At the last census of this country a number of people described their religious faith on their census papers as "dollars and cents."

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"The city of Melbourne," declares the New York Times, "is one of the greatest colonial centers in the world and is so situated that it has had the doubtful advantage of testing nearly all the new-fangled notions of municiall the new-fangled notions of munici-pal ownership and paternal govern-ment generally. The result is not at all encouraging. The population has been declining rapidly since 1801, when the census showed a total of 490,900. The decrease for 1896 is of-ficially stated at 3845 souls, and for the five and three-quarter years since ficially stated at 3848 souls, and for the five and three-quarter years since the census the net decline is put at 42,486. This is a condition which might well appall any city, but it has been made worse by extravagant financing. The corporation indebted-ness of Melbourne and its suburbs is now little less than \$50,000,000. The annual interest upon this enormona ual interest upon this enormous al by the time the Board of Works completed its extensive borrowings will amount to about \$2,125,000. ings will amount to about \$2,125,000, though the population is not only fall-ing off so rapidly, but is also growing poorer every year. Colonial authori-ties still speak hopefully of the out-look, but the future seems depressing to the foreign observer. The greater part of the immense debt is due for within improgements which have here public improvements which have been lavishly distributed."

From 1871 to 1891 2,000,000 Ger- THE CHARLEY ROSS CASE

AN ABDUCTION CASE THAT ATTRAC-TED WORLD-WIDE ATTENTION.

The Story Revived by the Death of the Boy's Father—The Boy Was Carried Off for a Heavy Ransom, but was Never Recovered by His Parents.

years of study to the subject tool the lecture platform, in addition to writing books, and kept up the agitation until recent years. What became of the child was never positively settled. It is generally be-lieved that he was drowned in the North River, New York, while his adductors were flecingfrom detectives. But it was pretty well established that William Mosher and Joseph Douglass, notorions burglars, took the boy from his home. They were shot while try-ing to rob the residence of Judge Van Brunt at Bay Ridge, N.Y., and in their death throes confessed that they had taken Charley Ross. Waiter Ross fully identified them. William Westervelt, a brother-in-law of Mosher, had acted as go-between in the negotiations with Mr. Ross and the abductors. He was brought to Phila-delphia, tried and convicted of com-plicity in the conspiracy to abduct the boy, and was sentenced to seven years in the Eastern Penitentiary. In the presence of Detective Miller the wife of the convicted man begged him to tell what he knew of the crime, but he maintained a stolid silence, and if he ever knew anything he never told it. He served his sentence and is supposed to have returned to New York. A Prematre Publication.

Apposed to have retained to kew York. A Premature Publication. Owing to the cat being let out of the bag too soon the 'Map of Africa by Treaty' by the librarian of the British Foreign Office has just ap-peared in a second edition, the first edition having been hastily suppressed, as the boundaries England in-tended to demand in the near future and not those generally acknowledged to belong to her

SICK-ROOM HINTS. For cramps or pains in the stomach ry a few drops of essence of camphor. For a nervous headache a cup of oderately strong tea in which two or hree slices of lemon have been in-used.

For tired feet put a handful of com non salt into four quarts of hot motion

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Mill be met and nave to be resisted by the insect collector. Interesting to the President. President McKinley Thursday passed through the spot where he received his first recognition as a public ser-vant. When the splendid presidential train on the Chesapeake and Ohiorail-way reached Gauley Bridge, W. Va., Mr. McKinley looked out the window of his observation car and remarked: "This place seems familiar to me. It was here that I joined General Hayes's brigade in December, 1864." A member of the presidential party happened to remember 10, 1864: "Our new Second Lieutenant, Me-Kinley, joined us to-day. He is a gentlemanly and intelligent young of-ficer, and we all like him very much.' Chicago Times-Herald.

Chicago Times-Herald. Killed by Potato Bugs. Charles Price, a farmer, residing near Hamburg, Ind., is dead, as the result of poison from potato bugs. He was at work in his potato patch killing the beetles that were devour-ing the plants. Swarms of bugs alighted on his face and hands, which were soon impregnated with the poison. He died in great agony.

Birds Within the Arctic Circle.

burgs within the Arctic Circle. It has been a source of interest and 'wonder to Arctic explorers to find such quantities of singing birds within the Arctic circle. They are abundant be-yond belief. But the immense crops of cranberries, crowberries and cloud-berries that ripen in the northern swamps account for the presence of the birds.



row. Give level culture, keep the land free from weeds and stir the sur-face often. Turnips are a valuable winter feed for sheep and cattle, particularly the former. When fed to milk cows give just after milking. Otherwise the milk may be given an unpleasant odor and the butter an undesirable taint. They must not be fed in excess to any stock but when other succulent feeds cannot be fed, turnips are invaluable. —American Agriculturist.

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HOW TO MARE MILE. also often desired to mark a particular cow's milk, in order to observe its quality. A label and method of at-tachment is shown in the cut. A strip of pasteboard has its end bent over and wire inserted as shown. The fold is glued down, thus holding the wire. Bend the double wire and hang it over the pan's edge.

Cultivator. Horse Hints. Being gentle with a horse will help him to be gentle. Keep the colt fat and he will make an easy-going horse. Sores on horses' shoulders are large-ly the result of iil-fitting collars. An excess of food weakens a work-ing animal and disables it from work. It woung teams are overloaded they

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REMARKABLE BONE CRAFTING.

REMARKABLE BONE CRAFTING. Transplanting a Bone Fire Inches Long From a Sheep to a Man's Leg. A bone five inches long, taken from the leg of a sheep, has been grafted successfully to the tibia (large bone of the leg) of a human being by Dr. De Witt G. Wilcox, Surgeon-in-Charge at the Lexington Heights Hospital, Buf-falo, N. Y. There is no record in medical literature of a similar opera-tion of such magnitude. F. H. Moir, twenty-four years old, was injured January 1 by the explo-sion of a gas-drum. The tibia was badly shattered. Ordinary methods of healing failed, and then Dr. Wilcox endeavored to save the limb. The patient was placed under Day in Stamps - La A bicycle corps. With weapons galore, Charged to the broad, slanting backs, Charged after the foe With a whoop and hallo-With a whoop and hallo-Eut the road had been sprinkled with tacksl --Chicago Record.

sion of a gas-drum. The tibia was badly shattered. Ordinary methods of healing failed, and then Dr. Wilcox endeavored to save the limb. The patient was placed under chloroform, and the two ends of the bone were cut off sufficiently distant from the injured area to insure healthy bone. This distance amounted to five inches. The soft parts around the seat of injury were well cleaned out and put in a healthy condition. While this work was being done another operation was being conducted in an adjoining room. Here a healthy live sheep, one year old, was chloro-from its hind leg, thoroughly cleansed and made to fit into the interval just created in the man's leg. This was sprung in with sufficient pressure to insure it keeping its place perfectly. The cavity was again well cleansed and the skin seved up closely. The entire leg from the toes to the hip was placed in a plaster-of-paris cast. The progress of the patient since the oper-ation has been most favorable. When the bone was grafted in there was allowed to formed a clot of blood completely enveloping this graft. Under favorable conditions such a clot soft ins buse most issue, then gradually becomes bony. There is every evidence that this clot not hardened a "soft interval" would be quite distinet. There pair between the ends of the shore is, therefore, due quite as much to the "blood-clot" formation as to graft, but the graft must make the frame upon which this clot can form, and this clot mast also be fed with bone cells from the ends of the bone is, therefore, due quite as much to the "blood-clot" formation as to graft, but the graft must make the frame upon which this clot an form, and this clot mast also be fed with bone cells from the ends of the healthy bone and its coverings. It will be allowed to use his leg for walking, but there graft must make the frame upon which this clot an form, and this clot must also be fed with bone cells from the ends of the healthy bone and its coverings. It will be allowed to use his leg for walking, but there graft must

"Umpire, why didn't you dodge when that pitcher struck at your head with his bat?" "Dodge? Haven't I been watching him play ball all season? He can't hit anything."-Detroit Free Press. "Surprised. City Nephew—"I have very little money in the bank, but I have a good deal tied up"— Uncle Josh—"Land sakes! I thought you city folks was all past keepin' yer money in stockin's."—

The Cornerstonic. Mrs. Bunpus—''I see in the papers that Millionaire Van Dough only laid the cornerstone of his fortune a few years ago." Bunpus—''Ah mebbe he was one of the fellers that sold me that gold brick then."—Pittsburg News,

Bargain Day in Stamps. "Can't I get these two-cent stamps cheaper if I take a quantity?" asked Mrs. Chestant of the stamp clerk at the Philadelphin postoffice. "I can let you have a dozen for a quarter," replied the clerk. "Very well, I'll take them."-Har-lem Life.

waking, but there is every evidence that the operation will prove a suc-cess.—New York World. Smoke and Health. Togs are said to have a very bene-ficial effect on the health of districts where they are prevalent, as they are great purifiers of the atmosphere, and even the sulphur which makes the London fog so pungent and irritating is credited with effecting quite an ap-preciable limitation of prevalent in-fectious diseases. Professor Maur is now of the opinion that smoke may be turned into a hygienic ally, and, under some circumstances, be made capable of preserving the public health to a de-gree little imagined. The dust col-lected from the smoke of some Liege furnaces, burning coal raised from the neighboring mines, produces, when dissolved in hydrochloric acid, a so-lution from which considerable quan-tities of arsenic and several other me-tallic salts may be precipitated. It is now suspected that this breathing of arsenic and other minerals in a finely divided state may account for the singular immunity from epidemics en-joyed by certain industrial districts, such as that of St. Etienne, and medi-eal authorities in those regions and elsewhere are asked to throw upon the subject what hight they can. It is suggested that the ventilating effect of the numerous chimneys in iron mak-ing and other industrial centers has its due share in constantly driving off the vitiated air and replacing it by fresh quantities of pure air. It was ins the adjacent town of Clifton, an ele-vated and apparently salubrious resi-dential district, its inhabitants mi-grated to a low-lying and murky parish in the adjacent town of Bristol, where the air was black from the smoke of numerons chimneys, while the mor-tality was lower than that of the fash-ionable quarter overlooking it.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Far From It. Mr. Citiman—''I don't see how you can spend the best years of your life in a place like this." Mr. Subbubs—''Hang it all, man! I am not spending the best years of my life here. The years I have spent here have been the very worst years of my life."—Puck. Athletic Diet. "I know a man who lives on base-balls." "What do you mean?" "Well, he begged a quarter of me, said he hadn't had a square meal for a week, and when I got out to the game he had a better seat than I had."— Detroit Free Press. Not Much Luck. "Are the fish biting well to-day?" asked a man of a boy who was fishing in a brook not far from Boston. "The fish do not bite, sir," replied the boy, respectfully. "They swallow the bait, and the hook embeds itself in their month. But they are very wary to-day, sir."—Puck. to-day, sir."-Puck. Not to be Expected. Salesman-"If the goods are not just as represented, we will cheerfully refund your mondy." Rural Customer-"Don't tell me sech yarns as that, young man! Yo might gimme me money back, but't ain't human natur fer ye to be cheer-ful about doin' it."-Puck.

ful about dom' it."—Pucs. Interesting. "I find the American farmer so in-teresting," twittered the poetess. "I manage to extract a good deal of interest out of him myself," was the answer of the short, elderly, double-chinned gentleman, who, as it after-ward developed, was in the mortgage business.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Athletic Diet

The Lesson Went Home. Louis Globe-Democrat. The Lesson Went Home. Little Anita was an exceptionally good girl when under the direct sur-veilance of her parents; but once out of their sight she broke loose and played all kinds of pranks. This was a source of much concern to her par-ents, and her father, desiring to cor-rect the habit, impressed upon her mind that when she was out of human sight all her acts were still observed by God. The moral lesson seemed to affect her, and shortly afterward, as she was leaving the house alone, the old dog Fido attempted to follow her. This annoyed little Anita very much, said to the devoted animal: "Fido, you do home at once; it is bad enough to have Dod following me everywhere, without having you following me, too." Electrocuting Whales. business.—Cincinnat Enquirer. Changing the Figure. Van Arndt--"See those two girls over there? Not much difference in their figures, eh?" Fenilworth--"Not the slightest. I'd call them both gawky, long and angular." Van Arndt--"Yes; but the one in blue is heiress to millions--so she's always referred to as being 'svelte.'" -Puck.

A Modern Munchausen. "Any quail about this neighbor-ood?" inquired a tourist, who was bout to register at a Western Texas totel.

Electrocuting Whates. A Canadian sea captain has invented an apparatus with which he thinks whales can be killed by electric shock. A harpoon is fixed at the end of a long metallic cable, properly insulated, and which serves in place of the usual rope. Through this cable an electric current of 10,000 volts is to be sent by means of a dynamo carried in the whale boat. The inventor believes that no whale would be able to with-stand the shock it would receive the instant the harpoon entered its side.

hood?" inquired a tourist, who was about to register at a Western Texas hotel. "Quall?" said the proprietor, with an indugent smile; "they've got to be a nuisance. The cook complains that she cark throw a pice of toast out of the back window but four or five fat qual fight to see which one shall get it."—Texas Siftings. "I wish," said the clarinet player thoughtfully, "that they'd leave out one of the numbers in this pro-gramme." "What for?" inquired the leader. "You see, the gentleman in charge of this occasion doesn't know very much about music. That selection requires me to rest for thirty-two measures, and I'm afraid he'll think I'm not earning my salary."—Wash-ington Star.

OUR BUDGET OF HUMOR.

LAUGHTER-PROVOKING STORIES FOR LOVERS OF FUN. Fair in War-Evasion-Danger of lay-Safe-No Regarder of Persons-

Delay-Safe-No Regarder of Persons-The Cornerstone - Surprised - Bargain Day in Stamps - Far From It, Etc.

Evasion. Evasion. Miss Rivalle—"Now, Mr. Jones, I'm sure you think Miss Minks pretty." The Astute Jones—"Yes; she is pretty tall."—Pick-Me-Up.

Danger of Delay. "Oh, doctor, you have been so very ong in coming that my pain has left

"" "I am exceedingly sorry, but I as-sure you it shall not occur again."-Judy.

Judy. No Regarder of Persons. "George, I fear you are marrying me just because my uncle left me a fortune." "No, my precious. I'd marry you just the same if any other person had left it to you."—Tit-Bits.