A coal mine run by women is an in-novation in America. In sections of Germany, England and Wales It is a common thing for women to work in and about cost mines, although of late years this custom has been almost

In the Mahoney Valley, several miles southwest of Shamokin, Pa., lives Jo-seph Maus, a native of Germany, who wner and operator of a coal mine. His four grown daughters and three younger girls help him in operating the colliery. Their father considers them



the best slate pickers and workers in

the anthracite region. He finds them dutiful, cheerful workers, and be never has any fears of their going on strikes for higher wages or from any imaginary grievances.

Mr. Maus superintends the mine and works at cutting out the coal. The oldest daughter, Katle, 22 years of age, performs the duties usually assigned to an outside foreman. She supervises the running of the breaker in a very satisfactory manner, and attends to selling the coal to the hundreds of farmers who live in the valley. Mary, 21 years old, has charge of the mules which hoist the coal from the interior of the mine by an old-fashioned gin. Anne, who is a pretty good mechanic, runs the pump that keeps the mine from filling up with water and feeds the boiler and engine that operates the machinery. Lizzle is the slate picker boss and is assisted by her three younger sisters and little brothers in clearing the coal of slate as it passes down the chutes into the storage pockets.

These energetic young women are fine specimens of womanhood and are stronger than the average man. They are almost six feet in height, and well proportioned, erect and weigh on an everage of 200 pounds. They do not confine their muscles and lungs in cor set and lace them into eighteen-inch walsts, with the assistance of the bed post, previous to going to work, and they are satisfied with the fine physical perfections with which nature has endowed them and are content to let nature have her sway which keeps them in perfect health and strength. have never known a day's illness in their lives and a visit from a doctor is an unknown experience.

Their clothes are not of the approved ew woman order, but are of services ble material, the skirt just reaching the ankles. They wear stout brogans on their feet and take turn about helping their mother with the work on the farm and in the house. They are expert farmers and housekeepers. Mrs. Maus runs the farm and her husband claims it is a better paying investment than the coal mine. The girls work hard six days in the week and seem happy and contented with their lot.

So much attention is called to the measurement of the strawberry around the waist that the fat man is escaping nment.

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Gustav Kobbe writes a paper on "Heroism in the Lighthouse Service" for the Ceptury. Mr. Kobbe says: Several of the violent storms that have whirled over Matinicus Rock have tried the fortitude of the little band of faithful watchers upon it. One of these watchers, Abby Burgess, has become famous in our lighthouse annals, not only for long service, but also for bravery displayed on various occasions. Her father was keeper of the rock from 1853 to 1861. In January, 1856, when she was 17 years old, he left her in charge of the lights while he crossed to Maticinus Island. His wife was an invalid, his son was away on a cruise, and his other four children were little girls. The following day it began to "breeze up;" the wind increased to a gale, and soon developed into a storm almost as furious as that which carried away the tower on Minot's Ledge in 1851. Before long the seas were sweeping over the rock. Down among the boulders was a chicken-coop which Abby feared might be carried away. On a lonely ocean outpost like Matini-cus Rock a chicken is regarded with affectionate interest, and Abby, solicitous for the safety of the inmates of the little coop, waited her chance, and when the seas fell off a little girl rushed knee-deep through the swirling water, and rescued all but one of the chickens. She had hardly closed the door of the dwelling behind her when a sea, breaking over the rock, brought down the old cobble-stone house with a crash. While the storm was at its height the waves threatened the grauite dwelling, so that the family had to take refuge in the towers for safety; and here they remained, with no sound to great them from without but the rearing of the wind around the lanterns, and no sight but the sea sheeting over the rock. Yet through it all the lamps were trimmed and lighted. Even after the storm abated, the reach between the rock and Matinicus Island was so rough that Captain Burgess could not

Blevele Prices Fall.

return until four weeks later.

After several years of exorbitantly large profits the manufacturers of bicycles have been compelled to very largely reduce their prices. The publie actually refused to longer pay \$100 for a machine which can be built for one-quarter that amount.

A few makers saw this some time ago and put on the market cheaper machines at very greatly reduced prices which so cut into the business of the higher priced manufacturers that in pure self-defense they were compelled to bid good-bye to their old high prices.

Why should not the same thing occur with type-writing machines? They no doubt cost considerably less to produce than bicycles, and yet some of them are selling at the ridiculously high price of \$100. It is fair to infer that a machine which sells at \$50 costs close to \$15 to manufacture.

If a few large department stores in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chi-cago, etc., would arrange for large quantities to be manufactured for them by some one outside of a Trust the prices would come down to reasonable figures as have those of bicycles.

The Oyster.

The cyster has no greater enemy than the starfish. It appears difficult however, for a fish to open the shell of an oyster, which requires a certain amount of skill even with an oyster knife; but the starfish has a peculiar method of leverage upon the opening of the two shells which the oyster cannot resist. Biologists used to think that the starfish simply starved tho oyster until it opened of its own accord; but observation has shown that by the pressure it applies the bivalve speedily becomes a victim to its ingenious enemy.

"Have I done anything to offend you, darling?" he asked, brokenly. "To-day you passed me without bowing and now you sit there with such an air of hau teur and pride that---

"George," interrupted the girl, with an unbending air, but in her voice a endence sweeter than music at night, 'I have a stiff neck."-Boston Globe.

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looks as if she had been sick six rears Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

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UNUSUAL SUICIDE.

Probably Insane Woman Adopts an Original Method to End Her Life.

Mrs. Charles Simmerman of Easton committed suicide in an unusual manner a few days ago. She told her 12-year-old child she was going to take a bath. A few minutes later the child heard her mother groaning and ran for help. When a neighbor climbed into the bath room he found the woman dead on the bottom of the tub. There was not an inch of water in the tub and Mrs. Simmerman had evidently laid down with her mouth to the spigot and turned on the water. She was 32 years old, and was released from the Norristown insane asylum a few weeks ago.

Samuel P. Langdon, of Philadelphia, entered suit in the Blair county courts against John Loudon and seven other prominent capitalists of Altoona to recover \$200,000 damages. Mr. Langdon alleges that the defendants bargained with him on January 5, 1893, to sell him the controlling interest in the Altoona, Clearfield and Northern Railroad company, and that they have committed a breach of this agreement. The com-Mrs. Charles Simmerman of Easton

pany, and that they have committed a breach of this agreement. The com-pany has gone out of existence and the railroad was recently sold at receiver's

while a well was being drilled for the Forest Oil Company near West Elizabeth the crown pulley gave way, leaving the tools and more than 5,000 feet of rope in the well. If the tools and rope can be recovered the well will be cut down to the depth of 6,000 feet. If they should not be successful its record, at its present depth, will stand as the deepest well drilled in the world. The well was drilled 5,130 feet.

A block of 9,000 acres of coal land beween the Monongahela river and Jeftween the Monongahela river and Jef-ferson, Greene county, has been sold to a party of eastern capitalists and will be paid for within twenty days. The coal is all along the line of the proposed Pittsburg, Connellsville & Wheeling railroad, and the options were taken by the projectors of the new road.

About 60 of the Baker helrs met at About 60 of the Baker helrs met at the Alcorn schoolhouse a few days since to arrange for taking steps to secure the \$35,000,000 they claim is com-ing to them from an estate near Phila-delphia. Several attorneys met with them, among whom were D. T. Wat-son, of this place, and W. H. S. Thomp-son, of Pittsburg.

son, of Pittsburg.

The police of Franklin captured a man at Big Rock Bridge, just below the city limits, who was totally divested of clothing and running wild. He gave his name as Thomas York, of Pittsburg, and says he has a wife and four brothers in Pittsburg. When found he was almost famished.

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Five bridges in Jackson township were washed away during a storm the other day, as was also Shafer's bridge over the Pocono, in Stroud township. The handsome summer resort owned by Thomas Stites was damaged to the amount of \$300. Considerable damage was done to standing crops.

Miss Isabelle White and Mrs Harriet Cooper, of the Ladies' Auxiliary Com-mittee of the Butler Hospital Association, received a letter the other day from Andrew Carnegie stating that he would contribute \$1.500 to the fund for the erection of a general hospital in this city.

George McKibben, who knocked down and killed James Kearns while driving on the street recently, at New Castle, was arrested for murder. The coroner's jury declared the killing ac-cidental. McKibben is the son of Wil-liam McKibben, proprietor of the Knox hotel. The body of a female infant, about 3

days old, neatly packed in a lard can, was found floating at the Muncy dam a few days ago by some fishermen. Every indication points to the fact that the child was murdered before being placed in the can.

While seated at the supper table at his home in Franklin recently, Sylves-ter Haggerty, aged 23 years, was struck by a bolt of lightning and rendered un-

Frank Scully, 16 years of age, of Crabtree, Westmoreland county, poured oil into a stove to start a fire and was probably fatally burned by the ex-

A fire in Hawley, a town 12 miles from Honesdale, destroyed 12 buildings entailing a loss of \$35,000.

Thirty-one towns are trying to secure the Mammoth Star shoe factory at New Ringgold, which must remove from that place on account of the scarcity of adult labor.

Lightning struck the barn of Philip Kilingensmith, near Greensburg, Tues-day, and completely destroyed it, with all its contents. Loss, \$2,000, with \$1,-

Olo insurance.

Referce Charles L. Hawley told the
Lackawanna County Court that James
R. Dainty tried to bribe him in an assumpit action in which Dainty was the

Sharon capitalists are negotiating with foreign manufacturers for the erection of a tin plate mill there, for which a bonus of \$20,000 is asked.

Mrs. Samuel Sifton, of Dunbar, a few days ago leaped from a moving train, having forgotten her pocketbook, and sustained fatal injuries.

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Twenty-five firemen and thirty-six brakemen were suspended on the Pennsylvania and New York division of the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

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It is estimated that the wheat crop just harvested in Greene county, the heaviest crop ever raised there, will yield 500,000 bushels.

A 10-year-old son of Joseph Ringer, a contractor of Pittsburg, fell from a cherry tree near Salina Saturday and died Sunday.

The First Hammers.

Hammers are represented on the monuments of Egypt, 20 centuries before our era. They greatly resembled the hammers now in use, save that there were no claws on the back for the extraction of nails. The first hammer was undoubtedly a stone held in the hand. Claw hammers were invented some time during the middle ages. Illuminated manuscripts of the eleventh century represent carpenters with claw hammers.

manuscripts of the eleventh century represent carpenters with claw hammers. Hammers are of all sizes from the dainty instruments used by the jeweler, which weigh less than half an cunce, to the gigantic 50 ton hammer of shipbuilding establishments, some of which weigh as much as 50 tons and have a falling force of from 90 to 100. Every trade has its own hammer and its own way of using it. Killed to Save His Father. Polk Burris, a candidate for sheriff at the least election, was killed on one of the main streets of Paris, Texas, by Luther Guthrie, who shot him while he was engaged in an assault upon Guthrie's father.

CONGRESSIONAL.

July 18. The House was crowded early with members who discussed the new tariff schedule which had been approved at the tariff conference. Soon after assembling Mr. Dingley submitted the conference report on the tariff bill and made an effort to get the Democrats to agree to vote, but they insisted on two days for debate, and, without reaching any agreement as to when the vote should be taken, Mr. Dingley took the floor and opened the debate in favor of the adoption of the conference report.

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July 20. At 12.15 this morning the house of representatives passed the report of the conference committee on the tariff bill by a vote of 185 to 118. The bill now goes to the senate for concurrence and will become a law as soon as it is signed by the President. Every republican present voted for the report. The democrats, with five exceptions, voted against the report. The exceptions were Slayden, of Texas; Broussard, of Louisiana; Meyer, of Louisiana; Davey, of Louisiana; Kleberg, of Texas. The populists and silverites did not vote solidly. Mr. Shaforth, of Colorado, and Newlands, of Nevada, silverites, abstained from votling. Mr. Hartman silverite, Montana, did not vote. The populists who voted ing. Mr. Hartman silverite, Montana, did not vote. The populists who voted aganist the report were as follows: Baker, Harlow, Botkin, Fowler, Jett, Lewis, Marshall, Martin, Peters, Simpson, Strowd and Vincent. Four did not vote—Howard, Kelly, Stark and Souththat 180 republicans and five democrats erland. The other populists were ab-sent. An analysis of the vote shows voted for the report, and 106 democrats

voted for the report, and 105 democrats and 12 populists against it. After some routine business the sen-ate resumed consideration of the tar-iff conference report. Five paragraphs, from amendment 562 to amendment 588, were disposed of without question, but at that point Mr. Jones of Arkansas said he had not without question, but at that point Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, said he had not been able to keep track of the matter, and the reading was begun over again, so that explanations might be given. July 22. Senator Jones of Nevada, chairman of the committee on conting-

chairman of the committee on contingent expenses, submitted the report of that committee on the resolution introduced by Senator Tillman for an investigation of the charges of speculating in Sugar stocks, etc. The report takes a strong position against ordering the investigation and is a very exhaustive review of the procedure of the senate in the past in such matters. The report takes the position that senate in the past in such matters.
The report takes the position that, aside from the names of the newspaper men themselves, only the name of Senator Smith of New Jersey is mentioned in the newspapers making the charges on which the resolution was based. The position is taken that the newspaper men do not count, "inasmuchas these gentlemen do not profess to write from knowledge and usually, if not always, decline to disclose the sources of their information."

Representative W. C. Stone of Pennsylvania, who was chairman of the committee on coinage, weights and measures of the last house, introduced in the house a bill to authorize the appointment of a monetary commission and to provide for its expenses.

Scientific Burglary.

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Among a lot of burglars' tools recently captured by the Scotland Yard police was a drill of the finest steel, worked by an electric battery contained in a leather case, slung like an opera glass over the shoulder of the scientific cracksman, the same battery also fur-nishing a miniature electric bull's-eye which furnished light to guide the drill without attracting outside attention.

Reports on the Indian wheat crop are beginning to come in. From the Central Provinces we learn that the area of wheat is only 1.898,022 acres, as com-pared with 2.714,454 acres for 1896, and a ten years' average area exceeding 4,-600,000 acres. The estimated out-turn is \$24,755 tons, against 568,338 for 1896, and 784,802 as the ten years' average.

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"I will send him some medicine which must be taken in a recumbent position.

After be had gone the old woman sat

down greatly puzzled.

"A recumbent position—a recumbent position!" she kept repeating. "I haven't got one." At last she thought. "I will go and see if Nurse Lown has got one to lend me."

Accordingly she went and said to the

"Have you a recumbent position to lend me to take some medicine in?" The nurse, who was equally as ig-norant as the old woman, replied:

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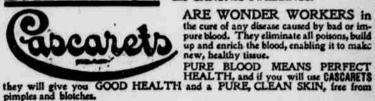
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