Natural History Item. Gardening ants collect pieces of vegetable and pile them up to rot in the dark interior of their nests until the rubbish is covered with a growth of fungus on which the ants feed.

MR. OLDBOIE-I am a self-made aan, sir. I began life as a barefoot man, sir. I began life as a barefoot boy. Kennard — Indeed. Well, I wasn't born with shoes on, either

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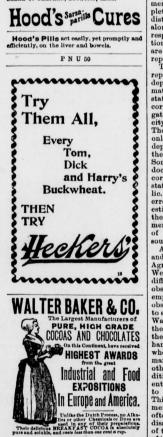
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A GREAT NEWSGATHERER. HOW UNCLE SAM GETS ALL KINDS OF INFORMATION.

ansmission of Consular Reports by Cable—Service of the Agricultu-ral and Other Departments.

Note: SAM is the greatest news gatherer we know, writes George Grantham Bain. All of the agencies of the newspapers of this country put to-gether are hardly as great as the corps of men he retains to send him information of current events. Seeme

regular editor, known officially by that title, whose duty it is to examine and pass upon publications to be issued by the department. One of the most important of the news bureaus of the Government is attached to the Navy Department. It is of comparatively recent establish-ment. It is known as the Naval In-telligence Bureau. Its duty is to gather together from all parts of the world information about foreign navies and foreign coast defenses. When Japan and China began hostil-tice Scortary Herbert could have sent to the Naval Intelligence Burean and on a few minutes' notice could have had a fail description of the navies of both the belligerents andan admirable description of the sea coast along which the fight was being waged. There is not a war vessel in the world which the fight was being waged. There is not a war vessel in the world which the Scheme courd have sent of the Naval Intelligence Bureau cannot describe. This information comes from the news correspondents of the Nava Department, who are in naval matters at the great capitals of the world. We have naval secretaries attached to all of our principal lega-tions. Besides, the Navy Dopartment sometimes sends naval officers abroad on a special mission to gather infor-mation. The Treasury Department, of course, is constantly at work through its cus-toms officers and other agonts gather-ing statistics of commerce. These are published from time to time by the Burean of Statistics. The Indian office of the Interior Department receives from its agonts not only current news of the condition of the Indian, but stories of the origin of their tribal customs and other matters, which make a page of the Indian Commis-sioner's report most interesting read-ing. The burean of ethology is busily engaged in collecting news of the primitive American. The geological survey tells the country from time to time all about its production of gold and precious stones, about the devel-opment of irrigation and dozens of other things which would be considcorps of mon he retains to send him information of current events. Some of this information he publishes in the shape of public documents which fow people ever read. Some of it he preserves in the files of his depart-ments at Washington for the use of his executive officers. The big Government news machine has correspondents who are reporters ; The big Government news machine has correspondents who are reporters; it has editors in the different depart-ments, and Grover Cleveland is their editor-in-chief: and it has sub-editors who read copy and use the blue pen-cil on it. The news service covers a very wide range-much wider than that of the average newspaper. For though the Government does not fol-low the record of deaths and marriages or the chronicle of local crime, it has often a far more accurate and rapid service on some great foreign war, like the Chinese-Japanese conflict or the recent Brazilian trouble than any of the great newspapers can obtain, no matter how great their expendi-

The recent Brazilian trouble than any of the great newspapers can obtain, no matter how great their expendi-ture of money. In matters of this kind the Government service should be far ahead of the newspaper service, for treaty obligations require the transmission of Government messages by cable when commercial messages by able when commercial messages for the Government, even with all the apparent advantages on its side, to get ahead of the enterprising Ameri-can newspaper.

can newspaper. The transmission of news by cable during some such emergency as now exists in Asia is not the only news duty of the American consuls and commer-cial agents or the ministers or ambas-sadors of the United States at foreign other things which would be consid-ered good news in many newspaper offices. We send representatives abroad to report on the Panama Canal, the Nicaragua Canal, the interna-tional geographical congress, the in-ternational monetary (conference, the capitals. The Bureau of Statistics of the State Department issues at monththe State Department issues at month-ly intervals small volumes of reports sent in by our diplomatic representa-tives; some of them volunteered and some sent in response to inquires of the Department. This news feature of the consular service has become of great commercial importance to the United States. The consuls of the United States are required to send in at regular inter-vals reports of the condition of public health in the towns or cities where they are stationed. These reports and the reports sent by certain medical correspondents who represent the hos-pital service abroad are_published by the Surgeon-General in a weekly bui-letin. This bulletin is one of the most waluable news publications of the Government. Not all of the informa-tion published in it comes by mail. Where the United States is threat-ened with cholera or any other con-tagious diseaso the surgeon receives reports by wire, usually through the State Department and its representa-tives. ly intervals small volumes of reports termitonia monetary jointeence, in international marine conference. In fact, the field of news gathering cov-ered by the agents of our Government is so wide that no newspaper, how-ever enterprising, could hope to fill it.

SELECT SIFTINGS. The first shipment of 'iron ore from the United States to Europe was made in 1608. The Duke of Coburg possesses a splendid collection of miniature silver ships, more than 100 in number.

Many Persian drinking cups have been found in the ruins of Persepolis. They are shaped almost exactly like our saucers.

The swords of the ancient Mexicans were composed of bits of flint or obsi-dian, set in a stick about the length of an ordinary saber.

Being a little slow in taking off his hat, a man who went to hear a trial in a German court, was sentenced to six hours' imprisonment.

reports by wire, usually through the State Department and its representa-tives. Next to the news service of the State Department the Agricultural Depart-ment has the most elaborate and com-plete system of news-gathering and distribution. For the crop report alone the services of nearly 5000 cor-respondents are called into requisit-tion directly or indirectly. There are about 2500 correspondents who report to the department direct. There are almost an equal number reporting to the State sgents of the statistician for comparison. These correspondents are just as surely news-gatherers as are the currespondents are inty papers in the rural districts. They receive no compensation. These correspondents are just as surely news-gatherers as are the currespondents are only reward is a copy of each of the department bulletius. As a rult these correspondents are furtherer and potatoes were thirty cents and the rural districts. They receive no compensation. Their and of them, though, are country some of them, though, are country

only reward is a copy of each of the department bulletius. As a rule these correspondents are farmers. Some of them, though, are country doctors. All of the reports of these correspondents are "edited" by the statistician before they are made pub-lic. They are compared for possible error or false statement; and the crop estimate made public every month is A petrified cat has been discovered in a bog in Kerry, Ireland. Its back was arched and its tail thickened, as though jit met death while in the act of opening a concert.

doctors. All of the reports of these correspondents are "edited" by the statistician before they are made pub-lic. They are compared for possible error or false statement; and the crop estimate made public every month is the expression of the individual judg-ment of the statistician, based on all of the reports received from 5000 sources. Another important news gathering fighter the grant assistant observers are employed, not only to take scientific observations and keep statistics, but washington by telegraph the news of the condition of the dispatches and marking "highs" and "lows" and other like indications of thereal con-ditions on a map, figures out for the entire country. The chief editor to handle these reports is the forecaster, who takes all of the dispatches and marking "highs" and "lows" and other like indications of thereal con-ditions on a map, figures out for the entire country. The chief editor to which each country is entitled. This forecast work has been of im-entire country inst the kind of weather all these report is one of the most value to farmers, and it has often warned seamen of impending disaster. The weather report is one of the most value to farmers, and it has often warned seamen of impending disaster. The weather report is one of the news value to farmers, and it has often warned seamen of impending disaster. The weather report is one of the most value to farmers, and it has often warned seamen of impending disaster. The weather report is one of the most value to farmers, and it has often warned seamen of the post of the news value to farmers, and it has often warned seamen of the post of the news value to farmers, and it has often warned seamen of the forever ment.

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of the news publications of the Governament. In addition to the erop report cor-respondents and the weather ob-servers, the Agricultural Department Ing in news of the condition of cattle and other information pertaining to subjects which are within the juris-diction of Secretary Morton. And the handle these reports are not the only can ride past at race horse speed and "blue-pencilers" in the department. The Secretary of Agriculture has a The Secretary of Agriculture has a Ing, B. S. Sanders, of Indian Bay, Ark., discovered beneath the roots a Ark., discovered beneath the roots a Ark., discovered beneath the roots a bit of gold and silver coin amounting to \$10,000. The Mexican yanquero beats the of his tricks is to stick a lot of long handle these reports are not the only can ride past at race horse speed and "blue-pencilers" in the department. The Secretary of Agriculture has a

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE. ORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE

> Danger-The Marriage Mart-A Sequence-Not What She Ex pected-Money and Women, Etc Ob! may angels vigits o'er her keep. With their guarding wings outspread Protecting from danger my darling's sleep. She sleeps in a folding bed.

-Puck. A SEQUENCE. "How intelligent Melissa is?" "Yes; she is homely, isn't she?"

THE MARRIAGE MART.

First Knickerbocker-"Did you ave any entries at the horse show?" Second Knickerbocker-"Yes; three aughters."-Puck. MONEY AND WOMEN

"Yes," said Mr. Sourman, "women like money, and money is like women." "How is that?" inquired his wife. "Money talks."-New York Press VERSATILITY.

He—"Do you think blondes have more admirers than brunettes?" She—"I don't know. Why not ask some of the girls who have had expe-rience in both capacities?"—Life.

NOT WHAT SHE EXPECTED. Mrs. do Vere-"They say my daughter took her beauty from her mother." The Count--"How shameful zat she should haf so deprived you !"--Judge.

THOUGHT SHE WAS ILL. She-"Now, I give you fair notice, don't feel like quarreling this morn-

ing." He-He—"Don't worry, dear; you'll be yourself again before noon."—Puck. PLENTY OF COMPANY.

Bingo-"Now that you are living in the country, I should think you would find it lonesome riding back and forth on the train." Witherby--"Not at all, old man. I always have a servant girl with me." --Lifz.

DEADENED -"What a terrible thunder Parke torm we had last night. Lane—"Did we?" Parke—"Great Scott, didn't you hear it?"

Lane-"No. My baby had the colic."-Life. SHE WAS INTERESTED.

Mr. Hunker (at the horseshow)-You can tell a horse's age by looking

at his teeth." So of looking Miss Keedick (deeply interested)— "How old does a horse have to be be-fore it is necessary to put in a false set?"—Judge. TAKING CHANCES.

TAKING CHANCES. Brown...''Hear about that burglary in Smith's? They must have been a desperate set of follows." Mrs. Brown...''Maid their way into the Brown...''Maid their way into the kitchen and ate some of Miss Smith's home made cake."—Puck.

LURING THE UNWARY. LUDING THE UNWARY. "I notice that the proprietor of the restaurant next door displays the choicest cuts and the most delicious looking vegotables in front of the mir-rors in his window." "Yes; he evidently likes to give the people food for reflection."—Truth.

A LUCKY FAILING. "Fayles is a striking illustration of the fact that ability doesn't always

ount." "How's that?" "How's that?" "He never could learn to speil cor-rectly and now he's made a phenom-enal success as a writer of dialect sto-ries."—Chicago Record.

THE PROFESSOR WAS INTERESTED. "And you say he was defented by one vote?" said the professor. "Yos," replied wife, who had been reading from the paper. "That's interesting; very interest-ing," he mused. "It's a positive par-idox. It's what might be called a singular plurality!" — Washington Star.

A PRECAUTION. Smythe-"Too bad Miss Brown's s Smythe - 'Y-a-as, me boy.'' Chamley -- 'Y-a-as, me boy.'' Smythe -- ''Why, d'ye know, I've een told she weahs her glases to

GOOD LOGIC.

"Mother," observed young Beacon Bulfinch, a bright Boston boy of six "I observe that the pie is differenti

velope, until encouraged to do so by velope, until encouraged to do so by a nod and a smile from his employer. And what do you think it contained? The banker's photograph—that, and nothing more. The bookkeeper was

dumb. "Well, what do you think of it?" his principal inquired. "It's just like you," was the reply.

NO CREDIT TO HIS CREDENTIALS. The captain of a large steamer was once filling up his crew for a long royage, when a seaman came up and said:

"I want to sail with you, sir." "All right, my man," replied the aptain. "Where have you sailed be-

aptain. "P. and O., sir. to Australia."

"What countryman?" "An Oirishman," was the ready re-A Bright Eye is a sign of good health and if the stomach not in the best of conditions the eyes will sho it. Ripans Tabules will make the stomac right and keep the eyes bright and clear.

"Well, you must get a character." The discharge was obtained, and as the Irishman was presenting it, another seaman came up and said he

wanted to join. "What line were you on before?"

THE BUSINESS MAN'S LUNCH. Hard Work and Indigestion go

wanted to join. "What line were you on before?" asked the captain. "Cunard, sir." "What countryman?" "Knglish, your honor." "All right, go forward." Shortly atter, as the two were swill-ing the decks in a heavy sea, the Eng-lishman was swept overhoard, bucket and all. Unmoved, Paddy finished his job and then wont to the captain's cabin. "Come in," responded the officer to his rap. "What's up now?" "Do you remember Bill Smith, the Englisman and Cunarder?" queried Pat. "Cortainly, my man."

"Certainly, my man." "You took him without a char-

acter." "I believe so. What of that?" "He's gone overboard wid bucket."-Chicago Record. wid your

MERE CHILD'S PLAY NOW

<section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><text> MERE CHLD'S FLAY NOW. "Yes," said the football player, as he donned his heavily-padded knick-erbockers, "the game has been robbed of all its rough features, and is now more child's play." He paused a moment to adjust a complicated leather harness that held his ears close to his head and thor-oughly covered them up, and then continued: "The new rules are de-signed to eliminate all elements of danger, and prevent players from be-ins flightly nasal tones, as he placed in slightly nasal tones, as he placed in slightly nasal tones, as he placed hick rubber nose-protector over that organ. "Under the old and so-called barbarons rules, broken legs were not infrequent," he said, strapping on his heavy shing back his long chrysanthe-mulike locks, the better to see, he leather jacket a wire obset-protector, and struck it a resonding blow with his massive fist. "The abolition" of momentum plays has made the sport baseball," he said, with what seemed a sigh, affixing stout kn2-caps to his knes. "By-the-way," he added, "when

knees and ankle-protectors to his ankles. "By-the-way," he added, "when you see her in the grand stand, tell mother that my life insurance policy is in the safety deposit walt on Fifth avenue." He paused an instant to adjust his wrist-supporters, and then continued: "The fact is, old man, just between us, the game has been runed. It is baby-play now. Girls could play it without dislocating the crimp in their front hair. Chess and cribbage are dangerous when com-pared with the new style of football." Placing a thick rubber teeth-pro-tector in his mouth, he strode toward the field where beauty and fashion had gathered to see Yale and Princeton battle for supremacy.—Harper's Ba-zar.

History Help.

Here is a little history help, learned years ago, that should be cut out and pasted on the fly leaf of your Englash history. By referring to it as you study you will soon learn it, and carry it around always in your head:

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Fourth Edward preceds the third Richard,

Fourth Edward preceds the third Biehard, then press Two Henrys, Sixth Elward, Queen Marry, then Bess. Next Jamie from Scotland, and Charles Destination for the Scotland and the Charles the Scond. After bin we had James, who relinquished the thone To William and Mary, then William alone. Till Anne, the four Georges, Fourth William all passed— Victoria now reigns, may she long be the last.

 (Mother, ") observed young Beacon Bulfinch, a bright Boston boy of six, "I observe that the pie is differentiated into five pieces; and yet there exercised and the table. What is the significance of that fifth piece?"
("That," replied Mrs. Bulfinch, eyeing her son with a cool Boston warmth, "is for manners."
"Ah, then," returned the lad, smiting pleasantly, "as I have often bar.
TRUE TO THE LIFE.
One morning a banker stopped into his office and most effusively greeted his bookkeeper, who had entered his services just twenty-five years bofter, at the same time handing him a clessed envelope with the remerk: "This is to serve you as a memento of the present occasion." The grateful recipient did not venture at first to open the en-Home for Unemployed Husbands.

How it May Happen. "Jominy crickets, she's got the rickets," whispered one beau to another in the com-pany of a very pretty girl. Truly she was very beautiful, but there was a twitching about the nerves of the face which showed suffering. "No." said the other, "It's neu-raigia and she's a martyr to it." St. Jacobs Oil was segrested as the world-renowned cure of pri and -marriel 'one of the fel-lows' afterwards. The use of the great remedy for pain will not bring about a mar-riage, but in its sure of pain it will bring about conditions of health to make ilfo moro enjoyable. No man or woman ought to marry who is a sufferer from chronic pains. We should not wed woo to win only wretch-edness.

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