There are in this country 182,710 miles of steel rails and 38,917 of iron.

Founders' shares in the Sucz canal, which twenty-five years ago were worth \$250 each, are now quoted at \$250,000.

Levi P. Morton of New York received 22,000 applications for about fifteen appointments more or less under the Gubernatorial control.

The Atlanta Journal declares that the Georgia Cotton States and International Exposition is already one of the best advertised expositions that has ever been projected.

A late report of the Iron Age on the condition of blast furnaces showed a production more than double that of Inst summer and one that ranked well up with the records of the most prosperous periods of our history.

The city of Buenos Ayres has the largest street car system in proportion to its population, of any city in the world. The total number of passengerscarried in 1893 was 71,846,564, while the monthly average was 5,955, 547.

The Wisconsin Legislature is preparing to establish workhouses all over the state and make tramps earn a living. The New Orleans Ficayune thinks it is a plan which, if generally adopted, would speedily abate the nuisance.

There is some objection to Indianola, the name Senator Berry proposes for the new Territory, because it is so much like Indiana, and Muskogee is suggested by some other members of the committee. That is the name of the capital of one of the nations and is of Cherokee origin.

The British Medical Association is very much stirred up over the terribly high death rate of children in the manufacturing centers. In Lancashire the death rate per 1,000 for children under three months old is 382, for children between three and six months, 240, and for children between six months and a year, 180. It would appear that eight out of ten children die under one year old.

Almost everything from a life to a window can be insured nowadays, but insurance on a concert looks like something new. It happened, though, in London recently that the organizers of a charity concert wanted \$500 to start the thing going. So they applied to a well-known insurance company, which, after inquiring into the drawing powers of the artists engaged accepted the risk upon payment of a premium of five guinens, or about \$25. This opens up a new field for insurance enterprise, and the Pathfinder suggests: Why not start a company to insure the popularity of a new play, a new book, a new song or a new patent medicine?

Ward McAllister, the leader of New York's "Four hundred" says, "For us Americans Florida and southern California, offer superior inducements to any foreign resort, for it is impossible to find in Europe such comforts as one has in the great hotels in St. Augustine, Jacksonville, Tampa and the other resorts of Florida, Coronada Beach, Pasadona, Santa Barbara and Monterey in California. Invalids make a great mistake in going to Europe in the winter, for the hotols are so cold that visitors endanger their lives. In Europe such things as furnaces, and steam heaters being unknown, it is only for the hardy and vigorous to attempt the European resorts during December, January and February. The number of casualities on steam railroads affecting the life and the limb of the men who run the trains is still far above what, the Chicago Record feels, might be expected in these days of improved locomotives and better signals and switches. The report for last October, which is probably not complete, shows that on American railroads on that month, thirteen engineers and eleven firemen were killed, and twenty-eight engineers and twenty firemen were injured in some forty-four accidents. The causes were numerous, including collisions, derailments, boiler explosions, burned trestles, flue bursting, cattle on the track, broken side rods and trainwreckers. Attempts are now made to keep a careful and close list and analysis of these accidents, in the hope of Mending the way to remedies in better management or new inventions. The Statistics, while slarmingly large hitherto, are believed to be very incomplete. Any improvements in these directions, will of course, also be attended with a reduction of risk and danger for passengers.

The Quiet Hour.

Sometime between the dawn and dark, Go thou, O friend apart, That a cool drop of heaven's dew May fall into thy heart.

Thus with a spirit soothed, and cured Of restlessness and pain, Thou mayest, nerved with force divine,

Take up thy work again. MARY F. BUTTS, in Harper's Weekly.

## A MOUNTAIN HEROINE

BY W. J. LAMPTON,

The man from Chicago had to'l his story, and while the listeners in the smoking car were digesting it, a quiet man, smoking a bad cigar, gave a slight cough indicative of beginning a yarn himself. The listeners gave him their attention at once.

"Let her go," said the man from Chicago encouragingly,

"How did you know I had anything to say?" asked the man.

"You looked it," said Chicago.

"Well, I have," laughed the man, "and I've got an affidavit to go with mine. Have you got one for that you told?

"Oh, yes," grinned Chicago, "and I'll show it to you when you've had your say."

"Don't forget that, gonts," said the man, turning to the listeners, "And now for mine. Five years ago I was a deputy United States marshal in southeastern Kentucky, and most of my business was with moonshiners. I had pretty fair success and bagged a lot of them, but there was one, the chief of the gang and the worst of them all, that we couldn't get our hands on. One day, however, word came to me that he was at his cabin in

the mountains, and if I could get there with a force of men we might surround the place and capture him, as he had just come in and expected to get out again before we should hear anything of him. In ten minutes I was on my way to his cabin with ten men, all armed with heavy revolvers, and all moving out by different ways, so as not to excite suspicion and let him get on to our movements. We were to meet at a point about half a mile from his house and then swoop down on it and take him in. The first part of the programme went off all right, and an hour after I had heard he was at home I had his house surrounded. Then I rode up to the door and yelled 'hello,' and a woman came out.

" 'Where's your husband?" I asked. for I knew her quite well.

"'What do you want uv him?' she responded.

"'I want to see him."

"'Well, you can't.'

" But I'm going to, just the same. I heard he was here not an hour ago, and he's got to come this time."

"'I reckon not,' she said, and dodged in, shutting the door after her with a slam, and barring it on the inside, as I could very plainly hear.

"Then, before we had a chance to make a rush, a gun went off in the house and a bullet werst 'spat' against tree near me. I thought to get under cover, and did so with promptness and dispatch, and at once ordered my men to close up and fire on the house. This they did with pleasure, but we might at well have fired at a stockade, for the cabin was built of heavy logs, and nothing short of a mountain howitzer could have had any serions effect upon it. We banged away, though, and every now and then a shot came from the inside disagreeably near us. One time, when one of my men showed up where he could get a shot at the only pane of glass visible, two shots came after him so closely that he stayed in hiding for the rest of the time. This was about nine o'clock in the morning, and we at last concluded that, as there were children and a woman in the house with our mountaineer, we could not very well burn it down, even if we could get close enough to fire it; we would simply camp on their trail and starze them out. So we took our places to command every point to prevent escape and waited. At intervals a shot would come from the cabin, but we would pay no attention to it, thinking that our man might think we had gone and come out, but he didn't. and the long day wore on. It was raining, too, after noon, and we were decidedly uncomfortable, but we had our game caged and we were bound to get him or stay there a year. However, it was not to be that we were to remain quite that long, for about eight o'clock in the evening, when it was so dark we couldn't see our hands before us, and had come up so close to the cabin that we trusted to our cars instead of our eyes to catch the moonshiner in case he trie l to get away under cover of darkness, the door was thrown open and the woman called : "What is it?' I asked from behind | hasn't been heard of since."-Indiana. a stump in the yard

"You can come in ef you wanter," she replied.

" 'Tell your old man to come out." " I won't do nothin' uv the sort,' she said in a most womanly fashion. 'Ef yer want him, come in atter him.'

"I parleyed awhile, fearing treachery, but when she handed out two guns and punched up the fire on the hearth, until the cabin was brilliantly lighted, I called up my men and went inside, the woman standing meanwhile in the middle of the floor, with four or five children clinging to her skirts. Every man of us had his revolver in his hand, and we expected trouble, though it was hardly likely under the circumstances. Once inside, we had made a thorough search of the one room of the cabin in a very few minutes, and as the floor was mostly earth we did not feel like going for a cellar, notwithstanding there was no sign of the moonshiner in the room where we were. He was clean gone, and there could be no doubt on that point. It was so unexpected and disappointing that I looked at the woman helpleasly. In reply she langhed at me.

" 'Where's your husband?' I asked. because there wasn't much else to say, " 'How do I know?' she answered provokingly.

" 'Hasn't he been here all day?'

"Course he hain't. He ain't that big a fool."

"'Who's been doing the shooting then?'

"'Me,' and she gave me the laugh again.

"'You?' I gasped.

" 'Course me. Why not me?' she laughed again. 'Can't I shoot?'

"I knew that she could, and did not compliment her on it.

"Hasn't he been here?' I asked. "On this question she shook herself loose from her children and stood straight before us.

"'Yes, he has,' she said; 'he wuz here not five minutes afore you come with yer gang. I seen one uv you that I knowed, and I shoved Bill out and told him to run, and I'd take keer uv the balance. Bill run, and you fellers know the rest. He's got twelve hours the start uv you'uns, and of yer want ter go atter him, you kin ; but it's powerful dark goin' in the mountains, and yer better stay and take supper with me and try it in the daylight.'

"It was a true story, too, every word she said, and we tried to do something with her for resisting officers, but not much, for somehow we felt she acted the heroine, and we let her off with only a reprimand. As for Bill, he never came back while I was there."

"You needn't show your affidavit," said the man from Chicago, when the story had ended, and the ex-deputy smiled at him blandly .- Detroit Free Press.

#### Hawk and Crows.

The other morning a blue hawk dived into a flock of quail at the edge just cause. In the latter respect, his

### A Great Snake Country.

casily escape from their pursuers by

always retreats at first, and offers fight

scientific authorities investigate the

question; but the Mexican and even

Texan hunters say that the coach-whip

can crush the life out of any man or

animal. Notwithstanding these asser-

tions, no one seems able to recall the

Another snake reported to exist

throughout many parts of the South,

about which strange stories are told,

is the famous glass snake. The pecu-

liar power which this snake is sup-

posed to possess is that upon being

struck with a stick it will break into

numerous fragments, which later will

come together and form into a whole

reptile again. Most of the stories

concerning this wonderful reptile are

based upon hearsay. Nevertheless,

there is a so-called glass snake in

Texas which so closely resembles

green glass in appearance that it de-

serves this name. But when struck

with a small stick, it expires as na-

turally as any other reptile, and if one

returns to the spot hours later, the

dead carcass will be just as when the

animal was killed. These small glass

snakes are harmless, and are almost

the color of the green grass blades, to

that they can crawl around in the

plains and easily conceal themselves

from view. They are not identical

with the proper green grass snake,

which is very common in Texas. This

reptile is exceedingly beautiful, being

of a brownish-green color that

changes a little in the sunlight or

darkness. It resembles the chameleon

Beatification in China.

In China the Emperor claims power.

not only over his subjects, (and, in-

deed, for that matter, the whole in-

habited world,) but also over the

realms of departed spirits. These he

beatifies, canonizes, decorates with

titles, mentions with approval in the

Pekin Gazette, when they do anything

to deserve that honor, and actually

degrades and uncanonizes if he sees

in this respect .- New York Tribune.

death of any one in this way,

#### Visitors to Texas are astonished at the different varieties of snakes reported in the country, many of which are seldom seen in any other State of the Union. The coach whip, as the natives call a long, slender reptile with remarkably delicate colorings, is noted for its tremendons speed and terrible constricting power. In the famous staked plains of Texas these snakes are said to be met with occasionally, gliding over the prairie as noiselessly as a worm. They are nonpoisonous reptiles, but if chased, they

virtue of their tremendous powers of ocomotion. If cornered, however, the snake turns and, like the sweep of a whip-lash, winds its slender body around the enemy and tightens the numerous coils until life is nearly crushed out of the victim. The snake

### STEWED APPLES.

only when caught. The stories told About a quarter of a pound of sugar about its powers of constriction must be viewed with some doubt until

boiler and on the fire. Mix three tablespoonfuls of cornstarch with a gill of milk and one-third of a tablespoon of salt. Stir this into the milk when it boils. Beat the whites of four eggs to a stiff froth, and then gradually beat into them half a cupful of powdered sugar and one tables; oonful of vanilla. Add this to the cooking mixture, and beat vigorously for one minute. Rinse a mold in cold water, and pouring the pudding into it, set away to cool. At serving-time turn out on a flat dish, and serve with chocolate sauce.-Farm, Field and Fireside.

#### TO BAKE MEAT.

Make some beef fat hot in an iron pan or broad kettle. Put the meat into it, and with a fork stuck into the fat part, turn it rapidly, until it is on all sides a fine brown ; then put into a hot oven (about 340 F.) clevating it above the pan on a meat rack, or a few iron rods. Now comes the process called basting. In five minutes or less, you will find that the top of the meat has dried and you must now dip with a spoon the hot fat from the pan, and pour over the top. Do this every few minutes, adding no water to the pan; you will find your meat well cooked in twelve or fifteen minutes to the pound. It is done when it has lost the blue color in the middle, and has become a fine red. Only salt and peppers should be used to senson such a roast, and must be added when

#### Keep at It.

If you expect to conquer, In the battle of fo-day, You will have to blow your trumpet In a firm and steady way. If you toot your little whistle And then lay aside the horn, There's not a soul will ever know That such a man was born.

The man that owns his acres Is the man that plows all day ; And the man that keeps a humping Is the man that s here to stay. But the man that advortises With a sort of sudden Jerk Is the man that blames the printer Because it didn't work.

But the man that gets the business Uses brainy printers' ink. Not a clatter and a sputter. But an ad that makes you think. And he plans his advertisements, And he plans his well-bought stock, And the future of his business Is as solid as a rock.

-Printers' Ink.

#### HUMOROUS.

In all bicycle races, it will be noticed that the rider stoops to conquer. Moonbeams are said to be excellent building material for castles in the air.

Why is an undertaker like a skinfint? Because he is always screwing people down.

The tombstone is about the only thing that can stand upright and at the same time lie on its face.

"There are a good many people who are well enough in their weight, but the coal man is not among them. Sleepless Man-What is the best way to kill a cat? Friend-Any way, any way, so that you make a sure thing of

it. "Is the minister's wife a woman of quiet tastes?" Mrs. Wicks-"Very. To see her you'd never suspicion she had any."

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?" "I am going a shopping, sir," she said, "Can I go with you, my pretty maid?"

"No; a bargain is what I want," she said. Man-Why have you stopped using powder? Was it injuring your com-

plexion? Amy-No, but it was ruining Charley's new cont. Fiora-I don't always do unto others

as I'd have others do unto me. Clara-Of course not. It isn't a girl's place to propose to a man."

"What sort of steak do they serve at your boarding-house? "It is a good deal like a French novel-rather tough, but very well done."

Jigly-I understand our barber is going into the livery stable business. Wigly-He's been in the hack business ever since he began shaving me.

"Your son is a play actor you say, Mr. Maginnis?" "Faith, he is." "And what roles does he play?" "Faith, he roles up the curtain."

Fred-Have you seen Glibb today? Ellis-Yes, and he seemed to be put out about something. "No wonder: Amy's father put him out last night." Friend - If your washerwoman charges by the piece it must be rather expensive. Young Housekeeper-Oh. She loses so many things that

is an excellent digester and should be supplied in crisp, tender pieces to those whose digestion is faulty, though everywhere it is an excellent appetizer. Among other healthful appetizers, watercresses are in the very front rank. All greens are antiscorbutic but watercresses are especially

# FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

#### GRAHAM MUSIL. One quart of boiling water or milk, two cups of graham flour, moistened with a little cold water, and one teapoonful of salt. Stir the meal into the boiling water and cook ten minutes or more, stirring constantly.

NERVE TONIC AND APPETIZERS. Pickled olives are a tonic for the nerves as is celery. While the latter valuable for this reason,-St. Louis Star-Sayings.

to two quarts of water, or more sugar if you find the syrup is not sweet enough. Let it boil about ten minutes. Pare the apples while the syrup is boiling, throw into cold water, so as not to discolor. When ready put apples into the syrup, and boil tender, until you can stick a straw through them. Take out the apples carefully. Let the syrup get cold, and then add to it a teaspoonful of extract of lemon, and throw syrup over the apples --New York Recorder.

#### SNOW PUDDING.

Put a pint of milk in the double-

of some second-growth timber near where Farmer Harrison Tabor was ploughing, in Eston township, Penn. It disabled a quail, but failed to secure it, and the frightened birds arose and and settled down around the ploughman. Tabor stopped the team, and while the startled game birds sat trembling on the soil, the crippled quail joined them. The others flew to the woods presently, and the hawk sailed around and kept an eve on the wounded quail. Tabor ended the disabled quail's sufferings, and at noon set it upon the ground as though it were in the act of pecking, and with fifty feet of fish line fixed a snare for the hawk. When he returned to the field after dinner, the hawk was yanking and fluttering it the end of the line, fifty feet up in the air, one of its feet having been caught in the snare. Tabor drove the team into the woods, and within half an hour he saw eight crows flying toward the flapping hawk with cries of delight. They began out of hand to whack the hawk, and they cawed triumphantly as they kept it spinning and twitching at the line. The screaming quail-killer lowered and raised itself, but the cruel crows had got at it for good, and they belabored it ceaselessly till it dropped to woods, and a few seconds later a fox stole out of the brush, set his tusks into the hawk, snapped the fish line in two, and disappeared in the timber with his prize. - New York Sun. A Common Effect.

ber, 1878, has the following: the river god." the ground, where they pounded it to All this procedure is thoroughly in death. Then they went cawing to the keeping with the notions of the com-

"By the way, what has become of young Simmous-the poet on whom the Criticiser said that the mantle of Longfellow had fallen?" - !It smothered him, I guess. He

polis Journal.

power over the departed clearly exceeds that of the Pope himself. For News. example, the Emperor Heing-Fung elevated the god of war to an equal rank with Confucius, who previously had been chief among the State gods. Sir Alfred Lyall has drawn atten-

tion to some amusing extracts from the Pekin Gazette, illustrating the way in which the Chinese treat their deities. Thus, the Gazette of Novem-

"The Governor General of the Yellow River requests that a tablet may be put up in honor of the river god. He states that during the transmission of the relief rice to Honan, whenever difficulties were encountered through shallows, wind, or rain, the river god interposed in the most unmistakable manner, so that the transport of grain went on without hindrance.-Order: Let the proper officer prepare a tablet for the temple of

In April, 1880, the god of locusts was similarly rewarded; a month or two earlier the temple of the Sea Dragon at Hoyang was decreed a memorial board for services rendered in connection with rain; and in another Gazette the god of water is given a new temple by special rescriptmon people of China, who look upon the gods simply as human beings in a different set of conditions -The Contemporary Review.

#### Her Descendant.

Bobbie-What are descendants, fother? Father-Why, the people who come

after you. (Presently) Who is that young man in the passage? Bobbie-That's one of sister's de-

drive-London Million.

the meat is half done; if earlier, it toughens the fibers -- New York her bills are never high.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. All sweet dishes improve in flavor by being kept cool.

Fish may be scaled more easily by first dipping them into boiling water for a minute.

Fresh mest beginning to sour will weeten if placed out-of-doors in the air over night.

Wash an oilcloth with a flannel wet with warm water, wiping dry and rubbing a little skim milk over.

Use a cloth to wash potatoes. It is no trouble to keep one for this purpose, and it will save hands and time. Whiten yellow linen by boiling half an hour in one pound of fine soap wash in suds, then in two cold waters with a little blueing.

Cocon is now much used in the icing is made by beating the whites of teaspoonfuls of cocoa-

This is an excellent recipe for making heliotrope sachet : Powdered orris, two pounds : rose leaves, ground, one pound; Tonquin beans, ground, half pound; vanilla beans, quarter pound; grain musk, quarter ounce; otto of almonds, five drops. When well mixed by sifting in a coarse sieve it is fit for use.

Stockings should never be left to sonk, but washed immediately in clean water, and not in the boiling suds that is left from the other clothes and which always has plenty of lint in it. They should be pinned in pairs and hung up by the toer. Woolen hose scendants come to take her for a should not be ironed, but dried nicely and pulled into shape.

The young man said : "I love but thee." She looked up to the top Of a splendid overarching tree And cried : "Just now, it seems to me I heard a chestnut drop

"Don't you find that the drinking habit grows on you?" asked the curious investigator. "Law, no," cheerfully answered Mr. Lushforth; "I reached the limit long ago."

Calamity orator-Now I want some intelligent workman to stand up here and answer me one question. (Stout looking man gets up.) Calamity orator-Now sir, please tell me in the presence of this audience, why you don't have more work. Speak out! Let the people hear. Workman-Because I have to sleep.

Jimson (hotly)-I want to sue Dr. milted in one gallon of milk. Then Dosem for five hundred dollars damages. Lawyer (briskly)-Yes, sir ;yes, sir; what for? Jimson-I bought a bottle of his toothache drops, paid one place of chocolate for icing cake. The dollar for 'em, and they didn't do a bit of good. Lawyer-H'm! Isn't five two eggs and mixing with them nearly | hundred pollars rather high damages a cupful of powdered sugar. Add two to claim? Jimson --- Yes; but I suppose your bill will be about four hundred and ninety-nine dollars and I want to get my dollar back.

#### The Regretted Lapse of Time.

Buggins-Why did Wigwag break off his engagement with Miss Oldgirl? Muggins-On account of her past. Buggins--What was the matter with

Muggins-Nothing, only he thought it was too long. -- Philadelphia Record,

#### For the Other Man.

"Doctor have you a remedy for a troublesome cough?"

"When does it annoy you most?" "When the man who has it comes tome. He's in the flat above, -Inter-Dceau. states in the second second