TO THE UNATTAINABLE.

Dear, how many the songs I bring to you Woven of dream-stuffs, pleasure, and pr Woven of dream-stuffs, pleasure, and pa All the songs of my life I sing to you, Aud you hear, and answer again. Though no rhyme do your dear lips say

me, Yet, my poet, sweet songs you bring; Yhen you smile, then the angels play t Tunes to the silent songs you sing.

All my soul goes forthing, you sing. All my deeds for your sake are done. All my laurels and bays belong to you. In your name are my battles won. Just by living you make my life dear to m Theorem with the provides the provides

Though your lips never speak my name; Tis your hands that in dreams appear to me Bringing meall that I ask of fame

What though here you are wholly lost to

me, Though you never will know or see, Though life's pain be the worship's cost to

me, Am I not richer than great Kings be? Have Inot you, in the holiest heart of me-You, in the eyes which you seedone? Shall I not rise to your soul, which is part

Till you shall meet me and know your

-[E. Nesbit, in Longman's Magazine.

A WAR CLAIM.

BY CHAS. T. MURRAY.

In half a minute half a dozen men were passing out smoked meats, bacon and ham, while those who had attacked the corn crib were actively lugging the well-filled sacks down the shady path be-tween the magnolias to the big army wagon in the road. An armed guard in charge of a corpo-ral stood in or about the wagon still re-taining their loaded muskets, while the teamsters bestrode their mules, keenly alert for any manifestations on the part of the scattering cavalrymen along the downtree. The guns of the foragers at work were

The mother had risen, and the look of despair upon the daughter's face and given way to one of tumultuous ratitude. Before he had fairly compared for the situation, the young girl tepped forward and, beading over tale's hand, reverently kissed it, then lade's hand, reverently kissed it, then curned upon him a look having ng invialet like a girl and she was as d as a rose in June. Neither uttered claim before you to a lady "I want to introduce you to a lady constituent of mine," said one of his Southern friends to him one day. "I have no time for cultivating the ladies," replied he, "though of course," he added, "it would be an honor to meet any friend of yous." "Thanks, Hale; but this lady has a claim before your committee and has The mother had risen, and the look of despair upon the daughter's face had given way to one of tumultous gratitude. Before he had fairly compre-hended the situation, the young girl stepped forward and, bending over Hale's hand, reverently kissed it, then turned upon him a look having no equivalent in human words. He blushed like a girl and she was as red as a rose in June. Neither uttered a word. Then she fled within. "Attention! Well, boys-we-get out of this?" he finally shouted. We are very grateful to you, sir," broke in the elder had, "We are Union women, Belle and L-but my poor son"-"Is a rebet, chi Oh, well," yu name, madam--the Government will pay for the property. Parkes! Here is your r.ceipt-keep it. Sorry, I'm sure. Have to live, you know, and war-but we don't war on women, and-and--"For-war-d!"

we don't war on women, and—and— "For-w-a-rd."
 It was midnight and pitchy black. Only the somnoient figures, shapeless in blanket and oilcolth, stretched immedi-ately about the low camp fire, and the dim outlines of similar figures in the near foreground told where the weary
 column slept, every man on his arms. Sergt. Itale satclose to the fire, with his knees drawn up and his finely chiselled face upon his hand; while I was pre-paring in the only skillet of the company the first morsel of food we had had since morning—a solid cake of flour and water. The rest of our company had eaten the same and failen asleep one by one. We had waited our turn at the only skillet, and here it was midnight.
 The ground trembled and shook the ashes into our cake.
 "We ought to be there," said the Ser-geant with a sigh. "That's all right-the ashes will improve your cake. Ash to cake for dyspepsia, you know."
 As I dumped the mess out and we broke in two equal pices I saked him if we would get to Perrysville in time to help the boys out.
 "Very unlikely. This corps can't make ten miles to-morow and help any-body. About a third of it is being goaded along into camp by cavalry r sabres, or is lying dead beat in ten miles of fence corners, checked for the bullet i of the bushwacker or the military prison."

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"Hurry up, men! No skyn, at crisil lively, now! Let the solution of the young sergent for the commands of the young sergent for the commands of the young sergent for the solution who had been chasing the solution who had been solution who had been chasing the solution who had been chasing the solution who had been chasing the solution who had been sol

"Have you been trying?" I laugning-ly inquired. "N-no; I can't say I have." He col-ored up a trife and then, like the gallant soldier that he was, came straight at the mark. "I don't want to try. That girl is the only woman in the world who c could tempt me to marry-could tempt me to anything-yes, even dishonor," "he added in a whisper. " "Mere fancy," I said. "You didn't in see her half a minute, by the watch. You don't know what sort of a woman by she is."

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claim before your committee and ha come all the way from Kentucky to see about it, and she has a right to see you on business. You will not deny her an interview?"

ti about it, and she has a right to see you on business. You will not deny her an "interview?" an "Does she know me?"he asked, quick-ly, "What is her name?" "She is a widow, my dear sir-a most is howhole creature—Mrs. Louden—belongs to one of the hest old Kentucky families." The claim is a war claim, for property taken. I don't know anything about it, tand told her you would probably know all about it and that you were a fair man and would give her a hearing. By the way, Hale, how does it come that as good a man as you never married?" "My dear fellow, because I never saw a woman I would have cared to marry—s are one, and"— "My dear fellow, because I never saw a woman I would have cared to marry—is any one, and indulge in many play-ful personalities that would not be pleasantly received outside of the cloak-rooms. Mr. Hale merely smiled and made an appointment for the next day a his committee room; then forgot all about it. The next day a lady in black was shown into the room of the Committee on War Claims by the Kentucky member and was introduced to the Chairman. "What You have met before?" said the volut an with a wome sur-

"What? You have met before?" said the volatile Kentuckian with some sur

prise. "I'm not certain," she stammered, ompany a while ago.

woman, he noted. "'So you've brought that old claim with you, eh?" said he, "knowing I couldn't get away?" in a tone of badi-

"So you've brought that old claim with you, eh?" said he, "knowing I couldn't get away?" in a tone of badi-inge. "Brought it with me? Dear me, it has been here a dozen years or more." and she looked around the room as if it were the only war claim unsottled and might have dropped on the floor some-where, rolled under the committee-table and been forgotte. A messenger was summoned and the claim brought in from the files. Mr. Hale found his own receipt as a Gov-ernment officer duly set forth. He also found favorable reports on the case that it had been twice passed by the House and once by the Senate, but had some-how never got through. After adjournment he sought Mrs. Louden. A long and interesting con-versation ensued, during which each learned all about the other. She told him of the death of her mother, of her brother, of her widowhood. He des-cribed the finding of her brother and his Christian burial. "It was his dear aunt, who lived on the hill just above the battle field. She knew where his command was stationed during the fight and sent her old ne-gro to look over the dead. He found the body and they strouded it, but he two were unable to move it before your troops came that day. The negro was troinfully ground shortly afterward. Poor by all sub the laws for her do they troops came that day. The negro was the side way you bury it. We removed it to our family ground shortly afterward. Poor by "Oro girl!" added Mr. Hale, seeing the tass. Knew everything. "You alone have ever had se similed through her tears. "You alone have ever had a claim up-on my heart," said he, returning the embrace. quaintance. "Did you see that man make up a face at me as we passed? "Yes." "Well, he's a butcher, and uses 400 pounds of ice per day. Last year at this time he was sending me up some roasts of beef and tickets to the theater."—[De-

IIIS IDEA OF BLISS. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper do not get along well together. She is not to blame, for he is always saying spiteful things. For instance, when she happened to say that a murderer had been sentenced for ninety-nine years in the Penitentiary, he re-marked:

"Well, he's in good luck." "How so?" "How so?" "He will have aquiet time of it until hegets out, and then he will be too old tomarry."-[Texas Siftings.

"Here, sir, is a fine silver watch for 15. Here is another equally as good for \$15. Here is another equations \$10." "What's the difference between "Unat's the difference between "Five dollars."-[Jewelers' Circular. NO ARRESTS.

Indignant Citizen—Don't you see those two boys down theresmoking eigarettes? Why don't you arrest them? Policeman—Fact is, Mr. Taxpay, one of them is my son, and the other is your

THE JOKER'S BUDGET. Citizen (speaking to Wall Street king) -Good morning, Mr. Plunger. Are you toing down town now ? Mr. Plunger—I'm going down after a JESTS AND YARNS BY FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

WENT FOR ALL IN SIGHT

itile. Citizen—I thought you usually went here after a good deal.—[Munsey's

Winkle—Eh! How is this, Binkle? 've heard you say many a time that every aan should be master in his own house; ut—ha! ha!—old boy, you don't seem o be master here. Binkle (sheepishly)—This is my wife's ouse.—[New York Weekly.

A RESPONSIVE AUDIENCE. Rawley---Why, Curtin, how is it you were not a first-nighter at your own play? Curtin--I was too nervous. Are you

Rawley-Yes. Curtin-Did my pathetic scenes bring

Rawley-Yes; the people in the hous anghed till they cried.-[Munsey]

DIDN'T FOLLOW THE PRESCRIPTION. Dr. Pillsbury-Well, Mr. Sceptic, did ou follow my prescriptions ? Sceptic-No; if I had I would have

roken my neck. Dr. Pillsbury -- Why, what do you

HARD TO FIND.

First Astronomer—Is there any men-on of comets in the McKinley bill ? Second Astronomer—I don't know.

Second Astronomer-They seem to be un-First Astronomer-They seem to be un-usually scarce and high.-[New York

THE GIRL WHO SNUGGLES.

She-George, you are a bundle of in-consistencies! George-Why, what do you mean! What have I done? She-All last summer at the beach you gave me nothing but gas; now you be come economical and want it turned down!-[New York Herald.

LOOKING FORWARD.

her friend. "Oh," was the reply, "this is for re-served seats!"--[Youth's Companion.

HIS NEIGHBORS.

NOT WHAT WAS EXPECTED

THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE PLACE. Will Putough -- Cutaway, who is that nice clerical looking old gentleman that called around yesterday with a statement

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IT WEIGHED ON HIS MIND.

IT WEIGHED ON HIS MIND. IT WEIGHED ON HIS MIND. Mrs. Magnus Scott—If I tell my hus-band to perform some unusual errand it worries him se much that he can't get it out of his head. Mrs. Billsdoo—I have noticed the same thing in my husband. Only yesterday I ordered a load of wood, and during his sleep last night he frequently exclaimed: "Let's have another dollar's worth of chips."—[American Stationer.

HAD GRADUATED. Crabapple-Don't you believe, Miss weete, that I could teach you to love Miss Sweete--Possibly; but as I have made my debut it is rather late to go back to a tutor.

THE GIRL ON HORSEBACK.

The Gild. ON HORSENACK, Bessie (to horse dealer)—I thought you told me that that saddle horse I bought would take in the bit without the slight-est trouble; Bessie—No, he doesn't he? Bessie—No, he doesn't he? I held the bridle right up to his nose, and clucked several times; but the ugly thing never made a move!

Painless Death.

Conrad Wesselhoft, endorsed by

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MR. AND MRS. B

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Brought Him Around-Why He W Whipped-Cause of the Muss-All Right, etc., etc.

BROUGHT HIM AROUND. Boarding-house Mistress—I thought you said your appetite was poor when you came here? Greedy boarder—It was, but starvation has got in its work.

WHY HE WAS WHIPPED.

Ethel (to her younger brother, who had been whipped) —Don't mind, Bruz-zer, don't mind. Brother (between his tears)—That's just what I was licked for, not minding.

CAUSE OF THE MUSS. "Daughter," said Mrs. Bellows, indig-nantly, after John Jimpson had taken his departure, "how came your hair so disar-ranged?" "I shook my head so much while he was trying to get me to say 'yes," re-plied the quick-witted girl.—[Epoch.

ALL RIGHT. "See heah, Cadley, did you call me "No, Snobbuton, I said you were an unbroken

mean ? Sceptic—I threw the prescriptions ou the window.—[Chicago America. common ass." "Aw, that's different. I cawn't stand having anybody call ne common y'know."—[Epoch. JUST THE OPPOSITE.

"My dear," began Mr. Bloobumper. "Don't call me dear!" snapped Mrs. Bloobumper; "you made me feel very cheap by contradicting me before the company a while aco."

THEN THE BARBER PUT ON BLACK.

He came in the barber's in such a dread-ful state of nervousness that the barber locked up the razor. "What's the matter?" he inquired, holding a whetstone behind him in case of any outbreak. "Why," he answered in an agitated whisper, "I have just noticed my hair is turning gray."

"Why," "I have just notice," whisper, "I have just notice," "Oh, that's nothing." "Yes, not much to you, perhaps, but I feel that bad about it I'm ready to dye,"-[Philadelphia Times.

LOOKING FORWAR D. Tommy is very hard on shoes and trousers. His mother understands this, and governs herself accordingly when she goes shopping. One day, while out with another lady, she was buying cloth for a pair of panta-loons for Tommy, and ordered a good deal more than seemed necessary. "Why do you get so much?" asked her friend. "Oh." was the renty. "this is for re-"Selina," ventured Noah Count, "how would you enjoy living in a flat?" "Not at all," snapped Mrs. Count, "After living with one all these years I prefer to go out of the flat business."

THAT STRANGE BOY.

THAT STRANGE BOY. 'Tis now the chilling winter winds so very firecely blow, They nearly freeze a boy to death who has to shovel snow. To make him clear the walks, poor boy! seems very like a crime, He can't stick at it longer than five min-utes at a time.

Victim-See here, sir! When you sold me those lots you said they were in a good neighborhood, and I find they are sur-rounded by livery barns. Real Estate Dealer-Certainly. It is the best neigh-borhood I know of. utes at a time. And yet—of course it's very strange and still it's very true— You'll really be surprised to learn what that poor boy can do. For though while shoveling snow the cold may freeze him right away, Just give him skates and ice and he can stay out doors all day. —[Chicago Herald.

troit Free Press.

"Well, Kenniboy, whom do you love?" asked Kaniboy's father. After a moment of deep thought the answer came: "Kenniboy," he said.—[Harper's Young People.

HIS IDEA OF BLISS.

OMELETIC. "Isn't that omelet rather overdone. said the guest. "Yes, sir," said the waiter, a gentle-man recently from Boston. "It is ova done. Anything else?"—[Chicago Tri-

THE DIFFERENCE.

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FRESH OYSTERS.

Eastern Man (in Western restaurant)— I see you have oysters on the bill of fare. Are they fresh?

Indignate CHI2RD-Dort You see those two boys down there smoking cigrarettes?
 Why don't you arrest them?
 Policeman-Fract is, Mr. Taxpay, one of them is my son, and the other is your son.
 Dr. Conrad Wesselhoit, endorsed by the Homeopatholic Society of Boston, Mass, recommends the use of chloroform to solve the problem of euthansia-the execution of criminals in a swift and painless manner. That electricity acts with lighting speed on some animal organisms, can, however, be hardly denated and the variation of its effect is the chief argument used against the use of chloroform. Under the influence of the some persons swoon away like children falling into a deep slumber, will other some persons swoon away like children falling into a deep slumber, will other some persons swoon away like children falling into a deep slumber, so of chloroform. Under the influence of the time some persons swoon away like children falling into a deep slumber, so of chloroform. Under the influence of the some persons swoon away like children falling into a deep slumber, so of chloroform. Under the influence of the some persons swoon away like children falling into a deep slumber, so said to produce a sort of lethargy the isaid to produce a sort of lethargy the inter soury is said to produce a sort of lethargy the soluents; slift it may be questioned if anything but old age can cause such a the work Voice.
 Mr. Cheapside-I thought you said you were going to Mrs. Brick's 5 o'clock tea isn't likely to be ready before 7. She's got the girl used to have. --[New York Weekly.
 MESHI OYSTERS.
 Rastern Man in Western restament.

Not one person in 100,000 knows how the army "hardtack" is made. Let me induct the world into the mystery. You take some four, a pinch of sait, a little water; mix the three ingredients well, out the accountion size I see you have oysters on the bill of fare. Are they fresh? Waiter-Yes, sah, jus' out ob de can, sah.-New York Weekly. Ars AFF FUFIL. Mrs. Younghusband-Now that it is the new year, John, I hope that you will be able to say no; and, by the wars, won't you let me have a little money? John (heroically)-No.-[New Haven News.

has been they out of saw into brick of the nest, and the young ostriches after they were removed from the nest are to be seen. The eggs at this sitting nearly all hatched. The nest consisted of a pile of sand in the center of the small field as-signed to the two breeders. The male bird manifested the utmost interest in the business in hand and devoted more than fifteen hours a day to the maternal duty of sitting on the eggs. When his mate was on the nest he would shield her from the excessive heat of that semi-tropical sun by extending his ample wings over her. The two ostriches were models of parental affection. The ex-emplary conduct of the male specially won my admication, for he was ever on the alert to render assistance to his patient spouse, and when the little fellows pecked their way through the hard shell he kept viginant guard over them. The old story of neglect of its offspring is clearly dis-more duiful. The old birds are not awkward, but the young ones have no sense whatever, and so it is necessary to remove the lat-ter as soon as possible after they escape from the shell to prevent them from wandering into danger. It requires skillfai cosxing and no little maneuver-ing to extice the fond parents from the east, but this accomplished, the young ostriches are transferred to a sand box in the sum where they must have close at tention all day long to keep them from mishaps which their utter lack of discre-tion and extreme awkwardness would certainly bring upon them. At night they are placed in an incuba-tor. Unit they are several months old the absurdly heediess and tender things require very great care. After they pass from infancy, however, they generally thrive. The losses usually occur within the first month. When the birds are seven months old the first plucking occurs, and from that time forward they give up their feathers twices a year. The females begin laying eggs at three years of age, and produce from thirty to innet greg seach annually. In South Africa until about thirty years ago t

The Cologne Cathedral. The Cologne Cathedral holds the first rank among German Cathedrals, and is one of the most magnificent buildings in belief, begun in 1248, and progressed slowly till the sixteenth century, when work upon it was for a time abandoned. It fell more and more into decay until Frederick William IV, began its restora-tion. It was consecrated 600 years after its foundation. Work upon this edifice has been vigorously prosecuted within the last few years, and it is now com-pleted. Externally, its double range of stupendous flying buttresses, and inter-vening piers bristling with a forest of pinnacles, strike the beholder with awe and astonishment. An Unfortunate Invocation.

The Cologne Cathedral.

A Curious Violin, The Paris Figaro announces the sale of the most curious violina known to the music fanciers of the world. It for-minist and at first sight merely pre-violinist, and at first sight merely pre-violitic merely pre-violinist, and at first sight merely pre-violinist, and at first sight merely pre-violinist, and at first sight merely pre-violitic merely the Normandy diligence, once ing which he found enclosed two once and a letter, stating that the writer, having heard much of the wonderful proof of this devotion to music, that oddly constructed instrument inclosed. A first Paganini felt this to be an im-furition to music, the outper to be violinist, begged, as a work the destrice and mentioned the facts, with some show of temper, to his friend, the theorealier de Baride. The latter took to a violini maker, who convert strumter, Paganini was pressed to try disto the performed upon it isome of homoto the violinist, begged the violinist, are to the theorealist fantasias, which facts, which the reformed upon it isome of homoto the violinist, begged the violinist, are to us inscribed on the violinist.

tuft of feathers similarly arranged. The first feathers are not usually as fine in quality, as large in size or as great in quantity as those of subsequent pluck-

reality as large in size or as great in guality as those of subsequent pluck-ing. Through the year constant care is taken to gather up any feathers that may earefully cured and pressed before they are ready for the market. The trained birds are driven or for a start of the start of the start of the trightened bird. The head is overed with a "stocking," which ren-down and two or three men take hold of the frightened bird. The head is overed with a "stocking," which ren-down and the or three men take hold of the frightened bird. The head is overed with a "stocking," which ren-down and the or three men take hold of the frightened bird. The head is overed with a "stocking," which ren-down and the or three men take hold overed with a "stocking," which ren-ted the frightened bird. The head is overed with a "stocking," which here the stock and the or three men take hold overed with a "stocking," which here the stock and the or three men take hold overed with a "stocking," which here the stock and the stock of the stock overed with a "stock of the stock of the stock of the stock of the stock overed with a "stock of the stock of the stock overed with the stock of the stock of the stock of the stock overed in avoid the stock of the stock

BARY INCUBATORS.

A Contrivance for Preserving the

Lives of Weak Infants.

A Contrivance for Preserving the Lives of Weak Infants. The "coureuse" in the Women's Medical College is an institution much in demand. It is occupied constantly by some timy tenant that is not strong cough to live in the open air, and it was not long ago that a duplicate "cou-veuse" had to be imported from Paris. The two are now in full operation, turn-ing out wholesome babies. The French word "coureuse" means are put until they grow strong enough to live like common babies and breathe the int of the rest of mankind. It is a very simple apparatus, easily made, easily manipulated, and serves an excellent pur-pose. It is a plain hard-wood box, 28x 20x15 inches in dimensions. Six inches from the bottom there is a door through which there is an opening made, about three inches wide, across the foot end. On this floor the next for the little tenant is made of a thick bat of cotton, covered with the softest flannel. The top of the box fit tightly, and is made of glass. A the head end of the box there is no open register, three inches in diameter, which admits the air into the lower chamber of the "coureuse." This is plain the basement apariment, and goes up through the opening in the foor at the foot. At this opening three good-sized sponges are suspended on a write. The sponges are kept damp, and moisten the air which comes up from off the hot bottles. Over the head of the baby is illice chinney in the top of the bid, through which this air passes over in this chinney is a little tin indicator, which is moved constantly by the cur-rent of air. When it stops, the attend-ing nurse knows that the circulation of the string the is a bid would the cur-rent of air. When it stops, the attend-ing nurse knows that the circulation of the to do the air which the string the tor-the air has been shut off. There was a baby m the "couveuse" heat of coton as a bid would in its

the air has been shut off. There was a baby in the "couveuse" last night, and it looked as happy on its bat of cotton as a bird would in its nest. The temperature is kept any-where from 80° to 90°, according to the strength of the infant, the weaker ones having the hotter surrounding 3. When the head nurse lifted the little fellow out of its warm moist bed, it kicked about

the head nurse lifted the liftle fellow out of its warm moist bed, it kicked about in a very lively fashion. This pioneer baby incubator was brought from Paris over a year ago, and it has never been without an occupant. The new one is also in constant use. Not a single infant that has been brought up in either of them has died and there have been a great many housed there. The treatment must be very wholesome, for the head nurse said that the average increase in the weight of the infants is about thirty grains daily.—[Philadelphia Record]

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AN OSTRICH FARM.

AN AFRICAN INDUSTRY .IN

CALIFORNIA.

Profitable Birds to Raise-How Ostriches are Hatched by Means of Incubators - An

A mile below Santa Monica, Cal., is an ostrich farm of something like sixty or seventy birds. Some of these are of the original stock brought from Cape Colony in 1882, but most of them are natives. These awkward birds are a never-ending source of interest to the fourist, and many an honest two-bits drops into the slot at the gate entrance as the fee for seeing the ostriches. But the South African bird has proved profit-able on American soil, not alone as an attraction for a Sunday garden or a side-show for a land boom. Every bird is worte money, and every bird makes its owner money. There are at least half a dozen ostrich farms in Southern California. They have ceased to be a curiosity there, and each now represents a commercial enterprise. Americans buy one-half the millions of ostrich feathers produced annually. It is estimated that this country expends \$3,-000,000 a year for these ornaments. Each income of from \$200 to \$300 per annum. The elegant, long black and white plumes sell for \$5 each at the farms, and readily bring \$10 each at retail in New York or Chiengo. The eggs, if fertile, sell for \$25 each, and generally form 70 to 80 per cent, of all eggs produced will hatch. If not fer-southerwise useles, make up into cheap souvenirs and are engerly purchased by visiting tourists at prices varying from 10 cents to \$1. The plumes produced in Southern California are fully as valuable as those from the far-away Gape Colony. The eggs, if fertile, sell for \$25 each, and generally from 70 to 80 per cent, of all eggs produced will hatch. If not fer-tile the shells are in demand at from \$2 to \$5 each as curios and ornaments. A young ostrich just out of the shell is con-sidered equivalent to \$50, and his value increases until he is full grown, when \$500 is a low market price. The espense of maintaining an ostrich form is comparatively slight. The birds in this country are usually heathy; their appetites are appalling, but they are satis-fied with alfailt, enbbage and crushed bones for a regular distance of the

proaches his game with the wind will be discovered long before he is within gun-shot. Ostriches are not only cautious and able to run at great speed, but they are fight-ers. A stroke of one of the powerful wings will fell a man, and a kick from a full-grown bird would be more disastrous than a well-directed blow from the right arm of John L. Sullivan. Ostriches are very curious, and their inquisiveness will sometimes lead them into trouble, but if injured in any way and they escape, nothing can persuade them to repeat the same experiment. One day at the Santa Monica ostrich farm, a keeper accidentally knocked the top rail off one of the paddocks. A large male ostrich had been watching him with interest. The rail fell upon the bird's neck and caused him some pain. He rushed away from danger, and, though not alarmed by the presence of any other keeper, he never recovered his confidence in the one to whom he charged his mishap, but when the keeper-appeared took a post at the farthermost end of the inclosure, and could not be coaxed to come within reach of him. The ostrich egg hell is sometimes one-sixteenth of an inch thick. It is fully twenty-fonr times the size of an or-dinary hen's egg. Incubation requires forty days, during which period the male and female alternate in the domestic duy of keeping the eggs warm. Most of the hatching is now done by incubators. A three-hundred-egg incubator has a ca-necity for but twenty-seven ostrich eggs. At the farm to which special reference has been made I saw the birds on the mest, and the young ostriches after they were removed from the nest are to be seen. The eggs at this sitting nearly all hatched. The nest consisted of a pile of

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time forward they give up their feathers twice a year. The females begin laying gegs at three years of age, and produce from thirty to ninety eggs each annually. In South Africa unit about thirty years ago the natives killed the ostrich for his plumes. Since that date the domesti-cated bird's have furnished most of the feathers of commerce. Each bird when fully grown has twen-ty-five plumes on each wing, with two frows of floss feathers underneath. With the white plumes are a row of long feathers, and under them are a smaller size. In the male these are black and in the female drab. The tail has also a