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Owing to the stoppage of the subglacial drainage, in some way never ascertained, a lake was formed under the Tete Rousse glacier, in which an enormous body of water was pent up at a spot 10,000 feet above the sea level. Between 1 and 2 o'clock on the night of July 12, 1892, the ice that had

held the lake gave way.

The water swept in a torrent of tremendous force over the Desert de Plerre Ronde, gathering up thousands of tons of rock and stones in its course. It passed with a terrific roar under the hamlet of Bionnassay, which it did not injure, destroyed half the village of Bionnay on the highroad between Contamines and St. Gervals and, tearing up trees as it went along, joined the main river of the Bon-Nant.

Following the river bed and destroying on its way the old Pont du Diable, it hurled its seething flood of water, timber, stones and mud upon the solid buildings of the St. Gervals baths and crushed them into fragments. Then, crossing the Chamonix road, it spread itself out in the form of a hideous fan over the valley of the Arve, destroying part of the village of Le Fayet in its

Such was the catastrophe of St. Gervals which claimed over 150 victims. Utter ruin was everywhere. The once lovely gardens of the baths were five or six feet deep in mud, fine trees had been snapped like reeds and enormous blocks of stone were strewn over the dreary wastę.

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Mr. Penn-Sir William Thompson says that the end of the world will not be brought about by fire, but by frost, and that the finality will come in 10,-

000,000 years,

Mr. Pitt—If there is any comfort in that, it is cold comfort.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

It has been calculated that the loss from illness averages 20,000,000 weeks of work in the year, or 21/2 per cent of the work done by the whole population between 15 and 65 years of age.

If all the money in the world were divided equally among the people, each person would get about \$30.

Kissing the hands of great men was

A Vatter of Temperature

The little one's mother had said, "Now, doctor, if there is any rise of temperature"—she was great on tem perature, by the way—"I will send for you at once. As you know, I have a clinical thermometer and can take the temperature myself without troubling you to come in for the purpose." Just as I was going to bed I was startled by a violent ring at the bell and, hastening to the door, saw a terrified do-mestic, who gasped: "Oh, sir, please, sir, do come round at once! Miss Mar-jory is worse. Missus said I was to tell you her temperature is 108 and is rlsln fast."

Scarcely waiting to put on my hat, I rushed round to the house of my little patient and discovered the whole famlly assembled in the sickroom awaiting the end of poor little Marjory, the mother wringing her hands in agony and crying dreadfully.

"What's the temperature now?" I almost shouted in my agitation.

"Oh," sobbed the mother, "I haven't dared to look since! My poor darling! It was 108, and they say that 105 is always fatal." And she broke down completely.

Without wasting any more time I turned down the blanket and—found that the thermometer had been thrust between the child's side and arm and the bulb imbedded in a freshly applied hot poultice!—Chambers' Journal.

On the Menu In Chile.

For several days I noticed the word "panqueque" upon the bill of fare at the hotel and did not know what it was. There is a brand of wine from one of the Chilian vineyards with that name, and I supposed it was perhaps the same thing referred to, although it was difficult to understand why it should appear among the desserts on the menu at the dinner table and on the bilts of fare for breakfast. The best way to find out about such things is to try them, and the next morning, being in an experimental mood, I or-dered a "panqueque," which, to our amazement, was an ordinary griddle-cake. Then it dawned upon my dull perceptions that "panqueque" spelled pancake. I called the attention of the head waiter to the discovery, and he seemed quite astonished. He could speak English well and claimed to be familiar with the cuisine of America. Therefore he did not see anything unusual in my discovery, and I rather think he wrote the bill of fare himself, for he remarked in a surprised tone: "What do you call a pancake in America?"—Cor. Chicago Record.

Horse Racing on the Stage.

In racing scenes the horses do run at full speed. They run, however, not on the fixed stage, but on what may be called treadmills, which keep the horses in front of the house for longer or shorter periods, according as they are moved quickly or slowly. A picket fence, placed between the audience and the course, not only makes the scene more realistic; it also hides the mechanism of the treadmills. This fence has contributed in another way to add to the effect by being moved in opposition to the direction of the horses and so

lending to their apparent speed.

As to the sounds made by the footfalls of horses to be heard as though passing outside an interior scene, they are reproduced by the dried hoofs of dead horses or wooden imitations mounted on handles and hammered against surfaces of stone, gravel, sod or whatever the occasion may demand. They are also more elaborately manufactured by revolving a cylinder with pins protruding from the surface. These pins are arranged. Ilke the spurs on a hand organ roller, to imitate trotting, galloping or walking when struck against other substances. If the sound of a carriage is to be added to the trampling of horses, wheels are run on sand.—Casseli's Magazine.

Needed In His Business sald the dignified old man, "to let you have that young Briteley after all if you are positive that you can't be happy without him."
"Oh, father," the beautiful girl cried,

"you don't know how happy you have made me! Now I can see the gates of paradise opening. Dear, dear, good, old papa! Let me kiss you for those sweet words! Oh, I can hardly walt to fly to him and tell him the glorious news. He will be so glad! We shall all be so happy now. It seems almost like a lovely dream! I can hardly bewhat has made you change your mind? Yesterday when I tried to plead for him you said you would never permit us to see each other again. Ah, if you had known how those words brulsed my heart! What has happened, father, to make you relent?"

"I sat in a little game of poker where he happened to bave a hand last night, and If we don't get that money back in the family some way my business is going to suffer."—Chicago Times Hernld.

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Years Ago It Had a Significance Which Is Entirely Lost Now.

St. Valentine's day in the olden times was

St. Valentine's day in the olden times was hailed with delight by young men and maidens, for on that day they prepared with great care respectful expressions of love and a pretty implied hope for its return. A great deal of time and care was required to prepare one of these missives, and many a gallant knight rode many miles to deposit his love token at his sweetheart's door.

Many people believed that the birds selected their mates on this day, and it was also supposed that the first person met on St. Valentine's day would be one's future husband or wife. Valentine parties were a great source of anusement. At these gatherings slips of paper containing the names of all present were shaken well together in a hat. Lots were cast, and the one drawn was that person's valentine for the evening. The young man was also expected to make a present to his valentine, some token suitable to whatever sentiment the acts of courtesy had inspired.

Another source of amusement was the writing of names each on a separate slip of paper, which was afterward rolled inside a little ball of clay. The balls were then immersed in a basin of water. The one that was brought to the top first was said to be the one who would be married before the year was, out.

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The Valentine Joker **************************************

A Devoted Sort of Love 1.

A Devoted Sort of Lover.

Patsy—Say, Chimmy! Jess soak me a good one in de snoot, will yer?

Jimmy—Wot fer?

Patsy—W'y, me mudder jess sent me after groceries, and I spent all de change buyin' a perfumed lace valentine fer Kitty Doolan, and I want ter be cryin' ez natural ez possible w'en I git home an' tell me mudder I lost it!—Puck.

Valentine to a Dude. The game of tag, my boy,
Wouldn't give you any j.sy,
Not a bit;
For throughout the entire game
Your position'd be the same—
You'd be "It."

N. Y. World.

Getting Even.

"Julia, are you going to send any val-entines this year?" "Well, I think I will send you that spite-ful comic one you sent me last year."—De-troit Free Press.

Tis well that Cupid's blind, for he Would weep at the designs Which some queer people love to see In comic valentines.—Chicago Record.

HARDLY APPROPRIATE.



The Clerk-Don't you think that that val

ttine is pretty?
The Coon—Ya-as, but in de po'try it seasow-white dove." Now, dat's hardly de ay I'd speak ob de lady I 'tends it fo'l—N.

His Valentines

He chose a comical one for a man, And a tender one for his lass: A twist in the envelopes rained his plan-So now she won't speak as they pass. Chiency Record -Chicago Record.

A Comic Valentine

Easee Lyre—I wish I knew what kind of t valenting to send Miss Bullion. Brushand Pencil--What's the matter with a photograph of yourself?—Up to Date.

Their Soutiments, A valentine he penned with gles, This valuely stricting youth. He holed that it was boetry, She hoped it was the truth. —Washington Star.

Ambiguous.

Cholly—How would you like to buy me or your—aw—valentine, Miss Molly? Molly—Hut I haven't a cent to-day.—N. Y. World.

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It requires years of close study to breed the finest gamecocks and then pick the cream of the stock for the pick the cream of the stock for the pits. A well-known breeder in Barnwell county has won a national reputation on his Mugwumps and his War Horses. These gamecocks have left a string of victories in some of the richest mains fought in South Carolina, and want hardeads of dollars have been mains lought in South Carolina, and many hundreds of dollars have been won on their prowess. Other breeds of fighting chickens are raised by men who never fight them, and some of the most prominent breeders have never

most prominent breeders have never wagered a dollar on any of their birds. They raise the champions for the profit to be derived from sales.

Cockfighting now is not so common in the south as it was formerly. According to the laws of South Carolina a main cannot be conducted within four miles of a church or a schoolhouse Ten-Mile hill. a way station on the Ten-Mile hill, a way station on the Southern railway above Charleston, has been the cockfighting headquarters for years. Recently a large plt was built, with rows of seats ranging above it, and crowds of sporting people have been drawn to this place when cham-pionship events between South Caro-hina and Georgia are fought. The law does not interfere with the mains. Soon after the pit at Ten-Mile hill was opened sporting man from Charleston got up a main at \$1,000 a side, and the lovers of cockfighting for miles around gathered for the sport. Books were made ion the hacks, and this gave many plunging chances to peoples oinclined. After the main was fought two expert breedlers arranged a match. There was a house filled with fine blrds which had not been sent to the front, and the two pitters had the privilege of picking their chickens. They always figured for the best birds in sight, and their appearance at the ring was the signal for the betting to start. The bookmaket did not always find it profitable, but he did not kick. On one fighta business men from Charleston, who was recognized as the highest authority, went to the cockhouse and came back with a fine Mugwump chicken. The other man had a War Horse. The recognized authority heeled the birds himself. The gamblers watched him closely, and the betting was at a standstill until the birds had been prepared for the batitle. After getting the gairs securely fastened the besiness man went to the bookmaker and placed \$500 on his Mugwump. This was the opening of a rush of men who placed big money in the same way, and the bookmaker was almost in tears when he saw that one lone man placed a small bet on the War Horse cock. More than \$1,200 was bet on the Mugwump, and probably ten dollars on the War Horse, There was a moment of intense excite-ment when the blids were pitted. Both showed fight. They were not made of the stuff to run away, and they came together with a crash. The War Horse got a magnificent opening, and drove for it. With one good, clean drive he landed fair on the head of the Mug-wump and shot the gaffs through the other's head at the first flop. It was one of the quickest battles in the history of the Ten-Mile pit, and the resul-made the bookmaker happy. It was on of the things, too, that go to show that there is a certain amount of luck in every fight, and that the opinion of the expert could not always be accepted as a sure thing.—N. Y. Sun.

A STRANGE ADVENTURE. Aerial Flight of an Italian Woman

Earth.

An Italian peasant woman met re-cently with an extraordinary adven-ture. Near her home, in the village of Quarna, which nestles in a spacious valley, is a high and wooded mountain and there it has been her custom to go two or three times a week for the purpose of collecting firewood. To this wood down from the pro cipitous mountain to her cottage was quite an arduous task. Therefore, she sent it down by means of astrong metal wire, stretched from the verley up to

the mountain top.

A few weeks ago she and her two little daughters ascended the mountalu, and after gathering three goodly hundles of wood prepared to send then down. Just, however, as the mother had fastened the first bundle to the wire and had launched it on its down iward course her wedding ring became caught in the rope with which the bundle was tied, and in a flash she was carried off her feet and swept downward into the valley. Half para-lyzed with fear, her little daughters watched her as she sped from their sight with annazing swiftness, and then was carried off her feet and they run down the mountain, fully ex peeting to find her lying dead at the

aloce the mountain top from which their mother had been torn is 800 azine, religious and social. --Cornbill Magnarda above the valley. Fortunately, yards above the valley. Fortunately their fear proved to be groundless. They found their mother entirely unlinding. Yet, mirroulous indeed was in that her life was not crushed out of her at the end of her perilous descent it would have been if her fall had not been broken as she was reaching the carth by some friendly branches. The bundle of wood, too, was in some measure a bulwark against the shock.—N, Y Journal.

Shreading implicits.

"I have but one rule that I follow absolutely in this life, and that is to make of the people as imppy as possible."

"Well," he replied, "you ought to be gratified then at what I heard a young lind yary the other day."

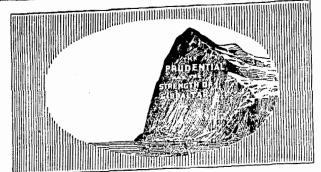
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"She said that whenever she saw you dancing she had to laugh."—Chicago Times-Herald.

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THE BOOK COLLECTOR.

De Made a Swap Which Satisfied the Secondhand Dealer, "It's astonishing how book collecting

will blunt a man's conception of the rights of menm et tuum," sald the proprietor of a delightful old secondhand store on the south side of the town. "I wouldn't trust a confirmed collector as far as I could throw Jackson square by the monument. They all consider themselves licensed privateers, and when one of them wants any particular volume and can't buy it the chances are ft will mysteriously disappear the first time he pays you a visit. I am on to most of the tricks of the fraternity however, and it takes a pretty smooth individual to secure any plunder in this

shop.
"Only recently I circumvented an old gentleman in a manner that is apt to gentleman in a manner that is apt to adhere to his memory for some time. He is a passionate admirer of Dickens and has a fine collection of carly cul-tions and books in general relating to the great noverist. One of his sets, a very handsome print with the original Crulkshank plates, is short one volume, the eighth. I have a copy of the same edition, and he has tried repeatedly to get me to break it so as to complete his

own, but I have of course refused.
"Then I noticed that he began to drop in of afternoons with a book under his arm, looking up and down the shelves. The volume he carried bore a close external resemblance to the copy of Dickens he wanted, and I suspected at once that I would some day find them exchanged. Consequently I lock ed up the coveted volume 8 and substltuted a worthless treatise on mathematics bound in the same manner. My visitor knew the exact location of the book on the shelf, and the other day I purposely gave him an opportunity to make the shift. It was done in a twinkling, and presently he strolled out. I haven't seen him since. The book he left was a very pretty copy of Keats.
I am well satisfied with the swap."— New Orleans Times-Democrat.

THE LEADING ARTICLE.

Advent and Development of the Editorial In Newsbapers.

"I know what 'leaders' are, for I have written them," said Benjamin Disraell in the course of a speech in the house of commons, and, though all of us may not have written "leaders" for The Morning Post and other newspapers, like Disraeli, we all at least know the menning of the term "leaders."

For more than 100 years after the publication of the first daily newspaper The Daily Courant, which consisted of a small sheet printed on one side only and made its appearance in Lon-den in March, 1702, the "dallies" con-fined themselves to what is perhaps the proper business of a newspaper, the publication of the largest possible amount of news, and made no attempt whatever to mold or direct public opin

At the opening of the niveteenth century "the leading article" first appeared in the morning papers. It was originally called the "leaded article," beof the "lends" or spaces introduced between the lines to spread out the article and give it animposing ap-pearance in order that it might at once attract the eye of even the most easual render. After a time it was called "leading article" or "leader" or "edltorial," names by which it is now nul-versally known in newspaper offices. At the beginning "leaders" were pub-

the don't tentatively. Their publica-tion was irregular. In form they were brief—we should call them "editorial paragraphs" now--und they were prin-cipally used to direct special attention to some important event recorded in the news columns. But 75 years ago they ecting to find her lying dead at the became 4 settled and regular feature of the wire.

And their fear was quite natural agency for promoting opinions, political the mountain for from which

Kills Without Hitting.

What is lydelite? The high explosive thus called from the name of the small Kentish town and gunnery center where the experiments with it were made is nothing less than pieric acid brought into a dense state by fusion. Plerie aeld is a bright yellow substance freely used in peaceful inclus-tries for dyeing purposes. It is obtained by the action of nitric acid on phenol or carbolle acid. It burns very violently, and, owing to the tremen dous blast produced by the explosion, the destructive effect of a bursting theil filled with it is some 11 times greater than that of a shell filled with powder.

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One of Lamb's Pranks.

A pretentious poet got his verses sub' mitted to Charles Lamb by a friend just before the poet was to meet Lamb at dinner. Lamb found the verses to be feeble echoes of other poets, and when the author arrived he was seen to be as empty as his verses. This awakened Lamb's spirit of mischlevous waggery. At dinner he said in the course of conversation:

"That reminds me of some verses I wrote when I was young," and then he quoted a line or two which he recol lected from the poet's book, to the inter's amazement and indignation. Lamb was diverted inniensely, but kept per-tectly serious and quoted more lines in connection with another remark, begging the company to remember how young he was when he composed them. The author again looked daggers at him.

Lamb capped all by introducing the first lines of "Paradise Lost" ("Of man's first disobedience," etc.) as also written by himself, which brought the poet to his feet, bursting with rage. He said he had sat by and allowed his own "little verses" to be appropriated without protest, but when he saw. Milton also being pilfered from he could sit silent no longer. Lumb reveled in telling this story.-Rev. David Macrae in "English Humor."

Influenza Caused by Ozone

On one occasion the writer walked to the edge of Lake Michigan when a strong wind was blowing right from the lake. The bodlly condition was as near perfect as could be, and yet in less than five minutes there was every evidence of having caught cold. The severe influenza continued until, on walk ing away, in less than 500 feet it disappeared as if by magle.

It is very certain that the tempera-ture had nothing to do with this nor the wind, but the influenza was direct ly due to the abundant ozone in the air. By inquiry it was learned that han dreds of residents who had lived the immediate edge of the lake had been obliged to move back three or four filles in order to relieve themselves from such experiences.

Physicians readily admit that it is not always possible to say when one "entebes cold. It certainly enunor niways be because of undue or change in temperature, but probably also to changes in the electric condition of the air. Facts of this kind should lead to the extremest caution in studying any supposed relation be-tween the weather and bealth, -- Popular Science.

In a map of China recently published by the China Inland mission it is pointed out that it is wrong to speak of the "Yang-tse Klang river," as klang means river.

A GENIUS WASTED.

the Janitor "Stood Off" the Ten ants with Gaskets and Gilding a Safety Valve.

The cold weather brought to my mind many things that had been forgotten, things which came up fresh, and with what the New Englander used and with what the New Englander used to call a realizing sense. All summer-long, when every window had been open to catch the breeze, there had been no need to think of cold snaps as other than a blessing. But when the cold did come there was sudden realizacold did come there was sudden realiza-tion of how little the ornamental ap-pearance of the radiator compensated fer its inability to radiate heat. Cold it stood in the corner; it had made it stood in the corner; it had made uncanny noises; it had diffused a few whiffs of stale air; it had leaked a cupful of water on the carpet. There its energies apparently ceased; it radiated no heat, for it had none to radiate. It was clearly a case for an interview with the janitor and for the filing of a protest. Strange to relate. filing of a protest. Strange to relate, he was found in his subterranean post. Stranger still, be was affable and almost human. "I know what you came down here

" he said, without waiting for the after," he said, without waiting for the attack to begin. "I know. You are going to kick because there ain't any steam. Quite right; I would in your place. But you see just how this cld machine is." Then followed a much involved and technical description of the faults of the apparatus in which there were only two clear things; that it could be remedied by putting in new gaskets, by be remedied by putting in new gaskets, whatever they may be, and the other that by rights the owner ought to send that by rights the owner ought to sent a plumber to do it instead of leaving such repairs to a janitor. "However," he continued, "I'm going to do the best I can for the tenants, and anyway it's better to be put to a little inconvenience for a short while to-day. than maybe to have a wait of a week or perhaps two while the plumbers are making up their minds about the job.

I'll patch it up somehow."

Of course, it was just as cold as be fore; there could be no heat while the janker had the machine dismembered in the cellar and with its fires drawn; but it was more tolerable in view of the knowledge that the janitor was hard at work about the repairs. In the ccurse of time there were renewed ccurse of time there were renewed gurglings in the pipes; there was a repetition of the escape of stale air and dirty water; it was manifest that the apparatus was supposed to be at work. The janitor eame up; he felt the radiator with that gingerly touch as of one expecting to find the metal too lot for comfort; his start of surprise, swiftly followed by an expression prise, swiftly followed by an expression of deep regret, should be taught in the dramatic schools. He urged another trip to the cellar for personal inspection of his work. There was the gleam of blazing finre in its appropriate place; the sensitive needle in the gauge was quivering its record of the number of pounds of steam; the explanations of the janitor set forth more facts about the gaskets. It never did become clear about those gaskets but a casual glance showed that the steam gauge had been freshly polished, and that a coat of gilt paint had been applied to the safety valve. The supply of steam heat was no better than before, but the janitor had proved that he was doing his best, that any further complaints must be made to the agent, combined with the statement that the complainant had seen the janitor con-ducting all the repairs in his unpro-

fessional power.

The genius which can "stand off" a houseful of freezing tenants and save himself from every bit of blame by merely gilding a safety valve is wasted in flat administration; the higher walks of diplomacy are crying for just such talent. He should be ambassador or minister at the least .- N. Y. Trib

A FAITHFUL DOG.

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well-nigh exhausted, when one of them suggested sending the dog back to camp. This was a forlorn hope, but their only one. Quickly writing a few words on a leaf tern from a book, they made it fast around the dog's neck and encouraged him to start back on the

which the men suffered antold agonies. On the evening of the third day, when On the evening of the third day, when all hope had gone and they were be-coming resigned to their fate, out of the blinding and drifting snow bound-ed the faithful dog, and close behind him came ready hands to minister to their wants.—Clucinanti Enquirer.

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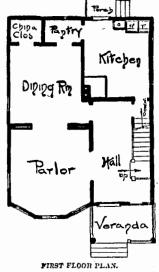
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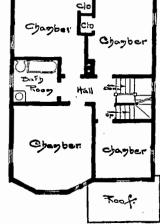
the homes of more wealthy nelghbors, the arrangement of rooms is particularly happy and insures the greatest economy of labor to the housewife. The appointments are modern and in keeping with the spirit of progress and improvement which has entered the American home. The house is exceedingly well planned in the first and second stories as to convenient size and number of rooms. The laundry can be placed in the cellar, so as to give more space in the kitchen. The staircase is so arranged that a back stairs

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ts not necessary, therefore making a great saving in the cost of the building. The exterior walls of the house are cov-ered with bevel shiling, with five inch-white pine corner boards. All details,

both interior and exterior, are of a simple colonial character, as shown on elevation. The staircase is of ash, finished natu-ral. The hall is separated from the parlor by portieres, and with very little ex-tra expense could have sliding doors. There are sliding doors between the par-lor and the dining room. The pantry is



SECOND FLOOR PLAN.

fitted up with dressers. The kitchen ha all the modern improvements—sompstone tubs, galvanized iron sink and boller and a No. 7 range, with gas attachment. The cellar floor is concreted. The attic has two large rooms. The woodwork throughout the house is of cypress. Cost to build, \$2,100.

To Clean Wine Decanters.

The old fashioned method for cleaning wine decauters is, after all, the best. Out some brown paper into very small bits, so as to go with ease into the decanters; then cut a few pleces of some yery small, and put some milk warm water into the decanters upon the soap and paper. Put in also a little pearl ash. By well working this about the decanters it will take off the crust of the wine and give the giass a fine polish. Where the decanters have been scratched and the wine left to stand in them a bong time have a small came with a hit of sponge tied tight at one end; by putting this into the decanter any crust of the who will be removed. When the decanters have been properly washed, let them he thoroughly dieled and thus a down in a rack where the rars of the som will ablue thoroughly deled and these delows in a rick where the rick of the san will able directly against them. When perfectly the matter with directly against them. When perfectly dry, polish with channels and newspaper

Legal Decision.

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CASHING DRAFTS ABROAD.

Easy Banking Methods Which Cause Americans Much Surprise

"The continental banking methods are a great surprise to Americans,' sald a resident of New Orleans who has just returned from a trip abroad. "When I was in Paris last month, I met a friend one day who had an English draft for £100 on one of the largest banks in the city and wanted to get the money. He had nobody to identify him, but said, half jokingly, that he was going to try for it any how, and we went to the place to-

We were shown up stalrs to a large reception room set aside especially for customers, and presently a messenger came in and took the draft. About a dozen other people were also walting in the room, and after a delay of about ton minutes A well dressed young gentleman came to the door and bawled out in a lond voice, 'Mr. John Smith!' My friend (call him John Smith for short) got up and was handed a bundle of bank notes. No questions were

"I was astonished, and in going out I took occasion to ask the well dressed young gentleman whether the bank wasn't taking desperate chances doing bushess in that catch as catch can fashion. 'And why?' he inquired, opening his eyes. I tried to expinin, and he slirugged his shoulders. 'We have never had any losses,' he said."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

An Umbarrassing Situation,

Dibbs (incetionsly)—This is a picture of my wife's first husband. Dobbs—Great similes! What a Dobbs—Grent sinkest Whit is brainless looking idloff But I didn't know your wife was married before

she met you? 1466s-She wasn't. That is a pleture of myself at the age of 20 .- Loudon

Letting Well Boongh Alone, Bobbs—I see that a man has hvent-ed a type-yelter that you just sit down and talk to and it writes out every-thing you say. Dobbs—I guess I'll keep mine. She

doesn't write everything I say, and I'm glad of it.-Baltimore American.

The wasp is not a vegetarhin, like the

bee, and so the wasp mother has before her the problem of supporting her young with meat. As her eggs are laid out in hot weather and as food enough must be stored in the cell with the egg to mature the young insects, the tion is how to preserve the meat fresh

for so long a time.

After a tube is finished except one end, which is left open, she files off on the finished fut. hunt for spiders. She finds a fat. healthy one, pounces upon it, stings it, carries it off and places it in the mud cell. She repeats this process until she has placed as many spiders in the will be needed. She then lays an egg

in the cell and walls up the opening.

Whether it is the result of a subtle poison or whether it is a special spot In the spider's nervous system where the sting is inserted we do not know but certain it is that after being thus stung the spider lives on in a paralyzed condition for weeks and even months. ean move only slightly and remains helpless in its mud sepulcher until tae wasp egg hatches into a voracious grub, which at once falls to and eats

with great relish the meat thus minera-lonsly preserved.

Whether the spider can feel pain in this paratyzed state is not known, but it cerialisty retains its sight and so watches the wasp grub growing, and cause ample suffering to atone for its own onshinght on illes,

The Effect of His Face.

An innesting story is told at the ex-pense of Winston Churchill, the author-An old man, seeing the picture of Churchill displayed in the window of a Baltimore bookseller, inquired of a bystunder whom it represented. Whiston Churchill," was the reply.

"Where does he preach?"

Belog told that Mr. Charchill was not a preacher, he asked: "Aln't he? What

dld you say ble name ls?" "VVInston Churchill. Ho writes nov els."

"Does whit?"

The man shook his head with a look of fitty and declared: "Too had! Too bad! He has a good face."

A few years ago, in Soho, London, there was a factory for antique coppers which is probably still in opera-tion. The legitimate business of the place was the manufacture of stewpaus and kettles, but when trade was dull in that way any sort of antiques for which there happened to be a de-mand was produced instead. An old incense burner, for example,

would be reproduced by the dozen by hammering over a cluck. If orna-mented with pierced work, the copies with asphaltum, through which the design would be traced, when it would then be eaten tube as, according to her judgment, out in an acid bath, saving the time ed an articulated skeleton within the which Would be required to cut out the pattern with a piercing saw. The bath leaves thin edges, by which such work may be detected.

In an appalling manner just as the messenger boy opened the door.

With a yell of terror the boy fled. work may be detected.

The work would then be annealed and would be permitted to oxidize and scale. Pickling with mariatic acid and sait, to produce a good conting of verdigris, would complete the job. Sometimes these "antiques" would be purposely broken and would be clumsily mended with soider or with pure tin if the piece was to pass for a very au-cient one. Chiseled metal was reproduced by easting and "dabbing" over-with the hammer, then pickling, an-nealing and bending. In such ways belinets, copper and brass eastings for antlane furniture and the like were made.-Art Anuteur.

Funny Men. The jests of Heliogabulus were very practical. He was fond of hylting people with some physical deformit to dluner and making Jokes about them. At times he would invite a dozen lamelibacks or a score of squitting hidles or an equal number of baldlieads Once he but a large number of excessively fat people, all very languy, into a small claumber where dlaner was waiting. There was no room to eat it. Another diversion of which he was fond was that of placing his guests or air sofus, so that when they were about to drink he could let the air out and have both sofu and guest collapse.

It is said that Nero, the Roman emperor, liked to "shy" nuts at the bald heads of the practors who sat below during the performance at the theater, and they were expected to maintain since served food on the i their baldheaded dignity and refrain plate.—Boston Transcript. from "sbying" them back at him.

There is a New York physician who takes an active interest in politics and is pepular with the "boys." In spite of his jolly disposition he is an extremely thin man, so thin that many a loke is aimed at him. Here is the hitest story they are telling about him: A grocer's boy entered the doctor's

ollice the other day with a basket of fine fruit which some grateful patient had sent to him. The doctor told the boy to place the basket in a cabinet which stood against the wall. At the same Instant he stepped out of the room, and, going into an adjoining one, manipulated a contrivance which causcabinet to waggle Its head and limb

When the doctor had enjoyed a hearty laugh, he picked up a fine apple and followed the boy into the street to give It to him. "Come here, my boy!" he shouted. "Here's a fine upple for you." "Not on your life!" replied the af-frighted youngster, taking to his heels again. "You can't fool me with your

clothes on."-New York Tribune. An Absentmiaded Professor, I have a story of a gentleman now

engaged in educational work which is, I think, somewhat remarkable and is also quite true. This gentleman was once processor of mathematics in a once processor of mannerman and the New England college. He was greatly luterested in the work and devoted himself so wholly to it that a natural tendency which he had to absence the processor of the was greatly in the work and the second of the work of the was greatly in the processor of the work of the sentmindedness became much necen-

One day when he had guests at dinner and was beloing them to fish from a platter he took a plate bottom sido up, put a fish on the bottom of the plate and handed it thus to one of the guests. There was a laugh at once, and his wife said, "My dear, if your absentialidedness has gone so far that you are serving people food on the hottoms of plates, I shall losist on your

resigning your professorship."

She did insist on it, and he resigned and went into another and more general field of teaching. It is still a litthe inclined to be forgetful-like some of the rest of us-but he has never since served food on the bottom of a

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"Capital is the fruit of labor, and could bor, therefore, deserves much the higher sideration."-ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

M. A. W .- Will you not, please, send us your name for publication in connection with your eloquent letter on the subject of naming the new school? It is contrary to the Standard's practice to publish communications without the name of the writer.

Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Garfield, liberators; men of the people; for the people! And the greatest of these is LINCOLN! All in their time had their traducers. But not even Bryan is so misrepresented as was Abraham Lincoln,

whose memory a reverent, patriotic people observed by a national holiday yesterday.

So far as the President and Secretary of State Hay were concerned England would have tricked us on the now treaty which takes the place of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The terms of the new treaty make us spend millions, possibly a hundred of 'em to build the canal, lease the ground, and depend on the revenue to pay the principal and interest. But we shall have no right to fortify, to protect this property; nor shall we have any rights in case of war except such as England roserves for heartiff. The time of the new treaty was not yet the door; but Miss Becky was not yet the door; but Miss we have any rights in case of war except such as England roserves for herself. That is to say, England comes in, in her usual audacious fashion and demands rights where she has none—generously gives us the privilege of building a waterway for hef in case of war; and in case she gets into a quarrel with ns we shall give her an equal right to our property that we ourselves have. Is there a nation on God's footstool beside her that would ask it? There is certainly none that would There is certainly none that would grant it; yet President McKinley and his secretary, who was schooled in London, agree to it and coolly send it to the Senate for ratification Two senators from New England, Hawley and Platt, from Connecticut, who have Paritan blood in their veins, coming from an ancestry that smarted under English intrigue, discovered the Imperial Nigger in the fence and immediately refused to ratify. The so-called treaty-really a sell out to Britain-is now hung up in the senate where we trust it will be choked until England is given to understand that we are no longer an infant; but lusty enough to walk alone; and also to attend to our own

alone; and also to attend to our own business.

England has got where she thinks a treaty must be needed with her before any work can be done by any nation. Next we will hear of her appealing to the administration at Washington for rights for the Uitlanders (her subjects in the U. S.) as she has done and is doing in the Transvanl, without said subjects renouncing allegiances to their mother country; and, perhaps, McKinley and Hay will ask the senate to ratify an agreement to that effect. It would be no more wonderful than what she now asks; and McKinley and Hay would be just as likely to recompanied.

Planation as she accepted Miss Becky's accolding, without comment.

"Valentines, nonsense!" Miss Becky was aging now. "Of course, I always had too much sense to sense any. It wait; I did get one once! I remember how provoked as was when he brought it home from the loost office. Inever told them it was from the lost office. Inever told them it was from the way with those crabbed old to the past of the was now an interfering old maid. "Inever knew what pa said to Miss Lavyy shout that valentine, but I reckon it must have been something pretty sarenatic, for Robert hardly spoke to me the next times have been something pretty sarenatic, for me. He married her the next year; no, they can always and they went away out weat to live. I suppose pa was right, but Robert to pa that I thought it silly, too!"

A LEW MAN CONTRACTOR



HOW QUAINT THE WORDS THAT HERE APPEAR TO GRACE THE PAGE SHE SMILED UPON; I LISTEN, FOR I SEEM TO HEAR THE LAUGH WHICH TOLD HER LABOR DONE;

QUEER CONCEIT? PERHAPS TO YOU CAME LONG AGO THIS SELFSAME LINE; "THE ROSE IS RED, THE VIOLET'S BLUE" GLOWS ON THE OLDEN VALENTINE.

MAY HEAVEN SMILE UPON ITS PAGE! I LOVE IT FOR ITS FADED HUE. HER VALENTINE GROWS DEAR WITH AGE, HER ROSE WAS RED, HER LOVE WAS TRUE; THE YEARS BEHIND US ONLY PROVE.

DESPITE THEIR SHADOW AND THEIR SHINE, THAT MANY A MAIDEN'S HOPES AND LOVE WENT WITH YE OLDEN VALENTINE.



An Old Maid's VALENTINE

By ELISA ARMSTRONG Zurensangenigeninkanannannannannannannannann



SS BECKY SOUTH lss BECKY SOUTH
closed her pocketbook with a snap
and looked disapprovingly at her
small maid, who

s mall maid, who stood before her with a flushed but deter-mined face. "You surely don't mean to tell me that your hard-earned money on valentines?" she said, in tones of shooked awarentines?"



IN THE ATTIC.

planation as she accepted Miss Becky'

The clock had ticked off a good many minutes and she had 'turned' the heel of a stocking, in her usual manner, before the spoke again. "I've got that valentine this very minute" she said, "though I have 't looked at it for years. Yes, I suppos'! looked at it for years. Yes, I suppos'! looked at it for years. Yes, I suppos'! looked at the first little dress! ever wore. Ma saved it for my own little girl, if I even had one, and I reckon I saved the doll for her, too, though I never told anybody that." She got up and rolled her knitting in a neat roll, putting it on the mantel, out of the reach of Garfield's playful paws. Then she got down a tin candlestick, which shone like silver and lighted the candle.

"It's foolish, I know, hut I want to see my valentine to night," she said, and, taking her huge bunch of keys in her hand, she went slowly up the stairs which led to tha attic, followed by Garfield.

When she reached the attic door she was minded to turn back. "It's fool's erranl," she said. "Why, I haven't thought of that valentine for years—why should I botter about it to night? No, I'll just get out grandmother's quilt while I'm up here.



needs airing. Pshaw, after all, nobody'll ever know; I'll just look at that valentine; I've almost forgotten what it looks like.' She set the candle on the floor, where it was secure from draughts, and opened the little hair trunk. There was the valentine, in an old box, which had held her mother's girlish treasures before her own. It was a pittful thing, this yellow valentine, compared to the works of art which bear the name now, but Miss Becky looked at it with partial eyes. It was a strange sight in the dim attie; the old woman crouched on the floor, beside the old hair trunk, with bags of dried fruit and bunches of herbs swaying in ghostly fashion over her head, while Garfield darted hither and thither in search of mice.

The verses on the valentine were of doubtneter and far from original in sentiment. Miss Becky did not criticise them. The but Miss Becky did not criticise them. The tears even came into her sharp, practical syes, as she read them. "What an old gbose syes, as she read them. "What an old gbose I am to feel so," she murmured; "I wasn't a bit in love with Robert—I never was in love with a man in my life. Still if I had married, I might have had a child of my own. The only thing I envy my married friends is the little rosy children at their knees. A man is a lot of trouble about a house, and I never wanted to have to give in to pay human being as ma had to give in to pat But a little girl of my own-well, I never, if that isn't Emmy ringing the front door bell! She's lost that kitchen door key again, after all my warnings."

since host that kitchen door key again, after all my warnings."

With guilty haste she hid the doll, the little yellowed dress and the faded valentine in the trunk. She locked the attic door carefully then, in spite of repeated peals at the bell, she went back and shut herself into the dark room to he wars that the bell, she went back and shut hersen much the dark room, to be sure that there were no sparks from the candle to set fire to the

place.

"I reckon she's scared," Miss Becky said, grimly. "Well, it will make her less auxious to go gadding for valentines another year. I don't know, after all, that I blame her, though. Pa never let use be young, but I don't know that that is any reason why Emmy shouldn't bell. "She opened the front door, just as there was another long peal at the bell. There, on the doorstep, stood, not Emmy, but a pretty little yellow-haired girl, with a tag on her arm, and behind her was Nate Sollers, the expressman, with a 'relieved book on his face.

"I was afraid you had gone to bed and I couldn't wake you, Mics Becky," he said. "Here's a little girl that come by express from Idaho, all by herself. She says she's your valentine, and sho's the smartest little place I ever saw in my life."

"My—my what?" Miss Becky gasped, looking, with hungry eyes, at the child.

"Your valentine, please," the child.

"Your valentine, please," the chear little volge lissed. "Here's my grandpa's lelter; I s'nose is'il tell you all shout ms. Ohch "I reckon she's scared," Miss Becky said,

| WESTFIELD CLUB MUSICAL | |

LOCAL TALENT DID ITSEL PROUD LAST EVENING.

Dancing Followed an Enjoyable Entertainment, Which was Well Attended Despite Storm.

Despite the stormy weather last evening about two hundred ladies and gentlemen gathered at the Westfield hall last evening to enjoy the musical given under the auspices of the club The evening was pleasantly passed, the musical program proving most enjoyable. After the entertainment refreshments were served and then the floor was cleared and dancing occupied the attention of the guests until an early hour this morning.

arly hour this morning.
The program of the musical is given

Plano Solection (two step) Prof. Westervelt Contraito Solo-Aria ("Sanson and Delilah") Mrs. Paul D. Worcester. Saint-Saons Reading—a, "Perepa Rosa," b, "Cathedral Courtship."

Miss Annie Louise Harrison. Duett-"Trip, Trip, Trip!" Mr. and Mrs E. A. Johnson.

Adolph Ganzel. opruio Solo— Miss Ada Sargeant. Banjo Selections

Selections— Wm. Bastable, Fred. Harbison. -a, "I Love and the World is Mine,"

b, "A Foolish Little Malden," Collins Mrs. E. A. Johnson. Solo-Waltz (Romeo and Juliette) Mrs. Chas. E. Thorne, Gouncd Reading—"Saturday Night at Lake", Mahopa .' Miss Annie Louise Harrison. Contratto Solo—"Darkey Melodics."

Mrs. Paul D. Worcester.

olo— Adolp Ganzel. Bando Duet— Wm. Bastable, Fred. Harbison Prof. We

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN CHOSEN.

ownship Executive Committee Held Meeting Saturday Evening.

The township Republican executive committee held a meeting Saturday vening, at which time it was practically ettled that the ticket for the coming election would be made up as follows: Freeholder,

George H. Embree. Tax Collector, Fred. C. Decker. C. F. Connut. Committeemen, W. W. Connoly, Martin Welles,

F. S. Smith.

Said the man who had traveled:

Years ago in a western frontier town a traveler, footsore and weary, arrived one afternoon and made his way down the one street of the burg. He was suddenly Startled by the sounds of shots, and, looking up, discovered four men shooting at one another. The men were standing at the four corners of an imaginary square, and each was shooting at the man entacorner to him. Iteing in what he supposed a safe position, he paused to watch the outcome of the fray, when a bullet, going wide of its intended mark, cut by his ear: That roused his wrath, and, drawing his pistol, he dropped the man in his tracks who had all but dropped him. Another builet flying wide from its mark, but near to the stranger, caused him to lay out one of the other pair, and the two remaining men sought safety in dight. In that particular town duels had been proviously com-paratively harmless amusements, owing to the poor marksmanship of the contestants, but the man who could shoot had arrived, and the inhabitants, although they turned out to greet him in a body and grant him the freedom of the city, did so in manifest awe and

"Whenever he told the story afterward, he used to wlud it up impressively by saying, 'And, boys, in that town after that they went around me as if I had been a swamp."-New York Tulbune

what a lovely, lovely cat!" She caught the half unwilling Garfield to her breast and hugged him, while Becky read her letter. It

"Dear Becky: I sent you a valentine once and I send you mother now. My son died last month; his wife a yearago. I can't care properly for the child myself, and my second wife is neculiar and doesn't like childent with the child my second wife is neculiar and doesn't like childent with the childent with t last month; his wife a yearage, a can be properly for the child myself, and my see, properly for the child myself, and my see, ond wife is peculiar and doesn't like children. I thought, maybe, for the sake of old times, you might keep little Minnie. If you don't want her, send her back, and I'll put her in an institution. I reckon you owe me this much, Becky, because if you hadn't laughed at that valentine I meant to ask you to marry me, and then half of my

this much Becky, because if you hadn't laughed at that valentine I meant to ask you to marry me, and taken half of my troubles would have been avoided. Keep her, if you can, and let her grow up the kind of a woman you are yoursolf. Yours respectfully, ROBERT A. MASON."

"Well," said the expressman, "what'll you do, Miss Becky! Th' tug says that she's t' he sent back, if you don't wint her."

The little girl put down the cut, which excaped into the darkness, unheeded by Miss Becky, who was usually very careful to pretect him from all danger of widered boys, who chased him, wheezing up trees, from which it was dillicult to can't him down.

"Are you going to sead me back?" she asked, anxionaly. For answer Miss Becky caught the child to her hungry heast.

"You are going to stay," she said, softly. Then she faced the expressman, like a limbers. "Send her back?" she cried; "I'd like to see any body do it. She's the last valentine I'l ever get, and she best!"

An hour later Finmy came in abashed at the lateness of the hour. She stopped, stupelled, at the door. On the hearth rug sat a rosy little girl, with a huge old battered doll in her mins, while Miss Becky hovered over them both.

"Well, Emmy, I hope you got a pretty valentine," said the transformed Miss Becky. "This is mine!"

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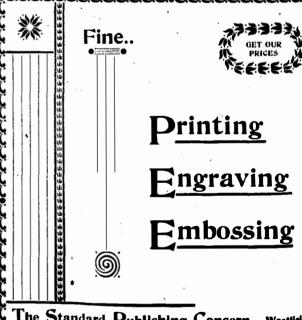
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PROSPECT STREET, WESTFIELD. Orders promptly attended to.

-The Methodist church was filled E. E. Davidson spoke, in a very impressive way of the danger in playing their friends. cards, attending theatres, and dancing. The revivals, which have been of great benefit to Westfield, will come to an end Thursday evening when services will beheld at the Presbyterian church.

-At the annual meeting of Hook & adder Company held last ovening, E W. Chamberlin was elected foreman; about one year. nes R. Paterson, first assistant; Clas. H. Denman, second assistant; Edwin Hodges, secretary, and David E. Miller, treasurer. The company nominated Thomas F. O'Neill for second assistant chief of the department, and ratified the nominations of J. Alston Deunis for chief and Matthias Miller for first assis-

"Rexmere" cigar sold by John Potter.

BUSINESS NOTES.

"Germea" is sold by M. B. Walker, he Broad street grocer.

Condit's cigars are winners. A real good 5c smoke is the "Cremo."

Feed your horses good material. None bettersold than the feed of R. F. Hohenstein, Prospect street.

Two Eating Stories. At Somersley we used constantly to meet Tom Price, a great friend of the Barrington family, a fine rider and very greedy. One day, eating a good dinner, he said, 'This is my idea of heaven.'

"Yes," said a neighbor, "such a din-ber as this without money and withoutprice!"

He always reminded me of the greedy man, who, couldn't down stales in the morning before breakfast, said demorming before breaking, save, of Food has not passed my lips slace dast night, and tomorrow will be the flirid day."—"sir Algernon West's Recollections."

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-Charles Kimbail and Samuel Vought spent Sunday with Bayonne friends.

-The annual election of officers of the Westfield club will be held on April 10.

-The annual election of the Westfield Fire Department takes place this even-

-L. W. Davenport, of Bayonne, spent Sunday with relatives and friends in town.

-M. J. Gildersleeve left Monday on a business trip through the New England States.

-Mrs. J. J. Willis will go to her farm in Westchester County, N. Y., about April 1.

com a few days' visit with friends in Philadelphia.

-The regular monthly business meetevening at 8 o'clock.

-Mrs. Kitty Terry, of Netherwood, was visiting her many friends on North foot by 9 o'clock.

avenue on Saturday.

The definition of the club hall

—Bowling in the head pin bowling tournament at the Westfield club will be continued this evening.

-The annual reception of the I. O. S. will take place at the Westfield Club hall on the evening of April 20.

-The Westfield club team stands se cond in the Press Bowling League, hav ing won eight games and lost four. -Felix Bridger, the new Central ave-

neflorist, has just added a telephone to his already metropolitan establishment, promenaded about the room until mid-

seyeral houses on the South side, to be built and ready for occupancy by May 1, Orth, J. O. Taylor and H. O. Hukining, -W. N. Sparkman, is about to com mence a new double house on South

avenue, next to the residence of John D.Gluck. -The Social Club will roll a match game with the West Side Republican club next week. The night will be an-

-To-morrow evening the Republicans the "sporty colored gentleman." The of the county will hold a "smoker" at first lady's prize was won by Mrs. H. H.

ers will attend. -Mr. and Mrs. Robert Luckey, of esterday afternoon when the Rev. Plainfield, came here Sunday to attend ty lace fan. For grotesqueness the costhe M. E. church and visit a number of tume of Mrs. J. W. Winant took the eye

> -The annual election of the Westfield Fire Department will be held this even painted fan. ing, when a chief and two assistant chiefs will be named.

South avenue, contemplate going to the West, as far as Illinois, for a stay of

-Charles Foley, who forseveral years was employed in P. Traynor's grocery store, but who is now in New York city, was a visitor here on Sunday.

-E. J. Whitehead and party arrived where Mr. Whitehead has an orange

-Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Brush and family, formerly of this town, now of Bayonne, spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. George N. Williams at their home on First street.

-Mass meeting of the citizens for the purpose of considering the formation of a consumer's water and light plant for the town will be held at the township ooms Friday evening.

-It might help you to get help, should Chas. Crickenberger, the Elm street might help you to dispose of or exchange painter and decorator, is always busy. His work pleases his customers. you need a kitchen girl, a gardner; or it Standard at 1c a word.

-An electric light wire became crossed with one of the fire alarm wires at 4 o'clock this morning and as a result the fire bell rang for about five minutes, getting a good many of the fremen out of ed and over to the fire house.

-The progressive head-pin tournament at the Westfield club will close February 27th. The tournament is proving very profitable to the club, over one hundred and twenty-five sets of tickets having already been sold,

-At the annual school meeting to be eld in the Westfield Club hall on Tueslay evening, March 20, two trustees will be elected for three years and one for one year. The trustees who go out of office are Messes, John B. Green, James

O. Clark and John J. Coger. -The scrub team of the Social Club has issued a challenge to the first team to roll a series of three match games. It is safe to say that the first team will be hard pushed for the scrubs have gotten together an aggregation of good

bowlers. —The remaining legal holidays of this year are as follows: Washington's Birthday, February 22; Decoration Day, Wednesday, May 30; Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4; Labor Day, Septem or B. Rall Election, Tuesday, Novem her 6; Thanksgiving Day, November 20; or days of note are: Bt. Patrick's Day, and attended one of the most notable and successful events of the social season of Westfield. Christmas, Tuesday, December 25. Othe had attended one of the most notable

WESTFIELD SOCIETY IN FANCY COSTUMES.

SOCIAL CLUB'S FIFTH ANNUAL MAS-QUERADE A BIG SUCCESS.

over Two Hundred Guests Enjoyed the Unique Entertainment Which Has Become One of the Social Events of the

Memories of assemblies, euchres, receptions and other pleasant features of the present social season in Westfield, may fade away, but not so the recollec tions of the Social Club's fifth annual masquerade, which, Friday evening, drew over two hundred of the members and their friends to the club rooms, where the prediction of the entertainment committee, that the affair would be the niest successful of the kind ever held in West field, was fully verified.

All-day the weather had been threatening but late in the afternoon it cleared and in the evening the stars shone brightly, in fact it was an ideal evening for the entertainment. Messrs, W. E. -Mrs. C. E. Thorne has returned Tuttle, J. H. Pencheon and DeWitt Peek, the members of the entertainment committee, which had the arrangements of the masquerade in charge, had done ing of the Social club will be held this their work well and everything was in readiness for the reception of the guests who began to arrive in coaches and on

was crowded with those in mask, while the chairs around the circle were filled by the guests not in mask, who had come to see the fun. For an hour it was a veritable fairy scene with the many characters, representative of far off climes and of bygone days. Then there were the costumes in which grotesqueness was the predominant feature, and visions of loveliness in pink and white and fluffiness.

The costumed couples danced and -Architect Leicht has plans out for night when they numasked and the judges, Messrs. W. H. Gomes, C. D. named the prize winners. H. R. Forster wore the handsomest gentleman's costume and was therefore given a silver triumed razor strop. He represented a Mexican in all his velvet and bangles. H. C. Piker received a handsome pair of military hair brushes, his being the most grotesque of the gentlemen's costumes. Mr. Piker was dressed in a style dear to the Casino, Plaintield. Many Westfield Brown, as her costume, representing a Colonial Dame, was the daintiest of the many displayed. The prize was a pretof the judges and she was awarded the second lady's prize, a handsome, hand-

In the grand march, which preceded the unmasking, the following ladies and -J. K. P. Dunham and wife, of gontlemen took part. Although the list may not be complete there are few not mentioned and those few it was impossible to get:
Mrs. H. H. Brown, Colonial Dame;

Mrs. J. W. Winant, Mother Goose; H. C. Piker, colored gentleman; H. R. Forster, Mexican; J. D. Ritchie, and J. W. Wimmt, Dutchmen; Mrs. J. D. —E. J. Whitehead and party arrived in Jacksonville, Fla., this morning and J. B. Wilson, policemen; J. H. will start immediately for Melrose, Hendricks, Panchenelo; Mrs. W. H. Donnell, Morn; Mrs. J. H Hendricks, Folly; Mrs. N. B. Arnold, Music; H. H Downes, colored parson; Mrs. Downes, Domino, Miss Donnell, nun; Miss Schofield, Japanese lady; De Witt Peek, col ored gentleman; H. W. Kent, colored lady; Mrs. H. C. Piker, apple woman; H. H. Brown, Spanish cavalier; G. B. Dickerson, colonial gentleman; Harry Hale, clown; Robert Harden, Jack; Miss Alice Moore, Jill; Miss Brainerd, yachting girl; C. E. Thorne, Turk; Miss Osborne, Spanish lady; R. O. Pierson, German; Miss Holcomb, Grecian lady; L. E. Cadwell, Jew; Mrs. Cadwell, Vanity Fair; William Doying, Indian; Mrs. and offer advertising space of the Sambo. Mr. Mand Mr. Training Mrs. Miss Russ, Night: A. H. Clark, minister: Miss Bartine, colonial lady; Miss Peek, Japanese lady; W. J. Bogert, Jr., Farmer Bill; Miss Hazel Wallace, maid; R. M. Stickie, colored lady; F. Warncke Dutch peasant; Mrs. W. R. Brainerd, old lady; James Patterson, Venus; Mrs. J. A. Taylor, Night; Mrs. J. B. Wilson, Spanish lady; Wallace Doying, Prince; Mlss Lou Bennett, Antique; Mrs.

W. Miller, Music. Many of these costumes were very handsome but, probably, the most beau tiful was that of Mrs. N. B. Arnold, who wore a hansome gown of red satin on which musical characters were em broidered in different colors.

One of the features of the evening was the dancing of Mrs. Doying and her young son, Wallace, who "tripped the light fantastic toe" in a way much acinired by those present.

Just before the unmasking a cake walk took place in which DoWitt Peek and H. W. Kent did some very fancy

The affair certainly eclipsed any forner event given under the auspices of the Social Ciub and abounded in brilllant features. Prof. Westervelt, of Newark, furnished music and it was well along in the early morning hours when the last of the guests departed for their homes, well satisfied that they

GILDERSLEEVE'S.

We are about ready to commence listing our stock for our annual inventory but there are still several small lots of goods we must close out before we enter the stock on our new books.

A few Suits and Separate Skirts on which w Imake ridiculously low prices.

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BRING IN YOUR BALLOTS NOW.

Only two weeks more before the voting contest for a name for the new pri mary school building will close and those who have not voted are requested to send in their ballots at once and not wait until the last day. The name "Sinclair" still leads while that of "Hobart" has stood still during the past week.

Sinclair 211 Hobart..... 60 Stitt 52 Harrison..... Washington Cleveland...... Roosevelt

Voorhees.........



Westfield, N. J.,

Editor,

Union County STANDARD. Dear Sir:-

My vote for the name of the new primary school I wish to

Name

Fill out, sign and send to local editor of the Napoleon on Drunkenness.

Napoleon Bonapart will appear in the March Century in a new role—that of a temperance advocate. In the second installment Dr. O'Managa's hithest a mount.

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CARPETS made, laid an Helens, it is recorded that, having a Seatsonsale at Condit's and Tre nebard's drug FURNITURE rej pain in his side, the ex Emperor asked his physician to show him where his liver was situated; and the latter, in some remarks on the causes of inflammution of that organ, mentioned intoxication as one of them. Thereupon Na-

poleon remarked: "Then I ought not to have it, as I was never drunk but once in my life; and that was twenty-four years ago, at Nice. drank three bottles of Burgundy, and was completely drunk. O, how sick I was the next day! I wonder how a man who once gets drunk can think of ever doing it again. Such headache, vomiting and general sickness. I was nearly dead for two days."

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DECIDED A CENTURY AGO.

The Century Question Discussed by Timothy Dwight, First Prestdent of Yale.

As will probably be the case a cen-As will propagity be the case a century from now, there were men 100 years back who could not agree as to when the new century began. In 1799 two men in New York disagreed regardtwo men in New York disagreed regarding the matter, finally betting a pipe of wine, and agreeing to abide by the lecision of Dr. Timothy Dwight, first president of Yale college, and Prof. Meigs, of the chair of mathematics in the University of Georgia, afterward president of that institution. Both these scholars, of course, decided that \$100 and not \$1790 was the last year of 1800 and not 1709 was the last year of the eighteenth century. Dr. Dwight's letter to one of the disputants was as follows:

New York, Jan. 23, 1799—Sir: In anewer to the question which you pro-posed to me for decision I observe: "1. That in reckoning centurially, we

adopt a different phraseology from that which is used in all other accounts that which is used in all other accounts of time. In spenking of a man's age, we say: This is the thirty-first or thirty-second year of his age, or he is in his thirty-first year, etc.

"In spenking of the century year, or year of the Christian era, we say one thousand seven hundred and one, two, in the stant of the control of the christian era."

housand seven numbers and only they ninety-eight, nine, etc. Thus, we say A. D. one thousand seven hundred and one, two; ninety-eight, year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and at times also in the one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and at times also in the one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine. sand seven hundred and ninety-ninth year of the Christian era—exactly equivalent.

2. The Christian era began with the mativity of Christ.

"3. The phrases—the first year and the year one—are, I apprehend, exactly equivalent. Of course one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine and the one thousand seven hundred and nine-ty-ninth year, when applied to the present centurial year, are exactly equiva-

"4. If these observations are true the present year will not complete the eighteenth century.

eighteenth century.

"5. In writing the date of the year we simply use the arithmetical figures, leaving the words in the year of our Lord to be understood, except in solemn and dignified transactions. No letter, day book or ledger, probably, letter, day book or ledger, probably, ever contained these words, but all are dated merely with the arithmetical figures. From this elliptical manner of writing dates our phraseology, I presume, originated. From writing customarily 1700, 501, 602, it became the most natural language to say one thousand, seven hundred, five hundred and one etc.

one, etc.
"6. As we have continually occasion to mark the day and month in our dates, as well as the year, we are necessitated to note the year from its commence-ment. Thus there is the same necessity to note the year, on 1st, 2d, 3d, etc. day of January, as in any preceding month, for instance, on the 31st day of December. Thus we write:

Day. 10th. Month. Year. January. 1799.

"I. E.: The tenth day of the month of January in the year one thousand, seven and ninety-nine. Thus proclamations are written: 'Given under my hand on the tenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand, the year of our hord one tooksho, seven hundred and ninety-nine'—planly equivalent to the one thousand, seven hundred and ninety-ninth year of the Christian era.

"7. In this manner those must have

dated who wrote in the first year of the Christian era, if we suppose them to have dated at all. Otherwise they must have written and said January the 10th in the year cipher, or nought— January 10, 0. I presume this will not be supposed. Suppose, the following divisions, thus marked: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 to express the ten first years of the Christian era. Which mode of reckoning these divisions would be the mode inaturally adopted by the common sense of mankind? I think it will be admitted that the lower series of figures must have been thus adopted and that the upper series could not have easily into any mind.

"There is not any series which begins with a cipher, unless where mere indices are intended.

"8. Blair's chronology is a complete exhibition of the mode of reckoning which I suppose to have been adopted from the beginning. Both the centuries before and the centuries after Christ are reckoned by his tables from one to ifity and from ifity to one hundred, inclusive. I am, sir, yours, etc.,
"TIMOTHY DWIGHT!"

-Chicago Chroniele.

All Kinds of Hair, Ida—Do you remember that girl who went to see a gypsy and asked what kind of hair her future husband would

bave?

"And the gypsy said she was almost baffled; that the cards indicated he would have hair of every shade imag-banable?"

"Well, the fortune came true. She ms just married a dealer in wigs."-Chleago Evening News,

Women on Street Cars

In Chill women are employed every-where as train conductors. There will so much dishonesty among the mer (who were formerly employed that the ttram proprietors filled their places will women, who have been found in every wny satisfactory. They were a near uniform, work well together, and ever run a small newspaper among them selves.-Chlengo Chronicle.

Too Much Genins, The wonderful genius of some mer prevents them from carning a living -Chicago Daily News.

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POPE PLAYED PASSATELLA.

Then He Understood Why Roman Became Murderous Over the Game.

Italians in Rome have a delightful little game, which is called the "Passatella." It is played mostly nowadays in low drink shops, and, as it leads freached the males are any the males are any quently to murder, the police are anxious to stop it.

Round a table some men are smoking. At the head sits a man with a flask of At the head sits a man with a like wine and a glass before him. He is the president of the party. All the company, including the president, have paid for that flask of wine, but not one of them can drink a drop of it unless the president gives permission. He, however, may drink as often as he likes. When he passes the glass to an other that other may drink until the president cries "Stop!" and the glass is passed on to the next. Sometimes the "Stop!" comes before a single drop is drunk. This is the fun for the others

who are allowed to drink. A good-natured president rarely re peats this joke, but it sometimes hap pens that he has a grudge against one of the men, and then the unfortunate victim sits the whole evening, smoking and frowning, while he sees all the others drink but himself. This is making an "Olmo" of him! And woe to a president who would make an "Olmo" of the same man twice, for he would soon have a knife run across his throat It is the frequency of such a tragic end that causes the police to try to pre vent the game when possible. Recently a man was killed by an infuriated "Olmo."

One of the popes, hearing of th murders committed at this game, want ed to know what this Passatella was like, and asked his cardinals to play it with him. They did so. The president and vice president were cardinals and the pope was made the "Olmo."
When the game was over the pope struck his fist on the table, saying:
"Per Diol I know now why they kil each other at this game!" He never played it again.

played it again.

The Passatella is essentially a Roman game, and is unknown to other parti of Italy. Like all other popular Roman customs, the Passatella is of pagan origin. It is a remnant of a custom ob served in the banquets of ancient Rome when a "rex vini" was elected to direct the number of times and quantity each guest was to drink.—N. Y. Sun.

AN IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL

Burial of the Victims of the Main's Explosion in the National Cemetery.

On one of the short days of the old year, the last sad rites over the men who met death in Havana harbor by the explosion of the Maine were performed in the Arlington National cometery. This celebrated soldiers' burial-ground occupies an extensive and elevated tract on the Virginia side of the Potomac river, directly

across from the national capital. The scene at the burial of the Mainvictims was a notable one. There were present the president and his cabinet, Gen. Miles and his staff, Admiral Dewey, Capt. Sigsbee, who commanded the Maine at the time of the explosion, and several troops of eavary, besides hundreds of spectators. The ground had a light covering of snow, and the day was chilly and dark.

The Marine band played a dirge, after which Chaplain Clark, of the Naval academy, read the burial service of the academy, rend the burial service of the Episcopal church. He was followed by Father Chidwick, the chaplain of the Malne, who read the services of the Roman Catholic church, blessed the ground, and prayed for the repose of the souls of the departed. A detachment of marines then fired three volleys over the dead, and a large sound. leys over the dead, and a bugle sound ed the soldiers' and sailors' last good

night. While this ends, in one sense, the story of the Maine disaster, in another sense that book is still open. Who blew up the Maine? is a question that has never been authoritatively an-swered. It remains one of the mysteries of history. Perhaps those who now sleep on the Arlington hillside may understand it all, but their as sociates who survived the shock have never fathomed it.—Youth's Company ion.

How to Cook Turnipa.
In this case it is "first catch your In this case it is "first catch your turnip;" that is, find that sweet, little white turnip which is fint, with purple top (not big, round, with blue or pink top), fine of flavor raw, and deliclous when cooked. Peel, quarter and bold in salted water to which a little sugar has been added. Bolled quickly they are much better than when holled slow-ly, so listen the process below sure to ly, so flasten the process, being sure to cook long enough to be thoroughly done. Drain when done, and slice, returning to the stove to dry off extra moisture. Dress with butter, pepper and salt only; serve in a hot, covered dish. It is quite as well to cut the quartered turnips into silees before cooking. They must never be mushed in any case, machine disclosured. mashing develops a bitterness in turnips.—Ella Morris Kretschmar, in Woman's Home Companion.

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Take a quart of grated potato, three quarters of a pound of sugar, half a pound of butter, half a pint of mills, two tablespoonfuls of ginger, and the grat-ed peel of a lenou. Stir all the ingredents thoroughly together and bake in a shallow pudding dish in a slow oven if you wish it to be crusty, spread a little nothsees over the top. This is a typical southern dessert, rich and delicious—Ladies' World.

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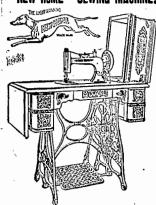






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neers, have watched the contest with the deepest interest. If the views of the electricians are correct, electricity will very largely transform naval warfare and the management of war-

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W with it, and shows that it can be relied on both in peace and in battle.

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A Necessary Custom Which Is Not Plemant for Tenderfeet to Contemplate.

"When I was in the northwest during last October," said a gentleman with some money invested in mines, "I employed a prospector to go out into the mountains looking for properties which had been recommended to me One day he was to have gone from our camp over into a very rough and rocky district, but when evening came he reported that he hadn't made the trip.

"Why not?" I inquired.

"Because I didn't have my morphine with me, he respected in

pline with me,' he responded, in a very matter of fact manner,
"'Morphine?' said I in astonishment,
'what has that got to do with it? You

are not a morphine fiend, are you?

"Not as much of a one as you are a
to inform me that every prospector who
knew his husiness always carried with him enough morphine to kill a man easily, and that he did so in order to end himself quickly in case of an acclend numeri quienty in case of an ucci-dent which would disable him far away from assistance. There were many in-stances of prospectors falling over cliffs and crippling themselves, or breaking a leg in a hole among the rocks, or rendering themselves helpless in some other way, and death was away in some other way, and death was sure to follow by starvation or freezing, or in some sections by being devoured by volves or other wild animals. In or-der to prevent such a horrible death her to prevent such a horrible cleath as any of these, the prospector simplified matters by always carrying a little packet of morphine, which not only quieted the path of the hurt he had surfained, but put him to sleep pleasantly to wake no more on earth. It struck the at first as unennny, not to say wielded, but I got over that feeling after a harrow escape or two, and I carried my little tin box just like a veteran would."—Washington Star,

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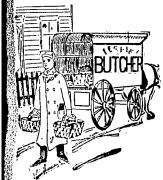
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Peter Cooper Met the Spirits. During l'eter Cooper's lifetime he was a frequent visitor at the home of S. J. Pardessus, on Pacific street, Brooklyn.

At one time Mr. Cooper became great ly interested in the spirit manifesta-tions of the Fox sisters and was aux-ious to investigate their rappings personally, but he dld not like to attend one of their public scances, for he feared recognition and consequently a great deal of talk. Finally it was av-ranged that one of the sisters should spend a night at Mr. Pardessus' house and the doughty Peter be invited to

Iss Fox came, and the spirits came too. The fandly rethred early, Mr. Cooper occupying a bedroom on the opposite side of the hall from that of the fah ally of the supernatural. He was just settling himself comfortably for "a long winter's nap" when a rapping began on the headboard of his bed which sent shivers to his very marrow It was only the beginning of a "rat tat, tat," that kept up at intervals dur ing the night in all parts of the room and before daylight came Mr. Cooper had listened to enough spirits to last him a lifetime. He never said much about the experience, but he never nsked to have it repeated.—New York Mall and Express.

Don't Give Up the Ship. Somewhat more than 50 years ago i happened to me to meet at the house of a mutual friend a daughter of the Inte Major Benjamin Russell, for many years editor of the Boston Centinel She was a bright, interesting woman and a brilliant raconteur, and she told me a number of anecdotes of her fa ther, who was a strongly individualized and notable character for a good many gents. Among them was the follow

The battle between the Chesapeake and the Shanton took place just off the Massachusetts coast, and a sallor in some way got ashore and harried to Boston with the news. It was in the night, and he went straight to The Centinel office, where he found Major Rus sell, to whom he told the story, luclud-

ing the death of Lawrence.
"What were his last words?" said the

major. "Don't know." said the man-"bldn't he say, 'bon't give up the

ship?"
"lion't know," said the main.
"Oh, he did!" said the major. "I'
make him say it." And he did—s
much for bistory.—Harriford Courant. while? "

FOR FARMERS' WIVES.

Club Established for Their Comfort by Kansas Women.

Fitted Up as an Experiment by the Business Men of Burlington, it Hus Come to Be a Popniar Hesort.

Compassionate sympathy for others is at the bottom of a new woman's in-novation out west. The wives and daughters of business men in several Kansas towns have inaugurated movement that has endeared them to the wives and daughters of the farmers. In a dozen or more of the county seat towns of the state "rest rooms. or clubs, have been provided for the accommodation of the women who spend one day each week in town shopping. Burlington, in southeastern Kansas, was the first town to inugurate this popular resort. Lady Somerset club is known far and wide and during its existence for the past six months Burlington merchants have extended their trade over into the territory which heretofore patron ized other towns. The merchants of Burlington fitted up the Lady Somerset club as an experiment. They joined in appropriating a sufficient sum to keep the club running and by arrangement the wives and daughters of the Burlington merchants take turns in looking after the comfort and

pleasure of country women.
The popularity of this resort may be attested by a visit to the room any day, but especially on Saturday, the market day. As one enters the broad doorway the word "Welcome," in club white ani yellow, suspended from the ceiling at the farther end of the room, greets the eye and gives an assurance of its sincerity. A highlyassurance of its sincerity. A highly-polished stove with a bright coal fire makes comfortable this homelike place. A large center table with its pretty cover, embroldered in white and yellow, the handiwork of a member is covered with books, magazines, papers and fashion plates.

The women of the Burlington club do not forget the children from the farms, and so have provided picture books for their amusement. Several books for their amusement. Several casy and restful rocking chairs are

grouped about the room.

A couch and a prettily draped dressing case ornament the room. Pictures are here and there. Λ set of shelves fills up another corner and shows a variety of homemade articles. Some one has constructed a most wonder ful screen which divides the room I'bis screen is covered with the inevitable white and vellow and behind its confines callers are invited to pene trate. If there is an article wanted in this much-appreciated corner it has not entered the heads of the women of Burlington. A lavatory with big pitchers of cool, clean water and plenty of clean towels, wash cloths, soaps and combs galore are here, ready for use. Here the farmer's wife can dispose of the dust gathered on the high-way, arrange her disheveled tresses and emerge a "new woman," ready for business

In addition there are neatly curtained windows, and small tables placed conveniently near the work baskets containing needles, buttons, thread, seissors, thimbles and ail thread, seissors, thimbles and ail things necessary for repairs. Pretty homemade rugs give an air of com-fort and slumber robes for the couch testify to the thoughtfulness of the women of Burlington. Nothing is lacking to add to the comfort and pleasure of the visiting women from the farms, for as each one leaves the "rest room" she is served with a glass of refreshing lee water, contributed by the friendly morehant next door.— Chleago Chronicle.

TRIAL BY FARCE.

The Methods Employed in the Drey fue Case Find a Parallel in "Alice in Wonderland."

There is a delicious bit of court non sense in "Allce in Wonderland," bears a striking similarity to the serious but almost as peculiar trial of Drevfus. A recent writer has made the clever parallel:

"There's more evidence to come yet, please your majesty," said the White Rabhit, jumping up in a great hurry. "This paper has just been picked up."

"What is it?" sald the queen. "I haven't opened it yet," said the White Rabbit, "but it seems to be a letter written by the prisoner to-to

somebody. "Who is it directed to?" said one of

the jurymen,
"it isu't directed at all," said the White Rabblt. "In fact, there's nothing written on the outside." He unfolded the paper as he spoke, and added: "It isn't a letter, after all; it's a set of verses."

"Are they in the prisoner's hand-writing?" asked another of the jury-"No, they're not," said the White Rab-

bit, "and that's the queerest thing about it." (The jury all looked puzzled.)
"lie must have imitated somehody

else's hand," said the king.
(The jury all brightened up again.)
"Please, your majesty," said the
kmave, "I didn't write it, and they can't
prove I did; there's no name signed at

the end." "if you didn't sign it," said the king, "that only makes the matter worse, You must have meant some mizchlef, or else you'd have signed your name like

nn honest man." the jury consider their verdict," the king said, for about the twentieth

time that day,
"No, no," said the queen; "sentence tirst-verdict afterward."-Cincinnati -so Enquirer.

FRENCH BLOOD IN AFRICA.

Wby Galile Names Are Found Among the Borre of the Transvasi.

We are accustomed to look upon the Boers as being entirely of Dutch extraction, but, in reality, there is a leaven of French blood among them, and, indeed, there are French names among them still, such as Joubert, De Villiers, Duplessis, Dutoit, Roux and many others. Probably there are few Africanders without a mixture of French blood in their veins. How did this French blood mix with that of Holland? Through a colony of French Huguenots who settled in South Africa long ago. The actual colonization of South Africa did not begin until 1652, when a small colony settled on Table bay and at Cape Town. This colony was founded by an officer of the Dutch East India company.

The population of the young colony Increased but slowly, and was probably not more than 400 in 1685, the year in which Louis XIV, issued a decree re voking the edict of Nantes, under which the Huguenots had enjoyed freedom and toleration. A cruel and vigorous persecution followed and many of the Huguenots escaped to Holland. A pro-posal was made to send some of these to South Africa, but the Dutch of the East India company feared it might be dangerous to their interests to harbor a large number of French sub-jects in their South African colony, so only a select few of the Huguenots and such as were skilled in such branches of agriculture and other in-dustries as the Dutch settlers were ignorant of were sent over, in all about 300 souls.

Before leaving Holland the heads of the Huguenot families were required to take an oath of fidelity to the Dutch East India company and to promise to conform to all regulations which might subsequently be made for the South African settlement.

These Huguenots were undoubtedly the best settlers the colony had re ceived, and in point of numbers they were nearly equal to the original Dutch settlers. They were superior to the latter in industrial attainments and the amenities of life and soon made their influence felt in the colony.

The rule of the Dutch East Indla company was tyrannical and corrupt and the result was that difficulties soon rose between the governor and the French settlers, who on several oc casions made a bold and more or less successful stand for their rights. Whenever in the subsequent history of the colony principles had to be asserted the descendants of the Huguenots have been well to the front. In the late '30s it was a man with

French name, Peter Retief, who raised his voice in protest against the action of the British authorities in connection with the emancipation of the South African slaves and the na-tive question in general. This protest was followed by the migration of about 6,000 colonists into the desert and this migration led to the founding of the Transvanl and the Orange Free State.—St. Louis Republic.

A GIRL'S REVENGE.

Her Cleverness in Getting Even with Some Smart Young Men in a Street Car,

As soon as the good-looking girl entered the ear the five young men on the opposite seat began surveying her with critical eye, and she hadn't yet made out whether the bald-headed man with the medical magazine was to be included in the lot, when the conductor came in for his fare. The girl opened her portmonnale and began to take out latchkeys, samples of ribbon and little memoranda in the usual way, and the five young men smiled, each after his own particular style. Bald-headed was out of it. The girldidn't see any of the smiles, but she caught on just the same. There was a nickel all ready for her fingers, but when one pale-faced young man added a giggle to his smile, the nickel was thrust aside for a two-dollar bill. She didn't hand It over to the conductor, as she fished it out, but, leaning forward with a winning smile on her face, she began at the head of the line and asked:

Will you please be so kind as to

change this bill for me?"

It was impossible. A young man with only a dime in his pocket has no show to bust a bill. The next one had a quarter, but he had to decline, and so it went to No. 5. Ills hand sought his pocket as his turn came, but it didn't bring up any change. The smiles had been replaced by sheepish looks, and they rubbed elbows and trod on each other's feet in trying to look out of the windows. There was a long minute of painful suspense, and then the good-looking girl handed the bill to the conductor. She hadn't a word to say to the five young men who had started out in life so gayly, but the old bald-headed had. When all was over he turned half around and growled out:

"If I were you fellows I wouldn't try to be so blamed smart next time!"— Philadelphia Press.

Strange Swarms of Flies. In British central Africa rise colossal columns of the kungu fly from the surface of the waters of Lake Nyassa. The natives living along the shores of the lake esteem these files is a great delicacy, and when these extraordinary smokelike columns of inseets rise they are beaten down and gothered up for food. They are then pounded up into calces and made into a kind of brend.—N. Y. Journal.

Knew He Was a Good Catch, She-And now, Elfred, dear, you would better go and ask papa.

He and I fixed that all up beforehand. It's business before pleasure, you know. -I'hlladelphia Bulletin.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH

The Russian budget estimate for public education for 1900 is about \$24,-900.000.

Kentucky was the first state to give school suffrage to widows, granting it

The Congregational churches of South Carolina composed of colored people have formed a state association. The Methodists of Greater New York have decided to raise \$769,000 to clear the indebtedness of all the Methodis churches there.

German gymnasiums or grnmma schools are about to introduce the Rus sian language into their already difficult and comprehensive curriculum.

The strength of the various sections of the Methodist church by recent returns shows that throughout the world there are 7,957 churches with 44,598 or dained ministers. The greatest concession yet made to women by a German university is the women

recent decision of the medical faculty

of Heidelberg university to admit wom

en on equal terms with men, provided they have German gynmasium certificates. On a recent Sunday Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth preached for two and a half hours to the convicts of Sing Sing prison. More than 500 of them wear badges with the inscription, "Look up

and hope," which shows that they are

members of Mrs. Booth's league. A magnificent gift, amounting to 5,275,000 francs in value, has been recelved by the University of Francefrom M. Raphael Bischoffshelm, a deputy and a member of the institute. It consists of the observatory of Nice, with 86 cres of land, two auxiliary observa tories, with their instruments, and the library, and, further, 2,500,000 francs in cash for the maintenance of the observ atory.

THEIR OWN MIXTURES.

Smokers Who Have Tobacco Compounded to Suit Their Tastes.

The young and inexperienced are ever ready to smile incredulously at the seasoned smoker who offers his tobacco pouch with the remark: "Try tobacco pouch with the remark: "Try some of my own mixture." In some cases "my own mixture" may really be only the smoker's "own" in the sense that he has paid for a few ounces of it, but, in spite of the prevalence of copyrighted and much advertised special mixtures in these latter days, it seems, from what one of the most popular down-town tobacconists says, that the habit of buying one's own exclusive "mixture" is not so extinct as might

"Here is a list of the special mixtures make," said this authority, taking from a corner a large card. "You see, there are about 50 of them on this card. Each mixture is noted down, all the in gredients and the proportions in which they are to be used, and over each one is the name of the customer who first ordered it. The way of it is that a smoker makes his experiments on different combinations of tobacco until he hits upon something which just suits Sometimes he buys the ingrehim. dients and mixes them himself, but peo ple have so much to do nowadays that more often they tell us what they want and we do the mixing. It takes weeks sometimes for a customer to get to just the thing he is aiming at, and, of course, it is all guesswork in the meantime.

"But you might be surprised to know how long a man will go on using the same inixture once he has found what suits him. This first name on the list does not belong to the mixture we have been making the longest; it comes first because the list is alphabetically arranged, but that recipe bas been standing here for ten years to my knowledge. It was first ordered by an Englishman; his name still goes with it, and he is still using it, but scores of other people also use it who have never heard

"So, you see, it is possible for a man to be using another man's 'particular mixture,' and go on using it for years, thinking it his own exclusive mixture all the time. The way some of these mixtures gain popularity shows that it isn't quite exactly true that there are as many different tastes as tongues, for cometimes what exactly suits one may seems exactly to suit a hundred oth-When we find a mixture becoming widely popular we sonetimes make it up in quantities, but only rarely. And that, I suppose, is how new 'mixtures' get put on the market."—N. Y. Tribune

Value of Small Change. "It isn't safe to start out without a

pocketful of pennies any more," re-marked a member of the house the other day. "Yet I can remember when I came down into this section of the country, in army blue about 38 years ago, a five-cent piece was very small po hatoes. We were camped awhile out here in Virginia, and my headquarters were in the blg plantation home. A good friends, although he was five, and I nearly 35. One day, in lieu of the candy which I had forgotten to bring him from the near-by town, I gave him a silver half-dime. I had forgot ter oil about the incident, when some two weeks later he came into my room, and, opening his hand, held out to me on his little pink palm the silver piece I had given him. 'Heah, Mr. Captain, you can have it back,' he said, plaintively. 'It won't buy nullin.' "—Washtively. 'It wington Star.

Dyolutton.

"It is really wonderful," mused the deep thinker, "how a thing or an entity will have its beginning, run its course, and end exactly as it began. You follow me, I hope?"

"I think I do," said the worldly one. "For instance, a man will get a jug and hit it up. Immediately a jug is developed. Then he may produce a jig, and very likely ward up in the jug."—Philadd phis Press. Philaddphia Press.

CHIBESE RAT CATS

A Traveler Sare the Tales We Ears Read About the Queer Dinmert Are True.

Yes, they do. A traveler who has just returned from China says that all those stories which were in the geography, and which we seldom believe, are true. Chinamen, however, do not just pick up any old cat out of the street and have him stewed for dinner. Oh, dear, no; it is only the wealthy Chinamen who can afford the luxury of a cat or a dog for his table. The animals which are used for food have to be of an especial breed. Cats of brindle of yellowish color are preferred to all others. Then they must be kept in coops and fed on only certain kinds of food before they are considered good to

Now, when you consider that the Chinamen of the working class seldom have room enough in their crowded dwellings for themseives and their per-sonal belongings—that is, their wives and children—the matter of keeping s cat cooped is out of the question, to say nothing of the expense of getting the especially prepared food for its in-mates. The Chinaman of the working class counts himself especially blessed if he has a single little closet-like room for himself and family—the most ambitious even never aspires to a front or back yard. He seldom gets paid over ten or 15 cents a day; so it takes nearly all of that to buy his own rice and ten, and no matter how much his appetite may crave eat or dog, he is too dainty a creature to partake of the animal which feeds from his nelghbor's garbage barrel.

Now, from the point of view of the Chinese, a cat or dog or rat which has beer brought up in a coop and fed on especially prepared food makes a much daintier dish than a chicken, for instance, which has been turned looso in the yard and allowed to indulge its appetite for bugs and worms and grass-hoppers. The Chinaman argues that the flesh of the chicken is, in reality, but a changed form of the food which nourishes it, and he can't understand why a person who would enjoy eating such a chicken would not equally relish a dish of bug and worm and grass-hopper salad! Now, on the other hand, the well-to-do Chinaman will tell you that he regards the eat or dog or rat which he eats only as a medium for conveying to his system the especially prepared food which he places in his cat coop. If you ask him why he does not eat this especially prepared food himself and economize on the time and labor of turning it into cat, he will tell you, being a rich Chinaman, he does not have consider economics, and in the end, perhaps, will own up to having a taste for a little cat flavor to his especially prepared food!-Philadelphia Inquirer.

AT THE CITY LIBRARY.

Preachers Have Lively Disputes and Read Books About Prize

Fights. "I tell you, sir; a man who doesn't believe in 'free will' is a dangerous man

in any community!"

It was in the reference room at the public library, and a smooth-faced fat man was arguing with a smooth-shaven, slim and serious man. Both wore white

ties and long black coats.
"And I must insist that 'predestina tion' is as firmly taught in the New Testament to-day as it ever was, sir. You can't destroy one jot or tittle of

Holy Writ, sir," said the thin man.
"And what's more, Wincklemann began the fat man.
"The ideal" thundered the scrious

"When I distinctly quoted to you that Mashelin says in sup—"
Things went on from bad to worse, and finally the library policeman, who has never had a fight to settle since he came into the new building, hurried

up, in the hopes of distinguishing himself.

"Never mind, let 'em alone," said on attendant. "It's nothing but the preachers arguing."

Monday is "preachers' day" at the public library. From 12 o'clock until four on Monday from two to a dozen ministers are sure to be found in the reference room. When the library had its headquarters at the city hall a few of the more determined club women sometimes made their way in, but as a general rule the ministers kept away Now, with pleasant reading rooms and every facility at hand, nearly every Chleago minister consults the public library at least one day in the week. The reference room is their haunt, although they are often found skimming

the magazines in the reading room. "The class of literature that preachers read has changed wonderfully," said an old employe of the library, "I can remember when it was all doctrine and church history, and such things. Then we kept very little that they cared about, for it required a spechal line of reading. Now it's sociology and art and new novels and the scientific fad of the day, and even bicycles and automobiles that the preachers read about. The oddest thing in their reading that has come under my notice was a minister who spent three days in here reading up the stories of noted prize fighting bouts in the last ten years."-Chlengo Inter Ocean,

Hio danetro English.

On the gate of the cemetery in Ric Janetro is a notice in Spanish, French and English that no dogs are admitted unless led by the owner. This is how the announcement is made: "Noble mesdames and gentleman who may desire a dog to follow in this tombahim drawn by a cable round him trhot

tle."-N. Y. Sun. A Stady In Colors A man is apt to look bluest when he is in a brown study.—Chicago Daily News.



FANWOOD.

Norman H. Kieb has accepted a busi ness position in New York.

Mrs. Gibbs has for a gnest, Miss T. Stevens, of North Andover, Mass.

The Women's Guild will meet at Mrs. McAnneny's next Wednesday afternoon at 2 30 o'clock.

Miss Margaret Bettman, of Bayonne is still the guest of her cousins, the Misses Bettman.

Miss Elizabeth McAnneny was enter tained Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. George McAnneny at their New York residence.

One of J. Cteven's horses had to be killed last week because of fits. The family were much attached to the animal and feel it a great loss.

Edwin Fancher is rapidly recovering from his attack of the measles, so that the Misses Lillian Fancher and Mary Westcott have been permitted by Dr. Westcott to return from Dr. Parks in Scotch Plains, to their home.

There were four prizes at the enchre last Friday, won as follows: A.M.S. Townsend, a paper lamp shade of poppy red; Mrs. Healy, a handsome Copley print: Mrs. McAnneny, two fancy candlesticks, and Mrs. Christianson, an Indian basket.

Little Miss Edith Palmer entertained several large, small and medium sized guests last Saturday, in celebrating her fifth year, which is yet to be completed Miss Palmer makes a very bright and entertaining hostess and those who were the favored ones, all speak of her in terms of highest praise.

There is quite a unique find on the bulletin board at the post office. A few days ago some small lad of the neighborhood walked into the presence of the postmistress and produced from an inside pocket four false teeth. He said that he just found them in the road. The teeth seem so far to be ownerless.

Saturday's basket ball game, which was to have been, did not come off. It seems that two of the young ladies on the Plainfield team have, unfortunately, been injured in practice. The F. B. B. T. practiced as usual in the afternoon As soon as the two nnfortunates recover the stunding challenge will be played off

Wednesday, February 21st, there is going to be an entertainment and dance at the fire house for the benefit of the fire company. The Saturday evening following, another art exhibition will take place. The Fanwood damsels will dress up their prettiest and try to look like famous paintings. . An entertain ment of this sort was very successful last September, and the ladies of the Episcopal church trust that the coming one will also prove to be such.

CRANFORD.

The pool tournament at the Casin commeuced last evening,

The first of the Shakespeare lecture by Dr. Sykes will be held at the Grant school house to morrow afternoon.

The Casino bowling team will play it last game of the season in the Pres Bowling League at Roselle Thursday evening

The Village Improvement Association has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. F. E. vice-presidents, Mrs. J. W. Banker and Mrs. A. H. Plummer; re-cording secretary, Mrs. E. L. Hedenberg; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. W. Burtls; treasurer, Mrs. George Da-

RAHWAY.

Mrs. Charles E. Reed has been spenda few days with friends at Philadelphia. The Rev. J. F. Dodd, D. D., of New York, preached at Trinity church on

Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Baker has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Wortman, at Oak Tree.

Miss Catherine R. Shafer has moved from Newton to this town where she is making her home with the Misses Shafer, of Bryant street.

Wanted to Sit in Her Own Lab. The little 3-year-old daughter of on of the leading ministers in Little Rock resents too great familiarity. One evening, though she seemed a little unwilling, a young man, who was call-ing, took her upon his lap, whereupor she said, with great gravity:

"I want to see in my own lap."

It is needless to add that the young
man immediately put her down.

Alert to Prevent It.

"The great danger," said the grave citizen, "is that we will drift into a paternal form of government."

"Yos," answered Mr. Meekton, with n sigh. "Henriette seems worrled about that every time I speak to the children."-Washington Star.

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THE BUDDHIST RELIGION

it Contains Many of the Great Les sons That Are Taught by the Christian Fuith.

Dr. Maurice Bloomfield, of Johns Hop kins university, who has been lecturing on the "Sacred Literature of Eastern Religions" before the Ethical society of Philadelphia, spoke recently on "The Philadelphia, spoke recently on Sacred Literature of the Buddhist."

"The Buddhist literature contains s many of the great teachings of the Christian religion and so many of those familiar stories of folk-lore and fubl that are known to the western races from childhood that we are much impressed by the striking analogy. I pieces out the theory that we must go back for all our greater inspirations to that dim. mystical east, out of which the life of Europe and our own country

"The Buddhists form a branch of that religious revolution which is con nected with the name of Buddha and nected with the name of buttons and which is entitled to a prominent place in the history of worship and sect. At a period which is even now, with our modern methods of scholastic research. uncertain. Buddhlam sprung into being as an opponent to Brahminism and maintained against it a long series of bloody contests, which contributed at least to give a new impulse to philosophienl activity.

fragmentary, and are not entitled to a complete degree of confidence. Much of the modern opinion is formed from the testimony of their Brahmin, opponents.

"There are two schools of Buddhists that have in some unknown way diverged from the original teaching of the great founder. One school holds that everything is vacuum or nonbeing and as it distinguishes different, degrees of nonbeing its doctrine has ap-peared to many oriental philosophers as a mere tissue of extravagances.

"It admits no other existence than that of mind or spirit, an existence which is revealed in reflection. It is a system of idealism and spiritualism.

"In the opposite extreme is another school. It professes sensualism and materialism. Its starting point is sensation, and it operates upon sensation between the sensation and its operates.

by induction. "There is a third school, which admits of no other existence than that of self. The entire Buddhist sect conceives salvation as the chief end, and it is to them a state of complete apathy, where all thought is extinguished. This is, in brief, the structure of their

theology.

"The philosophical opinions of the Buddhist schools agree more than those of other Hindu doctrines with the system of the state of the st tem professed in Europe in modern times. The spiritualism of the first school resembles very much that of Berkley and the individual parithelism has been represented in Gaymany by has been represented in Germany by

Fighte.
"The story of Buddha in some of its features resembles that of Christ. culists for the sect as the redemption ist. He survived because of great sacrliice. The haven and end of life to the Brahmins, the early sect from which the Buddhists are an offshoot, was Nirvana, where the soul joined the univer sal soul. He had to pass through many transmigrations before he entered into the divine rest. Buddha refused to en ter Nirvana and continued his round of existences. This was regarded as a

great renunciation.
"The legend of Buddha sets before us a figure of profound splendor—gentle and benevolent. He was the son of a small ruler and, like Socrates, searched out the noblest type of man and consecrated himself to the pursuance of such an existence, with the idea of unlifting his people.

"He marked out for their guidance the eightfold page which the devout Buddhist must follow. He must up-hold right livelihood, right doctrines. right efforts, right speech, right conduct, right aspirations, right medita tions, right raptures, right memory.

"These are the ethics of the Buddhist. They know no such thing as immortality nor do they conceive a union with a universal self. Absolute peace repose, freedom from life is their the ory of the after death. It is reserved and vague—an absolute negative." and vague—an abs

Dots Insured for French Girls.

The dot or dowry is as much a par of the wedding arrangements in France as the bridal veil. A woman marries as seldom without the one as without the other. French novels contain many allusions to the thrift and toil with which the parents lay by a suitable dot for their daughter. One man and wife in Zola's "Fecondite" laid by near ly half of their earnings for this pur pose in the hope that she would make a match that would raise the family in the social scale. A company has been organized to furnish "assurance The plan is for the father to make annual payments during his lifetime, and at his death no more premiums need be pald, Thus a father 25 miums need be paid. Thus a father ry years of age pays 381 francs a year and on her majority the daughter receives 10,000 francs. Should the girl die, the company returns the payments to the purents. There are no statisties at hand as to the prosperity of the company, but it is well advertible. The beauty than the prosperity of the company, but it is well advertible. of the company, but it is well adver-tised in the French magazines, and probably will be a success.—Chicago

Saved from the Enemy.

From Rensburg, in Cape Colony comes the news that a train loaded with supplies and without any engine comehov got started on a down grade within the British lines and was bended for the Boer lines. It was been to be impossible to stop the train, so rather than have the supplies reach the heers, the British gunners directed their guns on the cars and destroyed them and their contents.—Chieago Tellune.



At the Eden Musee it has been decided not to wait for the coming English generals so this week a wax group combrising Generals Kitchener, Roberts and Buller is on exhibition. Directly facing them are wax figures of President Kru-It ger and Generals Joubert and Cronje.

At Proctor's Twenty Third Street Theatre, which opens its doors at 10 a m., Milton and Dolly Nobles head the bill with their new comedietta. "A Blue Grass Widow." Le Roy and Clayton appear with "Hogan of the Hansom." Minor lights are the Silvers, Gallando the Bates Musical Trio and the Fields with a long list of others.

At the American Theatre the Castle Square Company are presenting Vincent Vallace's "Marltana." The public will Wallace's "Maritana." appreciate this opportunity to hear again the favorites of a generation ago; "Let and activity.

"The documents of this religion than Moments," and particularly "The Myshave been collected are more or less tery," a sextet with choral accompaniment that in those days were so popular. Many of us have long been sighing for just such real music again.

At Tony Pastor's, Manager Sanderson comes out strong on comedy sketches. The ones this week will be "Skinny" Finish," with Williams and Tucker; "Mr Mixer's Mix," with Mr. and Mrs Robyns: "Opera in the Kitchen," with Arnim and Wagner, and "The Female Barber," with Wood and Ray. Kittie and Clara Morton in Irish dances occapy the head line of the bill, which is a long one and, as usual, a strong one.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

"In Old Kentucky," a popular play with west side theatre goers, will be presented at the Grand Opera Honse next Monday, February 19, with a complete and new outfit of scenery which Jacob Litt has had prepared for this season's tour. A special holiday matinee will be given next Thursday, Washington's Birth lay.

AT THE FOURTEENTH ST.

Next Monday, February 19th, ushers in the last two weeks of Channey Olcott's engagements at the Fourteenth Street. Theatre. The popular conicdian is drawing some of the largest audiences ever known at this house, and people are turned away almost every might unabl to secure seats or standing room. A special holiday matinee will be given next Thursday. Washington's Birthday.

Execution of the Duke d'Enghien.

Colonel Laborde, knowing that the grave was actually dug in which the duke was to be put, after a short time awakened him and told him, if he had a lock of his hub or a letter to send to any of his family, that he (Colonel La-borde) would take care to forward it and would only part with it with his life. The duke replied, "I understand He cut oft a lock of his hair wrote a short letter and desired that a confessor might be sent to him. He was soon afterward led out:

Five of the soldiers refused to fire at him. They were immediately shot before his face and their bodies thrown Into a ditch. They desired to put a bandage before his eyes. He answered he had looked death in the face before

and could face it again. Seventeen soldiers fired at him.

Mine. Bonaparte did everything pos-sible to save the duke. She implored Bonaparte on her knees, holding the skirt of his cont, which was torn off by his violent manner of going from her She seized the other skirt, which was likewise torn off, and Bonaparte clared he would never go to bed till the duke was dead.

Lucien Bomparte also exerted him self to the utmost, and, finding he had no success in a rage took out a watch Bonaparte had given him, dashed it on the ground, breaking it in pieces, and said to his brother, "You will be treated in the same manner!"—"Life of Lady Stanley."

Her Advice.
John Luther Long, the well known author of several successful books and author of several successful books and the teller of many charming stories, spent a summer at a resort along the New Jersey coast. On his way to his home there he was obliged to stop over one night at Scabright, and this story is told of his little visit: He was reco nized by several people, and when he entered the dhaing room one of them came forward and asked him to occup a seat at his table. He was quietly introduced as Mr. Long, and his litermy reputation did not enter at all into the presentations. He was placed beside a very beautiful and charming young lady, and after awhile the con-versation developed somewhat as follows: "Mr. Long, your name is quite familiar. I have run across it some-where very recently."

"There are a great many Longs," h

"No; but I menu that I have read comething somewhere. Oh, yes; I remember. It was a story called 'The Fox Woman.' Do you know who wrote

Mr. Long was blissfully ignorant. "Yes, I am sure that was it," she said,

"It may be by a relative. What did you think of 11?"

She gazed at him carnestly and re-plied, "Don't read it."—Saturday Even-ing Post.

SOME DRESS HINTS.

Favored Fabrics and Trimmings for Followers of the Fashions.

The skating costume for winter has now quite as important a place among the fashions of the day as the golf suit has among warm-weather styles, and skating this year promises to be an exceptionally popular amusement, and youthful New Yorkers have already studied the various models designed for skaters at the Palais de Glace in Paris and the Nagara in London. The modistes and tailors have as a result received numerous orders that grade from a neat, pretty style in tweed, very much after the fashion of a short-skirted cycling costume, to models smart and expensive enough to wear to any fushionable afternoon reception including a toque and muff of mink chinchilla, or other fur, matching the trimmings on the skirt and jacket. Red serge or cloth velvet, silk-finlshed corduroy, and golf suitings are among the favored fabrics for these cos

This season the most stylish and ex pensive of the black or white lace col-larettes, Tudor berthas, Marie Antoinette fichus, and deeply-pointed Vandyke capes are finished with long scarf ends that fall low on the dres skirt, even after they are tled or knot ted. Some of net in fancy designs have a flounce at the ends made of accordion-plaited chiffon about half a yard deep, and others have delicate applique designs in renaissance or old Normandy point, laid directly upon the silk muslin, crepe lisse, or other textile houseasts. comprising the scarfs. A handsom theater cape, reaching half way to the waist, shown among exclusively holi waist, shown among exclusively nonday treasures at a noted importing
house, is made of accordion-plaited taffeta silk in cream white. The yolk
portion to which the plaiting is applied is lined with pale violet satin.
Straight down the front from the
throat fall scarf ends of the taffeta. also satin lined, and nt the outside are arranged with artistic grace long trail ing sprays of shaded velvet pansies and foliage, and one or two purple and violet velvet orchids. life size. A large full-neck ruche in white and violet completes this dainty and novel French creation .- N. Y. Post.

POISONOUS MILK.

Germ Contamination Renders It Medium of Disease Propagation.

Milk is a complex animal food, de-composing quickly and consequently requiring great thought and cleanlines its care. Contamination comes eas ily from unclean utensils, carelessly kept cows, dirty stables and an impure atmosphere. In fact, according to my way of thinking, it is the duty of the philanthropists to instil into the mind of the average farmer that stables should be kept as clean as houses, that all the vessels into which milk is pu or kept should be sterilized, that the cows themselves must be in a perfectly healthy and clean condition, and that otherwise milk may prove a poison rather than a food. It may also prove oisonous in another direction hastily swallowed at the close of a dinner or a heavy lunch or supper—poison ous not from contamination, but from the fact that it is a complex food, and added to the bulk already in the stom ach will make digestion heavy and dif ficult. Carclessly kept milk very readily becomes polsonous from germ con tamination. Typhoid and scarlet feverand diphtheria are largely propagated through this medium, especially in thickly populated districts where the inhabitants are in the habit of drinking raw milk. Raw milk is more readdigested than bolled or sterilized mille, cousequently the necessity for personal and constant inspection of the ow and her surroundings .- Ladies

Home Journal. To Prepare Ham Pate.

Cut two pounds of raw, lean ham in two-inch size pieces; soak them two hours in milk, then drain; lard half of the ham pieces with truflies and cook them for a few minutes in butter. Pas the remaining ham through a meat ma chine; put also one pound of lean veal and one pound of fresh pork from the loin through the machine; mix all the ment together; senson with a tenspoonful of pepper and salt to taste; line a with short paste; put in a layer of forcement and on top half the ham; cover with forcement and put on top the remaining ham pieces; put ove the forcement and cover with paster brush over with egg and bake two hours. Cover the ple as soon as brown on top with buttered paper; one hour after the ple is taken from the oven pour in a little aspie jelly and when cold turn it out of pan; serve cut in allees.—Brooklyn Engle.

Material for Gimps,

Tucked or corded taffeta silk in eram, turquoise blue, Illac, plak or erimson may be worn with cash mere or other winter dresses. The embroidered and hemstitched talleta is efered and nemstitched infeta is ef-fective, and as only a small quantity is required such a gimp is not expensive China silk tucked all over in criniced tucks is cheaper and has a more childtucks is cheaper and has a more child-like effect for young children. White taffera embrodered all over in a pretty pattern with black tooks well for older *hildren. The Japanese silks, either white or colored, are inexpensive and durable, and may be gathered, shirred durable, and may be gathered, shirre or smocked to ddynninge and used for glups.-Ladies' Home Journal.

Far and Pointo Balls.

Add one egg, well bearier, to a good-sized cupful of masked pututoes. Use pepper and celery sait as sensoning, and moisten with a little milk if necessury. Drop the mixture by spoonfuls into sifted flour on a plate roll them in the flour and ry in hot drippings or butter.-llousewife.

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