## A Big Lobater Pound

There is a lobster farm, or pound, as it is called, 12 acres in extent at Southport, Me. This pound is the most successful on the coast, whence 1,000,000 lobsters are shipped each year. The pound is formed by building a solid dam across a tidewater cove. This dam does not quite rise to high water mark, but neross the top is placed a fence of iron rods, permitting a laily change of water and pre-venting the lobsters from escaping. In In the spring and fall business is most brisk.

When the fishermen bring the lobsters to the pound, the "fish," as they are called, are hoisted to the dam, measured, and those which are more than 104 inches long, the legal limit, are thrown in. If a lobster is clever, his life in the pound may be long and full of joy. If he is stupid, he will be fished, out with a drag seine and packed in a barrel, with a piece of ice for a pillow, and sent to Boston. The seine is made of stout twine and is weighted at the bottom with a heavy chain. Along the top is a row of corks, which sustain the weight of the seine while the chain drags on the bottom of the pound.

A single cast of this seine will bring up lobsters enough to fill 14 barrels. The chain as it sweeps along the bottom stirs up the lobsters, which immediately shoot backward into the slack twine. In taking them out the men wear heavy mittens, though even then they are often nipped. In the pound the lobsters are on salt herring, men rowing about in skiffs and pitching the herring over-board. This is called "feeding the chickens," and it takes about six barrels to make a light luncheon for the flock. Boston Globe.

#### The Cat In Ancient Times.

The cat was so very highly regarded in England at one time, both as a rat and mouse catcher, and as an ornament to society, that we find the following salutary law passed by one of the princes of Wales:

"If any one steal or kill a Cat that guards the Prince's Granery, he is to forfeit a milch Ewe, its Fleece and Lamb. Or, as much Wheat as, when poured upon the cat suspended from its tail, with the head touching the floor, would form a heap high enought to cover the tip of the former.

Though the Welsh had a high opinion of the cat, the ancient Egyptians had a still higher. These intelligent and civilized people treated cats with great distinction. It was a crime to kill them and when they died they received a public burial, at which the people mourned, having first shaved off their eyebrows as a token of sorrow. The most prominent cats were upon death embalmed in drugs and spices, and cat mummies have beer found side by side with those of kings When Cambyses, the Persian, attacked the Egyptian city of Pelusis, he cunningly provided his soldiers with cats in-stead of shields. When the host advanced, the Egyptians retired in confusion upon discovering that they would be unable to do damage to their enemy without seriously imperiling the lives of vast numbers of cats. And so the city was taken easily and without the loss of blood or of a cat. It cannot be disputed that the ancient Egyptian cats must have enjoyed life very much .- St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### "Yankee Doodle."

The tune of "Yankee Doodle" has had seven or eight treatises written upon it in the last 30 years, ascribing it to various dates and origins, even back to The Netherlands and the days of Cromwell and the Charleses. Dr. George Grove of London, author of the "Dictionary of Music and Musicians," has investigated thoroughly the various musical libraries and the British museum in England, finding no traces of it whatever, thus ex ploding all the mystical, traditional and

apochryphal accounts thereof. But "Yankee Doodle" had an origin and has a history. It was written by Dr. Richard Schuchburg, whose com-

## Men In the Woman's Building

New Is the Woman's Building. Somebody had been calling the atten-tion of the wife of the Maharajah of Ku-purthala to objects of special interest at Jackson park. "So that is the Woman's building," she said as the great white 'ructure was pointed out to her. "Do ney allow men inside its walls?

The question is amusing in itself, and yet a great big interrogation mark of the same kind has appeared before the blurred visions of a thousand men who have paused at its threshold.

It cannot fail of notice that the man who wanders through the Woman's building seems invariably embarrassed and ill at ease. If he goes alone, he looks conscience stricken, glancing furtively about as if expecting to be ejected. He doesn't allow himself to become deeply interested in anything, and when he finally reaches the bronze statue of Leif Ericson at the west portal he feels relieved.

Naturally enough the married man ac-companied by his wife shrivels into in-significance in this atmosphere. He bees merely the husband of the woman and looks on meekly as she makes the rounds. He feels about 11 years old and 3 feet 7 inches in height. He may have been always the self assertive, domineer-ing lord and master of his household, but 15 minutes of the Woman's building re-duces him to a minus quantity. Is feels submissive to a painful degree. Yes, the women allow men inside the

Woman's building. But in the nature of things they can't encourage such in-vasions.-Chicago Record.

Slow Compliance With Law. Few of the railroads have yet taken steps to conform with the law passed last March regulating safety appliances for cars and locomotives in coupling. The number of cars at present fitted with automatic couplers is something over 166,000-freight and company cars, 117,-000; passenger cars, 26,000, and leased 23,000, in round numbers. Accordcars, ing to the latest statistics of the interstate commerce commission, the number of cars in the United States is something over 1,215,000-freight and company cars, 1,034,000: passenger cars, 28,000, and leased cars, 153,000, in round numbers. It does not follow, however, that the first group of figures-the number of cars fitted with automatic couplerswill remain untouched by the new legislation, for uniformity must be observed. and consequently a large proportion of the 166,000 cars already equipped will have to undergo repair. On the other hand, the number of cars equipped with the master car builders' coupler, which is the single kind most generally in use and which satisfied the provisions of the bill, is also large.-New York Post.

#### A Very Girlish Young Man.

The police of this city and some be sides were last night treated to the sight of a rara avis in the person of Frank Smith, who came off the steamer Gem City and was at once made the guest of the city at the police station. Mr. Smith is a young man about 17 or 18 years old and seems to make a hand to mouth sort of living, principally by impersonating female characters, at which he is un-doubtedly an adept. He resembles a fe-male so perfectly that he is constantly in danger of arrest-even to his hands and feet, his walk, his talk and all the gentle manners of the fair sex-but he is not a woman, notwithstanding the resemblance and the added fact that he does all sorts of womanly things, even to oc-cupying his idle time with sewing. He was this morning given permission to depart, and in a short while he had been stopped by people as far out as East Al-ton, where he was arrested as a woman in men's clothes. He is making his way to St. Louis.-Alton (Ills.) Telegraph.

# Who Goes First?

I have been consulted by my charming hostess of this week as to the order of precedence to be followed at informal dinners in this country. I find all New-

## This Year's Juley Melons

It is one comfort that financial stringency hasn't hoarded up and hidden away all the peaches and melons. The quality as to most fruits is hardly up to the customary mark this year, and a good many apples fail to attain their customary size and flavor. Even the tomato is inclined to indicate a little falling off. The watermelons are good. falling off. The watermelons are good. If the market does not show quite such huge ones as a few of the big southern melons seen here in most years at this season, the supply of good sized ones is abundant and the quality good. The only criticism is that while they were probably harvested and sent north at the supply of good sized ones is

were probably infrested and sent north at the customary time not all of them for some reason have fully and complete-ly ripened this time. In the heart of many of the sweetest will be found a streak or two of unripeness. But this critician does not apply to all. Some of criticism does not apply to all. Some of the southern melons are as sugary as they are juicy, and how good they are these hot days, especially after a few hours of cooling near the ice! Those who have not tried them in the morning before breakfast have something to learn of their excellence at that hour.-Hartford Times.

# The New Reichstag.

Statistics have just been published in Berlin which give some interesting in-Berlin which give some interesting in-formation concerning the composition of the new reichstag, so far as members are concerned. It appears that 80 be-long to the Evangelical church, 137 to the Roman Catholic church, while 4 pro-fess the Jewish creed. Three of these latter are Social Democrats, the greater majority of whom are designated as up majority of whom are designated as un-denominational. Rather more than onefourth of the members-namely, 102are of noble birth. The Social Demo cratic party contains one of these, Herr yon Vollmar, who was the only candidate of noble birth who was returned at the late elections for the Bavarian diet. About 100 different occupations are rep-resented in the new reichstag. Foremost come the landed proprietors and farmers, of whom there are 145. The legal profession has 110 representatives. Besides these there are, among others, 40 authors, 36 professional military men, 28 clergymen, 18 burgomasters, 1 pho-tographer, 1 former secretary of state-Count Herbert Bismarck-and lastly one master chimney sweep.

Women Ask For a Severe Penalty. In consequence of the alarming in-crease recently in this state of felonious assaults, the action of the women of the Christian Temperance union in Chester county in preparing a memorial to the next legislature, asking that the grade of that crime be advanced to a capital one, will pretty generally be commended throughout the state. In some respects crime is more atrocious than that of lifetaking. Regarding it in this light, the present laws providing punishment for felonious assault are totally inadequate, and it would seem eminently roper to change them so as to increas the possible but not necessary penalty. It is the sentiment that the laws do not properly meet the heinousness of the of-fense that has much to do with the alarming increase in the number of lynchings in other states.—Philadelphia Ledger.

# ooklyn Churches In Vacation Time For a city as to which it is popularly said that the churches are all closed 55 religious advertisements make a very good showing. Of course these figures represent only a small part of the edifices in which congregations gather on Sundays in summer. The truth is that there is probably no denomination the members of which can excuse themselves for staying at home because there are no services provided.-Brooklyn Eagle.

#### A Narrow Escape.

A narrow escape from "a mysterious dispensation of Providence" is reported in Aroostook county, where a farmer was tending a horse fork, unloading hay, with



Bargains!

The general topic of the

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mission dates 1737, in the French and Indian war of 1755 under General Jeffrey Amherst and was intended as a "take off" on the "rag, tag and bobtail" recruits of the colonies that came into the army. It "took" so well, however, that the Americans have ever adopted it and would not part with it for anything. The first words,

Father and I went down to camp, Were in the Boston Journal in 1768, and the first record of the tune is in Arnold's "Two to One," 1780, so that "Yankee Doodle," although written by a British surgeon, is really American.—Boston Transcript.

## Economy In Foot Wear.

The neatest and most economical possible foot wear is a low cut shoe of a special pattern to be worn with gaiters to match each dress. This style of foot clothing has many advantages. The low shoe is easily aired, and the inner sole will retain the edors of the feet with the neatest of persons if not properly aired, especially when one walks much. The gaiter breaks the apparent size of a large foot and forms a very attractive finish when matched to costumes.

Skirts rubbing against the front of high kid boots will wear the seam, while the lower part remains in perfect condi-tion. Gaiters, upon the other hand, can be changed as soon as defaced and worn with the same boot. Many pretty gaiters are possible for different occasions and styles of dress.-Jenness Miller Monthly.

# Effect of Music on Penn

Walter Savage Landor introduces Pe terborough in conversation with William Penn and makes him appland Penn cynically, when the latter declares that there is something in a violin if played directly that appeareth to make hot weather cool and cold weather warm and temperate tot however when its weather cool and cold weather warm and temperate, not, however, when its cords have young maidens tied invis-ibly to the end of them, jerking them up and down in a strange fashion before one's eyes, and unless one takoth due cantion wafting their hair upon one's face and bosom, and their very breath, too, between one's lips if peradventure one omitteth to shut them bitterly and hold tight.—Musical Courier.

somewhat stirred up over this qu tion. The presence of royalty and the establishment of the Pauncefotes there establishment of the Pauncefotes there have led to various complications in oth-er households. I gave the rules for Eng-lish precedence in a former paper, and it is needless to repeat that royalty al-ways goes first. As for the rest, I will simply quote a remark I heard last sum-mer, which amused me greatly and is more than ever to the point. Lady B. asked a clever New York man how the question was determined in America. She wanted to know in what order peo-She wanted to know in what order people were sent to dinner. "In the order of cash," was the reply.-Vogue.

#### School of Naval Architecture.

We have received from the Massachusetts Institution of Technology an an-nouncement of the establishment at the institute of a course of instruction in naval architecture. It is a four years' In havai architecture. It is a four years' course. It aims to provide a thorough training in the theory and methods of designing and building ships, and its graduates receive the degree of bachelor of science. It is an optional branch of the mechanical engineering course. There are to be lectures twice a week during the third and fourth years, and students are required to make the calcustudents are required to make the calcu-lations and draw the construction described in the lectures .- Engineering

### A Strange Coincidence.

It is a strange coincidence that the rumors that one chair pusher at the fair had captured the heart of a rich Califor-nia widow and another had eloped with a pretty London girl visiting the fair were circulated just before the chair boys'strike collapsed so ignominiously.— Chicago Dispatch.

Two basket mills at Dover, Del., are now turning out 9,000 peach baskets per day. The work is done with great ease, rapidity and precision. The fastest bas-ket maker in the Dover mills makes from 250 to 300 baskets per day. He is paid 1 cent per basket. paid 1 cent per basket.

A new letter carrier in Plattaburg is credited with anxiously inquiring if he would be expected to deliver the letters if it rained.

a lighted cigar in his mouth. He placed the fork, and as the forkful started it hit the cigar, which flew out of his mouth and went up with the hay. But his buildings are yet standing.—Lewis-ton Journal.

The Humors of Hoarding. One of the humors of the financial ituation was a woman's act in locking up in her strong box a draft on New York. Another woman has \$20,000 in currency tucked away in her safe deposit vault, when it might be paying her big interest and doing lots of good besides.— Springfield (Mass.) Homestead.

#### Choice Woods on the Farm.

There is money in the choice woods of the farm. A letter from a prominent New Jersey tool manufacturer offers \$30 per 1,000 for beech seasoned one year and per 1,000 for beech seasoned one year and \$50 for apple wood. Birch, maple, cher-ry, elm and hickory also sell for much more than they are worth at the wood-pile. The wood must be sawed in some shape and can be sold in a great many directions, principally for making plane and other tool handles.—Detroit House-hold.

#### A Scathing Rebuke.

Visitor (in editorial sanctum, with elevated nose)-It strikes me the condition of that towel is not just what it should

Editor (loftily)-Sir, to the pure all things are pure.-Truth.

The city of Dunkirk, France, intercelebrating next year the centenny the siege of that city by the Du. York. A statue of Victory by Lord will be unveiled during the fete, while is to last two days.

A tiny elephant, 3 years old, 36 inches high, 3 feet long and weighing 168 pounds, is on exhibition in Berlin. The dwarf phenomenon is from Sumatra. Its nor-mal kin weighed at the same age from 8 to 84 tons 8 to 81 tons.

An American "peerage" has been late-ly published. It includes all titled Amer-ican ladies from Timbuctoo to Paris, and, better still, appends a list of unmarried scions of the British nobility.



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