The late Lyman Trumbull, of Illithe thirteenth amendment to the Con-

In India telegraphic dispatches are headed "after compliment," the receiving operator writing out a set of complimentary formula established by the telegraphic company, which is in-dispensable in oriental countries.

built by the Berlin municipality as the best means to do away with the pres ent abuses in the auction business. The ring of dealers now prevents any outsiders from buying, and the thing has assumed the proportions of a pub

The Chicago Times-Herald remarks A tax of \$1 per year upon each wheel would yield nearly \$200,000 in Chicago alone and would be opposed by very few wheelmen if it were applied directly to roadmaking. This is merely one of the numerous plans suggested for inaugurating the movement in Ill-lnois. A dollar a wheel would build more highways than a thousand "good

The latest educational agitation is to Institute schools on wheels. It is proposed to fit out railroad trains, furnished with dining and sleeping cars, so that pupils can combine travel and study, halting at various sidings for the study of minerology, botany, ge-ology, and so oa. Of course, only pupils having money could patronize this scheme to see the whole country and study its resources at the same time. This way of railroading knowledge into pupils is an advanced theory of education. If it is proposed to take the pupils in the railroad schools out into the region of train robbers, it will also be necessary to teach the young ideas how to shoot. One pleas ing feature of the plan, suggests the New Orleans Picayune, is that should the scholars prove refractory it will be very easy to switch them.

"It is unnecessay to explain at length why the South will continue during the next ten years to grow steadily," declares the Financier, of New York. "Its destiny as a manufacturing section is as certain as anything human can well be. It has every advantage that other sections lay claim to, and the development of the South-ern railroads will make it as accessible to market as New England is to-day. With mountains literally composed of rich iron ore, with coal cropping out on every hillside in the mineral belt, with limestone and timber in abundance, the South can manufacture iron at a price which no other producing region can meet. Pig iron is being made in Birmingham, Ala., to-day at a cost not exceeding \$5 a ton, and the fact that the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company a few days since had orders booked for nearly 270,000 tons of iron, an increase of 122,000 tons since March 14, is an indication of the trend of the market toward the South Eighty per cent. of the iron made in the Birmingham region is now being shipped to other points for conver-sion into steel and the higher grades of the manufactured product. This will not continue indefinitely. loss on freight, which now has to be counted in estimating cost of produc tion, offers a sufficient profit to induce shange of location, and the centre of steel production ultimately must be within the radius of the cheapest market for the primary material out which steel is made. The Tennessee Coal and Iron Company recognizes this fact, as witness its deter-mination to build a million dollar plant at Birmingham. With cheap steel a factor it is equally certain that industries dependent on this material as applied to higher uses will follow, and the next decade ought to bring about the erection of new factories, or the removal of older ones to the South. The climate, the labor, and the fue invite the change, aside from other considerations. And it is not alone in iron and steel that this change will be The South is being dotted with new cotton mills, forced by the same the exodus of industries, if such it may be called, is bound to continue. Shrewd observers say that cotton manafacturers have not gone South far h, and that the mills might with equal advantage locate nearer the fuel supply, since the railroads at those points run through rich cotton coun try, and afford better facilities for reaching Northern and Western markets. Bearing all these facts in mind t is not strange that far-seeing vestors and manufacturers predict that within a circle fifty miles in diameter, taking the centre of the State of Ala-



THE NEW WOMEN OF SPAIN.

Women seem to be possessed alike all over the world to prove themselves equal to as many occupations of possible which naturally belong to men. And quite the latest of all is the woman bull-fighter, who has appeared in Spain. Two sisters are touring the country with this accomplishment for their capital, and that one of them has lost an eye is nothing compared to the glory of filling a man's place.—

New York World.

MICKELE GIRLS' BANG. The bleycle girl has decided that she cannot get along without a curly bang. Wind and rain and heat have combined, if not in removing the bang. ny caprices of the elements. She has nvented, therefore, what is known as he "bicycle bang," and confesses hat it brings her infinite comfort and atisfaction. The bicycle bang is of auman hair matching that of the wearer, and is fastened with number-ess diminutive pins. The curl in the bang has been chemically treated and so ordinary experience will uncurl it.

MR. VANDERBILT'S CHOIR.
Miss Frances Egbert Mattison, aged

selected as the leading soloist for George Vanderbilt's Momorial Church at Bittmore, near Asheville, N. C.

Miss Mattison met the Vanderbilts while at Asheville least winter with her sister, Jeannette, who was there respecting from a sover illness. Her voice, a rich contralto of wide range and much sweetness, created a marked impression in Asheville, and during the holidays Caryl Florio, erstwhile the head of the old Trinity Church choir, New York, and who had been given earte blanche by Mr. Vanderbilt to engage four soloists, a quartet and a chorus for the new church, theard Miss Mattison sing in a local entertainment, and at once endeavered to engage her. She was invited to the Vanderbilt mansion and, it is said, her singing created such an impression that she was immediately placed in charge of the musical department of a private school at Bitmore, and later signed a contract to sing in the church at a salary of \$250 per month

ARMENIAN WOMEN.

Mrs. Gertrude Eastman Perkins, one the brightest of the younger literary women of the city, who made a long trip a short while ago through Europe, is convalescing from the serious illness which has kept her from the pen for several months. During her stay abroad she made a careful study of the conditions of Armenia, and more especially of the women of that erushed and unfortunate land. Her literary connections gave her the neliterary connections gave her the access in London and elsowhere to libraries and archives bearing upon the topic, and by good fortune as well as careful endeavor she managed to make the acquaintance and win the friendship of Armenian colonies in London and elsowhere. She took abundant notes and secured a large amount of very valuable literary material. Upon her recovery, she will probably write a series of very exhaustive articles upon the topic with a view to their subsequent publication in book form. The oppressions practiced by the Turks and Kurds in Armenia have driven thousands, of poople to other lands. The expatriation has resulted in the establishment of Armenian colonies in nearly every large European city, and a very numerous colony in London itself. Most of these exiles belong to the better classes of the race, and in their flight took with them family records, church documents, ancient archives and much of their National literature. It is possible to-day to obtain as much if not more excellent material respecting Armenia at first hand in London than in Sassoon or Ezrercum. Mrs. Perkins is very fortunate in finding and utilizing this literary treasure trove.—New York Mail and Express. literary connections gave her the no-cess in London and elsewhere to libra-

A RENOWNED PIANISTE.

Madame Clara Schumann, wife of the famous composer and horself a ronowned planist, has just died at Frankfort-on-the-Main. She was the daughter of Frederick Wieck, who was a distinguished teacher of music, and she naturally inherited a great deal of her father's genius. Her first public appearance as a performer on the piano was at Liepzig when she was only nine years of ago. She married Schumann when she was twenty-one, and her married life was a singularly happy one, clouded only the uncertain health and mental disease of her husband. She visited most of the foreign courts of Europe as a virtuos; but she never came to America. Madame Schumann was a woman of rare personal charm and exaited character. She has always been widely loved in Gormany and England, and some years ago a considerable amount of money was raised for her by her friends when a prospect arose of her being disabled by sickness. The compositions of the first half of her life were imbued with her characteristic earnestness, but later her husband's influence can be bama as a starting point, will be located the future great manufacturing city of the South, and, for that matter, of

for its great warmth of feeling and poetic appreciation of the beautiful. She was a remarkable interpreter of Chopin. Her death removes one of the last remaining links with that brilliaut musical period which made the middle of this century remarkable. New York Independent.

Women are now responsible for about 800 patented inventions per

Seventy-seven women have taken the B. A. degree at London Universi-ty this term, in addition to thirty-six who were presented for other degrees.

Mrs. Lucy Day Martin, of Virginia the youngest of the Senators' wives the has charming unaffected manners a gifted conversationalist and a

The German Empress, has, durin the last year, grown much stoute and she is seriously thinking of tryin some cure, as she has a great horr of growing too fat.

of growing too fat.

The lady golf champion of England for the year is Miss Pascoe, of Wimbledon. Lady Margaret Scott, who wen the championship in 1894 and 1895, did not enter the list this year.

Miss Kate Field was fifty-six years old at the time of her death. "This," says Miss Gilder, who was one of the distinguished woman's warmest friends, writing in The Ortitic, "is not a very advanced age, but if one has been in the harness without rest for over thirty years, it is an age at which non might well wish to lay down one's burdons." Truly.

Mrs. Frances E. Bonedict, of Philadelphia, who has just died at the age

Mrs. Frances E. Bonedict, of Philadelphia, who has just died at the age of sixty, was for years a well-known newspaper writer. She was one of the first to make a business of writing advertisements for the big dry goods houses. She was a member of the famous '76 club of Philadelphia, and gave valuable assistance to the directors of the Centennial Exposition.

The New York World says that Mrs. Buth McEnery Stuart and Mrs. Eliza-

The New York World says that Mrs. Elizabeth B. Custer are two of the most popular parlor lecturers in this courtry. Mrs. Stuart lecturers or reads from the platform, but Mrs. Custor's talks are more informal. Both ladies have apartments in New York on the same street, but they spend the greater part of their winters "on the read."

er part of their winters "on the road."

Princess Li, the wike of Vicercy LiHung-Chang, is fifty years old, but
looks to be only thirty. Her feet have
been tortured to such smallness that
she cannot walk, but has to be carried
about in a chair—a nagnificant one,
of course—yet she owns 1000 pairs of
shoes. Her husband's wealth onables
her to have nearly 1000 silk drosses,
and she can select from 500 furs in
winter time.

Mrs. Jane L. Stanford's devotion to

Mrs. Jane L. Stanford's devotion to the California university which bear her son's name has been shown in her son's name has been shown in a way so uncommon as the attract special attention. Although also was receiving under an order of court an allowance of \$10,000 a mouth peading the settling of the late Scantor's estate, she has voluntarily turned over nearly all of it to the institution to; pay the running expenses. running expenses

Mme. Albani, the Americamsinger, is a great favorite with Queen Victoria. Among her many presents she has received an autographeory of the Queen's "Highland Journals," a por Queens "Highland Journals," a por-trait of Her Majesty, and a super-model in gold of the personifical figure of "Victory," designed by the Coun-tees Gleichen, and bearing a scroll whereon the word "Victoria" is in-scribed in precious stones.

Wires are not required in the latest haped sleeves. Some of the new parasols have very

unique handles of crystal.

In jewelry the emerald is at present the queen of precious stones. Petunia and apple green are the redominating shades in everything. Grenadines are mostly made up over olored silks and used for dressy oc-

Quantities of flowers and foliage ar used, and the ambition is to get a many kinds of flowers on a hat as pos sible.

In millinery two contrasting shade f tulle, one laid over the other, ar ften used to give the changeabl

Jeweled passementories and trim-mings of all sorts find their place on almost every gown, and also on man-tles and hats.

American beauty roses, interspersed with lilies of the valley, make the combination for a summer hat that is

White gowns are to be worn more than ever this season for informal as well as dressy occasions, and these are accompanied by white hats, shoes and parasols.

parasols.

Some of the leading dressmakers are directing their efforts for change in fashion toward the dreaded bustle, and some of the newest gowns are padded on the hips and at the back.

her characteristic carnestness, but later her husband's influence can be discorned. She has always taken her place in the front rank among pianists, but her playing has been best known

# WISE WORDS

Laugh and be fat., Better late than never. Curtain lectures are free.

The end must justify the means. Handsome is that handsome does.

Life is not altogether a jar of honey. One of the sublimest things is plain ruth.

An honest man is the noblest work of God.

A coward never forgave. It is not in his nature. It costs more to gain an hour than

There is nothing little to the really

Cows don't give milk—but it can be taken from them.

They are happy whose natures sort with their vocation.

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

Premature consolation is but the remembrances of sorrow.

The more some men owe, the more hey want to buy on credit.

A man who denies everything and scerts nothing is an infidel. Every lean man thinks it would be asy to get rid of excessive fat.

Politeness is an easy virtue, costs lit-tle and has great purchasing power.

The readiest and surest way to get rid of censure is to correct ourselves. Whose keepeth his mouth and his orgue, keepeth his soul from trouble.

It is less dishonor to abridge petty harges than to stoop to petty get-

When a woman wants to be in bed y ten o'clock she begins getting When a woman by ten o'clock sho begins getting ready at nine.

Dost thou love life? then do not squander time, for that is the stuff that life is made of.

Work is not a man's punishment. It is his reward and his strength, his glory and his pleasure.

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All men were not made of dust.
Dust settles sometimes and there are
lots of men who never do.

Let it be your constant maxim, that
no man can be good enough to negleet the rule of prudence.—The
South-West.

Cannibal Fish of the Troples.

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This is a fish in tropical waters which can swallow a finny friend twelve times his own size. It is called by students of ichyology chaismodus niger, but its plain, every-day name is the "black swallower."

It is a small fish about six to eight inches long, without scales, unlike most fishea, but with two great fins on its back. These are semetimes three inches high.

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The chaismodus inhabits the coast waters of South America and Africa and lives at a depth of about 1500 fathoms or 9000 feet. It is an expert swimmer, being able to eatch the fastest fich. In several ways this fish is similar to snakes. Its jaws are very loosely hinged and are capable of great distention. The teeth all point backward, so that when a victim once starts down his throat it seldom returns to tell the tale. The stomach can be expanded to an almost unlimited extent.

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This queer fish is a great glutton. Swimming quietly up behind a fish many times larger than itself, it opens his great jaws and smilingly takes in its larger friend, slowly drawing itself over its victim by means of its teeth. At this point its troubles begin. The swallower is not ablo to digest such a great quantity of food. The food in time decomposes, and the gas, generated by decomposition, causes the fish to rise to the surface, in spite of all efforts to remain down. These of all efforts to remain down. The fish have been found in this condition floating on the surface containing fishes of at least twelve times their

own size.

The skin of the stomach of the fish

Painted 3000 Pictures,

Abel Hold, of Brookhouse, Caw-thorne, the veteran artist who in Sep-tember last attained the age of eighty years, and who died recently, had, when a boy, a fondness for drawing animals and birds from nature. When animals and birds from nature. When only seventeen years of age he was carning seanty wages by painting show-cloths, depicting wild animals and sham seenes for showmen. He began to paint portraits when he was eighteen. With few exceptions, between the years 1849 and 1871 Mr. Hold was an exhibitor at the Royal Academy, and it was his boast that he never had a picture rejected. By far the largest portion of Mr. Hold's works are game and still-life pictures. It is estimated that doceased painted something like 3000 pictures.—Liverpool Courier.

Gain in Church Membership.

R. K. Carroll, in the Forum, compares the religious censuses of 1890 and 1895. According to the former there were 20,618,307 communicants in the United States, and up to last year the totals had been increased to 24,646,594, again of 4,028,277 in five years. During the same period there was a gain of 28,075 churches and 21,646 ministers. The gain in new members is not fully represented in the above figures, because the 1,500,000 losses by death had first to be made up before a net increase could be shown. The value of church buildings, lots and furniture in 1890 was about \$680,000,000, and now is thought to be fully \$800,000,000. Gain in Church Membership

Carlous Leafless Trees.

There are forests of leafless trees in some parts of Australia. They respire, so they say, through a little stem, ap-parently answering the purpose of a leaf. The tree is known as "the leaf-

All these stations, like the petty duladomo of Europe, are named, and the names, when pronounceable, are not easily forgotten. But their names serve a better purpose than mere ornament. As there is a considerable difference in altitude, latitude, soil, vegetation, breed or care of sheep, there is a very noticeable difference in the wool, and the reputation on the station has no little influence on the price or the respective citys. In the English trade reviews, or prices current, the names of the stations of Australia become as familiar to a large business classe as are the names of the Nations of the globe to the average educated man.

The Minister of Lands has been making a tour through the interior. In his party there were several reliable newspaper men, and the following is an extract from the Sidney Daily Telegraph. The communication was sent from the headquarters of one of Mr. McCaughey's stations, and follows:

"Mr. McCaughey's a leviathan among squatters, the king of sheep owners, the largest shearer of sheep in the whole world. Including freshold and 5000 of leasehold. The rest of his land is on the Darling, where of lead, This big station in the River in a be calls a mere stud farm. It is only a trifle of 40,000 excree of freshold and 5000 of leasehold. The rest of his land is on the Darling, where, in the station, the station, the previous of the short of the heaters his 1,000,000 a year. This is the record, not only for Australia, but for the world. Mr. McCaughey can claim to be the greatest single sheep owner on earth. Out of his weath he has beautified his home, cultivated the breeding stock, and experimented in irrigation plant, but for the world. Wr. McCaughey is an extraction of the interior of the for breeding purposes. The party were also shown the irrigation plant that pumps the water from Cooning Creek, which has been dammed for the

The area of McCaughey's estates, as described, almost equals the area of connecticut, or nearly one-half the online area of Belgium, the latter of which supports a population of over 6,000,000 of highly civilized and well-provided-for people. But the report says—and truthfully—that Mr. McCaughey "sheered 1,000,000 sheep, though the same season he lost 360,000 head." As the drought came early, most of these sheep must have perished before shearing, so the normal number of sheep kept by this "modest grazier" must be fully 1,250,000. Thus, about as many sheep are kept by this one Australian as are kept in either of the great "wool-raising" States of Pennsylvania, New York, Kentucky, or Colorado, and the number of this McCaughey's sheep is exceeded by but seven States in the Union. The whole of Vermont, whence came Mr. McCaughey's fine merinoes, has not more than one-third as many sheep as this sheep king of Australia.

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There are many interesting features and ever varying charms connected with these squatter' lives. Of course, livith such cohormous holdings, the quantities of the squatter' lives.

BIG FARMS IN AUSTRALIA.

ONE "SQUATTER" WHO OCCUPIES THERE MILLION ACRES, THERE MILLION ACRES

What Might Have Been,
Stephenson's claim to be the inventor of the modern locomotive is based upon the fact that he was the first to combine the several features of horizontal cylinders, the vertical blast nozzle in the smokestack and a tubular boiler, and that by this combination reproduced the type which is practically the same that we use to-day. Stephenson was not the author of the iron rail, nor of the idea of a steam driven vehicle running upon iron rails and carrying its own water and faol. These leading features were present in the earlier engine of Previthick. Had Trevithick labored to remedy the defects of his locomotive with the perseverance which was so stong a characteristic in his successor, it is likely that he, and not Stephenson, would have been named the father of the modern locomotive.

Nebraska "Tide Weils."
Out in Polk County, Nebraska, and in some of the adjoining counties they have a queer lot of wells. They are called "tide wells," because of a peculiar habit their waters have of obbing and flowing, just as if they were connected with a great underground ocean. Polk County alone has between twelvo and twenty of these queer roaring wells.



The presidential candidate
Doth now seem small beside
The pitcher for the baseball nine,
Who is the city's pride.
Baltimore News.
When it begins to get real summery
ton's we name of the how the weath

acephia North American.

Briggs—Does your wife laugh when you tell her a funny story? Braggs—Oh, yes. I always tell her beforehand that it is funny.—Indianapolis Journal.

Sho—Do you know anything worse than a man taking a kiss without asking for it? He—I do, "What, for instance?" "Asking for it without taking it."

Mrs. Winks—I don't see how you could afford to pay \$100 for a wheel. Mr. Winks—I couldn't. That's why I have got to pay \$105 for it.—Somerville

Tommy—Paw, what is a designing villain? Mr. Figg—Ob, the description would apply to one of these poster ar-tists about as well as anything.—In-dianapolis Journal.

Sweet is the summer breeze that goes To gladden tolling man— Especially the one that flows From an electric fan.—Washington Star.

She—I would not marry you if I were to live to be a hundred years old. He—Well, I should say you wouldn't, if I had anything to say in the matter. -Indianapolis Journal.

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"Look here, Bawl Barings, I've a proposition to make." "What is it, Neopops?" "You stop talking about your bleyele and I'll not say another word about my smart baby."—Truth. Justice—You are charged with stealing Colonel Julep's chickens. Have you any witnesses? Uncle Moses—I heb not. I don't steal chickens befor witnesses.—Amusing Journal.

witnesses.—Amusing Journal. Young Husband-Are you in favor of

free silver or the gold standard, my love? Young wife—Oh, I don't care, my dear, so long as you have plenty of it.—Philadelphia North American.

"Say, Dobbs, all your family are away; what do you keep your alarm clock going for?" "I want to wake up every hour and realize that I don't have to walk the baby,"—Chicago Record.

"We cannot find a place to go this ummer." "What's the trouble?" "We want a summer resort from which we won't have to write home that we sleep under blankets."—Chicago Record.

under blankets."—Chicago Record.
"Mamma, were those stories Uncle
George was telling us about the big
fishes he caught fairy stories?" "I don't
know, my child; I wasn't listening, but
I imagine they were."—Brooklyn Life.
Edith and Mabel had just put their
dollies in their\_little crib. Said Edith,
with a sigh of rellef, "There, I'm thankful we've got the children to bed. We
shall have a little peace now."—Boston
Transcript.

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Wheeler—I see by the papers that a Chleago bleyeler was held up by two men. Sprocket (feeling if the court plaster was in place on his face—I wish to gracious it had been mel—Yonkers Statesman.

Statesman.
Rugby—Our landlady is one of the most expert calculators in town. Wilkins—Is she? Rugby—Yep. We had beans for dinner to-day, and she asked me how many I would have.—Cleveland Plaindealer.
George—How do you like it, Cora? Cora—It's perfectly lovely. But what do that have all these pollecemen at the

do they have all these policemen at the game for? Oh, I know; it is to keep the men from stealing bases.—Somer-ville Journal.

"It is the intention to collect about \$11,000 for Pittsburg's Fourth of July celebration this year," remarked the Horse Editor. "Ah," replied the Snake Editor, "Money to būrn!"—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

"How is Jenny See getting along with her bleycle lessons?" "Oh, nicely," replied the young enthusiast. "She has only taken six now, and, do you know, I never saw any one fall off a wheel so gracefully!"—Buffalo Times.

Jilson—Is Jubbs slek or traveling? Jabson—Neither. What makes you think so? Jilson—I've been looking out of the window the last ten minutes and I haven't seen him playing a hose on his law—Roxbury Gazette.

Clear Case.—"Do you ride a wheel?" "It is the intention to collect about

Clear Case.—"Do you ride a wheel?"
asked the eldest of the doctors on the asked the edges of the declors of the Insanity Commission. "Yep," answer-ed the subject. "What make?" "I never noticed." The verdict was unani-mous—dementia.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Reginald—Time brings about some odd changes, doesn't it? Harold—I should say it did. Look at the matter of costumes. Why, when we played tennis, we turned our trousers up at the bottom, and now that we play gol we turn our stockings down from the top.-Woonsocket Reporter.

top.—Woonsocket Reporter.

"If this Misther Hanna gets to be the great man he promises now," said Mr. Dolan, "there'll be twice the number av babies named afther him as is named afther most celebrities," "Ol see no rayson fur it," replied Mrs. Dolan. "It's plain as day, though. He's naturally qualified fur the distinction. They kin name all the b'y babies 'Mank' an all the girl babies 'Hanna,' an' there y'are."—Washington Star.