Jourplete returns show that 262 ships of various classes are now in process of various construction in this country, representing an aggregate investment of more than \$62,000,000. This is a cheerful sign.

Russia's railway budget exceeds her army budget for the first time, and is a proof of the enormous efforts she is making to develop her Asiatic territory, which is twice as large as the entire United States.

English as she is spoke is now an active lingual exercise among the Havanese, who are thus equipping themselves for the enjoyment and employment of their new liberties. It will be a mellifluous transition from one tongue to another, probably reaching in time the stage of intelligibility.

A late official statement from the city of Santa Clara, Cuba, shows that during the three years of the revolution there was a loss of eighty per cent, of the population by death. It is a brief statement, occupying only three printed lines. But one reads between these lines an appalling tragedy which is but a single item in the awful story of "Cuba Libre."

The two great English universities have been regarded as institutions for the education of the sons of rich and aristocratic families, but during the science scholarships given have been awarded to boys from the crowded tenements of the East End of London, who were educated in the public schools and the schools of the People's Palace. These boys will now have in

If the marriageable maidens of 1900 do not bear a grudge against the calbe because hope deferred has lost any of its power to make the heart sick. without a remainder. It is useless to go into details about it, for matters of abstruse calculation are intensely exasperating when they impinge roughly apon such fondly cherished hopes.

To hear exact science say that, for mere convenience in the enumeration of decades and centuries, the next leap year will not be till 1904, although the last one was in 1896, is enough to confirm the discovery that nothing can abstruse of the sequence of the signal and close with the intense relief at the strength, it drew itself still farther forward, curving its neck over the prink and drawing its feet beneath the brink and drawing its feet beneath the intense feet beneath the brink and drawing its body. For a moment or two its black-tipped tail whipped the boughs, then suddenly it leaped down with a splant.

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O. C. Gregg, Superintendent of the declares that the migration of young as the reason for this the improved condition of the farming population. This improvement has been brought State School of Agriculture at St. Anfor and a deeper interest in their own looking down on the looking ation. Added to the independence which is generally conceded to him, a moderate business, which secures to ures of this life on the average than Earlier in the season I might have While I was thus meditating, the in the city can hope to enjoy.

So much has been written concerning June 30, 1898, that the people bine, when a throaty scream from | It occurred to me instantly that its have failed to realize the extent to a fellow-sportsman -- a fish-hawk, purpose was to cross to the ledges and which we have been feeding the na. perched on a large, leafless tree across repeat its former tactics of springing tions of Europe. While the manufac-direction. A minute later the hawk possession of me. If I lay there the turers in the cities were selling to Eu- took wing, and with two or three claps | tiger might come upon me. rope, Asia, South America and other of his powerful pinions came sailing 697,354, the farms of the West and one round, red eye turned downward. while still down on the gravel. The middle West supplied the people of down for a fish, but soon perceived perhaps less. made, that of 1892. According to the last report of the bureau of statistics our total exports of breadstuffs, procotton and mineral oils for the calendar year 1898 were valued at \$789,-667.294, against \$693,010,747 for 1897, any year since 1892. For December, 1898, the total exports of these commodities aggregated \$93,273,506, against \$88,630 606 for December, 1897, a gain of \$4,642,900 for one month. The figures for the fiscal year and for the past calendar year tell the story of the most remarkable trade exmension of our history.

THE OLD BELL-COW.

When I was but a boy, I loved so happily to roam
Through every nook and corner of the dear old country home;
At dewy morn to pasture I would drive the cows, and, when
The shades of eventide drew on, I drove them home again.
And one among their number I remember very well—
It seems but yesterday I saw the cow that wore the bell;
She was not fairer than the rest, nor any finer breed,
Yet all the others followed her, wherever she might lead;
And in my youthful mind I used to wonder why and how
It was that all the cattle tagged the old bell-cow.

Strange years of shadow and of shine have passed away since then, And now I mingle daily with the hosts of busy men. And still I muse more earnestly than what I used to do, And still I muse more carriestly than what a case to do,
For men, I find, are likewise quite peculiar creatures, too.
And some have natures made of gold, without a speck or flaw,
While some are only glided forms, all padded out with straw;
And while the modest, worthy man the world is slow to heed.
The counterfeit, who loadly brags, steps in and takes the lead.
The one who makes the noise is sure to catch the crowd; and now
I know why all the cattle tagged the old bell-cow.

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## THE GREAT STRIPED SKIN. 0000000000000000000



fused four hundred dollars.

Minnesota Farmers' Institute work, river, a tributary of the Shilka, the noon sanshine, while over it the hawk rests the mind more than the body, or men from the country to the city has of twenty-five or thirty feet pours over | snatch the fish. been checked in Minuesots. He cites a break of the strata into an opalescent pool which shoals out on pebble bars less than a hundred yards below. On the south side, where I apabout largely by an intelligent study shrupt, smooth ledges of granite ten hawk had been perched. There it of agricultural methods, through the or twelve feet in height, and such a medium of State lecturers, and the tangle of evergreen shrubbery grows on its brink that I could not get near thony Park. Mr. Gregg says this college is implanting in the young men There I lay, outstretched on the marof the rural population a larger respect gin of the heary, lichen-clad rock, looking down on the foam-faced pool

Directly below the rock where I lay, are opportunities for the enjoyment than three or four feet in depth. It smaller than a rhinoceros. supposed them salmon, since the Shilka tiger suddenly rose to its feet and is a tributary of the Amur, which flows stalked down to the pool again. It into the Northern Pacific Ocean.

ing the phenomenal increase of our lying so that with hook and line I shallows, it began to cross over, exports of machinery and manufact might easily have dropped bait before walking somewhat gingerly, as if distheir noses, and I was thinking to liking to wet itself again, or else untured goods curing the fiscal year end- shoot one of the largest with my car- willing to disturb the pool.

I thought him about to plunge distance was not more than fifty yards,

those countries agricultural products that his attention was fixed on some I rested my carbine along the valued at \$853,683,570, surpassing by object in the thicket, either on me or smooth surface of the ledge and fired, \$54,355,388 the highest record ever on some object near me, something on just as the smimal was at the deepest the brink of the very crag where I lay. place on the shoals. Its head was "He has seen me," I thought, "and turned up-stream as I fired, and the visions (including cattle and hogs), ing up to punish his incivility with a lower jaw, slipped underneath the some \$400,000, is a plan now under crackle in the thick brush a few yards | chest.

s gaia of \$96,056,547, the largest for my track, hunting me, and I was the great yellow and black brute generation of electric power at the away, and a moment later I caught a gurgling outcries. puzzling gleam of yellow, black and

fused four hundred dollars. came into my mind with awful sudden. of a nervous system in the Throughout October and November, ness. I knew that these monsters had the vegetable kingdom. 1897, I was "leveling" in the Yablonoi been occasionally seen in Siberia, but

ender and its intercalators, it will not three together. At such idle times I emerged into full view I perceived which opens at sunrise, closes at midcommonly went prospecting, for there that its eyes were not on me. Half day, and for this reason is called "Gois a good deal of mineral wealth in cronching, it crept, catlike, to the ex-this district, which will be far more treme verge of the ledge and peered evening primrose and of the thorn ap-For the wise men of chronology have valuable after the completion of the intently downward at the pool. Be. ple open at sunset, and those of the decided that 1900 will not be leap railway.

Crossing the shallows, the tiger boulders, and ran for forty or fifty yards to the leafless oak on which the stopped and crouched to eat the fish. From where I lay the tiger was in full view, and distant about four hundred feet. My courage had revived considerably, now that the pool and considered whether it would do to risk a shot. My carbine was a good ! five-calibre slug might be expected to the water of the pool seemed no more kill or disable almost any creature Yet such of good literature, good society, good lay over yellow gravel, and presently terror had been struck into me by the health, and freedom from care and I noticed large fish lying almost brute's sudden appearance that I felt anxiety, while successfully carrying on a moderate harings which arrives are and anxiety, while successfully carrying on spawning-beds—fish of five or six dared not. Ten to one it would depounds each. At first I thought them | tect some sign of my moving and folhim more of the comforts and pleas. carp, but soon I concluded that they low my tracks. To shoot it seemed

desired more fish. For a time it About twenty of these fine fish were scanned the water, then entering the

Clearly, I had better take the ini-

white among the less thickly-growing lot clear bough its body, when it Nile. - Engineering News

esped clear of the rock and went rolling over in the stream for twenty or thirty yards, stranding finally against a rick of driftwood near the right bank

There I left it while the afternoon snn was waning, and made for camp with a speed that came parily of my impression that tigers generally travel tended especially for the benefit of in pairs. If there was another about the place I was willing to leave it alone, in case it should not hunt me.

But next morning two Cossack rodmen went back with me to the scene of my "kill," and with their assistance I drew the dead tiger completely out of the water and removed the skin.

Etna borough.

By Mr. Marshall, of Aliegheny—Appropriating \$1.750.600 for the care of the indigent insune.

By Mr. Clark of Washington county

To provide for the appointment of assessors to serve in conjunction with the assessors to serve in conjunction with the assessors elected to making triential assessments of real estate in boroughs and townships.

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and ferocity of the Mongolian tiger

sleeping is, in the higher animals, symptomatic of repose in the brain and nervous system, and the fact of plants sleeping is one proof of the existence

could use instruments it was often necessary to send axemen, convicts, in advance, and frequently we could do nothing on the line for a day or two, or even

my gun!

My former fear recurred—that the ing glory opens at dawn, the Star of Bethlehem about ten o'clock, the ice ing forward on my track, but as it plant at noon. The goat's beard,

On one of these jaunts in Novem- tracted its attention, it drew itself still Aquatic flowers open and close with

brace, but I had taken only my American carbine that day, thinking that I might fall in with bears, and never imagining anything worse to be in the neighborhood.

In the valley of a clear, mountain river, a tributary of the Shilka, the steady roar of falling waters led me half a mile or more to where a cataract of twenty-five or thirty feet pours over snatch the fish.

For upward of 200 years continuing the shallow water on the gravel around the foot of the magning on the gravel around the foot of the magning on the gravel around the foot of the phenomena of sleep without success; many theories have been made to clusion date the phenomena of sleep without success; many theories have been made to elucible date the phenomena of sleep without success; many theories have been made to clusion of suggestion of the fall in with bears, and never if the phenomena of sleep without success; many theories have been proposed to the phenomena of sleep without success; many theories have been proposed to the water in the age of 16 between January 1 and June 30 may, at the discretion of the school contribution of the school contribution of the school until June 30 follows aved him from injury. The main at the school until June 30 follows aved him from injury. The lowing the date the phenomena of sleep without success; many theories have been proposed to entire the water in the age of 16 between January 1 and June 30 may, at the discretion of the school until June 30 follows aved him from injury. The main at the school until June 30 follows aved him from injury. The main at the school until June 30 follows aved him from injury. The main at the school until June 30 follows aved him from injury. The main at the school until June 30 follows aved him from injury. The main at the school contribution of the school contribution of the water and two beautiful and the contribution of the water and two beautiful and the school of the main at the school contribution of the school contribution of the school contribution of the school contr portion of the organism, can be rested without sleep. Negatively, the effect bounded up the rocky bank, its claws of sleeplessness proves the value and scratching audibly on the rounded necessity of sleep. And this is seen in and a marked manner in the case of plants. -- Gentleman's Magazine.

There is one young man in this city, says the Philadelphia Record, who has been devoting all his spare cash and time for the past five years to securing a collection of canes. He started the steep rock lay between us, and I into the fad modestly enough, and now he has grown so attached to the ides that nothing can turn him aside one, and at that range one long forty from it. The collection already comprises nearly two hundred sticks, and they vary in value from a few pennies to many dollars. The odd thing about the assortment is the fact that each cane has attached to it an interesting

one that came from an island near Japan. The claim is made that it was carved by a native, and the work took several years. There are nearly two tions. thousand figures of humans, beasts, birds and reptiles, and a battle scene tiger in deadly combat. Another cane came from the most distant portion of Alaska, and the historic figures are said to illustrate the entire history of a certain tribe now almost extinct. countries a product valued at \$290, | across the pool and circled overhead, | tiative and shoot the beast, if possible, | There are several sticks made from wood taken from famous old battleships, and one historic bit of blackthorn is said to have once been the property of Tom Moore, the great

Electricity For the Pyramids. Lighting the Pyramids of Egypt resents my intrusion on his fish pre- bullet, as appeared afterward, passed with electricity and the installation of serve;" and I was on the point of ris- through its right nostril, smashing its a 25,000 horse-rower plant, to cost shot, when I heard a slight, stealthy skin of the neck and penetrated its consideration by the British Government, and an American firm is likely

Whatever it was, it seemed to be on with the steady roar of the cataract, As outlined, the plan includes the much startled, although I lay quiet reared, all glistening with water, and Assonan Falls, on the Nile River, and and held myself ready to fire the in- fell over backward, splashing and its transmission a distance of 100 atant I caught sight of its head. But leaping wildly. Then getting into miles through the cotton-growing dis-I quickly perceived that the rippling deeper water below the bar, it rolled tricts, where, it is believed, the cheap movement of the boughs was not di- over with the current, wallowing, now power will permit the building of cotrectly approaching me, but passing up, now down, till, coming to a half- ton factories. It is planned to use toward a part of the brink of the submerged rock, it struggled to climb the power to illuminate the interior ledge that was twenty or thirty feet out on it and clung there, with awful corridors of the Pyramids, and also operate pumping machinery for irri-I fired again, sending a second bul- gating large areas of desert along the

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thirty yards, stranding finally against a rick of driftwood near the right bank of the river.

Elated at the success of my marksmanship, I made my way down the bank and found the tiger dead. By dint of hard tugging, I drew the body ashore ers, a gain of four. By Mr. Ford, of Allegheny-To allow

Palace. These boys will now have in the great university equal chances with the sons of dukes and royal princes So great a leveller of ranks is mind;

Mountains, beyond Chita, one of the there was one before me plant sleep varies from ten to eighteen there. But there was one before me plant sleep varies from ten to eighteen thours. Light and heat have little to meal—one so close to me that I dared not stir, or even move the muzzle of the law. Thus the common morning many of the law. Thus the minority party can be represented by the act of May a 1889 upon operations created under the same.

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Mountains, beyond Chita, one of the had never dreamed that any were left there. But there was one before me operations created under the same.

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> duced by Mr. Vaugon, of Lackawanna said he was not prepared to either ad-county, to assess coshs in election con-nit or deny his guilt, and intimated tests on the petitioners was advanced that there were circumstances under to the petitioners was advanced to the desired reading. The bill offered by which the case would be settled. Mr. Weller, of Bedford county, to regulate the practice with regard to regulate the practice with regard to regotiable instruments was reapponed. The following bills were introduced. By Mr. Vaugh, of Lackawanna of directors that he had stolen 1,000. ounty-Amendatory to the act pro-riding for the protection and safety of that he was 14,700 short. Sciple is 2 in mines shall have an attendant with the stolen married. What he did whose duty it shall be to open them for A disastrous head-on collision octransportation and travel and prevent them from standing open longer than is necessary for persons or cars to pass into a shifting engine at the north end

Other bills were:

By Senator Gibson, Erie, an act amending general corporation act of 1874, so as to permit of the incorporation of companies to engage in the business of erecting and repairing all sorts of buildings, including the manufacture of planing mill specialties, hardware, glass, paints, oils, lumber, timbers, shingles, brick and all kinds.

second reading as did Senator Film's

Thomas Hughes a promisent and
bill reducing the number of viewers in
railroad condemnation proceedings.

The constable fee bill passed finally, the what he thought was cough medi-

Jenks 4 and Dalzell 1. sentees numbered 198.

The Drink Carse at Manite.

ber 12th: "Many of our men are acquiring the habit obdition. Saloons are on ever side. We as a regiment have not been cirsed sion is unknown. with a canteen. But those regiments where a canteen exists find the men drink outside just the same as if no canteen exist-ed. The disorderly houses are doing their and their families. Yet these evils lourish under Government protection.

MOTHER ESCAPED.

With He. Babe She Leaps From a Burnin Building-Four of Her Children Meet

I drew the dead tiger completely out of the water and removed the skin. As subsequently cured, it measures an inch over eight feet in length, not including the tail, and has an average breadth of about five feet and a half.—Youth's Companion.

N leaving New York in the spring of bright color with the spring of the beg green of the bonghe was a near the brow of the ledge.

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But the autimal emerged on the bare based of the forest, hail the setting and a confirm the reorganization of cleertree light, head and proposes of the forest, hail the setting and an order of the forest, hail the setting and an order of the forest, hail the setting and an order of the forest, hail the setting and an order of the forest, hail the setting and an order of this common.

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"Techs" for the TransSiberian
Railway, I saw plainly enough that the creature
was an enormous Mongolian tiger.
Railway, I solve to long to the bound of all a lower deed to most convinctive already rears.

My alarm was simply sickening and ferocity of the Mongolian tiger and ferocity of the size of physiologically as animal sleep, does the feet of the select of the select of the circuit court of this common wealth or the circuit court of the select of the ferocity of the select of the circuit court of the select of the select of the circuit court of the select of the circuit of the circuit court of the select of the circuit of the se

the Easton jail awaiting a hearing on February 25 before United States Com-In Senate Wednesday the bill intro- defaulting the bank out of \$4,700 Sciple missioner Kirkpatrick on a charge of through, unless an approved self-acting door is used.

Fifty-five votes were cast for the states sensitive states sensitive at Wednesday's joint session of the assembly. Forty went to Senator Quay, 4 to Geo. A. Jenks to Senator Quay, 5 to Geo. A. Jenks to Senator Quay. A to Geo. A to Senator Quay. A to Senator Quay. A to Senator Quay. A to Geo. A to Senator Quay. 4 to Geo. A. Jenks and 1 to Congressman Daizeil.

The 27th joint bailot of the legislature last Thursday found Senator Quay still short of 13 votes.

The Flinn bill to regulate the practice of plumbing in cities of the second class was defeated in the senate Thursday morning.

Senator James G. Mitchell Thursday morning presented in the senate a bill morning presented in the senate a bill fine for gan.

The new Erie public library, the finest institution of its kind in North-

borning presented in the senate a bill free few Erie public library, the finest institution of its kind in North-western Pennsylvania, was defined ides for an appropriation of \$5,000 and thrown open the public with appropriate correspondent last week A

imbers, shingles, brick and all kinds convicted of the murder of A. Jackson of builders' supplies. history, or else it is valuable intrinhistory, or else it is valuable intrinsically or on historic grounds. None
of them is saved simply to swell the
total number.

The joint ballot Friday found senstor Quay with his 13 votes still missing.
In the Senate Mr. Massee, at the requist of the State banking department,
introduced several bills, making
introduced several bills, making
ture works at Allentown blew up a builders' supplies.
The joint ballot Friday found Sens. will now fix the date for the execution. Eagan and Shaw both made confessions before their trial, each charging

on land and one on sea. The wood is a beautiful piece of Lamboo, nearly three inches in diameter, and seasoned until it is as hard as ivory. The handle is formed by a snake and a tiger in deadly comfat. Another cane the submission to the submission to the application for charters for bank, turned society for \$19.532.9, \$11.20 being on mortgages and \$2.331.30 for interest. The mortgages cover about 28 acres of partment when they close their busi-Senator Boyd's anti-trust bill passed mated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The constable fee bill passed finally, it being the first measure to pass both bodies.

The chair appointed Senators McCarrell, R. R. Mitchell and Cummings on the committee to make arrangements for the reception of President McKinley on the occasion of the dedication of the Hartranft monument.

Saturday's attendance at the Senatorial ballotting was the smallest since the Legislature began trying to elect Mr. Quay's successor. Only 15 votes were cast, of which Quay received 1 Jenks 4 and Dalzell 1. The paired a'ssentees numbered 158. D. C. Stolz, a Dunbar undertaker, lost a horse that had hauled over 1. 400 corrses since 1881

A powder dry house near Krebbs Chapiain Hunter, of the Tenta Pennsylvania Regiment, writes to the Pittsburg tallsts, blew up a few days ago, totally Commercial Gazette from Manila, November 19th: Chaplain Hunter, of the Teath Penneyl- station, owned by Shenandeah capi-William Middeke, Sr., of Rachester

has received a telegram stating that his daughter, her husband and their young child had been burned to death in a Chicago fire. Nineteen families in heilish work with Government samition. In a Chicago fire. Nineteen families in the building were all rescued except F. H. Marty, wife and child. Over-exerting himself in breaking snew-bound roads, near Chambers-burg, Supervisor J. R. Gettel dropper

dead with heart disease.