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-The Congo region exports about 3,000,000 walking stocks a year.

After six years' suffering I was cured by Piso's Cure.—MARY THOMSON, 29% Ohio Ave., Alleghany, Pa., March 19, 1894.

DISHES THAT GROW.

with Curious Growth Upon It Sole

the Other Day for \$1,000.

The other day there was sold at Manchester, for no less than \$1,000, an old-fashioned chinn plate of the extremely rare kind which is known to the collectors as "growing crockery," though no explanation of this strange the collectors as "growing crockery," though no explanation of this strange phenomenon was given in the newspaper reports. From the plate itself had sprung, to a height of more than a third of an inch, a sort of eruption of beautiful crystals, that seemed to take the form of elegant trees and miniature pagodas. The growing crystals were gradually rising higher and higher, and they had brought up with them the enamel surface of the plate at every point where they had sprung from the body of the latter. Such plates are a chemical manifestation of the rarest possible kind; and only a very few years ago a tea pot, the property of a lady in London, that had become covered with beautiful crystals in this way, was sold to a collector for \$5,000. The clay of which such china is made contains alumina and magnesia, and in certain cases these are is made contains alumina and mag-nesia, and in certain cases these are so acted upon by the presence of sul-phuric acid as to produce fibrous crys-tals, that are in reality very much of the character of Epsom salts or crys-tals of alum. The plate sold the other day had belonged to a poor person, who had never attached much value to it.—Stray Storles.

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The Marvelous Growth and Popularity of the System.

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time there has been nothing in been nothing in the history of the postal service of the unit ed States," says the annual report of the first assistant postm a ster-general, "so remarkable as the growth of the rural free delivery system." The daily delivery of mail at the farment, is no longer an experiment. In the words of the report, the system

ment, is no longer an experiment. In the words of the report, the system has now "to be dealt with as an estabhas now "to be dealt with as an established agency of progress, awaiting only the action of the Congress to determine how apidly it shall be developed." The current month finds rural free delivery of mail in successful operation from 383 distributing points radiating over forty States and one Territory, while other districts from Maine to Texas are anxiously waiting for those regular visits from Uncle Sam which mean so much in a variety of ways.



RUBAL CARRIER, BOWLING GREEN, OHIO. (Twenty degrees below zero.)

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This country is learning that ethical considerations like these are most intensely practical, and that a study of such problems is what the country needs for a truly larger growth. But figures are deduced in the report to convince those to whom figures are the only tangible evidence. So the report sets forth that whenever the aystem has been started properly, it has been followed by these results:

Increased postal receipts. More letters are written and received. More letters are written and received. More letters are written and received. More newspapers and magazines are subscribed for. So marked is this advancement that many rural routes already pay for themselves by the additional business they bring.

Enhancement of the value of farm lands reached by rural free delivery. This increase in value has been estimated at as high as \$5 an acre in some States. A moderate estimate is from \$2 to \$3 an acre.

and he is gratified—properly so—for the recognition which the Govern-ment has given him in bringing the mails so near to his door.

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Rural free delivery carriers, as a rule, "put on frills" in Indiana, which State, next to Ohio, has the lion's share of the existing experimental service. Most of them provide them products, the producers being brought into daily touch with the state of the markets, and thus being enabled to take advantage of information heretofore unattainable.

In the communities where it has been tried free delivery is considered the greatest boon that the Government ever has conferred on them. One Missouri farmer has calculated



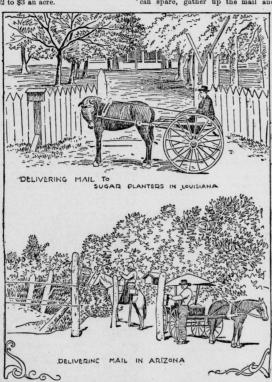
that in the last fifteen years he has driven 12,000 miles going to and from the postoffice to get his mail—all travel that is saved to him by the free delivery system.

In the last report of the First Assistant Postmaster-General there are some striking illustrations.

There is, for example, a scene at acoustry store, twelve miles from Lafayette, Ind., from which point three rural letter carriers start daily, each making a circuitous drive of twenty-five miles or more, without passing over the same road twice. At the particular point photographed four cross roads meet, and twenty or more families, most of them living half a mile from the store, have each put up an individual letter box of galvanized iron, lettered with the name of the person for whom it is intended.



Into this box the carrier, whose hour of arrival is known, and scarcely varies ten minutes, winter or summer, drops the letters and daily papers for each family, and collects in return their mails which are deposited in a Government collection box, placed in position at the same spot. The farmer's children, or such idle hands as he are resulted to the contract of can spare, gather up the mail and



A general improvement of the condition of the roads traversed by the rural carrier. In the Western States especially the construction of good or coads has been a prerequisite to the establishment of rural free delivery service. In one county in Indiana a special agent reports that the farmers apent over \$2500 to grade and gravel a road to obtain rural free delivery.

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Kaiser's Great Ring of State.

Whenever the Emperor of Germany is engaged in an important function, either imperial or royal, those near him notice that should he by any chance take the glove off his left hand he wears on the middle finger a large ring—a square, dark-colored stone set in massive gold.

The story is that the ring is an old heirloom in the Hohenzollern family, dating from the time when the ancestors of the Kaiser—the Margrafs of Nuremberg—followed their leaders to the capture of the Holy Sepulchre from the Moslems.

Margraf, of Ulrich, who lived in the thirteenth century, was an adventurous prince, and it is believed that the ring which the Kaiser now wears came into Ulrich's possession after a hard-longht battle under the walls of Jerusalem. It belonged to one of Saladin's successors, and in some unexplained lem. It belonged to one of Saladin's successors, and in some unexplained

successors, and in some unexpianned manner it found its way on to the fin-ger of the German Knight. Some one of the Nuremberg Mar-grafs obliterated the sentence from the Koran which originally adorned it and engraved a Latin cross in its place.



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Fighting a Shark.

A lively experience with a twelvefoot striped shark came to Boatmen
Harry Johnson and Bob Barnard, relates the San Francisco Chrogicia.
They were fishing between Mission
Rock and Goat Island when they saw
the shark. It followed them persistently, and once when it came boldly
up to the boat the boatmen set upon it
with oars, stretcher and gaff. A blow
from the big brute's tail came near
capsizing the Whitehall. Barnard
barely escaped being drawn into the
sea through sinking the gaff into the
body of the shark, which set off at a
terrible speed, pulling the boat after
him. It was so weak from the blows
and from loss of blood that it was
finally conquered. In the fight the
boatmen broke one oar and a stretcher.

Elephantine Mischler.

A CARRIER AT CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND. the carrier can probably sleep as comfortably in his saddle as anywhere else.

The hardships sometimes encountered by the rural carriers are shown in the photograph of a rural carrier in Northern Ohio returning from a trip when the thermometer was forty degrees below zero. Yet, though the First Assistant Postmaster-General reports that there are several girls acting as bonded rural carriers, few instances are recorded of their failing to make their daily trips, either in the coldest storms of winter or the blazing heat of summer.

One question which has received grave consideration by the Department is the insecurity and improper character of the mail boxes put up. On this subject the First Assistant Postmaster-General says:

In the early days of the service, when neither Congress nor the Post-office Department, as then organized, held out any hope that rural free delivery boxes. Tomato cans, eigar boxes, drainage pipes up ended, sosp boxes and even sections of discardeds through the provide uniform boxes and maintain them, charging a moderate rental.

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to gray hair. It keeps my hair soft and smooth. It quickly cured me of some kind of humor of the scalp. My mother used your Hair Vigor for some twenty years and liked it very much. — Mrs. Helen Kilkenny, New Portland, Me., Jan. 4, 99.

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WOMAN'S WAY.

When her duty's manifold, And her hours of ease are few Will a change come o'ef the spirit Of the woman who is "new?" When she's drawn upon ajury, Or is drafted for the war, Will she like her freedom better Than the "chains" she now abhors?

Men she's running for an office
And gets "left" and has the blues,
Won't she wish that she was back in
The "oppressed" old woman's sho
When, the Ship of State is steering
'Mid a storm of mad abuse,
Won't she wish that for fibe ballot
She'd ne'er thought she had a use

When she finds that she is treated "Like a man." O, tho' she's longed For just that, won't she be tempted. Oftentimes to think she's wronged? When no man e'er gives his seat up In a car, or deigra to hold. Her umbrella when It's radning, Won't she wish that she was "old?"

Won't she think the men "just horrid,"
Left to hustle for herself,
Where she's looked on as a rival
In the race for power and pelf?
When the man's reverence no longer
Is accorded as her due,
When he treats her as a brother,
She'll be sorry that she's new
—Buffalo (K. T.) Courier.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"Ah," said the doctor. "Cable car, evidently." "No," replied the ambulance man. "Football."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Johnny—"Pa!" Pa—"Yes." Johnny—"Is an Indian reservation a place where the Indians are allowed to live until the white men want it?"—Puck.

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave When first we practise to deceive;" And ere we get expert, perhaps, Our memories begin to lapse. —Indianapolis Journa!.

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Husband—"Why, I thought you
were going to pay these bills out of
your allowance." Wife—"But I didn't
buy these things until I had spent it."

-Brooklyn Life. Jones—"There comes Small. How bound for a big, burly man like him to have a name like that." Bowlder—"Well, you see, he was little when they named him."

they named him."

School Examiner—"What is the meaning of false doctrine?" "School-boy—"Please, sir, it's when the doctor gives the wrong stuff to the people who are sick." . "Oh, don't guess.

"I guess—" "Oh, don't guess.
You Americans always guess, you
know." "No, I don't know. You
English always know, don't you
know."—Chicago Tribune.

Teacher—"How dare you laugh at me, you young rascals?" Chorus of Pupils—"But we're not laughing at you, sir." Teacher—"Well, then, I don't know what else there is to laugh

Stranger—"Do you always have this kind of weather here in spring?" Native—"Do you mean the weather we are having at this moment or the kind we had five minutes ago?"—Yon-ters Statesman.

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Mr. Wickwire—"What is that woman
Arr. Wickwire—"Why so sing?" Mrs.
Wickwire—"My Sweetheart's the Man
in the Moor," Mr. Wickwire—"Well,
if he doesn't hear her it isn't her
fault."—Tit-Bits.
"I shall payer sweek to him grain."

fault."—Tit-Bits.

"I shall never speak to him again," she said. "Why not?" "Well, we were alone in the drawing room last night when the 'gas suddenly went out." "And what did he do?" "Nothing."—Stray Stories.

His Wife—"It's just 1 o'clock. I'm going to my milliner's to try on my new hat and I'll be back in ten minutes," He—"All right, but remember that we have dinner at 8 o'clock."—Chicago Tribune.

Merchant—"And 'swh wouldn't the

Member that we have under at o'clock."—Chicago Tribune.

Merchant—"And why wouldn't the customer buy that tiger skin?" Office Boy—"He said it wasn't genuine." Merchant—"And didn't you make it appear plausible to him that it was genuine?" Office Boy—"Why, of course. I even told him that I shot the tiger myself."—Fliegende Blatter.—"Young man," said the old gentleman, "my daughter is too young to marry. A girl of her age cannot be sure of her own mind in a matter of such importance." "I fully realize that," replied the young man, who had just secured the fair one's consent. "That's why I don't want to wait."—Chicago Evening Post.

Steamers on African Lakes.

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The lakes of Central South Africa are no lenger sacred to native cances and the roughly constructed sailing vessels which have formed so important a part in the trade with the interior of Africa. Lake Tanganyika is the latest point to be invaded with an iron steamer. Her name is Cecil Rhodes.

She was shipped from London to Chinde to be transported in sections through the mountains on the east of this lake, which is the centre of the chain of lakes of which Victoria Nyanza is the northeast link.

The importation of this class of steamers will, it is thought, facilitate the trade with the natives of Masailand and other countries which the lakes traverse, and will prove far superior to the previously used twooden vessels because of their speed and durability. The experiment will be watched with interest here, and if successful, will revolutionize the methods of trade now in vogue in successful, will methods of trade revolution Central Africa.

A Novel of Sentiment.

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She was explaining the plot of a novel of sentiment, "You see," she said, "she's in love with him, and thinks she isn't. And he isn't in love with her, and thinks he's in love with her, of course, while he thinks she isn't in love with her, and thinks she isn't in love with him at all. Then they get married, and he finds out that she really is in love with him, and he gots to love her, you know. But she has found out that he isn't in love with her, 2nd so she doesn't love him any more. That's as far as I've read. It's a splendid idea, isn't it?"—New York Commercial Advertiser.