Spring Brook Ice Company, and Mr. William W. Taintor, Secretary of the Hartford Ice Company, are superintending the putting up of large ice houses on the shore of a fifty-acre pond, near the village of Williamsville, Mass. They took from Hartford four carloads of horses, ice cutting tools, and many of their men, as well as general materials to be used in their work. For some time these companies have been looking for a place to cut ice, and the present purchase is the result of the examination of several ponds in Massachusetts. The companies pay the owner \$3,000 for the privilege of cutting ice on the pond from now until April 1, whether they get any ice or not. The ice at present is about ten inches thick, and it is estimated that this will yield from 50,000 to 75,000 tons.

Mr. Taintor, in speaking of the venture, said: "The companies will have to expend about \$10,000 before they get ready to work. They pay \$5,000 for the privilege of cutting the ice, and the seller quarantees nothing. The first work we shall do is to build an ice-house with a capacity of 10,000 tons, to be followed by other houses of about the same size as as fast as they are needed. It is a big undertaking." The pond in question is about eighty miles from Hantrof and thirty-three miles from Palmer, on the Ware River Railroad. It is estimated before the housing will be complete, besides the first cost of the ice. The companies will hire other men from Williamsville and push the work as fast as possible while the lee lasts,

It is said that nature has her own remedy for every ill to which flesh is heir. Some of her remedies have not yet been discovered and some that have been found out have not become generally known. Medical science has long sought for a soverign remedy for the scourge of childhood, diphtheria, yet the colored people of Louisiana, and perhaps of other localities in the South, have for years known and used a cure which is remarkable for its simplicity. It is nothing more nor less than the pure juice of the pine-apple.

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"The remedy is not mine," said a gentleman, when interviewed, "it has been used by negroes in the swamps down South for years. One of my children was down with diphtheria and was in a critical condition. An old colored man who heard of the case asked if we had tried pine-apple juice. We tried it, and the child got well. I have known it tried in hundreds of cases. I have told my friends about it whenever I heard of a case and never knew it to fail. You get a ripe pine-apple, squeeze out the juice, and let the patient swallow it. The juice is of so corrosive a nature that it will cut out the diphtheric mucus, and if you will take the fruit before it is ripe and give the juice to a person whose throat is well it makes the mucus membrane of his throat sore."—[Chicago Tribune.

An Ancient Stone.

An elliptical-shaped gray stone, probably two feet in length and about six inches in diameter, was recently received at the White House, accompanied by a letter from Governor Prince, of New Mexico. He stated that the stone was of the idol age, anterior to the arrival of the Spaniards in the western continent, and it was known to be over 300 years old. Among the Pueblo Indians the stone was venerated as a household god, and examination showed that with some rude tools an attempt had been made to depict eyes, nose, and mouth on the upper flat portion, while in the centre crossed hands are easily discernible. It now rests on a shelf just above Private Secretary Halford's desk, and as a companion piece there is a primitive gourd, which was sent to the White House by a North Carolina man.

MINNIE NORRIS, of Hutchinson, Kan. MINNIE NORHIS, OI HUTCHISON, KAIL, was at the altar prepared to marry Isaac Smith, but before she would allow the ceremony to proceed she demanded the transfer of his bank account to her name and the deed of a farm of 160 acres. Isaac refused, and Minnie remains single.

Charles S. and Frederick, sons of Police ommissioner Smith, of New Haven, have pened a brokers' office in Melbourne, Aus-

day.

In the city court of New Haven Wednesday, a former school-teacher and lawyer of the city was fined \$15 for begging and \$1 and costs for drunkenness. Drink caused is downfall.

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The Hartford operator on the long-disance telephone spoke to Savannah last reek, conveying a lengthy message clearly by the route of the circuit obtained, it was a listance of about 1,200 miles.

are of moout 1,200 miles, timer Hiram Hinckley, who was redischarged from the Consolidated on account of the "Gilt Edge" express at, has been placed in charge of the house and engines at Belle Dock, New 1.

but refused to marry her after learning that at the time she accepted him she was engaged to into ther man.

Two years ago Wah Lee, a Chinaman, who had attended services at the Fouth Park M. E. Church was married to Ada Spaulding, his Sunday-school teacher. The couple shortly removed to New Haven, where Lee worked in a tea store until recently when he moved to I fittsheld, Mass. Wednesday a son was born to the couple.

The People's Fire Insurance Company, of Middletown, which was organized in 1865 with a capital stock of \$200,000, has decided to reinsure its risks with the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company of Hartford. The company has about \$5,000,000 of risks and a surplus above liabilities of \$100,0 o. It is one of the many smaller companies upon which recent excessive competition has worked unfavorable that had been any considerable profits. The company is abovelably sound financially, and its business is of a good class. But the opinion prevailed that its risks would yield much better returns if incorporated with those of a larger company.

LUMBAGO.



Lumbago is a form of the chronic stage of the chronic stage of the chronic stage of the chronic stage of the back, which is readily cure of by rubbing cobs Oil. It is commonly known as:

BACKACHE.

Victoria, Tex., June 22, 1888.
I was in bed two months with backache;
ffered about three months. I was cured by
Jacobs Oil permanently; no return in 14
onths.

G.W. JEFFERSON.

AT DRUGGISTS AND DEALERS. THE CHARLES A. VOGELER CO., Baltimore, Md. LETTERS FROM THE CORNERS.

R. EDITUR:
Willam Henery hed
got pansion in to
his mind an thay his mind an thay want no gittin it out.
"Why, how kin you git a pansion."

you git a pansion,"
ses I, "when you
want never in the
war not a single
day?"
"Well, I sent a
subterfuge, didn't
I, an he fit an bled for his kintry in
my name, an I jest gess I've a right to
a pansion," ses he.
"Well, mebby you kin git it," ses I,
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"Of corse I kin, Hester Ann. I wush you woodn't always be a tryin to throw a wet blanket on to all my axpirations."
"I haint a throwin no wet blankets, nor a-holdin on to no brindle caf's tale, neether," ses I hotly.
"No, you haint limber enuff," ses he, an the widder she jest hollered an laffed.
"What is a pansion, granpaw?" asts little Willam Henery.
"A pansion is munny the Guvament gives to sojers fur fitin fur thare kintry."

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"An did you fite fur your kintry?"

"No—not axactly," sos Wm. Henery, kindy slow; "but I sent a man to fite."

"An is thet the way Grant an Sherman an Sheridan dun, an is thet why the Guvament gives thare widders pansions?" ses Johnny.

"O, you mustnt arks o menny questions, Johnny; little bovs shud be sean not heerd," ses Willam Henery, a wrigglin aroun in the cheer like it wus sum uncomfortble.

"Now I know all about gettin a pansion." Ses the widder, "fur No. 2 drawed a pansion."

She always spoke of her husbans es No. 2 or 3 or which ever it wus.

"Well, au how did he git it?" ses Joshua's wife.

"He went to a mity sharp lawyer fust an tole him he'd give him 20 dollers to git his pansion, an he dun it. O, it's jest lovely to be a sojer's widder an draw a pansion. Mis Scooper, ef I wus you I'd he Willam Henery draw a pansion by all means."

"He haint never ben a sojer," ses I,

Scooper, et I was you I'd new Willam Henery draw a pansion by all means."

"He haint never ben a sojer," ses I, "an he haint no rite to a pansion; thare is manny a pore sojer thet fit an bled fur his kintry thet needs one, but he don't need it," ses I furmly.

"Well," ses Joshua's wife, "I shud think it ud be kindy nice to be a sojer's wife an live in to a tent an hev gilt braid down yure husban's pants an see him carry a nice shiny gun."

"Nice fiddle-sticks," ses I, purty short; "an what ud you do when it rained an when thare wus war an he hed to go an be shot at like a beaf critter, an the brade on to his pants got faded an his clase got frozzly an his gun old?"

"O, well, thay don't hev thet kind o sojers now. Thay air put on a back shelf, an these brite, new militia min takes their place," ses she.

"Well, what I wunt to no," ses Willam Henery, "is how I'm agoin to git a pansion."

"O, I think an ossifer is just to love-

am Henery, "is how I'm a goin to git a pansion."

"O, I think an ossifer is jist to lovely fur ennything," ses the widder. "Onct thare wuz one kim to see No. 2, an I purty neer fell in love with him." "Was yur husban a privit?" arsk Joshua's wife.

"Law, no!" ses the widder, reel hotty, "he driv a suttler's wargin. I herd say No. 2 want no common sojer," an she sniffed.

"I've got it now," ses Willam Henery, a jumpin up like he wus shot.

"Got what," ses I.

"Why, how to git a pansion, fur I sole a yoke o stears to the army onct, an I'll gié a suttler's pansion."

Do you think he kin, Mister Editur? He haint got it yit. Yourn, anxiously,

HESTER ANN SCOOPER.

Rester Ann Scooper.

Soon Over.

A sudden thaw in spring is a common enough cause of the swelling and overflow of rivers, but few people have experience of what might be called "magic rivers," which disappear almost as suddenly as they are born One such, however, is described by W. H. Mallock in his account of Cyprus, entitled "In an Enchanted Island."

On a certain evening there was a succession of thunder showers, and then, all the night, a heavy and ceaseless downpour. "fihis," said my host, in the morning, "ought to bring down the river." I asked what he meant by this, and he answered that the river below us was rarely anything more than a dry bed of pebbles, just as it was now.

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But generally once—sometimes three times—in the year, it would suddenly fill with water, flow for an hour or two, and again become dry and silent. I felt that the sight must be curious, and wished that I might be able to witness it.

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"Look!" exclaimed he, pointing; "it is coming. Listen! you can hear it."

I hastened and looked. I at last caught a sound, faint and uncertain, as leaves rustling in a dream. Then, suddenly, far away on the plain, I saw something flash, like the head of spointed spear. Gradually this prolonged itself into a slim, shining line, which presently took a curve. For stime its course was straight; then it curved again.

In ten minutes, over the brown surface of the fields the water had stretched itself like a long silvery snake, and the sound I had heard, growing every instant more distinct, explained itself to the ear as the voice of the stirred pebbles. The river channel skirted the bottom of the garden, and thus, as the flood went by, we had every opportunity of observing it. It pushed itself forward, headed by a mass of bubbles and scum; it split itself into fierce rivulets, which, a moment later, were drowned in the body of the stream; it gurgled against banks; it circled into transitory whirlpools.

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Gradually, as we watched, its volume seemed to diminish, and in an hour's time there was only a trickling rill, over which a child five years old might have stepped.

THE extension ladder fire-escape has been adopted by the German army as a more satisfactory apparatus than the balloon from which to watch an enemy.

DRINK, and the world drinks with you; swear off, and you swear alone.

It is expected that Henry M. Stanley will visit America next winter and resume the course of lectures which his mission to Africa three years ago abruptly terminated. The resumption of lectures after a three-years intermission reminds us of the anecdote "Elia" tells of one of the masters in the Bluecoat School, London. There was a greater row than usual in the classroom one day before lesson time, and the master, who was a great mathematician, burst into the room from his adjoining den with a cane in his hand. All the take master, who was a great mathematican, burst into the room from his adjoining den with a cane in his hand. All the boys got seated but one before the magisterial eye spotted any of them, and, advancing with savage air up to that unfortunate one, the master, raising the cane, roared: "I've a mind to give you a thrashing—" but a thought having struck him the while, he retreated into his den and devoted half an hour to the solution of a mathematical problem. Re-emerging after that time, when every-body had forgotten the incident, he came up to the same offender, and, piccing out his litany aforesaid with the words: "And I will, too," he administered a sound flogging to the delinquent.

A Cat Rescues a Bird.

A wonderful cat story which has the peculiar merit of being true is the following: A woman up-town has a large number of birds which she keeps in an aviary built on to the rear wall of the house. She also has a large Maltese cat who has proved herself so trustworthy and so kindly disposed toward the feathered pets that she had had for some time free range of the aviary whether the birds were in their separate cages or not.

A few days ago, while all the birds save one were shut in their cages, the owner heard a wild outery in his aviary. Rushing to the door, she met her trusted cat coming out with this bird in her mouth. On the instant the next room was reached, however, the cat released her hold and the bird flew away frightened but wholly unharmed. On investigating the cause of the sudden confusion the woman found in the aviary a stray cat that had slipped in through a lowered sash. The house cat, seeing the danger, had snatched the bird in her mouth, so carefully as not to harm a feather, and carried it out of reach of the intruder.

[New York Sun.

The Pride of His Class.

He was a bright, hand-tome boy of sixteen, sunny-tempered, brilliant and suggesting the granty-tempered, brilliant and suggesting the pride of his class. But a shadow fell across his bright prospects. It began with a trilling cought soon came premonit in so of controllow, and he seemed doomed to an early grave. Then a friend advised Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. He tried it and supplies the pride of the second playground, his checke again grow row, his experience of the second playground, his checke again grow row, his and he graduates this year with highest her of the second playground his checke again grow to his class and he graduates this year with highest her of the second playground his checked again grow to he checked and he graduates this year with highest her of the pride of his class and he graduates this year with highest her of the pride of his class.

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"You know, in running a faro bank, or any kind of a gambling game, a man has to rely upon his partner's honesty a great deal, for when he is absent some one is liable to come in and either win or lose considerable money. If the latter, a dishonest man might keep the money, and his partner would never hear of it, or he 'might say that a man won money which he didn't, and he could then put the money in his own pocket and his partner never be the wiser. This gambler that I refer to, who I will call Jim Grady, had just such a partner as this, and he got most beautifully square with him. The partner's name was Mike, and the pair opened a faro game in Providence. Jim furnished most of the money. The game did not pan out well, and as there seemed to be quite a number of players, Jim could not ascount for it. The money, or the greater part of it, that was lost was lost while he was out, and on coming back he would find a tab card in the drawer with \$125 on it, or something a little smaller or a little larger than that figure. So he finally tumbled that something was wrong, and on coming back from dinner one day and finding one of these cards for a pretty good amount, he asked Mike who had won the money.

"It was a big, stout red-faced man, with a soft white hat, who lives at Olneyville," said Mike.

"H"," said Jim, meditatively: "I don't seem to remember of ever seeing such a man."

"Oh, you've seen him lots of times," returned Mike, and the matter was dropped.

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"He's a pretty lucky fellow," remarked Jim as he sat down to deal, but although he said nothing more he kept up quite a thinking all the time.

This went on for several days, and there were tab cards in the drawer almost every time Jim went out for an hour, and the same man with the soft white hat from Olneyville won almost all the big amounts.

Finally Jim lost patience, and he said to himself: "I'll fix that fellow." So the next day he did not show up until quite late, and as he had expected, he found a tab card in the drawer (this time it was for \$180, and Mike, on being questioned as usual, said: "Why, that stout man with the red face who wears a soft white hat and lives at Olneyville, was around here early this morning, just after I opened up, and beat me for that money."

"That's a bad starter for the day," said Jim, "but I'll try to win it back while you are gone to dinner."

Mike went to dinner, and while he was gone Jim drove all of the players out, put the entire bank roll (which amounted to about \$25,000 in his pocket and sticking his feet up on the layout was busy reading a copy of the Boston Globe when Mike reappeared.

"What's the matter?" exclaimed Mike as soon as he opened the door. "Why are you not dealing?"

"For the simple reason," replied Joe, with great nonchalance, "that that big, stout, red-faced man with the soft white hat, who lives at Olneyville, was a bluff, having been invented by Mike himself, but he did not dare to remonstrate, as Jim was a bad man to have trouble with. So he quit that game several hundred of dollars short, the result being directly brought on by his own dishonest actions.

You see it pays to be honest even if you are a gambler.—Boston Globe.

Knew Him by the Scratch.

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"Do you see that little group of men," said a drummer in a Washington hotel corridor recently, as he pointed to a knot of office-seekers in one corner. "They seem to be enjoying themselves, don't they? That one with the goatee has been telling a funny story."

"How do you know that that particular one told it?" was asked.

"Because he is laughing the most," replied the drummer sententiously. "I am a student of human nature and an observer of the habits and particularly the foibles of men. That's an indispensable element of success in my line."

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"Now do you see that other man with
the clean-shaven, thin face?" he continued. "That man's from Florida, and
not only that, but he's from a rural district of Florida and is accustomed to
working on overseeing work in the fields
and brush."

"Oh, come now," said the drummer's
companion; "that's a little too steep.
You can't tell all that just by looking at
him. What makes you think so?"

"Watch him the next time he laughs,"
said the drummer, "and you will see
him stoop forward, lay both hands on
his trouser legs below the knee, and
give his shins a good scratching or rub
bing. Most of the Floridians do that
from habit. It gives them pleasure because all of them who work out of doors
in grove or field are pestered with a tiny
insect called the red-bug, all but invisible to the eye, which swarms on fallen
brushwood, decayed weeds or grass and ble to the eye, which swarms on fallen brushwood, decayed weeds or grass and makes itself most unpleasantly and lastingly apparent on the legs of all who come near them. Sand-flees and mosquitoes add their attentions and on the whole a Floridian 'crackor' gets about as much amusement out of a good scratching as from a yawn or even a drink. Watch him now. They are going to laugh again."

Sure enough the clean-shaven man began to smile, then chuckled, then roared and in his cestasy reached over and gave both his shins a brisk rubbing with a handful of his trousers.

"Come with me," said the drummer, as he sauntered past the jolly group, wan had now storped talking and to

so he sauntered past the jolly group, i was had now stopped talking and ue gan to break up.

"Can you tell me, sir," he said to the scratcher "how the Florida orange crop is this year along the lower Guli Coast?"

"Fair to middlin', I believe, sir," was the reply, "but nothing like ours down on the Indian River, sir! That's God's own country for oranges, you bet."

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Bird Language

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reporter.

"I have a pair of canaries and I often
listen to their conversation. In the morning one of them gives a 'tw-eet.' 'Are
you awake?' he says to the other. The
other gives a 'tw-eet.' 'Yes; I'm a little
sleepy, though,' and closes her eyes again.
'But it's morning.' 'I don't care,' says
the lazy mate, tucking her head under her
wing once more. 'It's time to wake up.'
This time there is no reply.

"Then the other proceeds to indulge in
a morning serenade. He carols up and
down the scale. Then the second bird
pokes out her head and shakes her
feathers. 'It's really impossible to sleep
under the circumstances,' she says. 'I
hope you don't feel cross,' he says. 'Oh,
no, only—' And then they patch it all
up and indulge in a charming duet."

A Queer Sight at a Funeral.

"Well," said the undertaker as he entered his office, placed his plug hat in a coffin box and placing his feet upon a casket stool, commenced polishing a name plate with his silk handkerchief, "I have just seen one of the strangest sights that ever met my eyes. I had charge of the funeral of a wom un, and as the time came when the relatives were to take a last fond look at the face of the deceased two men and a little girl approached and, bending over, kissed the lips of the dead woman. These two men had been husbands of the woman and the little girl was her daughter. The first husband was a colored man and the girl was his daughter, while the second and present husband was a white man. The woman was white, I doubt if there was ever a similar case reported, at least I never heard of one before. There is no mistake, it was a strange sight."—[Minneapolis Tribune.

Came to Congratulate Him.

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Hawarden, the country seat of Mr. Gladstone, the English statesman, was invaded one day recently by a little clive-colored man making many gestures and talking a strange jargon; so the servants arrested him as a maniac and possible assassin. Mr. Gladstone was summoned to see the wretch, who turned out to be a Greek professor, speaking no English, who had come all the way from Athens to congratulate the British statesman on knowing Homer's "Iliad" by heart.



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