which the upas tree imparts. When over flowery vales I leap with joy, Let me not devastate them, nor destroy, But rather leave them fairer to the sight. Mine be the lot, to comfort, and delight. And if down awful chasms I needs must

lean Let me not murmur at my lot, but sweep On bravely to the end without one fear, Knowing that He who planned my ways

stands near. Love sent me forth, to Love I go again, For Love is als, and over all. Amen. -Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in Independent.

WON BY WHISTLING.

ARTLEY, or rather his and a performance of siffleurs had proved the hit of the evening's entertainment. An hour or so later,

the "crowd" having dispersed, Birdy Jackson, Hartley and I were fully discussing the events of the affair in the smoking room. Jackson and I were stopping over night with our host, being old chums of his, and living some distance out of town.

"No idea you could give us such a ripping performance, Birdy," remarked Hartley; "and when your wife joined in I was perfectly astounded." Jackson laughed softly.

"No, she doesn't do it at all badly," headmitted. "You know, Dick, there's a bit of romance attached to that whistle of hers; in fact, it was the means of bringing our matrimonial desires to an abrupt point at an extremely critical period in our courtship."

Hartley gave me gentle kick. "Then your union had a spice of romacce about it?" he said.

"Rather! Unique in the annals of love making, I should say. But folks are so incredulous nowadays, I've never attempted to tell the yarn but once, and then I swore I'd never do it

But he had to on this occasion, and soon began to interest us as /follows: "First of all, you must know, fair. King"-addressing me-" I'm called Birdy on account of having practiced from earliest infancy a cheap form of musical recreation. Though cuffed as a boy, severely reprimanded for warbthe South African Republic shall conling in slack business hours and sound-

"A year this last summer I came in for a sum of money, which rendered me a practically wealthy and independent man, and to celebrate my good fortune I threw up my business berth and went into Yorkshire to spend a few weeks with a professional bachelor

friend and to idle generally. "While there I was introduced to a Colonel and his daughter Evelyn, aged twenty-two, who lived at The Chase, and were intimate friends of my chum. Nice girl she was; plenty of 'go' without being the least 'fast.' In less than a fortnight I was over head and ears in love with ber. The subsequent afternoons at The Chase were too hot for tennis. Colonel Alton spent them snoozing in his study; Evelyn's elderly companion and her father's housekeeper-for Mrs. Alton had been dead some years-nodded in the shade of her favorite elm, and my friend had invariably to leave [for an important | 6.45. The earliest Waterloo was 7.45 case before the tea came out. Very nice of him. I thought.

Thus thrown together, Evelyn and I monopolized the arbor, and I used to amuse her by trilling selections from the operas, latest airs (comic and serious), and she would occasionally join in as a kind of fillip to my performances. Though a woman in every respect, she could whistle. In most of the well-known tunes, up to date or pathetically aged, she excelled, owing to the fact that during the winter months for some years past she had always officiated at the piano for the suitable lands on which to establish village popular concerts, when the the colony which they have in mind, woest and instrumental items were naturally of an amusing and light order-at times scarcely high class, perhaps.

"Then came the time when the man gave me a prompt and curt refusal. He had other views for his child. I tried remonstrance, then regions unknown to me, under the surveillance of a relative of mature age and experience, and all communiand forestalled. All chances of elopement, even, were reduced to nil.

"A few days later I left my friend's for Bournemouth, there to recruit my shattered health and hopes, and think things over quietly. I was crushed for the time being. As I alighted from my cab at the entrance to the North Cliff, where I had taken rooms, an elderly lady came down the steps. Her face seemed somewhat familiar to me, though I could not at the time recall to mind when and where I had seen it before. When she storted as

she saw me, and somewhat hurriedly tween us, walked to the station, and re-entered the hotel, I was further mystified. A thought struck me as I was signing my name in the hotel register of visitors some time later. safe, with strict injunctions not to Two pages back I found an entry: venture out till I had fixed everything 'Miss Alton and Miss E. Allen.' I up for the ceremony, and went myself elderly lady I had encountered was, undoubtedly. Colonel Alton's sister, who had been staying at The Chase and left two days after my arrival in the village, and before I knew anything of Evelyn I had once passed her walking with the Colonel, and she must have recognized me again.

"I remarked on the entry to the clerk in a casual way, and he volunteered the information that Miss Alton that, had he been more communicahad, but a few moments previously, tive and explicit in the first instance, given notice of her intention to va- for my rival turned out to be none cate their apartments the next morn- other than the friend I was visiting. ing. The news staggered me. Then Miss Alton certainly did not know all, and had decided on flight as the only anyhow, hesafe remedy under the circumstances.

"Not a glimpse could I catch of Change It." Evelyn. After dinuer, from a search on the pier I returned to the North Cliff, and sat disconsolately smoking out on the balcony of my room in the growing dusk. Almost unconsciously I lapsed into melody, and appropriately commenced to war-ble softly, 'Alice, Where Art Thou?' A slight movement on the balcony cluded than away from another quarter above mine, and one window to the left caused me to glance up. A figure chorus of "I'm coming," from the in white met my gaze, with one of its melody, "Peor Old Joe." Half a minhands, as if demanding silence, pointing warningly to the window behind her. Yes, it was Evelyn, but her attendant dragon of an aunt was eviwife, had been giving dently at hand. Verbal communicaa musical "At Home," tion, as well as writing, was out of the question. An idea suddenly flashed thought of than done. Softly I whis-tled the last lines of 'Whisper and I she warbled three Shall Hear' refrain. A slight shake of the head and then a rendering of 'Goodby, Sweetheart, Goodby,' floated down. Then they were really going Tit-Bits.

"Evelyn, I don't think it's quite proper for you to be standing there, came a voice from within, and which, by straining my ears, I could just without leaving the balcony.

stay cooped up all the evening-our south and the Albany River and St. last one, too! What does papa want James Bay to the north. In this vast us back in such a harry for?

" Because he wishes it, my dear; that's all the reason I can give you. You really must help me to finish the packing in a few minutes."

"Then her aunt had revealing nothing, and believed her yet to be in ignorance of my presence at the hotel. Lucky, but the case was a desperate one. Evelyn returned to her former position and leaned over again.

" Where Are You Going To, My Pretty Maid?' I began. There was a momentary pause, and then the answer came in a line of 'Home, Sweet Home,' from my darling's lips.

" 'I do wish you would drop that vulgar habit of whistling,' again came the voice inside the window.

"But, auntie, there is no piano to sing to,' was the somewhat lame excuse. 'I must do something, and I miles long, and navigable during the can't possibly shock any one up here.' season of high water for 250 miles.

"Back to Yorkshire again. chance there. Anyhow, she still cared | tlements of North Bay, Sturgeon Falls

to a severe test. It was our only general knowledge, but the whole terchance of securing happiness, " 'Oh, Nannie, Wilt Thou Gang Wi'

Me?' I piped, " 'Where Are You Going To?' was

again utilized in reply.

a bar or two of 'Big Ben,' a favorite song of mine, came as a hazardous reseue. She understood, bless her! but a lengthy pause intervened before her answer. Then 'No, Sir; No, Sir; No, Sir; No?' was repeated four times in succession. She refused, then? But why so emphatically? What a silly idiot I was? The fourth time the girl in the song said 'No' she meant 'Yes.' I breathed again.

"But about our departure. morning York train via Bath left at and we should be easily tracked and our intentions frustrated in consequence, if we left it until then. I consulted my watch. It was 9,15. The night train up left at 10.30. 'Oh. Why Should We Wait Till To-Morrow?' went up without delay. Well' from above soon settled that question satisfactorily, but was folowed immediately by a few bars of Bradshaw's Guide' ditty. I knew what she wanted, so, after a slight hesitation, I warbled 'Come Into the Garden, Maud,' and chirped ten times. Hope on, dear loved one, we shall meet again,' from 'Dream Faces,' proved that I was clearly understood, and then she turned to address Miss Alton in louder tones than before.

"'I declare, you're nearly asleep, auntie. I'm tired, and have a headache, too. We've a long journey before us, so I think I'll go to my room now. Don't disturb, there's a dear; the packing won't take long in the

morning. You'd better do the same. "The proposal evidently suited Miss Alton down to the ground, for she left her chair inside and came a little way out on the balcony.

"'A good idea, Evy; so we will, she answered.

"I crept back, and a minute or two later 'Good-nights' were exchanged; and the subsequent slam of a door notified that Evelyn had left for her

spartment. "By 9.45 I had settled up and left instructions that my heavy baggage,

eventually reached London safely, early in the morning. I put her in one hotel, where I knew she would be stumbled to it in a second, then. The to another. The long and short of it was that before we were anything like tracked the deed had been done by special license, and the Colonel defeat-

ed for once in his life. "Come round, did he? Yes, when he afterward discovered that the man he intended for his daughter had already been engaged for two years, and got married shortly after we did! Even I could have told the old fellow He actually admits now he couldn't have wished her a better match, but,

And Birdy broke off into "Can't

'He rose quietly from his seat and gently opened the smoking room door. "Listen," he said, "if you can't quite swallow the yarn you will not fail to take this in."

Then he went through "Oh, Come, My Lady Fair," from the "Gaiety Girl" song. Scarcely had he conof the house came the answering ute later in strolled Mrs. Jackson and Hartley's wife. Birdy winked knowingly at us.

"I've just been telling them how you were practically wooed and won by whistling, my dear," he remarked to his wife," and they want another tune

Evelyn blushed, "No, Sir," etc., she warbled three times.

Then Jackson took up his candie and marched upstairs with the strains of the National anthem on his lips. -

Unknown Region of Ontario.

Of Ontario's area, estimated at 200,-000 square miles, 100,000 square miles are in an unknown region, only the overhear. My heart beat wildly, and edges of which have been explored. the girl turned to address her aunt This is the teritory known as the Hinterland of Ontario. It lies between " 'It's almost dark now, and I can't Lakes Huron and Superior to the area is the Height of Land, which separates waters flowing to Hudson Bay from the streams empting into the St. Lawrence and the lakes. North of the Height is what is called the Hudson Bay slope, consisting of about 80,000 square miles. This slope may be described as an unknown land.

The Height of Land is not a ridge of hills, but is a level plateau some 1200 or 1300 feet above the sea, "The scenery," says a surveyor's report, "though diversified by hundreds of streams and rivers and thousands of lakes and innumerable crags and hills of rock, is certainly lacking in that nobility and largeness of view which only the presence of lofty mountains can bestow." Of the rivers flowing north from this slope, the Albany is the most important, being about 475 "Then there was silence once more. Of the short slopes south of the Height No of Land, in which are situated the setfor me, and I must put her affections and Sudbury, there is definite and ritory sloping north remains unex-

plored. The Hinterland is Ontario's reserve. Much valuable timber in this region is destroyed by fires that sweep south "I was stumped for the minute, but of the watershed. Pine, spruce, tamarack, poplar and cedar are varieties of wood existing in abundance south of the Hudson Bay slope. Here, too, are valvable minerals, but the treasures hidden in the region north of the plateau and the resources of the plain itself await the searching of some intrepid explorer. The Hinterland will reward the eager discoverer, and when he has exhausted that territory the regions of the great Northwest remain unsurveyed. - Winnipeg (Manitoba) Free Press.

How Treasure is Transported in China,

We have heard much, especially of late, of the diverting of public treasure to private gain by Chinese officials of all ranks, and the pitiable evidence of it in the failure of the Chinese army and navy to be ready for the inevitable struggle with Japan is too recent and convincing to be disputed; but on the other hand, we can only wonder | place. at the power of this law of responsibility which, in such a land, enables the remotest province to transport its dues to Pekin in solid silver, by the simplest means, without loss by the way and without the protection of a single soldier. Nothing impresses one with the absoluteness of this power as applied to transportation than to meet a line of pack-mules, horses, or camels, loaded with silver bullion. The silver is usually confined in rough logs of wood that have been split, hollowed out, and then bound together, and each load is marked with a little flag of imperial yellow, stating the amount and destination. That is all the protection there is except the ordinary drivers, who carry no weapons, and are attended by no guard. In what other land on the face of the globe could the same be done?-Century.

Carrier-Pigeons for Mining Camps,

Experiments are being made in Arizona in the establishment of carrierpigeon messenger service between remote mining camps and the nearest fortunately not unpacked, would be towns or railway shipping points. So called or sent for in the course of a far as tried the service has proved sucweek or less, dangling an old telegram cessful and very valuable. The trails form in my hand as I did so, to give out from some of the large camps are color to my hasty departure. At 10 long and difficult to traverse at times, prompt I picked up Evelyn under the and the carrier-pigeons insure a great pines in the hotel gardens, and, with a saving of time in exchanging comdressing bag and a small Gladstone be- munications. - New York Sun.

THE SCALLOP.

PECULIARITIES OF THE OYS-TER'S ONLY RIVAL.

Swims by Rapidly Opening and Closing His Shell-How He is Caught and Shucked-The Edible Part.

LTHOUGH comparatively

new, the scallop trade is an important industry in the villages of New Suffolk, Peconic, Mattituck, Sag Harbor, South-old and Greenport. In its various departments it gives employment to a large number of men and women. Of course, the catching of the scallop is the most important feature of the work. Every morning at daybreak during the season a fleet of about 100 vessels assembles in Peconic Bay and begins the work of dredging. dredges are made of a network composed of iron rings fastened to each other. This is kept open in the shape of a basket by an iron frame made very strong. Each vessel is equipped with two such dredges. They are fastened over the sides of the craft by ropes, one on each side. The vessel then sails away, with sheet eased, dragging along the dredges to gobble up everything that comes in their way. One at a time they are hauled up, the scallops are removed from among the shells and other sea rubbish, and the dredge is put back into the water. This is continued until the vessel has a full cargo, and then she sails to the nearest "shucking" house to leave her load.

"Shucking" is the vernscalar term for removing the scallops from their shells. The shucking houses are small shanties at various points on the shore. The interiors are fitted up with long tables. Upon these the shellfish are dumped. Then the shuckers, who are principally young men and women, armed with stout knives, began their work. Each scallop is opened with one twist of the wrist, the edible part is placed in a pan, and the shells are emptied into wooden traps.

The shuckers work very rapidly, some of them opening a gallon in a little more than an hour. There are from 1700 to 2100 scallops in a gallon. The shuckers receive from sixteen cents to twenty cents a gallon. The more rapid workers sometimes makes as much as 33 or 33.50 a day, when they have plenty of work. This New York. Those for which there is no market are placed in large boxes, packed in ice, and kept there until the freezing up of the bay stops the dredging and makes higher prices. Ne York along

Scallops first make their appearance every year about the 1st of Septembers in Peconic Bay, mostly to the their marriage. Five are still living south and southeast of Robin's Island. in the vicinity, ranging from seventy They are also found along the north- to fifty-four years. The oldest child, ern shore of the Sound, but last year | were he living to day, would be seventhe Connecticut and Rhode Island ty-nine years old. crops were total failures, while in Forthirty years Grandma Darwin Peconic Bay it was the best season in was totally blind. Strange and inyears. March is the last month in credible as it may seem, in her ninetywhich they are usually caught. Their ninth year she recovered her second habits are peculiar. On one day they sight and was able to distinguish her will be plentiful, and on the next not children. Yet during the period of one will be found. In appearance the her blindness she performed her scallop is much like the clam, except household duties without any assistthat it has small pectinations or ridges | ance. radiating from the base of the shell, The shell is much more fragile, and markable man. When he was 100 the interior is delicately lined with years old he could dance a jig equal to mother-of-pearl. The only edible a dancing master, but the past four part is a small muscle, similar to larger. This is eaten stewed, fried, broiled, or chopped into an omelette. The housewives of Suffolk County also

preserve them and can them. The scallop swims by rapidly opening and closing his shell. He does not rest on the bottom, like the oyster, but seeks the seaweed sand grasses nearing his end. and hides among them. This peculiarity has to be taken into consideration when dredging for them. The dredges are not dragged along the bottom, where they would scoop up all sorts of sea refuse, but are tied off at a length of rope which just keeps them off the bottom. The scallop is a very voracious and a very active creature, seldom resting long in one

Aside from their value as edible delicacies, the scallops are valuable on account of their fragile shells. These are called "cush," and are spread over oyster beds, where they catch the "spat," or young oysters. This is the best shell ever found for this purpuse. When the young oyster is about the size of a cent the scallop shells are piled on the deck of a boat. The oyster planters then rub the shells to pieces with their hands, which can easily be done without injuring the young oysters. Thus separated from the scallop shells, the young oysters are spread during the month of August over new oyster grounds. Planters of oysters pay from two cents to four eents per bushel for the scallop shells. - New York Times.

Oil on the Waters. It has been known for centuries that oil poured upon the angry bosom of the enraged ocean instantly allays its tempestuous heaving. Improving on the old method of applying the oil near the ship, a European genius has introduced a storm cannon, subduing the angry waves to a long distance. The projectile is hollow and filled with oil. During its flight from the cannon's mouth the soothing fluid is scattered through suitable orifices,

Boers' Ladependence Day.

It is an interesting coincidence that Dr. Jameson and his followers were defeated and compelled to surrender quite close to the spot where the Boers are wont to celebrate their day of National independence. The festival takes place every few years on a farm called Paardekraal ("horse inclosure"), situated near Krugersdorp, a mining town situated eighteen miles west of Johannesburg, with which it is connected by rail. The meeting, which is held in the month of December, was originally instituted to commemorate the defeat of the Zulu Chief Dingaan, but, after the war against England, was continued as commemorating the vindication of National freedom.

The farm is one where a small number of Boers met before the outbreak of the British war and resolved to fight for their independence, ratifying the compact by creeting a small cairn of stones, a rennion of the victors taking place there after the close of the war, when the cairn was increased in size. At that time, of course, the Government was poverty stricken, but after money in plenty had rolled into its coffers on gold being discovered, it resolved to spend a considerable sum in the crection of a National memorial. This took the shape of a monument of free stone (white). The monument is spread out at the front in the form of a gothic arch, under which the original cairn still remains. On the four sides of the monument are panels bearing a list of all the wars-native and otherwise-in which the Boers have been engaged.

Here it is that the Boers assemble from time to time to thank the Almighty for deliverance from the foreign yoke. To see the hundreds of wagons camped ("outspanned" is the proper term) round the monument, each with its white tent glaring in the bright sunlight, and the thousands of oxen quietly browsing on the neighboring hills or drinking at the dam close by, the Boers with their vrouws and children moving about from place to place wherever the President or other celebrity is to be found-nearly all carrying seats, for some of the services are long, and religious ceremonies take place from sunrise till sunset-is a sight not to be readily forgotten by those fortunate enough to have witnessed it .- New York Herald.

Married Eighty Years.

The oldest living couple in the United States beyond a doubt has for year, however, scallops are so scarce the last forty years resided within that the dredgers have done most of three miles of Black River Falls, Wis. the shucking themselves. The opened Louis and Amelia Darwin were born scallops are packed in stone jars or in the Province of Ontario, not far wooden tubs, and shipped by rail to from Montreal. The husband was born on September 24, 1788, or one year before the inauguraation of the first President of the United States. The wife was born at La Pero's Isle on March 17, 1794, and is now past her New York, Philadelphia and Boston 101st year. The aged people are deconsume most of the scallops. About scendants from a race which for many 2000 gallons are eaten every week in generations was noted for remarkable longevity,

Eighty years have passed since they were joined in wedlock, and a family Then they swarm in great num- of twelve children was the fruits of

The old gentleman has been a reyears he has gradually wasted away, 'the eye" of the oyster, only much until to-day he is but a shadow of his former self. Every day is telling upon his great vitality, andh is dissolution is daily looked for.

The old lady, whose health has been poorly of late, is somewhat improved, and she is likely to live to as great an age as her venerable consort, now

A Long Trip in a Buggy.

Mr. J. A. Emery, of Faulk County, South Dakota, arrived in Atlanta, Ga., recently, having traveled the entire distance from his northern home to Chattanooga in a buggy. He said to a Jenrual reporter:

"The climate in South Dakota is too severe and the seasons are very uncertain. For thirteen years I have been a resident of Faulk County, but on account of crop failures I have at last decided to make a change for the better and will probably locate in the central portion of Georgia. I have heard much about the advantages of the South and am going to select a home here in Georgia. If I find just what I am looking for I shall doubtless be able to influence many of my friends in Dakota to come to this State. So far as I have seen I am delighted with the Southern country, for I have seen many evidences of prosperity.

"My trip through the country in a private conveyance was very pleasant and it afforded me a splendid opportunity to see the vast region of country that extends from Dakota to the State of Georgia. I left Faulk County October 30th, crossed the Mississippi at Macon, Mo., and came via Hannibal and Nashville. At Chattanooga, I abandoned the team and after staying a day or two with relatives took

the train and came on to Atlanta." Prussia's Smallest Officer,

The smallest non-commissioned officer in the Prussian army is Eugene Mayn, serving in the Ninth Battalion of Jaegers. He is a native of Sprottau, and measures but four feet 94 thus opening a smooth road through inches. But his chest measurement is the agitated waters. - Detroit Free good and his soldierly qualities are above repreach. - Chicago Record.