The Baltic Canal is the outcome of a project formulated 500 years ago.

When the Siberian Railway is complete one can go from London to Japan in sixteen days, and girdle the earth in about forty.

In their jubilant delight in their fine crops Western Kansas and Nebraska

THE FIELD OF ADVENTURE, and gave a lond bound high over Tim's head, and struck to the ground below, whence it rolled and tumbled to the foot.

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FLASHLIGHT FOR TIGERS.

ELECTRICITY APPLIED TO A NO-BLE SPORT IN INDIAN JUNGLES.

When the Light is Turned On the Startled Animal Allows the Sportsman to Take Deadly Aim.

LECTRICITY has now been applied to tiger-hunting, and the sportsman in the Indian jungle, before he pulls the trigger of his gun, touches a button, which throws a flood of light upon his prey. This may rob tiger-hunting of much of its romance, but it is effective, and thus far several large, well-developed tigers have been gathered in as a result of the clever arrangement.

It has been found almost impossible to draw tigers into the open during the day near thickly settled parts of India. But at night this is easily accomplished by placing a dead carcass in some convenient place, where the hunter may lie hidden in ambush. But after the tiger has scented the blood of the dead animal and has begun to tear the carcass, it is difficult for the hunter to take aim without seeing him.

This has now been obviated by hanging an electric light directly over the carcass. At the instant that the light is turned on the tiger is so startled by its appearance that he does not move. Tigers are not in the habit of looking up, and it takes several seconds before the animal realizes where the new, strange light comes from. This pause, which he makes before endeavoring to escape, is quite sufficient to enable the sportsman to take aim and place a large, substantial bullet in a vital part of the tiger's body.

"At present," says the inventor of this system in a letter to the Scientific American, "I use a battery of six large cells, filled with sal ammoniae. It is very heavy and cumbersome, and the light only a five-candly power lamp. Its recommendations are that the battery is good for the next ten years and only wants an occasional iffling up of the cells with water and sometimes a little fresh sal ammoniae. As I can only go shooting during six months of the year, this is a great advantage. The method of using is as follows: From the box contaming the cells I have a line of wire (double of course) say thirty to forty feet long, makes the obse

NOTES OF THE DAY.

Long Island Sound.
It is a remarkable fact that the actual cost of the Kiel ship canal was below the estimates. They amounted to 156, 500,000 marks (837,40,000, and the cost was 155,378,000 marks (837,230,720).

with 13 doz. other citizens of Mass., and expects next wk to go to N. Y. by way of Prov."

People of middle age can remember when the only use for India rubber was to crase pencil marks. The importance of the article now is indicated by the fact that in the first three months of 1895 this country paid \$6,639,230 for its importation.

Massachusetts may not grow as rapidly in population as some of the larger States, but its wealth continues to pile up steadily. It carried a fire insurance last year of \$985,000,000, or about five times that of other States with about the same population.

For one person who cares about theaters there are a thousand persons in England wild about cricket, and if the ministry had given G. W. Grace a knighthood among the birthday honors it would probably have been the most popular act of their existence.

Statistics have been accumulated which reveal that in respect to color bilindness there is a remarkable difference between the two sexes. About 3% per cent. of men are color-bilind to a marked extent, while not more than 5-10 of 1 per cent. of women are thus afflicted.

A store at Tempe, Arl., is about to inaugurate a novel cash system. When

into the store and with the money acquired does his buying.

Lord Rosebery will this year exhibit no fewer than twenty-four head of cattle and sixty sheep at the fat stock shows at Birmingham and Smithield. His lordship will thus be probably the largest exhibitor. His exhibits will include many noted prize winners at last year's Scottish shows.

The first horse on record whose pedigree can be authenticated was bred by Charles II. and called Dodsworth; and, for his amusement when he resided at Windsor, he appointed races to be run in Datchet Mend, and at Newmarket, where, it is said, he entered horses and ran them in his own name.

"Charley's Aunt" has reached Portuguese to an Oporto theater. In its Portuguese guise it is "A Madriah afge audiences to an Oporto theater. In its Portuguese guise it is "A Madriah de Charlee." With the exception of an original play of Shakspeare's, this is the first time in years that an English drama has been performed on the Portuguese stage.

William Scrubby, Trenton's official

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William Scrubby, Trenton's official dog catcher, tendered a pail full of dog's tails as vouchers for the number of canines he laid low in the performance of his duty and on which he based his claim for payment. The officials refused to count the tails, but agreed to accept Scrubby's statement of the caudal tale as correct.

John Simpson, the veteran St. Regis prospector, states that the kangaroos on Blue Mountain are increasing in number and will soon furnish good sport for local hunters. Joe Rece came across a wounded one the other day and killed it to end its suffering. He is having the hide tanned and will make a hunting coat of it.

The fish commissioners of California recently stocked the two largest rivers in the southern part of that State—the San Joaquin and the Kings—with 50,000 black bass. It is expected that not only will the bass flourish and a little later afford fine sport, but that they will also clear these rivers of the small fry of coarse and low grade fish.

On the roof of a building in Philadelphia a sparrow trap is in full swing night and day. The trap is one into which the birds hop to get the grain and bread crumbs plainly in sight. Once inside the birds do not know enough to come out. The sparrows feed more on a cloudy and windy day

than on a bright day, but no matter what the weather is it is a poor day when the trap will not yield fifty sparrows.

THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE, when the trap will not yield fifty sparrows.

There are 2,954 persons in Great Britain who pay tax on an income of more than \$25,000 a year.

In the royal palace of Servia lights are put out invariably by 11 o'clock by order of the King.

There are no fewer than four European banks in Yokohama and in Japan 120, all with large capital.

In the gardens around London there are more specimens of the cedar of Lebanon than on Mount Lebanon itself.

In Norway a law provides that no person shall be permitted to cut down a tree unless he plants three saplings in its place.

The coronet worn by the Countess of Aberdeen on state occasions is distinguished by five emeralds, which are the largest in the world.

According to a Connecticut statistician there are 96,000 crazy people in the United States, of whom only 6,500 are under sufficient supervision.

An eccentric farmer who died the other day in Connecticut directed that his body should be inclosed in an iron casket and thrown to the bottom of Long Island Sound.

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umink (their skin boat) and rolled her high and dry. Without that precaution the thin skin bottom of their boat would have been torn.

Of all the varied changes in the Yale commencement exercises, the most important is the last step which places the scientific department on a clear footing with the academic. The introduction of a class day, a senior promonade and a high stand scholarship society are, perhaps, only symbolic, but they have broken down the hast barriers which separate the academic from the scientific departments.

In 1839, Tampa, Fla., had 720 inhabitants, and in 1804, 15,688. Five lines of steamers run regularly between Tampa and New Orleans, Mobile, Havana, Key West and local ports. Its hotel property is valued at \$3,000,000. The city has twenty-two miles of electric car lines, three electric light plants, about seventy-five cigar factories, and is supplied with pure spring water, through eighteen miles of mains, to the extent of \$3,000,000 gallons daily.

One of the sections of the Constitution for Utah provides that the State's indebtedness shall nover exceed \$100,000. Another forbids the giving or loaning of State, county, city or borough credit to any business enterprise. Another fixes the salary of the Governor at \$2,000 a year. Another provides that trial juries shall consist of eight persons, and that in civil cases the concurrence of six out of the eight shall be sufficient for a legal verdict.

In Los Angeles, in a jewelry store, a three-horse power motor is used in the cutting of precious stones. The machine worked by the motor is said to be the only one of the kind in the country. The stone is held by a quadrant, which is adjusted by a set screw to its required position on the lap. As many as sixty stones can be cut at one time, and the method of adjustment is so accurate that in no case would there be the slightest possibility of overgrinding.

From the registry of visitors kept at Stratford-on-Avon, it appears in the loanst vear three have been in round

were from the United States. Shaks-peare's plays were among the first pre-sented by regular theatrical companies in the American colonies, and the visit of Washington Irving to Stratford, with his charming description of it, did more than has ever been done by any other single person to turn men's minds to-ward the quiet old town beside the Avon.

TWO-STORY CARS OF PARIS.

Arc Called a Success,
There are no trolley or cable cars in
Paris. The storage battery electric cars
seem to have been made a success
there. They are much larger than
those which for a time were in operation on the Madison and Fourth aveaue line in New York, being literally



A PARIS DUBLE-DECKER.

two stories high. The outside seats are roofed and are protected at the ends by glass screens. The approach of a car or omnibus is not heralded by gongs, as it is in America. Each of the big, lumbering vehicles is provided with a horn, which the driver can sound by pressing a rubber bulb. These toot and toot and toot, wherever one may go.

Suppose One Can't Sneeze.
Chinese dentists rub a secret powder
on the gum over the affected tooth and
after about five minutes the patient is
told to sneeze. The tooth then falls out,
Many attempts have been made by European dentists to secure this powder,
but none have ever succeeded in doing
so.

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

AN UNFARDONABLE ERROR.

Miss Gotham—"I believe she is very highly educated."

Miss Backbay—"She can't be; why, she pronounces the lingolf."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Sympathetic Friend—"How did you come to be so horribly mangled?"
Victim—"The trolley car that hit me was equipped with the very latest improvement in fenders.

A VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

Mrs. Jones—"It is strange that a strong man like you cannot get work."

The Tramp—"Well, yer see, num, people wants reference from me last employer, an' he's been dead twenty years."—Puck.

years. —Facs.

A LONELYWOOD SURE THING.

Jonesley—"Where do you think this 'ere new well you want me to dig ought to be, anyhow?"

Mr. Commuter (confidently)—"In the cellar. I know we can strike water there."—Jadge.

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Visitor—"Got anythin' worth scein' in your show?"
Museum Manager—"We got the man what never role a bicycle."
Visitor (with excitement)—"Gimmo a ticket!"—Chicago Record.

Not PREE ENOUGH.
Wobbley Wiggles - "Do you believe
in free silver?"
Wiggley Waggles -- "Yes, but I
don't see much of it; whenever I make
a brace on de street de most I ever
gets is a nickel."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Brace—"I like a joke, but printing a fellow's death notice is carrying a joke too far."

Bagley—"Didn't you say you would pay me Saturday night that five you borrowed, if you were alive?"—Puck.

THE DIFFERENCE.

Mistress (to her domestic)—"I suppose you girls talk about each other just the same as we ladies do about persons in our set?"

Domestic—"No, mum, we mostly talks about the mistresses."—Boston Transcript.

WHAT SHE NEEDED.

Madam—"No, we do no cooking in the house here. I only drink milk. I take a cup of milk every two hours."

The Newly Hirod Servant—"Well, madam, I do not see why you need me. What madam requires is a cow."

La Vie Parisienne.

NO LONGER A CRIME.

Tourist (in Oklahoma)—"Horses are pretty cheap here nowadays, aren't they?"

Alkali Ike—"Cheap? They are so blamed cheap that when we capture a horse thief we send him to the lunatic asylum instead of lynchin' him."—Puck.

COULDN'T ELOW IT OUT.

"I am the Cheerful Idiot," remarked the new arrival.

"I am sorry, sir," said the hotel clerk; "but we are lighted with electricity throughout,"
"Never mind," rejoined the other, as he registered; "I shall manage some way."—Puck.

UNFLATTERIN J.

Little Johnny—"Mrs. Talkemdown paid a big compliment to me to-day."

"Mother—"Did she really? Well, there's no denying that woman has sense. What did she say?"

Little Johnny—"She said she didn't see how you came to have such a nice little boy as I was."—Good News.

A RETURN PIER.

Conceited Dude—"I am looking for Farmer Hackleberry's. Have you sense enough to tell me where he lives?"

Farmer Huggieberry S. Have you sense enough to tell me where he lives?"

Irish Boy.—"It's mesilf who has since enuff ter tell yez; but it's meighty doubtful I be whether yez have since enuff ter understhand."—Harper's Weekly.

A CHANCE FOR A DARK HORSE.

Sister May—"I think if you should propose to Grace she would accept you."

Brother Jack (eagerly)—"Do you?
Has she said anything?"

Sister May—"No; but I know she was deeply in love with Harry Maxwell, and his engagement has just been announced."—Brooklyn Life.

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"Excuse me, sir," said the man in the row behind, "but would you mind asking your wife to remove her hat? I assure you that! cannot see a thing on the stage."

"I'd like to oblige you, sir, but it is impossible," said the man aidressed. "We live out of town, and we must get home to-night."

"What has that got to do with it?"

"What has that got to do with it? "Why, our train goes twenty minutes after the end of the performance, and it takes her an hour to put that hat on."—Harper's Bazar.

A Pastoral—A Victim of Circumstances—An Unpardomable Error—1995, A. D., Etc., Etc.
The fishing season safely yields
A joyd, restful calm—
And the city dog takes to the fields
To catch a mess of lamb.
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.