The continued and growing demand for bicycles has had its effect on the hard wood lumber trade.

Greeks are asking Christians for the

modest sum of \$10,000,000 to help them to buy out all the Mohammedan land owners in the island of Crete.

It is beginning to be believed that the hated mole is really a friend of the farmer. Examination of moles stomachs shows that they feed mostly upon worms, grabs, beetles and other enemies of the husbandman.

The Chicago Board of Education has ruled that Hebrew teachers be allowed to abstain from work on their princi pal church holidays, for which privilege the pay of the substitute teach ers will be deducted from the salaries of the absentees.

A nice penny the city of St. Louis makes out of the telephone franchise The Bell Telephone Company recently deposited \$10,405.85 in the city treas ury, representing five per cent. of the gross receipts of the company for six months ending June 30th, that the company is required to pay the city in consideration of its franchise.

Footballists were wont to snicker at public opinion two years ago, the Pathfinder recalls, when, outraged by the brutality developed in a noble sport, that mental consensus said "stop it!" Obs rve the knights of the gridiron to-day, brought under the restraining and civilizing force of a greatly reformed and iron-clad code of rules. Vive la Public Opinion.

Family troubles are the great source of suicide and insanity. In Germany, during 1895, there were 2834 suicides of men divorced or separated from their wives, 9948 of widowers and only 286 of married men: with 343 of wo mon separated from their husbands, 124 of widows but only 61 of married women, and 87 of unmarried. Every million inhabitants in Wurtenburg million had 1540 lunatics among women se parated from their husbands and 1484 among men separated from their wives, 338 among widows and 338 among widowers, but only 224 among unmarried women and 236 among bachelors.

It is commonly thought that the in-

stinct for new and striking advertising is a trait more characteristic of Americans than of any foreign Nationalities. But the Scotch are smart, too. The British Medical Association met this summer in Carlisle, and all the great men in the medical world were present. Now, an Englishman, no matter what time of the year it may be-spring, summer or winter-must always wear a tall silk hat while in London. Out of town it is different. When the great London doctors assembled in Carlisle the hot weather made a change of headgear necessary. The chief hat store had just introduced an American "hat shaper" of the style familiar in New York hat stores, but rare in Eng land. This hat shaper makes little diagrams of the shape of the customer's head to guide the hatter in shaping the new hat. The hatter took the "outlines" of the heads of all his medical customers and mounted all the figures in a frame and placed them in his window to show to the passers by. Attached to the deformed, irregularshaped figures were such names as Sir Augastus Playfair, Lawson Tait and many others of international reputa tion

Although 1000 miles away, the Cape of Gibraltar is of great importance to England. Its value is that of a watch tower from which the movements of warships can be observed and tele graphed as they pass into and out of the Mediterranean. Moreover, situated as it is near our trade routes, says the London Times, it is the point at which vessels would naturally call for news, orders, coal and protection during the continuance of a war. When you consider that in every second of time twenty tons of shipping go out or come into our home ports, and that, as a matter of fact, the stream is continuous and never ceases, and that the value of the sea-borne trade that the value of the sea-borne trade of the British empire is calculated at \$4,650,000,000, of which about \$1,250, 000,000 neither comes to nor goes "'Do I not?" said Mr. Apps, with 000,000 neither comes to nor goes from the United Kingdom, it seems difficult to exaggerate the value of the fortress of Gibraltar or to realize the inductive of Gibraltar or to realize the congestion of British shipping which might seek its protection in war. It has at present no dry docks. Its gar-rison consists of seven companies of engineers --tillery four companies of engineers --tillery four companies of engineers

is the meeting place of our Channel and Mediterranean squadrons. The roads do not afford safe anchorage in all conceivaand an enemy could bly shell them if he mounted heavy guns on Spanish soil.

AT DAWN. ning breaks What ship shall rise from less sea To bid me greeting with the break of

day, Then float into the blue forever free Or linger with the changing tides for aye? What myths my mind in happy fancy makes'

When morning breaks! When morning breaks!

Ah! then-what foundling hopes shall come to me To seek fulfilment ere the close of day? What songster sweet shall rise fr

the lea And pause to let me list his roundelay The while his sleeping mate he gently wak As morning breaks?

When morning breaks! Thy heart 1 pray from dulling care'll be

free, While mine-ab! had I only mine own

You'd ever dwell beside the wave with m

And see the ships and hear the round Alas! such visions happy fancy makes

When morning break -J. Harvey Lawrence. A SINGULAR GUEST. R. HENRY APPS,



the last yard of wire. "A trip in time," said Mr. pps, "sives nine." Ho threw the ropo ladder gently in he air, and at the first effort it caught the projecting nail. ""Once on board the lugger, 'quoted Ir. Apps, facetionsly, as he mounted he ropo ladder, "'and the girl is nine."

Mr.

and soon stood inside the dressing from. Near the table in the orgent was an iron safe.
"Well, I'm jiggered!" exclaimed his brow with the back of his hand. "Well, I'm jiggered! I' exclaimed his brow with the back of his hand. "Well, I'm jiggered! I' exclaimed his brow with the back of his hand. "Well, I'm jiggered! I' exclaimed his brow with the back of his hand. "Well, I'm jiggered! I' fit a stat. "Well, Yen jiggered! I' exclaimed his brow with was downstaire, Young Lady Staplehurst of the Gondolier, delight-he harseter."
"Mr. Apps swang open the heavy doil be if every one would only talk nowed."
"Mr. Apps swang open the heavy would be if every one would only talk now a dance, a fancy transit it agained to the music downstaire, Young Lady Staplehurst of the Gondolier, delight-he divery one would only talk to me in their character."
"Mr. Henry Apps stepped out into the broad passage. He slouched, with stairs, Suddenly a girlish figure the stars. Suddenly a girlish figure tand the corner."
"Dice my attil' cried Mr. Apps."
"Why how do you do?" said the you a look, a few steps toward the stars. Suddenly a girlish figure tand the corner."
"Dis held the hand of Mr. Apps for a moment, causing that gentleman to gas for breath, and called one of this his his to it in the moring. I wasn't sure that he would come."
"How his neally delightin! Do you know, I recognized you at once, in spite of the costume."
"Just bring me a pencil and a card," '' the hostess returned from Hearry apps. "I cang oupstairs again alo excl."
"How his reator deil possession.
"How alk," romarked Mr. Apps, with rectored self possession.
"How alk," romarked Mr. Apps, ''this a gift," said Mr. Apps, ''the and to the maid, and ''t's a gift," said Mr. Apps, ''this a gift, ''s ad Mr. Apps, ''this a gift, ''s ad Mr. Apps, ''that's a mange of a carriage to take Captain Norman back to his his hole in the morning. I wany toward to be introduce

a book about it all." "I don't believe you will know any-body here, Captain Norman," she said, as they walked downstairs, "but I couldn't help sending you a card, see-ing how friendly we were on the Peshawar. Do you remember those evenings on deck in the Red Sea?" She was readly a work fine second

-excuse me." The young hostess took her card from the Gondolier. "I am engaged to Captain Norman. You don't know him? Allow me." Allow me." don't know him? Allow me." "Please to meet you," said Mr. Henry Apps. "'Ow's the world using "That's an original costume of yours,

"I thought I had left the key in the

Captain Norman," remarked the Gon-dolier. "I don't know that I've ever seen anything so daringly ever be-fore." ""Well, wot of it?" demanded Mr. Apps, with sudden aggressiveness-"wot's the odds to you wot I like to wear? You needn't think you're--" "Captain Norman," interposed the young hostess laughingly, "you mushn't overdo the part. Look here. J've put your name down for this waltz, but if you like we'll sit it out--that is if you promise to know up that

waltz, but if you like we'll sit it out-that is, if you promise to keep up that diverting East End talk. I like it. Do you think you can manage to do so?" "Ra-ther!" said Mr. Apps. "And it is a capital make up, Cap-tain Norman," she went on. "Do you know that at first, just for one mo-ment, I thought you were a real bur-glor." "Fancy that, now!" said Mr. Apps. He was relieved at seeing an obvious

Harvey Lawrence. R GUEST. 'R. HENRY APPS, of Hoxton, com-letch the farm of the wires on the lawn of Has-leigh Court. He looked up at the looked u

softly as he bent any one." the last yard of "Not a blessed soul," echoed Mr.

"Not a blesset start, Apps, "You must let me show you round a bit, Captain Norman, said the Gon-dolier, with determined geniality, "Gan you come round to my club one t night this week?" "Whatfor?" demanded Mr. Apps

of horses

A Giant Swing,

aspiciously. "Why, to dine! Say Thursday." "Eavons knows where I shall h n Thursday," said Mr. Apps. " ov't "

"You must consider me at your dis-"You must consider me at your dis-osal if you require any introduc-ions. I know a good lot of people, and any friend of Lady Staple-urst's --"

realism. You know how it works, I suppore?" "Well, I'vo got a kind of hidea," said Mr. Apps. "Look 'ere. You put this end in and—" Mr. Apps found himself getting quite excited in the explanations that he gave. It was a new sensation to meet one who showed an intelligent interest in his profession, and he could not help feeling flattered. Look-ing n he saw the Gondolier gazing at him.

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Lady Staplehurst hurried to the doorway. A murmur of amusemen went through the room as the guest saw a new arrival in the costume of EWS 7/3 OTES saw a new arrival in the costume of a police constable, accompanied by a man in plain clothes. Mr. Apps, thinking over his exploits, gazing abstratedly at his boots, regretting their want of polish, dud not see them until the plain clothes man tapped him on the shoulder. "What, Apps again?" exclaimed the man. FOR WOME "What, Apps again?" exclaimed the man. "Yus," said the burglar, discong tentedly. "Yus, it is Apps agine, Mr. Walker. And vurry glad you are to see him, I've no daht." "Always a pleasure to meet a gentlo-man like you," said Mr. Walker cheer-fully, as he conducted him to the door-way. "I've wanted to run up against you before." Much commotion in the ballroom at the diverting little scene. General

A MINIATURE FARM. Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, has a miniature farm, the produce of which she gives to the poor and to the hospitals. Her Swise chale is stocked with the accumulated torys of twelve rooms or more and home the beau years or more, and here she has learned to "keep house" in the most approved Dutch style.

THE NEW COLLAR BANDS.

Much commotion in the ballroom at the diverting little scene. General agreement that Lady Staplehurst was a perfect genius at entertaining. "But, loveliest girl," said the Gon-dolier, confidently, to Lady Staple-hurst, "isn't this carrying a joke rather too far? That's a real detec-tive." the diverting little scene. General agreement that Lady Staplehurst was a perfect genins at entertaining. "But, loveliest girl," said the Gon dolier, confidently, to Lady Staple-hurst, "ian't this carrying a joke rather too far? That's a real detec tive." "I know," said the loveliest girl, "T know," said the loveliest girl, "A real-" "Areal-" "Yes, yes. Don't make a fuss. don't want the dance spoilt. Take me down to supper, like a good fol-low."-- Tit-Bits. So much has beeu said about the in read sof the bicycle on the projection of the special points of the solution of the special points of the special special points of the special points of deso-are one of the special points of deso-are one of the special points of deso-around the neck, commencing a little the special points of the special points of the special to the neck. Plain velvet collars, mape at the back, are very pretty, and scilar smdo of bias folds of light vel-vet or satin, with narrow block pearl-borgeders and livery stable keepth

A PICTURESQUE SMITHY.

A Domand for Better Horses. So much has been said about the in-roads of the bicycle on the profits of horse-breeders and livery stable keep-ers that it is quite worth while to con-sider, from a strictly commercial staad-point, and leaving all sentiment cut of the question, what is the foture of the horse, just how nearly we can dispense with his services, and what sort of substitute for this faithful friend of substitute for this faithful friend sort. A PIOTURESQUE SMITHY. A Kansas girl of soventeen not long word the prize in an unusual con-test in competition with two men, She had learned to tarn a horseshoo in a blacksmith's shop, and at an en-tortainment for the benefit of the shurch, ske matched herself against iwo of the most expert blacksmiths in the city. Three portable forges were placed on the stage, and each contest-int was allowed a helper to blow hus bellows. Both men and the girl wore leather aprons psculiar to their call-ing. The men smiled indulgently at the irrival as they waited for time to be called, but became anxious, then armed, then disconfited, when she indience and judges in less than four minute. The curtain dropped on any prety tableau of glowing forges and the smiling girl victor, who speedily upper ad among her friends daintily vial in white. nan inventors and scientists may offer Is. Far seeing and intelligent breeders of horses have already come to the conclusion that it does not pay to raise colts which will not bring a re-

A REMARKABLE PRINCESS

of horses have aiready come to the conclusion that it does not pay to raise colts which will not bring a re-munerative price when old enough to be marketable. Western horsemen who have been handing these cheaper horses are looking for better grades. They have been dealing in animals fit only for street-car service, light truck-ing and the most ordinary kind of road work. A few of the better ani-mals of this class can be made avail-able for farm work and breeding farm stock. Men who have a real love for and appreciation of the horse, and who have made a thorough study of its breeding and management, have for years tried to convince Western stock-men that it costs no more to raise a good horse than a poor one, outside of the cost of the sire. The few men who have come to a realizing sense of the true state of the horse find that by adopting this wiser course they are obtaining better prices for whatever borse they send to market. But they never ship "scrubs." These are they men who fill the steady demand for heavy draft animals, high class carriage teams or roadsters for men who care imore for style than speed. A few bronchos will be required for plolo use, but the day of the Galifornia "ayoose," the Mexican "plug" and the Eastern "crowbait" is past. The jugle of the bicycle bell has rung their knell, and their requirem will be sung by buzzing electric motors and a full orchestra of clattering cable-cars, overhead trolleys and the whir-ring of horseless carriages.—The Led-ger, A Giant Swing. A REMARKABLE PRINCESS. One of the most remarkable features of the Czarina's suite, according to the Viena correspondent of the Lon-don News, is Princess Galitzin, who personifies the mistress of the robes of past centuries. She is as tall as a grenadier, dreases most gorgeously, und wears dreases most gorgeously, und wears six ostrich feathers in her bonnet. Her haur, in plain bands, surrounds a large face with remark-able teeth. She dominates the whole scene in which she is placed, and the Empress Elizabeth's mistrors of the robes, little Countess Goes, with her sourd that and her simple back dress, worn to please her imperial mistress, offered a strange contrast to the Rus-since core in procession of twenty-six carriages so perfectly appointed that they are the pride of Prince Licehtenstein. So perfectly appointed that the saying is that the only difference is the color of the coach-men's eyes. men's eyes.

copal Church allow women to vote for vestrymen. One of the wedding gifts presented to Frincess Mand, who is an expert bicyclist, was a band of white leather, studded with turquoises. On it were six little bells of gold and silver al-ternately, and it is to be attached to the handle bir of her bicycle. Mrs. Rebecca Keener, eighty-four years old, residing near White Oak, Penn., has never seen a locomotive or train of cars, although she can hear the whistle of the engine from her home. She is an active woman and does all the work about her home. She and her husband recently cele-brated the sixticth 'anniversary of their marriage. The present Dowager Empress of China has often been compared to Catherine the Great. Whether the a difference is the color of the coach-men's eyes. A Giant Swing. R. B. Zimmerman, of Warren. has what is probably the highest swing in Texas. The frame is made of pine logs seventy feelt high. The the swing seventy feet high. The cross-piece is 6x6 inches, and is fas-tened to the top of the upright pieces in such a way as to be as strong as if the frame was all one piece. On the sung is strapped in (if he or sho desires), and then takes hold of our is nuch a way as to be as strong as if whole-laden with ifs weight of symmy is strapped in (if he or sho desires), and then takes hold of our is nu through the pulley and fastened to a team of horses. The horses are started off and the syming is pulled to the top is reached he drops the rope and is adonee launched hold feet on the opposite side from the pole. When the top is reached he drops the rope and is adonee launched to star of horses are started off and the syming Mr. Zimmerman's house has be come a resort every evening for the symmy Mr. Zimmerman's house has be come a resort every evening for the symmy fing to the starty one for the symmy Mr. Zimmerman's house has be-come a resort every evening for the symmy fing to the starty one for the symmy fing to the starty one for the symmy Mr. Zimmerman's house has be-come a resort every evening for the symmy fing to the starty one for the symmy fing to the starty one for the symmy Mr. Zimmerman's house has be-come a resort every evening for the symmy Mr. Zimmerman's house has be-come a resort every evening for the symmy Mr. Zimmerman's house has be-come a resort every evening for the symmy Mr. Zimmerman's house has be-top and the swing?''-Dallas News. Smallest Yoting List. Namilest Yoting List.

will be fashionable. will be tashionable. Fancy jackets, such as the bolero, Figaro and Eton, are to be worn. The flowered silks that wore so pop-ular early in the summer will be worn until late.

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and Mr. Apps, with moh, forvor. "Shall I ever forget "Wo are you going up to, miss?" "And then the journey from Brim- "Wo are you going up to, miss?" "And the net is journey from Brim- "Wo are to speak to him." "Matto speak to him." "It are to speak to him." "The arge ballroon was very full. The large ballroon was very full. The large ballroon was very full. The torge ballor of the molt speak to him." "It are to speak to him." The la



WHEN POLLY SMILES.

How bright it is! How true! And from his perch, on her sedato Young shoulders you can see Love shoot his arrows swift and straight, When Polly smiles at me

When Polly smiles the grayest skies

Take on a heavenly blue; And O, the light in Polly's eyes -

But, O, my soul! when Polly frowns,

How black and fierce the skies! And, oftentimes, a raindrop drowns The light in Polly's eyes.

But when I kiss her all the rain

And storm clouds quickly flee, And happy skies are blue again,

nd happy skies are For-Polly smiles at me. -Anna Tozier.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

When in the brassy skies above No hope nor help I see, I gladly seek the girl I love-She's always cool to me. —Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

"How did you dare tell father that

"How did you dare toil father that you had a prospect of a hundred thousand dollars a year?" sho asked. "Why," he answered, in righteous in-dignation, "I have, if I marry you."— Washington Star.

And he laughs his money's worth. —Washington Star. Mr. Frankstown (admiringly)— "How freesh you look this morning, Miss Homewood!" Miss Homewood (who detests the young man)—"How fresh you talk this morning, Mr. Frankstown."—Pittsburg Chroniele. "What did the crowd gather at the corner for a few minutes ago!" "A woman's wheel collapsed." "I sup-pose they wanted to see how badly she was hurt." "No, they were trying to ind out the name of the wheel."— Judge. "I want you to understand," roared Beelly, "that the sun never sets on the

Beelly, "that the sun never sets on the British Empire." "That's right," quietly remarked Yank E. Doodle, "but Uncle Sam has found it necessary to set on her once in a while."-De-troit Free Press.

troit Free Press. Coroner—"Is this man whom you found dead on the tailroad track a total stranger?" Witness (who had been told by the company to be caro-ful in his statements)—"No, sir. His

leg was gone intoirely. He was partial stranger."—Texas Siftings.

Mrs. Spooner-"'Oharles, do you think you would ever marry again?" Mr. Spooner-"'What, after having lived with you for ten years! Never!" Mrs. Spooner says she would give something handsome if she only knew

what he meant by that. -Boston Tran

Erript. Fixing His Idenlity: Attorney— "Well, now, you say you saw the man who did the stabbing?" Witness— "Yis, sor." Attorney—"And would you know the culprit again if you saw him?" Witness—"He wasn't no cul-prit, sor; he was a Eyetalian."— Cleveland Lender."

Bees Stop Railway Work.

Bees Stop Railway Work. Bees recently stopped the construc-tion on the Buller (Penn.) and Pitts-burg Railroad, Andrew Carnegie's new freight line from Pittsburg to the great lakes. Near Butler the rond passes through a two-acre field where bees are kept by the owner, George Reiber. Mr. Reiber refused to give the railway company the right of way through the bee field. Mr. Reiber refused to move the bees, but offered to sell them to the invasion of their homes so violently that the invaders were compelled to flee. The bees are there yet, and the workmen on the road will

yet, and the workmen on the road not touch them. -New York Press.

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script.

The coust the body of the waist bratter are sleeves plain. One of the most fashionable bodices now worn is the short bolero or zouave jacket, of which there are many types. Miniature golf sticks in gold are de-signs in the newest scarf pins made by the representative jewelers. They are certainly up to date. The recognized finish to every well-The recognized finish to every well-to recognized finish t

was a

-Boston Courier.

If a piece of camphor gum is placed in the drawer where are kept dress waists that are trimmed with steel it will prevent the steel from tarnishing. If you live in a mosquito infested to know

a you not in a mosquite intested spot you may be interested to know that a drop or two of pennyroyal in the beditime bath will keep the plagues off. A saucer of oil or pennyroyal left standing in the bedroom will help to basish them.

standing in the bedroom with help to basish them. Powdered borax sprinkled around the spots where roaches or water bugs abound or a dose of boiling hot water for them to swim in, or, better still, a dinner of molasses and hellebore, will furnish occasion for crape on the door of many overburdened kitchens,— Philadelphia Times.

GOSSIP.

She's always cool to me. —Cievaiand Fiain-Deater. Little Elsie—"Ain't those cows small, ma?" Ma—"Yes, dear." Little Elsie—"I guess them's the kind, they gots condeneed milk from, ain't they?"—Philadelphia Record. Canny—"Is Miss Wilbur at home?" Norah—"No, sorr." Canny—"Well —go upstairs and ask her when she will be at home." -Norah (going)— "Yis, sorr."—Harper's Bazar.-The crator the air makes blue, While getting in his licks, And as the days grow cooler—whee! How hot grows polities? The Countess of Dunraven sings in village choir. William Stoiber, the newest Colora do millionaire, has his wife for a busi --Bosion Courier, "What in thunder are you speakin" to the school children for?" asked the roter. "Just keep quiet," roplied the sandidate; "they'll all be old enough to vote before 1'm elected."-Atlanta Constitution.

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acss partner. Some of the French railway com panies not only employ women a clerks, but also in the signal boxes. clerks, but also in the signal boxes. Miss Braddon, the novelist, is so opposed to being photographed that she recently refused \$100 in cash and a royaity on all photographs of her that might be sold.

Miss Muriel Wilson, the daughter of "Tranby Croft" Wilof "Tranby Croft" Wilson, is one of the beauties of the London season. She has jet black hair, glorious eyes to match and olive skin.

Washington Star. It is talk wasted for an unmarried woman to boast of her economy to an unmarried man. A man never appro-ciates economy in a woman until after he han married a woman who doesn't practice it.—Atchison Globe. A London over such. A London journal calls attention to the fact that the Princess of Wales at-tended the Bayrenth festival, incog-nita, and that she is one of the most ardent Wagnerites in England. There are now 140 coching recompractice it.—Atchison Globe. Hendricks—"Say, if we can't get this crowd in front of us out of the way, we are going to miss our train. What shall we do?" Carr—"If have it. Let's start a discussion on the coinage question."—Cincianati Enquirer. He rais in long and tedious prose Aboat the drama's dearthy. Yet he pays and goes To see the shows And he laughs his money's worth. —Washington Star. ardent Wagnerites in England. There are now 140 cooking rooms connected with London schools, for the instruction of pupils, and 30,000 girls are receiving instruction in culi-nary and other domestic affairs. The most recently organized society in Atchison, Kan., is one among the girls, wherein each member is com-pelled to take an oath that she will not marry a man whose salary is less than

marry a man whose salary is less than hers. Lady Louise Tighe, the daughter of the fourth Duke of Richmond, is the sole surviving lady who took part in the ball that her mother gave on tho eve of Waterloo. She is now ninety-three, and writes a firm, clear hand. The Countes Totation is an experi-

The Countess Tolstoi is an excep-tionally refined and beautiful woman,

and is naturally extremely fond of so-ciety, but to please her husband she lives secluded and devotes herself to being his amanuensis and secretary.

The Episcopal diocese of Michigan has declared women eligible to vote for vestrymen in parish elections. Twenty-live other dioceses and four missionary jurisdictions of the Epis-copal Church allow women to vote for

The present Dowager Empress of China has often been compared to Catherine the Great. Whether the lady deserves so merciless a compari-son is not certain, but there seems to be little denial that stormy scenes not infrequently disturb the palace when the ex-Empress and her royal son hap-pened to disagree on some policy of state. Matters have even gone so far "petticoat" Government was issued in the capital of the Flowery Kingdom.

FASHION NOTES. Braiding will be one of the new

Black corded silks and plain satins

The cloth waists for winter will have

vestrymen.