New Orleans has a smaller police force than other American city of con responding size.

A French savant has discovered that tears are bactericidal and may be depended upon to exterminate certain

"If people will talk good times instead of hard times," avers the India-napolis Sentinel, "the latter will quickly disappear.

John D. Rockefeller has given nearly \$5,000,000 to the Chicago University and has what the Detroit Free Press terms, "the good taste" not to deman that it be named for him.

Sir Charles Dilke, recently said in the debate in the British Parliament: "The most dangerous illusion any in-habitant of the united kingdom can have is that we are a popular power.
We are probably the most unpopular of the great powers."

A San Francisco woman disposed of an estate of \$10,000 by writing a few lines in pencil on an old envelope. Lawyers say that the will cannot be broken, and their opinion that women know nothing about business they re gard as confirmed anew. -

England is having hard times, notes the Courier-Journal. Its leading securities declined nearly half a billion dollars in value during the past year. Its imports fell off \$88,000,000 and its exports \$32,500,000. Its trade in coal and textiles dwindled alarm

Navigation of the great lakes dur-ing the season of 1893 resulted in the loss of 123 lives. The number of vessels lost was fifty-three, with an ag gregate tonnage of 24,258, and value \$1,040,400. Partial losses by strandings, collisions and fires bring the total up \$2,112,588. The shallow waters of Lake Eric claimed nearly half the lives lost, Lake Huron being second.

John Hyde, expert special agent of statistics of agriculture, has written an interesting monogram on what he terms "Geographical Concentration. In it he develops the fact that the pro-cess of agricultural centralization works very injuriously to the Ameri can farmer, and that many of his vicis situdes are due to the single-crop sys He shows, for instance, hemp is a product cultivated in Europe from the shores of the White the Mediterranian, and that it flourishes in extensive regions in Asia, Africa and South America, its cultiva tion in the United States is almost wholly confined to Kentucky, that State in 1889 having produced 93,77 per cent. of all the hemp raised in this country. Obviously hemp is capable of being produced over a wide area in the United States, but its cultivation is almost wholly unknown outside of Kentucky. Mr. Hyde makes a strong plea for mixed farming, and says that so long as American farmers persist in in great quantities of a few things, they cannot expect to prosper.

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## THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE. Castleton to dinner, and they are dis-

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

The Common Lot-A Boston Prop -Proxime Accessit - Wholesom Advice-A Matter of Doubt, Etc Gay winter is not joy unmixed.

The married man is full of woe;
Soon as he has the stovepipe fixed
It's time to shovel off the snow.

A BOSTON BRODOSAT

She—"I'm writing a story. Wi ou object if I make you my hero?" He—"I'd rather be your Leander. Judge.

A MATTER OF DOUBT

Bank Examiner—"Do you consider our safe is burglar-proof? Bank President—"Not altogether o. Our cashier knows the combination."—Puck.

Grimy-''I have so much on my hands at present I don't know what to Primy-"Why not try some soap and water?"—Truth.

DANGERS SAFELY PASSET DANGERS SAFELY PASSED.

Sympathetic Widow—"Have youen fortunate in your love affairs?

Interesting Subject—"Yes, very.
never yet fell in love with a girl wh would marry me."—Life.

PRECISE.

'This is a somewhat free translation,' said the literary young woman in the book store.

'No, miss,' replied the new clerk 'It costs a dollar and a half."—Wash

ington Star.

PROXIME ACCESSIT.

"Dumley always aspired to be a Napoleon of finance."

"Did he come anywhere near the weak?"

mark?"
"Yes; he spent his last days on the Island."—Puck.

ANGLO MANIA.

Chollle—'Oh, she is perfectly lovely; she paid me such a compliment."
Fweddie—'What was it?'
Chollie—'She said I was so unAmerican."
Fweddie—'How delightful."—Detroit Free Press.

SUGAR-COATED PRESCRIPTION

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"Mamma, when Willie has a toothache you take him to the dentist to
have it filled, don't you?" asked Tommy.

"Yes, dear," said mamma.

"Well, I've got a stummick ache.
Don't you think we'd better go to the
candy store and get it filled?"—
Harper's Bazar.

"Johnny, suppose I should borrow \$100 from your father, and should pay him \$10 a month for ten months. How much would I then owe him?"

dollars. "Six dollars."
"How do you make that out?"
"Pop would charge you interest
Harper's Bazar.

A COUNTER FAD.

Primus—'We hear much about the absurdities of fashion; but most fashions have some basis in reason."

Secundus (sarcastically)—'What, may I ask, is the philosophy of carrying our canes upside down?"

Primus—'That's easy. It's to break dudes of the habit of sucking them."—Judge.

A PRACTICAL SARCASM.

"You don't look like ye'd had very good luck at dat house," said Plod-ding Pete.
"I got a cake," replied Meandering

Mike. "Den what yer lookin' so sour

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Mrs. Twickenham—"I hope, Mr. Cas
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Mrs. Twickenham—"I hope, Mr. Castleton, that you are fond of all kinds of puddings?"

Castleton—"Oh, yes, Mrs. Twickenham. And that reminds me of a little incident that occurred to me last summer. I was visiting some friends of mine in the country (all attention from the other guests), and it seemed that some of them had heard me say that while I was very fond of all sweetmeats, there was one thing I abhorred, and that was tapioca pudding. Well, one day at dinner, the hostess, a most charming woman, said to me, 'I do hope you like tapioca pudding, because we are going to have it to-day.' Well, of course, you know, not supposing there was any joke about it, I said yes, and, well, I rather dilated upon the fact, wishing to make her thoroughly at ease, you understand, when inwardly I was quaking at the thought of the horrible ordeal ahead of me. I noticed that the other guests seemed much amused, but I didn't dream it was a joke."

Mrs. Twickenham—"Then it was a joke?"

Castleton—"Oh, yes, decidedly so.

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Mrs. Twickenham—"Yes, indeed, it was most unfortunate." [To servant, with emphasis) "James, bring on the tapioca pudding."—Harper's Bazar

A COLONIAL TALE.

In a plainly furnished apartment in the city of Philadelphia, some years before the American Revolution, sat Benjamin Franklin. A table, covered with papers, was before him; but his thoughts did not seem to be upon them. He was, in fact, looking out of a window, with the air of a man who is paid by the day, rather than of a philosopher or a statesman. Suddenly, however, he exclaimed, "Ah! that is the abhorism I thought of the other day, and couldn't recollect since. I'll just jot it down for Poor Richard's Almanae."

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But a difficulty presented itself. He could not find his pen. It was on the table, and it had not fallen to the floor. He made a careful but fruitless search through the room. Then he tried the table again, though he reasoned, with that force of intellect for which he was distinguished, that if it was on the table he should have found it there the first time he levels. it there the first time he looked. A last he happened to pause before a mirror, and saw the pen resting comfortable on his right ear. His obser fortable on his right ear. His observations concerning this incident were more commonplace than might have been expected from a man of his originality; but they seemed to relieve his mind. He sat down and wrote the aphorism. It was: "A place for everything and everything in its place."

He had just finished the sentence, when it occurred to him that there was another thought which he had neglected to put in black-and-white. He had intended, at various times since the idea first crossed his mind, to make a memorandum of it; yet, three weeks had elapsed and it had not been started on its journey to posterity. But he resolved that there should be no further delay; and, dipping his pen in the ink, he wrote: "Never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day."—Puck. He had just finished the sentence

# A Petition On a Cherry Stone.

Gesa Berger, the well-known actor and newspaper man, has a picture in calligraphy that has a remarkable his-tory. It is, in size, 30x42 inches, and is the work of Joseph Loew, the most noted counterfeiter that the Austrian

noted counterfeiter that the Austrian Government ever knew.

When an application is made for a pardon in Austria the red-tape policy of that country compels the applicant to address the Emperor with all his titles. Emperor Ferdinand had about forty titles. Loew engraved all of these, together with his petition for a pardon, on a cherry stone.

## SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Eight cubic feet of snow produce ne cubic foot of water.

The first electric machine, a globe of sulphur, was made by Guericke in

In Germany there is a law forbidding restaurateurs to serve beer to people who have eaten fruit.

The apple has a larger proportion of phosphorus than any other fruit, and is, therefore, an excellent brain food. is, therefore, an excellent brain food.

The average cost of building an English ironclad is \$240 per ton; French, \$275; Italian, \$285; German, \$300.

A wind blowing at the rate of nine-teen miles an hour exerts a pressure of but one and four-fifth pounds to the square foot.

The newspapers report the striking of a gas well near Portland, Ind., the daily output of which is over six million cubic feet. on cubic feet.

A Japanese novelty is "glass paper," which is said to combine wonper," which is said to combine won-derful transparency with unusual strength and tenacity. The material for making it is furnished by a Japan-

Sacchaine has a rival. A new sub-stance called valzin is now being manufactured in Berlin under a pat-ent, and is claimed to be 200 times sweeter than sugar, and free from cer-tain objectionable properties of sacha-

Railway mathematicians calculate

Railway mathematicians calculate that a train which can speed at the rate of eighty-five miles an hour would require from seventy-two to seventy-five seconds in which to "pull-up" or come to a standstill. It would require nearly a mile in which to stop.

A new process of making rain was recently brought before the Academic des Sciences, Paris, by M. Baudoin. His theory is that electricity maintains the water in clouds in a state of small drops and that if the electricity be discharged the water will come down.

Several farmers who had been sum-

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A somewhat widespread belief is that water can be heated only to 212 degrees Fahr. This is true of unconfined water, but under a pressure of ten atmospheres (159 pounds to the square inch) the water may be heated to 359 degrees, and under sixty atmospheres 531 degrees may be reached.

The bee works harder than most people would believe. There about sixty flower tubes in every head of clover, and only a tiny morsel of honey in each. In order to get enough sugar for a load the bee must visit about six thousand different flowers, and each bee makes, on an average, twenty trips a day. a day

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A recent session of the Missouri
Valley Horticultural Society at Kansas City was addressed by W. S. Manning, of London, whose card is inscribed, "Fellow of the Royal Botanic
Society and Hon. Secretary and Lecturer of the Natural Food Society to
promote Food Reform Based on Science." Mr. Manning's hobby is, as his
card indicates, "food reform." He
advocates that the human family
should live solely on a diet of fruits
and nuts, and he practices what he,
preaches. He said in his address that
for eight years past he had not swaland notes and he practices what no preaches. He said in his address that for eight years past he had not swal-lowed a drop of liquid refreshment of any kind nor a morsel of cooked food. He had subsisted solely on fruits and

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"My breakfast this morning con

nuts.

"My breakfast this morning consisted of a half pound of California figs, two oranges and two bananas mashed up together, followed by a tomato salad and a handful of nuts. This meal was caten raw, as all my meals are."

"What did you have for dinner?" asked a member of the society.

"I have not yet eaten dinner. I eat but two meals a day. My dinner will come between 6 and 10 oclock this evening, and will be a repetition of the breakfast."

Mr. Manning claims that an exclusive diet of fruits and nuts contains all the nutriment that the human body fed on such a diet cannot be sick. Mr. Manning is not a crank. He is described by the Kanasa City Times as an intelligent, well educated, florid-faced robust man. He has proved to his own satisfaction by experience that the reform of which he is the apostle is a good thing.

A Church Mate of Paper.

There is a church at Bergen, Norway, made of paper, which can accommodate nearly 1000 persons. Its exterior is octagonal, while in the interior it is circular in form. The relievos without and the decorative statues within, as well as the vaulted roof, nave and Corinthian capitals, are made of papier mache, which has been made waterproof by soaking in a solution of quicklime, curdled milk and white of egg.—San Francisco Call.

England's Torpedo Destroyers.

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The Havee, the new torpedo destroyer of the British naval force, can steam as fast as a railway train, and can turn with such rapidity in her own length that she would cut a good figure in a marine waltz. There are to be a dozen such vessels, the fastest steamers in the world, and they are expected to do smart service on occasion. They could catch anything afloat, or as rapidly retreat. The next war will be interesting in more ways than one.—Toronto Empire.