THE OVTER DARKNESS.

#### By SIDNEY H. COLE.

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corner that he might have an unob-structed view of Drusilla's face. She was seated near the piano lamp, ostensibly examining the score of a recent musical farce he had brought her. Her chin rested in one little upturned palm, and her eyes were fixe thensively on

the music in her lap. Ackroyd watch-ed her silently for some moments. He was loath to disturb that pose. "I saw Ted Briggs today," he said at length, and he said it with the evident expectation of a flutter of excitement Drusilla's part. In this, however, was disappointed. She turned a he was disappointed. She turned a page of the score without raising her silla. eyes from any fears of "the outer dark-ness."

"Did you?" she said calmly, "I did," he affirmed. "Had a sort of an all gone air about him."

Drusilla was silent. "Looked as if he needed some one to

Ackroyd pursued. Another page of the score was turn-

ed, but Drusilla said nothing. "Haven't seen him round here late-ly," said Ackroyd, and his tone sug-

gested much. "It's something over a week since he called last," said Drusilla innocently



"NOW," SAID HE, RISIN GRAVELY. RISING AND BOWING

gists suggest for humanity is very far away, the facts recited to show the Ackroyd smiled grimly, but Drusilla's drying up process are convincing proofs of the need of preserving our forests with more care.-St. Paul Pioneer eyes being on the score its meaning was last on h "Same old story, I presume," said he. Press.

"What's the same old story?" she tid, with some emphasis. "Got his conge, eh?" said.

"What are you talking about?"

"Ted Briggs."

"Well, what about him?" "He seems to have been cast into the outer darkness with his innumerable predecessors," Ackrovd observed.

Drusilla shruged her shoulders. "I don't see why I should fret my-self over that," she said.

"For casting him there, of course," said Ackroyd severely. "Admitting I did," said Drusilla with

challenge in her voice.

"Ted Briggs is a particular friend of mine." Ackroyd began. "Must I marry all your particular friends?" said Drusilla with sardonic

deference deference. Ackroyd's eyes flashed angrily. "You knew all the time he was tak-ing things seriously," he remonstrated. "You might have a little mercy on

such chaps." "Oh, don't let's squabble every night you come here, said Drusilla wearily. "Here's the 'Palm' song. Shall I sing it to you, Max?" She seated herself at the piano and

sang with all her inimitable little drolleries. When she had finished she swung about to face Ackroyd. "Did that soothe your savage breast, Maxie?" she asked sweetly.

Ackroyd scowled. "When will you ever be serious?" he said.

"I was never so serious in my life," he asserted. "Indeed I am complete-

she asserted. ly weighed down with responsibility and remorse. You don't imagine he'll take prussic acid, do you, Max?" she ended in tragic tones.

Ackroyd looked at her with cold dis-

"I've been very much a coward," said Ackroyd. "I was afraid you'd laugh. That is why I've been slient so He leaned forward in his chair. His

manner was pleadingly earnest. Dru-silla moved uneasily.

cheeks. Her eyes were pensive.

long

happily

"Why don't you offer yourself, then, and have it over?" she asked. Ackroyd squared his shoulders. "I Ackroyd squared nis shoulders. "I do offer myself, Druslla," said he. "My silence has been such a long one the laugh should be doubly merry," he added bitterly. Drusilla turned to the plano. She

And Ackroyd was thereupon relieved

THE WORLD DRYING UP.

by thirst is the doom forecast for the race by grim scientists. Geologists find that the fresh water supply of the

tirely disappeared. For example, Lake

The river Tarim, once a principal Asl-

marsh. The same sad conditions are noted in European Russia. Novgorod, the most pushing city in the czar's dis-tracted realm, was surrounded by wa-ter in the middle ages. While we may be sure that the fate which the geolo-

Ten Gentlemen Agriculturists and the ran her fingers over the keys in soft little minor harmonies. Ackroyd wait-ed impatiently; then he strode to the

Promoters Have In View. The University of Chicago and ten piano and bent over her. Something glistened on her lashes, and there was gentlemen farmers of the community have joined in an agricultural uplift. "Good heavens!" cried Ackroyd in sudden comprehension. He laughed Between the two interests strong young browned hands are to be paid to study "It-lt-isn't funny. I-I-d-don't feel a bit like l-laughing," confessed Dru-

scientific farming.

from overmuch looking in the pots and kettles of a university laboratory in the Possibility That the Hurgan Race Will Die of Thirst. We are to die of thirst. Comparaquest of a degree will not be so much We are to die of thirst. Compara-tively few persons know the suffering involved in a thirst for which there is no help at hand. The consuming thirst more than the pain of any wound makes the battlefield a hell. Yet death of a recommendation in the application entrance as an honest if rough ap for

The young men seeking agricultural knowledge will be stationed at the farms of the ten patrons of the guild under the guide the stationed at the under the guidance of an experienced manager who knows fields and their products, animals and their ways, from the practical as well as the scientific standpoint.

great levels the water beds are drying up. A great number of lakes well known in the historical age have engood farm hand in these prosperous Chiroua, in Africa, has vanished with-Chiroua, in Africa, has vanished with-in recent years, as has also Lake Ngamj, discovered by Livingstone. Lake Tchad is more than half dried are graduated. If the student keeps up his course for three years, he will

nave a bonus of \$200. This will carry him over the period of work seeking. The founders of the guild believe that he will not have to look long or far. They think he will be worth at least \$2,000 a year as a farm manager within the Chicago sub-urban radius.

The farm owners in the guild are Armur Meeter, general manager of Armour & Co.; R. R. Hanmond of the Dering Coal company; Samuel Insull, president of the Chicago Edison company; Professor F. I. Lillie of the University of Chicago; H. S. Keeley, traffic manager of the Milwaukee rallway; H. S. Hart, president of the National Dump Car company; H. I. Miller, pres-ident of the Chicago and Eastern Illi-nols railroad; J. K. Dering, president

# A Test Case.

"I'm a 'beauty doctor,'" announced the stranger with the hand satchel full of cosmetics and massage machines. "Do you think I could get any practice around here?"

"Yeou make ugly things pretty, don't yeou?" drawled the old farmer in the speckled shirt.

"That's my business, sir." "Waal, if yeou'll go down back of my barn yeou'll find an old slate covered cow with one eye and one horn and

wrinkles like canals all over her face She's the ugliest cow in seven state and if yeou can make her pretty I' agree that yeou be a 'beauty doctor' an' give yeou a dollar."-Chicago News.

### Apparent.

"Pardon me," began the new ac-quaintance, "but are you the Mr. Cad-ley Nuritch who wrote that magazine article last month for us?" "Yes," interrupted Nuritch, "but of

course you'll understand that I don't make a business of that sort of thing," "Of course. I know that, I read the article."—Philadelphia Press.

# A BIT TOO SHREWD.

Dne Venture In Which the Captain Overreached Himsel

One of Uncle Sam's customs officials, noted for his success in unmasking smugglers, said the other day in a dis cussion of a customs officer's duties: "One must be shrewd, but not too shrewd; otherwise one overreaches oneself, like Captain Harrow of Isles-

" 'They are fine birds,' he said. 'How

"'All right. You pick them out,' said

the hotel man. "Captain Harrow picked out a dozen

chickens of the canary bird size. "'Here you are, twelve prime broil-ers,'he said, with a leer.

"Go ahead,' said the hotel man calm-

"The next dozen was of necessity

"And the third dozen was larger still.

Then at last Captain Harrow saw

how he had overreached himself. The hotel man bought his whole lot of

The captain looked at his patron anx-

'Go on,' said the hotel man. 'Keep

dozen.

over.

for \$3.

larger.

iously.

ly: 'another dozen.'

on picking them out."

"'Keep right on.'

and fattest of the chickens.

borough "Captain Harrow of Islesborough

was trading at Key Wes

University of Chicago to Instruct on Scientific Lines.

STUDENTS WILL BE PAID.

University Have Co-operated to Teach Pupils—Specializing and Raising Standard of Products Are O jects

men with an honest intention and well

It is to be a guild rather than a college or school of agriculture, says the Chicago Post. The gentlemen farmers will furnish the students with work and means of sustenance; the univer-alty will give them inci lental technical

and scientific instruction. A pale student look and a nose peeled

pearance, along with an ability to read ordinary everyday English and write it with only a little less ease.

globe is failing. They have data which point to the gradual withdrawal of the streams and other bodies of water from the surface. Both in Africa and central Asia and, indeed, in all the For the work they do they will re ceive \$25 a month the first year, \$30 the second and \$35 during the final season. Out of this—the salary of a days—they give \$5 a month for their tuition and \$5 a month toward a fund which is returned to them when they

Lake Tenad is more than half dried up. For centuries bodies of water in central Asia have been evaporating and the deserts extending. Where 2,000 years ago great cities stood in east Turkestan there are found only vast and depressing stretches of sand. The river Tarim, once a principal Asihave a bonus of \$200. atic route, is almost gone, and Lob-Nor, formerly four times the area of Lake Geneva, is now but a shallow marsh. The same sad conditions are

in radius.

of the Dering Coal company, and Benjamin Johnson, agriculturist and stock raiser. The head of the school or guild for the university will be Professor William Hill.

Already twenty students in the agri-ultural schools of the Universities of Wisconsin and Illinois have asked for Wisconsin and linnois have asked for enrollment. The guild will be able to take 100 students, the work to be-gin about AprII of this year. Professor Hill says the intention of the guild is to raise the standard of farm products, form a marketing as-sociation to eater to the fancy trade and send intelligent well technol rouned

and send intelligent, well trained young men to the country. Owners of spe-cialized farms will find men capable

of taking charge of their places. The farms of the members of the guild all are in the vicinity of Chicago -most of them near Lake Forest, Lake Bluff and Bartine Bluff and Barrington. All are spe-cialized along various lines. Students will work on them in rotation so as to gain an all around knowledge or if studying along a certain line will be allowed to remain on the farm best

fitted to the purpose. The practical work of the students

The practical work of the students will be divided into two classes—field and laboratory work and campus work. Many of the courses will be given in the university halls, but most of the instruction will be given on the farms, Small dormitories will be built on several of the farms if the number of students is large enough. Regular ral of the farms if the number term will be charged the students.

Making the Dirt Fly at Panama.

[A quarter has been sent to Panama by the government to furnish music for the isthmian canal diggers.-News item 1 No longer repine in the blizzard bound

more POULTRY .... NOTES And the BY C.M. BARNITZ RIVERSIDE PA.  $\bigcirc$ ORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED all a 53

COUNT YOUR CHICKS BEFORE THEY'RE HATCHED.

To save cussin' the cluck or kicking that incubator to kindling wood just pass those eggs before a strong light in a dark closet or room. It's fun. It costs nothing, and you may save a whole hatch and the oil. Mr. Farmer, we mean you too. If it's only one setting, to test is best.

A lamp globe of tin, with a hole the size of a half dollar and covered with mica, will do. A bicycle lamp may do the trick. Use a dark lantern if the policeman is tending bar. The invisible germ is developed by 103 degrees in the ncubator. The germ skin (blastoderm) holds it on the top of the yolk. You may turn the egg, but you can't turn the yolk, as it is always kept in one world." In some back yard you'll find chickens that make yours look like O. position, with the germ uppermost, by Don't be surly to visitors. Looks as if you have a dirty bug house or are selling pure bred eggs from cull stock. the chalazae, which act as balancing weights. This is remarkable, for egg yolks beaten up with old rye, rich milk and sugar will turn some men inside out and upside down.

Don't "eggsaggerate" in your adver-isement. "Tell the truth and shame the devil." Test white eggs the fifth day, but let dark shelled eggs set seven days Don't forget that a fair and square deal is what puts any business man on the pinnacle of prosperity. before testing. Sunday tests bring crooked chickens.

Don't ride a hobby till you're sure it's not a hobbyhorse. Go slow on chicken If you are a beginner, test the tenth Don't get nervous, but don't let the Don't get discontented with you eggs get cold, and always have your

hen ready (if she's a saint) or your in-cubator warm to return the eggs. chickens every time you read that other fellow's printed statement of egg profits. Remember the man who is get-ting there is too busy to take time to sit down and write up his private egg affairs for other people to gossip over. Cover the eggs you are testing. If there are many, take only about 100 at time

Place side of egg toward aperture If fertile, egg shows red spider-like pid ture: clear, no germ; black spot, dead

germ; red streak, ruptured blood vessel; big air space and black floating

cloud, rotten, Boil clear eggs for the chickens. If not chickens. If not certain as to egg, mark (?) and return to incubator for observation. If T you crack an egg, heal with black ped must stand ten hours to settle. But court plaster. If it

FIFTH DAY. develops, wet and remove plaster the eighteenth day. If few eggs are tested out, don't crow too perience loud.

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always break ary.

se rejected and dy them. Do

study them. Do not throw castoff

bud, Some germs are weak and die of narasmus before the tenth day. By the tenth day the chicks begin to get frisky and downy feathers. Remove all eggs unlike the cut, and

eggs to your hens -not even dried eggshells. They will become egg TENTH DAY. eaters.

By the fifteenth day the bird is near ly developed. If there is offensive odor you have missed a spoiled egg. "Take it up gently, handle with care." for i



ious look. FIFTEENTH DAY. Always mark ten strongly fertile eggs for your Cold rotten thermo meter to rest on. eggs knock out hatches as well as poli-

ticians. The chick now peeps. The white has all entered into the growth of the bird, and the yolk is being ab-

CONTRACTOR OF STREET sorbed through the navel. The little fellow now uses

his lungs.

# and also had no pullets for breeding

nd customers. The one cock had game in him; but, like our evil traits, it couldn't be var nished over.

SCIENCE OF FOODS. TO TOUR AND BARTER

**Object of Novel Voyage Planned** 

by a Financier.

OCEAN STEAMER PURCHASED

Colonel Robert M. Thompson of New

Floating Abode of Luxury.

pressly for this purpose.

trip.

York and His Party Will Visit Indian, Chinese and Japanese Ports In a

The life of a merchant prince on his own ship, with the far east as his des-tination, is one that Colonel Robert M.

Thompson, a financier of New York

city, has chosen to follow, and he will

soon depart for the orient with a num-ber of chosen friends on an ocean steamer which he has purchased ex-

The vessel will carry a cargo of mer-chandise shipped to various destina-

tions in the regular course of com-merce, for which the usual freight rates

will be charged, and the proceeds of the carriage will be applied toward de-fraying the expenses of the outward

This original undertaking savors of

the times of 1812, when fortunes were made or lost on the high seas, but now

no dread of pirate crews can spoil the

pleasurable side of the enterprise or in-terfere with the commercial end of the plan. Colonel Thompson has con-

verted a tramp steamer into a floating

abode of luxury, and every fitting has been made as harmonious and comfort-able as wealth can make it, says the

New York Tribune. The trip will ex-

tend over several months, for haste is

bend over several months, for haste is not part of the programme. Besides Colonel and Mrs. Thompson and the Stephen Pells, the party will include other well known New York-ers and several Canadians. Among the latter will be Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Nesblitt who are residents of Coronto

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Mesolit, who are residents of Toronto. Mr. Neesbitt is a lawyer and for a time enjoyed the distinction of being the youngest chief justice in the Domin-ion, but he preferred a general prac-tice and is now an expert on mining rights and claims. In the far east mines are to be bought for a song, but deals must be skillfully headled to be

deals must be skillfully handled to be without flaw in title or grant where the originat is compared

the orient is concerned. Poking about all places of interests

along the coast to be touched will con-

sume a certain amount of time, and no opportunity for sightseeing will go opportunity for sightseeing will go astray. At each place it is proposed to

barter for curios or more popular goods,

so that the return trip also will show a profit balance. The weeks to be spent in Indian, Chinese and Japanese ports are looked forward to with delight by

all of the party, for, while the trading and business side will take the fore-most place in the minds of the men, the temples, the native costumes and

customs and the rare jumble of the ar-tistic and outlandish will appeal to the women, who will doubtless be of great assistance in the selection of

wares to return as part of the cargo. Each passenger has all the space he desires to spread his belongings in, and

all know one another so well that the

length of the trip is an extra induce-ment instead of holding the chance that some one of them may end it

abruptly and return overland because

of disagreement. The voyage as plan-ned leads through the Mediterranean and Suez canal to India and other parts

of Asia. Eventually a landing will be made in San Francisco after a look in

at Alaska. When the United States is reached

and the ship and cargo are sold Colo-nel Thompson, it is said, expects that the enterprise will have paid for itself, the provisioning even included, and on the sale of the steamer a profit is thought menable.

An especially good chef has been en-gaged, who will, it is hoped, prepare, such food that even the "third day de-

spairers" will be tempted and recover their appetites. The deck has ample space for the usual ship games, and,

as more than half of those going are bridge players of skill and much prac-tice, gray days will not be much no-ticed. Their friends hope that the

Pullman Cars to Be "Dry."

It is reported that an order is being sent out from the offices of the Pull-man headquarters in Chicago to dis-

continue the sale of liquor on cars of

that company in every part of the Unit-ed States, the order to go into effect as soon as the liquors now on hand can be disposed of without loss. It is ex-

pleasures planned will all e

thought probable.

Eugene Christian's Plan For

Prolonging Human Life.

BASED ON SIMPLE PRINCIPLES

Value of Balanced Diet Explained by

the Founder of "Food Science"-How

to Derive the Most Nourishmen From What We Eat.

By FREDERICK R. TOOMBS.

Food science is a subject that is

just now attracting a great deal of at-

tention in many sections of the United

States. Its founder, Eugene Christian of New York city, the well known lec-turer on diet and health culture and author of "Perfect Health" and "Un-

cooked Foods," has at the same time been widely talked of as a man who is

doing work of tremendous value to

ward clearing up many of the perplex

ing dietary problems that confront the

and will undoubtedly lead to a com-plete revolution in the manner of liv-

ing of countless numbers of people. According to eminent authorities, it

should have appreciable effect in pro

longing human life and in a large measure emancipating people from the use of drugs in the attempted correc-

tion of ills resulting from digestive

The principles on which food science

based are so simple that when they

are understood it naturally occurs to a

person to wonder why it is that at this late period they are first reduced

to an actual science and publicly pro-

When asked recently how he accom-plished his results Mr. Christian said

Naturally my work relates exclusively to the stomach and other organs that as-sist in the process of digestion and assim-liation. The disorders of these organs are caused by errors in eating or drink-

I study each individual case minutely, taking into consideration the age of the person, temperature, environment, occupation, etc., and then ascertain the specific chemical elements his body requires. As the body is composed of fifteen specific chemical elements, all of which are well known to the food chemist, we should take each day such combinations and selections of food as will reproduce these chemical elements in their right proportions. For instance, a man doing ordinary work would need two ounces of protoid matter each twenty-four hours. If he should take four ounces habitually he would only take one ounce he would suffer some or later. The body contains the fifteen different elements arranged all the way from one-half of 1 per cent up to 80 per cent of the whole.

elements arranged all the way from one-half of 1 per cent up to 80 per cent of the whole. The best fed man is the one that can come nearer giving the body all of these chemical endering in the right pro-portions. The man who gets too fat has fed himself upon an unbalanced dist-too much carbohydrates and albuminoids. The man who is too thin is lacking in these elements and is taking too much protoids, nitrogen, etc. In other words both men feed upon an unbalanced dist. Mr. Christian has snent almost a life.

Mr. Christian has spent almost a life

time studying the effect on the human system of practically all foods. At his laboratory in 7 East Forty-first street, New York city, he has the serv-

under Dr. Wiley in the United States

government's experimental chemistry

department in Washington, and some

of the discoveries resulting from in-vestigations directed by Mr. Christian

have done much to illuminate the

mooted question of how to derive the

most nourishment from what we eat. One of the fundamental principles of

food science is that "chemical har-

mony" should result from the foods

we eat. Chemical harmony in this sense means that the foods, when taken

into the system, digest and assimilate harmoniously. There is no conflict be-tween acids and the natural fluids of the digestive organs. No gases or oth-

So striking have been some of the beneficial results to persons following the tenets of food science that they

have dispensed with the services of

the family physician to a considerable extent. As a result the physicians in

various parts of the United States arose

against Mr. Christian and called him a "fakir." The New York County Med-ical society went further and had him

indicted on the charge that he was

matched on the charge that he was practicing medicine without a license. Mr. Christian was arrested, tried, and the lower court found him guilty. He

appealed to the appellate division of the New York supreme court, and re-cently the court handed down a unani-

er unnatural poisons result

ices of a chemist formerly empl-

study each individual case minutely

Food science paves the way for

public

troubles.

mulgated.

to the writer:

#### DON'TS.

Don't be such a goose as to put louse powder on geese and ducks. They are vermin as well as water

Don't dust your chickens till 4 o'clock It will not stop the laying, and they will carry the louse powder to bed and stop the mites.

Don't get crazy on the broiler busi ness. If you are anxious to burn your fingers to see how it feels, we have no objections.

Don't think you are the only one that has bad luck. If you will just grit your teeth, exercise your think ma-chine and shove ahead you'll not have

to hire a newspaper to puff you. Don't get too smart and run your in cubator on original lines. Of course you never set a hen on her back-not that big a fool yet. Then don't revers your incubator rules.

Don't get scared if those eggs don't hatch right on the exact second. If weather is mild and the hen is faithful, the peeps may be all out the nineteenth day. day. If the hen is nervous and the weather is rough, hatch is sometimes delayed to the end of the twenty second.

Don't tell your chicken troubles or the street corner, Mr. I Told U So may be present. When you're glum keep Don't say "I have the best in the

AGAINST FERTILITY.

The main reasons for infertile eggs follow: Overworked, overbred, overfed,

underfed, nearly dead, immature stock;

egg tonics, red pepper, cattle powder,

too many hens to a pen, too many roosters to a nen. Eggs don't hatch

when they're oversized, undersized, ir-

regularly shaped, chilled, overheated. oiled, soiled, shocked, old, too young Eggs just laid must lose their natural

heat before being set. Eggs just ship

follow the incubator directions, and don't monkey with the cluck. If you don't get chickens you will get the ex-

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

The gasoline engine is becoming a

feature in the poultry work. We grind our own shell, bone, cracked corn, wheat, charcoal, pump water, etc., with

a two and a half horsepower station

Since we grind our own feed the

mortality has been very small, and the time and strength given to hand ma-

chinery are put on something else Take \$150 and do likewise.

The buildog is the proper policeman for a poultry plant. Our dog sleeps right in with the chickens and runs

through the 170 foot scratching shed at

night. He is gentle in the home, but at night recognizes no friends except the members of the family. He's a

A properly fed cat will not touch little chicks. It is a mistake to exclude

them. If a cat has a reasonable amount of meat, he will not make trouble. We hatch thousands of young chickens, and our big tiger cat goes

through the brooders and even lies

down and lets the peeps crawl under his legs and run over him, but never

even steps on them. He and the bull-

dog chase all other tomcats from the

place, and even the sparrows don't bother us.

It is time for you to make out that

order for fruit trees. We have plant-ed over 100 young trees and expect in a few years to have them pay our feed

bills. The Bartlett pear, the Burbank plum, the Baldwin and Smokehouse ap-ples are the money makers.

When you ship eggs for hatching, do not pack them in buckwheat hulls.

bully burglar alarm.

approval.

Between old friends"- he began. But Drusilla at once cut him short.

"Now, Max, I'm awfully sorry, but if you begin to scatter any of that fa-therly advice about here you'll have to go home, and I counted on a delightful evening with you here," she said ten. tatively

vertheless," said Ackroyi, "I shall say what I set out to, be the penalty what it may.

Drusila rested her elbows on the keys and looked at him archly. "I was about to remark," Ackroyd

much? went on, "that in the social sea you are a sort of uncharted reef on which the affections of many serious minded much? "'If you pick them out yourself,' said Captain Harrow shrewdly, 'I'll have to charge you \$6 a dozen. If 1 pick them out, I can let you have them young men are shipwrecked." "What a metaphor!" she taunted.

"Their shipwrecks don't seem to be alarming calamities, however. They survive tham"

surviva tham" "And there are others who are in danger of sailing straight on to the reef, knowing all its dangers," said he.

"Dear me!" said Drusilla. "They should take a course in navigation." e fear of ridicule may keep them

away for a time, but in the end they're bound to tempt fate." he said.

Drusilla regarded him amusedly. "I think it would be interesting eet some of that class," said she. ing to "I can introduce you to one," said he. "When?" Drusilla inquired eagerly. "Now," said he, rising and bowing gravely. "You!" she gasped.

"Even I," he said, unsmiling There was a somewhat embarrassed pause. Ackroyd broke it.

"I shall never be happy until I offer myself to you. I don't expect to be happy afterward. I shall merely join the others in the outer darkness, and

chickens at \$3, and thus the captain lost on the speculation \$20 in cash, to say nothing of feed and labor."-Cinthe suspense will be over." Drusilla rested her chin on her palm cinnati Enquirer. again. A bit of added color flushed her

north. Take a shovel and pick on your shoulvessel. Business took him up the coast to Tampa bay, and he bought twenty dozen chickens from a farmer at \$4 a

forth, To battle with sand bank and bowlder. On the ditch, as you toil the glad hours "The chickens were all sizes\_some

few days old and no bigger than ca-nary birds; some fat and large, like Your labor's made light by inspiriting turkey goblers. The captain expect-ed to make a lot of money out of them. He was very shrewd at a trade. "Well, at Key West a hotel man came aboard and looked the chickens

Pray, who could not work when a tune-

Fray, who could not work when a tune-ful quartet, Perched on some embankment or other, Carols soft, "She's the Girl that You Hope You'll Forget" Or "Who Can Fry Liver Like Mother?" The puffing steam shovel puffs fainter and finer, And the dynamite chords with each bar-ber shop minor!

When under your pickax the rocks seem obtuse As you work in the adamant section. The singer, to aid you in jarring them

Will oblige with a Wagner selection. For "Siegfried," well rendered by mouth

For "Siggfried," well rendered by mouth or by band, is a thing in the noise line no rock can withstand!

Time was when rude bosses, bull voiced

and profane, Drove men at the rock builded barriers By raucously howing, again and again, "Git in there and drill there, ye tar-But they didn't succeed, and they didn't know why. You have got to have song or the dirt desart fly! -James J. Montague in New York Amer-ican.

"I observe," said Herlock Sholmes of

"The next dozen was fine and plump, and the next comprised the biggest er, visibly startled. "Nobody, but I notice that you blush "'Keep right on picking them out, captain.'

whenever any one asks you where you're living."-Philadelphia Press. Offe Way. Husband-I don't know how much

You know how much you can afford, don't you? Husband-Why, yes. Wife -Then give me as much more as you can spare.-Illustrated Bits.

but befor TWENTIETH DAY. was sup-

der And toward the canal zone haste happily plied with oxygen by the allantois. Birdie is old enough now to vote



on the heak does the TWENTY-FIRST DAY. He preads himself, gives a big kick, the trap door opens, and he is free

DER DUTCHMAN'S LAY

I lofes to cackle roun' der blace Apout mein yaller hen. She lays so many pig vite eggs Down py der shicken's pen.

She sings so many leetle songs Afore she goes ter lay. I dink I nefer hear der like, Dey vas so sveet und gay.

Und ven das leetle egg pops out You dink she split der headt A-singin' sveetly all der day Und ven she shumps ter bed.

I ofen hears mein Katrine sing Und often hears her scoldt. Gif me mein leetle yaller hen Vat lays der eggs of goldt. C. M. B.

ALTERNATING MALES.

The York, "that you have recently taken up your residence in Brooklyn." "Who told you that?" asked the oth-a day, while the other rules the harem. This is a splendid plan if the birds are brothers and well matched. A friend was stunned by what he hatched by

using two Single Comb Brown Leghorn cocks of different strains. On

batch was perfect in plumage, shape and comb, but had green legs, while another batch had black speckled

plumage, flop combs and yellow legs. Our friend was mad and sad. He had sold the eggs for pure stock

They are poor protection and to heavy. Let excelsior be your motto. poor protection and too When a man has a beautiful farm, splendid buildings and a flock of mongrel chickens, the picture's spoiled. That's not thoroughbred.

you may have your idea of this Yes, or that, and every other fellow has the same right. However, don't act the mule. You may be lugging round a fragment of an idea that was exploded a thousand years ago.

lo. M. Barritz

Aristocracy. What subsists today by violence continues tomorrow by acquiescence and is perpetuated by tradition till at last the hoary abuse shakes the gray hairs of antiquity at us and gives itself out as the wisdom of ages. Thus the clearest dictates of reason are made to yield to a long succession of follies And this is the foundation of the aristocratic system at the present day. Its stronghold, with all those not im mediately interested in it, is the rev-erence of antiquity.-Edward Everett.

#### Satan Terrified.

There is as great genius displayed in advertising as in the higher branches of literature. No problem daunts the modern advertising man. In the window of a little book store

in Eighth avenue, New York, was re-cently heaped a great pile of Bibles marked very low. Never before were Bibles offered at such a bargain, and above them all in big letters was the

More than 30,000 specimens of fossil insects have been collected from vari-ous portions of the world. Of these the rarest are the butterflies.

of the lower court. The supreme court justices said in part, "As upon the whole case we find that no crime was improperly convicted, the judg-ment appealed from should be re-versed."

In a recent editorial, commenting on the decision in Mr. Christian's favor, Dr. W. R. C. Latson, the editor of Health Culture spoke in part as follows:

"This decision of course quite exonerates Mr. Christian, who deserves not only the congratulations of all fair minded men, but credit for his plucky fight against the 'powers that be.' Each man has the right to select his own medical adviser as he has the right to select his own grocer or car-

penter. Only the patient should not be deceived as to the status of his adviser.'

## A Municipal Flag.

The city of Easton, Pa., has adopted a municipal flag, said to be a copy of the flag which waved over that town during the Revolutionary war. The flag has thirteen red and white stripes in the upper corner, and the remainder of the flag is blue, with a circle of eight white stars in the center.

Big Railroad's Care of Its Employees Since the organization of the relief department of the Pennsylvania rail-

road in February, 1886, \$17,434,059.41 has been paid out in benefits. Of this sum \$10,316,096.50 was paid on ac-

count of disablements and the remainder in death benefits. These figures are taken from the January report of the relief fund, which has just been compiled. In the month of January

payments amounting to \$166,735.16 were made \$64,216.73 for death bene-fits and \$102,518.43 for the relief of members disabled or incapacitated for work in the company's service.

mous decision reversing the decision westward, and the order may to work operative in New England and the mid-dle states about March 1. It is underthe whole case we find that no crime was committed and that the defendant was improperly convicted, the judg-ment annealed from should be re-transitional the several states have had upon its business. Not only have the changed conditions of the last twelve months cut deeply into

the profits formerly derived from this source, but on long runs liquor can be sold for only portions of the distance, and the company is constantly in dan-ger of prosecution for lawbreaking through carelessness of employees.





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