#### THE EDIFYING SOLDIER.

getch of One of the Great German Toy Warehouses.

The Troedel market is on a little island in the heart of the old town of Nuremberg. Along the north branch of the river is an old, low eaved house with a little darkling doorway. When you have got so far you are met by a little old man-a rusty little man who looks as though he were made of metal -who leads you into the great mysteri-

Round all the walls they are ranged -guns, cannons, motors, steamships, trumpets, sabers, and everywhere the soldiers. How many millions of metal soldiers have marched away from the Troedel market not even the rusty old man could tell you-mighty articles of pewter and tin.

Hundreds of regiments, of battalions, shelves, waiting for the day when they says, "They are edifying soldiers."

That is the German way of putting isfactorily explained. it. What it means is that each army illustrates a battle or a campaign— distant past vast numbers of these for a drive about town. Meanwhile the war of Troy, the campaigns of trees existed in the dense forests with take my evening clothes out of my Alexander, the exploits of Coeur de which the whole region was covered trunk, have them pressed and laid out Lion, the war of thirty years, the and that as a result of some tremenfor me. You'll find studs and buttons slege of Orleans, the victories of Nadous cataclysm they were uprooted and for the shirt in that box on the dresser. poleon, the lattles of 1870 and (the precipitated into the ravines. Whethous I liked best) that desperate battle er this account is true or not, the "H'all right, sir. Very good, sir. In which a tiny tin here with gleam- buried trees are today a source of quite Thankee kindly,' said he, and I left ing teeth rough rode it up San Juan considerable wealth to the lucky per- with a feeling of elation. hill. In a word, the edifying soldiers, son who finds them. For a coffin made teach history, geography, strategy.-Vance Thompson in Everybody's.

#### EATING IN PUBLIC.

The Varied Sorrows of the Critical

Man Who Dines Out. What chance has the diner out of being completely happy? The mere people at their best. It is really a of being polite at the same time makes it uncomfortable as well. No sooner It will do you good. have you got into conversation with a despises you for your play with your when he realizes that his shirt front is sheep, and the next day it is well. smirched with some relic of the meal? "The men and women who work safety extends. struggle between eating and talking, a struggle which does not always end, as do most things, in the survival of as good as a sea voyage for giving tone is when the versel gets fairly well into the fittest. As one can't speak with one's mouth full and first hunger must be appeased, conversation and eating go on rather as a game, the one person whipping up some food while the other is speaking and then in his turn speaking in order to enable his partner to get some nourishment. To talk or to eat might be a sensible question at the beginning of dinner, but it is not one likely to be asked. One is seldom sure which is least worth sacrificing, the food or the conversation. How much simpler it would be if we fed apart and indulged in conversation afterward.-Macmillan's.

#### HE DID SLEEP.

The Result of Taking Peanuts and

Yesterday a friend who had heard that I sometimes suffer from insomnia and drink two or three glasses of milk before going to bed," said he, "and I'll warrant you'll be asleep within half an my duty to report what happened, so anomaly. far as I am able this morning to recall bull with two heads peered over the edge of the well and said he would haul me up if I would first climb up and rig a windlass for him. So as I was sliding down the mountain side the brakeman came in, and I asked him when the train would reach my station. "We passed your station 400 years ago," he said, calmly folding the train up and slipping it into his vest pocket.

At this juncture the clown bounded into the ring and pulled the center pole out of the ground, lifting the tent and all the people in it up, up, up, while I stood on the earth below watching myself go out of sight among the Then I awoke and found that I had

been asleep almost ten minutes.

# THE CODE OF HONOR.

Dueling as It Was In France In the

Time of Richelleu. The passion for dueling, which had cost France, it was said, between 7,000 and 8,000 lives during the twenty the Hindoo point of view) to order a native to take off his shoes. This is quite twice as much as that of a man. height when his son came to the throne. The council of Trent in 1545

A munshi when mildly rebuked by his of the brain. A small man may have had solmenly condemned the practice sahib took off his shoes, but recounted a large brain and a big man a small of single combat, impartially including the whole scene to his better half, sayprincipals, seconds and spectators in its penalty of excommunication. In 1602 an edict of Henry pronounced the "damnable custom of dueling introduc-Gazette. ed by the corruption of the century" to be the cause of so many piteous ac cidents, to the extreme regret and displeasure of the king and to the irreparable damage of the state "that we should count ourselves unworthy to hold the scepter if we delayed to re if not in the entire

press the enormity of this crime." the same effect, but it was easier to to the world as the Island of Fire. prayer book on the lounge. I pitched make edicts than to enforce them.

This geological singularity is really a lake of boiling mud situated at about tion of property, loss of civil rights and the center of the plains of Grobogana the center of the plains of tion of property, loss of civil rights and death were the penalties attached to the infringement of the laws against the infringement of the laws against great emerald sea of vegetation which the infringement of the laws against the center of the plains of Grobogana and is called an island because the great emerald sea of vegetation which the center of the plains of Grobogana and is called an island because the great dependence of the plains of Grobogana and is called an island because the great emerald sea of vegetation which dueling, and still the practice prevailed. In 1626 Richelleu published a The "island" is about two miles in cirmy case and opened it up. The official milder form of prohibition. The first offense was no longer capital, a third only of the offender's property was to from Solo. Near the center of this be confiscated, and the judges were geological freak immense columns of 'What's this?' he asked, picking up my permitted to recognize extenuating

circumstances. A few months later the Comte de thrust through the boiling substratum Bouteville thought fit to test the min-by giant hands and the again quickly asked. ister's patience in this direction. The withdrawn. Besides the phenomenon Place Royale had long been a favorite of the boiling mud columns there are Any man who will put his prayer book dueling ground, and De Bouteville traveled from Brussels to fight his twenty-second duel here, in the heart of Paris, in deliberate defiance of the king's authority. The result was not encouraging. Montmoreney though he encouraging. Montmorency though he was, the count went with his second there was a tall spirelike column of to the scaffold, and the marked decrease from that time in the number lake which constantly belched a pure of duels may be attributed either to the moderation used in framing the with which it was enforced,—Macmillan's Magazine.

#### COFFIN WOOD MINES.

The Chinaman Digs For Wood Prized

For Burial Caskets. erage Chinaman exhibits more regard said the young man just returned from for than the narrow box which is des- his maiden voyage, "so I thought I'd New York preacher clean crazy," said tined to contain all that is mortal of inaugurate a new system. At a fash- the man who travels. "The congrega- of M. Victorien Sardou. him. He is never happy until it is in lonable hotel in London the valet as- tion didn't do a thing but sit around his possession. It occupies a conspicuous position in his house, and the richer he is the more he expends on its action in the more he expends on its action in his house, and the richer he is the more he expends on its action in his house, and the richer he is the more he expends on its action in his house, and the richer has been done in house and crack nuts. Faucy a New York minister talking to a crowd of that kind! The modern preacher likes to er he is the more he expends on its acguisition and adornment.

"See here,' I said in a frank, jovial manner when he came in to attend me, have things quiet when he talks. It describes the life, several shops have things quiet when he talks. It disappears the manner when he came in to attend me, have things quiet when he talks. It disappears the manner when he came in to attend me, have things quiet when he talks. It disappears the manner when he came in to attend me, have things quiet when he talks. It disappears the manner when he came in to attend me, have things quiet when he talks. It disappears the manner when he came in to attend me, have things quiet when he talks. It disappears the manner when he came in to attend me, have things quiet when he talks. quisition and adornment.

lestials are manufactured from a pe- you. It's an infernal nuisance to be culiar resinous wood, possessing quite handing out tips every few minutes, or, extraordinary preservative properties at least, when I want anything done.

and found only in one small district in Now, I purpose to lump the whole Tonquin, buried in the earth, no living thing in weekly payments. I expect specimens of the tree now being in ex-istence.

to be here at least three weeks. You look after me to the best of your ability, Istence.

of divisions, are drawn up on the shelves, waiting for the day when they shall be sent out into battle. And deposits, for such they are, are to all would get in tips. Is that satisfacwith a kind of pride the rusty old man intents and purposes mines of wood, tory? the origin of which has never been sat-

of this special wood a Chinaman does found my evening clothes still in the not consider £50 or £60 at all too high trunk, the shirt and shoes untouched a price to pay.-Grand Magazine.

### TRADES THAT CURE ILLS.

If You Want to Drive Away Disease, Turn Shepherd.

"Oil workers are never bald," said a actions of eating and drinking are nel- druggist. "Visit our oil regions of That a launch is a matter of mathe-

pleasant woman than the soup in your The odd odor of a sheep seems to drive ways. If a boat should get in the way, nustache stops all inspiration. She away disease. Sheep are especially or if it should take an unusual length good for whooping cough. In the sheep of time to knock out the keel blocks, napkin, and your mustache is out of shape. And who can feel that the evening is going to be what he hoped evening is going to be what he hoped mother to put it to play among the or if any one of half a dozen things should cause serious delay, the scientific man knows just how long he can

among lavender, gathering it or dis-tilling it, never have neuralgia or nerv-ment in a launch, and it is at a time to the system. Run down persons of- the water. This is when an important ten work for nothing in lavender plants factor known as the "moment of buoyin order to build themselves up.

"Salt miners can wear summer imagine a vessel sliding down an inclothes in blizzard weather without cline without any water into which to fear of catching cold, for colds are un- drop, you can see that the vessel would known among salt workers. Breweries tip down suddenly at the end which and tanneries and printing ink fac- has left the ways and would rise at the tories bar out consumption. Turpentine works and ropewalks bar out rheumatism. Copper mines bar out typhold."-New York Press.

#### UMBRELLA AND SHOES.

Their Importance In the Eyes of the Indian Native.

India is so vast that different eti- stream is called the "moment of quettes prevail in different districts. | weight." Now, the moment of bucy-We have no standard etiquette, no ancy must always be greater than the standard dress. We mostly copy Eu- moment of weight, but it must not be ropean etiquette while with Europeans. | very much greater, for if it were it Even a Bengalese shakes hands with a | would throw too much weight forward told me of a sure cure, says Good Health Clinic. "Eat a pint of peanuts minutes and then breaks forth into the ways and might break them down or vernacular. We shake hands with a injure the plates or keel of the ship. European on parting, but by mistake When the English battleship Ramillies again touch the hand to the brow in a | was launched, this did really happen, hour." I did as he suggested, and now salaam, so we both shake hands, and so great was the strain near the for the benefit of others who may be afflicted with insomnia I feel it to be minded European ever cared for the tually pushed right into the bottom of

the details. First let me say my friend ty, the sign of a rajah, so natives make the most careful calculations at was right. I did go to sleep very soon after my retirement. Then a friend a rajah and not before anybody else, at every foot of her journey into the left Yandan for Brandstars a rewith his head under his arm came however great. It is not a part of the water. along and asked me if I wanted to dress, but a protection from the rain buy his feet. I was negotiating with him when the dragon on which I was like the watch and chain. You might riding slipped out of his skin and left me floating in midair. While I was his waterproof coat. A cooly is not the Quantity. considering how I should get down a bound to fold his umbrella when a brigadier general rides past. But a ed fifty-six or fifty-seven ounces, that menial generally closes down the umbrella on seeing his master, whom he This is about three pounds and a half. however humble, ought to fold up the umbreila, even before a magistrate, behumble passerby nor his superior offi-cer, nor is he bound to salaam him. fifty-eight ounces. The average

his palace the native visitor or official power have generally if not always takes off his shoes if the reception possessed large brains. The quality of ting on his mushud. But if he is re- tant as the quantity, so that a large ceived in the drawing room, furnished | brain does not of necessity constitute after the European style, the shoes a great man. The size of the brain is are allowed. In some states no na- not in proportion to the physical detives can go to a rajah without a pu- velopment of the body, either in ani-

what we ask our priest to do, so that Even in men there is no fixed relation we may touch the dust of his feet. between the size of the body and that ing, "Sala hamara gor ka gurds lenay magtna!" ("The brother-in-law wants A POINTER FOR TOURISTS. the dust of my feet.")-Indian Military

# JAVA'S ISLAND OF FIRE.

It Is Really a Lake of Boiling, Bubbling Mud and Slime. A whole series of edicts followed to or "Home of the Hot Devils," known suit case I noticed that I had left my surrounds it gives it that appearance. of the Johnny Bull official I unstrapped cumference, and is situated at a distalked at me as if I had been a teletance of almost exactly fifty miles phone. soft, hot mud may be seen continually prayer book. Prayer book rising and falling like great timbers right. Shut up your case.'

### TIPPED AS HE WENT.

His Promise to Pay a Lump Sum

Weekly Did Not Bring Results. "I had heard all about the tipping There exists no object which the av- system in Europe before going abroad,"

The coffins most esteemed by the Ce- 'I want to make an arrangement with The natives search for it quite as and at the end of each week I'll make

> "'Quite, sir,' he said cheerfully, but I fancied he looked disappointed.

"When I got back to the hotel I

#### LAUNCHING A VESSEL. the Crucial Moment Is When She

ther pretty nor conducive to showing those of Russia. Examine the work- matics, as well as of great skill and men's hair. It is soft and thick and labor, is shown by the fact that the most uncouth sight to see a man or a glossy, for petroleum cures incipient man of science who has the matter in woman stoking food. The necessity baldness, and if your hair is thinning charge always makes a set of calcularub some in. Never mind the smell. tions showing the strain of the ship and its precise condition at practically "Shepherds enjoy remarkable health. every foot of the journey down the wait and just how far the limit of

ancy" comes into play. If you can end still on the incline. But really in successful launches the stern of the vessel is gradually lifted up by the water, and this throws the weight forward on that part of the ship still resting on the ways. The force of the water is called the "moment of buoyancy," and the natural tendency of the ship to drop to the bottom of the The umbrella is the emblem of royal- that causes the scientific launcher to

# BRAIN QUALITY.

The brain of Daniel Webster weigh considers his king. But no Indian, These were exceeded by the brain of cause he is neither the master of the sixty ounces, and that of the French But if he does, no harm. In a word, weight of the brain of man is about natives generally fold the umbrella fifty ounces and of women fortybefore a master or a superior officer five ounces. The maximum weight of and not any other citizen, however the healthy adult brain is about sixty-great, and this is no insult. four ounces and the minimum thirty-While going to see a native chief in one ounces. Men of great intellectual room has a farash and the rajah is sit- the brain is, however, quite as imporgree. In others the pugree is taken mals or in man. The horse has a brain off and tossed at the feet of a rajah. less in weight than the smallest adult

Put Your Prayer Book on Top of the

"If you ever go to Bermuda I can tell you how to make time at the custom house," said a returning Washingtonian. "I reached Bermuda early in the The greatest nate onder in Java, morning. I made up my luggage rathi, is the justly | er hastily before leaving the ship.

prayer book. Prayer book, eh? All sult of such carelessness. Maori serv-"'Want to look at anything else?' I

"'No. You're all right, my friend.

"'Got any more like these in that

there was a tall spirelike column of case? asked the official. baked mud on the west edge of the "I said I hadn't, but do you know he lake which constantly belched a pure stream of cold water, but this has long been obliterated, and everything is it as if he thought I was a smuggler," but the case again, and he went through on the margin of the petition in his own hand. "I thank you sincerely and

## CRACK NUT SUNDAY.

Queer Method of Hearing a Sermon Still In Use In England.

"One fine autumn Sunday I attended a service in a north of England country church that would have driven a minister talking to a crowd of that disastrous fire in which one of the

himself of the peculiar privilege granted him, and men, women and children came to church with their pockets the sermon.

'hear himself think.' That custom, something peculiar struck him, looked upon as a nuisance, and the thing queer about it." habit was suppressed, except in a few suppression was attended with consid- I am not going to look at it, anyhow, erable difficulty, so firmly had the nut What will our customers say if they cracking fever taken hold of the fancy | find we have opened it?" of the people."-New York Press.

#### GRIM OLD CROMWELL.

The Protector Made Christmas a Gloomy and Serious Day.

Christmas day. got thirty days in jail.

Christmas celebrations-no dancing, no singing, no playgoing, no feasting on Christmas day; penalty, thirty days.
"You see, it was his idea that Christ-

got a month all round.

"The Woman In White." In a letter to Charles Dickens, Wilkie Collins intimated the fact that the the vessel. It is this danger of disaster great work upon which he had devoted ly as my white woman," said he, too.—Pearson's Weekly. "White woman! White wo—the wom-an in white. Eureka! I have got it!"

And so the book was given this curiously inspired title. The French Idea. The Frenchman of the middle class sacrifices everything in order to obtain for his children some official position or other, a mean one, perhaps, but a sure one leading after thirty years of penury to a pension verging on destitution. This is one aspect of the decay of the french race. It is easy to understand that two races are not evenly armed for the struggle for life if one of "man's best friend," the dog.-New be made up of aspirants to official position and the other of individuals possessing initiative, daring and energy For this reason do Latin races decline. while Anglo-Saxon races grow and multiply .-- Paris Siecle.

# NATURAL KITCHENS.

Places Where Cooking Is Done In Boiling Springs.

There are one or two countries-Iceland, for example—where washday is not dreaded, because nature provides the hot water at one's very door in the shape of steaming springs of spouting geysers. But there is only one country where the native women do practically all their cooking by unaided nature, and that is the North island of New Zealand. Here is a wonderland of a thousand square miles so volcanic that a fire may be lighted by inserting a few sticks in the earth, and wherever one makes a hole he speedily has a pool of boiling water, into which a pudding may be lowered incased in a cloth and

cooked expeditiously. Frequently in perfectly cold streams a boiling hot current may be seen and felt running along the edge of the river, and here the Maori women do their own and the white man's washing. Naturally the volcanic region of New Zealand is a dangerous country to wander in without a guide, and many tourists have lost their lives as the reants boll coffee and eggs in this way .-New York Tribune.

A Royal Slip.

Considerable amusement was once caused by a slip of Emperor Nicholas' pen in accepting the offers of several companies of Siberian militia who volunteered for service at the front. The petition read, "We humbly lay at your majesty's feet our desire to be permitted to fight and die for the father land." The emperor in accepting wrote hope your wishes may be fully real-

# A PLOT THAT FAILED.

The Scheme to Blow Up Napoleon III.

With Gunpowder. An interesting story is that of a frustrated plot against Napoleon III, which as never got into the history book, but which is one of the favorite stories

disconcerts him to hear a baby cry or disappeared, among them being that of a woman cough or an old man snore.

If he is put out by such trifles as these, it is interesting to conjecture what he

Chevet used to sell liqueurs, groceries, would do if he were to take hold of a smoked meats, etc., and in a couple of congregation where everybody brought nuts to crack during the sermon.

"Worshipers, it seems, used to do "Worshipers, it seems, used to do"

"Worshipers, it seems, used to do this in England and even in our own two young men of fashion, Russians states during colonial days. This dis- both of them, came in and called for turbance was not a weekly occurrence dinner in one of the little rooms which by any means. If it had been, the were above the shop. They asked for poor preacher would have undoubted- caviare, but when they got it they proly left his flock to administer spiritual tested loughly that the caviare was of consolation to suit themselves. But as inferior quality and called for the ownit happened only once a year he was 'er of the shop. He came, apologized forced to endure it. This one day and was met with the remark, tenderwhich was attended by such remarka-ble license came the Sunday before that next time they came they would Michaelmas day and was called 'crack nut Sunday.' Nobody, no matter how plous he might be, hesitated to avail wooden barrel, and when they left they stuffed with nuts, which they compla- variably in the same room and always cently cracked and munched during began their dinner with their own caviare. One day they finished the bartrunk, the shirt and shoes untouched and, in short, 'nothing doing.' Next so impressed me with its oddity. It can be easily imagined that when for "Put it in the little cupboard in the New York Press" ty or fifty people get to cracking nuts room we always dine in," he said to with all their might the noise is apt to the waiter, "and do not let anybody be something terrific, and many times touch it until we come to dine." - The the minister was hard put to it to waiter took it, but on his way upstairs

from being regarded with high favor "Look at this barrel," he said to the for many years, finally came to be restaurant keeper. "There is some-"That is no business of ours," said remote localities, although the act of the master of the establishment, "and

> "Oh," said the waiter, "we can open It and close it again, and they will never know. It is certainly different from the last barrel. It is heavier, to begin

His insistence prevailed, and the barrel was opened. The restaurant keep-"Christmas was illegal in Cromwell's er and the waiter started back in time," said an antiquary. "Those grim fright. There was no cavaire, but gunold Puritans were so gloomy that they powder in that little barrel, which was would not have any gayety even on an infernal machine. The little dining "Cromwell said that holly and mistle-toe were heathenish things. He said the emperor's next visit to the Comedie that they had no real Christian signifi- Francaise would have been his last had cance; they were a part of some pagan the carefully laid plot not been discovered festival of the Druids. Accordingly he ered. The plotters never were caught, made a law that if you decorated your although the secret of the plot was house with mistletoe at Christmas you carefully guarded and traps were laid for them in Chevet's restaurant for "The terrible old fellow forbade several days.—St. James' Gazette.

Turkish Political Prisoners When a Turkish political prisoner is sentenced to be deported to Tripoli or mas was a religious, a serious time, a to the Euphrates, his friends bid him time for churchgoing and prayer and farewell. They know that they will reverence and for nothing else. The never see him again alive and in all innocent family that in Cromwell's day probability never hear of him again sat down to turkey and plum pudding unless enormous sums are forthcoming and wound up with Christmas games to bribe scores of different officials. In fact, the only difference between a for a time, though. The people death sentence in Turkey and one of rebelied. Willing as the people had transportation is that the former is been to put on the gloom of those more rapid and more merciful. The dreadful old Puritans, they insisted on government prefers the latter because having a little joy on Christmas day, it is less public. Now and then, how and Cromwell after a year or two had to give in to them."—New Orleans Midhab Pasha, for instance, it is known that near Bagdad his brutal guards beat out his brains with the butt end of their rifles .- London Auswers.

# Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

so much time was finished, but that the finding of a suitable title had occasioned him much trouble. Eventually, teenth century"—thus has Coleridge to the finding of a suitable title had occasioned him much trouble. Eventually, the finding of a suitable title had occasioned him much trouble. Eventually, the finding of a suitable title had occasioned him much trouble. Eventually, the finding of a suitable title had occasioned him much trouble. Eventually, the finding of a suitable title had occasioned him much trouble. Eventually, the finding of a suitable title had occasioned him much trouble. Eventually, the finding of a suitable title had occasioned him much trouble. Eventually, the finding of a suitable title had occasioned him much trouble. Eventually, the finding of a suitable title had occasion for the finding of a suitable title had occasion for the finding of a suitable title had occasion for the finding of a suitable title had occasion for the finding of a suitable title had occasion for the finding of a suitable title had occasion for the finding of a suitable title had occasion for the finding of a suitable title had occasion for the finding of a suitable title had occasion for the finding of a suitable title had occasion for the finding of a suitable title had occasion for the finding of a suitable title had occasion for the finding of a suitable title had occasion for the finding of a suitable title had occasion for the finding occasi he left London for Broadstairs, a reserve ter description of the great philosopert which was a favorite with both pher and litterateur can be found. He Dickens and Collins. While lying on was a youth of impulses and tried in the cliff in a meditative mood one turn to become a cobbler, a surgeon bright morning his eyes suddenly rivand a goldier before he settled down eted themselves on the white light- and gave proof of his vast literary athouse which stood boldly out in the tainments. Some of his poems have foreground under the dazzling rays of been accepted as the noblest pieces of the midday sun. As he gazed Collins imaginative writing produced by a in a semiconscious manner addressed modern poet, while as a literary critic himself in a whisper to the light he had few equals in his generation. house. "You are as stiff and as state He was a born journalist and lecturer

The child who is taught to love animals and to have a dog as a companion is introduced to a friend of the truest and best kind-the kind of friendship that lasts. Have you never had a dog? Then you don't know what pleasure can be had in his companionship in rambles, in his quiet presence in your room, his unobtrusiveness when human mood when man or woman would jar upon you. By all means cultivate in children a love of animals, especially York Herald.

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and Arrow. In 1900, when the frontage of the Theatre Français was rebuilt after the believe it. Some of the longest bows of this sort have been drawn about weigh some 800 pounds on the sun's bows and arrows.

in the "Ahneid" tells of four archers cause that would depend upon the who were shooting for a prize, the place where it was weighed. But he the mast of a ship. The first man hit the mast, the second cut the cord, and no matter where it might be weighed. away. The fourth archer, having nothing left to shoot, drew his bow and of a heavenly body should be fixed by

same story is told, and William of the planet.-Current Literature. Cloudesley, an Englishman, is said to have shot an apple from his son's head nerely to show his expertness

his bow right through a cannon ball.

#### Where Snow Falls.

If you are not a lover of snow, go to you are certain of complete immunity.

If you are fond of it, the suburbs of St. Petersburg will furnish all you need to Tit-Bits. ask, for there you may be sure of it for 170 days in the year. The happy nedium is supplied by Copenhagen, with thirty days, while Palermo, Rome and Venice, with one, two and five days respectively, may be recommended to those who merely care for snow as a casual and fleeting guest.-London Chroni-le.

His Suggestion.

As Clean as a Whistle. Any one who has witnessed the man-

ufacture of a rustic whistle can be at no loss for the origin of the saying, "As clean as a whistle." A piece of young ash about four inches long and he thickness of a finger is hammered all over with the handle of a knife until the bark is disengaged from the cled around him, his weapon being a A notch and a cut or two having been failed to touch her at the third atmade in the stick, the cuticle is re- tempt he was vanquished, which placed, and the instrument is complet- meant to him death with dishonor. ed. When stripped of its covering the London Answers

# Joseph Bonaparte.

in winter, and a mansion in New Jerand found himself an unwelcome guest in every country save England. He finally secured permission to live in Italy and died in Florence in 1844.

painted model of Galaccio Sforza be fore he stabled him. Foreign was called "la scienza cava leaves."—Corn hill Magnzine.

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WEIGHT OF PLANETS.

If a ham weighing thirty pounds The expression "drawing a long bow" were taken up to the moon and weighdoes not of necessity mean the telling ed there, the "pull"—the attractive of a falsehood. It sometimes refers to force of the moon upon the ham a wonderful story, which may be true would amount to only five pounds. enough, but which is so marvelous as There would be another weight of the to require a firm trust in the veracity ham for the planet Mars and yet anof the narrator to enable the hearer to other on the sun. A ham weighing surface; hence the astronomer does not These stories began long ago. Virgil speak of the weight of a planet, bemark being a pigeon tied by a cord to speaks of the mass of the planet, the third shot the pigeon as it flew At the same time we might, without

sent his arrow flying toward the sky the weight it would have in New eed that the friction of the York. As we could not imagine a air set the feathers on fire, and it planet in New York, because it may swept on, like a meteor, to disappear be larger than the earth itself, what we are to imagine is this: Suppose the The stories told of Robin Hood's planet could be divided into a million archery, illustrated by his wonderful million million equal parts and one of as Locksley in Scott's these parts brought to New York and are also a decided strain weighed. We could easily find its upon a sensible person's credulity. The weight in pounds or tons. Then mulamous story of William Tell, doubted tiply this by a million million, ons, is believed by others and we shall have a weight of the plan to have a foundation of fact. There et. This would be equivalent to what was a Dane named Foke of whom the astronomers might take as the mass of

#### A Use For His Hat.

A funny incident of a drawing room Most stories of bows and arrows re- meeting was recently noticed. A grave late to the accurate aim of the archers, looking gentleman, with an unusually but a Franchinan. Blaise de Vigenere, tall nat, entered and, seeing no rack in tells one that shows the tremendous the hall, placed his hat on the floor just force with which an arrow may be behind the door. Pretty soon another propelled if the bow be strong and long grave man entered, with a large, dripenough. According to his own account of the matter, he saw Barbaros- for the usual receptacle, saw in the sa, a Turk, admiral of a ship called the gloom the hat resting on the floor. His Grand Solyman, send an arrow from his bow right through a cannon ball. eyesight was probably poor, for he mistook it for one of the new umbrella holders, and in it he deposited his drip ping umbrella. This was an example for those who followed, and in a short Malta, which is the nearest spot where stanchly holding a dozen umbrellas. time the solemn looking hat was At the end of the meeting the water in the hat was an inch in depth - London

#### WAGER OF BATTLE.

The First Duels Are Said to Have Been Fought In Italy.

The first duels were fought in Italy, ecording to Millingen, who speaks of manuscript discovered at Cassel and escribes a duel between a father and a son in the reign of the Emperor The edoric. When Charlemagne forbade wager of battle among the Lombards "That young woman is not intelli- he encountered the flercest opposition gent, amiable or even decently courte- from the nobles. Early in the ninth century De Medicis, a knight, defeated "Oh, but her father is worth a million in single combat the bandit Mugel who devastated the Florentine district "Then I think she should be required now called after him, Mugello. Otho to display a notice to that effect,"- II. granted the prayer of the nobility for the re-establishment of wager of battle in 988. Women and priests ere not compelled to accept it. The

ormans showed less gallantry. With n a woman had to accept, nor could name a champion. Her male opment, however, was buried to his waist in the earth. Armed with a club, he tried to strike her as she cirwood and capable of being drawn off. ball of iron at the end of a cord. If he

Beccarin says that the reason so white wood, with its colorless sap, pre- many duels were fought in Italy in sents the very acme of cleanness .- the early days is that where the law does not afford protection one must look to single combat to retain the respect of one's fellow men. In the mid-Joseph Bonaparte fled to America dle ages the ferocity of Italian duels after the aundred days and bought a passes belief. "Any way of putting an home in Philadelphia, where he lived enemy to death ('ogni modo') is good enough," says one of their writers could not make up his mind to stay maims his arms and legs and gives here, so returned to Europe, hoping to him as a memeato of his kindness and profit by the changes of government in generosity a hideous gash across the France. He was always disappointed face." Lampagnan practiced on

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