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State Sities

The government of Japan desires to increase its navy by building four or five first-class ships every year, in order to be prepared for any emergency. Japan already possesses a navy of thirty-five ships and 8000 officers and men.

Dr. Lichtenbag of Hungary says that out of 250 railroad employes whom he examined, 92, or more than a third, suffered from ear disease. Engineers are especially liable to rheumatism and pneumonia, and after some years' service a certain proportion of them become dull of sight and hearing.

The cold storage accommodations in the northern cities would largely increase the demand for southern fruits and vegetables, thinks the Atlan'a Constitution. Produce men say that in the course of a few years fresh vegetables will be on sale in the north from January until December.

A recent writer says that those nations which are given to the cultivation of vocal music are strong and vigorous, with broad, expansive chests. Vocal music is a good lung exercise; it increases expansion of the lung tissue; it calls into action the entire lung, thus making the apices less likely to develop organic disease.

A largely attended meeting was recently held at Birmingham, England, to protest against any further national expenditure for warlike purposes. It was pointed out that in the last half-century over \$480,000,000 had been squandered n useless wars, not including the Indian mutiny or the Abyssinian expedition. The meeting was unanimously in favo of cutting off such expenditures in the

A glance at the annual report of the Imperial Patent Office shows that Germany performs her part in the present era of inventions. During the last three years 29,764 patents were applied for, and 11,813 actually registered. For the past year the number of patents registered was 3923, and on December 31st there remained in force (since 1877) 11. 585 patents. The Patent Office showed a surplus of 994,321 marks.

Mr. P. T. Barnum has presented the skeleton of his famous elephant Jumbo to the Museum of Natural History in New York City. The hide and the tusks are now owned by the authorities of Tufts college, in Boston. Living, Jumbo was perhaps the most renowned of all pachyderms, and when Mr. Barnum removed him from England to this country, he did so against the protests of count ess British children. Dead, Jumbo will be an object of interest in two places at once. His skeleton and his hide were lovely in their lives, but in his death they were divided, which, we suppose is a worthy tribute to his vast proportions.

Major Pond, the lecture bureau man, says that some of his best lecturers are troubled with stage fright. Chauncey M. Depew and Dr. Talmage are not free from it. John B. Gough was the worst. Outside of his regular lectures he would not talk in public. Several times he made very embarrass.ng failures. He could not think on his feet. Beecher always suffered when he faced an audience. He held one hand behind him at first, and when the hand came in view it was a sign that his embarra-sment was over. Canon Farrar could always think and speak on his feet, but Canon Kingsley could not make the simplest address without manuscript. James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, is liable any time to forget his part when he has an attack of stage fright. Major Pond says that men like Beecher, who draw inspiration from the audience, are more likely to suffer from stage fright than others. A man like Cable gets along very well-perfect self-satisfaction will carry him through, or, as Pond puts it, "self-possession of the heart" will keep

Can a surgical operation be lawfully performed upon a wife without the consent of her husband? This novel question has just been passed upon by the Maryland Court of Appeals and decided in the affirmative. A woman was fering from what was supposed to be tumor. An operation was decide l upon with the consent of her husband. thing proved to be a cancer, and the surgeons proceeded to extirpate it with the knife. Some months afterward the patient died. The husband thereupon sued the doctors for damages. He al leged that he had not consented to as operation in case of cancer, and claimed that without such consenthe operation was without legal was rant and hence the operators wer liable for damages. The court does no accept this view, but holds that only the consent of the patient was necessar The consent of the wife, not that of th husband, the court went on to say, wa necessary. The professional men whom she had called in and consulted, being possessed of skill and scientific knowl edge, were the proper persons to determine what ought to be done. The could not, of course, compel her to sub mit to an operation, but if she volunta rily submitted to its performance, her consent will be presumed unless she was the victim of false and fraudulent misrepresentation.

The Lighthouse. Above the rocks, above the waves Shines the strong light that warns and saves So you, too high for a storm or strife, Light up the shipwreck of my life.

The lighthouse warns the wise, but thes Not only sail the stormy seas; Towards the light the foolish steer And, drowning, read its meaning, dear. And if the lamp by chance allure Some foolish ship to death, be sure The lamp will to itself protest: "His be the blame! I did my best!" -E. Nesbit in Independent.

WON BY A DUCKING.

BY S. A. WEISS.

The sun was setting-in fact, its blood-red rim had just disappeared below the horizon-and chilly gray shadows were gathering in the nearly leafless grove in the rear of Beech Villa. On the mossy root of an old tree, close to the bank of the river which murmured past, sat a young girl, watching, with a curious expression of alternate hope and disappointment, a footpath which wound away in the direction of the suburban road on which the villa was situated. Clearly she was expecting

He came at last-a tall, slim young man, unexceptionably attired, and who, as he wended his way among the tall grasses, absently struck off their heads with his gold-headed cane.

The girl sprang to meet him. "Oh, Augustus, I'm so glad you've come at last! I've waited an age: but" -with a sudden anxiety, as she noted his grave expression-"what success have you had? Did papa consent to see you, after having so cruelly forbidden me to receive your visits?"

"Yes, he saw me," the young man answered, gloomily, "He could not have avoided it, as I met him at the door just as he was leaving the house." "And what did he sav?" she asked.

Augustus placed his arm around the slender waist of the girl-the grounds were part of her father's domain and quite secluded-and looked down into ahead and unlock the back door." her pretty face.

"He said," speaking slowly and with a far-away, absent look-"he said that you and I were a couple of fools." "What! How? Why?" she fal-

"For proposing to marry on six hundred dollars a year."

"But papa has enough for us all, and I am his only child. Surely you reminded him of that?"

"No, indeed. How could I stoop to such mercenary considerations? On the contrary, I told him that I did not want his money; that I could make my fortune, as he had done, and that all I "And what did he say then?" she in-

"Nothing; except to request me to leave the house and never again see

"What a shame!"

Tears sprang to her eyes and she laid her cheek caressingly and soothingly against her lover's manly shoulders. "Of course I went," resumed Augustus, with sad dignitys, "but before do-

ing so, informed Mr. Hogan respectfully but firmly, that though I might never again enter his house, I would on no account relinquish my claim to his daughter's hand. I told him that we loved each other, and defied any human power to keep up apart."

The girl's cheeks flushed and her eyes

"That must have touched him!" she said, gazing with proud tenderness into her lover's face. "That must have stirred his feelings, if anything could." "It did!" responded Augustus, grim-

ly. "In fact-I don't wish to harrow your feelings, Maude, dearest, but your father was stirred to that degree that he not only slammed thellibrary-door in my face as I left the room, but followed me this?" to the hall-door and-flung the door mat after me. Indeed, I suspect that the mark is still upon my back."

"So it is." said Maude, indignantly. "Stand still, dear, and let me brush off the dust. What dreadful behavior in arm. papa! Aunt Eliza always calls him hasty, but I never dreamed of his carrying on like this. Perhaps"-with a little sob in her voice-"perhaps he'l come round by-and-by. He does sometimes. Aunt Eliza has most influence with him, and she-she's our friend,

you know." They were standing near the river's bank, and Maude was still engaged in vigorously dusting, with her embroidered pocket-handkerchief, the back of her insulted lover, when a whiff of wind took the light straw hat from her head, and

drifted it to the edge of the bank. Augustus instantly hastened to th rescue, but he had not taken into consideration the steepness and slipperines of the incline; wherefore he unexpectedly found himself plunging, with splash, into the muddy water, six feet

Maude shrieked as she beheld him disappear beneath a pad of water-lilies, and the sound reached her sunt. Miss Eliza Pilkins, as she walked in the garden between the grove and the villa.

Augustus' head, adorned with algea and drooping weeds, soon reappeared

hands and feet he commenced a desperate but futile attempt to surmount the slippery clay-bank.

Seeing this, Maude knelt down on its edge and extended both hands, which he imprudently grasped-but, alas! with a contrary effect to what was intended. In a moment she was in the water, and with difficulty supported in the arms of her lover, whose feet, with this additional burden, stuck fast in the miry bot-

It was in this situation, struggling waist deep in water, that they were discovered by Miss Pilkins, when, summoned by Maude's shrieks, she hurried to the spot.

"Gracious heavens! Mr. Tomlinson -Maude! How did this happen? Why don't you save yourselves?" she cried

"We can't!" gasped Maude, franfically clinging to her lover. "I-I fell in, and Augustus tried to save me, and -we'll drown if you don't help us!"

"Give me your shawl!" promptly responded practical Miss Pilkins; "and don't get excited. You can't drown if you keep still, and I'll have you out in three minutes."

Hooking up the shawl with a crooked stick, she tied it to her own, and attaching one end to a sapling on the bank, twisted the two into a sort of

By means of this the pair were enabled, after much scrambling and exertion, to reach firm ground, where they stood dripping and shivering.

"Here you are, safe!" said Miss Pilkins; "and now I should like to know what's the next thing to be done."

tered Mr. Tomlinson, all of a tremble, while the water dripped from the ends of his drooping moustache and limp fingers. "I-I'll g-go h-home!"

death of cold by the way! Come along to the house, both of you, as fast as you can! Brother has gone to a political meeting, with a supper afterward, and won't be back till midnight. You two come through the garden, while I go

Once in the house, Maude, who, despite her fright, lad not suffered nearly so much as her lover, hurried to her room, while Miss Pilk as directed the housemaid to show Mr. Tomlinson at once to the east chamber.

"Please'm," said the sympathetic Betty, "there ain't been a fire in the east room this fall, and the bed ain't fixed nor the sheets aired. There's a fire in master's room, and everything warm and comfortable, and I can fix it all right before master comes home."

To Mr. Hogan's own bed-room, accordingly, pallid and shivering, Tomlinson was conducted, while Sam, the asked of him was his consent to our stable boy, was dispatched to his town lodgings for a change of clothes.

Until its arrival he was forced to array himself in certain garments of his host, selected by Miss Pilkins, including a quilted dressing-gown of gorgeous colors-all of which, being too large for his slender proportions, gave him the appearance-as Betty, with a giggle, declared to the cook-of "a needle in a stack of hav."

Then he was made to get into bed and blankets were piled on him; while down stairs Miss Pilkins made a steaming toddy, and cook prepared a supper "to be took sizzlin' hot."

Under these combined influencesbut more especially that of the strong toddy-Mr. Tomlinson soon fell into a calm and unconscious slumber. He did not hear the clock on the man-

tlepiece strike ten (Sam was an unusually long time in returning), nor see the door open, and a portly old gentleman enter, and at sight of him, stand as if petrified. And it was not until the old gentleman, after twice rubbing his eyes and turning first pale and then fiery red, suddenly found his voice, did Mr. Tomlinson start from his peaceful repose.

"Hello! What is the meaning of At sound of that awful voice, the household rushed up stairs-all but

Maude, who immediately fainted dead away in her room.

"Hiram listen to me-let me ex-

"Explain!" roared Mr. 'Didn't I turn this fellow out of my doors a few hours ago?-and don't I come home to find him not only again in my house, but in my room-in my bed? And by the everlasting hokey, as agitated Tomlinson rose up in bed. "in my very clothes! Where are my pistols? Let me get at him! Let me fling him out of the window-"

But here the cook and housemaid rushed in, with shrill screams, and while the former, assisted by Miss Pilkins, dragged infuriated Hogan backward ou of the room, Betty hastily locked the door and put the key in her pocket.

Left thus alone, Tomlinson armed him self with the only weapon which presented-the fire tongs-and facing the door, stood breathlessly awaiting the further course of events.

He heard the retreating footsteps and voices die away and a door violently

Then ensued five minutes of dead si lence, at the end of which time quick and heavy steps came along the passage above the surface of the water, and with and the door knob impatiently rattled. too many chances now.

Augustus nerved himself, raised the tongs above his head bravely and prepared to defend his life.

Light steps now ran along the passage, the key turned in the lock and the door flew open, revealing Mr. Hogan, his sister and the female servants. He advanced toward Tomlinson with outstretched arms and tears in his eyes.

friend! How can I atone for my late hasty conduct?-how thank you sufof my only and darling child? The tongs fell from the young man's

hands as Maude's agitated father seized and shook them, with a vigor which brought tears into his own eyes. Cook and Betty were already sobbing. "Mr. Hogan, sir," commenced Au-

gustus, with as much dignity as was consistent with the situation and his peculiar attire, "I must protest. You greatly overrate-" But just here he was aware of covert

signals from Miss Pilkins, who was hovering anxiously in the background.

"You need not deny it, Mr. Tomlinson," she said, aloud. "But for you and your heroic exertions, where would our beloved Maude at this moment be?" "An' sure she looked, 'a-lyin' there on the lib'ry sofy, with her eyes shut,

white as a sheet, jes' for all the worl' like the corpse she would a been now. but for him," said cook, who, by reason of long and faithful service, was a privileged person in the household. "Come down stairs and see her," said

Mr. Hogan, excitedly. And seizing Mr. Tomlinson by arm, he led him to where Maude, rewith the joy of a sudden and unexpected happiness, was awaiting him.

"You saved her life," said the agitated father, "and she belongs to you, "Go home in that fix? and catch your There, take her! and may heaven bless

Everybody retired from the room in

tears, leaving the happy lovers to them-Miss Pilkins, seated before the fire in of counterfeit money was found on his her own room, smiled cheerfully to herself, as she gazed into the glowing coals,

while in the kitchen cook and Betty, regaling themselves on the remains of the hot supper and toddy, declared how peautiful it had all been, and wondered when it would be time to commence preparations for the wedding .- Satur-

Value of Jade.

The tombstone of the conqueror Tamer ane at Samarcand-he died there in 1405-consists of an immense block of dark-green jade. Some courageous vandal broke a piece from it for the late Dr. Heinrich Fischer of Baden, part of which was sent to me. The rest of the tombstone is still at Samarcand for some enterprising American or English collector. The block of Siberian jade exhibited for a time at the British Museum weighed 1130 pounds. De Last (1647) mentions a lump of jade the size of a man's head which came from the Amazon river and sold for \$250. A piece the size of a cup was sold to Rudolph II Without any more words the cashier by the imperial jeweler at Dresden for counted out the change for \$20 and 1600 thalers. Cortez was content with four pieces out of all Montezuma's accumulated treasures.

The emperor of China has a necklace of fine green beads of jadeite as large as cherries, strung at intervals between several of the finest coral. Pendent the principal collections may be mentioned that of the museum at Frieburg, in Eaden, which contains the collection of the late Dr. Heinrich Fischer, at Freiburg, the greatest authority on jade, and those of the museums at Constance and at Dresden. At the colonial exhibition in London there were shown large the finest green color, was worked into charms and knife handles at the exposition .- Art Amateur.

A Solid Silver Wagon Road. "You may talk about nickel-plated railroads," said Vice-President T. L. road! The Horseshoe Mine in Colorado | a very wise one.—New York Sun. as one, although when it was built they didn't know it would pan out that way. They had to have a road from their mine, a distance of three miles, over which heavy loads were to be drawn.

They took the rock that had been taken from the shafts they were sinking and which lay around in the way, and macadamized the road all the way through. The wagons passing over the ground the rock down. One day they had a heavy rainstorm, and when things got dry again after this rain the wind blew the dust off the road, and al through the road bed, every which way, they could see big streaks of silver. Well, maybe they didn't collar on to the rest of that loose rock that lay around those shafts! They sent away a lot of it to be assayed, and when the report came back they found that their

"Give the boys a chance," says trade journal. Nonsense; the boys take

road bed was worth \$200 a ton. It was

a little expensive to drive over, but they

had to have the road, and I suppos

they've got it yet, if their mines have

held out."-Philadelphia Press.

Captured by a Blind Detective. There used to be a young blind man who sold cigars at a stand on Winter

street or thereabouts. Ordinarily the sales were of single cigars or small packages of cigarettes, and the dealer, being expert in the handling of coins, had no difficulty in making change. Sometimes paper money would be given him, and "Mr. Tomlinson! My dear young then the blind man had to trust the honor of his patrons not to give counterfeits. One day a man came to him who wanted ficiently for so heroically saving the life to buy a lot of cigars, and offered a fivedollar note in payment. The blind man trusted his honesty, took the five-dollar bill, and gave what change was due him in silver. The bill proved to be counterfeit. Some time afterward the swindler, secure in the inability of the dealer

> man's stand and bought a cigar. "I should think," he said nonchalanty to the dealer, "that you'd sometimes have counterfeit money passed on you.'

> "Oh, no," said the dealer, "no body would impose on a poor blind man like

"So?" said the sharper. His victim had thrown him off his guard. dently," he thought, "the blind man ucceeded in passing the bill, and no body discovered that it was bad till got into the third or fourth man's hands. So here's a chance to get him again."

"Of course," said the sharper again. aloud, "nobody would come such a game on you. By the way, I got a lo of cigars of you awhile ago that were good. Got any more of the same?" "Yes, sir."

"All right. I'll take another \$5 The blind man got up like a flash and

seized him by the arms. "So you're the man that passed th counterfeit \$5 bill on me, are you?" he

"Help! Thief!" There was a crowd on the street, and the man had plenty of help to secure the swindler, who was promptly marched off to the station, where quite a supply

person. - Boston Transcript.

At a Famous New York Restaurant. A lady was taking luncheon with her daughters at a famous restaurant in the city. Her check amounted to some thing less than \$5. She handed the waiter a bill and he brought her change for \$5. She declared that the bill she had given was a twenty. She was very quiet and refined woman, and her belief about the amount of money she had given to the waiter was evidently nonest. But the waiter asserted that she was mistaken. He went to the desk and enquired. The answer came back and it was a \$5 bill. The lady put up her purse and was preparing to leave. The head waiter asked her to step to the cashier's desk. The young man then asked her if she was quite positive she had sent \$20 up to him. She replied that she felt sure of it, because she had a twenty and a five in her purse when she came in, and the twenty was gone

passed it to the lady. The fact is that the lady was mistaken. But this particular restaurant retains the good will of the wealthiest people by the utmost confidence in their integrity. They rectify mistakes when they know the mistake is not their own rather from this is a large ruby spinal. Among than have their best customers offended. They will even trust a stranger for an extravagant dinner and take his visiting card for security. The system is really profitable in the long run. They cannot be cheated twice, and the friends that they make by their liberal methods outweigh a hundred fold the occasional losses they sustain from trusting dishonrounded and waterworn blocks of jade est people. The lady mentioned could weighing hundreds of pounds and called probably not have secured her money as by the Maoris panamu. Much of it, of she did in any other place in New York. But she had all the appearance of sincerity, and the good will of an influential woman like her meant undoubtedly a large profit in the end. Had she been refused she would never have patronized the place again. She told a hundred people of her generous treatment there. Stanley of 904 Walnut street, "but what It is easy enough to see that in certain Miss Pilkins grasped her brother's do you think of a solid silver wagon circles this manner of doing business is

The Iron Crown.

The iron of Lombardy consists of a broad circle composed of six equal plate of besten gold, joined together by close hinges of the same metal. Within is the iron band which gives it a name. is about three-eighths of an inch broad and a tenth of an inch thick, and is said to have been made out of the nails used at the Crucifixion and given to Constantine by his mother, the Empress Helena, to protect him in battle.

A Pugnacious Hawk. A big hawk dashed down into rard of a colored man near Americus, Ga., and grabbed a chicken. The old hen interfered, and the two had a fierce fight. A daughter of the house ran out to capture the hawk, and it turned upon her, tore her hands and face severely with its talons, and then went off with the chicken, and ate it within 100 yards

A Rochester, N. Y., man has opened a boarding stable" for bicycles. He takes charge of the machines while their owners are at business.

of the house.

ACRES OF FLAMES.

Tremendous Fire Along New York's River Front.

ive Immense Buildings and Other Property Destroyed.

One of the biggest fires known in New York city for many years broke out in the Wilcox Lard Refinery at the foot of West Fifty-ninth street at about 4 P. M. It destroyed the refinery, Rossites's stores and two immense grain vators, with their covered wharves and connecting buildings and nearly half a mill-ion bushels of grain, besides a great quantity of flour, rosin, ale, oil, lard and other com-modities on storage. The loss was estimated modities on storage. The loss was estimated to be \$4,000,000, partly covered by insurance. It was the biggest fire, measured according to the standard of the insurance companies, upon which will fall the whole of the loss, that New York has known of recent years. Far into the night the flames raged with fury, throwing a lurid glare over the whole city and for miles into the surrounding councily. to identify him, came back to the blind

> A spectacle of more appalling grandeur was never witnessed. The cries of fright of thou-sands of animals imprisoned in the pens of the great Union Stock Yards added to the horror of the scene.
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> The flames started in the Wilcox Lard and

> Refining Company's massive five-story brick factory, at the foot of Fifty-ninth street. Nearly onethundred laborers and a dozen lerks were at work in the factory at the time. In spite of their utmost exertions the flames gained rapidly, and after ten precious minutes had been wasted the men became panic stricken and fled from the building With a roar like an explosion the flame burst up from the cellar and rushed along The police had turned in a second and third alarm, and the sound of engine bells was heard on every hand. Four Truck arrived just as the crowd discovered a man in one of

the third story windows. He screamed for help, and the crowd screened and shouted. The firemen pulled a ladde off the truck and raised it to the window. "Come down!" yelled the firemen.

The man mide a feint of clambering on to
the ladder, but he was filled with fear or his
strength had left him.

"Come down!" shrieked the crowd.

threw one leg over the sill and with each hand clasping the frame work, looked down at the crow'l with staring eyes. A tongue of flame in a heavy cloud of thick smoke burst out. The man would be burnt to death if he remained there much longer. fireman ran up the ladder and grasped his leg. He pulled as hard as he could, but the man hung back and the fireman retreated slowly, urging the man to follow him. Suddenly the man threw his hands in the air and leaped out. He fell on the sidewalk, and was smashed so badly that he died in a few minutes. He was Henry Benning, a laborer employed in

the factory. Within fifteen minutes after the fire started the flames reached a lot of wooden fences and shanties between the factory and the river and dashed across them to the New York Central pier at the foot of the street, known as Dock C. It was crammed with lard and oil awaiting shipment and the flames swept it from end to end with a rush. At five o'clock the flames had gained full sway in Rossiter's warehouse, and all eyes were turned anxiously on the big elevator.

At five minutes past five a little wreath of smoke curled up from the apex of the southernmost gable, and from 10,000 throats went up the cry: "She's going?"

A moment later a red glow appeared within the topmost window beneath the gable end and it was evident that the elevator had caught fire in the timbers of the roof. No spark of flame communicated with it, but it simply became ignited under the heat of the raging furnace a hundred feet away.

Like wildfire the flames crept along in the

timbers behind the slated walls, peeping out here and there and breaking forth fiercely at For three hours the Fremen succeeded in keeping the fames from spreading further, but when the great walls of the storage house fell and left a mountain of burning ruins nearly as high as the building had been, the heat was so intense that grain elevator "A," of the New York Central Railroad, 200 feet north, was so heated that it was impossible to keep it from catching fire. The building was 225x75 feet and 125 feet high. While Elevator A was wrapped in flames from end to end, Chief Shay looked anxiously

at Elevator B near by, and sadly exclaimed "I've done all I could do, but I'm afraid she'll have to go tod!"

As the words left his lips a huge blazing brand whirled through the air and fell on the roof near a skylight. Elevator B blazed,

if possible, more rapidly than its companion.
Within six bours after the fire broke out the building in which it started, a freight pie at the foot of Fifty-ninth street, and smaller storage pier, two great elevators with the contents of all of them, had been money of over \$4,000,000, and at least one life The area of the fire is greater than that of any other fire that has occurred in New York

for many years. The space burned over measures 300 feet along the river front from Fifty-ninth street to Sixty-fifth street, a quarter of a mile. Nothing in the course of he fire escaped. Piers, sheds and outhouses between the larger buildings were burned up so rapidly that people who saw them disappear were astonished.

All the buildings destroyed were the property of the New York Central Railroad Com-

pany. Chief of them was the huge building, 200 feet high and covering almost a full block of land, known as Grain Elevator A, but often referred to as "The Pride of the New York Central. Each elevator was 125 feet high, 375 feet long and about 50 feet wide. They were twelve years old and stored with nearly half a million bushels of grain as dry as powder. The immense surface they presented to the heat induced a degree of temperature inside of them which made the spontaneous combus-

tion of their centents certain. Over five hundred thousand persons, according to the estimates made by veteran police officers, visited the scene of what is now known as the great North River fire benoon and ten o'clock at night.

A BOGUS KING

How a Californian Governs One of the Aleutian Islands.

A Washington special says: A very pretty little story, which promises to develop an interesting trial, comes to Washington from Alaska. It is to the effect that about three Alaska. It is to the effect that about three years ago a man named McPherson sailed from San Francisco, and eventually landed on one of the Aleutian Islands, off the coast of Alaska.

Mr. McPherson's entire outfit consisted of a suit of clothes, an American flag, together in a paper purporting to have been signed by Attorney-General Garland, appointing him United States Commissioner. As soon as he landed on the Island he raised the American flag with a great deal of ceremony took

can flag with a great deal of ceremony, took command of 600 natives and compelled them to address him as King McPherson. Each season he exacted heavy tribute. Things wens along very smoothly until a few months ago, when reports states that had some difficulty with three of his subjects

and, fearing that there might be a mutiny he determined to dispose of all those who die not bow to his authority.

He arrested three recalcitrant Aleuts, trie them by court martial, and sentenced the to be hanged. He carried out the sentence

to be hanged. He carried out the sentence. Somehow or other, a report of McPherson's rule reached the Treasury Department, and a special agent was sent to his island to investigate the matter.

The agent recently reported the facts to Secretary Windom substantially as they are given above. Now it is said that a revenue cutter will be sent to the island for the purpose of arresting McPherson. It is the intention of the authorities to bring him to San Francisco and try him for murder.

THE most productive gas well in the world has been struck at Findlay, Ohio. Its capacity is 40,000,000 cubic feet per day and it is called the Mellott.

THE annual report of the Canament of Fisheries shows a decide the value of the fisheries.

HEADLONG TO DEATH.

ensational Suicide in the Presence of

a Crowd. James Hogan, who had been staying at the Spain House, Chicago, became suddenly in-sane from an over indulgence of liquor, and rushing to the roof near midnight swung himself over. He was singing and shouting, and soon attracted a large crowd which stood

"Don't jump!" shouted a spectator, and Hogan climbed to the roof again, laughing boisterously. Several times he repeated this performance, singing and shouting all the time, the crowd, which by this time had swelled to hundreds, watching him breath-

Two policemen rushed up stairs and out upon the roof, but the maniac discovered them before they could seize him, and running to the edge of the roof, swung his body into space, hanging tightly with his hands from the cornice. A woman in the crowd fainted and there was a rush to clear the

climbing the fire escape and within a few "No, you don't," he shrieked, and suddenly released his hold.

His body shot downward, turning in its descent, and striking a sign which extended out from the second story it rebounded and then struck the stone sidewalk a stekening crash squarely on the logan's brains were scattered all the flags and the front windows of the hotel, death resulting instantly. The head was literally broken to pieces. One of the officers who rushed to lift the body became sick at the sight, reeled and fell. The suicide was a man of middle age, and

was well off at one time. His only relative in Chicago is a married sister.

A FATHER'S FRENZY.

Frank Hancock, of Addison, N. Y. Kills His Four Children and Himself. Mrs. Frank Hancock, of Addison, N. Y. on opening the bedroom door of her house liscovered her husband's dead body suspended from a rafter, and four of their children lying lead in pools of blood. One of the boys, only a year old, who deeping in the cradle, was unharmed.

father had left a note, found on the cradle with a silver watch, in which he said: "I leave my watch to baby. Care for him, and when he grows up give him the watch and say it is from papa. Bury me and the children in the cemetery at Sabinsville The fiendish father cut the throats of all the our children, and, not content with that, dismboweled them. The oldest was ten and the youngest four. The father's body showed that he had stabbed himself twice in the abdomen and gashed his throat. These wounds not being fatal, he slipped a rope around his neck and over a rafter and stood upon a soap box, and then kicked it from under him and strangled to death.

An examination of the father's body showed that he stabbed himself twice with a butcher knife and haggled his throat before hanging himself. At the Coroner's inquest Mrs. Han-cock said that she and her husband had not been living happily together. She admitted that she and her husband had agreed to

A WONDERFUL RECOVERY. A Bullet Extracted From a Would-Be

seperate on May 1, dividing the children be-

Snicide's Brain. A year ago, while crazed with drink, George Lucas, of Dubuque, Iowa, fired a bullet into his brain from a 32-calibre revolver. He recovered from the wound sufficiently to attend to his business. A few days since he visited his physician and complained that he felt something in his head. The wound was probed, and the The wound was probed, and the It had penetrated the front lobe of the brain over an inch. The doctor says there is no doubt of Lucas's complete recovery. The case is an extraordinary one and has been

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

A SUGAR famine is possible. FRANCE has 178 war vessels ENGLAND has 7000 flour mills. CROP indications are all favorable. THE sugar trust has been dissolved. Boston money-lenders are very busy. ABOUT 800,000 wooden cars are in ase. BALTIMORE has a population of 500,000. CHILI owes this country and won't pay. CHICAGO is rapidly becoming a club city. NATURAL GAS has reached Louisville, Ky. PRAIRIE FIRES have been raging in Dakota. It is unlawful to keep bees in Los Angeles,

THERE is activity in the Brooklyn Navy In Paris there is one suicide to every 2700

FIVE Kansas towns have elected women as BOTH Etna and Vesuvius are in an eruptive THE Austrian wheat crop is said to be

MAPLE SUGAR is abundant and of good

OVER 1000 letters are received at the White House every day. THE European exodus is not only larger but earlier than usual CALIFORNIA roofing slate is said to be the

THE Mayor of Denver, Col., cowhided a PRISCILLA DAVIS (colored), 105 years old, RICH veins of copper have been found in GALVESTON, Texas, is going to have a semi-

A COLONY of old soldiers is about to start a

THERE are 26,000 members of the Mormon Church in this country JAPAN leads the world in ouses destroyed by fire. Spring wheat is backward bot United Kingdom and in France. THE highest peak in New Guinea is named after William E. Gladstone.

FISH pirates on the St. Lawrence are givng the Canadian authorities trouble Boston is said to be the greatest market in the United State for the sale of lottery tick-A NUMBER of towns in Vermont are preparing to choose their postmasters by popular vote.

THE Rothschilds have secured control of nore than half the trade in Russian petro FAREWELL banquets to retiring American ninisters and consuls are heard of all over

Owing to the scarcity of water the area of sotton culture in Egypt this season is much THE German court dress is to be changed o a style similar to that in vogue at time of rederick I.

THERE are said to be 218 clubs of wom

A CANTILEVER bridge, to cost \$10,000,000, s to be built-over the St. Lawrence River at Quebec, Canada. THE total of failures in the United States, from January 1st to recent date is 3873, against 3362 in 1888.

Wisconsin has been transferred from the Military Department of the East to the De-partment of Dakota.

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RESCUED IN MID-OCEAN.

The Sinking Danmark's Passen-

Picked Up at Sea and Taken to

The 672 people who sailed from Copenhagen on the ill-fated Danmark March 20, and who were feared to be lost, are all safe. The glad tidings were flashed across the Atlantic cable to Funch, Edye & Co., the New York agents

by steamer Missouri. Three hundred and forty passengers follow Missouri to Philadel-phia. Remainder still at the Azores. phia. Remainder still at the Azores.

This message came from Lisbon, Portugal, via Copenhagen, the information having been brought there from the little steamer

The Danmark, when she left Copenhagen on March 26, had 628 passengers on board and fifty-four officers and crew. The first which arrived at Queenstown in April, reported having passed All the boats were

A cablegram from Lisbon, Portugal, gives the following particulars: Officer Lahan and forty-two of the crew of the steamer Danmark are coming here from the Azores. The Danmark broke her shaft on April 4, when 800 miles off Newfoundland. Immediately after the accident Engineer Kass was found dead in the engine room, evidently struck by a wheel that had been freed by the breakage of the

The officers acted coolly, and the crew bethe trough of the sea, and a leak astern mad things look serious.

up with her officers volunteering to do all in heir power toward relief. She made room for twenty cabin passengers, and fastening hawsers, began towing the disabled steamer After the first day's towing, the Danmark began settling noticeably. The second day it grew worse, and she dragged heavily. In the interim the 700 steerage passengers were growing restive and hard to control and the officers inaugurated military disci-pline, the crew obeying admirably, greatly ssisting in preserving order in the steerage. At the end of the third day after the accilent the officers of the Danmark saw that the water was continually gaining on the pumps,

The Missouri had no more room for passengers, but by moving her cargo managed to The situation on the Danmark grew des-

nark being afterward abandoned. When the officers of the Danmark left her deck her bow was clear of the water and her tern almost submerged. Missouri sailed from London March 8 for Philadelphia, but with the emergency of her burdensome complement of passer gers, headed for the Azores as the nearest point. She arrived there safely and left 320

The Azore Islands are about 700 miles west f the coast of Portugal. The spot where the vaterlogged Danmark was sighted by the City of Chester was about 325 miles north-west of Fayal, almost in mid-ocean. The

THERE are about 7,000,000 workers in Eng-

Four or five new glass works are to be THE Chicago carpenters are organizing to secure better wages

A GREAT deal of cotton machinery has been

THE low price of copper has caused the Ari-

working milliner in London A NEW cotton mill is to be built in Bidde ford, Me., with 90,000 spindles. In England the eight-hour question is even more vexed than in this country.

in unions, but only for sick benefit purposes In a German shoe shop the foreman is paid \$6.50 and \$7 per week; good operators, \$5 to

A GREAT sugar refinery is to be established

A ONE-ARMED printer in Connecticut sets 1200 ems an hour and can get along as well

in Baltimore, with a capital stock of \$1,000.

A cur of cloth consists of about forty-six vards. Some weavers can weave over a cut a loom per day. THE agitation for reduced hours of labor is

WATCH movements are now made so cheaply by machinery that they cost at wholesale I than a dollar apiece, DEATHS from mining explosions in England for 1888 were only forty-three. This is the lowest record since 1851.

make a specialty of turning coats ins and remaking them for customers.

It is thought that if railway servants in Great Britain worked only eight hours the railroad companies would have to employ about 300,000 extra hands.

RUBBER waterproof goods are now to be manufactured in Guatemala, Central America, from native rubber to be obtained from the A BENNINGTON (Vt.) manufacturing con-

DENNIS T. FLYNN is the name of the man who will enjoy the honor of being the first bona fide white settler in the new Territory of Oklahoma. Mr. Flynn N a former resident Oklahoma. Mr. Flynn is a former resident of Buffalo, N. Y. He is a young Irish Amer-ican, twenty-eight or thirty years of ago, who drifted West a decade ago to grow up

gers Saved by the Missouri. the Azores.

of the Thingvalla Line. The cablegram they received read as follows: Message received from Lisbou: Passengers and crew all saved. Brought to the Azores

which plies between that port and Faval, in

ews of the disaster was when the City of the Danmark on April 8 in lati-tude 48 north, longitude 37 west, in a waterlogged condition, and without a soul on It was thought at first that some steamer had endeavored to tow her, and, finding that the Danmark was soon to sink, had taken her passengers and crew on board and abandoned her; but as day after day went by, and arriving steamers brought no news of the missing people, the belief became general that all had been lost after taking to the

Distress signals were raised, and the day after the accident the steamer Missouri came

and the after portion of the vessel became intenable

perate on the third day and the passengers were transferred, the boats of both vessels eing used for the purpose, those of the Dan-

The first officers immediately started back to Copenhagen. The Missouri continued her voyage to Philadelphia with 340 of the Danmark's passengers aboard, which port sho

assengers, together with the officers and

and apparently been abandoned some time

Danmark was in the trough of the sea, and

THE LABOR WORLD. Shop labor is busy and well paid. ELECTRICAL appliances are in great de

In New Bedford, Mass., \$13,000,000 are in-

zona mines to shut down THE wood-working machinery makers propose to form a combination THREE dollars a week are the wages of

As an unskilled laborer a man will receive double the salary paid a woman. STATISTICS show enormous reductions in the weights of marine steam engines. THE shoemakers of the country are banded

TEXTILE manufacturers are ordering enormous engines from 250 horse-power to

Australian paper makers are ordering paper making machinery from Ohio manufacturers. as anybody.

Union trade marks are legalized and protected by the New Jersey law, as a bill to that effect has passed the Legislature. THERE are tailors in New York city who

THE statistician of the National District of Paper Hangers reports a favorable con-

cern claims to have the first and only machine in the United States for making the long French welt in knitted undawwar.