

#### A Medicine Craze.

A man in Vienna has developed a mania for medicine, of which he swallows large doses dally, although suffering from no illness. This is a form of lu-nacy not altogether unknown.

To Heckington, in England, belongs the honor of being the birthplace of the largest consumer of medicine the world has ever known. This was Mr. Samuel Jesaup, a rich grazier, who died in 1817. He was in many ways eccentric, but in none so much as in pill-taking, or what a chronicler of the period describes as "a most inordinate craving for physick."

The following figures may be regarded as incredible, but there seems to be no reason to doubt their accuracy. In twenty-one years, from 1795 to the 1816, Mr. Jessup consumed 229,034 pills, which is at the rate of 10,806 a year, or 20 a day.

Many more of these were taken in the later than in the earlier years. From 1811 to 1816, a period of five years, the rate of consumption averaged seventyeight a day, while in one single year, 1814, Mr. Jessup swallowed as many as 61,500 pills.

These astounding figures came out in the course of an action tried at the Lincoln Assizes, in 1817, when an apothecary of Bottesford, who had supplied whole of the medicine, such Mr. Jessup for the amount of his bill. In spite of taking all these pills, with the addition of 40,000 bottles of mixtures and juleps and electuaries, Mr. Jessup, who was unmarried, lived to the age of The apothecary's bill, for the amount of which he was sued, covered no less than fifty-five long and closely written columns.

### Fidn't Know Beans.

"Mr. Northside doesn't know beans," remarked a Pittsburg girl to a visitor from Boston.

"I have become cognizant of the fact that he is deficient in knowledge re-garding the leguminosae," assented the latter.-Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

The easiest men for the women to capture are those who have exaggerated ideas of honor.

### GIRLS IN STORES.

offices, or factories, are peculiarly liable to female diseases, especially those who are constantly on their feet. Often they are unable to perform their duties, their suffering is so intense.





### THE SUBSHINY BOT.

His but is battered, his shoes are torn. And his outgrown clothes are sadly worn ; But cheerily comes his whistling song : Now near, now far, as he tradges along Three times a day in his work or play ; And the very merriest roundelay Couldn't to me one-half so well The story of his temper tell. As I dine each day, I hear The cheery whistle far and near, And watch the carer, happy face, Unclouded by a sinful trace. Till from his heart, brimful of lov.

We eatch a ray-God bless that boy -Elizabeth A. Dairs.

## A CAMEL'S LONG MEMORY.

In Central park, New York City, is

a dromedary so vicious that the keepers dare not enter his paddock for fear of being trampled to death. The other day, however, an Arab dared what the park men feared to attempt. Three Bedouins, in their native

dress, visited the menagerie, and quickly found their way to the camel's unddock. One of the Arabs spoke to the vicious dromedary in his native tongue. The animal pricked up his ears and grambled in reply. In a flash the Arab responded to his old friend's invitation, jumped the fence and spoke again. At the camel's third reply he walked over to the old man and rubbed his nose against his arm, while the two Arabs who accompanied him smiled approvingly from outside the inclosure.

Just then the keepers became aware of what was going on and made haste to get the man out of danger. The old man kissed his newly found friend good-bye, apologized for breaking the rules and went away. -- Chicago Record.

### STRANGE PLANTS.

Early travelers in China and Tartary speak of a "plant of flesh and blood, with the shape and appearance of a lamb; having feet, tail and head distinctly formed, and its skin covered with soft down." The lamb is said to grow upon a stalk three feet in height, and to turn about and bend to the herbage that serves for its food, and when the grass fails it dries up and withers away.

There is some foundation for his queer story in the existence of a singuiarly-shaped plant recently discovered which has a sort of woolly covering; and in order to heighten the general effect, the natives trim the plant and adjust the long, light, silky hairs that cover it, in such a style as to give it the appearance of a woolanimal. It is natural to suppose that this plant would wither when the grass begins to fall; for even if it did not subsist upon the grass as reported, the same drought that served to kill the grass would naturally destroy the plant. It may not be so generally known that there now grows in Asia a tree, the bark of which is made into sheets about a yard square, and these are used for all ordinary purposes of paper, being very tough and durable. The soft and durable Chinese rice paper is not the product of any part of the rice plant, but is the pith of a tree which, by the aid of a lathe and a sharp instrument, is cut into very thin and delicate rolls. The lighting materials furnished by trees is another thing worth noting; have altered the dress and had the among which may be mentioned the Japanese wax-tree, which bears bunches of fruit, growing like grapes, and containing a species of wax used iu making candles. Another tree is found in the Pacific islands, known as the candle-nut, which yiel is a large quantity of oil, the ruels being strung together on a rat, and lighted as a candle.

in the early morning. Sometimes many of the leaves may be seen in action at once, and then again only a few seem to be inspired with motion which shows that their action does not depend upon the wind, -Philadelphia Times.

### MINNIE'S LESSON.

Minnie had come down stairs dressed ready for the party, only to meet with her mamma's disapproval. She had told her little daughter to wear what she wished, but not to put on her "heat."

"But, mamma," said Minnie, look ing grave, but determined, "I shall have to wear this dress because my only other one that is clean is too tight for anything; it hurts me so that I can hardly breathe."

"I'm sorry, daughter," the mother said, with an equally determined face, "but you surely see that such a delicate muslin as that you have on is not suitable to wear to a lawn party. It will tear as easily as lace

"But I've got to wear it, you see," said Minnie, with a touch of impatience in her voice. "You don't want me to wear tight clothes, you know." "And what reason have you found

for wearing that broad, blue sash?" "Well, mamma, you know that it is

my only one that matches nicely with this dress and these stockings and things ought to match."

"Yes, and why must the stockings be worn?"

"Oh, well," said Minnie, catching at an end of the sash and twisting it, "I suppose I could wear other stockings, but I thought with my nice, new slipper these would look the prettiest and I didn't think you would care."

"Does it seem to you that nice new slippers' that were bought to wear only in the house, are the proper thing for lawn parties?"

"No'm, but I had to put them on. My boots have the ugliest great nails sticking into my toes; I could hardly walk around last night ; so, of course, I had to put on my slippers."

Very grave looked the mother. It

was a sad fact that she had never heard of the dress that was too tight. or the fearful nails in the highbuttoned kid boots, until this moment. Could it be possible that her little daughter was tempted, by her desire to appear in her fine new clothes at the party, to speak not quite the truth? She sat thinking for a full minute before she decided that her child needed a severe lesson.

"Minnie," she said, and the little girl knew that when her mother spoke in that tone, and called her by her full name, there was no more chance for argument, "you cannot wear that dress, and that sash, and those slippers and stockings, to the lawn party."

"Well," she said at last, drawing a

# **KEYSTONE STATE NEWS GONDENSED.** BIG COAL LAND DEAL.

About Twenty-Four Hundred Acres Bought in Fayette County. .

Options were taken some time ago on a large body of conking coal, extending from the Monongahela river on the west, across Springhill township nearly to the foot of the mountain. These options would expire on

December 1, but on Saturday the property owners were notified that the sale would be owners were notified that the sale would be consummated. The parties taking the options are sold to represent 10 different fur-nace companies, and it is the intention to develop the coal and make coke at an early day. The price is \$200 an acre, and there are about twenty-four hundred acres.

are about twenty-four hundred acres. Thiswes made a hull from the store of Nathaniel Bearlek, at Jacksonville, Center rounty, carrying away r 50 worth of goods. Attempts were also may to break into two stores in Howard, by the burglars were trightened away be we an entrance was effected. While Oliver Capper aged 25 years, and his brother, both employed on an oil well lease near Petroleam Center, were emgaged about the boiler house the head of the boller blew out, tearing the top of Oliver's head off and wreeking the building. At Chester, after supposed to have origi-

At Chester, a fire supposed to have origi-nated from a partly extinguished grate fire in the library destroyed the summer house of Mrs. Mary Hatch, widow of the late broker, Nathaniel Hatch, of New York. Loss \$15,000; insured. The Centralia Colliery, at Ashland, of the

Lehigh Valley cost company, shut down Monday for an indefinite period. Five hundred men and boys are thrown out of

F. M. Hentberne, a phonograph exhibitor, has sued the borough of Claysvil e for \$10, 000 damages for false arrest, arising from his detention for showing without a license. The barn on Morris Fainter's farm at Ruffsdale, near Greensburg, with all its con-teats, and rented by John Leighty, was burned. Loss, \$1,500.

The 5-year-old son of John Miller, of Jeanette, may die from the effects of burns received by upsetting a coffee pot's contents on himself.

A wreck at Uniontown, on the Southwest road, pilled up 14 cars and blocked the road for several hours, besides injuring Brake-man Busser.

Mr. Newman, who was arrested in Somer-set county as an accomplice of Abe Musser, in the Dabankan turglary, easily proved his

Packer collery, near Ashland, owned his the Lehigh Coal Company, has closed down indefinitely, throwing 800 hands out of em-ployment.

At Ebensburg two young men were driving on the street when their horse became en-tangled in a live electric wire and was in-stantly killed.

Plate glass workers at Elwood claim to have discovered a process by which the re-fuse of plate glass can be utilized in making beer bottles.

Teachers will hold a convention Decem-ber 11, at Saltsburg, to form a permanent educational society for Western Pennsylvan.a.

An additional furnace was fired at McKee Bros.' glass work, at Jeannete, Monday, and 150 additional hands went to work.

R. P. Hornbrake, of Washington, has re-fused an offer of \$10,000 for a patent clother wringer

The Sharon Iron Company's furnace re-sumed after an idieness of six months. It employs 125 men.

A valuable horse and buggy was stolen from the barn of J. C. Powell, of Hodley.

William Helfinger was badly injured on the Erie railroad at Corry. The president has appointed H. F. Mann postmaster at Sanbury.

Dollar Wheat in Sight.

Dollar Wheat in Sight. May wheat has the call on the Exchange at St. Louis, Mo. It starts I right in to break a record, and by noon had touched 9456., the highest figure since 1891. Unless pre-valing conditions are upset, dollar wheat will soon no longer be a subject of specula-tion. Cash wheat in the New York market bumped a dollar. No. 2 red, the standard grade, "free on board," got up to 994 cents a bushel, or one-half cent above any pre-vious price. The closing quotation was 994. MARKETS.

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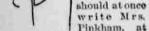
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ides of a chandler's shop.

A slender erect shrub grows in India to which the name of the telegraph plant has been given because of resemblance to railway telegraph signals in the motion of its tri-foliate falling alternately for a time and then resting for a period and again starting into motion. They are more active | Fireside.

long sigh, and looking as though the sorrows of life sat heavy upon her heart, "I suppose I can go and change my things; but I shall be late. It's time to go now."

"Yes," said her mother, her face very sad. "You may change all your things. Put on your calleo that you wore this morning, and your every-day boots.

"Mammal" gasped Minnie, "don't you mean to let me go to the party?" "There is nothing for you to wear, my daughter. I suppose you would not like to go in your every-day clothes, and you say your other white dress is too tight, and the nails in your kid boots hurt your feet. So, of course, you will have to stay home. If I had heard of this before, I could boots put in order; but you know you have never said anything about it before."

Thon was Minnie's face very red. "I can wear them, mamma," she said. turning away. "They are not very comfortable, but I can stand it." "No, daughter, I cannot allow you to 'stand it.' You know I do not wish you to dress so that you can 'hardly breathe,' nor wear shoes in which you can 'hardly walk sround.' I see nothing for you but to remain at home.

Poor little Minnie! It was a hard lesson. She went to no lawn party that afternoon ; she sat on the back piazza in her dark calico dress and

thick boots and sobbed. She had grown so used to making little bits of things into great ones, when it snited her convenience to do so, that she actually did not realize that she was leaves; the two side ones rising and telling what was untrue. I know some other little people who have the same bad habits. -- Farm, Field and

