In spite of living faster all the time the American is living longer, according to the census longevity reports.

By a co-operative plan two million Londoners are to be supplied with daily dinners at two pence each. They will, at least, be free from the dangers of overeating.

There were a dozen countries in 1900, to each of which the United States exported over \$10,000,000 worth of domestic farm produce. Chief among these countries were the United Kingdom and Germany, purchasing respectively \$408,000,000 and \$134,-000,000,

One result of the naval manoeuvres of the British fleet recently, was the discovery that black ships were more conspicuous than those of any other color. It is believed now by English technical papers, that a dull gray color, such as the American navy was given during the Spanish war, is least conspicuous upon the seas.

'According to statistics collected on the subject of school savings banks, there are 3588 of them in the United States at present, with 63,567 depositors. The amount deposited since the work of establishing these banks began, up to January 1, is placed at \$876,000, of which \$335,000 remained on deposit on the date named. The save money.

Germany and France are considering colossal plans for new canals. The Tentonic Empire intends in due time to construct a vast system of interior waterways connecting its chief navigable rivers. France looks forward to cutting a ship channel from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean. Both wickshire, while I don't think there ing and work on solid ground, but the United States, hoping to obtain valuable hints from American experience. Unfortunately, they will be they get a chance to observe the workings of the Cape Cod Canal. That project, at one time so promising, appears to be engulfed in quicksands, remarks the New York Tribune.

Were a vote taken throughout the United States as to our national fruit, sion. The apple would head the poll | that. by a prodigious majority. Authentic alarm about peaches has been industriously circulated in order to affect prices, but, alas: there seems to be no | had There's some little consolation in that. But peaches, unless they are canned or preserved, do not abide with us in nothing can take their place, remarks the New York Tribune.

The relation of the railroads to famines in India is treated exhaustively issue. This journal blames the Indian Government for permitting the exportation of grain to such large extent. Something, it declares, should have conclusion of a severe arraignment; "That a country the population of which are mainly dependent upon finshed as if he would strike them both the other. agriculture for their subsistence, dead, and more than once he lest his Each of us was standing on a tiny which is even ordinarily liable to plus production from year to year chance was small enough, I wasn't ning under his arms. without restraint of any sort, is a proposition which seems to us, on the face of it, little less than insane."

The extent to which irrigation has been carried by private enterprise in some portions of the West may be a revelation to those in other portions of the country whose impressions that little in this line has been done may have been gathered from the reports of the persistent agitation for Government aid in this work. Nebraska 7 couldn't have been more surprised- uncanny about it, too, that set my alone has 3924 miles of irrigating can- It was all so sudden and unexpected, heart thumping and my flesh creeping als, those ditches existing in fifty-four of the ninety counties in the State. One county has 386 miles of irrigating canals, and in several other counties the mileage is from one to two hundred. These ditches have been dug at an estimated cost o. \$4,773,984, and when you say you're tired of me, I'll shooting down like a stone to the pavethey bring water to nearly two million acres of land. The fact that the increase in value of these lands, due is a good argument for the contention that the lands to be irrigated should bear all the cost of the improvement. A profit of \$17,000,000 from an ex-

FACES WE SEE.

Do you ever think As you walk the street, Looking at various
People you meet,
Of a downright homely
Person's phiz,
And what an astonishing
Thing it is?

A beautiful face Is something which
Is supposed to make
Its owner rich
In everything
The world admires,

hat money buys And brain inspires. But a bomely face? You look at it And wonder, Not a little bit, If it hurts.
And will it soon be well. Or is it quite Iucurable,

That is the way You think and where To the owner
You are hardly fair,
For the homely face
Doesn't have a call
To hurt either man

Or woman at all.

It may be bumpy Or hard and rough, In every way certainly
Homely enough;
But the owner
Doesn't seem to care a whit
And acts just as if He were used to it.

He's not conscious Of his homely phiz, And thinks it as fine As another one is; She takes it with her Wherever she goes, Plainly not knowing What every one knows.

It feels just the same As a pretty one— Some better perhaps, If the truth were known— And the owners after Some years of wear Consider the feel

As good as fair.

And still you wonder, And have to think That a phiz like that Would drive you to drink; You'll vow it's the worst You have ever seen. But the person behind the face

-William J. Lampton, in the New York Sun.

NAMES OF STREET OF STREET, STR

look at that steeple without he might do to me. rising higher than the rest, was sil- like the looks of him, and didn't trust grating of the saddles against the your book so that the most ignorant system teaches the children how to the tall, siender spire of St. Mark's, ing me luck. But somehow I didn't ting sun, whose last rays made the distrust, as I was soon to prove. Dur- mine and his hot breath was on my -"What part of it is not clear to you?" gilded vane on the summit burn as ing his drinking bout I had to hire an face. with fire.

vivid is the horror of it; but come in- had happened. side, and I'll tell you all about it.

loved her quite as I did; and, if I a little longer.

and smiling on that, until I could have | found her sad and tearful. killed the whole lot. But I never let

Corment, just for the love of teasing tain the apple crop this year will be always came up smiling, and she her cheeks; "I know something will deplorably scanty. Many a false couldn't understand it, but it con- happen to you"

and I'll get on to the tragedy quite rid spectacle from her eyes.

goon enough. the winter months. Apples do, and as fine a young fellow as you ever thought he had been drinking. saw in your life, tall and straight as a "You lucky dog," he said, as he the others-what girl could help it?- |-maybe sooner than you think?" by The Friend of India in a recent and if he'd only played his cards well be might have had her, without giving pathetically, as we set to work, "and

any of us a look in. But jealousy! Why, my worst at-

soing to lose her for want of asking.

been blind you'd have seen it months however strong his nerves may be.

on my shoulder. but I had the presence of mind to put | as they had never done before, or my arm round her and to draw her face up to mine to kiss it, and thenwhy, sir, there wasn't a man in Eng-

land half as happy as me. "But what about Jack?" I said, when

I'd come to a bit. "About Jack!" she said archly, "well, begin to think about him-if I live long | ment down there, and what Ruth

When Jack heard of it he went mad to irrigation alone, is estimated by the both, and flung himself into a wild or- heart was beating faster than ever, State Engineer at about \$17,000,000, gie of drink and dissipation. I saw and seemed as if it would suffocate me. next to nothing of him for weeks, and "But I'm going down a little slower penditure of less than \$5,000,000 is and I had played my cards honorably, our two legs." while I was far too busily and happily "No. sir." he shouted, "I'm going to phia Record.

O you know, sir, I can never | occupied to have any fears for what

turning cold all over, al- Then one day he seemed completely though it's nearly forty years | changed; came to me with an outsince it happened-and the old man stretched hand and asked my pardon, assistant for any job that came my It's forty years since, he continued, way, but when he offered to join me

My little girl was very nervous about She was young enough then, and as me now that I was so much to her, my remaining strength full on the bonny a girl as there was in all War- and begged me to give up steeple-climbwas a plainer, more awkward lad than there is more money in the air, for me, myself in the whole county. But I at any rate, and as I wanted to save I don't think they could ever have thought I would stick to my steeples a

wasn't a beauty, I had muscles of iron | Then came the job that cost Jack and nerves of steel, and "Steeplejack his life and nearly cost me mine-re-Jim" was known for fifty miles round. gilding the vane on the top of St. She would never let on that she Mark's steeple. How well I rememcared for me; she was too artful a ber that morning in May, when everypuss for that, but I thought I had a thing-my heart included-seemed to chance, and I went for it for all I was cance for joy of living and loving. I worth. She used to drive me mad found time to run around to see my with jealousy, flirting with this man little girl before beginning work, and

She had dreamt the previous night the result would be a foregone conclu- her see it; I was much too deep for that she saw me fighting with a man in mid-air, and then all at once I fell only let a girl know you're jealous. down, down, and struck the earth the steeple, and fall a shattered heap. I really must go, Miss Caroline I've and she'll make your life a-well, a with a sickening thud at her very feet. "Don't go to-day, Jim," she pleaded, and showing her power over you. I as the tears chased each other down

quered her in the end, and for nearly In vain I argued and chaffed, and forty years, bless her, she's been the when at last I tore myself away with sweetest, most loyal wife a man ever a promise to run in in the evening, she covered her face with her hands and room for doubt concerning apples in | But this is an old story, you say, stood motionless at the door till I was 1901. Peaches are fairly abundant, and so it is, but still it's always new- out of sight, as if shutting some hor-

Jack was specially cheerful when I The only man I was really afraid of joined him-too gay, I thought, as I was my partner Jack-Jack Harding -- saw the reckiess light in his eyes and

lath, and with a face like a young god, slapped me on the shoulder. "You've but he was a bit inclined to be wild, been to see Ruth, I know, and her kiss of a certain professor, not much liked and that's a fatal thing in my line, is warm on your lips. Ab, well, I by his pupils, who was to be married. Ruth was fonder of him than of all shall have my turn of luck some day The lady lived in Cleveland. And the does it do to singe it?" demanded Mr.

"I hope so, too, my lad," I said symthe sooner the better." A few hours later we were sus-

tacks were mildness itself compared pended, one on each side of the steeple, at 10 a. m., due to arrive at Cleveland with Jack's-and he couldn't conceal a couple of hundred feet above the been done to stop this. It says at the | them as I did. He had some Spanish | pigmies that were crawling beneath blood in his veins, I always thought- us. We were both busy as could be, he looked like a Spanlard-and if she gilding the ball from which the vane even smiled at another man his eyes sprang-Jack one one side and me on

temper and said things to her that no platform, little larger than the seat of girl would stand, least of all Ruth. | a chair, with a sheer, dizzy drop of Well, to come to the point, I scon nearly seventy yards beneath us, and food except at famine prices, can saw that the prize rested between him each, for additional safety, was ateconomically or safely export its sur- and me, and though I thought my tached to the steeple by a life line run-

Jack had not spoken a word for If I live to be a hundred I shall all nearly an hour, but I thought nothing sways remember that evening when I of that, as we were working against could marry a clumsy, ugly man like already to cheep over the sky. You know when you're working at that "Chance?" she said, as she looked height, removed, as it were, from all up at me reguishly out of her blue the world and with nothing but sieyes. "Why, Jim, you donkey, you've | lence above and around you, the slightgot every chance, and if you hadn't est noise sends a shock through a man, ago," and then she laughed, a kind of | You can imagine, then, how startled hysterical laugh, and hid Ler blushes I was when all at once I heard a loud

shriek of laughter, almost as it seemed Well, sir, if she'd knocked me down at my very ear. There was something

When the laugh ceased and silence came again as an awful relief I said: "What's the joke, Jack? Don't keep it to yourself." "Joke!" he said. "I should think it

would think when she saw the pieces." "What a rummy idea!" I answered,

have a race with you to the bottom, and whoever gets there first Ruth can have. Come on; now for a jump together."

As he said this he craned his neck round the corner of the steeple to get a look at me, and a single glance at his wild eyes showed me that the man was raving mad, and that I was alone in mid-air with a maniac who hated me and would certainly kill me if he could.

I was powerless. If I called for help I might be heard, but who could come to my assistance poised as I was at such a glddy beight above the world? And in a single moment I might be in the throes of a life and death struggle with a man quite as strong as myself and made ten time stronger by mad-

Dess. He was slowly and surely working round towards me, and there was not a moment to waste. Something must be done quickly, and everything depended on keeping cool. In a moment I had eased the hitch of the line round my hand, and was swing round to meet him. Before he had time to protect himself I had seized him by the throat, and had forced him down on his saddle-board.

But it was only for a moment, for

strong as I was, my strength was as a child's compared with him. With a wrench he was free, and had flung his powerful arms round my chast, and was squeezing the very life out of me. In vain I struggled, as we swung backward and forward against the face of the steeple. I tried to call out, but my voice stuck in my throat, tay eyes felt as if they were being forced in convulsive gasps. All the time, graphy lessons harder." - Town and pointed towards the distant city, where saying that I'd won fairly, and wish. amid the horrible slience broken only

> I felt my senses rapidly leaving me. I raised my hand, struck him with all | how."-Punch. temple-and then I remembered no

When I came to myself I was lying in bed, and Ruth's eyes were looking | bold the sail together."-Life. loved her-as a dozen others did-only for that little nest I had in view, I down on me with just such a look in said no word, and I sank into unconsciousness again.

It was weeks before I was about again or heard what happened after all became dark about me on the top of the steeple. It seems the struggle had been seen by the people on the street below; an excited crowd had gathered, but they could do nothing but look and wonder and wait. They had seen me strike Jack and fall back senseless in the saddle as his arms released me, and then to their borror caught me using it."-Town and Counthey had seen him slip off his platform try. save me, and with great difficulty I you, too."-Leslie's Weekly.

for me and the sweetest bride that ever mation about you yet."-Tit Bits. brought a man from the gates of death back to a life that has been all sunshine.-Tit-Bits.

Trapping a Professor by Wire. the Ladies' Home Journal is the story of course, invited. But they determappointed the professor took the train | cago Tributie. at 12.30 p. m. About eleven o'clock Jim Townsend rushed to the telegraph office and sent off this dis-

"Chief of Police, Cleveland, Ohio. dressed, frock coat, silk bat, side whiskers, Escaped lunatic, Hold!

friends at No. - Euclid avenue." This message reached its destinatended bride.

One of Man's Oddities.

"I really believe that men who wear belts become attached to them just as a man does to an old pipe," said a Chestnut street haberdasher. "Have would be a loke. I was faneving you

A DISCRIMINATING THEF

"What do you think?"
Said Miss Pearlie Pink.
"As I in the hammock dozed,
Jack stole a kiss—
See, just like this—
From my cheek, as I reposed."

"How horrid!" cried Her friend, Miss Dide. "I'd like to see him play Such tricks on me!" Quite truthfully She spoke, and so next day,

With eyelids closed And lips composed,
She, too, in the hammack lay,
As in a trance,
Jack atole one giance And then he stole away ... Dick Law.



"Why, the professor ims spent years investigating sun spots." She-"Goodness! And people say women are inquisitive?'-I'uck.

"Pa, what is a philosopher?" "A philosopher, Jimmie, is a man who thinks he has got through being a fool."-Detroit Free Press.

To kill time, you must understand, Is quite a simple trick-Become the leader of a band,

And best it with a stick.

-Philidelphia Record. School Teacher-"What have the numercus expeditions to the north pole out of my head, and my breath came accomplished?" Scholar Made geo-Country.

Brown - Why did you not write

Traveler-"I say, you're razor's pullwhen my hand by accident struck my ing most confoundedly." Local Torbut it might have been yesterday, so again I took him on just as if nothing tool-box and instinctively as it were threr-"Be it, zur! Weil, 'old on tight clutched a wrench. With a last effort | to the chair, an' we'll get it of zum-Manhattan - "I suppose, Subbubs,

> you get good butter in the country where you live?" Subbubs - "Yes, there is enough butter to the pound to "Oh, res, he adores me. I've known

> it for a fortnight." "Then what's bothering jou?" "What's bothering me? Why, I've got to wait for him to find it out"-Brooklyn Life. I love the grasshopper-for he

> Exhaves such wild security. He hops—and does not cure a jot If he lands upside down or not -Chicago Record Birrald. Nold-"I had an awful row with my wife this morning over a silver penholder she recently gave me." Todd-"What was the trouble?" Nodd-"She

on the stone navement almost at their enlayed myself immensely " Coston feet. He must have slipped his life- Maid (with frigid politeness)-"lically, line in the struggle-but luckily mine I'm glad, I'm sure. I have enjoyed

was safely lowered down and carried | Hungry Higgins - "What do you think? A woman called me an ani-Well! there's little more to tell. They mated scarecrow this mornin'." Weary buried poor Jack, and three months Watkins-"I've knowed you since the later the wedding bells were ringing early eightles, but never seen no ani-

"I bled for my country?" exclaimed the veteran of two wars, proudly, "Now what did you do at the battle of Gettysburg " he asked, contempts, Among some intensely amusing col. ously. "I fled for my life," replied the lege scrapes told by "A Graduate," in man who always told the truth -Ohio State Journal.

"Hair singed, sir?" the barber said. with a rising inflection. "What good students that loved (?) him were not, Tyte-Phist. "Makes it grow better." "So you can get to cut it oftener, hey?" ined that in some way he should hear | said Mr. Tyte Phist, flereely. "No, sir! from them. And he did. On the day It grows too blamed well now !- Chi-

Concerning anakes.

A scientist has during his vication In Colorado devoted some time to experimentation with snakes, and has demonstrated that he could, by a very simple operation, transplant the tail Man coming on train No. 6, tall, well of a rattlesnake to the body of an adder. It is impossible to see how so Shrewd, therefore beware! Strange of the rattler's embellishments to an ciety is to be benefited by the transfer case. Will say name Finalli. Mis- adder. The result is likely to make take. Thinks he is professor in a each snake an outcast among its kind. college. Delusion. Escort to home of It is true that the snake is a peruicious and mean spirited animal, entitled to \$200,000; for poultry, \$113,000; for vegabsolutely no consideration according tion long before train No. 6 reached to the ethical standards which regu-Cleveland, so that when Professor late human intercourse. But there is asked her if I had a chance, and if she time, and the darkness was beginning Finalli alighted it was to walk straight no excuse for merely irritating his alinto the custody of three detectives, ready contemptible disposition instead They would listen to no words of rea- of proceeding with straightforward eon, but excerted him out to the house persistence, to his extermination. The on Euclid avenue, the home of his in- scientific practical joker must have his fling, but the snake is really too despicable an object to be worthy of his airy and fantastic moods.-Washington Star

Killed For the Lust of Killing. Billy the Kid killed because he liked you not ever noticed fellows who are to do so. By the time he was sixteen, otherwise dressed immaculately wear the groun of a victim, the sight of his ing old belts, solled and discolored! writhings upon the ground, had ceased One of my regular customers came to affect him. Once he and some in this morning and informed me with friends in the eld-time Lincoln Coun- Hall Raymond, President of the Unia long face that his wife had positive | ty War, rode upon a party of Mexily demanded that he discard the belt cans who had camped near the trail to that office when 28 years old. Presihe had been wearing for five or six not far from Seven Rivers. There dent Boothe Colwell Davis of Alfred summers and buy a new one. I were seven Mexicans in the party, all University, New York, was elected showed him several, but he seemed inoffensive, all strangers, and sill cer- when 32 years old. Rev. Burris A. dissatisfied. They look so horribly tainly innecest of any crime whatever new,' he said. 'Haven't you got one against the Kid and his compunions, that is a little shabby and shopworn? Yet the latter, as they rode by drew ns, President of Parsons College, lowa, -clean mad-swore he would kill us with affected coolness, though my I finally unearthered one that had their revolvers, and calmiy and with was just 30 years of age when he took been knocking around for a long time, exacting skill, shot down every mem- the place, in 1896. Dr. Jacob Gould He took this and put it on, after have ber of the party. Questioned as to his Schurman was 38 years old when he ing crumpled it up as much as possi motive for this act. Billy the Kid went to preside over Cornell Univerwhen we met he passed on the other than that as soon as I've finished this bic. 'I don't suppose you want this,' later replied that they had shot the lity. side of the road without looking at me. bit of work. But pull yourself to I said, picking up the old belt that he Mexicans "just to see them kick." Of course I was sorry for him, but it gether, Jack, and get your gold on, had discarded. 'Yes, I do,' he replied. With a man like this, it is obvious was the luck of war, or rather of love, and then we'll soon be down there on quickly. He made me wrap it up and that ordinary reasons and ordinary carried it away with him."-Philadel- limitations fail.-Everybody's Maga-

Philadelphia &

Reading Railway. Engines Burn Hard Coal-No Smoka IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 1, 1809. Trains Leave Williamsport From Depot, Food of Pine Street.

For New York via Philadelphia 7:12, 10 a. m., 12:34, 400; 11:30 p. m. Sunday 8:18, 10:30 a. m., 10:30 p. ta.

For New York via Easton 10 a. m., 12:34 p. m., 8undays 10 a. m., 12:34 p. m. Sandays if a. m.
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4:20, 1:30 and 9 p. m. Sundays 12:15 a.m.
4:20, 1:30 and 9 p. m.
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a.m., 2:55 and 10:21 a.m., and 4:00 p. m. and
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and 4:05 p. m.
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Railroad.

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Pennsylvania Railroad. In effect May 27, 1900.

Main Line. Pittsburg Express. Cambria & Clearfield Division.

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fey at 5:58 p. m. and at Glencampbell at 7

Some Hotel Figures.

Statistics are not very entertaining. but there are some stories of hotels that they alone can tell, and that of the supplies is one of them. For instance, during the year 1900 one of these hig hotels spent for meats, tables, \$80 000; for fruit \$42,000; for regs, \$12,000; for butter, \$57,000, and 'or the flowers used in decoration every day-\$20,000. The initial inestment in gilverwarn was 1950 and and with the losses that, charitably, re credited to the souvenir craze, and the general wear and tear on table service, about \$40,000 a year is in keeping this supply up to the hotel's

Young Men at the Head of Colleges.

The youngest college President is said to be John H. McCracken, who at 25, presides over Westminster College, at Fulton, Mo., while his father, Henry M. McCracken, is the executive head of New York University. Jerome versity of West Virginia, was elected Jenkius was two years younger when he became President of the University of Indianapolis.

Ireland claims the honor of the first electric railway in the United King