THERE SEEMS TO BE NO END TO SUPERFLUCUS LEGISLATION.

The American Has to Obey More Laws Than Does a Citizen of Any Other Country - This Multiplicity of Laws a Great Boon to the Many Lawyers.

To be a law-abiding American citizen requires more of an effort than expected of the citizens of any other country on the face of the map of the world

Not only does the American have to obey more laws but he has more law-making bodies than any other country. He has his congress, the state legislatures and municipal bocles, all of which have power to make laws and enforce them.

No lawyer knows how many laws there are 'n the state of Louisiana, for Instance, much less how many laws there are in the United States, Whenever a question is submitted to a inwyer about the simplest proposition. it requires three or four days of strenuous investigation before he in able to form an opinion as to what the legislature did do or intended to do, and even then it is not a certainty that the law is as the lawyer thinks

There are about 14,000 ordinances in force in the city of New Orleans alone. How many thousand laws there are

in the state no living man can tell. Citizens expectorating on the side walk are violating a law. Citizens throwing refuse into the streets are violating a law. Motormen running their cars faster than six miles an hour violate an ordinance. Trains which block a crossing longer than five minutes violate the law. People driving horses rapidly on any of the streets can be arrested by the police and fined. Men or women lingering on the street corners are guilty of a misdemeanor. It is a penitentiary of fense to over a ter without a stamp w on is addressed to another. It is a penitentiary offense to open a letter addressed to another under any circumstances. It is an offense to sell goods on Sunday. Gambling and lottery games are crimes. Taking money from another for the purpose of shielding him or his business is a very serlous crime. It is a misdemeanor for a farmer to permit his hogs to run at large in cert districts.

The list might be prolonged in leftnitely. It would fill a strip of paper as wide as the ordinary railroad track and reaching from New York to Hongkong.

rs say that there is hardly a ma tit this blic who does not at ng the year violate some time some law, state, national or city. The reason why so few arrests are made is that most of these statutes are more horored in disuse than in their rigid enforcement,

Laws are changed with every succeeding session of the legislature. As great a lawyer as Mr. Kruttschnitt said he did not believe a person could take the statute books of 1855. about that time, and find a single law which is in force today as it was thea. The beginning of many of the present laws are there, but they have been amended and amended until they have completely lost their original shape and effect. Most of the acts of the legislature as recent as ten years ago have been repealed and changed so that they re not all what they were in the beginning. It is apparently the passion of every legislator, for reasons cular notions of political economy, and the lowest, 6d. perhaps the average; so he goes to the capitol with a bunch of bills in his pocket and he begins introducing them the first day of the session and keeps hammering away at them till he manages to get one or two of them through. Then there is the man in the legislature who does not care how much legislation some of the other parishes get so long as they let him and his affairs alone. He is perfectly willing to vote for the other man's bill if the other man will vote for one of his bills and vote against some bill for him. It was something of this condition of affairs which made the legislature of a state not very far from Louisiana seriously debate for four or five days and nights the proposition to incorporate a brass band and make every member thereof exofficio justice of the peace. The gentleman who proposed the measure, when asked why he wanted to make the horn blowers and the bannerbearers officers of the law, replied that it was necessary to give them this power in order to enable them to proect themselves against the populace, which was in the habit of going early to bed and which manifested a decided objection of being waked up by a brasa horn just as they were beginning to

their first good sleep. Bills just as foolish as this have been proposed in other legislatures and have served a rather good purpose in the eyes of the lawyers, in that they consumed time which might have been spent in a way much more injurious to the interests of the state.

It is a fact that every legislature more bills than it repeals. The w laws cover hundreds of pages. The lawyers have to try to familiarize hemselves with the most important egislation. It is an absolute impossibillity to try to absorb all of the acts ons, because that is a task hich would send a man to an asylum

As showing the number of laws assed by congress, a bill was passed hree years ago providing for a com-distinct to recodify the statutes of the inited States. That commission has

LAWS THAT ARE LAPSED Job. It is thought that by the time the present generation is grown and the lawyers now living have reached their rewards there may be an end to this work. Certainly the work will go on for five or ten years longer, Yet congress is supposed to pass fewer bills than the ordinary state legislature. One man resigned his sent in congress to get on the commission, on the ground that it was a life job and he did not have to make any effort to get reelected. Another member of the commission has died during his term of office, but still the commission goes on, and when the present members die there will be a new set, and when the new set gets old it is expected by the lawyers that the work will be finished.

This multiplicity of laws is an element of lawyers' fees. When a lawyer knows it is going to take him three days to find out if a man's cow can eat the grass on the pasture of another man in a certain parish he must charge about the value of the for an opinion, because he will have to contribute services worth the value of the cow before he is through with his investigation of the question.

As showing the difference in the number of laws it is set down that there is only one lawmaking body in all the kingdom of England, and that is the House of Commons, or rather the House of Parliament. They make all the laws, both the larger and the smaller ones. They make the laws regulating the running of cattle at large, as well as laws providing the means for carrying on the govern ment. There are no distinct legisla tive bodies. All the legislation comes from one source. Consequently, there is very little of the confussion appar ent here, because there is need for little local legislation. There is only law making body in France and only one in Go many. All these great bodies consider the smallest local questions when there is occasion for it, but when there is no necessity for a violent change they go ahead. Laws have stood for hundreds of years in these countries without a change, and the probabilities are that they will stand for centuries more. They were made on broad lines that were care fully considered and elastic enough to fit changing conditions.

The lawyers in this city who dis cussed this question are at a loss to know how to stop the craze for making new laws, unless it be to have a special session of the legislature called for the express purpose of repealing some few hundred acts which are now on the books and which should not be there

In the meantine the average man proceeds daily in his career of crime. -New Orleans Times-Democrat.

LIVING IN LONDON.

It Is Not a Good Place for a Man o

An American, who, in the classical language of his country, is at present "located" in London, wants to know whether any city in the world is quite se niggardly as our town. He has been going the round of the London restau rants, and has encountered in the management of them a spirit which distresses him. "There is, to begin with," he says, "a charge of from 2d. to 6d, for guarding your hat and coat in the cloakroom, and a tip in addition is expected. You want to wash your hands-another 24 or another 6d, and another tip. You take up the menu, and behold! there is an intimation that a charge of 3d, each person will political or otherwise, to try to get be made under the guise of "table the e tire regulation of the affairs of money." The charge varies according to the nature of the place-3d, is at a great many restaurants it is 1s and in at least two that I have visited 1s. 6d. The only difference is that in the lower-priced restaurants it is called 'table money,' and in the high er-priced ones placed under the captivating heading of convert. To my mind, an entrance fee, frankly demanded at the door, would be much less offensive than to find yourself asked at the end of a dinner to pay for the trouble and expense of clean-

ing up the cutlery you have used." His conclusion of the whole matter is that "London lives by imposing a fixed tariff on the accessories that in are thrown in gratis:" and he thinks that being a gentleman is one of the Ishman can have. He declares it to be an utter delusion that London is a cheap place to live in. "For the poor man," he says, "the man whose inis no city where less can be had in the way of comforts and even the necensities of life. In New York it is only the luxuries that cost; the expenses of every-day living may be as great or az small as one cares to make New York, in fact is laid out for the poor man. From the transportation system to the price of such fundamental charges on the household treasury as coal, ice, fuel, meat, bread, milk, and fruit, almost everything conspires to bring him in a good return for a very small outlay. All these things are cheaper in New York than in London."-London

Chronicle. A Test of Friendship.

A gentleman has tried the following peculiar way of probing the ties of friendship. He sent letters to 20 intimate friends asking for the loan of £1. Thirteen of the two dozen friends did not reply at all; five declined to lend the money; two promised to send it on the next day and did not do it; one sent his "last ten shil-lings" and only three sent the full sum asked for. The supplicant and all the "friends" he had written to are well off.—St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya.

THE SONG OF THE AUTOMOBILE.

Chuck! Chuck! I come in a swirl of steam Or foul with the reek of oll. Conceived in a mad inventor's dream, And born of his thought and toll. My heart is allame with a hidden fire,

And I rush with a hurtling speed in, on to the goal of my heart's desire— Ob, I am the tireless steed!

My voice is the cry of the hunter's horn.
And I crush neath my throbbing weight
The sage or the child with a reckless scorn
Like the wheels of a heedless fate;
My heart is aflame, for my food is fire,
And I burn with insatiate greed.
As I rush to the goal of my heart's desire—
Oh, I am the tircless stree!

s I rush to the Rolling steed! Oh, I am the tircless steed! —New York Herald. HUMOROUS.

Nell-What a delightful conversationalist he is. Belle-What did he talk about? Nell-Me.

Teller-Time is money. Askin-Why don't you make money, then? Teller-I haven't time.

"In the matter of wedding pres ents," says the Cynical Bachelor, "it is better to give than to receive."

"What's the matter with you lately? Has she thrown you over?" "No that's just what she refuses to do." Sillieus-Do you believe that clothe

make the woman? Cynicus-More of-

than the woman makes the clothes. Blobbs-Why do you suppose Harduppe is raising whiskers? Slobbs-Maybe he can't raise the price of a

Wigg-Borrowell did me out of 50 cents the other day. Wagg-I never before knew Borrowell to do things

Wife-Oh doctor Benjamin seems to be wandering in his mind. Doctor (who knows Benjamin)-Don't trouble about that; he can't go far, Tommy-Pop, to prune a tree is to

cut the limbs off, isn't it? Tommy's Pop-Yes, my son. Tommy-Then does that make prunes grow on it? Hook-Where do you suppose the

greatest pleasure comes in to the woman who entertains? Nye-In not send ing invitations to some other women. Mrs. Gadabout-She appears to be pretty well-to-do. They say she's got quite a collection of oid laces. Mrs.

Nocker-From her family's old shoes? "A woman's favorite weapon is a tear," remarked the Wise Guy. even the Eskimo women are addicted to blubber," murmured the Simple

Tom-I don't think I'll ever get up enough courage to ask you to marry You know "faint heart never won fair lady." Belle (blushing) B-but

I'm a brunette. Cholly-Your father bowed to me very pleasantly on the street today. Edith-Indeed? Mamma said he'd make some awful blunder if he went without his glasses.

Lovelorn-I've written her two letters, proposing to her, but I haven't got any encouragement yet. Funnicus -well, what can you expect? One has to write 13 letters before he gets 'encouragement.'

When It's Fun Reing Sick.

One of the local girls' boarding echools includes among its day pupils a young miss of 17 years who repre pents the concentrated affection of her parents, a sister and a number of older brothers. She bubbles over with merriment, is healthful to a degree that alarms the family physician and speeds through her lessons as thoughtfully and regularly as could be expected of a girl who takes music lexsons and must give haif an hour a The other day she went to school in good spirits, but succumbed to a toothache at the end of her first study period. Instantly the whole school went to work to nurse her-possibly out of recognition of her father's influence and his interest in the school. She was taken un stairs to the room of one of the boarders, blankets were heaped on her until she almost smothered, the superintendent came in the room and lowered the blinds, the history teacher came and offered edibles. and every girl in her class poured in after each recitation period to inquire how she was. But no one gave her any remedy for her toothache. She every other city I have ever been to lay there two or three hours, suffering bravely and counting the figures in the wall paper design, when suddenly most expensive professions an Eng- the pain ceased. She accordingly arose put on her wrans and walked home. Yesterday she youchsafed to tell her home folks something about it. "Why in the world didn't you tell us before' come is less than £800 a year, there | they all asked. Then the siy little school girl's eyes began to twinkle and she replied demurely: "Well you see. I knew if I did you would have my tooth fixed for good and all. And its a mighty lot of fun being sick in a boarding school, 'specially when you don't know your lessons."-Washing-

The Quips of Little Ones.

Grandad-What makes you look so unhappy, Willie? Willie-'Cause nobody never calls

don't want to do. Some time ago little Walter had occasion to differ with his nunt upon some trifling matter.

me good unless I'm doing something I

"I tell you," said nuntie, playfully, "I know a few things." "And I know as few things as any body I guess;" said Master Walter, in-

dignantly. "Daddy," asked little Jack, "where does a snake begin when he wants to wag his tall?" Mamma (at the breakfast table)-

George—I am usin' it, mamma; I've got the dog tied to the leg of the table with it.—Motherhood.

You always ought to use your napkin.

ANOTHER GRAND REPORT FROM HIS MAJESTY'S DOCKYARD, AT PORTSMOUTH, ENGLAND,

Where Upwards of 10,000 Men Are Com-

Sometime ago the Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette published a most thrilling and remarkable experience of the wife of Mr. Frederick Payne, himself connected with the Portsmouth Dockyard for many years. The report produced a great sensation, not only in Portsmouth, but through out the country, being considered of sufficient importance for reproduction and editorial comment by the leading Metropolitan and Provincial Press of England, as showing the marvelous powers which St. Jacobs Oil possesses as a cure for Rheumatism, its application having effected a perfeet cure in the case of Mrs. Payne, after having been a helpless cripple and given up by several physicians.

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She has taken two bottles of Vogeler's Curative Compound, and one would now hardly take her for the same child, her skin has got such a nice healthy colour after the sallow look she has always had. I shall never cease to be thankful for

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One of the Buenos Ayres newspayers has a consultation room in which the poor can get medical aid and medicine free.

TO EXTRACT LEAD.

Discovered. Dr. A. F. Linn, of Springfield, O. professor of chemistry at Wittenberg College, has discovered a method by which lead in solution may be "thrown out" in the form of pure lead by the use of an electric current. The commercial possibilities of the discovery, it is said are great, as the plan may be applied to extracting the metal The method consists in get the ore. ting the lead in a solution containing an excess of phosphoric acid and then allowing an electric current to act up on the solution for six or seven hours. The lead is then found to be deposited in a smooth gray coating at the bottom of the receptacle.

Jeweler's Dummy Clocks Wrong.

A paragraph has been going the rounds of the press that the dummy clocks used by jewelers and other dealers in timepleces as advertise-ments always indicate the hour of \$:18 to commemorate the precise mo-ment when President Lincoln was assassinated. Lincoln did not arrive at Ford's Theater on the fatal evening until 9 o'clock and Booth did no shoot him until after 10. His death occurred at 7:30 the next morning.

TRADES FOR EACH TOWN.

Philippinos in Dagupan Would Not Saw Boards in Their Village.

A characteristic of the articles peculiar to the Philippinos is that they can be had only by going where they are produced, except very occasionally at an exhorbitant price in Manila. At Callasio are made, in limited quantitles, fine hats and eigarette cases of the fiber of the bole paim, which can be bought nowhere else. At Lucban they make an even finer hat, to be had only there. Paete, another town, is noted for its woodcarving. Other places may have the same materials and as skilled men, but they will not make for you what is not peculiar to the place; if asked why they say, "It is not our custom," and that is a final reason with them. Near Dagupan there is a town where almos every native is a carpenter by trade An army officer stationed at Dagupar wished to have some boards sawed but in Dagupan it could not be done he must go three miles to the neighboring town of carpenters, or go with out his boards.

RIVAL STEEL TRUST.

French Company Soliciting Orders a Less Than American Rates.

The Steel Trust Company of France has representatives in Chicago en deavoring to obtain contracts at les than American trust prices. It is claimed by these representatives that one contract was signed Wednesday Rene Blume and Caston Block, who were sent to this country French company, say the steel they sell is made by a new process, which is known only to those engaged in its manufacture. By this secret process they assert their concern can produce best steel at about half the cos American manufacture. Frenchmen visited the offices of the Burlington, the Alton and other rail roads, and it is said the first named roads made contracts for large con signments of steel to be used in the manufacture of tools for their machine shops.

Studying Glacial Movements.

A recent number of the Meteors the use that may be made of the fall of red dust, which occurred over most of Europe on March 11 last. It was suggested some time ago that studies of glacial movements and phenomena might be facilitated by coloring a considerable portion of the surface of a glacier, and then noting the rapidity movement and the folding and fracturing of this particular colored stra-The dust storm of last March colored the European glaciers on a grand scale, and thus an excellent oportunity of making critical studies these glaciers has been provided which could never have been brought about by artificial means,

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