

in this country, and 5973 miles of steamboat mail service. Altogether it amounts to a distance which is six times the circumference of the globe that we live on. The United States of America is a pretty big country."

most.

Over \$8,000,000 is annually appropriated in France for the promotion of agriculture, of which \$2,500,00) is devoted to educational work. Russia appropriates over \$14,000,000 to promote her agricultural interests, and Brazil over \$20,000,000. These are official figures quoted by United States Commissioner Colman.

The American Banker notes the discovery lately of a deceptive \$10 counterfeit. The paper of the counterfeit is can be easily discovered by reason of the fact that it is one-cighth of an inch shorter and narrower than the gold bills. or prayers. The engraving is also coar-e.

"The most interesting feature of the description of the set serient lately scen in Winyah Bay, S. C., is," observes the New York San, "that he was red-headed. Nothing could be a more impressive, decorative marine picture than a red headed sca sergent. We hope that it may yet be possible to get one of the red headed variety for the Central Park."

· The room where the Court of Appeals sits in the Capitol at Albany, N. Y., is described as the most gorgeous in its appointments of all the court-rooms in and onyx. The carpet was woven to order a ross the water. I ortraits of all the judges that have ever sat in the looked abroad over the land. court are placed in panels about the

room.

Miss Eva Pemberthy, the daughter of wealthy parents at Massillon, Ohio., went to Pittsburg recently and secured a position as nurse in a hospital. She had been in the institution but a few days when she witnessed a frightful surgical operation which made such an impression that her mind became unbalanced. She was taken to her home a raving maniac and has been placed in the asylum at Toledo.

"The first statue erected to General Grant in the United States was, with its foundation and pedestal, placed in the center of Twelfth street, between Locust and Olive streets, the other day, in this city," says the St. Louis H.r.dd. "In due time St. Louis will have a gala day, when the time comes to unveil this beautiful work of art to the a lmiring thousands of our old hero citizen, beloved and renowned patriot and General."

The movement of the Mormons to

for one who had just looked death in the say, and let the folks in, out of the at New Nineveh, our wet clothes exface, for he had fully comprehended our | wet."

peril, but even in that moment the We found ourselves, on entering, in a strange recklessness which is one of our spacious, low-ceilinged kitchen, which national characteristics had come upper- somehow looked desolate, instead of

As soon as the danger we had escaped had first accosted us retreated to a seat became generally known, there was a beside the blackened hearth, whereon no supper, he had heard Ludwig essaying universal chorus of cries and exclama- fire had apparently been lighted for tions, some of terror, others of surprise, some time, and there scated herself, and some few of thanksgiving. In the swaying herself to and fro, with her midst of it all most of the passengers hands clasped over her knees and her started to get out of the cars to look eyes fixed on vacancy. She was past my friend, without a word, passed to over the wreck. We found the engine middle age, and was red-haired and and tender half way down the embank- freckled, but with the remains of conment. The foremost car had lodged siderable beauty still apparent in her against a small tree, whose tough, tena- regular features, white skin and shapely cious roots, running down the bank and form. The man who had insisted upon spreading through the earth, had enabled our entrance, in spite of his hospitable it to check the outward motion of the action, was anything but a genial and

of the coupling that attached the engine was thin and sickly-looking, with shiftto it. Humanly speaking, that tough ing, uneasy eyes, and a sallow, unshaven little tree had saved the lives of possibly face. He seemed uneasily and ostentasaid to be fully as go'd as that of the one-half of the passengers in the train. tiously anxious to welcome us, brought namely, Mr. Gruber, his wife, and git-edged \$20 bills, but the counterfeit As it was, poboby was hurt, save one us chairs, and set about lighting the fire Johann and Ludwig Schultz (the two unfortunate boy who had been stealing and getting supper, while the woman sat a ride, perched upon the step of the fore-rocking herself to and fro and noticed ride. I have the step of the foremost cars, and he was past either surgery nothing. Her son introduced himself as Ludwig Schultz, and also youchsafed

As I stood gazing upon the engine, the information that his mother had known voice sounded in my ears, a old Jacob Gruber. "He died of apoplexy this morning, gentlemen," he continued ; friendly slap tingled on my shoulder. "Well, Brooks, can this be you? Were "that's why she's so upset. And you'll we fellow-passengers without knowing not mind things being a bit dull, as the old man died so suddenly only a few

I started, turned, and warmly grasped hours ago?" the hand that was extended towards me. We assured him that we would not; "How does the learned physician? the idea of the presence of a corpse be-Well, this is a strange rencontre. And neath the roof that sheltered us being where have you been this hot weather, in anything but agreeable or enlivening, the name of wonder? Rusticating among whilst the presence of that silent woman, sec-sawing herself to and fro with

the mountains, ch?" "No; I have been to Brightsburg on monotonous action, and her eves fixed on vacancy, was enough in itself to deprofessional business."

press our spirits. She meal when served "And what are we to do now. I wonder! was more appetizing than might have It will take ten hours at least to clear the track, replace the rails, and get things in been expected, and we both did it full Before we had quite finished, a good running order again. This is what justice. the conductor tells me. And to-morrow door at the end of the room was pushed the country. The woodwork is bea ti- is Sunday, too-worse luck, for they run open, and a half-drunken, heavy-lookfully carved and panels are of mahogany no trains on this road on that day, except ing young fellow staggered into the newly impressive words, "From sudden day?" the early morning one." Dr. Max Melfort buried his hands in stupid ferocity mixed with amazement. "Now what the deuce-" he was bethe pockets of his linen duster, and

ginning, roughly, when his brother "Have we got to stay here till Monday seized his arm, and, saying something to him in German in an undertone, half

morning?" he queried, at last. "Not here, but at Claynor. Of course, we shall reach there too late for the room. There was the noise of a sharp solitary Sunday train, which passes there altercation outside for a few minutes, about eight o'clock in the morning." "And how far is it from here?"

We called the conductor and held a We accepted his offer, and he led the parley. We found that Claynor was way to an upper story, around which forty miles off by rail, but that a road to ran a wide porch, supported on roughit lay over the mountains, which was hewn pillars. On this porch the windows and door of each room opened. less than half that length.

"I tell you what, gentlemen," said the There was no corridor, and the only conductor; "if you are very anxious to access to this upper floor was by a flight get on, why not strike across the fields to of stairs, leading from the kitchen we that little town over yonder-there- had just left. Our guide unlocked the just where you see the white spire at ove door of one of the rooms, and set down the trees? You can hire a horse and the candle on the little table.

buggy there, I've no doubt, and, if you're not afraid of a night-ride across the German?" he asked. mountains, you can reach Claynor long "Not one word of it, and the mountains, you can reach Claynor long Melfort, much to my surprise, for his "I must reach New York before Mon- mother had been a German lady, and he day morning, if possible," said Dr. Max. spoke the language like a native. turning towards me. "What say you, as "All right!" said Schultz, with a pertempt?"

"Of course. Anything is better than than she does English-and I thoughtbeing roasted at Claynor all day to- say good night and a good sleep to morrow. Besides, the moon is at its full, you.' so that a night-drive in this weather will He took his departure, and as soon as

be rather pleasant than otherwise." his lumbering footsteps had died away "Come along, then." And with a in the distance, the doctor unfastened ward Mexico is assuming definite shape good-by to our friend, the conductor, the door and stepped out on the porch.

we turned our backs upon the disorgan- "I am going to reconnoitre a little," he and large proportions. Recently dis- ized train and the idle groups that were said, in a whisper. "Come with me, if

changed for dry garments, and wine suppose?"

and cigars on the table before us, that Dr. Melfort told me one of the causes of his sudden flight. In the brief altercacheery and comfortable. The woman who tion between the brothers, held outside the kitchen while we we e finishing our

should never out the premises alive. ingly, at breakfast, "those ginger snaps When we were nearing New York, on are soft. I hate a soft snap. the early express train the following day, me the paper he had just purchased. with spirit, "it will be a soft snap for you when I make any more of them." pointing as he did so to a particular paragraph which ran as follows : "Teron the part of Mr. Jones. - Detroit Free rible Catastrophe. - A House Struck by Lightning and Consumed-A Whole Press

Family Perish in the Flames .- During the great thunderstorm of Thursday train, already slackened by the breaking prepossessing-looking personage. He night, the house of Mr. Jacob Gruber, on back from the other side?" Claynor, was struck by lightning and entirely consumed. Four persons, ago?" cone. and all lost their lives in the flames. The building was constructed of wood, rope, I was stuck in Europe."-Life. and must have burned with great standing on its head in the mud, a well- married twice, her second husband being rapidity, thus entirely cutting off the esthe brothers Schultz, who were well known in the neighborhood as hard hurry?"

drinkers, were intoxicated when the fire broke out, and so were unable either to take measures to extinguish it or to make their escape. Be this as it may, the remains of four human bodies were found amongst the ruins, thus proving con

clusively that the whole family had shared the fate of their home." Thrice, therefore, in the space of a

-Judge. single day had sudden death-by rail-

road disaster, by lightning, and by midpath, and had passed us by. And on out of school)-"Howdie Hurlbut didn't midst of it exclaimed : night assassination-come close to out Sunday morning, when, with bowed come to school all day." head, I listened to the petitions of the Litany, my heart responded with an unwonted thrill to those well-known but room. He glared at us with a sort of death, good Lord, deliver us!"-Frank Leslie's.

Why Chinamen Escape Yellow Fever The New York Sun's Chinese reporter asked Dr. Yong Tsye Hong, of Pell dragged, half pushed him out of the street, about his experience with yellow fever in China. "In Kwong Tung, Foe Jrobinson," the young man said, with Kien and Kwong Si," he said, "there were a few cases of yellow fever several his hat and turned to go, and then the man called Ludwig came years ago. The fever was called by the nothing but submit. Yet, has it ever back and offered to show us to our room. natives 'wun blun.' It never became occurred to you that whenever a lady epidemic, owing to the people's habit of passes the age of thirty-seven she is not smoking opium."

r cure vellow fever?"

"Certainly it does. Wherever opium s smoked it destroys yellow fever." "But is not the opium smoking habit as dangerous as the fever?"

"No; it takes at least a year of constant smoking to acquire the habit, as all old opium smokers will testify. There "Do either of you gentlemen speak might be yellow fever all over the United States, but the Chinese opium smokers

would not be effected." Dr. Li Shi Leon, of 19 Mott street. said: "Why, certainly, opium smoking cures yellow fever. I had two cousins Paul? Are you ready to make the at- ceptible air of relief. "Only, you see, in Memphis during that terrible yellow the old woman speaks German better fever scourge in 1875, who simply smoked their pipes the moment they had to stay stewing here, with a prospect of so, if you want anything-. Well, I'll caught the fever, and got well in less than twenty hours. No, there is no patient does not smoke longer than six you like." months: but, then, it is a hard thing to

learn how to use the pipe."

How a "Mob" Robs Banks . "A 'mob'" said a New York detective

full-jeweled handle, &c., only \$50, them to dig the great holes necessary in Step this way, please. First child, I planting the pumpkins." "Fire 'em out, Professor, fire 'em

out!" returned the Regent. "If they Clerk-"Oh! John, show the gentle- kick on that, what will they do next fail mau those latest improved \$10 baby when they have to dig the pumpkins with maybe fifteen or twenty in a hill !" -Time.

> Dying For a Little Excitement. Office Boy (to Arizona editor)-"Dere is a big bloke out in de udder room wid a gun in his pants, what says he wants.

ter interview yer." Editor itaking down his Winchester and throwing the lever)-"Ah, I haven't killed a man for seven weeks, come Saturday. Show him in, please." Boy-"Oh, he don't want ter fight, he's just got a book ter seil."

Editor (with a sigh)-"That just my luck! Here I'm dying for a little excitement and the man don't want to fight-ah, did you say he had a book to

Boy-"Yes, nice big red book." Editor (fiercely)- "There is still hope, if he is a book agent. (Cocks rifle.) Show the whelp in and I will proceed to mangle him."-Milwaukee Sun.

Answering Conscience's Roll Call. There lived once in the little city of Williamsport, Penn., an old judge by "Good gwacious, Tom, what's your the name of Williams. This old judge was noted for two things: For getting mellow occasionally and for being plucky and courageous under all circumpresent dimensions. Only the igneous stances-a gamey old man. It was a peor volcanic rocks cannot strictly be said culiarity of the old judge that whenever to have "grown," and those of this class he got mellow he grew correspondingly which are highly crystaline may be in-Charley Crafton five dollars and he owes religious. One night he wandered into directly so considered, as the formation a protracted revival meeting and seated of a crystal, either from fusion or sohimself upon the front seat, full of spirlution, presents in many ways a wonderitual influence of some kind. The clerful resemblance to the growth of a livgyman, engaged in his preaching, rose to ing organism. It is, however, the decay of the rocks

that is of the most importance, and with "Show me the drunkard! Show me which we have most to do. The "eternal hills" are not only often "shaken," but are very far from being eternal. They To the consternation of all present the are constantly decreasing in size and being washed down into the valleys, Even the lofty Alps are considered to be but the "stubs" or remains of a much

loftier range existing in past geological his investment much sooner than he anepochs. It is to this constant degraticipated didn't know what to do with lation and decay that the farmer owes it. They finally pulled the old judge down, and the incident had passed out his fertile fields, as the soil from which he raises his crops was at one time in of memory almost, when the clergyman again struck an impassioned period and The agencies which cause the decay of exclaimed in the honesty and fervor of the rocks are very numerous and varied. his heart.

running streams and standing water all hypocrite! Of all men on God's green do their part; and chemical decomearth the most despicable. Show me the position is an important factor, espe-

reaching his cane over to a certain shaky old deacon, exclaimed : "Deacon, why the dickens don't you get up when you are called on ?"-Philade'phia Record.

If the block on West Thirtieth street between Sixth and Seventh avenues was suddenly set down in the middle of a huge uncultivated and untenanted important place, indeed.

juncts of a thriving city, and it needn't care a rap what happens around the ings, it has a public school, a police station, two undertakers, two docters, two drug stores, a bakery, two laundries, an employment bureau, two groceries, a a meat market, a branch of the Fublic Works Department, a mission house, a

that they may be bodies drawn-only recently-from the zone of little planets in the shape of tiles for gentlemen or lying between Mars and Jupiter. piping for ladies' dresses .- Lowell Cou-

Observations at sixty-seven stations in Spain show enormous differences in the annual rainfall, which is no less than 134 chief at the Pine Ridge agency in Dakoinches on the Sierra da Estrelis, and ta. There is evidently baseball talent on only eleven inches at Lerida, in Catathe Sioux reservation. Mr. Anson lonis. The minimum rainfall at all stashould look into this mater. - Chicago tions occurs in July and August, and News. the max mum fall at some stations in When the frost is on the pound cake and the May and at others in October. sparerib's in the pot The chilly autumn's here and the furnace

An instrument, called the autographometer, which records automatically the topography and differences of level of all places over which it passes is a new French invention, the utility of which cannot certainly be questioned if it realizes the results claimed for it. It is carried about on a light vehicle, and those who wish to use it have nothing to do but to drag it, or have it dragged, over the ground of which they desire to obtain a plan.

## Growing Rocks.

taining felspar.

Extiemes of heat and cold cause the

surface of the rock to crack, and the

cracks become filled with water, which

freezes and expands, breaking it up still

further. Every stream of water, from the trickling raindrops to the ushing

torrent, does its part in wearing away

and pulverizing the rocks in its course

Human Voices in the Phonograph

Now that the phonograph has become

banks or in the sea at the mouth.

Judge Tree, of Illinois, it is said, is to be the Minister to Russia. It will, The American Analyst says it is true therefore, be in order to say that his that many rocks actually do grow. The bark will soon be on the sea to stem its limestones have been formed by living way to the other side of the Atlantic. organisms, like the coral polypes, and There will, of course, be proper leave it may even be said of many limestone taking, and as soon as he arrives at his deposits that every particle has at some destination he will make his bough to time formed a part of a living animal. the Czar. There is little doubt but that Sandstones, slates, and probably some varieties of granite have all been dehe will soon take deep root in the esteem of the Russian court .- Boston Courier. posited underneath large bodies of water, and in this sense have grown to their

fire is hot.

Commercial Advertiser.

## Skin Currency.

Two Strike is the name of an Indian

And the man who has dyspepsia cats those

things which he should not. -Chicago News.

This comes from the West as frozen

fact, but we more than suspect it is made

to order: "Miss Clam has married Mr.

Fritter and now signs herself Mrs. Clam-

Fritter." As the tale comes from "Bad

Man's Gulch," out in Arizona, the mari-

time flavor is all the more remarkable .--

It is not a generally-known historical fact, says the Pittaburg Dispatch, that from 1774 to 1784 the territory now known as Tennessee formed a part of North Carolina, and that in 1785 the Tennessceans, becoming dissatisfied with their Government, organized a State Government under the name of "Franklin," which was maintained for some years." The State afterward organized disbanded and territorial Tennessee was again annexed to North Carolina. The following is among the laws passed by the Legislature of the State of Franklin. We copy it as found in a speech by Daniel Webster on the currency of 1888:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Franklin, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That from the 1st day of January, 1789, the salaries of the officers of this com the condition of hard and barren rock. monwealth be as follows:

His Excellency, the Governor, per annum, 1000 deer skins.

His Honor, the Chief Justice, per Cold, heat, frost, rain, wind, vegetation, annum, 500 dee: skins.

The Secretary to his Excellency, the Governor, per annum, 500 raccoon skins. The Treasurer to the State, 450 raccoon skin.

Each County Clerk, 300 beaver skins, Clerk of House of Commons, 200 raccoon

skins, Members of the Assembly, per diem. three raccoon skins.

Justices' fees for signing a warrant one muskrat skin.

To the Con-table for serving a war and the finely divided material is carried rant, one mink skin. along by them, and deposited along its

Enacted into the law the 18th day of October, 1789, under the great seal of the State.

A Combination Piece of Furniture. A bureau exhibited at the Brussels Exthe Detroit Free Press, it may be well to hibition is a source of great surprise point out one great advantage it pos- when taken to pieces. In the space of sesses and that has heretofoic e-caped five minutes the bureau can be transthe notice of newspaper men. It is a formed into a complete set of bedroom curious fact that no person recognizes furniture, consisting of the following his own voice when it is given back loy articles: First, a bed (including mattress the phonograph. His friends re ognize and blankets); id, a table; id, a leather it; but it sounds strange and weird to trunk; 4th, a washstand, with basin, the speaker. The new machine, there- ewer, etc., complete; 5th, a towel rail; fore, establishes this curious and hitherto 6th, a looking glass; 7th, an armchair,

This block has all the necessary adan assured commercial success, observes

church, a fire engine house, an insurance

Fearing the Worst. Sammy (who is never allowed to stay Sammy-"''Cause his mother died. When you die may I stay home all Mamma-"Yes, darling; you may stay

here I am."

you mean to die in vacation."-Li/e.

out a whole week then.' Sammy (suspiciously)-"Oh, I know;

He Strongly Suggested Her Fate.

"If this is your final answer, Miss ill-concealed chagrin, as he picked up

"I can do

likely to find herself as much sought "Does the smoking of opium prevent after by desirable young men as she once was?"

"It occurred to me with sudden and painful distinctness when you offered yourself just now," she replied. "Good

night, Mr. Peduncle."- Chicago Tribune.

Mamma-"Why not?"

Customer-"No; seventh."

A "Snap" Game.

"Maria," said Mr. Jones, complain-

"Well, Jeptha," answered Mrs. Jones,

And breakfast was finished in silence

His Departure Delayed.

"Hello, Brown, when did you get

"I thought you were expected a month

"You must have been stuck on Eu-

"No. Smith, I wasn't stuck on Eu-

Bobley (as his friend rushes past)-

Debtor and Creditor.

"coaches." - Cartoon,

"Yesterday."

"I was."

His Son Had an Object Lesson. Little Dick-"Pop, what's a demagogue?"

Pop-"A demagogue, my son, is keeps himself in power by currying favor prairie it would not be long before it mean, miserable swindling rascal, who with fool voters. For my part, I wish the ballot could be limited to people of

intelligence. "Well, Mr. Greatman met me in the street to-day and give me a penny and asked after your health, and said he hoped you'd call and see him 'cause he corner or anywhere else. Besides an danger of getting the opiun habit if the had a new box of just the sort of cigars army of people and scores of big build-

"My stars! Where's my hat?"-Philadelphia Record.

Quite Apropos.

Wiggins-"Ton't stop me, I'm going down town to settle a bill," Bobley (stupefied)-"flunning to settle bill? Impossible?" Wiggins-"Yaas, dear boy; I owe

me ten, y' know. I want to settle!" fervid pitch of eloquence, and in the

> the drunkard? Of all men on earth the most unfortunate; show him to me!" old judge arose, and unsteadily maintaining himself, exclaimed: "Well, sir,

> The clergyman having realized upon

"Show me the hypocrite! Show me the cially with granites and other rocks conhypocrite!"

The judge arose the second time, and

A Complete Town in One Block.

would have a railway station, and figure in all the guide books and maps as a very

