Savages Liked Noise.

A Birmingham clockmaker dis covered that a rival was sending out large stocks of cheap clocks to the heart of Africa and doing good busi-ness with them. Finally he found a hess with them. Finally its take key to the mystery. Savages like noise. The clocks made by the first exporter had a particularly loud and aggressive tick. His competitor had made a better clock, but it was almost noiseless, and the savages would have none of it.

The great flood of Topeka, Kan., last year has been found to be a blessing in disgulae. Ever since the district has not been bothered by the vermin that before infested it-mice, rata, moles, gophers and rabbits.

F113 permanently carel, No fits or nervous-ness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nervellestorer, 22 risk bottle and treatise free Dr. R. H. KLINS, Ltd., 531 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

Germany has ten trade journals devoted to tobacco.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an quar for coughs and colds .-. Jour F. Boyan, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900

Monaco is Europe's most densely populated spot.

It is well known that Japan is a very small country as compared with the Russian empire. Its area is 147,-000 square miles, while Russie has 3,000,000. In population the disparity is much less, but still very great-44,-000,000 for Japan against 129,000,000 for the Russian Empley.

Beware of Gintments For Catarrh That Contain Mercurr.

Contain Mercury. As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and coundersly destroy the sense of smell and coundersly destroy the sense of surfaces. Such articles should never be used scrept on prescriptions from reputable phy-sidans, as the damuge they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarri Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheavy & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, anding directly upon the blood and mucoussurfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the gonnine. It is taken in-ternally, and made in Toledo, Ohfo, by F. J. Chenny & Co. Testimonias free, Bold by Draggists, price, 75, per bottle. Sold by Draggists; price, 75c, per bottle, Take Hail's Family Pills for constipation.

Our Life Saving Service.

So effective is the life-saving service

of the United States that from disasters to 246 documented vessels on the coast during the year, having 2862 persons on board, only twenty lives were lost, and of the \$9,000,000 worth of property put in jeopardy but a little more than \$1,000,000 was lost.

New Whaling Stations.

Two whaling stations have been en tablished in the Britlsh Isles and three more are to be. As a whaling station costs \$40,000 there must be some evidence of a stock of whales still in British waters.

Bad Smell on Jap Ships.

Travelers say that there is a cer-tain undefinable smell peculiar to Japanese steamships that makes life on board of them not worth living. It has been traced to "dalkon," a largeleaved vegetable dear to the Japanese palate.

CHIEF OF POLICE SAVED.

Newberry, S. C.-W. H. Harris, Chief of Pelice of Newberry, says: "I suf-fered for a number of years with kidney complaint. There was a dull aching across the small of my back that was worse at night and made me feel miserable all the time. The kidney secretions were dark and full of sediment, and lack of control compelled me to rise a number of times during the night. Between this annoyance and the backache it was impossible for me to get much sleep and my bealth was being undermined. I tried a number of remedies, but nothing helped me until I got Doan's Kidney Pills. The use of this remedy accord ing to directions promptly brought about a change for the better. After using two boxes the backache all left the kidney secretions cleared up and the action of the kidneys became normal."



The Rain Rains Every Days

Said the robin to his mate In the dripping orchard tree: "Our dear nest wil have to wait Till the blue sky we can see. Birds can neither work nor play. For the rain rains every day, And the rain rains all the day!"

Said the violet to the leaf: "I can scarcely ope my eye; So, for fear 111 come to grief, Close along the earth 1 He, All we flowers for sunshine pray, But the rain rains all the day!" And the rain rains all the day!"

And the children far and wide. All the children far and wide. They, too, wished away the rain; All their sports were spolled outside By the "black glove" at the pane-Very dull indoors to stay While "the rain rains and While "the rain rains every day, And the rain rains all the day!"

Up and down the murmurs run, Shared by child and bird and flower. Suddenly the golden sun Dazzled through a clearing shower. Then they all torgot to say That "the rain rains every day, And the rain rains all the day!" -Edith M. Thomas, in St. Nicholas.

Kari, the Arctic Dog.

Captain Sverdrup, the arctic explorer, tells how one of his dogs, named Kari, fell ill during an expedition, even losing her appetite-a thing almost unheard of in an Eskimo pack. Karl was not only a good dog, but also a wise one, and therefore she knew what to do. She curled herself round in a ball and law down close by one of her comrades, between his legs where she would be sheltered as well as warm. This, however, was not at all to the mind of the dog in question, and he was ungallant enough to get

up and change his place. "But Karl was equal to this difficult situation. She took her allowance, went up to the dog in question and put it down before his none, as much as to say, 'Here, this is for you; now do be kind and let me lie quiet! Then she licked his face in a coaxing way and curled herself round again in her old place. This time she was real-

ly allowed to remain in peace."

A Queer Flag. The rest of the camping party were farther down the stream, but Grace and Baby, who had been picking daisies in the field, had wandered farther off than they thought. "We'll carry back lots of 'em, Baby,

so Mother can have her whole tent trimmed with flowers," said Grace. 'Es." answered Baby, nodding his round head, just as he always did to

everything his sister said. So Grace's pink sunbonnet moved steadily on, and Baby's little feet trotted bravely after it. The daisies near the path had been small, but farther back they grew larger and finer, and the children pressed on through the tall grass until their hands were full. "Oh," said Grace, "It's higher than our heads here! But we have flowers enough, and I guess we'll go back now."

"'Es," answered Baby, cheerfully. But going back was not so easy, for Grace could not see the path-could not even see the tops of the tents. She walked a little way, but the grass grew only taller, and she could not find the way out. If they could not

be injured by grass stains, as they will sit or kneel on the grass much of THE CARE ENGINES NEED the time.

Have the color-scheme of this party crimson and green. On the veranda or on the lawn near the house, have the table of refreshments spread. In the centre may be a huge bowl of crimson clovers with their green

leaves. All dishes may be decorated with the same flowers, and a bunch of the same tied with crimson and green ribbons is pinned on the frock of each little girl, while every boy has a boutonniere of a single fine blossom. the train has come to a stop at some

Provide pretty baskets, each with a handle decorated with a bow of crimson or green ribbon. It is an excellent plan to have the ribbons on the girls' baskets crimson and the ribbons on the boys' baskets green. When all the little ones are assembled, give to each a basket, explaining that this is for holding the four-leaved clovers gathered, and that the child getting

the greatest number of these clovers is to have a prize. Then turn the little ones out on the grass, and give them at least an hour for the search. Provide for the first prize for the girls a tiny silver or gold pin in the shape of the lucky leaf. The second prize may be a pretty pin or jewel tray of china in the same design. For the

boys have a clover-leaf scarf pin as first prize, and as second prize a clover-shaped pocket pincushion. The girls' booby prize may be a negro doll dressed in crimson and green, and the booby prize for the boys can be a horseshoe wound with clover and having at the top a bow of the same colors.

It would be well for the parent of the child giving the party, or some other grown person, to make an occasional visit to the scene of the cloverleaf search, to speak an occasional word of encouragement to the unfortunate and to see that there is fair play. There seems to be a sort of trickery in the so-called magic quartrefoil, by which it hides itself from some persons and cheerfully reveals itself to others. Among children the seeming luck of one and the inability of another to find the hidden treasure may give rise to discussions that may end in tears or hard "eelings unless an older person is present to change the

current of dispute or feeling. When the time allotted for the search is at an end, the children should sit in a row while some one counts the number of leaves in each basket, writing the name of each searcher and the number of quatrefoils that he or she has secured. Then comes the distribution of prizes, after

which the little ones may sit upon the grass and the refreshments passed to them. If there is any fear of the grass being too damp for this to be safe, little tables may be placed about the lawn. While this is more trouble than the first plan suggested, it is more comfortable for the children and a far prettier arrangement. Upon each table stands a little vase of clover-blossoms. The paper napkins are pink or crimson and white. At one such

party white paper napkins had a design of a clover painted upon one coruer. Refreshments may be creamed chicken, bread-and-butter sandwiches cut clover-leaf in shape, and pink-andwhite ices and pink-and-white fancy cakes, with lemonade. On the surface of each glass of the beverage may be laid a large crimson clover-blossom.

Home Companion. Some Odd Strikes.

-Virginia Van de Water in Woman's

The strike of the school children of Colsterworth, near Grantham, the other day reminds one, says the West-

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house, where the ponderous machine

Arranged along the inner side of the

The locomotive, after leaving the

tors which force the water into the RACE HORSE. boller get clogged, dust from the coal gets into the tank and is carried into What Happens to the Pondrous Mathe boiler with the water, cutting out chine in the Roundhouse-Engineer valve seats all over the machine; Must Know His Machine as thu water glasses get broken, grate bars become useless in the intense heat of Driver Knows His Trotter. the firebox. All these and numerous Every one at all familiar with railother ills are brought to the roundroads has seen the engineer dismount house for correction.

from the cab, oil in hand, as soon as One of the most interesting of all the repairs that are made in the roundway station; has seen him walk slowly house is the tightening of the tires on about the ponderous machine, feeling the drive wheels. Each wheel is surof each bearing with his free hand as rounded with a heavy steel wire. he fills the cups with oil; seen him, These occasionally work loose, and it perhaps, tap a valve gently with a becomes necessary that they be tightwrench or examine critically some illened without sending the locomotive to the shops.

properly for any one of a dozen differ-

ent causes, the air brake apparatus

often becomes disarranged, the injec-

To any man all this is interesting, To do this a stream of oil is fed auput how many are there in all the vast tomatically upon the tire and allowed growd that enter the city dally at the to burn as it runs down. The result reat terminals who can tell offhand is that the whole rim is soon a circle what becomes of the train when once of flame. This is kept up for a long time and the tire being heated faster gers? To be sure, they have seen the than the wheel itself, on account of sars on a siding out in the yard. They the proximity of the fire, expands unknow, perhaps, that a roundhouse is a til thin pieces of sheet iron can be inplace where engines are kept when serted between the wheel and the tire. not in actual use. But beyond this the When the tire has again become cold ideas of the ordinary man are a bit it contracts and clutches the wheel hard and fast.

As soon as the passengers have left The cumbersome repairs, such as a train that has just come in from a turning down worn drive wheels and long, dusty run, it is backed out into replacing boilers, go to the shops, the yard and the cars are set off on a where lathes, cranes and forges are to side track. Men go upon them at be had. But all the minor troubles once and begin to put them in readiare remedied at the "stables," and the aess for the next trip. The windows are washed; cars freed from all filth foreman of the roundhouse is responsible for the condition of the engines. and dirt, seats cleaned, water tanks He is the man to whom all look forcared for, and the lamps are put in ward and plan for the repairs in such order. The more improved cars have a way as not to interfere with the regthe gas system of lighting, and on ular operation of the trains .-- New these the tanks under the cars are fill-York News.

THE SULTAN'S JEWELS.

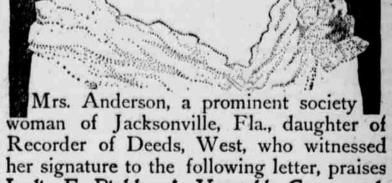
A Glimpse Into the Treasury of the Monarch.

also receives a proper overhauling A party of American tourists saw First of all the tanks are filled with the jewels in the Sultan's treasury rewater and the fuel supply is replenishcently, says the Washington Times. ad. Then a few puffs brings the fire-The royal throne of Persia, captured box above the ashpit, where the fires by the Turks in 1514, about half the are cleaned or dumped altogether. size of an ordinary bedstead, and the The next-thing is to stable the great footstool accompanying it, were covored with beaten fine gold, and the The roundhouse itself is a most unentire surface of each was thickly nviting place, with its soot-begrimed studded with precious jewels, chiefly walls and smoky interior. These builddiamonds, emeralds and sapphires. ngs are all constructed on the same There were also some pearls, rubies, reneral lines, low one-story structures. and other minor precious stones. The renerally built of brick and semi-cirestimated value of this throne and acular in shape. The centre of the companiments alone is \$20,000,000. sirce is the centre of the turntable.

The turbans, official paraphernalia and arms of the former sultans are also there, glittering with enormous precious jewels of every kind in every part. The throne of Suleiman II, is also there, resplendent with the most valuable of precious jewels.

There is also a writing deak or sec retary, of ordinary size of the same character, and hundreds on hundreds of other minor objects of public and private character, made of the finest materials, most perfectly, and decorat ed in every part with the same kind When the fires of the locomotive and quality of most precious jewels. have been cared for, the engineer from a finger ring and a pipe to a sadruns his machine upon the table. With deft hand at the throttle he dle, sword and sceptre.

For example, there are many coffee prings it to a stop at the precise point tea and other drinking sets, made of where the hundred tons of steel balgold, poreclain and a variety of other inces on the spindle that supports the fine materials beautiful in form, style pridge. This looks like a delicate and workmanship," whose decorative task to the uninitiated, but it must be figures are worked out in a profusion remembered that the engineman of the most precious jewels, diamonds tnows his machine as a driver knows supphires, emeralds and rubies, the its horse. He understands just how edges of the cups, mugs or tankards, t will behave under given circumas the case may be, being embossed with diamonds in such a manner as stances, and governs himself accordngly. It is seldom necessary for an to make them complete circles of glitexperienced engineer to throw the retering splendor.



Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: - There are but few wives and mothers who have not at times endured agonies and such pain as only women know.

I wish such women knew the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is a remarkable medicine, different in action from any I ever knew and thoroughly reliable. "I have seen cases where women doctored for years without permawho were cured in less than three months after taking your

Vegetable Compound, while others who were chronic and incurable came out cured, happy, and in perfect health after a thorough treatment with this medicine. I have never used it myself without gaining great benefit. A few doses restores my strength and appetite, and tones up the entire system. Your medicine has been tried and found true, hence I fully endorse it."-Mas. R. A. ANDERSON, 225 Washington St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Reed, 2425 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa., says:

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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: - I feel it my duty to write and tell you the good I have received from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

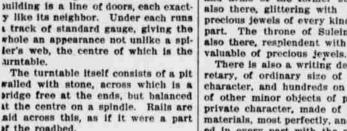
"I have been a great sufferer with female trouble, trying different doctors and medicines with no benefit. Two years ago I went under an operation, and it left me in a very weak condition. I had stomach trouble, backache, headache, palpitation of the heart, and was very nervous; in fact, I ached all over. I find yours is the only medicine that reaches such troubles, and would cheerfully rec-ommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable such troubles, and would cheerful ommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Veg Compound to all suffering women.

When women are troubled with irregular or painful menstruation, weak-ness, leucorrhoz, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, flatulence, general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such tro

The experience and testimony of some of the most noted vomen of America go to prove, beyond a question, that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will correct all such trouble at once by removing the cause and restoring the organs to a healthy and normal condition. If in doubt, write Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass, as thousands do. Her advice is free and helpful.

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A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Chief Harris will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sold by all dealers; price, fifty cents per box

New Third Degree Feature.

An entirely original feature has been introduced into what the police know as the "third degree," or the "sweat box" process, by Postoffice Inspector Williams. It is to read from the prayer book to the suspect the petition for the remission of sins. It was successful with the man upon whom it was tried. Probably it would be effective only with susceptible sinners who had had careful religious training. Many men who fall into the hands of the police could listen to confession. The incident showed the the prayer for absolution upon a man at one time led a highly religious

No. Maude, dear; a sliding scale is not necessarily one on which ice is weighed.



see the tents, the people in the tents could not see them either, she thought, and for a minute she wanted to cry. But Baby was looking right up in her face, and it does not do for a little girl to cry when she has a baby brother to take care of.

She could not see anything but the tall grass around her, but when she looked up there was the clear blue sky overhead, and she knew that God could see her even if Mother could not. Then a thought came to her, and he laughed.

"I know what to do. I'll put my pink sunbonnet on a stick and hold it

up high, and they'll see that." Sure enough, the waving pink sunbonnet was soon seen, and father came laughing through the grass and carried Baby safely out on his shoulder. with Grace marching after him and waving her sunbonnet flag .-- Ruth Cady in The Sunbeam.

A Four-Leaved Clover Party.

A children's party if not a complete entire liturgy without making success is the most dismal of failures and to have it complete from a child's cleverness of Mr. Williams, who tried standpoint the parent must not eliminate entirely the romping element. Young animals of all kinds love to frisk, and the human animal cannot

have a thoroughly satisfactory time at a gathering of his own age and species unless he is to a certoin extent untrammeled by the conventionalities. A four-leaved clover party has in it. the outdoor element dear to the child. Children are Nature-lovers, and revel in anything that gives them the liberty of green grass and open air. During the summer months an outdoor party is really less troublesome than an indoor one, and there is connected with it a sense of freedom that inspires its success from the children's standpoint.

Even if you have not extensive grounds about the house, the clover party is still practicable, for on the smallest bit of lawn the clovers may be found. If you are so fortunate as to have a broad lawn or field at your disposal, so much the better. Notify the children beforehand that

hey must wear clothes that will not from India.

ette, of the othe strike equally odd. Some time ago the ere cutioners of Canton went out on strike, complaining that unless they got more than 500 cash (a shilling) a head they would starve; the female prisoners in Wormwood Scrubbs prison struck against the order requiring them to carry coals to the laundry fires, work which had been the prerogative of gentleman convicts; the beer drinkers of Bamberbridge, near Preston, struck as one man against an increase in the price of their favorite beverage; the barristers of St Amand struck as a protest against the "tyrannical attitude" of the presiding judge; and many other respectable bodies who have adopted this form of protest against injustice within recent years are paupers, choir boys, ministers (who considered \$5 a day "little better than an insult"), commercial trav-elers, and (how could they summon up

spirit to do it?) undertakers' men.

The "Jumping Frog" Story. This is how Mark Twain came to

write his "Jumping Frog" story: He had reached San Francisco from Nevada City, where he had been profoundly interested in brand-new sport -a jumping contest between two frogs. The trainers of the frogs and a crowd of miners and camp followers formed the audience, which Twain had joined. Later, meeting a group of friends in the San Francisco Mint. among whom were R. D. Swain, Chas. W. Howard and Bret Harte, Twain told them about the strange contest he had witnessed, and the recital so convulsed his hearers that Bret Harte told him to write it and it would be one of the best funny stories in the world. The sequel proved Bret Harte to be right. It was published in the

Golden Era, and at once made Mark Twain's reputation. In Australia, under a new law, no contract can be made for the carrying of mails by any steamship line

which allows a colored man to work on any of the ships. The mail steamers hitherto have been largely manned by dark-skinned British-subjects

terse lever in order to bring his en fine to a stop at the proper place.

Once in position men apply their strength to the bars that project from the ends of the bridge and begin to walk along the brink of the pit. Slowy the whole mass revolves until the required track is reached, and then the engine glides gently and smoothly into the house. Some of the more improyed houses have power with which o operate the tables.

A roundhouse in summer, when the foors are all open, presents a splendid picture for a lover of machinery. For each engine is backed into the house, and, therefore, through the semi-circle one gets a view of a line of engines, each facing outward with the numbers shining and headlights gleaming in the sunlight.

Once within the house the engineer's duty is done. He has but to go to the office and report in a book pr pared for the purpose any repairs that are needed, and he can go home assured that his machine will be ready for him when he starts on the next

run. The engine is now turned over to the roundhouse crew, who go to work on it at once. The attention that a locomotive receives on arrival at the roundhouse is about the same that one would expect to see bestowed upon a race horse. Wipers go over every inch of the surface carefully, removing all dust and oil. Others drop into the pit beneath the machine and wipe the running gear. The headlight is carefully cared for and the brass polished. In fact, the whole machine is put in first-class shape in every way.

Throughout this work keen watch is kept for any signs of broken parts, and any found are repaired. The hun dred or more flues are cleaned by steam pressure.

An engine seldom comes to the house that does not need repairs of some sort. The delicate mechanism is constantly becoming broken, and unceasing attention is required.

Of the numerous ills which befall an engine a few may be mentioned. Valves need repacking, automatic offend of fixed feature of their lives .- Dr. Chas work O. Abbot, in Lippincott's. ers become clogged, causing no end of trouble; air pumps refuse to

To enumerate all the priceless objects which the sultan's treasury contain would require a small library of books. Suffice to say that our party of tourists was of the opinion, expressed then and there, while viewing the treasury's contents, that what we saw with our own eyes was of suffi-cient value, in dollars and cents, to pay off the entire Trukish debt, and that such an exhibition of splendor was a sad commentary on the general status of the people there, a large part of whom lived in abject squalor and want close to the very doors of the treasury.

Oriental splendor as experienced and illustrated by the Sultan of Turkey is not myth, but a distressing real ity, indulged in at the expense of his wretched people. Wherever he is there are the same lavish and expensive luxury and splendor. His palaces and all they contain are of the same costly character, constructed of the finest materials, a most beautiful style and artistic design and finish, and everywhere respiendent with jewels of al kinds, where they can be artistically used to enhance the effect; even some of the palace ceilings, beyond reach are decorated in figures worked out in precious stones.

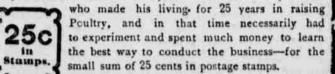
There's No Place Like Home. It is noted that if more than one year old, wrens come directly to their nesting site of the preceding sum mer. If it is still intact, all's well There is no loitering in the neighborhood, nor has it ever happened, so far as my observation extends, that a single bird appears and a mate sub sequently comes upon the scene. The pair arrive together. This is unquestionably true of my doorstep wrens of the past seven summers, and suggests that the marital tie is not voluntarily broken, whatever the birds' careers from August to April. The male may lose his mate, but he room finds another, and the widowed bird may lose her lord, but she promptly mates again, and so one or the other keeps the old summer home in mine and it is never forsaken. It becomes





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