Kanaas can always be depended on for some sort of a live contribution to public affairs.

The story of the tramp who stole a bar of soap is preposterously conflict ing. Either he was not a tramp or he did not steal a bar of soan.

Prussia is bound to make the Poles German. A number of school children have been tried in a police court for singing Polish songs on their way home from school. The prosecutor insisted that they should be imprisoned and not fined, but court had the sense to acquit them.

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was fierce and some desperate.

tary order of his miscarried. In bat-

tle and in slege, in attack and in de-

fence, the confidence of his men in

of the Rhine Marches. He more than

counteracted the effect of his military

prestige by an unsympathetic, unin

spiring, and chilly demeanor. His suc

cesses roused no enthusiasm for him-

self. In camp he was a relentless

municipal administration of Treves, m

the government of the province, and

in all things small and great, through

out even Britain and Spain, his uncor

It was a hot and dusty summer, with

bad crops. The parade ground of

Treves was, if possible, hotter and

was a white floor of dazzling, impal-

which showed the roofs of the low.

dull-brown brick barracks. The other

three sides were lined with crazy huts

half an hour after sunrise the two le-

inspection of the formation was over

end of the ground, the Fourteenth Le-

gion on his left, and the Thirty-third

The quaester read out the guard as

was summoned to step out and place

ular man in the legion, and ranked

third among its sixty centurions. The

Prefect had long disliked him, and

would have preferred even more sum

"Almost before the order had been

read the Fourteenth changed from a

serried machine to a seething swarm

dense envelope of dust which rose

from under them. The centurions

whom the rank and file distrusted

The Prefect ordered the first mani-

on his right.

mary measures.

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dustier than the country about.

mality won him fear and hatrod.

Since 1825, \$8,000,000 has been appropriated by the federal and the state government for the improvement of Boston harbor. During the same peried, \$5,000,000 has been appropriated for Galveston, \$7,000,000 for Philadelphia, \$5,000,000 for Savannah and \$3, 000,000 for San Francisco.

The flagpole which has been erect ed above the crown of the home of the new postoffice in Chicago is 72 feet in him was absolute. Yet there was not height and cost \$500. It was originally in all the empire a more unpopular on Aregon fir tree, was shipped from man than his Excellency the Prefect the far northwest in its rough state and was turned on the lathe of one of the great planing mills in Chicago.

Society men in Paris have formed a Anti-Ping-Pong league. They found martinet. Outside the army, in the that wherever they might go they were expected to play the game, and it be came necessary to organize for selfprotection. The members of the ciliatory manner and his stubborn for league wear a distinctive button, notifying whom it may concern that they have sworn never to indulge in "this foolish, unmanly English pastime."

There are several species of the pable clay powder. On one side of it blackherry indigenous to the United ran one rampart of the camp, over States, which produce catable fruit. but the hest for the table or for cooking are the Low blackberry, a trailing or shantles, dens of the camp follow shrub, and several varieties of the ers and houses of the sutlers. About high blackberry. The fruit is larger than that of the raspberry, with fewer gions then quartered at Treves were and larger grains and a brisker flavor. began at the first glow of dawn. The It ripens about the last of July or early in August, and is much used by all The Prefect, with his staff, was at one classes in the country

India is pre-eminently the country for widows. In the whole of India there are more than 23,000,000 of them. Many of the widows are children un. gion was to be deprived of his rank, der 10 years old. Their marriage is and forwarded to the capital to anforbidden and they are counted accursed. British rule has done little, himself in the hands of his guards. to ameliorate their condition. Only The accused was by far the most pop one native ruler, the young Gaikwar of Baroda has had the courage to oppose the priests by legalizing the remarriage of widows in his realm.

Recent experiments on important railroad lines in the United States, encourage the hope that with the aboil. of human figures, weltering in the tion of grade crossings, the laying down of the heaviest and strongest of steel rails, and the improvement were pinioned, every sword was out, of signals and of rolling stock, express and with weapons and shields aloft trains in the United States will reach the men yelled themseives hoarse. an average speed of at least 75 miles ple of the Thirty-third to arrest the an hour before the first quarter of ringleaders. The Thirty-third stood this century is ended, remarks the like images, peering as

POLICE VERSO. A TRAGEDY OF A ROMAN ARENA.

By E. L. WHITE.

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At that time the four greatest cities | frequency of insubordination made rein the Roman empire were Antioch, accepted obedience less a mockery Rome, Alexandria, and Treves on the and more a valuable possession than Moscille. Treves, which was the cenit could be under other circumstances. tre whence were governed Britain, The effort of the speaker to save his Gaul, Spain, the Alpine districts, and official dignity he saw, and while he perceived that it gave him the very the Rhine frontier, was the residence of the Prefect of the Rhine provopportunity he wanted, he none the inces. Lo was a very exalted perless hated the speaker for the condeand commanded the army scension of it. which was forever repelling the at-Torn by pride and anger, but in his

temps of the Germanic tribes to calmest voice, he ordered the legion to cross the Rhine. At Treves also was reform, They obeyed. Taking his the adminstration of these legions cenplace at the head of the staff, he spoke tred. There was not a month of suma few ringing words to the men, remer or of winter when they had not minding them of their oath and duty some fighting to do, much of which of utter obedience, and concillating them with a formal disclaimer of any For ten years the Rhine legionaries possible injustice to the defenders of had won all their battles under the the empire. same prefect, and never had any mill

Then he spoke inaudibly to the quaester, and that official rode for ward and proclaimed that the aforesaid centurions of the Fourteenth were to suffer a fine, and that the leaders of the disorder during the review were to be punished with rations of barley instead of wheat for a month. There was no further breaking of ranks, for the legion knew that their favorite was as wholly in their power to defend and protect while under arrest among them as when free.

The Prefact, fuming and vindletive reached his palace to don his toga of state. In his anteroom he found an unwashed, greasy fellow, with a fashion of fingering his battered felt hat in the presence of great folks. In our days such a one would be known as a private detective. Romans called

such professional spice. the Prefect had many grievances against the world. But chief among these was one which he felt as a bousehold shame and reproach. His elder son was a sickly, dissipated, incompetent dandy. To compensate him for this, he had a younger boy who was a fine a specimen of mental and physical manhood as the empire could show throughout its length and oreadth. But this youth, who should have been, he telt, his pride and ally, had rebelled against his authority. He had even openly quarrelled with him. and worst of all, he had left his father's house, which was an unheard of act for a noble Roman. The lad had disappeared utterly and could not be found. He was supposed to have gone into the East, where his mother had kinsmen in high command, against the

signments, the watchword, and finally that a centurion of the Fourteenth Le Parthians, and to be serving the state there under a false name. All this had angered his father quite swer the charge of conspiracy. He enough. His rage and chagrin redou-

bled when the spy asserted that he had positive information that the boy was in Treves, and that he would be able to find him in a day or two with a little extra money to spend on the search. The Prefect gave the moncy with a bitter heart. This news, if true, boded disgrace as well as scandal to his name. the world looked even more hateful to him. His hound fawned on him as he left his dressing-

room, and he hit the beast a blow with

his truncheon, which sent it yelling across the pavement. He mounted his litter at the door, and again hoots and gibes sounded from the aleysways till the jecrers fled before the rods of his Nubians. The solemn lictors formed before the litter. But before the eight Bithynians had set their necks under the poles, a foaming courier handed him dispatches from the war-office. He opened them as the litter was borne onward, and the first that he read was a curt reprimand on his trans-Rhenal policy, and a brutally commanding hint that he must cease ravoring the German chieftain whose interests he had been furthering and romehow transfer his influence to the other side, as his favorite was an enemy of valuable and uncertain allies of Rome who dwelt across the head-waters of the Danube. This accumulation of checks, rebuffs, and insults put his Excellency into a humor which was more than spiteful and vindictive. He was ready to wreak his wrath on anything. He would have enjoyed treating the Emperor as he had treated his hound. and most of all did he hate this populace and soldiery which jeered at him openly, and which was rejoicing at having thwarted him. They had made him do as they pleased in a matter where he felt he had a right to do nis will, and he longed for an opportunity of compelling them to do their best. He reached the circus in a fine mood for asserting his authority doggedly at every opportunity.

purple cloak of a cavalry officer. Conchin strap. equently, she shone among the women, for light pale hues were that year the fashion in feminine dress.

The procession of all the participants commenced. A British and a Scythian charlot, which were to race against each other without more competitors, attracted much attention, with their contrasted teams and drivers from the utmost West and East.

None of those entered for any other event excited so much interest as did the 32 gladiators whose combat was to close the day's show. They were to fight in pairs, sixteen on each side of the arena, and the victor of each pair was to face the victor nearest him, and the victors were thus to pair off and fight again till only one remained. All were armed and helmeted with hidden faces. The favorite in the betting was a professional from Rome, a Roman by race, and a lighter whose fame had spread through the empire. He now appeared at Treves for the first time. The only man seriously backed to win against him was a big Gaul, also well known, and one who had beaten many an adversary. At the very first\_sight of the 32, these favorites were well liked. but most of all was Interest centered in a graceful, well-knit youngster, one of the last pair, as they marched along in the procession. It was whispered that he was a Greek. Greek gladiat ers were rare in any part of the empire, and it was years since one had

bearing which wins sympathy, and in a few moments half the men and all the women were talking of him and wishing him good luck. Not much betting was done in his favor, but even the backers of other contestants inwardly hoped or openly wished that he might get off easily if defeated.

The show passed off much like other shows. One animal fight which was wholly novel at Treves was that of a herd of some fifty dog-faced baboons against successive single large beasts, of which they disposed with surprising celerity. A beautiful leopard, chivied all about the sand by these grinning manlike devils, made desperate efforts to escape. She essayed a prodigious leap out of the arena and clutched the parapet from which she sprang into the seats of the German chieftains. This created some excitement, and a hurricane of cheers when one blonde, pink-skinned young giant of them, his blood spattering his fellows, deliberately strangled her to death in spite of her clawings and hurled the carcass back into the euclosure

At last came the thirty-two of whom thirty-one might die. The Roman was among the sixteen on the side beneath the ladies' benches. The young Greek and the Gaul were on the other side, pelow the seats of the Germans. In the first round the Gaul was over-confident, and suffered a flesh-wound in the knee. He won his bout, and so did the Greek and the Roman. It befell so that for the last round save one the Roman survived, cool and unwounded, and the young Greek faced the Gaul. Of the defeated men who were merely wounded, some had been spared, and some dispatched, according to the favor or disfavor of the spectators nearest them.

The Roman's adversary grappled him, and was hacked to pieces at halfarm's length after a long fight. The Gaul had fallen to a third wound almost before the Roman had shortened his sword grip to begin dealing with his man. Each set of victors had ing upon its waters. This miniate had a prief breathing-time, helmets on, The audience rustled and buzzed peaks of the Wasatch range; is nir

conferred on her the right to wear the irom weakness. The Roman cut the

All this took place in six breaths. The audience, with an electric mutual understanding, sat down, every right thumb outstretched earthward. Not a soul made any noise, not even to cheer the half-dozen running drunkards.

The Roman kicked off the helmet, raised his blade for the fini shidngfiftn and raised his blade for the finishing stroke. As it fell against the back ground of hushed and seated gazers a numberelad figure arnes from among the ladies and another from the Prefeet's ivory throne, and a man's and woman's voice screamed: "My son !!!

The next moment the Prefect's wife had fainted; the Roman, his shield cast away, was kneeling beside the dy ing lad, trying in vain to check the blood with his naked left hand; the whole audience, women and men alike were on their feet; and the Prefect sank in his chair, dazed and trembling, and to his ears the universe second filled with the incisive howl of rebuke and derision which arose from sixty thousand throats .- New York Post.

## GUAINT AND CURIOUS.

There are no undertakers in Japan. When a person dies his nearest relatives put him into a coffin and bury The mourning does not be him. until after burial.

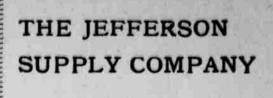
In Japan archera test their arre by balancing them on the nails of second and third fingers of the hand and rapidly twirling them the feathered end with the fingers the right hand. If the arrow make whirling sound it is crooked and m be straightened.

returned from Expyt bringing a re mummy with him, and the case opened at Marseilles. Being told ! it contained a Pharnon the officer le ed up Pharoah in the tariff, but mention could he find of such an ticle. Then it occurred to him thi nice high duty was on dried fish. the savant had to pay as if for t commodity.

# There lies now in the Thames old convict ship Success, fitted up exhibition, a fine example of the ships were formerly built. She launched at Moulmein in 1799, is b of Indian teak and her mainmast the stick that was put into her years ago. She was kept as a pri ship at Melbourne and recently m the voyage from Australia under own sall in five months and a half.

A Rhode Island man, Caleb Potter, the oldest resident Auburn, died recently in the year of his age, and it is stated the family that the old-fashio clock, which the aged man had ta care of for the last seventy yes stopped at the moment he breathed last. The old clock had been tick loudly, but when, after its owner passed away, those who were prelooked up to see what time it was, t noticed that the clock had ceased t ing. The hands had stopped at actly 24 minutes past 4.

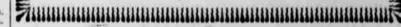
It is said that the human b cannot sink in Great Salt Lake; tain it is that even the inexperien swimmer finds no difficulty in fle ocean is picturesquely situated amo



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of lucreasing the supply of skilled abor.	DR. R. DEVERE KING,
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ance in their wages.	DR. W. A. HENRY,
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Lawrence, Mass., weavers have ro- turned to work. Their demands for	L'
the abolition of the premium system and a twenty per cent, advance were	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE And Real Estate Agent, Reynoldsville, Pa.
refused.	

fought at Treves. This man had that

The story is told of a French say

New York Tribune. What a welcome saving of valuable time will then be eyes towards the mob across the accomplished!

China is making arms at a great rate, all the Yang-tse arsenals being at work full time. At Hankow over 200 his oath? As well salute your centuworkmen are employed in making field guns, Mauser rifles and all kinds of ammunition, including smokeless powder, and at Shanghai an equal number are employed in turning out a like product. As treaty stipulations prohibit the importation of foreign arms into China the home production, particularly in view of the recent experiences, is stimulated to a degree of ac tivity not often witnessed in any Chinese industry.

Mr. Rhodes was not given to highflown talk, and I suspect the story of his "last wrods" is a fiction, exclaims a writer in London Truth. Sydney Smith observed that it seems a nec essity that every distinguished man should die "with some sonorous and quotable saying in his mouth." Mr Fitt was supposed to have expired exclaiming, "How do I leave my country?" It was afterward established on conclusive evidence that his real last words were, "I fancy I could eat one of Bellamy's meat ples." Mr. Fox was credited with some becoming observation about public affairs, whereas his last words conveyed a request for barley water, Sir Robert Peel was stated to have died after an ejaculation about the blessings of cheap bread. In reality, he awoke for a few minutes, after several hours of sleep, "God bless you all," and died. thing. Beaconsfield was reported to Lord have exclaimed, "Any news in the Gasette?" with his last breath, whereas e muttered. "I feel overwhelmed."

could against the sunlight in their parade-ground. The orderly did not take the trouble to ride back to report. how the command was received. The Prefect called out:

"Is there no man here who respects rion Emperor!

The clamor was so loud that the staff could hardly hear each other. The centurion who was the cause of the outbreak seemed to be trying to quiet his fellows.

The Prefect raged mutely. Even his staff were against him and longed to see him humiliated.

When comparative silence was restored, not losing an instant, he chose the most dangerous and most promis ing course possible. For he was really a great commander and a bold one. He rode three horse-lengths, alone, towards the mutineers, and asked them if they reblied against the Emperor,

against himself, or against that particular order alone.

Diverse shoutings answered. young centurion, who had taken no part in fomenting or guleting the tu-mult, stepped out. The men held their peace, and he said, very slowly and concillatingly, that they did not rebel against the Emperor, that they did not mutiny against their commander, but that they did ask him to reconsider an order which had not yet re ceived his official approval. Groans and cheers greeted all three state ments.

His Excellency was reassured. The men had no fixed plans, they were income and he himself was to be divided, and they had no determined editor. leaders. The mutiny was very real and terribly near a revolt that would ruin him utterly. But, while the infringement of discipline was irreparable, and his hold on the men and his officers appallingly weakened, yet there was a chance of regaining the reality of subordination and power by iding to the semblance of both, Mutinies, revolts and revolutions were none so rare in those days, and while the smallest beginning might lead to the world's end, on the other hand the on the walls that the Emperor had

Treves, the fourth city of the empire, possessed a circus which was outranked in size and splendor by those of a good score. The climate, soil, and the political conditions gave the people much work and comparatively little time or money for amuse ment. Yet the amphitheatre held sixty thousand persons. The games were to be magnificent that day. The Prefect was giving them out of his private

Conspicuous among the ladies in their seats at the Prefect's left was his wife. Some years before she had been with her husband in a small garrison town on the Rhine when he was sur prised and surrounded by a vast horde of Germans. Throughout the seige that followed she had shown such skill and courage in aiding the wounded, in directing relief sailies at critical moments, and even in exhorting the men

while the Roman got his breath. was hot and dusty mid-afternoon, but no one left. Even the gaudily painted awning-poles afar and aloft were hid by agile enthusiasts of the mob. who had swarmed up them and were holding on with legs and arms.

The Roman being less fresh of the two, the other crossed the arena, passing through a wicket in the wall dividing the space, and faced his adversary below the ladies' seats. The rustling ceased. The clash of sword and shield in every parry could be heard by the farm-laborers at the north end of the circus. The women especially, humble, and great, were wrought up with

interest for the younger man. The fight was not long. His second wound brought the lad to the ground. The Roman set his foot on the fallen chest, raised his sword and shield over his head and saluted the editor and the spectators. Then, blinded by sweat, he pitched off his big helmet, snitted his grip of his sword,and began to roll his eyes along the benches to see what he must do with his fallen foe. Every woman, child, and man was standing, every thumb pointed down. The fainting boy might have heard the cries of the friendly folk. The gladiator looked first towards the north. Before he turned towards the editor's stand half the theatre saw his Excellency, his face perfectly expressionless, his hand resting on the velvet-covered rail before him, the thumb stolidly pointing up. The gladiator was a slave, hired by him under an oath and penalties of fire and steel. Waves of inarticulate remonstrance ran from tier to tier. Some halfdrunken men of the Fourteenth, lounging in the doorway where the dead. bodies had been dragged out, saw the thumb also. Full of their success of the morning, they thought it would be a fine thing to rescue the young fellow, and started at a tipsy doublequick across the sand. The Roman saw them, looked round, and saw the editor. He dared not hesitate. His life was at stake. He gave the prostrate lad a kick, and the boy tried to

miles long by forty miles wide and detted by innumerable grassy islands Boats for service on these briny waters have to be constructed especially for that purpose, as a craft that would sink to water line on the ocean would ride so high as to be top-heavy and unsafe on Great Salt Lake. The most paradoxical fact relating to this body

of water is that it is a sea almost a

mile above sea level.

### Souff Takers.

The 18th cenutry was the age of snuff taking par excellence. The custom was general and among all classes of people. It was an act of politeness for well-bred men to offer their snuff boxes to well-bred women. Women themselves carried their own boxes and interchanged pinches with the gentlemen. At fashionable dinner parties after the cloth was removed snuff boxes were passed around. Popand Bilingbroke, Swift and Congreve Addison and Steele, all indulged in the pleasures of snuff. Dr. Johnson car ried his snuff in the capacious pockets of his waistcoat and would convey it to his nose without stint. He could not abide the narrow confines of a box. Frederick the Great resembled him in this respect. Both Napoleon and Wellington were prodigious snuff takers, but Washington indulged only moderately. Jefferson was fond of snuff, as his waistcoat and shirt bosom often showed. Hamilton and Burr both "snuffed." and were extremely grace ful in giving and taking a pinch. Henry Clay was another of our fa mous snuff takers, and often needed the stimulus of a pinch when making a speech. Senator Thurman was per haps one of the last of the senatorial users of what was once called "the grand cordial of nature."-Chicago

#### Postcheck Money.

Journal.

The postcheck currency is likely to be in circulation soon. It is a form of currency that can be used for ready and convenient transmission of money through the mails, and will take the place of the present awkward and in loosen the helmet. His hands fell convenient system.

The strike of the structural ironwork L. M. SNYDER, ers of Youngstown, Ohlo, was settled on a compromise basis of forty-seven and a-half cents per hour for an eight hour day. The men struck for fifty cents per hour.

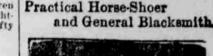
Coloring Oleo With Butter. Representatives of the National Dalrymen's Association are disturbed over an amendment to the oleomar. garine bill, suggested by Senator For

aker, which they say will make proposed law apply only to oleo which has been colored by artificial means but will not prevent the sale of that article nor bring about the ruin of the oleo business, as was hoped by the farmers. Mr. Knight of the National

Dairymen's Association, charges that the manufacturers of oleomargarine have discovered a process of feeding cows by which will be produced milk highly colored which can be used in coloring oleo. The milk produced in this manner would not, it is asserted by the dairymen, give an "artificial" coloring to the oleo, as only "natural means would be used. There is no evidence presented here that the

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