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Nothing less than the invention of an automatic horse will bring the automobile up to date.

People are still trying to find out how to prolong their days. Yet the oldest man in the world is in a New Jersey poor-house.

That must have been an interesting That must have been an interesting paper that was not read before the American ornithologists in Cambridge, Mass., owing to the absence of the author. It was "The Pterylosis of Podargus, with Further Notes on the Pterylography of the Caprimulgidae.

The Massachusetts law declares that the display of advertisements on the highway, if unauthorized by the abutting property-owner, constitute a nuisance and the offender is punishable by a fine. A municipal order recognizing an essentially similar principle has been recently adopted in Chicago. A crusade against this form of public disfigurement has been disfigurement has been started in New York City.

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For several years the supply of rubber has been short, and prices have ruled high. The advent of the bicycle as a popular vehicle, and later the use of rubber tires on automobiles and carriages of all sorts, boomed the cost of the material to an unprecedented point. Some anxiety has been flet with respect to the supply, and many efforts have been made to discover a satisfactory rubber substitute. However, apprehension of the failure of the supply has been allayed by the discovery of a great forest of rubber trees in Bolivia. But this discovery should not discourage the experiment in rubber-tree cultivation which is being made in Florida.

More than 35,000 persons, with 1427 vessels, are engaged exclusively in the fishing industry of the United States, according to the annual report of Commisioner Boxers, who runs the fish and fisheries bureau of the Federal government. The annual catch is nearly 400,000,000 pounds, worth about \$10,000,000. Strennous efforts have been madeto increase the supply of the edible species of fish but these endeavors scarcely keep pace with the growth of population, and increased prices have been noted accordingly for what should be a cheap and general article of food supply. However, the fishermen have prospered, although their markets has been in many instances limited or reduced.

A missionary trust is the latest thing in organization, according to the New York Sun. The six great societies of the Congregational church are now considering a plan by which more united efforts may be secured, and much waste of time, material, and effective the archives wife and the carth's surface affects the contract of the company trust is the latest thing in organization, according to the New York Sun. The six great societies of the Congregational Sunday Sunday



A Round Trip.

At Tiredville the trip begins.
We soon reach Juvowy Centre;
The gates of Sleepyland we push
Apart, and slowly entre.
Within are dreams of every kind,
And maps of every nation;
We must take care, or nightmares mad
Will chase us from the station.

But, when we've once reached Slun town,
We've no more need to worry.
The journey back to Wide awake
We take in quite a hurry.
—Christian Registe

The Cat and Pincushion.

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Miss Clara Rossiter had a cat that amused itself by drawing all the pins out of the cushion. When the last was removed, it would look up into its mistress's face with an expression that meant, "Please stick them in again." And, as often as they were put in, just as often were they drawn out. This cat had another favorite amusement. If a vase of flowers stood within reach, it used to pick the flowers out one by one and eat them.

A Fortunate Dog.

A Chicago school has lately furnished a very pretty instance of childish sympathy and childish resourcefulness. Some people having complained of a dog which had no home
and no visible means of support, a
policeman was detailed to shoot the
animal. When he appeared near the
schoolhouse with his revolver, one
of the little girls asked him what he
was going to do. He told her, and
she begged him not to shoot the animal. "But I must," he said, "for he
hasn't any license," "We'll get him
a license if you won't shoot him,"
said the little girl; and so the policeman granted a few days' respite.
The little girl interested eight or ten
of her friends, arranged for a "show,"
consisting of speeches, recitations,
and music, to be given by themselves,
and persuaded their teacher to announce it, with its charitable object.
They cleared enough money to raise
the dog from a condition of vagrancy
to a position of affluence and independence. They paid his license fee
bought him a new collar and were
even able to deposit a small sum
with the butcher to provide their
canine friend with julicy marrow-bones
and choice cuts of chuck steak in
days to come.—Youth's Companion.

houses upon their backs. The house is made of a prettily marked shell. While a snail walks along he comes out of this house, but still takes it along with him. Naturalists tell us that when a snail wants to breathe he must draw himself into his shell to expel the air from his lungs, and come out when he draws air into his lungs again. This seems to be a very elaborate and troublesome way of breathing, and it is to be hoped the snail doesn't have to do it very rapidly.

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It is a curious fact that the spiral pattern of the snail's house nearly always turns from right to left. But occasionally a snail is found with his snail pattern turning in the opposite direction. A snail, then, of this unique variety is regarded as a great curiosity, and if you ever find one, keep it safely as one of the ornaments of your collection. The shell is a heavy one, marked with brown stripes, and the snail's body is gray. He enjoys his dinners and his slow perambulations all summer. On the approach of winter he selects a snug corner, and there he makes a close cover for himself out of leaves and dirt, fastening them together with a sticky fluid which nature has provided him to do the work.

The Game of Guess.

In a new game of "Guess" the contestants are toid that each question must be answered with the name of a man who has attained some sort of fame during the last 100 years. Each guest is given a little tablet with his name written on every one of the pages, which are tambered from one to 39. Two minutes are allowed to each question. The questioner sits with a bowl before her, into which, when she calls time, each player drops a slip upon which he has written his answer. This is the kind of list that the Woman's Home Companion suggests that the questioner read, omitting, of course, the answer:

Why did England so often lose her way in South Africa? Mr. Rhodes.

What did the Emperor of China do when the Empress usurped the throne? Custer.

Whose was the first zoological garden? Adam's.

What is Li Hung Chang credited with being? Schlery.

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The lane that has no turn is a what? Longstreet.
How did Pharnoh's Jewish steward sign himsel? Joseph Chamberlain.
What does a Chinese lover say when he proposes? Dewey.
What is in the graves of the three kings that followed Richard III? Henry Clay.

What do the waves do to a vessel wrecked near shore? Beecher.

If the statue of Liberty came to life it would be a what? Livingstone.

What does a ship do to a seasick man? Rockefeller.

A story of Senator Depew's when it is known to be old, is what? Spotted Tail.

What will three? "Little Bobs."

What is the chairboy likely to do to the old lady he has to push on a hot day? Wheeler.

What is a novel military name for a cook? Kitchener.

When do you get up to see a sunrise? Early.

What were Burns and Southey in infancy? "Little Bobs."

When Max O'Rell gets on a platform what does he do? Speaker Reed.

What does a waiter do after he has filled half of the glass at a table?

Himore.
What does the wind do in a colection of dried herbs? Russel Sage.
In the settlement of disputes, do be European nations quarrel? General

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The big Northern Pacific, while being built, had to pay a big what for meat? Buffalo Bill.
A little laurel wreath pin is an apropos first prize, with a copy of "Representative Men" as a consolation. A booby is best dispensed with; it is apt to embarrass the recipient. Almost any person can prepare an original list of questions and answers. Perhaps the easiest method to follow in doing this is to seek out a number of names of celebrities, or the names of cities, which might serve as answers to possible queries, and then prepare the questions to which these names will be replies.

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During one of these pleasure excursions young Howard made the acquaintance of Don Antonio Sanchez, a wealthy ranchman, and was invited to visit his hacienda.

Howard accepted the invitation and he was warmly welcomed by the old Don's wife and his beautiful daughter, who had just returned from a convent school in the City of Mexico.

Not many walks had been taken through the orange groves of the old hacienda, where the frost never gleams and the flowers bloom forever, before the young Missourian became satisfied that the beautiful Spanish girl reciprocated his affection for her. He abandoned his Texas friends and moved his effects to a little village not far from Don Antonio's ranch. Howard had been warned b

desperate and perflous adventures that two eloping lovers ever experienced.

Mr. Howard secured the services of an accomplished acionaut, and after purchasing a good balloon he returned to Texas. Taking several faithful friends into his confidence, he sent a trusty Mexican to the little village of Santa Rosa, which is only a short distance from Don Antonio's ranch, to distribute circulars announcing that Prof. Le Roy, a famous acension from the plaza of the little pueble on the 14th of October. Senorita Alma was well informed as to the part that she was expected to act in the plan that her daring lover had devised.

Promptly at the appointed time Prof. Le Roy appeared on the plaza of Santa Rosa and began to inflate his monster balloon. The well-disguised lover mingled with the great crowd that had assembled to witness the ascension. The old Don's curiosity had drawn him to the plaza, where he was walking about, paying little attention to his daughter, for he thought that he had scared her audacious lover far away. As the big balloon began to sway in the air the lovers drew closer together and at a signal from the aeronaut they approached the balloon. When the airship was ready to start on its voyage Prof. Le Roy stepped into the basket and a secret signal was given. Before any one realized what was taking place the daring lovers spraag over the side of the car and accomplices cut the ropes.

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BOSTON'S BUSIEST WOMAN.

she Manuges Her Real Estate Personally and Has Made \$250,000.

Boston has among its citizens the busiest woman in the country, if her wealth and freedom from the necessity of doing the work in which she takes so much satisfaction be considered. She is worth a quarter of a million of doilars, and made the money recognizing the direction that business in a certain part of the city was going to take.

Boylston street was a residential thoroughfare when she first became acquainted with it. After a while the idea took possession of her that business was coming in that direction. She had acquired money enough to become the owner of a house, and she decided to convert it into a shop. She went to see the carpenters and builders, and bought every piece of woodwork and glass that was required in making the change from an old-fashioned home to a new-fashioned shop. She inspected the work as it proceeded, and paid off the men every Saturday night as they filed through her kitchen.

When this undertaking had turned out according to her wishes after some delay and trying waiting, she got another house and had that turned into smart shops with plateglass windows and every other feature to attract the merchant who wanted the best quarters and could pay for them. She got a long lease on a third house after a while and altered that just as she had the others, paying the same close attention to the practical side of the work.

When all these changes were made, she did not hire a janitor to look after her buildings nor did she hand over the management of them to a firm of real estate dealers. She remained in charge so practically that to this day nobody can control them but herself, she scrubs the stairways herself, she washes the windows and she has carried the bricks from the wagon to the sidewalk they were to repair. She lives in an unoccupled basement of the houses, and through her kitchen and dining room passes everybody who comes to the upper rooms of the house, through the basement.

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Every detail of the management of the property comes under her personal control. She began to take this close personal charge of her property when her first house was altered into a business building, and economy was at first her object. Later, she continued the work in the same way because she found it interesting, and now that her property is valued at nearly a quarter of a million of dollars, chiefly as a result of this industry, she finds nothing extraordinary in the fact that she should continue to work so hard.

There is no trace of the miser in her conduct and there are many instances of her generosity, which is especially likely to show itself toward her own sex. So there is no question of her parsimony, in spite of the way in which she lives. Sometimes her generosity to women in business has proved an expense to her, although she is proud of the fact that since the day she first went into the real cetate business, nobody has lost a cent through her.—New York Sun.

Applying the Rule.

CURIOUS FACTS.

A man in Atlantic City, N. J., has

An estrict seidom jumps over an obstruction of some height, as a well or mound—perhaps fearing for its frail bones—the usual way of clearing the obstacle being to breast the wall or mound, and then to roll over it somehow.

In ruling paper the worker, using In ruling paper the worker, using quill and ruler, seventy years ago, took 4800 hours to do work now done by machine in two and three-quarter hours. The old-time worker got \$1 a day; now the two men employed earn \$7 a day between them.

Canton, China, possesses the queerest street in the world. It is roofed with glazed paper fastened on barboo, and contains more signboards to the square foot than any street in any other country. It contains no other shops but those of apothecaries and dentists.

In 1651 the Massachusetts Court expressed its "utter detestation that men and women of meane condition, education, and calling, should take upon them the garbe of gentlemen by wearing of gold or silver lace, or buttons or poynts at their knees, or walke in great boots, or women of the same ranke to wear silke or tiffany hoods or scarfs,"

Bavaria has the most curious of all claims to notoricty, which is that 't possesses the longest lightning conductor in the world. It rises some yards above the top of the meteoro logical station on the Zugspitze, the highest point in the German Empire, and runs down the side of the mountain to the bottom of the Hollenthal, where there is running water all the year round. The length of the rod is five and a half kilometres—nearly three and a half miles.

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Always Watches the Trail.

Senator Shoup, of Idaho, never sits with his back toward a door. If he goes into the Senate restaurant for a midday meal he seeks a place about the board where any one entering the room will face his staiwart figure and keen blue eye. Likewise when he seats himself in a committee room, where several men may be gathered, he picks out a chair where he can keep a clear watch on the trail by which he entered. It is simply the force of habit. For thirty or forty years of his eventful career he lived with a gun in his hand. A Pennsylvanian by birth, he, nevertheless, took part in the stirring life of the frontier at an early age. For many years his home was in a log cabin, with only one window and one door, and where, when he was within, it was a matter of reasonable caution to keep an eye on the approaches. During the Civil War period he served almost continuously as a scout along the base of the Rocky Mountains in New Mexico and along the Canadian, Pecos and Red rivers. So thoroughly accustomed did he become to this that the habit of the scout and frontiersman clings to him unconsciously after a decade of service in the United States Senate.

Two New Words Coined.

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Two new words were brought into Kansas City by travelers lately. One taken from a poster somewhere is "laughiest." It was applied to a show and was merely a variation on "funiest," which has become too common for the average circus billboard writer.

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The other new word is "mortician." It is a puzzler till one studies over is a while; then he becomes enlightened. It means "undertaker." But how elegant! It is unto the plebeini "undertaker" as "tonsorial artist" is to "barber," and even "funeral director" looks like a Canadian dime beside it. Who will be Kafisas City's first "mortician?"—Kansac City Journal.

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A Wonderful Old Lady.
Lord Roselery's mother, the Duchess of Cleveland, is a wonderful old lady. Though she is in her eightyfirst year, she is still full of energy and is a delightful companion. The London King mentions as an illustration of her activity that she did not indulge her love for travel until she was over seventy years of age, and since then she has made many a journey, including a tour to India, the

since then she has made many a journey, including a tour to India, the West Indies and British South Africa. The duchess was married to the late Duke of Cleveland in 1854, three years after the death of Lord Dalmeny, Lord Rosebery's father.

Comforting.

Upon the farewell appearance of a popular prima donna, a local paper unjected in its report of the same the following comforting paragraph: "The house was packed, and as it had been positively announced that it was her last appearance, the enthusiasm was unbounded."—Boston Courier.

How to Learn Your Friend's Income.
Do you know how to discover a man's income? Ask him what he thinks a comfortable income should be and divide his answer by two. This is the rule given by a Harvard professor of economics—a shrewd man!—Boston Journal.

A Chinese Industry.

An example of patient industry is the sorting of hogs' bristles as it is carried on at Tien-Tsin, China. Each one of the bristles has to be picked out, measured and placed in the bundle of hairs of corresponding length.