One-fourth of the land surface of the globe is occupied by English -speaking

The year 1893 began on a Sunday and will finish on a Sunday, so that it will sontain fifty-three Sundays.

Indiana has more Germans than any other State. They constitue fifty-five per cunt. of the population.

Ex.Secretary of War Elkins inclinthe abolition of both the sword and the saber, on the ground that they are longer of the slightest practical use in actual warfare.

One of the most striking features in connection with this age of electricity, remarks the New York Independen wonderfully large and rapio growth of books and pamphlets bearing mon the subject.

An electrical journal recently assure. its readers that within a comparatively short time many trolley roads will be constructed in country districts for the express purpose of carrying farm pro ducts to market.

The New England Farmer is authority

for the statement that "the condition o the average farmer in New England, all things considered, is much better than that of the average farmer in most other sections of the country.

Two car-loads of Boston girls have gone to Texas to supply the demand there for wives, which leads the Detroit Free Press to exclaim that "the man who seeks to escape from woman recklessly tackles the impossible."

Fresh Government clerks in Washing ton are tempted by offers of credit on all sides. This, explains the Atlanta Constitution, is because persons em-ployed by the Government must pay the debts contracted while in office or suffe dismissal. When a clerk is tardy in set

tlement the creditor can have the amount of the debt deducted from the debtor's salary.

During the year 1892 England published 4915 new books and 1339 new editions, or a total of 6254. Last year the figures were 5706. The increase has been especially in the department o Deen especially in the department of movels, namely 1147 as compared with 896 in 1891. Theology reports 528, philosophy 579, medicine 127 new pub-lications, while law has only twenty-six,

altho poetry has 185, history 293, and

geography 250.

Chief Justice Faller, having gone to his doctor's house in Washington recent ly in preference to sending for the physician, found that gentleman absen I was invited into the library to await his return. The attendant who usbered the visitor in was ignorant of the latter's station, but recognized him as a man of culture and kind impulses. This was evident from the surprising request that the Chief Justice should improve the time by writing a love letter for the man who let him in. Pens, ink, paper and envelop were proffered, and without hesitation the favor was granted, the missive being completed before the phy sician's return.

It is said that when a native of Hawai

wishes to give evidence of his sorrow at the loss of a kinsman he goes to some secluded spot and endeavors to knock out one of his front teeth. In case it is his maiden effort at mourning, relates the Atlanta Constitution, the bereaved not unfrequently bungles the job, and on looking over the debris often finds that has knocked out a couple or more If the grief stricken party, however, lack the nerve or distrusts his prowess to accomplish the tooth's displacement. dear and obliging friend is always at hand to offer his assistance. As a result of this custom a man of middle age i often short so many teeth that gastronom ers are embarrassed in cating their food. American dentists will do a land office business in Hawaii if the United States annexes the islands

The New York Tribune maintains that here has been no revolution in the production of cotton since Whitney vented the gin and took the "seeding" of it out of the hands of the old women and childrea. Now, however, there is a prospect of another great change. machines have in the last twenty years for picking the cotton from the boll, and all have failed to give satisfaction. But still another is to be tested, and cotton men believe it will be successful. It will pick, it is said, 10,000 pounds a day. An ordinary field hand can pick of the short staple about 150 pounds a day, and of the long staple about 350, so that the new machine will do the work of about forty men. Fifty cents a hundred pounds is considered fair wages in the cotton elt. The machine, therefore, will earn \$50 a day.

PATIENCE. Be patient! Easy words to speak While plenty fills the cup of life, While health brings roses to the check, And far removed are care and strife,

Falling so glibly from the tongue Of those-I often think of this-Whom suffering has never wrun. Who scarcely know what patier



And that was why Lieutenant Bars for fumed and freited, and walked un and down in front of the hall log, hall alobe house called Freebwater Rate and so house and the some of house house but a few months cut of West Point. And so besic scuight but a few gline barsed the door, but a few gline and pointos and her woman heat was in a flutter. It was all she could do to think up something un cut alobe do something the pounde lot bink up something un cut alobe agreet benefit to you-would you thik more of me-would you have me?" The linutenant was silent. "The linutenant

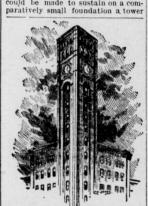
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CHICAGO LANDMARKS. SOME NEW ONES THAT AT-TRACT ATTENTION.

Reaviest Tower and Largest Front Door in the World-Facts About the Great Sky-Scrapers-A Fort Turned Into a Temple of Music.

Built on Made Ground. Built on Made Ground. Charles E. Nixon, writing of Chi-cago in the Inter Ocean, says: Therg is something magnetic in the growth, in the dashing spirit of this prairie metropolis—the Indian trading post of 1812, a plain of ashes in 1871, the sixth city of the world to-day. It almost seems like some story of Aladdin to look down its broad boule-vards, lined with immense buildings that tower into the darkening sky, and believe it all rests as a firm basis upon the site of a marshy border land that half a century ago was almost on a level with the great lake that overflowed its front. Let us glance at some of the archi-fectural wonders that "o'creop the topless towers of Troy" or the pyra-mids of old Egypt. One can hardly credit that c'ayey and uncertain soil could be made to sustain on a com-

paratively small foundation a towe



and the transformation of the second 200 feet high, such as ornaments the Northern Pacific Railway Station, each pile in its foundation supporting tons. This tower is 28x28x250, and weight 6,682 tons. Few people are familiar with the fact that the tower of the Auditorium weighs twice as much as the famous Eiffel Tower of Paris, and is on an area of founda-Paris, and is on an area of founda-tion fractional compared with that of the Parisian wonder, standing firm as a rock on floats of steel rails an-chored far below the level of the lake, that is only a stone's throw distant

THE ATTRACTIVE AGE. Opinions as to When a Woman Is Most

Interesties, Benedict, Bob, and I sat around a smoothly polished table, discussing matters and things, including ladies on dress parade on the avenue. Benedict has married within the last twelve months. Bob, if rumor be correct, is looking for a second wife. Of course, both men feel entirely competent to give me points.

take, that is only a stone's throw distant. To the eve accustomed to harmoni-ous proportion, these great buildings naturally impress more by their mag-nitude than their artistic grace; but connoisseurs will involuntarily admire the new Woman's Temple or the Pullman Bui'ding as graceful and artistic massive compositions in gran-ite and brick. Then there is the plain, classic facade of the Leier Building, the largest store in the world, surpassing in size the famous Bon Marche of Paris. There is the great Home Insurance, the imposing Rookery, having rooms for 4,000 and 5,000 tenants; or, looking to the north, behold the Masonic Temple, the larg-est office building ever constructed, with its 5,000 tons of steel welded to-grether, towering 200 feet in the air, surmounted by a crystai garden, filled sumounced by a crystal garden, filled with exotics of the tropics; indeed, there are so many of these architect-ural giants recently sprung into life in this city that it is difficult to dis-riminate in describing them. — Pethaps some of the lesser build-



has marifed within the last twelve months. Bob, if rumor be correct, is looking for a second wife. Of course, loth men feel entirely competent to give me points. "Aut what age is a woman, replied Bob, promptly, the touch of Irish in him betraying liself, as it slways does, when he is particularly interested in his subject. "When she is cn the border-land of possibilities, but has not yet ex-changed the articasness of a child for the artfulness of a woman," there whole heart, undaunted by policy and Mas. Grundy, before she has hered Tolsion and bere your the second by policy and Mas. Grundy, before she has read Tolsion and bare on the second by policy and Mas. Grundy, before she has read Tolsion and bare on the ideal" "Oh, nonseensel" broke in Benedict, impatiently, Gbob is fr, and his friends don't like to see him making a fool of himself over infants." Why do you want to take a girl to raise? Youth is very pretty in pictures and verse, but innocence, with its attendant ignorance and shallowness, would give marital dypepsial Deliver me from the child-yours, who is neither one thing nor the other; who is talancing between a spanking of one and the scepter of the olater! She cannot be comfort, com-panion, counseior, or friend. At best, she is a pretty laything, to be petted, coaxed, humored, and waited upon. Now and then she is bright, never clover; occasionally withy, but usually prt: she does things that are foolis had rada, considering herself original and independent; she has seen the surface of things, and tries to make deep remarks, ending with a lot of sily pretice is donadid, and three ends her conversational powers or her appre-ciation. Give me the woman who know as thing or two; the woman who know as thing or two; the woman is her dender, in the raw material!" 'ack Straw, in New York Recorder.

UNCLE SAM'S GREAT SEAL

ITS TRUE HISTORY AS PREPARED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

It is Contained in a Massive Mahog-any Box and is Carefully Guard-ed by the Clerks.

in fu'l company front. This opening is barred by a heavy oak and steed door, swung like a portcullis, and ly-ing back of the embrasures in the thickness of the walls. It is pro-tected by firing-slots in the heavy reveals on either side (think of a front door 40 by 40 feet, weighing tons). The lowest window sill is 35 feet from the ground, and six feet from the floor within. They are barred by heavy iron grills, being narrow ports, for firing, and on the outer and inner jamb to give greater range, and when not in use are closed by heavy steel plates. The whole exterior mass is crowned by heavily corbeled cornice forming both breast-works and firing ports, through which latter the face of the wall is com-manded. Each corner of the build-ing is marked by a heavy round tur-ret, from which an endiading free can be maintained along the outer face of the main walls. For the nonce this remarkable buildring will be thrown open to the public as a temple of amusement: the shrill flo and the call of the ward frum will be architects of the Auditorium are converting the great drill hall and its winding gallerles into an audi-torium that will have a seating ca-pacity for about 5,000 people. This great room is 180 by 175 feet, with-out a pillar or partition, the three stories above being suspended by great rofs from the steel trusses that suppo. the roof. As a place of en-tertainment it will worthy of its famous namesake, the Trocadero of Paris. It will be turnished with for complete and beautiful stage; and the ventilation, electric lighting, and acoustics will incorporate all the latest and best devices. The great tangue thall will be utilized as a restaurant, from which the music can be heard. If Chicago's great buildings will atke a new interest with the shining It is contained in a Massive Mabog-any Box and is Carefully Guird-cd by the Clerks. The States, which is contained in a massive mabogany box in the State Department and carefully gundidid by the clerks, whose duties are to see that its impress is properly affixed to State Department, but its true bistory was never written until a fey months ago, when, under orders from the Cabinet, an account of it was pre-pared by one of the historians of the de-partment and printed at the Govern-ment's expense for distribution among State libraries and prominent persons. The pamphile was prepared with all the care that its importance carried, beand in rich covering, with the stamp of the seal imprinted upon the outside. It tells that the final attempt to perfect a seal was made by order of the Continental Congress, which appointed a committee, consisting of Thomas Jefferson, Jobn Adams and Benjamin Franklin, where to be the seal in period arms. After several months' labor the committee suggested a drign most elaborate in execution, but which did not meet with very general approval. This device represented Plancos sitting pursuit of the Israelites. Rays from a pillar of fire in a cloud, expressive of the Divine presence and command, beamed upon Moses, who stood on the shore and extended a hand over the sea, which caused it to overwheim Plancosh Udder in an open chairds, with a crow on his head and a sword in his hand, passing through the waters of the Red Sea in pursuit of the Israelites. Rays from a pillar of fire in a cloud, expressive of the Divine presence and command, beamed upon Moses, who stood on the shore and extended a hand over the sea, which caused it to overwheim Plancosh Udder. Taket on another attempt was made to whole mended in our end committee, who is could complete on the out on the shore and extended a hand over the sea, which caused it to overwheim Plancosh committee, who devended the mot end committee, who is could on the shore and commintee, who is could on the shore and committee, who is could com

rants is obeclience to God." Later on another attempt was made to arrange a device by a second committee, which resulted in one not quite so ela-borate and pretentious. This design contained a constellation of thirteen stars,

which resulted in one not quite so ela-borate and pretentious. This design contained a constellation of thirteen stars, with the same number of alternate stripes. This, too, met with disapproval, and the matter was let alone for some year. Then, after some experiments, a device was submitted that suited, and was adopted on June 20, 1782. The first seal was cut out of brass, and was first used upon the commission granting full power and authority to Washington to arange with the British for an exchango of prisoners. This device was in use for ifty years, and varies little from the pres-ent seal except in detail of executios. The second seal was cut in Pailadel-phiain 1841, and, by some mistake, seven of the thirteen arrows which it is should have had were left out. The present seal was made by Tiffany in 1885 by order of Secretary Treylinguysen after the de-sign had been passed upon by a commit-ie of hatcrical scholars and authorities on heraldry. It is not true, as generally supposed, that the seal is affixed to all appointments made by the President, as its impress is put only upon commissions of Cabinet officers, corremions, treat-ies, and formal agreements of the Pres-ident with foreign power, pardons, or commutations of gentence, warrats and miscellaneous commissions of civil of-foreign dower and a greenents or to now especially directed to be signed under a different seal. All traties to which the seal is affixed have the impression made also with a wax water, with a red, white and blue cord running through it. The traties are then packed in boxes of pighly-poilshed and expensive woods, to be sent to the country negotiating them with us. The treaties of some foreign dover monts have been sent in boxes of gold and silver, richly ornamented, in some instances, with valuable stones. These boxes are carefully storel in the archivers of the department.—New York bus.

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The Courage of Elephants.

The Courage of Elephants. They will submit day day after day to have painful wounds dressed in obeti-bedience to orders, though their intel-ligence is sufficient to understand the peril, and far too great for man to trick the main to a belief that it is non-existent. No animal will face danger more readily and far too great for man to trick the following incident, which recordly occurred in Iadia an I was communicated was charged by a buildio in high grass, and her rider, in the hurry of the mo-ment and periaps owing to the sudder. The wound was as experient it had not build for the elephant's shoulder. The wound was as expere that it had not bealed a year later. Yet the elephant builds, but into the enkilled by and the the the elephant was order years building. What is even more strange atter was destant.

ritical canon of taste. But the field is prolific in this line and adds to the perpexity. Our foreign rind adds is the woman; who is intelligent, strong and helpful, and who knows a bit of the shud, a man gets his reward for living, and not the Studebaker Build ing; get a glingse of the Alhanbar in Kinsley's Moorish front in brick and gold, or the sturdy Norman shift, a man gets his reward for living. The Kinsley's Moorish front in brick and gold, or the sturdy Norman will pause in admiration before a walls of Field's wholesale store. Michigan bouldvard that would im-press the critical John Ruskin, and a most unique and interesting, is the First Regriment Armory, now stone, unbroken by any aperture, ex-cepting by the 40 foot wide doorway on Michigan boulevard, which is the regrimental sallyport, and through which the command can march out

of the most famous instituteness. don. The child was sick with teching, and the mother took it to the hospital to see the doctor. She had to wait five hours in the cold till her turn cane, and when the doctor finally did see the baby, he found it in the last stages of freezing to death. An inquest was held, and there has been much talk about cold waiting rooms, but so far as heard from no store has been put up in that one...... New Orleans Picayune.

HE LARGEST FRONT DOOR IN THE ings that would be wonders else; where more likely satisfy the artistic critical canon of taste. But the field is prolific in this line and adds

THE HIGHEST AND BEAVIEST TOWER IN TH CITY-NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY STA TI N. 250 feet high, such as ornaments th Northern Pacific Rallway Station