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The Poverty Problem

In a recent discussion of the ques-lon: "Is poverty diminishing?" the contemporary Review of London points o the difficulty of arriving at any satctory solution of a most interestolem. The journal quoted gives be only reasible method of obtaining thing like necenrate information on subject that which appears in the lowing: "Economists have never be to any close agreement in de-ang wealth, and it is to be expected to any close agreement in de-wealth, and it is to be expected e corresponding divergence of g will appear in the converse poverty. In seeking to ascertain inswer can be given to the ques-er, be most convenient to begin cepling that view of 'poverty'. , be most convenient to begin pting that view of 'poverty' repting that view of poverty estimates it by the quantity of able goods represented by the of the poor, or, in other words, purchasing power of the wages lower grades of the working . If we possessed a system of es which enabled us to know the variations of weekly in

the variations of weekly inthe variations of weekly in-f the wage-carning classes, the ion of that income which they ed upon different commodities e actual prices paid for these littles, we should be able to es-result the scenting of the curately the quantity of the es and conveniences of life vere available for each grade of . Then, having affixed the term to all real incomes below a cer-rel, we could exactly measure increase or diminution of poverty.

While the family of W. S. O'Brien, of West Indianapolis, were watching the good wife prepare supper the other evening they were startled by her ex-clamation as she drew a handsome gold chain and seal from a can of tomatoes which she had just opened. Further investigation disclosed a beautiful gold watch, evidently belonging to a lady The watch was overhauled by a jeweler and set running as merrily as ever. The acid of the tomatoes had given it the color of silver, which was removed with difficulty, and then a name engraved Indianapolis, were watching the tese farmer has as much as difficulty, and then a name engraved lifted he is looked upon as a upon the lid was disclosed. The watch report the fid was disclosed. The watch proved to be the property of Miss Cora Roberts, of North Indianapolis, and was dropped by her last fall while visiting the factory in that suburh witnesstand

canning of fruit. A ring which con-nected the watch with the chain had ev-idently dissolved. The watch is a souvenir, and its recovery brought much joy. $\Lambda\,$ new business, established in New

A new business, established in New Vork-new at least in this country—is that of advancing money to prospective heirs on legacies. The new company leads money on legacies which are tied up in one way or another, and is doing a rushing business. For instance, in a case where a widow possesses a life in-terest in an estate, her children, becom-ing heirs at her death the commany will up heirs at her death, the company will any the children's claim. The company charges from two to ten per cent, ac-ording to the age and general health of the present incumbent. If he is too ing and vigorous, and promises to a long time, the loan is often re-

The city of Johnstown, Pa., which was overwhelmed by the waters of a broken dam May 31, 1859, engulfing sevbroken dam May 31, 1850, enguifing sev-eral thousand people, is now a hand-some and thriving place of 40,000 in-habitants, having added 10,000 to its population since that enlamity. Johns-town lost seven per cent. of its citizens in the raging torrent, and yet it is now one of the most prosperous cities of its size in the state. American pluck has

lways been found equal to every emer-

another person to manufacture his device within the whole or to fithe United States. and, work on a peatent laws of gin in that country within three om the date of the patent. A Spanish patent is subjected to an annual tax, the amount being assessed by government officials necoring to their ideas of the value of the device. Previous description, in a printed public lication, of the machine or device or previous patent issued for it will pre-vent any application being granted. A Canadian patent covers the prov-inces of Ontario, Quebec, New Bruns-wick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Tsland, Manitoba and British Columbia. There is availing a static place again and that he could go on about his business comfortably and thankful. When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When be became Miss, she clung to Castoria. ordered him to take hold of a

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria When she had Children, she gave them Castoria

DISASTERS OF THE YEAR. Has a Record for Walking and Running That Is Unbroken. fn Five Months 1896 Acquires Terrible Record.

Hundreds of Lives and Millions of Dol-lars Destroyed by Fire, Flood and Rallway Accidents All Over the Land.

Disaster has been a frequent feature of the current year. With but five months to its credit, 1896 has written a record of destruction that will stand. It cannot be surpassed. St. Louis was the scene of the first horror of the year. Compared with the present black misfortune that rests on the city it was as nothing. January 5 a great stock of fireworks stored at 20 North Second street exploded. The building and adjacent structures were ruined and some six persons were killed outright or suffered such injury they died later. Thirty-two were seriously, although not fatally, hurt. Early in February a great storm whipped the castern United States coast. The greatest loss was to prop-erty on shore, as the warning had been fluttering from signal stations so iong in advance that the sailor men had hugged the docks. Four or five vessels were destroyed. Hundreds of houses and other buildings were wrecked. In the state of New Jersey the damage was the heaviest. Bridges and buildings of all kinds were destroyed. Bound Brook, a small town near the ocean, was flat-tened as if some monster road crusher had trundled over it. The loss of prop-erty was great, the fatalities compara-tively few. February 10 in Madrid several resi-dents of the town were killed and much

beensatelis. In one factory which was immediately below the center of the ex-plosion 19 workmen were killed. Of accidents in mines there have been three in this country marked by great sacrifice of human life. In South Car-olina 180 men were killed. This was followed by the caving in of a Tennes-see shaft which resulted in the loss of 37 lives. Sixty nen were killed as the result of a gas explosion in the Vulcan mine at Newcastle, Col. This accident occurred February 10. Three days later 76 workmen in a Greeian stone quarry were killed by the blowing up of the magazine wherein was stored their giant powder. It was at the noon hour and the men were gathered at the sheds getting their pay. They were crowded and took the full force of the dyna-mite.

mite. The same day an explosion of gas in a mine in Wales killed 19 men, and 17 more were buried by the falling earth which was loosened by the explosion. which was loosened by the explosion. A great flood that came down the Oequabuck valley in Connecticut March i swept away hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of mill property and houses and drowned many persons. Similar floods in eastern New York and other Connecticut streams entailed property losses aggregating several millions.

millions. March 28 a cyclone left a trail of death and ruin across southern Illinois. Alton was a heavy sufferer. April 10 northern Ohio was visited by a cyclone. The loss in Sandusky county was great. Few persons were killed.

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CHAMPION 8-YEAR-OLD ATHLETE some day. He is possessed of all the characteristics of his father, who is one of the learned men of the day. Lit-tle Gilbert is a most ambitious young chan

CHAMPION BOY ATHLETE.

the Gilbert is a most ambitious young chap. Gilbert developed a strong liking for athletics long before he had reached his sixth year, and grasped every oppor-tunity to develop his body. He was particularly fond of running and walk-ing, but, as a matter of fact, he tried his skill at everything. It was not until ing, but, as a matter of fact, he trice his skill at everything. It was not until last year that he was brought before the public, the occasion being the in-door games of the preparatory classes of the Berkeley school, held in the latter's his groupositum before a bene of the Berkeley school, held ins the latter's big gymnasium before a large crowd. Master Gilbert was entered in nearly every event and was one of the youngest competitors. Its secured first place in the one-quarter-mile walk, de-feating boys three years his senior. The latter performance encouraged him, and he trained diligently for the indoor games which were decided re-cently. At the latter games Gilbert so-cured two firsts and two seconds. In the one-quarter-mile walk he again mef lads much older than himself, and had to be content with second prize. He won the patato race, an event which necessitates a great amount of strategy. The sack race resulted in another win, and in the roller skating race he cap-tured second place.

and in the roller skating race he cap-tured second place. Gilbert's favorite distance is 100 yards, and next year he hopes to take a conspicuous part in the junior inter-scholastic championship race at that distance. He is a steady runner and has excellent motion; he will be very fast, when he is fully matured. Gilbert has recently shown great speed as a bi-cycle rider, and is also an excellent mu sician. Last, but not least, he is editor in chief of a children's paper published in the interest of the Messiah home.

THE ARTFUL DODGER.

in the interest of the Messiah home. THE ARTFUL DODGER. Appropriate Name Given to a Lary Borse That Flayed Lance. Some horses are as lazy as some men, and perhaps it would be equally true to say that some horses are as equally true to iny that some horses are as equally true to say that some horses are as equally true to the two qualities of laziness and eurn-ning better than one whose perform-ness are chronieled by Lady Barker. He was one of her horse friends in Nevy Zealand, christened Artful Dodger. This name was given to him on ac-count of the trick of counterfeiting lameness the moment he was put into the shafts of a dray. That is to say, if the dray was loaded is olong as it was empty, or nearly so, the Dodger stepped out gayly, but if he found it at all heavy he affected to fall deal lame. More than once, with a new driver. This trick had succeeded to perfection, and the Dodger found himself back again in his stall, with a rack of hay before him, while his deluded owner or driver was trying to find a substitute in the shafts. In order to induce the Dodger, stells agance and the Dodger found himself back again of the toroughly a drayman was one day appointed whom the horse had never seen. The moment the signal was given to start, the Dodger, stile: a glance around, which haind y said: "f wonder if I might try it on you?" tools a step forward and almost fell down, so desperate was his lameness. The driver, who was well instructed in his part, ran round and lifted up one sturdy leg after the other, with every topperance of the deepest concern. Thus encouraged, the Dodger nettered a groan, but still seemed determined to do bis best, and limped and stumbled a yred or two farther cn. It seemed impossible to believe the horse to be quite sound; but the mo-ment had come to unmask him. His master stepped forward, and, pulling first one cunning car, on the alert for every word, and then the other, cried; "It would don't let us have any nonsense." The Dodger

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BOMBARDIER BEETLE. Weapon for Protection.

a That is Unbroken. All the famous athletes of the present day were heard of when they were but children preparing for the academic course, but mone of them has been so prominently heralded as Gilbert White, the eight-year-old son of Dr. White, who conducts the Berkeley school, where young men are prepared for col-lege, and where Gilbert is in attend ance. This athletic youngster, says the New This athletic youngster, says the ster York Recorder, is an excellent example of the muscular young American, and gives promise of being a famous man

Bupbled by Naure with a Strange Weapon for Protection. Of creatures inhabiling the land the bombardier beetle certainly has the queerest means of defense. When pur-sued by an energy he discharges an ex-tremely volatile fluid which is secreted by special glands and which has the curious property of turning into a cloud of light bluish smoke. Some say that this smoke blinds the pursuer for a time, others say that it only confuses him. If the first discharge is insuff-cient the bombardier can repeat it as many as 20 times, but he usually es-capes before carrying the bombard-ment to this length. Of sea creatures, the globe fish, or puffer, uses the most extraordinary means for protecting himself against or escaping from his foe. In a quies-eent state its body is somewhat thick, and flattened on the under side. As such, he would make a nice mouthful for a good-sized enemy, but when he finds that he is about to be seized he pumps water into himself until he swells out into a globe from 12 to 15 inches in diameter, and at the same time erects a multitude of short, sharp spikes, and so becomes a very avkward mouthful. Sometimes, even in this state, he gets within the jaws of some large enemy, and then he suddenly col-lapses to his original size and swims out, leaving the jaws to close on noth ing—Thiladelphia Press. DOG CATCHES FISH.

large enemy, and then he suddenly collarse to his original size and swims out, leaving the jaws to close on nothing—Philadelphia Press.
DOG CATCHES FISH.
Has the Reputation of Having Neve Lots a Vietim.
William Clawson, a fisherman of dog of which he may well be proud. The animal, which looks like an ordinary eur, is possessed of an intelligence for above that of other animals of his species. The dog has become one of the most expert lishermen in the vicidity, and has the reputation of having never lost a fish. Mr. Clawson and the stream, his owner will get the lines of the stream, his owner will get the lines of the stream, his owner will get the lines of the to the dog will watch the water until he sees that a fish has been arranged to the mutual satistication of the two the dog will watch the water until he sees that a fish has been arranged that the dog is in bis element. Nearby Mr. Clawsons place is a bridge over a small stream is which are a number of earp. It is Mr. Clawson's habit to stand on the bridge and let down a line into the stream of the work of an larding it the dig to his so arranged that fish has is caught. The moment that the fish is caught. The dog has between hown to lose a fish caught by him in this maner.—Cincinnal Enquirer.
NEST IN A_POCKET.
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and an interesting incident in this con-nection was witnessed some time since on the beach of Oxford, a little village in Sudolk, where there are oyster beds. A predatory crow, when the tide was out, had pounced upon an oyster which had opened to feed, and, inserting his tesk, prevented the rupollusk from clos-ing. Corvus triumphantly sailed addt with his prey, but his flight was of short duration, for the "native" tightened its ligaments, with the result that the crow, suffocated, came down speedlly, and, what is more, he never got up again. 'anonymous' is synonymatic pahts of speech, sah!"-N. Y. World.

Nested in a Doorway. Inside the porch of a doorway of a bouse in Jesmond, England, a pair of greybirds built their nest. The pair of house did not seem to disconcer the "happy couple," who helped themselves to sound feathers place at their disposal. The greybird, or song thrush, often ehooses a singular place as a resting site. Fortunate Tide. "There is a tide in the affairs of men," said the man who habitually quotes Shakespeare, "which, taken at its flood, leads on to fortune." "Yes," replied the man who had mar-"Yes," replied the man who ha

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of Wales and Emperor William Are Nore Up-to-Date. Now that Queen Victoria has at length permitted the installation of the telephone at Windsor castle, Osborne house and Balmoral and Buckingham palace, there is not a sovereign in Eu-rope who does not utilize this instru-ment for communicating royal and im-perial wishes, as well as commands to subjects and officials. Even the pope, who has lately decided that, while a con-fession may be heard over the telephone, the pricst cannot use the wire for the purpose of granting absolution, has had a receiver installed in his private apart-ments, by means of which leoften com-municates with the Propagnada Fide, which is situated on the other side of the Tiber, and at a considerable distance from the vatican. It is generally his valet, Cintra, who does the talking over the wire for him, but he occasionally speaks over it himself, and only the other day, when a Jesuit priest was taken suddenly ill during a private au-dience, the pope reashed to the little red-lined booth and personally called up the Jesuit college.