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to the Tribune Printing Company, Limited

What's the use of being a Sult chieftain, anyway? One member of the Saltan's cabinet is drawing a sal-ary of only \$15 a month, and the highest priced man in the list gets \$2.50 a day. Those figures will not be likely to encourage polygamy un-less the members of the harem will consent to take in washing.

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the development of the horseless vehicle has been the public demand for good country roads. It is believed that when the people fully realize the utilitarian value of the automobile as a conveyance in cities and for interurban transit the good roads will have to come. The perfection of the automobile therefore means a great deal to the farmers. The cross-country lines that are established between cities will demand smooth highways and they will not destroy them after they are built.

The unanimous decision of the Court of Appeals of New York State in an insurance case in which a policy holder tried to secure payment of an undivided share of the surplus is assuring. The decision of the court denied the application. Not alone the government of the insurance companies, but the policy holders themselves, who clearly comprehend the character of their contracts, will be gratified with this decision, which in effect prohibits a single policy holder from taking with hum, when his composited the supplies that the state of the surplus is assuring. The decision of the court denied the application. Not alone the government of the insurance companies, but the policy holders themselves, who clearly comprehend the character of their contracts, will be gratified with this decision, which in effect prohibits a single policy holder from taking with hum, when his composited the surplement of the court asking with hum, when his composited to the surplement of the court asking with hum, when his composited to the surplement of the court asking with hum, when his composited to the surplement of the court asking with hum, when his composited to the surplement of the court asking with hum, when his composited to the surplement of the court asking with hum, when his composited to the surplement of the court asking with hum, when his composited to the strain, so done the the principal can't say that I feel called upon to go, the limit are means the date the principal can't say that I feel called upon to go, the called upon to go, the tr effect prohibits a single policy holder from taking with him, when his policy matures, any portion of the urplus belonging to those whose policies have not matured, remarks the Christian Work. If a life insurance company were to distribute all its surplus, it would become insolvent in the first panic that caused shrinkage in the market value of assets.

Cartoons Drawn by Russia's Empress.

In an illustrated life story of the Empress of Russia in the Young Woman, we are told that the Czarina speaks five languages, and that riding, painting, rowing, sketching, swimning and tennis are among her recreations. But one of her favorite amusements is in drawing caricatures. Freed from the fear of the cenor, she indulges with her pen and pencil in a way which makes even Russian Minters tremble, drawing them in caricaters tremble, drawing them in caricaway which makes even Russian Min-ters tremble, drawing them in carica-ture, which would mean death or Siberia to any other artist. She has drawn the Czar himself—a solemn, bearded, but bald infant in long clothes, tied in an armchair and sur-rounded by a host of grand dukes rounded by a host of grand dukes and grand duchesses armed with feeding bottles, all insisting on feeding him in a different way. No wonder the Caar is screaming at the top of his roles.

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IN THE COUNTRY IN THE FALL.

They are hauling in the buckwheat
From the field upon the hill,
of the sold upon the hill,
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of the sold upon the mill;
of the dam below the mill;
of the ripened nuts are falling
And the hungry peaceck's calling
For the breakfast that the gander grabbed
away,
While the squirrels gayly chatter
As if nothing were the matter,
And the gobbler's getting fatter
Every day.

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The colts are in the pasture
And the cows wind o'er the lea;
All the swaying limbs are naked
Where the green leaves used to be;
The house-wife all a flutter,
Stirs the bubbling apple-butter,
With the wood smoke in her nostrils

the wood and her eyes;
On the line the wash is gleaming,
On the steps the dog is dreaming,
And, above, a hawk is screaming
As it flies.

The glossy quali is resting
On the weather-beaten log,
And the huntsman from the city
Stumbles down through brake and bog;
Over roots and over bowlders,
With a pair of aching shoulders,
Ue goes trudging with his fifty-dollar gun,
Always to his purpose cleaving,
Never halting, never grieving,
But contendly believing,

The farmer's rosy daughter
Helps the busy bired man;
They are busking corn as blithely
And as briskly as they can;
They are very near together
As they busk and wonder whether
There are red ears they shall chance to find
or not;
She is looking out to see one,
He is hoping he may "tree one,"
But there doesn't seem to be one
In the lot,

A subtle charm enfolds them
As they tear the husks away;
There is music in the cackle
Of the hen up in the hay;
Now she hears his exclamation
And is full of perturbation,
For at last—at last—the lucky ear is found
Flushes mount into their faces,
He the happy chance embraces—
And she giggles as he chases
Her around,

O the farmer's lot is happy,
And the farmer's dreams are sweet,
If there's money in his decis
And his bins are full of wheat—
Free from all the city's clamor
He may live defying grammar,
And the leaves that fall serve not to make
him sad!
Having cleared up all his labors,
Fearing naught from ships or sabers,
He plays checkers with the neighbors.
And is glad,
—S. E. Kiser,

## THE JOSSLYN REUNION.

BY HARRIET CARYL COX.

"They might have some among all the Joselyns," Amelia suggested.
"Perhaps just a senator or something in some branch of the family."
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"Do you remember Great-aunt Sarah?"
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Amelia nodded.

"And did you ever see such a lot of nobodies in all your life as you used to see at the funerals and weddings? You felt as if you'd got to apologize to your neighbors for them. Ancestors, indeed! You needn't try ond tell me they ever had any ancestors at all, any of them."

She took up the paper and glanced it through again.

"It is proposed to gather together all the genealogical lore and traditions, to separate tradition from fact, and finally to publish a book in which shall be a complete history of the Josslyn family from Adam to the present generation. To do this it is necessary that all branches of the family be represented, and it is earnestly requested that as far as possible all persons in whom flows any drop of the Josslyn blood gather at this reunion and contribute their share to the fund of information."

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There was silence for a moment.

"And I ordered some for you, too, Amelia," she added. "Because we are both Josslyns, you know."—Atlanta Constitution.

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Yankee Ingenuity Quickly Conquered a Philippine Stream.

Major B. F. Cheatham, of the First Tennessee Volunteers, sends to the Engineering News, from Molo, Philippine Islands, a very interesting account of a floating bridge constructed by the American army in the Island of Panay, which possesses some unusual features. He says: The Holo River at Molo is 290 feet wide, twenty feet deep, and has a difference in elevation at high and low tide of three and a half feet. The orders were to "build a bridge sufficiently strong for infantry and light artillery to cross; to build it quickly and cheaply." As there was no other material available it was decided to use bamboo exclusively, and in the entire structure nothing else was used—not even and or other pieces of mail or pieces of sively, and in the entire structure nothing else was used—not even a nail or piece of wire. Long pieces of bamboo were assembled in bundles of fitteen and tightly bound with rattan. These bundles supplied the buoyancy for the bridge, and were placed ten feet apart, parallel to the current. They were held in this position by four stringers, which were securely lashed to the bundles so as to form a foundation for the roadway, ten feet wide. On these stringers were placed small bamboo, cut ten feet long, each piece being tied to the stringers by the invaluable rattan. Over these poles were laid a rough matting woren from split bamboo, which made an even surface strong enough to support a horse.

seem to have a mine of it here, and there's family."

Elmira reared her head proudly. "I hould say not," she answered embatically. "Why, there are governors, and senators, and, lawyers, and—and everything, in grandfather's meetsors."

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"I suppose I might go," she said thoughtfully, after a few moments' pause. "Of course I'm not called upon to, but it wouldn't hurt me any, and I might find it kind of interesting, just to look on."

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and seemed to know everybody, and he said I was very straight descended—that means you, of course, too, only you weren't there—and he was talking about me, and he introduced me to a woman, and said something that II didn't hear, but it made her extra nice to me, and she took me around and introduced me to 'most everybody, and they was as fine a looking set of folks as I ever see, even if I do say it, and they're relations.

"They've been having a dreadful time straightening out some records and trying to trace some pattern that was on some china that came over in the Mayfower and was used in England before that. A lot of the sons had had whole sets made like it and it has got all scattered round, and when they came to describe it, it came across me all of a sudden't that came across me all of a sudden't hat yay, and it seemed probable he would get damages for the loss of his treast time. The case was nearly through, the evidence had all gone the plaintiff's town of crockery up in the attic, that grandfather gave us and we didn't ever use 'cause 'twas so old and cracked. So I up and told 'em about it."

"Right out afore everybody," Amelia gasped.

"Of course! Wasn't I as much a Josslyn as any of 'em, even if my last name isn't Josslyn? My middle name is just as much their own as their last.

"Well, they was described in the reply." Well, this court don't repress the reply in the dog, and verdict is rendered for defendant."—The court then adjourned.—San Francisco Wave.

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One of the most peculiar of contemporary writers is Olive Schreiner, who suddenly leaped into great popularity over ten years ago by her strong romance, "The Story of an African Farm." Since then she has never produced another sustained bit of imaginative worl. But in several smaller books she has shown creative power of a rare kind. Her father was a German missionary and her mother an English woman, and all her girlhood she spent at a remote station in Cape Colony. This lonesome life she has reproduced with startling fidelity in her book, which was a powerful protest against the world's failure to permit a girl to enjoy the same training as a boy. Her sketches of Boer life were as graphic as Rider Haggard's in "Jess" or "Swallow." Olive Schreiner

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OLIVE SCHREINER.

feels deeply the wrongs of the Boers, and her pen has been active for months in presenting their side of the contro-versy with England.

HOW WASHBOARD WON FAVOR Mrs. William Warren Says She Had

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Mrs. William Warren of Erastina place, Mariner's Harbor, Staten island, claims that she was the first woman to introduce the washboard into the interior part of England. Mrs. Warren, who is of English birth, says she returned to Gloucestershire some twenty-six years ago, and it was then that she first noticed the primitive mode of washing there. When she saw the long, coffin-shaped tub and noted the great labor made over a wash, she told about the American washboard. Some utilized huge barrels, with pounders; the clothes were put in and -oft soap was poured on. After two hours' pounding the clothes were rinsed in brooks or streams, and then bleached in the sun. Others used large cubs and rubbed each part of the garment with the open palm of the hand; some had "slid" boards, through which the clothes passed back and forth in a slow manner. Mrs. Warren sent for a washboard, and when it arrived a holiday was taken. Everybody tried it, and a great rubbing took place. Mrs. Warren, to show how the board was used, traveled from house to house. Everybody bought one, and the 'illages around soon caught the fever. All old-fashioned designs were put aside, and the Yankee washboard found its first friends among the country people of England.—New York Tribune. Much to Do with It.

of foreign affairs in 1884 he had been minister of Mexico to Great Britain Senor Mariscal is said to be the best informed man on either side of the water in regard to the intricate nature water in regard to the intricate nature of Spanish-American polities, being thoroughly conversant with the situation in every republic in all Central and South America. This is by no means an easy task when one considers the frequency of revolutions everywhere else but in Mexico. Senor Mariscal has a great admiration for the United States, and every plan for more cordial relations between the two republics has had his cordial approval,



## PROTOCOLOR NEW WORK NEW SHORT NEW SH GOOD ROADS NOTES.

Abolish the Unit System.

The continuance of the toll system is simply the perpetuation of an onerous tax upon the people for the benefit of the baldest kind of a monopoly. In various parts of the country toll roads have been gradually abolished, as their franchises have expired.

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A writer in a St. Paul paper states that he recently drove over a piece of road at Fort Worth, Texas, which was treated last fall with a wetting with crude petroleum. He says that durjail because this countryman did not know the law. That ruling made every lawyer in the courtroom gasp for breath."—Brooklyn Eagle.

MEXICAN SECRETARY OF STATE

Although President Diaz of Mexico was prevented from visiting the United States this fall on account of the illness of his wife, his minister of foreign affairs came. Senor Ignacio Mariscat stands closer to President Diaz than does any other official at present concession. Where the Farmer Profits.

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We may say that it doesn't cost the farmer anything to market his crops, because he does all the hauling himself. True, but isn't his time worth something? Suppose that in place of every ton of wheat or hay or potatoes loaded on his wagon he was able, as a result of good roads, to load up two tons, and to market the entire crop of his farm with just half the labor and in just half the time which is required at present, which would be the case with good roads, wouldn't the amount of time he could save be worth something, and wouldn't it be worth saving?

Automobiles and Gool Roads.

The "good roads movement," which has been quietly and steadily progressing in the United States for several years, is likely before long to become a great national issue in politics. The movement was first started by the wheelmen, through their national organization, the League of American Wheelmen, and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent by this organization in agitating the question. To the wheelmen will soon be added a large number of owners of horseless carriages as ardent advocates of road improvements.—Los Angeles Times.

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Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, not long ago began the construction of a system of macadam roads. It was customary there to load up two bales of cotton on a wagon to be hanled by a mule team. The mules could draw this load very well during dry weather. After a rain, when the roads were soft, the load was too much for even a pair of tough mules. After the county had begun to build roads this load was found that the same two mules were able to hanl as much as twelve bales, or six tons, in place of their former load, which amounted to only a single ton. And more—the improved roads made it possible to haul this load in wet and dry weather alike, for, being properly built of stone, they were fit for use immediately after a heavy rain.

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It is the intention of many States besides Massachusetts, either by connecting their detached sample roads or by laying down long lines to be built as a whole, to establish State roads upon the principal routes of travel, which shall be object lessons on a large scale. The Legislature of New York has frequently had under consideration the subject of a network of roads connecting all of the county seats by north and south and by east and west lines. The same or similar plans have been proposed in Pennsylvania, Maryland and California. Other States have proposed to limit these object lessons to a single road running lengthwise of the State or two lines crossing each other at the capital. Should these plans be put into execution, it will be very important that these roads in the different States should be made to connect at the State lines and thus form interstate roads.

The Anti-Rut Agitation.

Over \$2,000,000 has been spent by the State of Massachusetts in the building of improved highways.