No One Ever Heard of a Detective Being Killed.

"Funny thing, but can you remen ber ever having heard or read of a Secret Service operator having b murdered?" It was an old New York detective speaking. "Of course you haven't, and yet they are in a line of work in which men are killed now and then, in spite of the fine way in which all the Secret Service men stand by each other. The fast is that Secret Service keeps the or of one of its agents murder just as secret as some important mat ter of State it has discovered. The Secret Service man when he joins knows that if he dies in the discharge of his duty he simply disappears and comes as one who never lived. His

"They are told he has gone on nome far distant mission, in which he finally disappears and they begin to receive his pension. Yet, while the murderer of a Secret Service man is never arrested or punished for the crime, never even accused, he is pun-

tshed just the same.
"I remember the case of a Secret Bervice man who was stabbed to death after midnight by an infuriated Italian counterfeiter in Mulberry street, not half a mile from Police Headquarters. A Secret Service man drove up swift ly in a cab intended for the engine The dying man was put in before he had left much blood on pavement to tell of the murds He died next day. No one ever heard of it nor of any punishment for this murderer. But the counterfeiter was shortly after brought up for counterfeiting and got a sentence long enough to keep him in State prison for the

#### The White Death.

One of the most curious of the nat vral phenomena peculiar to the Rocky known to the Indians as "the white

Not many years ago a party of three women and two men were crossing a part of Colorado in a wagon during the month of February. It was a de-lightful morning, very frosty, but with brilliant sunshine, and the atmosphere

as clear as crystal.

Suddenly one of the women put her hand to her face and said that she had been stung; then other members of the party did the same thing, but no insect could possibly live in that tem-

perature. A moment later they noticed that the distant mountains were disappeard of to a machine ing behind a cloud of mist, a most us usual thing for that time of year. They drove on and in a few minutes a gen Ge wind began to blow and the air became filled with fine particles of something that scintillated like dia-

mond dust in the sunahine. Still they drove on until they came to a cabin, where a man signalled them to stop. With his head all mustfled up he rushed out and handed the driver a piece of paper on which was

written:
"Come into the house quickly or the storm will kill all of you. Don't talk,

No time was lost in getting inside and putting the horses under cover, but in less than an hour the whole party was seized with violent coughs fever, and before the next morn ing one of the women had died with ail the symptoms of pneumonia. The others managed to pull through after long Illnesses

Scientists call this phenomena from en fog, but whence it comes has not at present been traced.

### They Worked on Benches. English, but she had mastered the dia-

lect to some extent. nevvew 'Erhert," she said. of it, that is not always a disgrace. You, my dear, write for the press now

and then, I am told, but you don't 'ave to, you know. That is different." "Yes," replied the young person to whom she was speaking, "but I may be said to have inherited a tendency to work. My father and grandfather both worked for a living, and they were not allowed even the luxury of a chair to sit on. They worked on

benches." "Dear me!" exclaimed the dignified dame, greatly shocked. "What did

-ah-work at?" Well, my father was a judge of the superior court, and my grandfather was one of the Justices of the United

### States supreme court."

Directions for Amateurs. writer in the Munich Jugend has published five signs which should be helpful to all was have to criticize

If the artist paints the sky gray and the grass black, he belongs to the good old classical school.

If he paints the sky blue and the grass green, he is a realist.

3. If he paints the sky green, and the grass blue, he is an impressionlat

If he paints the sky yellow and the grass purple, he is a colorist. \$. If he paints the sky black and the grass red, he shows possession of great decorative talent.

Japan's Railroad Extensions. The Japanese government intends to spend \$75,000,000 during the pert five years on railway construction and equipment. Among other frems, appropriations are made for doubling miles of track, and for construct ing 900 locomotives, 1,000 passenger cars, and 19,000 freight cars,

A Substitute for Work "Physical culture, father, is per feetly lovely?" exclaimed an enthan-To develop the arms i gras; the rod by one end and move ; slowly from right to left."

Well, well!" exclaimed her father "what won't science discover! rod had straw at the other end you'd be sweeping."

THE POWER OF WATER.

Knock a Man Down. When a man goes to swimming at cibly with his land, or takes a back from a pier and lands square's on his back, he realizes that the us stable liquid offers not a little resistance. Yet says a writer in the New York Tribune, it would surprise almost

der certain conditions. A stream from a fireman's hose will knock a man down. The jet from a notale used in placer-mining in the West eats away a large place of land in a day, toys with great boolders as if they were pubbles, and would shoot a man over the country as though he were a projectile from a cannor

There is a story of an Eastern blacksmith who went West and made a but that he sould knock a hole through the jet of one of these non-sles with a sledge-nummer. He lifted his arms, sweng the sledge, and came down on the sen-inch stream with a force that would have dented an anvil But the let, never penetrated, whisked the massive hammer out of the blackamith's hunds, and tossed it several hundred feet away into the debris of gold-bearing gravel beneath a crum-bling cliff. After this the blacksmith leit out Iron when he spoke of hard

There is also a power plant near Durango, Colorado, where a United Slates cavalryman one day thought he had an easy job in cutting a two-inch tream with his sword. He made a valiant attack. The result was that as sword was shivered in two and ils wrist broken.

A little thinner jet of water descend-ng sixteen hundred feet to a manunctory at Grenoble, Spain, and traveling at the moderate speed of one has ired yards a second, fractures the best

Of course come people will not be-leve such atories without having soon he thing, and one may think it a moof of the scientile imagination to my that an includick sheet of water, provided it had sufficient velocity, as liew as eliededmod no braw bluck

raveling, have seen a brakeman put smell hydraulic lack under one end in Pullman car and lift twenty tons or so by a few leisurely strokes of the nump handle; and the experience of dding every day in a hydraulic cleva-for tends to remove doubts of the magic power possessed by water hitch-

Children's Sayings. Wordsworth's lines of the child at play, "as if his whole vocation were endless imitation," were recently recalled by a conversation overheard is kins Hospital.

A little girl of mine, whose role was that of nurse, rang an imaginary telephone on the wall to talk to her penion at the farther end of the room,

who played the part of doctor, "Helio!" said the nurse, "Is this the doctor?" "Yes," answered a deep voice; "this

is the doctor." "This lady to very sick," he was in

Well, what seems to be the trou a bit gruffly.

"She has avallowed a whole bottle of ink!" said the nurse.

The doctor, not flarried, inquire, what had been done for the patient but the nurse, too, was ready in emer gencies. She answered .-

"I gave her two large pads of blot ting paper!"

The dignified dame was not really tumn to dispute the fact, as taught him by his father, that God gave him all he had. After an incredulous "Even "wants to marry a school teacher" wants to marry a school teacher gielded to an older mind, and, screw right to an older mind, and, screw ling his eyes tight shut, continued his evening prayer.

After asking a blessing for each member of the family, he said, "Thank God for the peanuts and my express wagon," adding after a slight pause. "but, oh, Lord, you certainly did send buby come wormy chestauts."

### Cost of Railroad Ties.

The railroads of this country are each year calling for more crossites, and they are rapidly shrinking in number and increasing in cost. total number of ties purchased in 1907 was 153,699,626, an increase of 50,865,578 over 1900. The total comof the crossies purchased in 1967 was \$78,955, 895, an average of 51 conta The increase in total cost was therefore, \$30 130,571, or \$1.7 per concents, was reported for redwood tie a substitute for wood, but nothin satisfactory has yet been produced Several of the fending roads has large tracts of treez growing, and no m a dozen years or more may be abl to supply their own wants. Growin trees on railroad lands seems to b the most practical way to provide '

### Conservation.

The resources of the earth are the our national wealth, By means of them alone, in materia things, comes leadership among the nations. The conservation movemen now fully under way cabraces the for sat movement as one of its source and great divisions. Thus the caus of forest conservation throughout th country has won a powerful ally an that has just Before us. - Gifford Pin chot in New England Messagns.

Grass Raincoats. for the wearing of rubber garmen to shed rain, and closely worsn congrass are a fair substitute. of these have a hood attached.

Fainting-Of the 1,01 young women we fainted last year 987 (ell into the arof men, two fell on the floor and o into a water butt.-Life.

THE EXPROTANT HAZID.

Money Not Refused.

in recording an illnes of his grand father, Gen. John Watts De Perater tels an amusing story in connection with Indian home. It is printed in his blogmosky by Mr. Frank Allaben.

Indian hours was recommended as a remody during my grandlather's illpart of this ground.

to Brevoort's old low-storied cottage house on the Bowery, and tell the owner that I wanted some Indian hemp for my grandfather, John Watts. I was to use diplomary if necessary, but not to return without it.

I trotted along brinkly, roused-Mr. Breveort from a map, stated my case, found no demur, and got the indina iemp, which he dug up with his own Kew. "How much am I to pay?" I ques-

"I never sells it," Mr. Brevoort re-

#### Newsboys.

newsboys as a place, for they are gening set. I mean the tired little fellows who beseech one to buy an evening paper at about the hour when the morning paper is coming of the press. Inter and the results of the discovery There is said to be in this city no municipal regulation as to the are of ly to be far reaching. the children who are permitted of required to do this sort of work. There certainly ought to be. Boston Receives and I believe uniforms its newshors. and New York ought to have followed ioston's example long ago. Some of here boys are too bright to be left to grow up on the streets at night. The other day a lady stopped to talk with one of these walfs after her escort had bought a paper. "How many pa-pers have you left?"

"And how much have you made to

"Fifty-two cents since two o'clock "And do you sell payers in the morn-

Yes'm." When do you sleep?"

"Oh, I gets a shooze how and then don't sleep much." "But don't you know that you must p if you want to grow up to be a strong man?"

The little mite looked keenly at the The little mite looked keenly at the way they built a cunning little fence lady—did be size her up for a Sun- of sticks, not so high but that the litday-school teacher?-and then said,-

"Does God sleep?"
That boy might be a Charles O'Con-

#### A Man's Life Saved After Choking on Tough Beef.

How a man's life was saved by a common seldlitz powder is described by a German physician, Dr. Franck, who was called to treat a man who had swallowed a large piece of tours ment, which stuck in his gullet. As meat by natural means, and as the patient's condition was critical, the doctor tried the efficacy of the ga which is generated when the constitu atits of a scidlitz powder are mixed He directed the man to awallow the two halves of one of the powders separately, and the resulting pneuma pressure, sided by the man, who but his mouth and closed the numb piece of meat out of the gallet into

A Lazy Boy's Invention. The long-handled shovel has made over three hundred thousand dollars for its inventor, and the inventor was a lary, shiftless buy of seventeen named Reuben Davis, whose father lived in Vermont at the time, lie so Reuben to digging dirt and loading on a wagon, and the short-handle shovel made the boy's back ache. On afternoon when his father was away. he took out the short handle and stituted a long one, and found the

work much easier. When Mr. Davis reached home Reben got a whipping; but after the old gentleman had used the shoral him-self, he saw that it was a good thing and had it patented. They are now manufactured almost by the million

### The Gods of India.

India is a land of ideas. It is esti-mated that there are three hundreand thirty-three million gods in ill The three great and specia ly venerated deithe are Brohma, Vlat nu, and Siva-the Hinds Trimurti o trinity. Brahma stonds first, unap proschable. There are only t bonor: he is morely involved as the chief of the Trimuru; but is not made the object of actual worship, as he is not supposed to take any interest in mundane affairs. He is the crestor, the giver of all gifts and of a bleggings and controls the destines of mon, yet at the same time is complotely indifferent to thou

A Stream from a Fireman's Hose Will No Charge Made, But a Present of it Protects the Rubber Plant from the Lolange

It appears that at last an antidote is been found to the nexious weeds which are so frequently the death of certain ferms of plant and vegetable Specimens of this to the authorities at New Gardens. ners, but where to get it was the This plant is a blue flowering creeper guession. Finally so e one said it betanically known as the Commelina was grown in the gardes of old Mr. dudiffers itses, but called "rumput ground" by the natives of Malaysia. Heary Brevoort, who comed a large ground by the natives of Malaysia plot on the east side of Broadway, er and "ne-war-an" by the Javanese. Altending through to the Howery above though the report ninds at Kew goes. Teach street. Grace Caurch stands on to show that this creeper is common seem that the managers of estates and told me to lump into his mg, drive up plantations have not known of its pecultarly welcome properties until very recently and accidentally.

The prolific weed known as "ialang" is the great enomy to rubber growth. It was the accident of observing that where the blue flowered creeper came contact with the lalang the latter duced a planter to send specimens to It seems that at first one gins to notice that the weeds are beoming less prolific where the creeper is growing among them. This imgoes on and it has been found that I stated that I was ordered to pay and we discussed the maiter, walking feet in height has been reduced to sale across the garden toward the garden to the garden toward the garden toward the garden to the garden toward the garden toward the garden to the garden toward the garden to

had replaced the mo. In my justice, of setback to the weedy growth that and had my foot on the restep, who chokes young rubber and is the bane felt a brawny, sombarnt, freekled of the planter's life, the question and restraining me and heard there aress: Would the antidote itself exerhand restraining me and heard there arese: Would the antidote itself exer-cords whispered in my ear: "I nover the a prejudicial effect on the rub-selfs instan bemp, for that weakens ber? Therefore the specimens were variou but if I gives it, I never duly submitted to Kew, and, as stated I sairfected the money confided to is unlikely to have any harmful effect ms. placed it in the expectant hand, on young righter trees." Planters all over the East may therefore take and I have heard it laughed over the East may therefore take heart of grace and also take this new "medicine."

In appearance the blue flowered Commelina nudiflora is rather pretty, It is good to hear that measures are on foot to hear that measures are on the hear that measur ry and acted upon it so promptly and atlafactory is the Langkon estate, in itiah North Borneo. The amount of rubber produced annually in the Straits Settlements is of course very

# A True Pigeon Story.

A gentleman had two pairs of pigeous living is dovecots placed side by side. In each pigeon family there was a father and a mother bird and two little ones. On a certain day the parents in one dovecot went away to not food, and while they were gone ne of their little birds fell out of the evecet and down to the ground. The oor haby bird was not much hurt, trange to say, but it could not get back, fer it was too young to fly,

Now, the purents in the other dove-ot were at home when this happened. and it seemed as if they said to them-selves: "One of our bables might fall out in just that way. We must do sething to make the dovecot safer. And then this wise, careful father and mother went to work. They flew about until they found some small sticks. These they carried to their own dovecot, and there in the door tle pigeons could look over it, but high enough to keep them from ever falling out of the dovecot as their little neighbor had done. The owner of the pigeons, who had seen the birdling fall and had put it back into its time as they gathered the sticks and built the fence across the doorway. This is a true story, and it is often lady who knows the owner of these very pigeons.

A Man Who Never Speaks Because he was reprimanded for liking too much when he was a boy. John S. Smith, of Kansas City, has of spoken for twenty-seven years. He s not a recluse, and he does not re frain from conversation with those sround him, but he "talks" with a pen

il and pad only.

Smith is a contractor and builder and frequently has orders to give to als employees. These he always gives a writing. When questions are asker replies in writing, and he and hi workmen get on amazingly well to gether, better, he asserts, than if he spoke to them.—St. Louis Globe-Demo

What They All Say. How we label the man whose opin-ons don't coincide with ours-when Yes, he's an able fellow. ourse everyone knows that he's a lit

Here mention: Politics. Reagion, Medicine. Literature.

Whatever the particular thing may

Early Conditions Important. Artists say that the surroundings of the child determine whether or not he may become an artist. Hideous sur roundings warp and twist the percep-tion of the beautiful so that in later life the child cannot compete with those who have onjoyed a more artistic environment.

Jumped at Conclusion Two small boys had strayed in the nummy room of a certain museum. 'Wot's those?" said one

"Them's guys wot's hin dead a long, answered the other "And wot's them letters, B. C. 14, or the guy in the corner?" "Guess that's the number of the

Place and the Girl in That Mementous Event-The Authorable

You may eay what you like about but, after all, the time and the place have a lot more to do with the makthe spinster with a fondness for sta-

cases out of ten the circumstancesthe mood a man is in, the clothes a girl happens to be wearing when they meet—have more to do with matrimony than the littleblind god And as to marriages being made in heaven-the spinster shrugged away that suggestion with con-

an wondering 'what he saw in her.' I myself have made the remark apre,

"And what have you learnes?"

that most appeal to men are beipless-ness and a certain dainty femisinity of attire that some women affectof business every time.

One man told me that he was \$rst smitten by love's dart while crossing the street behind a lady, who, on lifting her skirts from the dust die played lingerie of the dainty, fuffy order that stamps a girl, to the masculine mind, as a 'sweet, feminine creature.' He followed up the girl -and the opportunity. The result was matrimeny and a charming flat Then he awoke to the fact that the fernioinity was a mere matter of lann dry bills; and the lady was in real ity one of the nort that insisted o having her own way and his totype

"Another man I interviewed me his fate on a railroad train. She was in the act of struggling with a refractory car-window. 'Her little hands,' he said, 'lenked so pretty and Her Hitle helpless; and, too, when he took the stubborn such in hand and forced it open, his own brawn and mus-de showed up so well by con-t-net! Then when she looked up at him and murmured admiringly Oh, it's levely to be so strong!' his

doom was scaled. What though she were freekint snub-nosed and red-haired? She was a clinging vine, he a stordy oak Well, he married her, of course, and he greatly fancied his role for a year two; but in course of time he clinging become monotonous, has grown tired of it, and, between you and me, I think he has some times been tempted to bring damages against that railroad company for not having its windows in work ing order.

"And what conclusion have reached on the subject you ask! This. That after a few years the result in most cases is the same! D's Illusionment, disappointment, dissatisfaction on the man's part."

"And the woman?"
"As to the woman, she, too, has her disenchantments, but then (this is strictly between ourselves) anything is better than being an old o. It is efferescent and pleasant

A horrible revelation is made in a womankind. For sale at C. O. ation devoted to scientific It is that hands age ters. more rapidly than faces. as women make every effort to pre nces, they foolishly allow are more likely to be neglected in their case than in that of the face.

Johnny on Baths. fat meeting in New York, her amusing experiences amongst slum children.

ome of those mothers who at the be ittle ones up in fiannels, freeing then with the return of spring. I persuad ed this mother to bathe her childre regularly. Then, last week, I visited her again.

baths got' said the mother. Johnny refused his bath positively resterday. He said



## A WEED EATING CREEPER. TALK ON MARRIAGE

ONE OF THE BEST DISSELTA-TIONS ON MATRIMONY,

The Part Played by the Time, the

I've been getting up some data on the subject, and I find that in nine

Every wedding leaves some wom. pos of half a dozen married women I know, and in several cases when I knew the people pretty well, I've in-quired of the husband where, and under what cfreumstances he fell is

she was asked. "I learned that two of the things which puts the tallor-made girl out

### Hands Age Rapidity.

erve the youthful aspect of their their bands to giv. them away. It is exto observant eye is not fixed on the or even on the telltale chin, but on the hands. There are ways, fortunately, by which their treachery an be cir amvented, but precautions be in ession, and then during Court

Mrs. Phelps Stokes, the young so clallst worker, recounted, at a social On the subject of baths in winter

"I expostulated the other week with

'Well,' I said, how do the winte " 'The children don't like it, ma'am. you could do as you liked, and he would do as he liked. You like to be cold and clean-he likes to be warr and dirty?



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