If Spain had fully realized the inlense friendship of European powers for the United States, it would no loubt have become discouraged sooner.

There is both wit and philosophy in Mrs. Shaw's remark in the New York World that "log cabins are getting so scarce that it's hard nowadays for a great man to know where to be born." America is outgrowing her log-cabin days, but not, let us hope, the habit of producing great men.

A Canadian who was injured in getting off a railroad car at a station before the train had come to a stop obtained a verdict of \$1000 damages the train, although it was in motion.

The coronation will be a brilliant afbeef at the banquet will be almost sure to assume superior airs over those whose husbands merely cleared away greedily. the dinner things. These little distinc | Beatrix gave one giance of horror

Pittsburg now ranks third among American cities in respect to the value Stock Exchange was recorded the going, there is no time." other day, when one was sold for and bags upon him, and snatching up follow in the order named.

is qualitity observed that "in the more other joit and the train was off. dangerous to the riversin population

The Dowager Empress, in tears, o an American woman at Pekin, was something new in Orien- site, who was now reading, holding tal politics and imperial customs. The

Many of the terrors of navigation in stormy or foggy weather are likely to able voice,be removed with the adoption of the "I beg your pardon, it is er very anchored under water and rung by dow raised." electricity. By the use of a receiver, let down into the water from a ship's he knew that English was her native side, the sound of the bells has been tongue. She stole a glance at his heard at a distance of fourteen miles. face; it was a delightful face, with a It is also possible to tell from what di- grave, kind smile that showed very section the sound comes, so that the have been supercilious but for a litsystem should enable a navigator the irregular ripple in the middle of easily to determine his position in a it. But what a pity that one of his

iment. Foreigners were disposed to eje-perhaps under "Bobs." were adopted in America, and were iden is to use the best that is available laughed heartfly over her misalvenployed. It costs considerable to do can afford it, but it is the sure way to for a charge." progress, reflects the Baltimore Amer-

recently before the Royal Institution. London, made some statements which know that I am an American? I have aroused widespread interest. He thought I spoke beautiful English." claims that, if the amazing searchlight of inference which has brought out so much from the remotest past were cast way with you, and you look different apon the future, by seeking for operat- from most English girls I know-and ing causes, we might tell with certainty -and-you must be tired of hearing what will happen. The man of science, in A. D. 4000 are fixed and unchange- ly. "I know what you mean; we have able, with the exception of man and a great many faults-oh, I know ht." the Semmering Pass they were left his children. He believes that the orat last toward the sun." He holds, also, that great men are only instruand constant forces - "the pen nibs with any one."

COMPENSATIONS.

He found success most sweet Who, having tried and falled, The lesson of defeat, Upon his standard natied, hen straightway bade his soul Take up the task begun, ed until the goal

For joy the keenest seems
Where grief has been before:
After night's troubled dreams, There, at the open door, Thrice giorious she stands— Dawn, with her roses gav.

And to her outstretched hands

The shining gifts of Day. —Youth's Companion. **************

By Helen M. Palmer.

had made since leaving Trieste and solved to be very dignified in the fono one had got into the carriage; Bea- ture. against the company, and the verdict trix congratulated herself that Uncle A shower had arisen; the rain was petals, framed in a stiff rim of pierced are. bas been sustained on appeal, the court | George's fee to the guard had worked | beating in and it was necessary to and scalloped paper. holding that the plaintiff was noting as so well, and opened another roll of close the window; he seemed glad a reasonable man would in getting off shawls and rugs in pursuit of a miss- of the interruption, and seized upon be there, and your people will be costly engineered, but it all lies there cored, the cost of the wood ing novel.

fair. But it will leave a sad lot of so- bled through it, followed by another his right eye was no longer closed; cial jeacusies behind it. The wives of lugging a big basket; behind came a lit was almost as wide open as the the gentlemen who carved the roast drove of children, all screaming, push- other, although it still drooped a lit-

tions of caste are subtle, but fearfully and began to gather up her scattered belongings.

> "You must find me a place," she said to the guard. "You were paid for this carriage."

"I cannot help it," he muttered; "it of stock exchange privileges. The high- is a carriage for ladies alone; behold. est price ever paid for a seat in its these are ladies alone—the train is

For answer Beatrix cast her rugs \$9000. New York City, of course, is ver umbrella, books and dressing case, first, with Boston second, its highest | ande her way through the scrambrecorded sale being for \$22,000, and ling children, who were fighting for Philadelphia, Baltimore and Chicago places at the windows, and dashed out upon the platform. The whistle was sounding; evidently there was no time to lose; the guard opened the near-In a handbook for travelers in the est door, threw in the bags, and gave Soudan issued by the Egyptian Gov- Beatrix an impulse that propelled aer ernment, referring to the currency, it the entire length of the currings. An-

Beatrix was aware that she was be undressed parts of the country" beads ing steadled upon her feet by a strong and bracelets are current. In the sec- arm, the arm of the man whom she tion on shooting there is a pleasant ref. had caught a glimpse of sitting at erence to the sporting tourist, who is warned that only crocodiles may be ter the manner of a whirlwind. Stamshot at from steamers, and even this mering "Mille pardons, monsieur!" practice is deprecated as being "more slie sank upon the opposite seat and endeavored to regain her composure, her natural color and the dignity which befitted a young lady travelling alone. There were three other persons in the carriage; two sleepy for the attack made by the Boxers and shot without apparently doing them imperial troops on the foreign legations any damage; and the gentleman oppo-

a large book quite close to his face This gave her a chance to examine report of the incident made interest him. He was tall; not too younging reading for the American people, Beatrix was nineteen-and distinctly but it is safe to say that all knowledge "nice" looking, she decided. His of the extraordinary scene was care the scarlet fez he wore by way of a fully excluded from the Chinese people, cap suggested the East. His luggage? lest it might impair the popular bellef Yes, there was the bag of golf sticks in the sacredness of the imperial fam- and the folding bath-tub-ae must be English.

Beatrix had just reached this conclusion when the book was dropped and the stranger said in a very agree-

submarine signalling system now being warm here, don't you think? Pertested on our Atlantic coast. Bells are haps you would like to have your win-

Beatrix assented with thanks, thinking she would like to ask him how white teeth, and a nose that might the eyelid drooped. She wonlered if The United States is a land of exper. he were in the army and had lost an

Presently she began to collect her smile at Americans for spending so belongings, scattered by her violent much money in equipping cable lines entrance; and again her vis-a-vis stop, he found Beatrix pensively for street cars. Cable cars were used came to her aid so naturally and simin Birmingham, England, before they ply that it would have been impossible for the greatest stickler for the proprieties to take offense. Before abandoned as cumbersome and uncer- ber various parcels were recaptured tain at critical times. The American and reduced to order, they had the outer barbarians-do not say that

"Here's your umbrella," he said. fishing it up from the floor, where it this, and only people in a rich country had fallen. "It's not a bad weapon

> "Did I charge? said she, "I'm so scrry!"

"Oh, well, you Americans are so H. G. Weils, in a lecture delivered impetuous, don't you know? One expects little things like that." "'You Americans!' How did you

> "Why, so you do, I assure you, but -there is something-I can't exactly tell what, but you have a quick little

about your boots and your gowns." "I don't know that we are ever exhe says, will believe that the events actly tired," almitted Beatrix, slow- their tete-a-tete, and as the night fell she sighed. "But we do not let our aloue. The full moon was flooding skirts hitch up in front or on the the deep blue spaces of the sky and bit of the earth will change "until the sides, and we always make connec- filling the valleys with a mystery of tidal drag hauls one unchanging face | tions in the back. How frivolous that | slivery light and deathlike shadow. | sounds!" she thought, "He will think | Sir Hugh drew the green silk curtain | etc. I am one of those dreadful free and easy Americans he has heard of who ing lamp, and lighted only by the cult ments taken haphazard by incessant have no manners and will take up radiance they gared into the shadow) but a slip of the tongue may fracture a "If you think mahogany is very ex-

arose on the platform; the door was | As she lay down her book and gave | episode-you Americans run about so | chempest sort of white pine. ferked open and a stout woman stum- him her attention, she noticed tant much," he added, as if to strike a less | "It doesn't lock very valuable, does best it has a rich deep between ing, and smeared, as to mouth and the, as if it had been hurt. It suddenfingers, with some sticky black com- ly flashed upon her that she must pound which they were devouring have hit him when she made her vioby his speech about the umbrella. image of remorse, "Did 17 Did you leyes. mean, oh, I hope I didn't hurt you

very much!" "It was nothing, really nothing; I scarcely feel it now," he hastened to assure her for her eyebrows were drawn together and her lips were quivering, and altogether she looked when he next spoke as if she were going to cry.

"But I might have put your eye out!" she gasped. "You might have done many things with that deadly umbrella. But you didn't-please don't think of it again," he pleaded.

"How good of you!" she murmured, gazing at him with admiration. "May I ask," he resumed after a moment, "whether you were at Shepherd's some weeks ago with the Van

Duzers?"

"Yes," she said, "Mr. Van Duzer is my uncle; I went up the Nile with him and my aunt. Were you in Cairo?" "Unfortunately I reached there just as your party was leaving. I met Mr. Van Duzer, whom I have often seen at home, in-er-England, but I only had a glimpse of the rest of his party. I was sure, though, that I remembered you. I am-er-Sir Hugh Chester," pose Mr. Van Duzer will have men-

tioned me." "But of course he did!" she cried. As for Sir Hugh, he turned away to the title though. "He talked a lot about you, and was when the door opened, and her peo "But of course he did!" she cried. did. Isn't it odd that I should happen on you in this way?" "It's uncommonly pleasant-for

"But supposing I had put your eye out with that wretched umbrelin? Uncle George would never have forgiven me.

"'Uncle George?" " he queried with a quizzical expression, and they joined in a light hearted burst of laughter. "You see he thinks so much of

you," she explained. "Well, then you ought to feel that I am properly presented, and you'll let me take you out to get some luncheon. Here's where we stop for

food-such as it is." "And you won't think I'm one of those dreadful American girls who keep 'mommem' and 'popper' in the background and just stram around having a good time regardless? There are a few specimens left, but not nearly so many as your novelists would lead you to suppose." "I won't tell you what I think," he

declared, "but I shouldn't mind telling Uncle George." The long hours flew by in discussions of books and people-for they eyes was injured! It was closed and found some acquaintances in common called "views of life." Together they laughed over the queer dishes of their makeshift dinner, and when Sir Hugh

returned from a smoke at the next watching the rising moon. "Please, when you next discuss Americans," said she-"you do diacuss us now, you know; the time has gone by when you confounded us with the American girl on her travels is in the habit of talking a dozen hours on a stretch with the companions Heav-

en sends her. They are not all so spoiled as I am; I confess I am apt | kinds of glass debris was utilized in to do what I like.' "I don't think' I shall judge the American girl by you," said Sir Hugh, Then, after watching her a moment. "Since you are speaking of yourself, don't you think you are rather a perverse little person? Even your dimple is in a place where no one else

has dimples." "Is it?" said Beatrix. "Do tell me more about that delightful Political Reform club; I am so interested in

It was amazing how much they found to talk about; one stout oll lady got out and another got in, but as no tourists appeared to interrupt and the train climbed the heights . f over the impertinence of the glimmerlepths that unrolled below them.

At one station they seemed to pause high up in air, and from the platform beneath bouquets of wild flowers were ringe windows, accompanied by a shrill announcement of the price. The biggest and sweetest of these, a great mass of white and purple rhododendrone, was selected by Sir Hugh, and agether he and Beatrix Jetached the flowers from the spectral pole and followed the tinkling sound of the diver coin as it went dropping into space until it struck the rocks below. "It seems like a dream," said Beatrix, with a sigh, rousing herself from the charmed silence in which they had hung over the beauty of the sleeping land, "and I shall feel like an opera This was the second stop the train | She buried herself in a book, re- singer on voyage when I arrive in Vienna with this." And she buried

personal pote.

ber face in the great disk of dewy

Jrons, which she still held.

take you-you are quicker than we brought such a high price. are and you may be laughing at me- "Mahogany is like dismonds," he con-I can tell that I have met you, and determined by its marking and freeover. May I come to see you in Vi- here, there is a big element of chance

"Yes," said Beatrix, softly,

Beatrix thought, "the boys and Uncle not far wrong. It is certainly the most he added after a pause. "I don't sup. Archie, and I shail be going home. durable on account of its hardness and

jocose greetings. But there was an instant when he caught her hand and pressed it, whispering, "Tomorrow," and they both knew that tomorrow meent "Forever and a day."-Waverley Magazine.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS

Wasps may often be observed demanufacture into papfer mache.

Matwatchin, on the borders of Rus | ferior to it. sia, is the only city in the world peopled by men only. The Chinese women are not only forbidden to live in this territory, but even to pass the great wall of Kalkan and enter into Mongolia. All the Cninese of this border city are exclusively traders.

The Hawaiian islands must be Monday night at Pakaikow it began to rain and the next morning at 7 c clock the gauge showed 13 inches. In five hours at Sanpahoence the gauge measured 10 inches. At Papaaloa, in 24 hours, the gauge showed 40 inches.

In the city of St. Louis, Mo., there is a certain hairdressing saloon the -and the exchange of what Beatrix | eciling of which is entirely covered by the photographs of stage and music hall celebrities. Every likeness bears step ladder is invariably kept in the shop in order that any patron may inspect the curious ceiling at close quarters if he so desires.

A street in Paris, France, that has been opened to the public is paved with glass. It was thought that the surface would be slippery, but on the centrary it has proved to afford an excellent foothold for horses, and will the manufacture of the pavement, and the inventor of the process is sanguine of its adoption on a large scale.

The Indians of America were generally Polytheists, or believed in a plu- thin, about one-thirtieth of an inch. rality of gods. Some were considered say. as local deities, yet they believed that | "A layer of glue is placed over the cended to Kichtan, above the heavens, time for the glue to dry. where they enjoyed departed friends Then the clamps are removed, the Supreme Being they held to be good, to develop the polish.

A slip on the ice may fracture a leg | thousand feet. putation.

WOODS RARE AND COSTLY

LUMBER YARDS

Sticks of Mahogany Worth as Much as \$2000_titler Lumber Even More Ex- Indies, costs almost as much as pensive-Fine Woods Hard to Get-

Snakewood Pearest of All. In the lumber yards fronting on the polish, East River, between Fifth and Tenth | "Roglish brown out is also fully as stricets, there lie piled up in rough, up- expensive as mahogany. At present crimmetrical beaps large numbers of it is scance, as the supply is limited by coursely hewn dirty logs. An ignorant laws restricting the cutting of it. It is plies for a kindling wood factory, and his cost mount up. certainly would be supprised to learn | "It nost thirty cents a foot in

it to make some remarks upon the meeting you and taking you away, seemingly unguarded and heaten by amounted to \$1 it foot. Suddenly an uproar of tengues country they were passing through, and this journey will be a forgotten the weather as though it were the

it?" said the manager of one of the and contains many very dark, a most "But I never run about alone—at companies which sell much of the black blotches.

lent entry—that was what he meant | getting it. You're sure it doesn't | "That one log log that those work | is full of gray streaks which specifit. pain you now?" And she lifted her men are currying is worth \$2000, and "Your eye"—she stammered, the brown eyes anxiously to his gray I have seen a log of mahogany only days, and bird's-eye maple is compara-"Oh, well, of course there is the for \$5000. It was twenty-eight feet It sells in the rough for ten cents a bunch of flowers, too," she rejoined, long and five feet thick, and was the toot and veneers cheaper than most of dropping her eyes to the rhododen- finest piece of the wood that I have the others. Wainut has gone out of ever seen.

He stole a glance at her, and his "Pretty good price for a single stick, voice was steadied a little consciously isn't it? It was a perfectly sound and black. log, though, and its coloring and mark-"One never knows exactly how to ing were remarkable. That is why it

but I want to say I m more glad than thursd. "The value of each stick is chusetts are made of it, and I happen I'm sorry the journey is over; but I down from flaws. When the logs are am not going to lose you now, if it is sold is the rough, as you see them in their purchase.

"The expert can judge them only by "May I come tomorrow?" he urged. ontward sppearances, and must be able "Certainly," she said, recovering to tell by the general look of the logs the self possession which his earnest- whether they are sound and whether ness had shaken. "I shall be delight- the marking which shows on the outed, and so will mamma, I am sure."

It was midnight when they drew piece. After a good deal of experiinto the big, hustling station; they ence one is able to size up a piece of looked at each other and found it har! timber prutty correctly, but we are to leave the memories of the day fooled once in a while, and that is one crowned by the poetic charm of the of the uncertainties of the business.

"They will be here in a moment," was the king of woods, and he was and yet, in a way, it seems as if I the polish that it takes gives it a right to the title. It isn't what it used to be, so you see that mahegany is not so

wood was designated as San Domingo from the place in which it grew. I was the best that was ever cut and attained a great reputation, but it is almost impossible to get now. The choice wood is all gone, and there is not enough to be had now to supply one-hundredth part of the demand for

"Its texture was the very finest and taching from fences, boards or any old the coloring superior to any other. We wood the fibres which they afterwards still get the wood from San Domingo. but it is all second growth, smaller than the old mahogany and much in-

"Mahogany from Central America was sold in large quartities here years the premature explosion of a blast. ago, also, but it was found to be soft and straight grained, and now it has practically stopped coming to this murket. Nowadays we get the wood from

Cuba and Mexico. "The Cuban product comes in small eises, but is of good texture and hand. damp place. It is reported that one It is from Mexico, though, that the great markets of the world are now supplied, not only with the best mohogany, but also with much that is soft, though much better than the

old South American product. "Many people have the idea that there is no more good mahogany and the game was up, and he never apthat all that is cut now is soft. This peared again. assertion is the outcome of individual experience in procuring good or recr wood; those who have received the best the autograph of its original, and a grades pronounce the Mexican wood

bard and beautiful in texture. "An impression also exists that mabogany is expensive and only to be indulged in by a few. That is untrue. The facilities for procuring the wood and the devices for reducing it into lumber have so improved that its cost to-day compares favorably with some of our domestic hard woods, such as cherry.

"The cost of working it is certainly not become dusty or absorb flith. All | not greater than any of the domestic woods. It lasts better than the domestic article, though,

"The process of veneering is what makes all the hard woods expensive, as this work costs as much as the timber in the rough. The wood is cut very

there was one supreme God, or Great word to which the strip is to be ap-Spirit, the creator of the rest and all | plied, after which the strip is laid on, creatures and things. Him the natives smoothed down by hand, and then of New England called Kichtan. They clamped between two hot presses, or believed that good men, at death, as- cauls, as we call them. It takes some

and all good things; that bad men also wood sandpapered and scraped and the went and knocked at the gate of glory, real work of polishing begins with the doing nothing and we hate the rich but Kichtan bade them depart, for application of fillers to fill the pores of man for working away instead of givthere was no place for such, whence wood and make it smooth. Then all ing somebody else a chance. they wandered in restless poverty. This most endless rubbing has to be done

any favor, and paid a sort of acknowl for that reason, but no more costly comb. edgement to him for plenty, victories | in the case of mahogany than any other | After all, Crocsus was only wood. The average cost of mahogany ably successful. He never was called in the rough is from \$150 to \$250 a a "Napoleon of finance,"

> pensive, what do you think about Cir- | letic sports. It has been traced in 100 cassion walnut, which we import from B. C.

wood, which come from South A ica, costs three to four times as much lifted on poles to the level of the car HICH-PRICED LOGS IN NEW YORK as maliopany, and is fully as righ in coloring. It is used but little, however, on account of its cost.

"Satin wood, a product of the West wood, too. This is a beautiful yellow wood, which also takes a high

observer might take these to be sup also very defective, and this fact makes

that the dirty sticks of timber are the log, and the waste makes the real price most valuable woods in the world in amount to a great deal more. A fulldtheir rough form, for that is what they | er told me recently that he put a large countity of English oak in the new There is mahagany there, any quan- home of a millionaire, and that by the "Vienna? Of course; we shall soon thy of it; elseny, Black Sea wainut and time the perfect pieces had been pro-

"It is one of the west beattiful woods we have when polished. At its

least over here. This is a great ad. costly timber, "but that is the wood." "Ebony is all going out because it venture, I assure you. And-I think that some day will be worked over, its so listed to get good specimens of it I'm not likely to forget that umbrella, polished and made into the most beau, newsdays. Good cheay is almost jet however good you may be about for | tiful woodwork that money can buy. | black, but that which is imported now "Very little curly maple is used these a little larger than that which was sold lively cheap for a handsome wood. style, too, and has given way to maple, white and quartered oak, ash, cherry

"Chinese tenk word is another that is expensive and also very defective Still it is used very extensively. The keels of the buttleships Indiana and Massato know that it cost the Government a prefix penny.

"The British Admiralty uses a great quantity of this wood for the becks of the British warships, and it is used commonly on the swell yachts for railings and batch combings, as R stands the weather excellently. "What is the most expensive wood that I know of? Snake wood, I guess, It is imported from the northern part of South America in logs weighing

from fifty to 200 pounds, and costs from ten to twenty-five cents a pound. "It is very hard and when polished shows a grain much like the morning of a spake skin. It is used mostly for walking canes and for famer turn-

"Rinck Sea walnut costs a lot from thirty five to fifty cents a foot expensive, after all, and as I said be-France of the movement of their before and with -New York Sun.

Dishonest holders of accident ance policies frequently put the companies' physicians to needless thouble by claiming damage for trifling burts. which under the law entitle them to nothing. Some deliberately practice fraud, says a paysician quoted in the Atlanta Journal, and pretend to have allments when they are sound in every

A few days ago, says the physician, I was summened to a hospital to exmine a man who pretended to have had his bearing totally destroyed by had an idea from the start that h was shamming, but all the tests that I could apply seemed to show that he was stone-denf. Still, I was not satisfied, and resolved to try a little strategy. Coaching the nurse beforehand how to net. I entered the room hastily and cried: "Quick, quick! The fire extinguisher! Where is it? Never mind the

deaf man! Save yourself!" Then we both rushed for the door, but the patient was quicker than we were, and got out before us. He had the good sense, however, to realize that

Rivers Which Traverse the 6 In the ocean the longest way cound is offfines the shortest way For instance: If a United States transport were to leave San Francisco for China, the most legical course would seem to be straight across the North Pacific to the land of the Boxes But in reality the ship would be steered to the southwest along the

equator and past the Philippines to the Astan const. This course would be several hundred miles longer, ret it would take the vessel to her destination tauch quicker than the straight course. In the one case she would be going with the current; in the other the would be going against the cur-

The ocean is not a simple, pathless expanse, over which short cuts may be made, but a system of highways, crossways and even blind allesways. which have been surveyed and laid out by nature herself .- Ainslee's Mag-

Mere Opinion

It is the desire to beat the other fellow that makes men get along. When a woman begins to gramble she shows her age.

We scold the rich man's son for Civilization may not always

the missionary, but it generally keeps and prayed to him when they desired "It is a long process and expensive in bot pursuit of the fine-to-thed

Polo is probably the cidest