NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE mortality of the globe is said to be 67 every minute, 97,790 every day, or 35,630,835 every year. The births amount to 100,000 every day, 36,792,000 every year.

THE recent order issued apparently by the Swisz government to expunge the story of William Tell from the school books was bogus. The myth is to be retained, even although it is only myth. Happen-ing only in some fertile imagination, it is an exquisite protest of liberty against trranny. tyranny.

tyranny. The rabbit pest in New Zealand is un-abated. The efforts put forth for the extinction of the nuisance, which have cost a large sum, have completely failed and the rabbits are as numerous and de-structive as ever. It is now proposed that the government shall abolish the rabbit department and offer a uniform price for all rabbit skins.

ALTHOUGH the small fruit crop in the Eastern States was an almost complete fail-ure this year, California is reported to have done very well with grapes (raisins) and done very well with grapes (raisins) and prunes, and to have had generally a re-markably good year for fruit. The yield of prunes is estimated at 15,000,000 pounds, or more than a pound for each family in the country.

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dering our coast defenses worthy the name is to be made at Fort Wadsworth, on Staten Island. Some 143 acres of land, valued at \$5,000 an acre, are to be added to it, and the residences, green-houses, stables and improvements on the property will aggregate half as much more. Echelon batteries with an armor of forged-steel plate will be erected on the ridge along the water front and will comprise eighteen 16-inch 110-ton guns, using from 550 to 960 pounds of powder and an 1,800-pound shot; two 14-inch 80-ton guns, using 425 pounds of powder and a 1,200-pound shot, draft fitten 8-inch 20-ton guns, using 250 pounds of powder and a 250-pound shot. The 110-ton guns will be incompletely protected turrets, and the 50-ton in case mates, while the 30-ton and 20-ton will be on disappearing carriages in pits, in-suring perfect protection to the gunners. On a part of the newly-acquired land, which is heavily wooded, a battery of 14 12-inch rifted mortars will be con-cealed. An improved torpede system, with bomb-proof operating rooms and turnels for conveying electric cables to the water will complete the armament. The Engagement fing Romance. The first one usually dosen's cost much; but it costs cough for all that. You are about twenty when you begin looking over the jeweier's advertise-ments and find yourself wondering if she will be pleased with what you save and pinch so to get. At length you have bought it. Then comes the event ful evening; you strold down the street feeling your importance at every step; with thumping heart you pass indo your love's sweet presence; there she site supped, and what follows you remem-ber so well it need not be recalled. Hank Hilliard was born and reared way down in the wild Ozark region of Christian County, Mo., almost within gunshot of the famous Bald Knobbers of South Missouri. He had never been out of the county, much less out of the State, and his ideas of engagement rings were limited. When pretty Sallio Digg-pretty in spite of her length, shanbling walk and freekles—insisted upon a ring befors the would consider the engagement binding, Hank was non-pulaed.

upon a ring before she would consider the engagement binding, Hank was non-pulsed. He expostulated without avail, scratched his head, thought a long while, and finally went away. He came back the next afternoon, his face wreatted in smiles. "I've got her," he exclaimed, and reaching in his pocket he drew out a great ring of bras. Sallie smiled and reached out her ind. Hank slipped the ring over the girl's largest finger, and, leaning near the simple maiden, whispered: "Now, Sal, air ye setsished that weuns is inggagd?" <text><text><text><text><text><text><text> The simple mathen, winspered: "Now, Sal, air ye settisfied that weuns is ingaged?" "Yos, Hank," Sal whispered, shaking the ring around on her finger; "but say, Hank whar did ye get it?" "Nope." "Hones'? "Hones'?" "Hones'?" "Hones'? "Bi you must know, I cut it onten dad's Sunday galluses." Sal slipped over into Hank's arms, and as their freckled, sunburned checks touched, the gil whisperd: "Say, Hank, an't you 'traid yer dad'll Hok yo when he finds his galluses busted?"--*Pittsburah Dispatch*. "The Origin of Gorn a Mystery. The Origin of Corn a Mystery. This wonderful product, which has conferred such substantial benefits on the world, strange to say, is of unknown origin; its genesis is wrapped in a mys-tery, or at least not definitely fixed. A writer says: "Like wheat and barley, its origin is lost in the twilight of antiqui-ted States, however, by the English, on James river, Virginia, in 160s, the seed being obtained from Indians, who claimed to be the first discoverers of the plant-receiving it direct from the hands of the Creator. Nearly overy article sold is cheapened, in cost of production, at expense of quality, Dob-bina's Electric Scap is excertly to-day what it was in 1865, absolutely pure, harmless and uni-form. Ask your grocer for it. Look out for initiations.

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BRIOKS MADE OF TEA LEAVES, How Many Churches in England Have Been Built. The Rev. John Winslow, a distin-stopping with friends in Brooklyn. At a pleasant gathering the other evening the talked at length about the methods in wogue in the old country of raising money for the purposes of his church. "There are some people," he said, "who think that the great progress of Method-ism in England is due solely to the en-ergy and culture of its ministers. The fact is that its present high standing is <text><text><text><text><text><text>

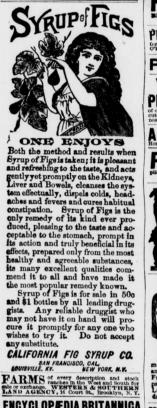
more full y the idea of masculine strength. When full grown, in strong soil, the plant will reach a height of eight of dead. The hollyhock, as every one knows, is been in use in Europe since 1873, when it was introduced to occidental gardens if from its old home in China. Though, strictly speaking, a blennial, the holly-thock (altheo rossa) may, by attention to drainage, winter covering, etc., and espe-deed in the object of the strong is a strong to deal of the strong is a strong is feed to do its best, for it is a strong feeder and does not mind all the sunshine you can spare, so long as you keep its these who raise it from the seed of blooms fertilized and crossed by the bees in their from strong the division of the rout. be made to continue indefinitely. It needs these who raise it from the seed of blooms fetilized and crossed by the bees in their from such seed are a source of interest, have not tried the experiment. Those both single and double. Charter's strain of the latter is still unrivaled. Sown in garden loam in March or April, the young plants will be large enough to transfer into permanent positions by September. A shovelful of sand placed around them before winter close is a great benefit, preventing a tendency to rot about the stem in early spring. The plants will flower the second year from seed. The stem in early spring. The plants will flower thes second year from seed. The stem in early spring. The plants will flower thes scent plooms, being care-fully ripened and planted in the same these dire to lose is a great benefit, preventing a tendency to rot about the stem in early spring. The plants will flower the second year from seed. The stem in early spring. The plants will flower these first blooms, being care-fully ripened and planted in the same the altford a great many novelties to both single and planted in the same these dire to lases is a great benefit, preventing a tendency to rot about the stem in early spring. The plants will flower the second year from seed. The stem in early spr

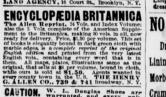
The Lovely and Stately Hollyhock. Of all the summer flowers none can compare in stateliness with the hollyhock. If the rose is queen then this dignified and commanding plant is her chief mar-shal in the border. Hising each year from thit to the darkest crimon and including some fine shades of yellow. On the whole the single and half double ones are the most picturesque, as they bosoms of the very double ones convey wore full y he idea of masculine strength. The hollyhock, as every one knows, is one of the oldest inhabitants. Our grander they baked with iter higher to be drawed in the the detropolitan last even ing, says the done is to buy a piece of land and set out rees, but hey make a big mistake. There was a great rush to Florida some years ago by persons who were uttery ignorant of the business, and who from its old home in China. Though, brit was infrondered to occidental graders from its old home in China. Though, brit was infrondered to occidental graders from its old home in China. Though, brit was infrom the seed of blooms feeder and does not mind all the sunshing deep soli to do its best, for it is a strong feeder and does not mind all the sunshing fertilized and crossed by the bees in there which frew, perhaps, comprehens which com-fertilized and crossed by the bees in there which frew, perhaps, comprehens which com-from such ace are a source of interest, hyposing to do should lay the found-ford he, yeardens, comprehens which com-proposing to do should lay the four-proposing to do should lay the four-phants will be large enough to transfer

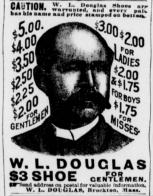
Original Form of the Horse.

The Mighty Waters. The sea occupies three-fourths of the surface of the earth. At the depth of about 3,500 feet waves are not feit. The temperature is the same, varying only a trille from the ice of the pole to the burning sun of the equator. A mile down the water has a pressure of over a ton to the square inch. If a box six feet deep were filled with sea water and allowed to evaporate under the sun, there would be two inches of salt left on the bottom. Taking the waverage opth of the occan to be three miles, there would be a layer of salt 200 feet thick on the bed of the Atlan-tic. The water is colder at the bottom than at the surface. In the many bays on the coast of Norway the water of the freezes at the bottom before it does above. Waves are very deceptive. To look at them in a storm one would think the water traveled. The water tavaring dip miles an hour—more than two as fast as the swittest atesmship. The distance from valley to valley is spaceally filteen times the height, here of the sea dashing on Bell Rock is said to be avereated on the entire sea fource for valley to valley is spaceally filteen times the height, here of the sea dashing on Bell Rock is said to be avereated. The winder the distance from valley to valley is spaceally filteen times the height, here of the sea dashing on Bell Rock is said to be avereated the entire sea fourteen feet thick is taken up into the louds. The winds bear their bur-the depth of the sea presents an in-trove to shore would be halt as great, or Joon miles. If lowered is little more than three miles, say 19,000 feet, here would be a road of dry land more than three miles, say 19,000 feet, here would be aver the distance would be a vord of the sead of the land, the sea fourteen feet thick to a down is the source that three miles, say 19,000 feet, here would be aver order of the sead is there would be aver order of dry land more than three miles, say 19,000 feet, here would be aver three different sead, and Africe

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A Lumber Camp in Winter.
Life in the lumbermen's winter camps, weak, Maine, or in Quebec, is not so ad ventrous as might at first appear. It grows monotonous to the visitor as soon as the strangeness of it has worn off. The noise of the woods, and they generally agree in giving wide bert to an eighborhood whieh has suddenly betwee in gets of the close of the close is not so at neighborhood while has suddenly betwee increasently occupied, chopping and hauting from dawn to sundown; and at night from plas conclude its after-supper smoke, and the sound of a few noisy songs has died away, the wild beats might creep near enough to campto for the plant, is shown to sundown; and at night from the oback woods, and they generative of the plant, and the iognairs of the lower gas and hore lankets acquire an over when ing attraction for them; and by the time the camp has conclude its after-supper smoke, and the sound of a few noisy songs has died away, the wild beats might creep near enough to campto to smoke and beans with little encypt to expend on the has been written and the ports and beans with little encypt to expend on the has been written and beans with little encypt to expend on the sound of a few noisy songs has died away, the wild of the profound and acuedless snows, of the sound and and and cauple song snows of the profound and sound the sound of a few noisy songs has died away, the wild of the specend and the sound on the has been wri

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Two servants in two neighboring houses dwelt, But differently their daily labor felt; Jaded and weary of her life was one, Always at work, and yet 'twas never done. The other walked out nightly with her beau, But then she cleaned house with SAPOLIO.