The birthrate of the United States diminished from 1880 to 1890 from 30.95 per 1000 population to 26.68.

The inventor of the bullet-proof cont threatens, according to the Washington Star, to become as numerous as the oldest Mason.

The African traveler Jean Hess asserts that in their natural condition the natives of Africa observe the rules of personal cleanliness much more carefully than most of the laboring classes in Europe.

The export trade calls for a sheep weighing more than 100 pounds. "If we hope to increase our trade in mutton," declares the New York World, repecially with foreign lands, we must begin breeding a more blocky carcass and more meat."

In the opinion of the Washington Star, one of the most effective protests against strikes recently recorded is that of the Brooklyn boy who had a supply of cartridges in his pistol pocket, which exploded when the principal applied the corrective rod.

Millions of public lands are still on the markets in Texas, notes the Atianta Journal. There are at present offered for sale 13,000,000 acres, belonging to the school fund, and 3,000,000 acres belonging to the University and several asylum funds. There yet remains 4,000,000 acres of public lands subject to homestead entry.

The manner in which Great Britain rewards her heroes is shown to her discredit, thinks the New York Mail and Express, in the case of the late Sir Gerald Portal, one of the bravest roldiers in the British Army. His estate was valued at \$1750, . During his service he saved England millions of dollars in averting revolts in Egypt and Zsnzibar.

Germany and Italy formerly made all the mandolins used in this country; now nearly all that are used in America are made by home manufactures. It is said that we make in this country better mandolins than the imported ones. American guitars are also used throughout the land, and a number are exported every year to the Spanish-American countries.

The Chief of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Statistics has completed a report concerning the strikes of the year 1893 in that state, and it is noticeable, comments the New York Times, that, although the number (fifty-three) was twice as large as in the preceding year, the strikers were successful in not even one instance. There were six strikes for an increase of wages and thirtyfour against reductions. The loss of wages is estimated to have been \$1,-395,423.

The New York News makes this prediction: "When the National flag is unfurled next Fourth of July the beholder will count nearly a round ifty stare in its bright galaxy. Utah New Mexico and Arizona will be represented by twinklers for the first time, and Oklahoma is a fair possibility. This will bring the number of states up to nearly four times the original number, and their aggregate population will be more than twenty times greater."

Twenty-eight years ago, muses the New York News, a notable railway train pulled out of the Pennsylvania depot in Jersey City, en route to Chicago. It was the initial excursion of so-called Silver Palace Sleeping cars. One George M. Pullman had devised a plan for improving the crude sleeping accommodations on the railways of that day, and a trial trip of the new system was in progress. The excursionists were newspaper men and railway officials. The trial was a success, and George M. Pullman, not personally worth a dollar then, began to mount the ladder which has made him a forty-millionare and a "Sir

There are 14.598 names on the payroll of the city of New York. There are 7,362 employes who receive yearly salaries, the lowest of which is \$1,000. There is one salary of \$25,000, there are fifteen salaries of \$15,000, eight of \$22,000, seven of \$11,500, ten of \$10,-300, sixteen of \$8,000, eight of \$7,500. four of \$7,000, twenty-three of \$6,000 and forty-seven of \$5,000. In one year the city of New York disbursed \$88,924,245. The first twenty-two States in the alphabetical list of States disbursed last year as payment for all expenses of government, including interest. \$81,375,770, or \$7,500,000 less than the disbursements in the city of New York. The second twenty-two states on the alphabetical list disbursed \$61,805,456, or \$57,000,000 less than the expenditure in the metropolis,

A PRUDENT HOPEFULNESS. EFFECT OF THE SENATE BILL.

DEMAND FOR PRODUCTS

Increase in Demand for Commercial Loans—Silver Stronger.

R. G. Dun & Co's "Weekly Review of Trade" says: The new tariff bill, if signed by the President, as expected, provides a definite basis for business. No supplemental legislation is thought possible until next year, at least, It is not to be overlooked that the effect of new duties upon new tranches of industry and trade is problematical, and may be determined only after some mouths of experience and meanwhile the serious injury to corn, and some other conditions exercise a restraining influence. While it is not wise to look for agreet "boom" there is warrant for a reasonable and prud-

While it is not wise to look for a great "boom" there is warrant for a reasonable and prudent hopefulness.

It is too early to look for effects of the new situation in the great industries, but the gradual recovery which has appeared for some time is seen in a better demand for products. Speculation in wool has been stopped. As woolen manufacturers has the old duties, with free wool until January I, orders are expected to be governed by the consuming power of the people, with the necumulated business so long deferred.

Unless exports increase steadily and largely, the financial situation may grow difficult. In July imports exceeded exports \$12,537,914, mainly hecause of the heavy sugar movement. With lower duties the arrivals of merchandise to meet the long delayed demand will be large, while even phenomenally low prices do not take out products freely at present. Railroad earnings in August are about as large as last year in the height of the panic, but 16.0 per cent less than the year before.

Compared with last year, when business was at its worst elemines than a compared with last year, when business was at its worst elemines.

year before.

Compared with last year, when business was at its worst, elegatings show an increase of 6.4 per cent, though in comparison with the same week of 1802 the decrease is 21.6 per cent. The striking feature this week is the strong increase in demand for commercial loans, deferred operations of all sorts being encouraged by action at Washington. Silver is also stronger because of the Eastern demand, which the war in China is expected to prolong.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

The Pittsburg team is full of cripples. BECOKLYS now has the most players under

JENNINGS is playing a great game at short Turs is McPhee's thirteenth season on the

Mone players are being injured by pitched balls than ever before. THE strength of the New York team lies in its pitching department.

Shoon, of Brooklyn, is the star general utility man of the League.

Wand, of New York, is getting to be a timely hitter in a close pinch.

THE Pittsburg Club has secured Ritz, the shortstop of the Oil City Club.

KLEINFELDER, the old time Athletic player, died recently in Philadelphia.

Muncan, of the Washingtons, is the phe-comenal colt pitcher of the year. THE Cleveland Club has signed Pitcher "Silver" Braun, late of New Orleans.

GANZEL, released by Boston, has been resigned, owing to the injury to Catcher Ryan. THERE is no League catcher who is doing uch remarkable work as Farrell, of New

Tue third basemen are all catching it this cason. Most of the cannonading is in their direction.

Lange, of the Chicagos, is one of the longest and most accurate throwers playing baseball to-day.

Canrwaight, of Washington, was the first man to knock a ball-over the Brooklyn's right field fence. What most of the League clubs will need next year is pitchers. New York is an ex-

ception, however.

Those twelve runs in one inning which the Bostons made off Maul, of Pittsburg, is the single inning record of the year.

Nicuola, of Boston, has been knocked out of the box three times this season—by the New Yorks, Baltimores and Pittsburgs.

Ex-Governon Russell, of Massachusetts, played in a recent game at Boston and made three hits off George Wright's pitching.

GLADIATOR BROWNING, once the leading batter of the world, is now first baseman and captain of the Georgetown (Ky.) team in the Blue Grass League.

Danien, of Chicago, has played thirty-two straight games without tailing to hit safely, and during that time has scored fifty-six runs and sixty-two hits.

The Cincinnatis can win more "straight" games and turn right around and lose more consecutively than any other team in the League. They play like a team of balky

Boston's ex-college catcher, Tenney, has developed into a great drawing card in Boston. His mannersms amuse and his vigorous style of playing delights the spec-

It is the testimony of many baseball lovers outside of New York that German's delivery is clearly lilegal, but somehow the umpires do not think so or else have not the courage to call him dows.

PITCHER JOHN CLARKSON ANNOUNCES his retirement from the diamond. He has de-clined offers from Baltimore, Philadelphia and other clubs and has made arrangements to go into business at Lansing. Mich.

It seems absurd to class Anson, of Chicago, as a back number, for he is playing as good if not better ball than he has put up in two or three years. The veteran, in spite of his years, works harder than any player on his team.

CAPTAIN ANSON, of Chicago, is quoted as saying: "Many managers are projudiced against left handed pitchers. I am not. The theory that a left-handed pitcher wears out rapidly because his heart is nearer to his arm is ridiculous.

The feat of shutting out a team without a hit was accomplished for the second time this season July 25. Singularly enough the Pennsylvania League was again the scene of the achievement. Clare, of Hazieton, turning the trick against Pottsville.

While pitching in a game at Johnstown, Penn., between Johnstown and Amsterdam clerks, N. Glynn, who was in the box for Johnstown, broke his arm in a peculiar manner. He delivered a ball, which was a strike, and his arm fell to his side, broken between the shoulder and elbow and at the wrist.

In view of the grandstand fires at Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia, metropolitan baseball enthusiasts will be surprised to learn that during one of the recent New York-Baltimore games at the Polo grounds a fire was discovered under the grand stand by the ground keeper. Only for his quick action in throwing several pails of water on the blaze, there might have been a serious conflagration.

How They Stand.

The following table shows the standing of the different clubs composing the National Ease Ball League:

Club. W. I. Pet. | Club. W. I. Pet. | Baltimore .61 35 649 | Brooklyn . 49 47 510 | Boston . .62 34 646 | Chicago . .46 51 474 | New York . £0 38 608 | Cincinnati . 43 52 453 | Cleveland .53 41 564 8t, Louis. .41 58 414 | Philadel'a . 50 42 543 | Louisville . 32 65 330 | Pittsburg . 50 47 515 | Washington 30 68 306

What It Accomplished in the Reduction

of Tariff Duties as Compared With the McKinley Bill.

The following is a statement of the average ad valorem rates of duty of the McKinley law and of the senate bill on a number of principal items, as compiled by the treasury department. Wherever duties are specific in either bill, they are reduced to the ad valorem rates for purposes of comparison:

Camphor refined..... Sumac, extract of.... Epson salts Optum, prepared for smoking. Chromium colors.... 169 65 90 84 19 64 21 14 84 82 20 56 16 37 17 62 21 50 59 56 25 Centre
Sienna
Umber
Spirit varnishes
All other varnishes
Whiting, dry
Ground in oil (putty)
White lend
Nitrate of potash
Biearbonate of soda
Biehromate of soda 35 142 48 189 50 59 21 21 32 60 47 Biearbonate of soda... Bichromate of soda.... 20 47 28 41 to 80 23 to 46 Chains..... Firearms..... Nails 72 18 Plates siers copper..... 44 87 77 78 36 65 23 77 Gold leaf.
Silver leaf.
Lead Shoets. Gold pens..... Penholders and parts 30 30 29 19 Hooks and boxes.... Blocks of wood...... Rice, cleaned Uncleaned

Honey Orange, lemons limes.
Wire rods
Cast iron vessels, etc
Mallable iron cast-12 to 31 22 67 17 9_H 26 77 nine Sulphur, sublimed 28 66 19 81 Sumac, ground.... China, painted, etc... China, plain 60 55 70 17 71 48 37 91 Bottles, empty...... Bottles, filled Demijohns, empty..... Manufactures of glass 20 to 64 49 to 64 13 to 48 37 to 43

81 98

15 to 21

20

28 28 35 23 12 12

15 48

10 20

25

45

free

free

free

free

28 68

34 93

27 99

23 22

10 25 20

30

15

6 49

11 80

6 47

Manufactures of glass
Cylinder glass, pollished, slivered
Plate glass, flutted, etc.
Plate glass, unsilvered, cast, etc.
Plate glasses, cast, silvered, above 24x60.
Cylinder and crown
glass, silvered.
Spectacles, lenses.
Stained, or painted
window glass.
Roofing slate. 98 to 174 29 39 43 88 60 Roofing slate.... Iron ore Iron in pigs, etc...... Comfits, sweectments 42 70 26 to 41 35 etc. Nuts, not shelled, al-51 34 42 42 52 90 22 72 monds..... Shelled (almonds,

Matches Hair cloth, or crino-Matches

Callskins, Japanned
Leather, all not provided for.
Boots and Shoes.
Manufactures of india rubber.
Umbrellas, covered
with silk or alpaca. Plattes of Copper, not rolled, etc....

Cider
Binding twine
Paintings, in oil or
water colors
Statuary
Hatters plush Bleached..... Dyed, colored, etc... Cotton cloth, exce

32 39 35 38 84 43 39 53 27 43 84 16 to 31 10 to 23 32 52 278 66 150 30 80 to 104 86 to 106 85 to 104

95 35 35 35 25 to 35 Silks, partially manu-Silks, partially manufactured

Silks, webbings, gorings

Silk buttons

Silk dress goods

Silk ribbons

All other silk

Writing, drawing and other paper, N. S. P.

Dolls and other toys

Emery 60 50 25 35 25 19 147 32 72 86 17 95 47 83 20 25 20 15 50 20 15 28 47 25 59 Emery Firecrackers Peanuts, unshelled Extracts of meat

on or black

42 32 35 29 to 50 20 to 40 Imprisoned in a Cave Imprisoned in a Cave.

Mrs. Henry Gentry, wife of a well know farmer living on the Tennessee river, six niles below Chattanooga disappeared last week. She has reappeared a ghost of her former self and tells a startling tale. Tom Massingale, a young mountaineer, infatuated with her, at the point of r pistol forced her to accompany him to cave in Signal Mountain, where he kept her until she escaped and came to that city.

25 to 53

54 58 24

25 to 70

44 93

25 33 99

20 to 55

THE Chinese Government has specially thanked Germany for the action of the German warship litis in rescaing 150 Chinese who were struggling in the water after the sinking of the Kow Shung.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

Summarized Proceedings of Our Law-Makers at Washingto

Makers at Washington.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINEST-FIFTH DAT.

SENATE,—In the senate the house resolution extending until August 24 the appropriations for the expenses of the government was laid over. The senate refused to agree to the house amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill for the purchase of additional property adjoining the present site of the government printing office, and the effect of this action is to send the whole matter over to the next session.

House,—The House passed thesenate trafff bill by a vote of 182 to 105 but before it was put through there was much sharp talk. Wilson, Bourke Cochran and Crisp all took a hand in it. Mr. Wilson said that it was the best the house could do. Reed twitted the Democrats with abandoment of party pledges. Mr. Cochran fought the bill to the end.

pledges. Mr. Cochran fought the bill to the end.

The announcement of the vote was receivek with ciapping of hands and imitative cock

A motion to reconsider the vote and to lay A motion to reconsider the vote and to lay that motion on the table was made by Mr. Wilson and agreed to, thus making the action of the House on concurring in the senate amendments final.

Then, after passing separate bills placing coal, from barbed wire and sugar on the free list the house adjourned until Wednesday.

ONE HUNDRED AND SINETY-SIXTH DAY. SENATE.—The only event of note in the senate was the reception of four house bills placing coal, iron ore, barbed wire and sugar on the free list. They were read once. Mr. Hill offered an amendment to each of them, providing for the repeal of the iscome tax. Objection being made to the second readings all the bills went over.

House-Not in session.

ONE HUNDRED AND RISETY-SEVENTH DAY. SENATE.—The letter from Secretary Car-liale to Senator Harris was read. It shows that without the sugar tax there would be a deficit in the national treasury of \$28,000,000. The report of the conferees on the sandry civil bill was adopted. The report on the general deficiency bill was considered. This is the only appropriation awaiting the final action of congress.

House.—Three tariff speeches were made and the report on the deficiency bill was con-

ose sundred and sinery-eigery day. SENATE. The house tdlls placing sugar, 2001, iton ore and barbed wire on the free list were referred to the finance committee by a vote of \$2 to 19. Mr. Hill's bill for the exclusion and deportation of allen Americasis was passed. The Senate also passed the bill directing the Secretary of War to prepare a roll of the military telegraph operators of the civil war and lesse to them certificates of honorable service in the military telegraph

the civil war and issue to them certificates of honorable service in the military telegraph service of the army of the United States. House — The House voted to reduce from \$1. 850.0.0 to \$1,274.246 the item placed in the general deficiency bill by the Scatter o paya judgement obtained by the Southern Ineffic Railway Company against the United States for the transportation of troops, mails and merchandise. The McMillen bill to amend the unit full states to the selection of the transportation of the company against the United States for the transportation of troops, mails and merchandise. The McMillen bill to amend the unit full states to the selection of the se chandise. The McMillen sill to amend the tariff till so as to take alcohol for the arts off the free list was passed by the House, The Hill bill against Anarchists was referred to the judiciary committee.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH DAY. SENATE-The senate held a brief but inter-

SENATE—The senate held a brief but interesting session which was largely devoted to the appointment of Mr. White of California to the vacancy on the finance committee. The resolution, however, went over without action as Mr. Chandler objected. The conference report on the last appropriation bill—the general deficiency—was adopted.

When the senate finance committee met the Republicans said if the Democrats wanted the supplementary bills reported they must have a majority with which to do it. Then the Democratic steering committee decided on Mr. White. Mr. Chandler's resolution for the investigation of the Alabama elections went over another day pending Mr. Morgan's return.

Hover.—The committee on indicinary to

House.-The committee on judiciary to Howse.—The committee on judiciary to day decided to favorably report Senator Hill's bill for the exclusion and deportation of alien asarchiels, which passed the senate. This action unravels the knot which the sen-ate committee on immigration tied when it joined the Hill bill with some features of Representative W. A. Stone's bill for consular inspection abroad.

TWO BUNDBETH DAY. SENATE.—The resolution of Mr. Murphy declaring that it was the sense of the Senate that no further tariff legislation should be enacted at this session adopted by a vote of 27 to 16. The resolution of Mr. Harris for the appointment of Senator White to the vacancy of the Finance Committee was agreed to without opposition.

Mr. Sherman in speaking of the errors in the tariff bill which recently passed the house said: One of them, that providing for the free entry of alcohol used in the arts, would, if uncorrected cost the Government #20,000,000 or #30,000,000 of revenue annually.

000,000 or \$30,000,000 of revenue annually

Nominated for Congress Seventh Mississippi district-A. M. Newman, Pop, First Virginia district—W. A. Jones, Dem, Eighth Virginia district—E. E. Meredith,

Pirst Nebruska district—J. B. Strode, Rep. Pirst Florida district—S. M. Sparkman,

em. Sixth Mississippi—C. H. Hawthorne, Pop. Fourth Missouri district—W. C. Eilison, em. Sixth Virginia district—John Hampton

Hoge, Rep. Tenth Tennesee district—St. George Tuck-, Democrat, Seventh Virginia district—R. J. Walker,

Rep. Fifth Necraska, Pop., W. A. McKeighan,

First Maryland—James E. Tull, Pop.
Third Missouri—Judge H. G. Ordin, Pop.
Fifth Kansas—C. U. Bradenburg, Dem.
Second Arkansas—C. R. Breckinrtdge's
district, Judge S. Little. Dem.
Fifth Iowa district—R. G. Cousins Rep.
Fourth Nebraska district—E. J. Hainer,
Rec.

Rep. Fourth Wisconsin district—Theobald Otjen

Rep. Ninth Wisconsin district—Alexandar Stew-Ninth Wisconsin district Abdulated art Rep.
Wyoming—H. A. Coffen Dem.
Fifth Virginia—G. W. Carnett Rep.
Idabo—Edgar Wilson Rep.
Fifth Nebraska—Prof. W.E. Andrews Rep.
First Michigan district—James H. Dunn

Labor. Second Maryland district-J. D. Parker Fifth Maryland district—W. H. Silk Pro. Sixth Maryland district—A. O. Showaker Pro. Eighth Indiana district—G. W. Farris

Rep. Sixth Maryland district—Horace Bisley Pop. Ninth Michigan district—Norman B. Farns-

worth, Pop. Sixth Mississippi district—C, H. Hawthorne, Pop.

First Fiorida district—S. R. Sparkman, em. Tenth Virginia district—H. Tucker, re-

nominated, Dem.
Seventh Virginia district—Robert J. Walker, of Shenandah county, Rep.
Sixth Virginia district—Colonel John
Hampton Hoge, Rep.
Second Michigan district—O. L. Spalding,

Rep. Idaho Mr. Ballantyne, Dem.
Twenty-first Ohio district—Theodore E. Burton, Rep.
St. Joseph, Mo., district—William Ellison, Dem.

ACCORDING to the annual report of Super-intendent Carcoll D. Wright the total dis-bursements on account of the eleventh cen-sus to June 30 last were \$10,365,677.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKINGS.

The plague is decreasing in China. Hot weather is damaging the British

rorm. The potato blight is prevalent in Ire-

nrid.

The Queen of Korea is reported iil of mawint fever.

Fifteen more Anarchists bave been arrest d in Berlin

The Japanese Government has authorized loan of \$50,000,000

New York's Constitutional Convention de ided against woman's suffrage. While native factions in Samoa are still

rying to ambush each other a famine is The Whiskey Trust is endeavoring to raise

\$6,000,000 loan in order to clear bonded miritu. President Cleveland has gone to Burmard's Bay for the benefit of his health. It is ex-

pected, however, that he will return in a few days. So anxious are representatives to get away

that there is barely a quorum of the house now at Washington. Due bills, resembling 10-cent currence

notes, have been passing as currency in the mall towns of Kansas. There is a great excitement in New Mexico

ver the discovery of new a gold region. One man refused a million dollars for his claim. Reports to the director of themint show

hat since July 1 the number of silver dollars oined amounted to \$833,000 of which \$410,-500 were coined since August 1. A firm of wool dealers in Hamilton, Ont., have over 1,000,000 pounds of wool stored in

their warehouses, nearly all of which will be shipped to the United States when the new ariff becomes a law. The damage to the corn crop in parts of Kansas and Nobraska is so great that of St.

Joseph and Grand Island railroad has issued orners for the abandment of over a dozen stations on its line. The King of Korea on July 27 ordered the clease of five important State prisoners who were connected with the Karean rebellion of

1884. It is reported that the Government of

Roren has formally notified Japan of her inention to sever all connections with China. The commissioners representing ex-Queen Lilluokalani, of Hawali, left Thursday evening for Chicago on their way home. As during their visit the President officially recognized the new republic, the efforts to defeat

the new government were futile. Work has been commenced upon the three United States cruisers to be built at Newport News, Va. The keel of the gunboat No. hasbeen laid and material to be used is be ing received. The building of the three ships will now be rapidly pursued.

FELL FROM A TIGHT ROPE. A Rope Walker Meets With a Seriou Accident at Philadelphia.

A wave of hearty applause for the feats of Prof. Davison; a tight rope walker, turned to a ery of horror at Riverside mansion, Fairmont Park, Philadelphia. The daring athlete plunged headlong to the ground, striking a lot of chairs, and was so bally hurt that his chances of recovery are very slim. The athlete, completely blindfolded stepped cautiously out on the rope, balancing himself with his arms and feeling every loch blinkelf with his arms and feeling every loch the second of the second control of the second himself with his arms and feeling every inco-of the way, crept forward like a cat. When he reached the middle of the rope, thus blind-folded, he missed his footing, and with one brief, frantic struggle, to save himself, he plunged strait down 35 feet to the ground. His wife saw him fall.

A Water Famine.

A water Famine.

A water Famine.

The citizens of Rankin, Pa., are suffering from a water famine. Most of the wells in that section have gone dry and the rest are nearly exhausted. Many families have not been able to get enough water to wash clothes for three weeks. The situation will become serious unless rain comes soon

More Negro Miners Leave.

Thursday 100 of the imported negro miners at the Gastonville mine, Washington county, of the Pittsburg and Chicago Gas Coal Company left the place and went to Pittsburg, accompanied by Organizer Cameron Miller, He states there are about 70 men at work. The United Mine Workers have leased a piece of ground adjoining the company's property to hold meetings and expect to have the whole crowd started toward the South in a few days.

Largest Receipts on Record.

Largest Receipts on Record.

The receipts of E. P. Kearns, collector of internal revenue for the Pittsburg district, for Thursday, aggregated \$118,013.04. The amount was the largest ever paid in the district in one day. Collector Kearns was ordered Thursday to send to Illinois all the gaugers he could spare from his district. He returned word to Washington that all his men were everywhelmed with work at home.

Warships Must Give Notice. The Tien-Tsin correspondent of the London "Times" says that any warships trying to cross the bar at Takuo without having given previous notice will be fired upon by the forts no matter what flag they may fly. Naval vessels giving previous notice will be admit-ted at the descretion of the Chinese authori-

Police Force Suspended. Thomas H. Casner, the only police officer in Reynoldton, opposite McKeesport, was suspended Tuesday, pending an investigation of a serious charge of misconduct against him. Burgess Wall has called a special meeting of the council for Saturday evening, when the affair will be thoroughly investigated

Lemonade Kills a Heavyweight.

Lomonade Kills a Heavyweight.

Ward Eberley, weighing almost 500 pounds, died suddenly, a few days ago, at Dayton, Ohio. He was only seventeen years old, and weighed only ten pounds when born, but was conceded to be the heaviest youngster in the world. A few weeks ago thousands of people saw him at one of the side-show attractions at the Charliy Circus, in Dayton. The doctors consider his fillness, which had gradually developed since that time, due to the excessive drinking of lemonads.

A Plague of Black Spiders.

From Eckerly, Ohio, comes the report that there is a plague of black spiders in Crawford County and parts of Parry. Several persons have been bitten. Only one death has resulted. The vettin swallowed a spider while drinking from a jug. The spiders are of enermous may

SEVENTEEN vessels of the Navy have exped SEVENTERN VESSES of the Navy baye carned premiums for speed and horse-power, in excess of the contract guarantees, aggregating \$2,264,586, and about one-half of this amount has been paid to Cramp & Sons. The Minneapolis won \$414,69) in premiums, the largest amount ever earned by any war vesses.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

Crooked steps are the most apt to be

A lost opportunity never finds its way back.

Death only changes the surround-

ings, not the eternity. Virtue never stops paying dividends because the banks break.

Most people believe in the total de-

pravity of somebody else. Sin may try to hide its head, but it

cannot cover up its tracks. A lie feels easy only when it forgets

that it mas a truth on its track. Philosophy may keep a man from doing wrong, but it cannot make him

better. There is more power in a compound blow-pipe than in a prairie on fire.

Concentrate. - Ram's Horn. It is a bad moral atmosphere where vulgarity passes for wit and humor,

and men are entertained by it, Taking things as they come isn't hard; it is parting with them when they go that tries our fortitude.

If you love your enemies and dogood to those who despitefully use you, you are on the right road.

If you are over seventy years old you are living on an extended note. It may fall due at any moment. The wise man is happy when he

gains his own approbation; the fool when he gets the applause of others. A man that does not care what the

people think of him is apt to be the

man the people don't care to think

Every man has opportunities and talents out of which a rich harvest may come, if he will only go at it in earnest and try to make a crop.

The Remedies Instinct Prescribes.

Animals get rid of their pains by using dust, mud, clay, etc. Those suffering from fever restrict their diet, keep quiet, seek dark, nirv places, drink water and sometimes plunge into it, says Colman's Rural Warld.

When a dog has lost his appetite he eats that species of grass known as dog's grass, which acts as an emetic and a purgative. Cats also ent grass. Sheep and cows when ill seek out certain herbs. An animal suffering from chronic rheumatism always keep as much as possible in the sun. The warrier ants have regularly organized ambulances. Latrellie cut the antenne of an ant, and other ants came and covered the wounded part with a transparent fluid secreted in their mouths.

When an animal has a wounded leg or arm hanging on, it completes the amputation by means of its teeth. A dog being stung on the muzzle by a viper was observed to plunge his head for several days into running water. The animal eventually recovered. A terrier hurt its right eye. It remained under a counter, avoiding light and heat, although it habitually kept close to the fire. It adopted a general treatment-rest and abstinence from food. The local treatment consisted in licking the upper surface of its paw, which

it applied to the wounded eye. Animals suffering from traumatic fever treat themselves by the continned application of cold water, which M. Delaunev considers to be more certain than any of the other methods. In view of these interesting facts we are, he thinks, forced to admit that bygiene and therapeuties as practised by animals may, in the interest of physiology, be studied with advantage.

Many physicians have been keen observers of animals, their diseases and the methods adopted by them, in their instinct, to cure themselves, and have availed themselves of the knowledge so brought under their observation in their practice.

Swimming Cavalry. Some very interesting exercises in

swimming cavalry took place lately on the Cabul River at Peshawur. The Thirteenth D. C. O. Bengul Lancers have been practising their horses in a a large tank in their lines and on the river for some time. One squadron took cover along the river bank and kept up a steady fire to protect the passage of the other squadron, who placed all their arms, accontrements and clothes in large country boats, and conducted their horses into the water. Some horses seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves in the water, others became unmanageable from fear. However, the opposite bank was reached and war paint resumed, and the squadron was with most creditable rapidity taking measures to protect their comrades, who then crossed in like manner. - Broad Arrow.

Florida, California and Arizona together have about 18,000,000 bearing and non-bearing orange trees,