A Moral and Social Perce of Be Brokenned With.

The anazing growth of the International Sunshine Society, especially in churches and Sunday-schools of various denominations, has aroused much interest in many quarters.

To the questions so often asked, "How did the Sunshine Society originate?" "What is its object?" "What has it accomplished?" and "How do



MRS, CYNTHIA WESTOVER ALDEN. (Founder and President of the Scelety.) you do the work?" the following answers were made. During the holidays several years ago the President-General, Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, was the recipient of a number of cards from her co-workers on the New York Recorder, as well as from outside friends. On Christmas Day she protested, and said that, while she had enjoyed her gifts, she would have had infinitely more pleasure in their re-celpt if the donors had not written their names on them. This statement horrified her audience, who, with one accord, exclaimed:

What! You wouldn't give our presents away, would you?"

"Why not?" was the answer. "What

ening life by some thought, word or

The club motto, "Good Cheer," was furnished by Mrs. W. H. Chase, of Lefferts place, Brooklyn.

The floral emblem is the coreopsis, selected from thousands of suggestions sent in by members. The flower chosen was sent by Mrs. Richard Norton, of Highstown, N. J. The coreopsis is a beautiful yellow, and is a perennial of the daisy and sunflower family.

The club colors are yellow and white, and were selected by Mrs. E. L. Scoffeld, State President of the Connecticut Division. Yellow is typical of the golden sunshine, and white is emblematic of the purity of purpose that characterizes the sunshine work. The song decided upon by the majority vote of the members is "Sentter Sunshine," the words of which were written by Lanta W. Smith and the music by E. O. Excell.

The growth of the society has been almost phenomenal. Starting from a thought, it has grown until its members now number many thousands. From one parent society branches have sprung up, until every State in the Union is represented with regularly enrolled Presidents. When a State has ten branches, each one consisting of at least ten members, it becomes entitled to a State President. Besides the various States and Territories of the United States, there are also branches in foreign countries. At the beginning of each year a new rollbook is opened, which contains the names of all who have paid their annual dues.

The membership fees are not onerous, consisting merely of some suggestion that will bring "sunshine" some of the members of the society. For instance, exchange of books, papers, pictures, etc.; ideas that may be utilized to advantage in the sick room; work or employment that can be followed by a "shut-in"; fancy work; holiday suggestions; sending flowers; a general exchange of ideas beneficial

to the members. The Board of Directors is greatly pleased by the fact that an increasing number of members are, of their own accord, choosing to let the kind acts that constitute their dues take the form of regular contributions to the endowment fund, ten, twenty-five or fifty cents a week. Several are giving even more. The International Sun-So you do with yours?" A laughing shine Society has never asked for



investigation soon developed the fact money, and its officers serve without that the waste-basket was the ultimate pay, but the passing on of articles destination of most of the cards received. Some spent a few months stamps and expressage. tacked on the wall, until flyspecked One of the strongest organizations and discolored; others were used as in the society is the New York State ks until lop-enred; then all were thrown away without having Helmuth is the energetic President. given an additional ray of sunshine to any one beyond the immediate recip-

"Suppose you take the history of one pretty ten ... nt card that came to me a year ago, said the President-General. "It had an exquisite little poem on it, and I enjoyed it so much that I thought at once of an old uncle who would appreclate it, and forwarded it to him. He, as I thought he would, did enjoy it, and so much that he immediately recalled another old friend to whom it would appeal with special force. So he copied the poem and sent the card on. This recipient found the sentiment so sweet that she, too, felt called upon to pass it on, and before the seven days' holiday was over the card had carried its Christmas message to six

different people. Inspired with this idea of sending out remembrances that might be multiplied fourfold, a new set of cards was given by the staff to the President-General, who immediately sent them all out again. The thanks received for those cards were so pretty that an item was made of it in the paper. This caused further corrence, and resulted in a club for exchange of friendly greetings. This was formed in February, 1890. The name "Chat" was at first chosen for the column, but in time the memdlip grew so large that a club badge motto "Good Cheer" were selected, and the name "Shut-In" given

On January 15, 1896, the name of the oclety was cannged to the Sunshine

This change was made because of with a shut-in society organ fred in 1884. Changing the word Shut-In to Sunshine did not interfere with

ine of happiness into

sent by members requires cash for

The Vice-President is Mrs. Nellie E. C. Furman, of Brooklyn, who has direct control of the Long Island department. Mrs. Furman possesses rare executive ability and many of the plans originated by her are adopted by sister State Divisions.

The large illustration, showing a busy scene at the headquarters of the International Sunshine Society in New York City, is reproduced from the Christian Herald.

His Experience. Hix-"It's just as easy to tell the

truth as it is to tell a lie." Dix-"Yes, but when a man realizes that by telling a small lie be will rot only make his wife happier, but . U get several hours more sleep he is tified in telling it."—Chicago News.

A Cauce That Folds Up.

Among recent inventions, the portable cance is receiving notice in sport ing circles in Europe. The middle section, which folds so as to form



trunk-like box, with convenient han dies, receives the two herms

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

FENSIONS GRANTED

Vandals Loot a Wilkinsburg, Church-Blair Coun y Lawyer Mysteriously Disappears-Thick Vein Coal of Found.

Pensions have been granted as follows: Frederick Stoner, Oakmont, \$12; Robert W. Clark, Woodcock, \$6; Israel Krimer, Coburn, \$8; Martin Hess, James Creek, \$10; Jonathan Grinage, Shirland, \$10; William A, Jones, Ebens-Middlesex, 88; Adelia C. Sweesy, West Middlesex, 88; Harriet Dongman, Doyles Mills, 88; Benjamin F. Mc-Creight, Indiana, 88; John R. Carnahan, Indiana, 812; David Rumbaugh, Harrisouville, 814.

John Rote and William Hartman, some quarries at East Lampeter, Lancaster county, found a can of blasting powder. They applied a match to it, a terrific explosion resulting. Before help arrived they were terrifly burned, the flesh peeling off in strips when their clothes were removed.

The First Christian Chemical Strips and Interest therein of persons co-partnerships or corporations, Mr. Heidlebaugh, Lancaster—Providing for the establishment of boards of city trusts in any municipality.

TUESDAY.

A bill was read in place in the House to day the county of the each aged 9 years, while playing about some quarries at East Lampeter, Lan-

The First Christian Church of Wil-kinsburg was entered by thieves and portable property to the value of \$200 taken. Among the stolen articles were two sewing machines belonging to the Women's Aid Society. A number of rugs were taken, as well as a dozen chandeliers which had not been put into place.

husband, Hiram McMillan, near Oliplant, by a gang of nine negroes.
Soon after the shooting a posse was
out after the assailants. All of the
negroes implicated in the affair were
like purposes and places of worship,
negroes implicated in the affair were
places of burial not used or held for
negrous or corrogate profit, and insti-

have been testing for oil for the Egyptian Petroleum syndicate, com-posed of American and English capitlaists. The attempts have proven futile and the experiments abandoned.

Eight shares of Pennsylvania Rail-Eight shares of Pennsylvania Rall-road stock that were stolen from her in Philadelphia 25 years ago, were returned to Mrs. Emily L. Moore, a wealthy woman of that city, by Judge Newburger. These shares of stock have been in the possession of the clerk of general sessions for 22 years.

Representative Howard L. Calder of the First Legislative district of Dauphin county, died at the Lochiel Ho-tel in Harrisburg Monday. Mr. Calder, who was about 37 years of age, was Judge Advocate on the staff of Major General Miller of the National Guard.

E. H. Faulkender, a prominent member of the Blair county bar, has disappeared. He left Hollidaysburg, presumably to attend United States court at Pittsburg. He is the custodian of a trust estate of \$16,000. The Sheriff has seized his property on executions.

Edward Durnew, a boy operator of a carding machine at the Pearce woolen mills at Greenville, caught his arm in the belting and before the machine was stopped his head had been drawn between the pulley and the shafting. His injuries will probably be fatal.

"Big Barney" Dolan, the last of the Molly Maguires, is dead at Big Mine near Pottsville, where he has e his nome for several years. His death was caused by heart disease and he dropped dead while dressing him-self in his little shanty. The Phoenix Oil Company of Ro

chester has struck a big gasser on the Burns farm in Economy township. Beaver county. The new well has 270 pounds pressure, and the experienced oil men believe that a new oil field is about to be opened up.

Citizens of Delaware township, Mercer county, have petitioned against the establishment of rural free mail delivery in that locality. They claim that it would have a detrimental effect on business in the small towns.

James Barry, who disappeared from his home in Pymatuning township. Mercer county, nearly 10 years ago, re-turned to find his wife dead and his family widely scattered. He gives no explanation of his absence.

Rear Admiral Crowninshield, chief of the bureau of navigation of the navy department, has issued an order turning the converted gunboat Do rothea over to the State of Pennsyl-

vanta for use of the naval militla. A gang of 11 juvenile confesse thieves have been landed in fail at Warren. They said their object was to accumulate money to pay their way Cuba, where they would be brig

A Pittsburgh syndicate is trying to buy the Evans City waterworks and the borough council is thinking of selfing out for \$20,000 and using

money in paving streets and sewering. William Rhondes, of Tidioute, aged 25 years, committed suicide at home of his grandfather at Custards because the latter reproved him for arrying two revolvers

The drilling for coal veins near Be lin has resulted in more important disoverles than was at first suppo The vein is from six to seven feet thick instead of four.

Joseph Hamm, Jr., of Mosquito Val-ley, near Williamsport, saved his two children and his aged father from The Indiana Steel Company has pur chased 1,000 acres of coking coal near Masontown, Fayette county, and wi

built a big coke plant, Mrs. Jennie Evans, wife of an oil man living at Bruin, 20 miles north of Butler, committed suicide by hanging

The treachery and ferocity of trusted cat almost cost the life of a babe at the nome of Morris Green, in Gloucester, a Philadelphia suburb. As it was the little one was badly injured and only the timely arrival of its mother saved it from a terrible death.

William Whitley, aged 50, was burned to death at Easton. He fell in a fit while carrying a lamp. The lamp exploded and his clothing, which was saturated with oil, ignited.

Dr. X. O. Werder, of Pittsburg, why Winebrenser Winebrenser recently bought the Winebr farm, near New Florence, has rec 61 Angora goats, which he to loose on the farm.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

MONDAY.

Mr. Henderson, Allegheny, tutro-duced in the House a bill to enable homeless or landless persons to pur-chase or appropriate at the assessed value any building lot, house and lot, or farm not exceeding 200 acres not personally occupied by the owner, emsame after tender of the amount of such assessed value. After clearing the calendar of first reading bills, the death of Mr. Calder, of Dauphin, was formally announced by his colleague, Mr. Ulrich. After appointing com-mittees to arrange for memorial services and to attend the funeral, the

House adjourned.

In the Senate these bills were introduced: Mr. Scott. Philadelphia, by request of Mr. Snyder of Chester— Providing the registration by the State Department of labels, trade-marks stamps, designs, devices, etc., and to protect and secure the rights, property and interest therein of persons co-

A bill was read in place in the House to-day by Mr. Kirker, Alle-gheny, authorizing county commis-sioners to levy a tax of one-tenth of one mill for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines and their wives, widows and children, to be disbursed by a relief committee of soldiers.

The following bills passed finally:

Fayette county people are much agitated over an assault upon Mrs. Eva McMillan and the shooting of her either end of a county bridge across

Wm. Gates and a crew of expert drillers of Oil City have returned from less the same shall be seizer of the less they have hear touties for all City have been for the past 20 months they have hear touties for all Courses possessor of the personal property absolutely.

The order of business in the House at the night session was bills on second reading.

In the Senate a concurrent resolu

tion, presented by Mr. Scott, Phila-delphia was adopted, providing for the appointment of a commission to inquire into the condition of the in sane in State and county institution sane in State and county institution.

The commission is to consist of the electrons appointed by the President pro tem, and four members of the House to be selected by the Speaker. WEDNESDAY.

While the Senate passed bills appropriating \$6,000,000, \$5,000,000 for the completion of the State capitol build-ing and \$1,000,000 to make up the de-ficiency in the public school appropriation, several measures were passed finally which are calculated to raise revenue to meet these contemplated

expenditures.

Among the bills passed were:
House bill amending an act providing for the laying out of private roads to reach bituminous coal, iron ore or fire clay underlying adjacent land by extending the provisions of the act to aolin clays, stone, marbles and sands. House bill providing for the commutation of sentences for good be-havior of convicts in prisons, peniten-

tiaries, work houses and county jails. House bill empowering boroughs to tax persons, property and occupation for general borough purposes. After the calendar had been cleared

of bills on second reading the Senate adjourned. In the House most of the time was taken up in the consideration of two bills that grew out of the visit of the Legislature to New York in 1897 for the Grant monument dedication.

THURSDAY.

In the House the following bills ere passed finally: Directing the state treasurer to te-fund direct inheritance tax paid into the state treasury by virtue of the act

of May 12, 1807. Authorizing school directors, boards or organizations having control of any district to divide and distribute public libraries among the schools of

The Drase bill, fixing the legal rate of interest at 5 instead of 6 per cent which was defeated last Wednesday was reconsidered and placed on the postponed calendar for third reading and final passage.

The Senate congressional apportionment bill was read the second time and then recommitted for amendment. A number of other Senate bills passecond reading, after which the House adjourned.

After clearing the calendar of first reading bills the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday night. The Gor-yell renovated butter bill, which has passed the House, was reported from committee,

FRIDAY. The order of business in the House o-day was Senate bills on second reading. There was a slim attendance and the business was disposed of in short order. The bill providing for the extinguishment of any ground rent, an-nuity or other charge upon real estate after 21 years and making the same applicable in cases where the common wealth is a party claimant the sam as in the case of other parties was amended by Mr. Bedford of Philadel-phia, so that it shall not aply to lands of minerals beneath and co-extensive with rivers and public streams.

Governor Stone has vetoed the reso

tution providing for the appointment of nine commissioners to draft and report to the Legislature of 1903 a general corporation law to take the place of the act of 1874 and its supplements. Stone says it would result in confusion.

-Seal skins are obtained on three islands of Siberia—on Bering and Cop per Islands (the Commodore group), to the east of Kamchatka, and on Rob-ben Island, a few miles south, off Cape Patience, on the eastern coast of Saka lin Island. On the beaches of these islands the fur scals have their rock-eries, where they stay during the sum-mer, spending the winter near the ceasts of Japan.

Cotton has ranged in price from \$1.00 a pound during the war to less than 5c a pound in 1898. In the last two years and a half it has risen from 5c to 12.75c.

March 1965 and a company of the property of the company of the com THE REALM OF FASHION.

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New York City.-The sleeping gar- | thirty-two inches wide to make as ilment that can be made comfortable lustrated. for bot nights always finds a demand.

The pretty May Manton gown illus-Braiding and Cycling Saits.



SQUARE YOKE NIGHTGOWN.

trated allows of an open square neck and elbow sleeves, or of a high square yoke with bishop sleeves, as preferred. The original is made after the former style and is of nainsook with trimming of strong German Valenciennes lace insertion and beading. Cambric, long cloth, linen lawn and soft finished muslin are all used. The lace is ad mirable and endures laundering singularly well, but needlework or linen lace makes an equally satisfactory

To cut this night gown for a woman of medium size six yards of material thirty-six inches wide will be required, five and a half when made with low neck and elbow sleeves, with six and a quarter yards of edging, five and a quarter yards of insertion and four and a half yards of beading to trim as illustrated. When made with the yoke and bishop sleeves half yard additional will be needed.

Woman's Fancy Walst. The waist that closes at the centre back is having an almost unprecedented vogue. It is made from a variety of fine, delicate fabrics, and in almost countless combinations. The smart

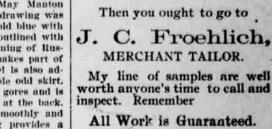
There are few prettier or more fachlonable styles of trimming good cloth tailor-made gowns than with military braiding, and at one of the fashionable shops an elegant specimen of the braiding is shown. The gown is made of black cloth, trimmed with inchwide black braid. It has a strapped collar and is gracefully braided. vest is of silk peau de soie. The skirt has a very wide and ample flounce; the length of the basque is indicative of the fashlon of the hour.

Cycling skirts have established themselves as undoubted favorites with the public, and they are now made in many new cloths, one especially, in a fine serge, trimmed with closely stitched bands, the basque of the packet being out somewhat long in from and double breasted, was worthy of admiration.

Clever tallors are busy with black cloth made up as skirts and coats, with short and long basques. The newest style of all is a cutaway coat, like a man's, and a postilion basque at the back. It is to be hoped some wonan of fashion will give this the desired afflatus, for nothing can be more ugly or ungraceful to the female form divine that the straight line to the waist and the plain backs to the skirts now to be seen in all our fashionable thor oughfares.

Misses' Five-Gored Skirt.

The skirt with the tucked flounce is pronounced favorite for young girls as well as for their elders, and is singularly satisfactory made from lightweight wools, foulards and all thin summer fabrics. The May Manton original from which the drawing was made is of India silk in old blue with all-over design of white outlined with black, and shows a trimming of Russian lace insertion and makes part of a costume, but the model is also admirable for the serviceable odd skirt The skirt is cut in five gores and is laid in an inverted pleat at the back. The upper portion fits smoothly and snugly, but the shaping provides a





WAIST THAT IS THE VOGUE.

May Manton example shown in the large engraving, is of tucked and plain batiste with point de Venise lace and is lined with the plain material cut exactly like the outside, except the sleeves, which are made over the plain foundation; but the fitted lining either of silk alone or silk velled with the flounce. material can be used when preferred. In the case of the model all-over tucking is applied to the upper line of perforations to form the yoke, while the plain material falls to the lower edge The lace is cut separately and applied over the plain batiste between the per forated lines, the upper edge being sewed to the lower edge of the tucked yoke; but any width of lace or inser tion can be used if the upper edge is applied over the yoke edge. The sleeves are peculiarly chic and novel. the contrast between the heavy lace and the delicate material making a most satisfactory effect. The neck is finished with a regulation stock of lace and a chou of Liberty silk is at tached to the left side of the cors When a still more transparent effect is desired the lower edge of the lace can be sewed fast to the plain

To cut this waist for a woman of medium size three and a half yards of material twenty-one inches wide or two and a half yards thirty-two inches wide will be required when one material only is used; two yards of allover lace, and three-quarter yard of thirty-two inches wide or three and tucking eighteen inches wide and one and a quarter yard of plain material

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treated in similar manner.

Not beening the Presidency. Former Senator Hill announced that was he seeking the Presidential nom-

Arabe Clean Out a Village. Arabs armed with bludgeons attacked and plundered the village of Okuillalia, Algeria. The inhabitants fled in a panic.

Expect a Heavy Peach Crop. The foremost peach growers of Orange County, N. Y., are placing large orders for baskets in anticipation of the largest crop in years.

graceful hare below the knees. As shown the flounce arranged in groups of tucks is applied over the lower edge and makes a becoming and fashionable finish, but the skirt can be left plain when desired, as it is cut full length and extends beneath the

To cut this skirt for a miss of four teen years of age, six and three-quarter yards of material twenty-four inches wide, six and



A POPULAR FIVE-GORED SKIET. yards

inches wide, six and one-eight yards three-quarter yards forty-four inches wide will be required. Iron and Steel Trade Quieter.

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then we are instantly shut up to a marrow range of consideration. If, the other hand, he may consider practical all preaching that includes presentation of the fact includes another on the Gospel our thought may be given. our thought may be range. Falled Where He

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