A Pennsylvania court has decided that to call a man a Mugwump is not a libel, but a compliment.

The report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shows that there was a falling off last year of 20,000,gallons in the consumption of wh'sky in the United States.

Leap year is a fraud, maintains the Chicago Times-Herald. "There are now 3,000,000 bachelors in this coun try and the surplus of matrimonial raw material is constantly growing. The new woman, matrimonially considered, is not so effective as the old

From 70,000 to 75,000 human beings, or the equivalent of one in every twenty-six or twenty-seven of the 2,000,000 inhabitants of New York City are employed "after night," as a Westerner would say, and they and their families and those who supply them would fill up a city of more than

College football in Ohio is evidently growing too tame, concludes the New Orleans Picayune. With the consent of Warden Coffiu, of the State Prison at Columbus, Ohio, eight students of the law school of the State University were recently initiated into a Greek letter fraternity, with experiences in the methods of punishment used in the prison, including the ducking tub, the padding machine, the thumb chains and the humming bird, after being brought to the prison blind-

A very curious point has been subthe Derbyshire (England) Football Association for decision. It is as to whether artificial limbs are to be permitted in the play. It seems that the Buxton Football Club had several members of its team severely injured in consequence of a member of the Matlock eleven having played with an artificial arm. It was report ed that in Derbyshire alone there are number of football players who, owing to the loss of an arm, use artificial limbs. They are described as "regular terrors" on the football field, since when once they get "on" to the ball they swing their dummy arms around with such force as to either fracture skulls or cause concussion of the brain. It has now been determined by the association that artificial limbs henceforth to be barred in all football games.

Professor G. Stanley Hall, of Clark University, has made a peculiarly inreport on the results long study of the various kinds of fear to which children are subject. It seems that thunder and lightning cause terror to more children than any other one thing, and following in the order named come reptiles, strangers, darkness, fire, death, do-mestic animals, disease, wild animals, water, ghosts, insects, rats and mice. robbers, and high winds. It is pleas-ant to notice that the fear of ghosts comes very low on the list. Some forms of dread are to be found in all parts of the country. For instance, the thought of high winds excites no States it is a common cause of appre hension. Still more narrowly local ized is fear of the world's end. This exists only where some little band of have been trying on their as-

The Atlanta Constitution says : "The political history of Indiana furnishes very interesting study. Although the Hoosier State has participated in twenty Presidential contests, since first entering the sisterhood of American commonwealths, she has cast her vote on the losing side only four times. There is no other State in the Union which can boast of a similar record. In 1824 the vote of Indiana was given to the losing candidate, and also in 1828, 1848 and 1876, but with these exceptions the State has always named the winning candidate. James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, William Henry Harrison, James K. Polk and James Buchanan all received the vote of Indiana in their respective races. In 1860 Mr. Lincoln captured the State from the Democrats, and again in 1861 secured the electoral vote From that time until 1876 the State remained in the Republican column, voting for General Grant in both of his campaigns. In 1876, however, the State returned to its former Demo cratic allegiance and voted for Samuel Tilden by a handsome majority. In 1880 the vote of the State was cast for Garfield; in 1881 for Cleveland; in 1888 for Harrison; in 1892 for Cleveland again, and in 1896 for Mc. Since Indiana has been a State it has voted twice with the Whigs, seven times with the Republicans and eleven times with the DemoTHE CROWN OF MISERY

The sight but plerceth empty space The voice hath lost its joyous grace, The soul no melody doth find, Though neither deaf nor dumb nor blind-

A misery je.

It love be bound.

—M. E. Ford, in the Penny.

THE TELLER'S STORY

BY E. J. VERY.

resist an invitation couched in such it as it lies upon the table before him, terms and emanating from such a it will suffice."

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"I will come," I said briefly, for the cashier's manner affected me with an inexplicably unpleasant sensation, and at turned again to my work.

I reached the Day mansion at an early hour the next afternoon, and, as I had hoped, yet feared, found Enid alone in the drawing room. She did not turn to meet me as I entered, but remained standing near the window, partly enfolded by the curtain. I advanced toward her and timidly offered my hand, which she did not seem to notice. Resentful, and yet loving her—ob, more than ever—loving her—ob, more than ever—loving her—ob, more than ever—loving her—ob, more than ever—loving her—ob, more than ever—or I should not have troubled you. It is not too late now. You might convey my excuses to 'your father, and I will go—" when the state of skirks, as oft touch?on my arm. or I do not—I cannot think wrong of a will be the state of skirks, as oft touch?on my arm. or I do not—I cannot think wrong of a will be the state of skirks, as oft touch?on my arm. or I do not—I cannot think wrong of a will be a state of skirks, as oft touch?on my arm. or I do not—I cannot think wrong of a will be a state of skirks, as oft touch?on my arm. or I do not—I cannot think wrong of a will be a state of skirks, as oft touch?on my arm. or I do not—I cannot think wrong of a will be a state of skirks, as oft touch?on my arm. or I do not—I cannot think wrong of a will be a state of skirks, as oft touch?on my arm. or I do not—I cannot think wrong of a will be a state of the skirks as oft touch?on my arm. or I do not—I cannot think wrong of a will be a state of the state of the state of the state of the skirks as oft touch?on my arm. or I do not—I cannot think wrong of a will be a state of the state



"SUN-PLAITING."

"Sun-plaiting" is a new Parisian fashton of widening and "fulling out" skirts. It is new and very stylish. Instead of accordion plaiting a skirt, the plaits are put in at the waist in tiny laps, widening out to the bottom until at the hem they are from an inch to an inch and a half wide. This holds the top skirt out beautifully.—Chicago Record.

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one of the skins was the name of a St. Louis furrier and the name of the purchaser of the garment—it was that of the hostoss herself.

The Chicago girl made another flying visit to St. Louis. When she returned she ordered a new sealskin from the State street firm and paid for it with a St. Louis check.—New York Tribune.

New York has a Women's Ches

Club. There are over 4500 female physicians in the United States.

The only woman who has ever asked for an office in Daviess County, Mis-souri, is seeking a Postmastership.

In Minnesota there is a girls' school of agriculture which is, so far as known, the only one in the country.

An unmarried woman has made a reputation in Gage County, Nobraska, as a corn husker, doing seventy-five bushels a day.

The Queen of Greece is an accomplished yachtswoman, holds a master's certificate and is an honorary admiral in the Russian navy.

Mrs. Smith. a 100-year-old lady of

Mrs. Smith, a 100-year-old lady, of Grantham, England, does all her own housework, nurses an invaild nephew and sells potatoes, which she has planted and dug up herself.

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Many English noblewomen are of literary habits. Three duchesses—those of Cleveland, Sutherland and Bedford—have at one time or another contributed articles to magazines.

The Exchange for Woman's Work in New York City, at 12 East Thirtieth street, has sold nearly \$50,000 worth of goods the past year. Its object is to help women to help themselves.

Miss C. H. Lippincott, of Minneapolis, Minn., has the largest exclusively flower seed business in the United States. She is the pioneer woman in the business, which she entered ten years ago.

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Lady Jane Henrietta Swinburne, mother of Algernon Charles Swinburne, the poet, died recently. She was the widow of Admiral Charles Henry Swinburne and daughter of George, the third Earl of Ashburnham.

The Bairer Description

The Rainy Day Club, of New York, The Kainy Day Club, of Now York, composed of ladies, has declared itself. One of the members presented for consideration the picture of a woman in abbreviated skirts. It now "draws the line at skirts eight inches from the ground."

About fifty women, most of whom are Americans, have registered at the University of Berlin, and 150 are resistered at Zurieb. They are not accorded the same rights that are given to the control of the to the men, and are thinking of begin-ning to agitate for them.

Mrs. Barney Barnato, wife of the multi-millionaire of South Africa, litsome of the most superb diamonds that ever dazzled the eyes of London, and wears nearly every gem she possesses at one and the same time.

sesses at one and the same time.
Congressman-elect Vincent, of the Fitth Kansas District, announces the selection of his private secretary in the person of his young daughter. Miss Vincent is now in Topeka learning shorthand and in other ways equipping herself for her Washington duties.

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About thirty five girls of Stanford University, Palo Alto, Cal., are practicing regularly three days a week on the basket ball field. After the holidays, the practice work will be redonabled in anticipation of a challenge from the girls' team of the University of California. of California.

The newest card cases are of mam

The newest care cases are of mam-moth proportions.

Red still promises to be the favorite color of the coming spring.

Buckles six nehes wide, and bent to fit the figure, are used for the backs of ribbon belts.

Jewels worn with a black and white costume should be diamonds or pearls, white enamel, onyx or cats-eyes.

Parly gowns for small girls are made of taffeta silk with an overdress of kilted chiffon of the same color, or one of fine lawn trimmed with lace inser-

A good habit to get into is that of taken off. They will look new much longer if they are not left to repose indefinitely on the most convenient

Fur trimmed gowns, an expensive as well as elegant mode, will be seen among the smartest visiting costumes. among the smartest visiting costumes. They are so lined and wadded that they may be worn on the coldest day with no wrap but the becoming manytailed boa.

Jeweled buttons and enameled but-Joweled buttons and chamered out-tons, so carefully done that they re-semble Fiorentine mosiacs, are used on both afternoon and evening dresses. Added to these are some novelties in celluloid, imitating old gold and silver in roccoo designs.

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in rococo designs.

The largost vagary of fashion is the addition of padding around the hips of dress skirts and the promise of bustles in the near future. A little bustle at the back is generally an improvement, but let us hope that the large one of some years ago may never return.

PARTNERS.

Love took chambers on our street Opposite to mine; On his door he tacke l a neat, Clearly lettered sign.

Straightway grew his custom gr For his sign read so: "Hearts united while you wait, Stop in. Love and Co."

Much I wondered who was "Co," In Love's partnership; • Thought across the street I'd go-Learn from Love's own lip.

So I went; and since that day

Life is hard for me,

I was buncoed! (By the way,

"Co." is Jealousy.)

—Edis Parker Butler, in Century.

## HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"Why do you always carry your imbrella with you?" "Because it an't walk."—Truth.

can't walk."—Iruth.

When you turn over a new leaf it is just as well not to mention the number of the page.—Life.

"A man is foolish to bet on elections, isn't he?" "How much have

tions, isn't he?" "How muc you lost?"—Roxbury Gazette.

He—"I dreamed last night that you promised to marry me." She—"Did you? Dream again."—Somerville Journal.

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Some people are so engrossed in thoughts of a possible rainy day that they cannot appreciate the sunshine of the present.—Truth.

Deserted Wife (in conversation with sympathetic areas). "And I trusted

ympathetic grocer)—"And I trusted nim so?" Grocer—"Confound it; so lid I."—Boston Transcript. She—"Is it not true that two people

can live as cheaply as one?" He—
"Yes, if they are married. Not if
they are engaged."—Puck.

She rose, agitated. "Janitor," she cried through the speaking tube, "we must have some fresh air. Suppose I should wish to inflate my bi-

pose I should wish to inhate my bicycle."

"I want to order this suit," said Chumpey, "but I can't pay for it till the end of six months." "All right, sir; it will be ready for you by that time."—Detroit Free Press.

Minister—"Why is it, Bobby, that your father never comes to church any more?" "Bobby—"Oh, it turned out that he didn't have the consumption, after all."—Cleveland Leader.

Mrs. Brown—"Sh-h! I hear a burglar in the pantry. I believe he is going to steal the cake I cooked to lay." Mr. Brown—"Poor devil! He may have a family, too."—Up-to-Date.

Edith—"Ho told me I was so inter-

Edith—"He told me I was so inter-esting and so beautiful." Maude— "And yet you will trust yourself for life with a man who begins deceiving you even at the commencement of his courtship."—Boston Transcript.

"What chumps these old-time fel-lows must have been. They used to write and talk by the hour about the ralide of a college education."
"Well?" "And they never heard of football."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"What kind of goods, ma'an?" sked the salesman. "I think," replied the young woman who had just bought a wheel and was about to order ear first riding suit, "you may show ne some of your early fall styles."—Chicago Tribune."

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Johnny—"Oh, I like my now governess ever so much." "I am so glad my little boy has a nice teacher."

'Oh, she's awful nice. She says she don't care whether I learn awything or not, so long as pop pays her salary."

—New York Weekly.

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"What a wide-awake young fellow Barter is!" said Alice.

"Altogether too wide-awake," responded Edith.

"The last evening he called at our house he stayed till one, and then papa had to get the burglar alarm going."--Detroit Free Press.

# The Long Polar Night,

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Generally speaking, we figure Europe as being wholly within the temperate zone, but when we come to investigate matters we find that North Cape (the most northerly point of Norway) is in the shadow of the North Pole. At that point you can see the "midnight sun" in all its ghastliness, the great luminary being constantly above the horizon from May 5th to August 9th, or just one day over three months. But the long wintry nights make up for this 100 days of constart sunshine. It begins on September 22d and constantly increases in length until November 6th, when the "polar night" commences in earnest, the sun never appearing above the horizon from the last-mentioned date until February 5th, one day less than three months.

## Origin of the Thimble.

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A thimble was originally a thumbbell, because it was worn on the
thumbs, as sailors still wear their
thimbles. It is a Dutch invention
and, in 1884, in Amsterdam, the bicentennial of the thimble was celebrated with a great deal of formality.
This very valuable addition to my
lady's work basket was first made by
a goldsmith named. Nicholas van Bena goldsmith named Nicholas van Beu-schoten. And it may further interest Colonial dames to know that the first thimble made was presented in 1681 to Ann van Wedy, the second wife of Kiliaen van Rensselaer.

## Shipping Perishable Products,

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There is no limit to the ingenuity displayed in shipping perishable products long distances to the English market. Butter is sent from Australia to South Africa, and then 700 miles to Kimberley, and received as fresh as when it started. It is packed in glass case, sealed with paper and the case inclosed in plaster of paris, which is a bad conductor of heat and will preserve an even temperature in the glass box throughout the whole journey.