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Ever since men-of-war were first driven by steam the world's navies have been exby steam the world a having have seen of perimenting with coal. The results of their experiments up to the present time, as most of the chief engineers confoss, may be represented by naught. The steaming radius of a ton of coal, the weight of a ton of coal's smoke, the weight of a ton of coal's refuse, the proportionate amount clinker in each and all of the world's brands of steaming coal, the number of pounds of steam made in a given time by each and all of the world's brands of stemning coal-these and about 40 others of similar character are the miner problems that come in for solution after the chief problem of getting aboard enough coal to drive the ship a specified distance is solved.

It has an utterly inexplicable fashion of working its way into the furnaces, of sneaking out of bunkers and of smeshing snearing out of blankers and of smashing the calculation slates of skippers and on-gineers to smithercens. Many an inno-cent coal passer on board a man-of-war-gets himself dragged up to the mast to explain to his skipper and chief engineer the absence of a certain amount of coal that sught still to remain in the bunkers the coal heaver has been working in, but that isn't there all the same.

Coal passers have been worried into say-ing "I didn't eat the coal," under these cross examinations. When coal consump tion calculations are spoiled in this way, the recrimination that follows all along the line is natural. The skipper says the chief engineer hasn't a properly developed bump of economy. The chief says the men have sneaked the coal into the furnaces. The men say the coal is no good and burns like dry hemp. And the coal goes

Chief engineers know, of course, just how much coal the bunkers of their ships will hold, to a pound—in cubic measure-ment—but figures lie with reference to coal. When a chief midway on a cruise wants to know how much coal he has used and how much he still has on hand, he never simply subtracts the amount used, according to the log, from the amount taken aboard at the outset of the cruise. He knows that if he does this he'll proba bly get his ship in the trough of the sea 400 or 500 miles from land without a pound of coal left to move her into port. He first sends his yeoman, a chief petty officer, into the bunkers to do some figuring. He discounts the yeoman's report through his knowledge that all yeomen are optimists and therefore likely to tack on a good many more tons than the bun-

After the yeoman has washed up and made his pen and pencil sketch of the bunkers, with the figured amount of coal remaining in each of them, the chief sends one of his cadet engineers through the bunkers for a report on the amount of coal remaining on hand. The cadet engineer does some fancy figuring, making his cal-culations as abstruse as possible for the greater effect of them, and then the chief has one of the assistant engineers under take the murky, smutty trip through the bunkers. The assistant engineer's figures ly get within 100 tons or so of the figures presented by the yeoman and the cadet engineer. Finally the chief assumes the blue jumpers and blouse him-self and makes the bunker cruise. He always emerges from the bunkers with a ways emerges from the bunkers with a gloomy eye and with his confidence in the three officers he has sent through the bunkers quite shattered, and he generally makes for the captain's cabin and announces that if the speed of the ship is not immediately reduced he won't be held re-sponsible for the ship's running out of coal

in midescan.
The parturbation of the chief engineer under these circumstances usually works on the feelings of one of the old machinists at the throttle. These old machinists are practical, experienced men, who don't know much about figures and have no sort of reverence for cubic measurement. One of them goes through the bunkers, sizes up the amount of coal remaining in each of them by the simple eye method, which is the evolution of experience, and makes a report on the amount of coal on hand that in nine cases out of ten is proved at the end of the cruise correct almost to the ton. Thus the trouble over the coal in

It the chief engineer's trouble over the question of coal consumed and on hand were the end of the problem, it would not be so bad, but the number of reports he is compelled to make to the bureau of steam engineering on each cargo of coal is ap-He has got to tabulate for the bureau of steam engineering the exact amount of coal, to a half bushel, used for driving ship, for working the ventilating engines, for working the flushing pumps, for working the dynamos, for furnishing heat, for running the lee machines, for operating the condensers, for doing all of the things aboard a modern man of war that steam is employed for. He must see to it that every pound of refuse from the coal used on a cruise is measured and weighed and report on it. He must have the clinker assorted from the refuse, have it weighed and report on it. He must note the color of the coal's smoke and report on it in varying degrees of density. He must, in general, note the conduct and morals of all the coal con sumed on his ship and report on it. wonder that chief engineers on shore duty always look away when they pass a coal-yard.—New York Sun.

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above all worldly returns."
"I never heard him say so, but the looks of his clothes would indicate that such was the case.

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mines whileh for many years have paid large dividends to the company working them. When the wind is in a certain di-rection, the smale and small from the works are occasionally carried as far as

One day when they were exceptionally perceptible a visitor ventured to express to his lerdship his surprise at his permitting such a nuisance to exist in the localwas, "Ah, my friend, bowever uppleasant It may be to you, to me it is the smell of 25 per cont."—Liverpool Mercury.



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"What was that"
"When Richard came upon the stage.
just before the fight with Richard of bushlebses reared in a nest—queens, drones and workwas to yell: 'A bike, a bike! My kingdom for a bike!' Instead of calling for a

They apparently spend the first few weeks of spring waiting for red clover to bloom, And when he made that proposition I | the first blossom of which is the signal for suppose the actor singged him, did ho?"
Slugged him? No. He insisted on reciting the whole play to him to see how thrust their long tongues into the honeyit would go. It required four strong men to carry poor old Tingleman out, and the deal is off."—Cleveland Leader.

Suckles and grow fat at the exhaustless honey jars of the water-leaf, and then the play day ends and labor begins.

E. C. Blanks, of Lewisville, Texas, writes that one box of DeWirt's Wirch Hazol Salve was worth \$50.00 to him. It cured his pies of ten years standing. He advises others to try it. It also cures account all discusses and obstinate sores. C. H. Hagonbook. A Profitable Smell.

On an outlying portion of Lord Rosebery's estate at Dalmeny there are shale mines which for many years have not been accounted by the surface of the ground set of the grou these they have runways leading in different directions. The bee goes down into the dead grass, acrambling on as best she may, until she finds one of these runways, following it up to the nest. If it is occupied, she goes elsewhere; if not, the mouse nest straightway becomes a bee's nest and the little creature begins her preparations

for housekeeping.
She now collects a mass of pollen in which to deposit an age. As the egg hatches and the baby bee grows she keeps this mass moistened with honoy, and he helps himself, eating out a cavity larger than a white bean. In this he spins a com-When this is done, he takes long nap, in which he changes from a ub into a bumblebee, with wings and es. Meantime the parent removes the logs. Meantime the parent removes the thin coating of pellen from the upper half of the ecocon and apparently spreads a yellow secretion or variable upon it, as if to keep out moisture. She is also now busy collecting more pellen and laying eggs in it and constructing a rude cell or two in which to place honey, as if for a rainy day. The first bees that hatch are worker bees, and in this time are downy, and and labelities in agreement and bepale and habylike in appearance and behavior. In later summer queens and drones are raised.

She Thought He Was Crying.

"Over in Illinois when I was a boy," said a congression from the state to a reporter, "there was a lawyer ramed Hathaway, who lived in my native town, and who had semething the matter with the eyes. I think the doctors said his lachry and glands were weak.

"Anyway, he was always wiping his liver eyes. Somethnes it was amusing in court to see him bring out his big red bandama and a and wipe his eyes when he was talking to the court upon some dry legal proposition. You know you rather expect a lawyer to do it before a jury in criminal gractice. "Well, they used to tell this story on Hathaway: One day a woman came into his office to consult with him regarding the beginning of a suit for divorce from her husband. She related how she had been abused and told a story of suffering Just at this point Hathaway reached for his handkereihef and wiped his eyes,

nature, sought to stay his arm and said: ' Don't cry, Mr. Hathaway; don't cry "Hathaway was sensitive regarding his infirmity, but he always laughed heartily when the story was told in his presence,"

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> verheard the conversation. "Well, John. How's things?"
> "Poor; very poor I haven't had a thing to do fer three weeks."

"Is that so?"
"Sure. If this streak of had luck keeps
up, I'll have to go out of business." Instead of commiserating the other two en grinned, and one said in an unfeeling

"I don't care if you never have work." John shook his head sadly and passed on. The listener was shocked. He had never heard anything so bluntly cruel. In a few moments he expressed his feelings somewhat warmly.
"He seems like an honest fellow and de-

erves encouragement," he concluded. Both men laughed outright. "Well," said one at length, "if you want o give him a job you're welcome. He is an undertaker."—Chicago Times-Herald

Interested People.

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The editor of the Linna City, Pa., Globs writes, "One Missis Couch Cure is rightly named. It cured my children after all other remedies failed." It mes combs subtle and all throat and long troubles. C. H. Hagen A Triffe Nearsighted.

At Del's on Saturday night a select co-teris of middle aged men were laughing over an incident that occurred the week before at the home of a mutual friend: ing exhausted itself in him, called one afternoon on the daughter of the house.

with whom he was much smitten.
"Is Miss Clara in?" he asker the butler.
"Miss Clara is not at home." was the re-

and with to slam your door in my face and spole of your doughter as Miss Clara.

"Young man," growted the Crosses, "I ain't get no blitter, and if was the who slammed the floor in your face, and the next time you come feeling around Clara. I'll kick you down the stoop. I don't lik your sort. You ain't ball a man."-Ne

A Sage Suggestion.

Early Ryser—Why don't you leave the matchesic in one place two consecutive times! Every norming I waste five minutes groping for it.

Mrs. Rysar (slespily from under the bed-elothes)—How do you expect to find any-thing in the dark. Why don't you strike a light:—Philadelphia Cull.

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