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"The Capture of Government by Commercialism," from the pen of John Jay Thapman, is the title of the leading article published in the current issue of the Atlantic Monthly. Every friend of good government should procure a copy of this article, diligently read it, and meditate upon it. It is, to our mind, one of the ablest, bravest, and most searching analyses of the causes of corruption in American polities that we have read—we are inclined to think it the ablest—certainly, on the whole, the most lucid and satisfactory. While it paints an appalling picture of the extent and depth of the evil forces with which we contend. It presents by no means a despairing view of the situation. The writer believes that we are steadily moving through and out of an epoch, beginning with the close of the war and already past its climax, during which the commercial forces of the country have systematically, perhaps necessarily, dominated and corrupted our politics, and our polities have, in turn, still further corrupted them. Just how this has been accomplished, both in great cities and in great states, Mr. Chapman tells in a most interesting way.

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Isaac B. Brown, deputy secretary of iternal affairs, has propared an intersting report on taxation in this state, it shows the relative amount, by counces, collected last year for the several unrposes to which taxes are applied, that portion of the report bearing on lucation should be of especial interest of the people of this county. Major frown's figures demonstrate that of the taxes are applied, that portion of the report bearing on lucation should be of especial interest of the people of this county. Major frown's figures demonstrate that of the taxes 23 per cent was devoted to the chools, but when the figures by counties re examined it is found that Luzerne tands easily at the head of the sixty-even counties, with 46 per cent of its ollected taxes spent for educational urposes. In Allegheny county but 12 er cent was expended on the schools, a representative coal region county, outerne has just cause to feel proud of a showing in assisting to enlighten the outh of the state. An examination of dividual tax receipts will verify the gures given in Secretary Brown's eport.

Just now there is no end of criticism on the "granny" newspapers of the country against what they term "yellow fournalism." The New York World and fournal are the acknowledged leaders of this new system of newspaper work, which gives the news regardless of expense and risks to reporters, and it is gainst these the shafts of jealousy are timed. The namby-pamby editors of the old school deery and pretend to disbelieve every great feat performed by their so-called "yellow" contemporaries, but the news editors of these same old-fashioned sheets give the lie direct to these criticisms by stealing the fruit of the laborand enterprise of the "yellow" and republishing it under more conservative headings twenty-four hours after this news appears in the progressive papers.

As there are at least two dozen coal perators in Luzerne county, the hances of a workingman getting nomiated for congress on the Repubcant ticket are decidedly slim. It is mounced that John Markle, of Jeddo, s booked by the party to succeed Conressman Williams, and from this it may be inferred that none but coal perators need apply until all of this lass have served at least one term.

The latest in a Stove Trust, whose hief aim, it is needless to add, is "to alse prices on all kinds of cast stoves, anges, and heaters," Its purpose is, acrefore, to reduce the purchasing ower of the dollar in relation to stoves; to other words, to cheapen the dollar; in short, to degrade the currency. But the trust managers will shout honest honey with the londest.

onscience in woman has begun to k in Michigan to the benefit of the box. It is reported from Owosso a woman who worked as a clerk Osburn & Sons 20 years ago has just rned five cents which she took le in their employ.

we Hampshire railway company vingdling with the largest block ne ever quarried in Concord. Its issions are six, 16 and 20 feet, and stimated to weigh 150 tons. It is used in a monument now in prepators of the a Weshington edge.





acorn.

This is the strangest part of his performance; for while a great many other birds have the hole-digging instinct, there are very few of them that possess the hole-filling instinct. The blue jays and the squirrels have a habit of accumulating supplies in the shape of nuts and acorns, and you may see them, almost any day in autumn, snatching the acorns from twigs and



THE WOODPECKERS' STOREHOUSE

THE WOODPECKERS STOREHOUSE. branches. The same instinct prompts this woodpecker to lay in his stores of acorns. Some people say, however, that he never resorts to these supplies again, but just lays them up without a thought as to the future at all. But this is not the way with nature. She does not work blindly, but always with some wise purpose in view.

At any rate, this bird can drill a hole in the very hardest wood, and at this business he is employed almost all the time. The holes are usually made in rows, at regular distances apart, cach about the size of an acorn. He is never discouraged, and never gives up a task, even though it may seem most formidable. He has been known to surround a giant redwood tree, over 20 feet in circumference, with rings of holes one above another, from the root to the topmost limb, for over 200 feet. I say "he" did it, but I mean, of course, generation after generation of them, for many, many years.

After he has got the hole or holes to his liking, he files off to the nearest oak tree and secures an acorn, which he brings to the storehouse tree and places in the little "safety-deposit" he has made for it. It fits exactly, and so, inserting it sharp end first, he his it repeatedly with his beak, and drives it in to stay till needed.

So long as the woodpecker confines his harvesting to the acorns, no one except the Indians, who frequently siore them up for winter food, will have anything to say. But this he dees not do. It is said that he likes nuts as well, and a story is told of a family of woodpeckers that completely stripped a small grove of almond trees. The owner of the grove thought he must nave a good crop, and when the time came to gather it he went to do so, and lo! there was not a nut on any tree!

But one of his boys, in foraging about, found an immense old oak which was partly decayed, and riddled with holes from top to bottom. And in each hole was an almoned! So the tree was cut down, and the man secured several bushels of almonds, after all; but the woodpeckers

woodpeckers scoided him loudly.

Whiskers for a Pillow.

That history repeats itself has just received another proof. Some years ago the men of a Bavarian regiment of which Prince Maximilian was chief, in order that they might show their devotion to him, cut off their mustaches and sent them to the princess, who had just become a mother, that she might use them as a pillow. Something very like a repetition of this has just taken place at Rappoistweller, in Alaska. The chief of the fire brigade was a few days ago presented with his first chief, a boy. The firemen thereupon called a meeting at which it was decided to make the baby boy an honorary member of the corps, and the men subsequently cut off their mustaches and beards to form a pillow for the baby's use.

NEAT PARLOR GAMES.

A BIRD'S STOREHOUSE.

The California Woodpecker Packs Its Food Away Safely.
Fred, A. Ober, who has been a great traveler, recounts some of the strange scenes he has witnessed for the benefit of readers of St. Nicholas. He contributes a paper to the number called "A Bird's Storehouse; or, the Carpenter Bird." Mr. Ober says:

He is a handsome bird, and if there were not so many of his species he would attract a great deal of attention. He has a bright red head, black-and-white body, and a needle-pointed tail. The tail supports him in a perpendicular position on the side of a tree, while he is hammering, or rather chiseling, a hole in its bark.

Now, all woodpeckers, having sharp-pointed beaks and very strong muscles in their neeks and heads, can drive a deep hole into the side of a tree or stump; but this California woodpecker is said to surpass them all as a hole digger; and he not only digs the hole, but he fills it up with a nut or an acorn.

This is the strangest part of his period.

BOBBING FOR CARAMELS.

s to get the



the game gather the players in a circle, giving to each a caramel hung to the silk.

your teeth.

It is really worth while to stop and
watch the monkey-like workings and
twisting of the other faces, if you do
get the "booby" prize.—Chicago Daily
News.

POLICEMEN'S HELMETS.

London They Are to Be Equipped with Electric Lights.

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A plan is under consideration by the police authorities of London to equip the policemen's helmets with small electric lights to help illuminate the streets on foggy days. The device consists of a small incandescent bulb, mounted on the helmet without shade or globe. The current required to operate the light is furnished by a small pocket battery, which the policeman carries about with him.

It is estimated that sufficient and the policeman carries about with him.



LORD EVELYN CROMER.

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He May Succeed Sallsbury in the British Foreign Office.

Sir Evelyn Baring, Lord Cromer, who seems to be in favor as the successor of Lord Sallsbury in the foreign office, is the man who has won such distinction as an agent of Great Britain in Egypt. Those who think that a strong foreign policy is needed now more than ever before for British supremacy in the cast believe Lord Cromer to be just the man for the place.

Sir Evelyn is just 56 years old and has



LORD CROMER.
Salisbury's Probable Successor in the
British Foreign Office.)
ered the royal artillery in 1858. For
our years he acted as secretary of Lord

Charles Noel, who has been examining a number of Indian mounds near Portsmouth, O., while recently excavating a mound on the Feurt farm, five miles from Portsmouth and on the banks of the Scioto river, found a skeleton which partially crumbled away when brought to the surface. Enough was saved, however, to show that the aborigines practiced a form of dentistry. All the teeth in the skull were sound save two, and these were filled by pearls.

HEARING THE DEFENSE.

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pursued by the strikers, who shoute':

"We will shoot you!" and finally they
fired two shots at them.

John Ripple testified that he was followed on the night before the shooting
by four men with clubs, who threatened
to kill him if he did not stay away from
work the next day.



RECENT INVENTIONS.

In a recently patented lubricant soap, tallow, plumbago, white lead, gum camphor, resin and table salt are used.

Bicycle tires are to be kept free from punctures by a new armor which is formed of flat links of sheet metal woven into a broad chain and set in the thread of the tire.

Hats are retained in their original shape by two metal strips crossed at the center of the crown and bent to the shape of the rim, to which they are attached and covered with cloth or plaited into the straw.

Fish can be caught through the ice

practice into the straw.

Fish can be caught through the ice by a new device, consisting of a board having a reel pivoted to it to hold the line and a spring signal arm, which is released by a fish pulling on the line.

line.

A new toy for the children consists of a hollow finger ring, with an outlet in the setting through which water is forced by a flexible ball attached to the under side of the ring and held in the hand.

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Cigars and eigarettes can be lighted without the aid of a match by a composition cap formed of combustibles and designed to be attached to each eigar and ignited by a friction head similar to a match.

To assist a photographer in taking flashlight pictures a sheet of cardboard is formed of highly-inflammable materials and flashlight powder, the advantage being that the flash covers a larger area and gives a brighter light than the loose powder.

In a recently-patented animal-cleaning device a circular brush is mounted on a revolving shaft geared to two friction wheels, mounted on a yoke frame, the brush being gradually revolved by drawing the friction wheels slightly over the body of the animal.

To aid in teaching music in schools a western woman has patented a movable ladder, which may be suspended on a blackboard on which the staff is drawn, the ladder being fitted with balls set on movable arms, to indicate notes.

THE DOINGS OF WOMEN.

Mrs. Oliphant, after her long life of literary work, left property amounting to less than \$25,000. She bequeathed it to her adopted daughter.

Baroness Hirsch has lately established a maternity hospital at Munich, given a large donation to a Warsaw hospital and founded 25 annuities for "indigent gentlewomen."

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Miss Emma Whittington has been commissioned by Gov. Jones, of Arkansas, an honorary colonel of the reserve militia, the first appointment of the kind ever made in that state.

Princess Theresa of Bavaria, daughter of the prince regent, has been made an honorary doctor of philosophy by the University of Munich. She is also a member of the Royal Academy of Sciences.

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Mrs. Eliza Day, of Buffalo, Wyo.. is widely known in her state as the woman who won the first prize for potatoes at the Columbian exposition. Mrs. T. J. Foster, of the same town, is a successful apiarist, and Mrs. Emma Dowlin and Miss Emma Taylor are ranchers and stock growers.

Mrs. Jessie Mulligan, whose husband, a railroad conductor, was killed on the Yellowstone division of the Northern Pacific railroad six months ago, is now working for the company as a freight train brakeman. She is reported as setting brakes, coupling ears, turning switches and performing the other duties as well as the ordinary brakeman. ties as well as the ordinary bra

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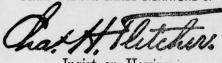
I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts,

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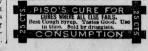
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