Only twenty per cent. of the mus-ers committed yearly in America and Europe are ever found out.

In order to assist in getting fallen horses to their feet from slippery streets, the Department of Public Works, New York City, is placing boxes filled with sand upon the side. walks within a few inches of the euro, where they may be opened in an emergency and the sand carried to where it is needed. This is an excel-lent and humane idea, and will be wel-comed by all drivers in wet weather.

idea of the formidable char. acter of our pension expenses may be gathered," notes the New York Inde-pendent, "from the fact that the total payments, including expense of adstration, etc., amounts to \$2,178, 753,270 in the past thirty-two years, from and inclusive of 1866. These Hom and inclusive of 1565. These enormous expenditures were on ac count of the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican and Indian Wars and the Civil War. The cost of modern wars is truly prohibitory."

The falsification of wine, for many years a growing industry in Germany, now is to be made a legalized industry as well, writes Wilf von Schierbrand, The product is to be known under the name of "Kunstwein." The govern-ment is to get a tax of twenty marks for abh heatling near the stription then, is to get a tax of twenty marks for each hectoliter, and the stuff, prop-erly labeled, is to be sold openly. The Federation of Husbandmen stands sponsor for this queer attempt to make the wholesale defrauding of the public a legal act. The bill already has been drawn up. drawn up.

Cattle, when killed in Massachu-setts, as a precautionary measure, cost somewhat more than the animals would fetch at the butchers. In the annual report of the State Cattle Com-mission, made to the Legislature yes-terday, it is shown that the number of cattle paid for as tuberculous during the year was 5275, and the amount paid for them was \$179,867.52. Over \$5500 was paid for 160 animals in which no lesions of the disease were ound. Quarantine, killing, and burial expenses and arbitration brought the average amount paid for condemned annual report of the State Cattle Co average amount paid for condemned cattle up to \$34.12 per head.

The War Department is busy nowa-The War Department is busy nowa-days over the problem of condensed diet for the starving Klondikers. These investigations have elicited the information that beef tea and extracts in capsules are of no use for rations for the army or for the Klondike suf-ferers. They are palatable and stim-ulating, but contain practically no noardshment. A quantity of floar will be sent to Alaska, but not wheat flour. Whole wheat flour and dry rye flour will be preferred, because they are more nourishing. Among the most are more nourishing. Among the most interesting of the foods selected are interesting of the foods selected are concentrated vegetables, especially carrots and onions, which have addi-tional value as antidotes to the seurvy. There are carrot chips, cooked and evaporated to absolute dryness, which come from California, while Germany sends onions in compressed tablets, four inches square and one-third of an inch thick₂₀. One of these tablets makes six ample portions, expanding in bulk greatly when boiling water is poured over it. The material is used like fresh onions.

Molie was pleased. "Go on, Mr. Molie was pleased. "Go on, Mr. "I fear you will think my friend weighed no on "The Danger of Getting Too Big," saying: A boy, ap-parently nusually robust and vigor curs, died suddenly in one of New York's suburbs the other day of cursous complaint. He was nineteen weighed about 200 pounds and enjoyed nusual muscular strength. But, strangely enough, he grew too big. In proportion as height and weight increased the vitality which animated his enormous frame decreased. He became bigger and weaker. He died of too much size. The instance is sad one and it teaches its lesson Other bodies than mere individnal human bodies disintegrate when they outgrow the vital spark which gives then force and animation. The parenta tives, for example, seldam holds it yond one Congress. The pary which carries a State Legislature on the eve of a Senatorial contest usually is read tives, tor example, seldam holds it typ and contest usually is read tives, tor example, seldam holds it typ an enorgens. The biggest major it wai by rival ambitions created by its very bigness. The biggest major ity in a city election doesn't necess arily insure the longest domination its very bigness. The biggest major-ity in a city election doesn't necesin a city election doesn't neces-ily insure the longest domination the party winning it. The trust h the most enormous capital is not cequently the one which goes most ckly to the wall. In brief, it is not l to develop a body too big for the l. One cannot rely upon mere size politics, nuclism, financiering, or ring or in politics, pugilism, financiering any other phase of human endeavor.



DON'T WORRY, DEAR. Don't worry, dear, the bleakest years That clog the forward view, Each this to nothing when it nears, And we may saunter through. The darkest moment negre comes, It only looms before; The loss of home is what benumbe Not trouble at the door.

Not worry dear, the clouds are black, But with them comes the rain. And stilled sould that parch and erace May Utill with sap again. T and there'll be no best when a Hard work has nover killed a man, But worry did its share.

Due't worry, dear; don't blanch, Buit dare the years to come; Nor give the ensuy the field Because we beet the drum. These little wors that hover near These little wors that hover near and the set of the set of the set of the And little and hove near all y dear, and the near hove near all y dear, e and love are all. Merwin, in Youth's Compa

THE OTHER GIRL. **

HEN I arrived at the station, Lady Manning-ton, Mollie and the French mail had col-lected their chattels and stood round the impatience. I apologizad

impatience. I apologized. "It is of no co I apologized. I apologized. "It is of no consequence," said Lady Mannington, in a tone signifying it was of the greatest. Mollie shock her head at me and smiled. I looked at the two ladies and the French maid, and then I looked at the miniature mountain. "The brougham is only seated for two," I hunted. "Celesto can walk,"said Lady Man-nington.

"Genesic can "han, nington. "I shall be glad of her company," I responded, politely.

"I shall be glad of her company," I responded, politely. Lady Mannington glanced at me doubtfully. "Perhaps she could manage by the coachman," she sug-gested.

"His wife is most particular," I in-

terposed quickly. "I should prefer to walk, mamma," said Mollie, with an air of much good-

"Perhaps that will be best," Lady "Perhaps that will be best," Lady Manuington conceded reluctantly. "I am sure of it," I indorsed hearti-

"I am sure of any "If only your aunt had sent the omnibus----"Lady Mannington began

"If only your annt has sent the omnibus..." Lady Mannington began aggrievedly. "It was most careless of her," I admitted instantiy. I caught Mollie's eye. She has a curious way of smil-ing at nothing. So Mollie and I started to walk over the crisp snow. Justo utside the station I helped her over the short cut," I observed; "it is not so very much longer, and I have so much to say to you." "What about?" asked Mollie. I hesitated. "It is about a friend of mine," I replied at length. "Oh!"

mine," I replace ... "Oh!" "He is in the deuce of a mess," again confidentially. "I want you began confidentially. help." "What can I do?" asked Mollie, coning her eyes.

"What can be seen opening her eyes. "You can advise me," I replied, taking courage. "A woman's wit—" Mollie was pleased. "Go on, Mr.

Trevor." "I fear you will think my friend particularly foolish," I said sorrow

"You know that a Mollie, a little coldly, "Ye-es."

Mollie, a little county. "Yees." "Well?" "My friend was staying at a country house, and so were both the girl and her mother, and she—" "Who?" asked Mollie. "The girl whose mother wanted her to marry him. I do hope I am clear. She got him into a quiet corner, and somehow or other my friend found out she had hold of his hand. I—I don't

know how it happened. It just oc-curred." "How clever your friend to find it out," said Mollie sarcastically. I went on hastily--"And then he saw her head coming nearer and near-er his shoulder, and he didn't know

saw her head coming nearer and near-er his shoulder, and he didn't know what to do." "I wonder," said Mollie, "he did not call for help." "You see," I went on, "he was afraid she would propose, or -or -the mother might come. He guessed the mother was pretty near. Then he thought of the other girl, and he got into a dreadfal panie. In fact, he lost his head." "It could not have been a great loss," observed Mollie disdainfully. "No-o. But it was the only one he had, and he was accustomed to it. He didn't know what to do. So he said he was already engaged." "Did he say already?"

"Did he say already?" "Did he say already?" "Yes." It was a cold day, but 1 aopped my brow with my handker.

"Yes." It was a contrary, the mopped my brow with my handker-chief. Mollie uttered a peal of silvery langhter. "I am really almost sorry for that girl, but it served her right." "The girl didn't turn a hair. She simply straightened herself up and asked to whom he was engaged." "Well?"

"Well?" "He blurted out the name of the her girl. He couldn't think of any name." whom, of course, he is not en-

other name." "To whom, of co gaged?" "No. And I would have him. good for him." And I don't suppose she ave him. She is far, far too

good for him." "Is that your whole story?" "Very nearly. The girl went away and told her mother, who came up gushingly and congratulated him. She is a true sportswoman. After that she went about telling everybody of the engagement, and my friend has had to receive congratulations ever since." ince." "How awkward!" said Mollie medi-atively. "Has the other girl heard

tatively, "Has the other girl heard of it?" "Not yet. This all happened yes-torder"

"Not yet. This all happened yes-terday." "Yesterday?" I nodded. "And the worst is the other girl is expected to arrive at the Towers almost immediately." "Dear me," said Mollie. "So your friend is at the Towers now?" "I didn't mean to let it out," I re-plied, a little abashed. Mollie began to laugh. "It is most amusing; but why did you tell me about it?" "I want your advice." "Who is the other girl?" asked Mollie curiously.

"I want your advice." "Who is the other girl?" asked Mollie carionsly. "Please don't ask for names," I implored. "She is everything that is perfect," I replied fervently. "You might almost be the ett yourself." I the food should consist of the your "You might almost be the ett

"You might almost be the other girl "You might almost be the other girl yourself," I went on with careful

yourself," I went on with careful carelessness. "Really?" said Mollie. "I believe that must be considered a compliment. Thank yon very much." . "What," I asked, with elaborate in-difference, "would you do if you were the other girl?" Mollie stopped and broke off a sprig of red berries. They were not so red as her lips. "Of course," she said, "I should be very annoyed." "Ab, of course," said I, forlornly. "At any rate, I should pretend to be very annoyed."

"'Butreally-,"Ibegan, delighted. "Oh, that would depend on the

Supposing, for the sake of illustra-I, surveying the white ex-a neighboring field, "I was

he man?" "This is nonsense," said Mollie "We can't make believe to that ex

"Why can't we?" "You would never be so foolish."

"Ion would never be so loonsh." "But if _____" "Let us talk about something sensi-," said Mollie, with decision.

"Let us talk about something sensi-ble," said Molie, with decision. "Bat my poor friend is depending on me for advice." She thought. "Of course your friend mast get away from the Towers before the other girl arrives." "You are quite cleat he ought to got away?" I asked mournfully. "There can be no doubt of that, Just fancy everybody rushing to con-gratulate the other girl, and your friend being present at the time. There might be a dreadful scene." "I can picture it," said I, repress-ing a groan.

ag a groan. We had arrived at the entrance to the avenue. I stopped and held out

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an." I do not think I am mistaken. The olor faded slightly from her face. "And the other girl?" she queried intly.

"And the other girl?" she queried aintly. "You are the other girl." The red replaced the white. She tood quite still, with her eyes bent lownward; and then she began to race figures in the snow with the toe of her tiny boot. "Goodby." I repeated. She looked up. "Of course, I am over anorz" she said And then aba

"Goodby, 'I repeared She looked up. "Of course, I am vory angry," she said. And then she smiled and held out her hand. I took it humbly, and forgot to relinquish it. "Mamma will be getting anxious," she remarked. "We must hurry." But we did not hurry.—Pie-Me-Up.

that girl, too?" asked

Women as Clerks. Of the 20,000 Washington Govern-ment clerks, nearly one-third are wo-men, who receive from \$600 to \$1800 yearly.

Frozen Cream. New Zealand farmers frozen cream to London, churned for butter.

FARME GAND This GARD July and

At Jefferson, Ind., lives a man who has been famous because of his uner-ring prediction as to the location of oil streams in the bowles of the earth. His name, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, is Jacob Long. He does the trick with a forked stick. Twenty years ago, when yet in his prime, Long was sought after far and near. He wasknown as awater witch, and whenever a saw-mill or place of residence was selected it was then that Long was coulded upon to see if nature had made provision for water. By means of a forked stick, one prong of which he held in each hand, and the single prong pointing upward, Long would begin his search for the vein of water. As he passed over the vein the forked stick would turn in his hands and point downward. So unerringly did Long perform his work that no one thought of putting down a well in his vicinity unless the water witch was consulted. Once, about twenty years ago, while Long was searching for water his forked peach limb performed such an-tics that even the diviner was amazed. When seeking to locate water the stick always turned outward from him and pointed down, but only when stand-ing directly over the vein of water, and losing the strange power when it was crossed. But on this occasion the peach limb turned both inward and outward and on any place within a several-acre tract. This phenomenon was more than Long could comprehend. He studied about it several weeks and finally went to J. H. Dowell, a man of learn-ing, and inquired what else could be found in the earth. Dowell, after enumerating many natural products, stated that in some parts of the coun-it yoil and gas were also found. Long then announced to his rural neigh-bors that under their farms lay vast reservoirs of gas and oil. So absurd it did this seem that hew as haughed at and suspicions cast upon his sanity. He tried to induce some of his ac-quantances to aid in proving his as-sertions, but without success. By hard work the had secured a little farm, and when confronted by finan-cial difficulties he deed Transmis a strawberry Fatch.
A. M. Ingling, of Illinois, writes, May soil which will grow a crop fourse of ally sub-soil or editish. Soil or editish consister in the set of the set of

 Intelligence cm be 'tanght to do the point in order in the health of the young work. Catting is no better a method that preaking, if it is as good. -O. F. Rogers, in country Gentheman.
Steps Less Than an Hour a Day. We consist of the point is absolutely necessary and is one of the essentials. We not of the world's record as channow only keep it, together with endowing indemend the world's record as channow their ord. They must have something during the law, there is that one hour a day. He is a vecter of the greatest importance is green food, which should compose mearly one-fourth of the whole. We have some them to assimilate the ord as indevelopment of the whole. We have some work or even of the greatest importance is green food, which should compose and yo ne-fourth of the whole. We have some work or even of the source work that and any one can do without nuch sleep if the cares to the does not look or act more than thirty for the does not look or act more than thirty for the does not look or act more than thirty for the does not look or act more than thirty for the does not look or act more than thirty for the does not look or act more than thirty for the does not look or act more than thirty for the does not look or act more than thirty for a thigh. This is in a frozen the beyrey to fins laeeping is merely a halt. Christie says. "There is noth a doe covered with show, we have several tons of fine the purpose, which we consider next in value to the time, border and the ground still be covered with show, we have several tons of fine the purpose, which we could need the does at a doe and the resonant in the there of the greatest in the shole. This should be dong the does at the does at the time, botter and to the does at the bird is injured by the improper feed-ing of the mother bird during the lay-ing season. The food should consist of the proper ingredients, and quantity just what the bird will eat clean, and no more. Grit is absolutely necessary, and is one of the essentials. We not only keep it, together with cracked oyster shells, in boxes constantly by them, but mix it in ther food. They must have something during their confinement during inclement weather to enable them to assimilate their food. One ingredient which we consider of the greatest importance is green food, which should compose nearly one-fourth of the whole. We have some two acres of rye, eighteen inches high. This is cut three-eighths of an inch long and mixed with the food. When there is prospect of snow we cut large quantities of this in a frozen state and pile it up on the north side of a building. It will not heat in this

while in Onio he learned that his prediction made to a neighbor in this county twenty years ago had been verified, and he returned here. His predictions since then have been ac-curate and precise, and he is now be-ginning to enjoy the local fame he has so long sought. Long is sixty years old and a bach-elor. Although he was born in In-diana, he can speak English only brokenly and prefers German. He admits that aside from being able to locate oil wells he is the most ignor-ant man in the country, being unable to read or write, and knowing little of the outside world.

to read or write, and knowing little of the ontside world. Aiways Paid Prompty. Two teachers of languages were dis-cussing matters and things relative to their profession. "Do your pupils pay up regularly on the first of each month?" naked one of them. "No, they do not," was the reply. "I often have to wait weeks and weeks before I get my pay, and some-times I don't get it at all. You can't well dun the parents for the money." "How do yon manage it?" "How do yon manage it?" "How do yon manage it?" "Hi is very simple. For instance, I am teaching a boy French, and on the first day of the month his folks don't send the amount due for the previous month. In that case I give the boy the following exercise to tanslate and write out at home: I have no money. The month is up. Hast thou any money? I need money they money in the porcey thas he no money in the pocketbook of his uncle's great ant?" This fetches them. Next morning that boy brings the money.'' The Unforgetting Dogs.

For laying birds, equal parts of wheat bran and corn meal, twenty per cent. of Quaker oat feed, ten per cent. of Quaker oat feed, ten per cent. of clover rowen, green transference of clover orwen, green transference of clover orwen, green transference of clover orwen, green transference of grit. Feed twice a day be seen the movements of war and oats at noon. Keep grit and ground oyster shells constantly by them. We never cook the food for our dacks after they are a week old, but mix it up with cold water. Some years ago I came into possession of a pear orchard of about free tights. "Local Sam has ever bace careful to the river, and then going back the foor miles the soluter y islands of the United States, situated the run to Key West, where their now the soon become known to the river, and then going back the foor miles home, after satisfying themset werld. In war times the island was well known to privateers and blockady here moves and are the order sating state. There the salad was well known to privateers and blockad the subject was gained from books, and I made some blun.

A FAMOUS OIL WIZARD.

FAST FIRE MORSES. The Quickest ones in the World Are in Kansas City. T. S. Dellenbaugh writes of "The Quick Horse" in St. Nicholas, his ar-ticle telling of the training of horses for the fire department. Mr. Dellen-baugh says: The quickest horses in the world were at one time in Kansas City, at the headquarters of its fire depart-ment, directly under the office of tho Chief, Mr. George C. Hale. To Mr. Hale's genius, more than to any other factor, the quick horses owned his first development; for Mr. Hale is the in-ress-which made the quick horses possible. When Mr. Henry M. Stan-ley and his wife were in this country, the y witnessed an exhibition drill of Que Kansas City Fire Department. The drill so impressed the visitors that an account of it was published in a tondon journal, and this English witch the drill so impressed the visitors to the function fire Tournament. Mr. Hale and a picked corps went to Englad, taking with them the re-minute, seventeen and one-half sec-oninute, seventeen and one-half sec-oninute, seventeen and the sec-pties than account of its seconds, there ould be no competition. In Kansas Quick, and where out of the engine-house in less than eight seconds, there ould be no competition. In Kansas Quickly as even Joe and Dan could pinnt heir harresses. It was a pickly as even Joe and Dan could pinnt heir harresses. It was a pickly four fine bays were harnessed to the hook-and-ladder truck almost as quickly as even Joe and Dan could pinnt heir harresses. It was a pickly four fine bays were harnessed to the hook-and-ladder truck almost as quickly as even Joe and Dan could pinnt heir harresses. It was a pickly four fine bays were harnessed to the apparatus. Joe was killed by an a scient; but Dan, with a new mate, a still in service, and as quick as the engine-house to the throwing of JACOB LONG'S UNERRING FORKED STICK POINTS TO THE FLUID.

cent Discoveries Made His Reputation National—For a Long Time Betore the Oil Fever Became Epidemic He Wa Generally Known as the Water Wizard

location. While in Ohio he learned that his prediction made to a neighbor in this

FAST FIRE HORSES.

is still in service, and as quick as ever. The record for quickest time from the engine-house to the throwing of water on the fire is held by a Kansas City company. In this instance the horses were harnessed, a run of 2194 feet (a little less than half a mile) was made, and water thrown from the hose in the wonderfully brief time of one minute, thirty-one and one-half seconds.

How To Drink Water.

one minute, thirty-one and one-half seconds. How To Drink Water. There are few people, who thor-onghly realize the value of water as a beverage, or who know how to obtain the greatest advantage from it. The effects produced by the drinking of water, as pointed out by Health, vary with the manner in which it is drunk. If, for instance, a pint of cold water be swallowed as a large draught, or if it be taken in two portions with a short interval between, certain de-finite results follow-effects which differ from those which would have resulted from the same quantity taken by sipping. Sipping is a powerfal simulant to the circulation, a thing which ordinary drinking is not. Dur-ing the act of sipping the action of the herve which shows the beats of the heart is abolished, and as a conse-quence that organ contracts much more rapidly, the pulse beats more quickly, and the circulation in various parts of the body is increased. In addition to this, we find that the pres-sure under which the bile is secreted is raised by the sipping of fluid. And here is a point which might well be noted by our readers: A glass of cold water, slowly sipping cold water will often allay the craving for alcohol in those who have been in the habit of taking too much of it, and who may be endeavoring to reform, the effect being probably due to the stimulant action of the sipping.

action of the sipping. The Reward of Valor. The Reward of Valor. Perhaps the most dramatic reward Lord Charles Beresford over got for valor, was a few years ago. One bit-ter cold night, when his ship was off the Faukland islands, there was a cry of "man overboard." The sentry had disappeared beneath the floating ice. Though clad in heavy garments, Lord Charles instantly seized a coil of rope and leaped into the sea. "I went down and down and down," said Lord Charles, when relating the incident, "until I began to think that the other end of the rope was not fastened to anything. At last I grasped my man, the rope became taut, and I began to ascend. The ship's corporal helped us both out." Fifteen years after-ward Lord Charles was speaking at a political meeting in support of Lord Folkestone's candidature. The hall was packed, and suddenly there was a scuffle at the back. "Chuck him out!" cried some one; but Lord Charles invited the man to come up to the platform, and they would listen to what he had to say. The man struggled forward in great excitement. He only wanted to shake hands with his resoure. He was the sailor who had been saved by Lord Charles from the icy sea off the Faulkland Islands. —St. James's Gazette. The modern shark is detoriced the

-St. James's Grazette. The Modern Shark. The modern shark is deteriorating. In ages gone by there were ferocions sharks, such as would make a mouth-fal of you without blinking, seventy feet in length. Plenty of their teeth have been found which are five inches long, whereas the biggest of the teeth belonging to sharks that exist at the present day are one and a half inches long.

They Think in Millions. The London Bankers' Clearing House was established 125 years ago, and last year nearly \$4,000,000,000 passed through it. London's daily bank business averages \$125,000,000.

The Reward of Valor