Begun purely as a philanthropic movement, without the expectation of profit to their managers, savings banks have grown to prominence in financial systems. The first of these institutions of which there is any account was established by Mrs. Priscilla Wakefield, in England, in 1801, under the title "Friendly Society for the Benefit of Women and Children," and was intended to encourage thrift among the wage earners. Sixteen years later, under government control, there were seventy-eight of these societies to take charge of the savings of the poor. Afterward "banks for the poor" were organized on business principles under regular banking rules until, as shown by the statistics of 1889, there were 14,000,000 depositors whose savings amounted to \$1,600,000.

In 1816, at Boston, the first savings bank was started in this country, and was known as the Provident Savings Institution. In 1883 it had, deposits amounting to \$9,818,836. The scheme of savings bank has been very popular in this country, and the number of these institutions is almost co-extensive with the number of towns and cities. The United States has greatly surpassed the old world in this particular, and the superior condition of the working classes attests the practical good results of them. In New England alone 594 savings banks in 1880 had \$824,515,162 in deposits. It is observed, however, that the poerer classes do not much avail thomselves of the advantages of these institutions, the depositors being in the great majority the middle or comfortary, savings banks appeal chiefly to the humblest wage-earners. The practice of thrift and economy where they are most desired is correspondingly greater in Europe than with us. There penny savings banks are numerous; here the nickel savings samp system was started in Detroit two years ago, following the language of a preparate book. When a page is filled with stamps it represents \$1, and the page is then mailed to the bank, when the sender is accredited with the \$1, which straightway begins drawing interest at

The Bug and the Elephant.

A Bug went to the Lion, who had been made King of a certain district, and with a great show of Indignation and Outraged Innocence Demanded that the Elephant be summoned to stand trial. When the Behemoth was brought before the Tribunal the Bug said:

"O King, I charge the Elephant with obstinately standing in such a Position as to exclude my sunlight, and I pray that he be punished."

"How is this?" asked the King of the Elephant.

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"I am very sorry, O Sovereign, but it was at the end of the Path and I could go no further."
"But I ordered him to go backwards," protested the Bug.
"A Tree had fallen, O Sovereign, and I was temporarily shut in," answered the Elephant.
"But I ordered you to remove the Tree!" insisted the Bug.
"At what hour of the day was this?" asked the King.
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"At high noon, Most Worthy," replied the Bug.
"And it was a hot day?"

"One hundred and two degrees in the shade, O King."
"And the Elephant stood between you and the Fierce Sun?"
"He did, O High and Noble, and he paid no attention to my protestations."
"I see. My Decision is that the Elephant should have Respected your Rights, but did not, and he is Sentenced to pay a Fine of ten cash."
"Good! That's Bully Old Justice and no Discount!" chuekled the Bug.
"And on the other hand," continued the King, "I find that the Elephant was Magnanimous Enough to stand between you and a Sun which Might have Prostrated you if not caused your Demise, and my Decision is that you pay him twenty cash for his Praiseworthy Action. Call the next case on the Docket!"

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The oldest woman minister in the United States is the Rev. Lydia Sexton, who has been preaching for forty-two years in various portions of the country. She is ninety-two years of age, but her memory is excellent and her sight remarkably good. Her voice is clear and melodious in the hymns she delights in singing. inging.

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Few close students of the times are aware how deep and wide is the influence of the peanut upon the circus of to-day. A 13-year-old New Yorker has conclusively proven it to be a fact that the only animal in the great Barnum-Bailey show which refuses to eat peanuts is the Ilama. The ponies who used to despise the humble nut now eat them greedily. Even the elephants tantalize their stomachs with the occasional ones that come their way. way.

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While the number of farms in the United States increased ninety-six per cent. from 1880 to 1880, the average number of acres in each farm diminished during this same period thirty-three per cent. During this poriod of twenty years, while the agregate number of acres in farms increased thirty-two per cent. the improved land in farms increased seventy-five per cent. From 1873 to 1878 the number of acres in the principal farm crops increased 35,341,772; from 1878 to 1883, 43,385,501, and from 1883 to 1888 only 21,351,589.

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The discovery of rich diamond fields in British Guinan will be a surprise, for though the country is rich in mineral, there has never been any suspicion that it contained diamonds. In fact, much of South America has not been prospected, for, like Mexico and Central America, the climate and tropical vegetation have prevented anything like careful exploration. With the railroad building that is now going on in Colombia and some other States, there will follow a great development of the mineral resources of lands that have been as remote for all practical purposes as though located in East Africa.

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An important change in the French mode of punishing criminals is effected by a law lately promulgated. Henceforth a great distinction is to be drawn between a first offence and those following. In case of condemnation to imprisonment or fine, if the prisoner is brought up for the first time, the criminal court is authorized to postpone the execution of the punishment. If for five years the criminal is not convicted of any offence, the postponed sentence will fall to the ground. If the criminal, on the other hand, commits a second offence, the first punishment will be carried out independently of that following on the second offence. The presiding judge of the court is directed, on suspending the sentence, to warn the criminal of the consequences of committing a second offence.

A MAN just back from Germany says:

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of Austria took to wife the radiant Elizabeth of Bavaria when he was not yet twenty-four. The present Czarof Russia was twenty-one where he gave his hand to Dagmar of Denmark, who was two years his junior. King Humbert of Italy was twenty-four at the time of his marriage to the fair Marguerite of Savoy, then a girl of seventeen. The present King and Queen of the Belgians were the one eighteen and the latter seventeen at the time of their wedding. And the late King of Spain, Alphonso XII., was very little older when he formed his brief union with his charming cousin Mercedes. He was only twenty-two when he married his second wife, the present Queen Regent. And it was at the same age that the present Emperor of Germany was united to Augusta Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein-Augustensburg. The unfortunate Prince Rudolph of Austria was twenty-three at the date of his ill-starred union to the Princess Stephanie of Belgium.

The Smaller Tusker Was Soon Killed by His Antagonist.

It was my good fortune to spend some months every season in a fine forest and hill country in India, where my duties gave me chances of seeing a great deal of elephant, buffalo and other big game that frequented those parts. Our camp was on a partially isolated hill a good deal above the surrounding country. We had been some days in camp, but had not been visited by our friends, the elephants, when one afternoon the sudden below of one evidently in pain roused every one in the camp.

A hill man presently came up to say that two large tuskers were hard at it close by. Every one turned out onto the hillside, from where it was easy, even with the naked eye, to see what was going on, while with a glass even the movements of a startled deer could be made out.

About 700 or 800 yards below the crowd watching the fight were two tuskers. The one somewhat nearer us—a burly, stout-built beast, with short, powerful tusks—was evidently getting much the worst of the combat, and the white and red furrows in his sides and rear plainly indicated seams run by his antagonist's tusks. Blood could be seen trickling down his head and shoulders.

On the rise of the hill was his rival, a still larger animal, possessing the advantage of longer, gleaming tusks. It was a lost fight, and in a few minutes the victor with a quick rush at the other, made a good thrust at the side, and, though there was a severe struggle, the tusk went its full length in the now beaten brute, and, using all his weight, the victor pressed him down the hill, where they disengaged themselves amprepared for another bout.

The wounded tusker's roars of pain and rage were pitiful to hear, and though he would have escaped if he could, the other kept close behind and administered thrust after thrust, but not in any vital part. Presently, wheeling around they came together with a mighty smash. This was about the only stand made, and the wesker was quickly overpowered by the more powerful and rresher victor. The thrusts, now put behind the shoulders and into the body,

Almost every newspaper we take up contains a notice of the death of some individual killed by railroad cars. "He was walking on the track, and being quite deaf, it is supposed that he did not hear the approach of the train."

This sentence, or its equivalent, usually ends the paragraph; and then rises the query in the mind of the reader:
Why will people persist in walking on railroad tracks?

Especially deaf people?

Are they not aware they are deaf?

As a promenade, the track of any railroad doing an average amount of business, is not a safe retreat, to say nothing of its unpleasantness. We venture the assertion, and believe it can be substantiated by facts, that more people are killed by railroad cars throughtheir own carelessness than through the carelessness of the much-abused ciass known as railroad employes.

They will get on trains after they are started.

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They will get of trains before they come to a stop.

They will insist in crossing the track in front of approaching locomotives; and if anybody says anything to the cantrary, then the American expression of "Mind your own business!" comes upon their faces, and you slink away, feeling as if you had committed a breach of the peace in trying to save them from getting themselves in trim for a coroner's inquest.

We remember that we once got a deaf man off the railroad track when two seconds later an engine, running at lightning speed, would have struck him.

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He was indignant at us, and angrily wanted to know "if we thought he was fool enough to stay on that track and let that engine run over him? He guessed he'd got common sense."

Indignation seems to pervade the bosom of a deaf man, if you hint to him that a railroad track is not a safe place for him. He will look at you, and take your measure, and his expression will seem to indicate that he thinks you are meddling with some of his recognized rights, as a free-born American citizen. If he is deaf, he has his rights! Yes, sir!

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Every day, as we travel by rail, we see reckless thoughtlessness as to life and limb, displayed by our fellow-traveless.

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Men will stand to talk with acquaint-ances until the last minute, and when the bell has sounded, and the train is beginning to move, they will make a frante spring for the platform rods—and if they fail to grasp them, what then? The continual loss of life in this way, with which we are all too familiar, answers the inquiry.

Again—on approaching a station, long before the train comes to a halt, the passengers who are to leave the cars at that station will rush out, and crowd the aisles and platforms, and spring out before the cars have stopped; and broken limbs, and sometimes something worse, are frequently the penalty.

Let all persons who travel make these three rules, and adhere to them. It will be better than life insurance.

Never cross a track in front of an approaching train.

Never leave the cars while they are in motion.

A watch's Long Bath.

A silver watch that appears to have been resting on the bottom of the Merimae river, near Lawrence, Mass., for a century or two, was found by Charles Blackwell recently, says the Jewelers' Weekly. Attached to the watch was a long, heavy chain, both ends of which were fast in the ring, but twelve inches above the fastening of one end the chain had been nearly cut in two. As the chain is made of silver wire over an eighth of an inch thick, it must have taken a heavy blow of a sharp instrument to divide it. The outside of the watch was once finely engraved, but on the side which lay uppermost the design cannot be deciphered, as the action of the water has nearly smoothed the plate. The under side shows the engraving perfectly. On the face of the watch under the hands, in small letters is printed, "John Bowles, Horologer to his Majesty, 198 Threadneedle street, London," On the inside of the outer case is engraved: "Presented to Joshua Armstrong on his twenty-first birthday by his loving mother, Prudence Armstrong, April 10, 1620." The watch was found beside an old musket, which bore evidence of having been broken in a hand-to-hand struggle. Whether these relies mark the scene of an accident or tragedy can never be known. They were found near a once famous hunting ground of the Indians.—[San Francisco Examiner.

Seif-Defense.

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"Indeed, sir! Did you learn the old English system or Sullivan's system?"

"Neither. I learned Solomon's system."

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"Solomon's system?"
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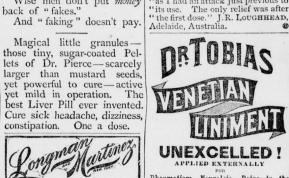
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