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French chemists who have recently in-

traverses the organism without any altera-tion, and that it has an antiseptic prop-

erty; its sweetness is not similar to cane

sugar, as has been asserted; its flavor is

According to recent investigations by Dr. Chon, all emisent authority on the subject, diffused daylight is not in-

jurious to the eye, the great desideratum therefore in artificial illumination being

to imitate the conditions of natural

light—that is, it should not be dazzling, should be supplied bountifully, should not heat the eyes, and should burn

It has been asstimed that the pain

these stinging hairs; though just what it

principles have a far wider application

han was suspected by those who discov-

invention of dynamite and other nitro-

gen compounds, as a destructive force, says Professor Lubbock, promises to play

an important part in the history of civili-

leasures of life, but it is to electricity

Points on Memory.

General Grant had a fine memory as to

persons. Once a reporter met him in San Francisco and had just a few words

with him. Five years afterwards he met

him in Washington. The General said:

not extraordinary.

'Yes, I remember you,' and called him by

"There are many 'freak' memories,

as I call them. They are in an abnormal

guest's hat at the hotel as he goes in to

dine and remembers to give back the right

Carr, of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, remem-

bered a California banker he had not

said: "I will stake a great deal that you

not, know me.' Mr. Carr immediately

called him by name. Mr. Carr's memo-

ry, outside of names and faces, is not ex-

traordinary. Ex-Gov. Charles Foster,

when Governor of Ohio, remembered

the name of every county officer through-

every gas well in the United States is

situated and its daily output. Thomas M. Nichol knows by rote nearly every

message that President Lincoln sent to

the Senate."-New York Mail and Ea-

Banana Liquor.

The Indian Agriculturist calls attention

to the fact that India abounds in bananas

has never been employed in the distilla-

now appears that missionaries in the Congo region have discovered that a

beverage made of bananas is a preventive

of malarial fevers. A banana liquor com-pany has recently been started in India

for producing banans liquor in either an alcoholic or non-alcoholic form, and

which can be used with equal advantage

as an ordinary liquor or diluted with hot

September.

September.

Here's a lyric for September,
Best of all months to remember;
Month when summer breezes tell
What has happened wood and dell,
Of the joy the year has brought
And the changes she has wrought.
She has turned the verdure red;
In the blue sky overhead
She the harvest-moon has hung
Like a silver boat among
Shoals of stars,—bright jewels set
In the earth's blue coronet.
She has brought the orchard's fruit
To repay the robin's flute
Which has gladdened half the year
With a music liquid clear;
And she makes the meadow grass
Catch the sunbeams as they pass,
Till the autumn's floor is rolled
With a fragrant cloth of gold.

Frank Sherman, in St. Nicholas.

or cold soda water.

that the largest number of useful inven-

slightly saline and raw.

Since the introduction of postal cards in the United States in 1872, nearly 3, 240 millions have been used, the exact value of them being \$33,393,220.

The success of irrigation on the far Western plains and in the foot-hills tends, to make the man with the hoe encroach more confidently and persistently upon those lands that are said to be fit only for stock grazing.

New York and Pittsburg capitalists have just purchased nearly 100,000 acres of the finest pine forests in the South. The lands are along the southern line of A South Carolina and the northern boun-

been made at Paris by the aeronauts, Captain Paul Jovis and M. Mallet, in the celebrated airship Horla. The aeronauts started from the La Villette Gas Works, Paris, at 7:15 A. M., and after rising to the altitude of 6,000 metres, or nearly 23,000 feet, subsequently descended in Belgium. This is an extraordinary altitude to reach, and will compare not very unfavorably with the highest levels ever reached by

A speaker before the Association for the Advancement of Science gave a crit- of the trees, and one little ray, as golden icism upon American living. He said: "To the rule that those who most need to economize buy the cheapest food, the United States evince marked exceptions, in that mary, even among those who desire to economize, use needlessly expensive kinds of food. They too often endeavor to make their diet attractive by

SILVER CRESCENT MINING COMPANY.—Of the Silver Crescent Mines, situated on the banks of the Smith River, Nevada.

Stock paying 25 to 30 per cent, annually to to the holder. paying high prices in the market rather than by skillful cooking and tasteful serving at home.

The Ameer of Cabul is a real "Arabian Nights" kind of a ruler. The editor of London Truth says that the Ameer was recently afflicted with a boil while on a country excursion. On returning to Cabul the principal court physician was summoned, and he applied an ointment, which was no doubt intended to be highly efficacious in its ultimate results, but at first it considerably aggravated the Ameer's anguish, and, having passed a sleepless night, he ordered the instant execution of his medical adviser, who Mining Company. accordingly was forthwith beherded in the courtyard of the palace.

"It is a fact not generally known," remarked a railway official to a reporter of the Chicago Journal, "that Illinois can boast of a novelty in the shape of a railroed which has no duplicate in the United States." "What's that?" asked a listener. "A road whose stock is held by the original incorporators?" "Nothing of the kind," replied the first speaker. "The novelty is a railroad whose side tracks are nine or ten times greater in such a road?" "The Peoria and Pekin the cars of the several roads running into Peoria and transferring the cars from one road to another, it has many miles of side tracks-over 100, I believe. This accounts for the peculiarity of a road having more miles of side tracks than it has in its main line."

According to Mr. J. R. Dodge, the statistician of the Agricultural Department at Washington, the value of the dairy product of the country this year is \$480,000,000. The number of milch cows now in use for dairy purposes is 21,000,-000. Calculating that each of these gives 350 gallons of milk per year, there is annual milk yield of 7,350,000,000 gallons, of which about 4,000,000,000 gallons is consumed in making butter and 700,000,000 gallons in cheese making. The quantity of butter produced is estimated to be about 1,350,000,000 pounds, and of cheese 6,500,000 pounds. The butter is almost entirely consumed at home, but the cheese shipments last year to the English market amounted to over 85,000,000 pounds. On the other hand, we import large quantities of fancy foreign cheese. In this country, notably in Connecticut, of late years have been made some excellent imitations of Roquefort, Edam and Cheddar cheese.

The New York. Times says there are two new additions to the list of profitable | A few days later he received an acproducts of the farm which promise to find employment for many farmers who sand dollars from New York and the let-ter closed with the flattering informa"You, Harry, you," have the requisite facilities. These are tion that at a meeting of the directors of ported chiefly from France and Germany along with the numerous adopted citidue to foreign notions and tastes im- the S. C. Mining Company, Silas Harvey, along with the numerous adopted citi- Harvey would give the company the zens who hail from these European privilege of using his name, etc. This shores. One is the grenouille, so called pleased the gentleman beyond measure by the French, who esteem it as a choice and he joyfully accepted the position. article for the exercise of culinary skill. As to his duties as a director he was somewhat in the dark, for the letter made no restaurants in the large cities, New York especially, and appears in the markets as Silver Crescent Mining Co., he felt that It is now served up at the first hotels and mention of them. When he saw his name a regular article of sale. The animal is perhaps he had lost somewhat by not confession that will clear you of all easily bred and reared, and feeds itself world where he would have had an opeasily bred and reared, and feeds itself and thrives most abundantly in marshes. world where he would have had an opportunity to display his talents to greater the disgrace," and the old man shook his ruins now excite such curiosity. The other is called escargot, and is used advantage. For some reason or other the head at the idea of returning to his home. for making stews and soups, but is eaten also boiled and roasted. This animal is ter, but it was explained to him by a of laughter as the merry nephew held his ing, but does better when a pasture is been invested in improvements for the provided for it. Known in common mine, which would eventually yield threeparlance, the first as the frog and the other as the snail, these readily acclimated chuckling over his ability and judgment. here, as they have done for many years here, as they have done for many years almost forgot his investment. A resolution for the introduction of some new system was before the Board of Education, of which the Squire was a member, all would be right that he was rewarded

A JEWEL.

Love placed a jewel in my crown, A stone as brilliant as the day. He called it Friendship, and it shone

Love burnished it, though I knew not. I thought its splendor all its own. But now the stone is dull and dim, For love has flown. -Edith Danforth

#### A Mining Speculation.

BY FLAVEL SCOTT MINES. The clatter of the farm-yard, mingled with the drowsy humming of the bees, fell pleasantly on the air as Squire Harvey sat on his front piazza, toward the end of a hot summer afternoon, read-South Carolina and the northern boundary of Georgia, mostly in the latter State. The price paid was \$1,000,000 in cash. The lands are to be held until the price of lumber greatly increases their value.

Harvey sat on his front piazza, toward the end of a hot summer afternoon, reading the newspaper. Now and again a particularly obnoxious fly would alight on the bald spot in the centre of his head, causing the Squire to raise his hand and to bring it down suddenly, often harder than necessary, with a subdued exclamation that sounded like "B'gosh." But for this frequent aggressive movement on when a tap on his shoulder interrupted him, and, turning, he saw one of the men he had noticed at the door. would imagine that he was sleeping. It men he had noticed at the door. was nearly time for supper and the Squire had picked up the paper merely to have something to hold during the few minutes

that elapsed before the welcome meal. He was not reading, for his thoughts were busy with the farm, and he was wondering at what price Farmer Griggs, who was in somewhat straitened circumstances, would sell his cornor lot. "It is very convenient to my property," mused the Squire, "and I ought to be able to make a good bargain with my impe-The sun sank a little lower in the west,

throwing its beams through the branches his thoughts, twinkled before the Squire's eyes. With a sound midway between a chuckle and an exclamation of disgust, Silas Harvey elevated his paper dictary practices of the people of the to shut out the sunbeam, and as he did so his eyes fell upon the following adver-

SILVER CRESCENT MINING COMPANY, Of The chance of a life-time! Only a few more shares left.

per bell broke in upon his meditations.

He laid down the paper and entered the After supper, however, the Squire, in a very agreeable frame of mind, picked up the paper once more, and with a pencil made some calculations with which he was apparently satisfied, for he nodded his head in an approving manner. Again and again he read the seductive advertisement, his brain busy with figures. Before he retired that night, a check for two thousand dollars had been made out to the Secretary of the Silver Crescent

Silas Harvey was undoubtedly the leading spirit of Northbrook. It was not a left for parts unknown. Harvey arrived at the prosperous period | Squire nearer and nearer to his fate. of his life, from which point he con-tinued to advance until he held the posi-Harvey knew not. He remembered but distance of fourteen miles. That is the tion of first man in the county. But no dimly entering a carriage and giving his main line. Being a belt road, caring for one remembered those days now, and the name, age and occupation to the sergeant the unhappy mortal who came before him like an old, old man.

charged with vagrancy or theft. On the or woman received the kindest attention | the city! at his hands, blessing the fate that threw them into the path of Silas Harvey. A nephew of his, a partner in a flour-ishing banking house, had spent a few

weeks of the summer vacation at Northbrook, and from him the Squire heard of the doings of the stock-market. The young man gave glowing accounts of the fortunes made in the "Street." But of the many who lose their all this nephew by introducing unpleasant features that might as well remain in the background. The young man did not dream of planting in the heart of his interesting listener the desire for speculation, and though opinions on the subject. When his nephew had returned to the city Silas Harvey anxiously scanned the papers for an "opportunity." "A man to make money must watch his interests himself and not leave it to any one else," said the Squire, and, in the simplicity of his heart, he resolved to do a little speculation on his own account. He had read the advertisement—the opportunity had

come and the Squire straightway embraced it-hence the check. knowledgment of the check for two thoualso easily reared, and requires no feed- courteous letter that all the funds had

animals have never until now been con-sidered as of any value, but no doubt

it. So he set to work to prepare a scathing condemnation of the resolution whereing condemnation of the resolution whereby he hoped to squelch it at the meeting.
The day came, and the Squire, full of
his speech, arrived a little late. As he
entered the hall, he noticed that two
strange men stood near the entrance, and,
in passing, he heard are of them where to the other: "There goes the old hypo-crite." It is not a very pleasant thing to hear some one designated as a hypocrite, especially when you believe that the term refers to yourself. But, paying no attention to the remark, the Squire hur-

riedly passed to the platform, where, after opening the meeting, he proposed to deliver his address. "The Chair begs leave to make a few

"May I speak a few words with you?
—alone," he added, mysteriously. Won-

dering what it was all about, the Squire led the stranger into a corner. "Silas Harvey, I believe, Director of the so-called Silver Crescent Mining Co. ?" said the man. The Squire nodded. "I am a detective from New York. Here is a warrant for your arrest. Will you come with me quietly, and take the

nine o'clock train to the city? It will save trouble." remarked the individual, The room swam before the Squire. Detective-arrest? What did it mean? Whispering a few words to a colleague, and in an agitated voice begging the audience to excuse him on the plea of

and the other man seated opposite.

"Look a here," began the loquacious body can guess what you pay for it. officer, pleased that he caught his man so Besides the coachman, each carriage it'll go pretty bad with you, I guess." the Squire, a faint idea of the business

beginning to dawn upon him. "What company?" laughed the detective. "No funny games now, old man." Silas Harvey winced perceptibly at the pointed out in a paper that was handed

"Two directors of the last swindle, the

place in the esteem of the farmer for position in Northbrook. Had he lived most reckless manner; and more than whom he worked and finally he married and labored all his life to die a felon? once, in my experience, have coach and the farmer's daughter. On the death of The detective looked curiously at his horses parted company, leaving me sithis father-in-law, whose many acres were prisoner, who seemed almost unconscious, added to his small plot of ground, Silas and the train rattled on, bearing the tion of the girl whom the poet left be-

Squire was not apt to refer to them, ex- at the desk, and then he found himself ept to point a moral to the rising genera- within the four walls of a cell. The n. As Justice of the Peace he presided whole seemed to him like a horrible over the welfare of the village, and no nightmare, and when he confronted the judge viewed with a sterner eye the Judge the next morning he had grown shiftlessness of an individual; and woe to grayer and more haggard, and walked

"Bail is fixed at \$2,500 in this case other hand he was lenient to the very un- remarked the Judge when he had heard fortunate, and many a weak, erring man the charge. "Do you know any one in

"My nephew," the Squire gasped, as the first thought came to him that he perhaps might receive some help from that quarter. "Well, you may write to him."

the rely. "Call the next case." The innocent prisoner scratched off few lines which he gave to an officer, and then he wearily trudged back to the cell. Hours seemed to drag slowly by until he did not tell. Why should he? There is heard a pleasant greeting, and looking no need to spoil a pleasant little story through the iron bars he saw his nephew standing there. Then the heavy door swung open and his laughing relative beckoned to him.

"Come on, uncle, you're out on bail, er the desire for speculation, and though the Squire did not offer to invest any came slowly forth. Although only a few money in that way, he formed his own hours in confinement, the broken-down been spent within the narrow dungeon, and with a deep sigh he took the arm offered to him.

"Ha, ha, ha!" commenced the young fellow, when they had entered the carriage that was waiting for them, "ha, hal excuse my laughing, but it is so rich, ha,

a thing, my old respected uncle a direc-

"You, Harry, you," murmured his uncle, so sadly that the graceless Harry

"Now, look here, Uncle Si," at last remarked the convulsed listener, "I am driving you to the railway station. Go taining to their tribe, being required to back to Northbrook as though nothing commit them faithfully to memory. had happened and my lawyer will set They in turn instruct their successors,

sides and gave vent to his mirth. "The papers?" he cried, when the flood of merriment had been checked, "why uncle, dear, it's not worth noticing in the

papers, except in a little paragraph, and there will be no room for names."

and in order to maintain his reputation with a hearty kiss which nearly caused for conservatism, he felt bound to oppose a renewal cf laughter. As the late director of the Silver Cres-

in passing, he heard one of them whisper as he said it would be, and after reading and last speculation. - The Epoch.

# Vehicles in Mexico.

Besides the livery stables, which are confined to the largest cities where fami-lies of great wealth reside, there are in every Mexican town, writes Fannie B. Ward, many hacks, carriages, coupes, victorias, barouches, etc., which are really owned and run by the government, and whose price is fixed by law. To secure them you do not send to a stable—for nobody seems to know where they are kept —but look for them in the streets. In American Woman—"A the capital alone there are 250 of these public conveyances, ranking officially as those of the first, second, third and fourth classes. Their "class" is distinguished by small tin signs in the form of a flag stuck up in front-those of the first-class painted green, the second blue, third red and fourth white. Their legalized tariff is respectively \$2.00, \$1.50, seventy-five cents and fifty cents per hour, except before 6 o'clock A. M., and after 10 o'clock P. M., and on Sundays and all feast days, when the price is doubled; and as fiestas are of every-day occurrence, one may safely calculate upon what to pay. Most of them are dilapidated old rattle-traps, in imminent peril of going to pieces on these wretched pavements, like the urgent business, Silas Harvey, like one deacon's one-horse chaise, and as a rule in a dream, followed the man out of the there is little difference in them except in the color of the flag. With custo-He knew scarcely anything until he mary pride, Americans usually insist upon found himself on the train speeding to the most expensive-foolishly, however, New York, with the detective at his side for the flag is immediately hauled down as soon as the vehicle is engaged and no-

"we've got two of the other of furnishes a footman without additional you fellows safe enough, and they've charge, though the proper thing is to Write to Secretary S. C. Mining Co., Box made a clean breast of the whole affair; give the unbargained-for appendage a so you had better speak right out to the shilling. The footman is called a mozo, "H'm," muttered the Squire, as he re-read the advertisement. Then the sup-friendly 'tip' now. This is the third vate secretary to the cochero, or driver. company gone to smash this week, and on entering a vehicle, the passenger who it'll go pretty bad with you, I guess." "What-what company is this?" gasped | quest of the driver his boleto, or ticket, upon which is printed the number of the carriage and its lawful tariff. Then the moso rushes off to the nearest clock and brings you a card upon which the hour is written. At this point you will do well last words and glanced at a paragraph to consult your own watch and calculate accordingly, to avoid the dispute which otherwise is sure to occur if you insist upon your rights at the journey's end. Silver Crescent Mining Company, were The mozo also jumps off and opens the caught to-day, and another one is re- door for you, makes any inquiries you garded by the police as safe. The others | may desire and takes in your card when managed to get out of the way and have you are calling; and when the ride is ended he again produces the card upon The Squire sat as one dazed. He con- which the hour was written, and you pay very progressive place, in fact it was rather behind the age, but the towns-nected with a swindle, his name heading from the time of starting. After all these people preferred to follow the slow but a list of frauds! The old man saw his precautions, should any differences of sure guidance of the good man, who was error too late. He inwardly cursed his opinion arise between youself and the decidedly conservative in many matters, greed, his vanity. He felt that he was a cochero, they may be settled at the office rather than the aggressive spirits who disgraced man. He saw the daily papers of public carriages, located in the muniproposed gas, patent sewerage and re-form. Forty-five years before, the Squire flaring headlines that told of his deceit, heedless of the fact that you may be gethad come to the village poor and unknown and he wished that he could throw him- ting more ride than your money's worth buta "go-a-headitiveness," which he had self from the car window. Above all, he and bumps without numbers, drive pelloutgrown, had won him a felt most deeply the probable loss of his mell over the worse pavements in the

> hind him. Parisian Fly Catchers.

ting forlornly in the street in the condi-

Fly-catchers have a busy time of it in Paris during the summer season. The calling is not a recognized or classified one, nor do parents as a rule bring their sons up to it. But there are hundreds of experienced hands employed at it during the dog days, and a good haul of flies is often profitable enough. The London Telegraph says:

The fly-catcher is generally a good-fornothing rascal from the suburban lanes and alleys, who does not want to leave Paris, and is too lazy to go into the country for the hay-making or the harvesting. Sometimes he is a person who unites in himself a variety of callings, being by turns a corner errand-runner, a bootblack, a dog-shaver and clipper, or

even floor-waxer out of employment. His method is as follows: He takes a tolerably large-sized box with a little hole in its top, and stations himself outside a grocer's shop where the winged insects are busily buzzing against the window panes on the lookout for stray drops of molasses or chance grains of brown sugar. These the catcher dexterously imprisons n his palm, in the schoolboy fashion, aud. dislocating some of their antennæ, puts them into his box. Some times he is allowed to pursue his calling inside the shop when customers are not numerous, old man imagined that half his life had and is thus enabled to fill his box with

After a few hours of this exciting kind of work he goes off with his spoil and disposes of it to the people who sell or keep birds. His best and most open-handed customers are the frail denizens of the Quartier Breda or the Quastier de l'Eu- All the men have come West. The Squire blinked sorrowfully at his nephew, which sent the young man off catcher for his spoil that he is enabled to again. "Who would have imagined such go home after a successful day with ample means in his pocket to defray the cost of tor in a frauduleut concern! How did bed and board for half a week in one of out of the house to a lecture or somehis dingy haunts.

Indians Preserving Their Traditions Judge J. D. Walker, of Florence, Arizona, says that the Pima Indians select one thing was as good as another in that several promising youths of their tribe line." of many years ago. They have knowledge of the tribe that built the old Casa Grande and other vast buildings, whose

#### The Witching Hour. When the mantle of night o'er the earth

And the sky with its twinkling gems starred,
Again on the roof of the back-yard shed
The feline solo and chorus is heard;
Then the neighboring windows are upward

raised, And white-robed forms through the gloon we spy, And swift from the hands of men half craze And swift from the hands of them half craze
The showers of boots and bootjacks fly.
Hushed for a while are the lullables,
And the wrathful people go back to bed;
But ere sweet sleep has sealed their eyes
The concert's resumed on another shed.

— Rosion Courier,

BUDGET OF FUN.

HUMOROUS SKETCHES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Didn't Wan't Any-Frolics in the Atlantic-Security Demanded -Sectional Hate-A Sugsestion. Etc., Etc.

Barber (to bald headed customer)-Ah, Mr. Jones, you ought to try some of Professor Invigorator's hair restorer.

Customer-"But I don't want any Barber (in astonishment)-"Don't want Customer-"No, I'm married .- New

York Sun. Frolics in the Atlantic. French Woman (at Long Branch)-Oh, we hat sooch a fine time bathing in de otcean. M'sieur Brown, he gif me-vot American Woman-"A gosling! Why, gosling is a little duck.'

me-a leetle duck .- Tid-Bits. Security Demanded. Teacher-"Class in interest, take the

French Woman-"Zat is vat he

loor. What is the medium of exchange n the United States?" Class (in concert)-"money. "Yes, but there is something more. Can't you think of another article that is used as a medium of exchange?"

Class silent. 'Supposing I were to come to you and vant to borrow a hundred dollars, what would you demand of me?" Class (animatedly) - "Security." - American Commercial Traveler.

Sectional Hate. "Going West, sir?" inquired a Chicago frummer of a fellow passenger, by way of | The vicinity has come to be so much the pening the conversation. 'Yes, sir, I expect to take in the representative cities.'

"You will find Chicago a lively town." pair of them passing by. The most fre-"Oh, I shan't visit Chicago; only the quently seen faces of note are those of representative cities, you know. "Conductor," whispered the Chicago drummer a little later, "who is that foureared mongrel I was talking to a moment "He's a St. Louis fish dealer," said the conductor.

A Suggestion.

"Gosh blame the measley hammer any ow." howled a traveling man who was tacking down a piece of carpet, as he flung down the hammer,"

"What's the matter?" asked his wife. "Look at that," he said, taking out his and from under his arm and showing the thumb. "I can't hardly bend it." "Why don't you aim at your thumb asked his wife sweetly .- Merchant Trav-

Only a Brief Interruption. It was in one of the stately mansions of Beacon street, Boston, that our story

He was declaring his love in language that only a Boston youth can use, and even he must be sober. "Dearest Penelope," he said, "if I had loved you less I could have told you that

l loved you long ago. I--" But he suddenly stopped. A far away whither-am-I-drifting look had come over the girl's face, and his heart sank within "If my words are displeasing to you,

Miss Penelope," he went on in his broken tones, "if I have said what I ought not look more like a dwarf tree than a weed. "Not at all," interrupted Penelope,

certainly lost my spectacles. Oh, there they are. Thanks. As you were saying, Mr. Waldo \_\_\_ "-New York Sun.

A Surprising Reception. Book Agent-"I am offering to the public a new work, the 'Encyclpedia Universal, Eternal, only five-" Omaha Man-"Come in, sir.

stand there in the hot sun." "I-I guess you didn't understand. am selling-"Certainly. There, take that seat by the window. I am delighted to see

Permit me to 'xplain. This book glorious work, is complete in forty-five volumes, at \$5 a volume, and I am the agent for it."

"I am sorry you brought only one volume. Can you get the rest soon?" Oh, yes, but-"By the way, there's the bell. Stay to dinner, won't you?" "I-I beg pardon. This is strange. Am I awake or dreaming?" "Yes, the house don't look very pretty, does it? You see, this is a private

lunatic asylum, and I am one of the patients."—Omaha World Held on Like Grim Death. First Omaha Burglar-I tell you, it's awful the way things are in New England, twenty or thirty women to every

Second Omaha Burglar-I suppose so "Yes, that's how it is."

"Did you get much boodle there?" "Yes; but I had a narrow escape once, noticed a lot of the finest diamonds you ever saw on a Boston girl just going fire. - Wichita (Kan.) Journal. thing, and I watched my chance and got in and hid under her bed. You see, I was thinkin' she would be so interest in the lecture she went to that she wouldn't think to look around for burglars, you know."

"But when she came in the first thing she did was to look under the bed, and there she saw me." "Did she scream or faint?"

"She just grabbed me with both hands and held on like grim death." "Eh! How did you get away?" "I explained to her that I was already married and she let me go."—Omaha of lakes tore through this spot to find an outlet to the sea, they washed away all He Lost.

The occupant of an office on Larned street went out the other afternoon, leavstranger called and asked: "Is Mr. Blank in?" "No, sir."

"Be in soon?" "I-I don't know." "Gone out of town?" "I dunno. You want to see him personally?"

"Yes. How long has he been out?" "Quite a spell. Can't you come in to-"No; must see him to-day."

POPULAR SCIENCE.

( Cale allenare

The boy got up and walked around for two or three minutes, breathing as if considerably excited, and then observed: Electricity has entered sport. For the angler who wishes to let his line float "Say, mister, if you've got a case for Mr. Blank he ought to know it; if you've gently with the stream, without the trouble of watching it, a little electric arrangement has been devised whereby a pull upon the line closes the circuit and rings a bell. got a bill he won't pay it. I'll take the chances and ask what you want to see him for?"

"To collect a debt of \$7."
"Humph! I took the chances and lost. He won't be home for a week." vestigated the nature of saccharine put on record the fact that this compound Detroit Free Prest.

A Postponed Funeral. A lady who is famous among her riends for the correctness with which all her social duties are performed, said who is particular in attending to all the details of intercourse with her acquaintances and friends, was recently put in an amus-ingly awkwark position by the stupidity of a servant. A neighbor being danger-ously ill, this lady one morning sent her new maid over to inquire concerning her condition.

"Go over," she said, "and inquire how Mrs. X. is this morning. And if she is dead," she added, as the girl started, ask when the funeral will be.' The messenger went as directed, and oon returned with the air of one who

which follows the stinging of the nettle, and possibly other plants, is due to fermic acid. Dr. Haberland, of Vienna, dehas done her whole duty.
"Mrs. X. is better this morning," was monstrates clearly that this is an error. It is not formic acid that is emitted by her report, "and they cannot tell when the funeral will be."- Boton Courier. is the Doctor is not able to determine. It

may lead to examination now that the generally accepted belief is demonstrated Two Noted New Yorkers. At the corner of Ann and Nassau streets is Henry George's office, says a New York letter to the Albany Journal. Prof. Manuel Marazta has discovered race of dwarfs, not more than four feet About a stone's throw to the northeast on high, in the valley of Rebas (Gerona, Beekman is O'Donovan Rossa's. A little Spain), at the end of the Eastern Pyren-ees. All the individuals have red hair, further in the same direction is the sanctum of Shewitsch and Jonas, the radical broad faces, strongly developed jaws, flat noses, and eyes which are oblique, like and aggressive Socialists. Before Johann Most was sent to jail for political blas-phemy he had his den in the same neigh-borhood. And all about is the host of those of Mongolians. The males have no beard save a few hairs, and the sexes are very much alike. They intermarry big and little papers and magazines that among themselves, live isolated from their neighbors, and have no chance for represent every shade of opinion and most of the languages under the sun. stamping ground of men with notions about reform that one can hardly put his

Some singular objects which appeared n Berkshire, England, in January, 1871, were described by Rev. A. Bonney at a head out of the window without seeing a late meeting of the Royal Meteorological Society. A little before noon, a group balloons in size and shape, were seen to tramps along the walk with his head well rise from a level space of snow to a conup in the air considering the brevity of siderable height, and then to move up his body. He usually wears a plain blue and down within a limited area and at flannel suit and a soft hat- When he is equal distances from each other. After setting out on a journey he wears gray clothes and a tall white hat. He carries about two minutes they were caught by this school, Tommy!" Tommy-"No, an air-current and borne eastward out of ma'am, but they have measles; I 'm a bag in his hand and walks briskly, frequently consulting his watch when on the start. Returning he proceeds slowly as if tired and swings his bag to and fro. same movements.

In recounting some of the scientific discoveries and inventions of modern Dr. McGlynn wears black trousers and waistcoat and a dark alpaca coat and times, Sir John Lubbock declares that broad-brimmed straw hat. His massive recent investigations show that many old form is bent as he walks and he usually seems to be listening intently to what his companion is saying for he is seldom alone. He and Mr. George usually lunch when you are tacking down carpet?" at a popular French restaurant on the formula of the law of gravitation, as is now known, applies to electricity, and probably to other modes of force. The of their associates in the propaganda usually accompany them. Mr. George leans back in his chair against the wall with his elbow on the table and his eyes

half closed. Dr. McGlynn preserves his stooping attitude and listens gravely to what may be said. He is chary about entering into conversation in a public place, but he is as fluent a talker as he is on the lecture plutform. These two men have become one of the sights of the town and are invariably pointed out by

#### friends to one another. The Great Tumble Weed.

This weed once grew plentiful through

this country and Colorado. When green they present a very pretty appearance and to say, or you ought not to hear; if They are very dangerous in case of a prairie fire, and often dangerous in plain wind storms when there is no fire. In looking wildly about her, "but I have case of fire the flames seem to strip the plant of its leaves, and it at once goes rolling before the flaming hurricane a perfect wheel of fire. These revolving wheels of fire will jump any ordinary furrow or fire break and carry the fire into the timber or grass, as the case may be. Nothing can stop their progress but a river. Into these they jump, leaping out into the stream forty, fifty and sixty feet, and go down with a hiss, throwing up a column of steam where they sink. In Colorado windstorm-storms these weeds are also a source of much danger. In Middle Park, a few years ago, a party of travelers were suddenly overtaken by a storm. Seeing what they supposed to be a mass of huge boulders in the dis-tance, they made for them, thinking they would afford at least partial shelter. their surprise, as they approached, the boulders suddenly broke loose and commenced rolling toward them at a furious rate, cutting all sorts of curious capers and gyrating menacingly as they came At times they would strike an obstruction and bound high in the air, and again striking the ground resume their rapid circular motion. The travelers put spurs to their horses, and it was only by the greatest effort they managed to escape from the track of these monsters. On examination they found their supposed boulders were really immense weeds, which had been torn up by the

roots by the windstorm. These weeds are so solid that they are a great menace to man and beast under such circumstances. Impelled by a heavy wind, they go with force enough to kill a horse, and a human being is in great danger if he cannot get out of the track of these monsters when they are running before a hurricane or in case of a prairie

The Thousand Islands.

The Thousand Islands in the St. Lawrence River are mostly owned and occupied by wealthy men who use them as summer resorts. George M. Pullman and other millionaires are among the number. The late Dr. J. G. Holland, author and poet, owned one which he named "Bonniecastle." Many fanciful and poetic names are printed on the rocks like advertisements, telling to the world that the owners desire to be recognized. In the early ages, when the accumulated waters from the great chain the dirt and loose stones and left nothing but solid rock behind. On this a thin soil was gradually deposited, out of which came grass and trees, and thus the islands were made. Near the source of ing a boy in charge, and pretty soon a the river the rocks are large enough to divide the water and form two channels for many miles. The rockiest and wild-est part of the river between Kingston and Montreal lies within the first fifty miles from Kingston. About forty miles down from Kingston the two channels come together and form one stream.

A son of King Bell, of Cameroon, Africa, is apprenticed to a carpenter in Altona, Germany.

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#### THE SINGING SANDS

Wide stretching lie the gleaming sa No sea with passionate demands

Beats at their breast, Or soothes to rest Their fever with cool-laving hands; These are the desert sands The desert sands whose heart after

Throbs to the sun's intense desire, Nor suffers rain To quell the pain That girds them round in burning tire,

These are the desert sar But lo! a breath, and bark! a sound Like brooks that gurgie underground,

Or murmuring springs, Or crooming things That seem a-tremble all aroun These are the singing sands. The singing sands whom sea nor sun

Nor rain can stir, work change upon, The faint winds move To start and prove

The melody that can be won From out their serried sands. So 'tis, methinks, with souls that be Far from that deep, all-surging sea

That seeks to held And shape and mold Them to its own necessity, These are the desert souls;

The desert souls who pulsing lie In heaven-glow, eterne and high; Who live unhear!

Till they are stirred By that broad breath, Humanity. These are the singing souls.

### -Julie M. Lippmant PITH AND POINT.

A stable government should be one that is ruled by horse sense.—Lowell

A man's funny bone, we presume, en-ables him to laugh in his sleeve. - Youkere Gazette. "On Canada's quiet banks I stand,

And cast an anxions eye
To that unhappy bank beyond,
Where all my ledgers i.e." It is strange! A woman who claims

to have a mind of her own, takes every opportunity to give everybody a piece of -St. Paul Herald. Visitor-"Do they have calisthenics at

sight. Another group rose from the comin' down with 'em now.".—Tid-Bits. Displays as much good sense
As the man who dons his Sunday pants
To climb a barbed-wire fence.

—Danville Breeze.

The man who can pass the warning notice, "paint," without testing the matter with his finger to see if it is dry, has sufficient will-power to give up

ered them-as, for instance, that the drinking. Her appetite is delicate,
She cannot eat to-day;
But see her in the pantry
When her beau has gone away.
—Boston Cour

saic times," says a .writer. We don't zation. Chemistry has yielded a large know where you get your milk, brother, number of compounds to prevent disease but ours is made, and don't you forget

and alleviate pain, and for the use of the it. - Burlington Free Press. To the novel colors invented for arts. In connection with the sciences of heat, light and sound, much has become known, the application of which has greatly increased the comforts and "whipped cream," has been added the color of "slapped baby." The latter

is probably a sort of yeller. A rooster at Salem, Ill., is so fond of music that he will fly in at the window of his master's house and run to and fro on the keys of the piano, delighted with "Memory can be cultivated, of course, the sounds he evokes. During one of but a great deal of nonesense is written the rooster's performances the lady of about the so-called art of mnemonics," the house, in an adjoining room, said to said a professor of philosophy. "There her husband: "William, don't you think are different kinds of memory, to be Julia is making wonderful progress in be sure, and all susceptible to improve- her music lessons !" And ment by constant practice. But as rule father listened intently a minute or so. a man's memory is strongest when following the particular bent of his occupation.

General Grant had a fine memory as to Herald.

## Country People of Russia.

As you get farther on into Russia the long boots of the country people show that you have come into the land of mud name, Outside of this his memory was and bad roads. All along the line you see that monotonous beauty of the northern landscape-the wild, thick grown forest, in which pines and birch strive condition, of course, and strong only in fer the mastery; the sluggish river now one direction. The boy who takes the broadening into a sedgy mere, and deep soft, marshy meadows roughly railed

with split timber. hat has no 'freak' memory, but simply But, above all, the landscape conveys one he has acquired by practice. Clerk to a stranger from the west of Europe a sense of space, as of a country where every tree is not numbered; where there seen for forty years. The banker did is much land and few men; where it is not recognize him, and asked if he knew a cheaper and easier to make a fresh road Mr. Carr clerking in the hotel. The reply over a new bit of land than to repair the was: 'Yes, I am he.' Then the banker ruts of the old track. But when the sun goes down behind a hill, throwing a bright light on the foliage of the wood opposite-foliage not of a dusky blue green, but with the dark pines relieved by the lightest, freshest green, the green of the birches—and the light twinkles on the silver birch stems and the surface out the State. He now remmebers where of the quiet river turns to gold, then one sees the Russian sunset as portrayed by Turgeneff with a glamour over its loveliness. At that moment the sight recalled the landscape seen so often in stage painting; and the Russian peasants are opera chorus peasants, dressed in bright red skirts buckled around the waist and hanging loose over the trowsers, which are always thrust into long boots. Over the skirt they wear a sheep skin coming down to their ankles. The women wear or pl. ntains, and wonders that the fruit pink or red dresses (the Slav likes bright colors), bead necklaces, a gaudy handprickly pear has been utilized for this purpose in Malaga, and with considertion of a fermented liquor. The common able advantage to the distillers; and it bands .- St. James's Gazette,

## Where Fat Women Abound,

If the visitor be desirous of seeing the very fattest women produced by the con-tinent, let him run across the Bohemian frontier to Marienbad, and when the band plays he will see them rolling, literally ro.ling, along the paths in the forest to the orchestra, in all degrees of obesity, past the wildest imagination to picture. Marienbad has the credit of reducing fat. I sat at table d'hote one day there, wedged in among fat women, and saw and heard them eat. Then I cessed to wonder that they were fat and my to wonder that they were fat, and my opinion of the powers of the Marienbad waters to reduce such vigorous and om-niverous eaters into moderate proportions

rose to a high pitch.

This is what the fat lady opposite me ate: Soup, boiled beef, veal cutlets, roast pork, raw herring and onions, baked veal, then ordered "gefullte taube" (stuffed dove) and when she had eaten that was a gefullte taube herself .-

Cornhill. A mistake is one thing and . olunder