ODDS AND ENDS.

o Hungarian novelist Jokai is said

e à millionaire. Dur spare hours are well named;

icy seem the short of the day. The longest name in the Bible is Marhar-shalal-hash-baz. It occurs in Isniah viii. 3.

The thinker must write so that he that runs may read, in order to become 'a light and a power."

Farm lands in the United States, ding the country as a whole, occupy dy 289 acres in every 1,000.

The New York World paid out \$184,double month's collection of news and publication of the paper.

Historian Bancroft rated the Amercan posts in this order: Emerson, Bryant, Longfellow and Whittier. The organs of smell in the turkey

vulture and carrion crow are so delithat they can scent their food for a distance of forty miles. Lines that has become yellow from

g laid away may be whitened if ed in buttermilk two or three days. e largest beekeeper in the world is Harbison, of California, who has hives, producing 20,000 pounds of oy yearly.

E. D. E. N. Southworth's full is Emma Dorothy Eliza Negette thworth. She is over seventy-five s of age and very feeble.

fennyson was fifty when his idyls—flaine," "Vivien." "Guinevere" re published, and was about sixtywhen he completed the series with Gareth and Lynette.

Mr. Talmage prides himself upon eing able to turn out an excellent serson more rapidly than most men can write a letter. Spurgeon is an equally quick composer.

Water which is drank is not the only source of danger. Many a widespread and fatal epidemic has been traced to milk from dairies where the pans had en washed in impure water, or the milk itself adulterated with it.

Unique Ways of Suicide.

The shocking testimony at the state house which went to show that we are poisoning ourselves to death with our wall paper, our paper boxes and a dozen other articles of daily use which contain arsenies has been talked about a great deal lately, even at 5 o'clock teas, when people generally balance their cups in the air and talk about nothing at all. There is a broad suggestion for fiction writers in this matter. For instance, the testimony at the state house showed that a lady had been dangerously poisofied by a green paper box that she kept on a shelf in her sleeping room. Now if one wants to commit suicide quietly, what better way than to have paper of undoubtedly arsenie colors pasted upon one's walls, and leave some green paper boxes lying carelessly about one's rooms and wear clothes that are dyed

with arsenie? Or if any lady wants to murder another, for instance, let her send her a present of a handsome new bonnet in a green paper box which is heavily charged with arsenic and so prepared as to transfer its deadly elements to the atmosphere of the room at once. Of course the recipient of the bonnet would keep the box around for several days, and meantime the deadly work would be done. It is rather strange that this method of destruction has not been hit upon before. Murderers and novelists are slow to util e the resourees of civilization. - Boston Transcript.

The Drummer's Little Story.

"I never felt myself floored but once in my life," said the drummer, with the air of a man who thinks he has something worth the telling. "It was down in Maine," he continued, after waiting long enough to set curiosity on an edge, "I'd been living on railway sandwiches for a week, and I just longed for a square meal. Well, we had to stop at a way station for a couple of hours on account of a hot box or something o' that sort, and one of the brakemen put me on to what he said was a first class restaurant. I looked it up and ordered a steak.

"The steak came, but it was a disappointment. I sawed away on it till my arms ached. It was out of the question to chew the small bits I tore off from it, though I tried hard. I gave it up finally, and as I paid my score I said incidentally, 'That's about the toughest eating I ever experienced.' He took the money, swept it into the drawer, and without a quiver he coolly remarked, 'You don't seem to consider how much good it'll do you in the way of exereise!""-Boston Transcript.

Teachers of American.

Teachers of English are plentiful in this day and generation, but teachers of American are to be met with only at rare intervals. In this city, however, there are several of the latter who command good prices for their services, and who find ready employment at all Foreigners who have been taught English in the schools of their native land find themselves completely at sea on their arrival here, and many of them who can afford it employ teachers to instruct them in learning the peculiar idioms employed by the Amerins. The localism especially they ind most perplexing to master, and the teacher must be well up on all the manporisms and slang expressions of the ay. The bishop of the Russian church this city has a young lady employed o teach him American, and he finds it et necessary part of his education.

an Francisco Call.

ON THE ARCTIC CIRCLE.

Adventures of an Englishman in the Frozen Regions of North America. Washburton Pike, an English explorer, has returned from the Arctic circle. Leaving Calgary in June, 1889, Mr. Pike proceeded to Athabasea Land ing, and from there to Fort Resolution, on Slave river. Here he secured the services of two Indian guides and helpers and started for the barren lands in search of musk ox, earibou and other large game. He had a very successful hunt, killing about forty musk ox and as many caribou as they were in position to handle. On that trip Mr. Pike went as far north as Fish river, this being the river on which Franklin's first expedition to the north pole was lost. He experienced many adventures. The party was lost for fourteen days and endured terrible sufferings. They started to cross the Yukon range of mountains to the Pacific coast. After journeying for some twelve days they found that instead of being, as they supposed, on McLeod river, they were on what afterward turned out to be the Nation. Here the guides admitted they were lost, and nothing remained for the party to do but retrace their steps, which they did with but enough provisions for a few days. In two days they were out of

they starved for fourteen days. Mr. Pike absolutely refuses to say anything of their tortures during the time, but many facts were gleaned from those who saw them on their return to the rapids, and were compelled to feed them as they would a baby. As an example of the terrible state of affairs, some hundreds of miles were tramped with bare feet on ice, and their frozen condition when rescued was simply terrible, while some of the party were so reduced from cold and hunger as to be totally helpless.

food, and, to make a long story short,

When asked to describe the barren lands Mr. Pike said that it was an immense tract of barren rock on which grew a kind of moss and shrub, on which deer that run by thousands feed and appear to be very fond of it.

There are numerous lakes among rocky bluffs whose waters freeze in the cold season to the depth of from seven to nine feet. He reports temperatures as low as 60 degs. in the winter, but the summer months, July and August, he the business of the city was carried on. says, are very hot. Six months during the year the sun never shines on these

barren parts. Mr. Pike reports moose very scarce, but says there are large numbers of musk ox and thousands of caribon deer, the latter taking to the woods in winter. Mr. Pike is the only white man who has ever trod the path of the Franklin sufferers on the Fish river. Travel during this trip was almost entirely done on foot, dog trains being used for the carrying of provisions and wood. The currency is in skins. A skin is valued at fifty cents.-Cor. Philadelphia Press.

"I have a curiosity here," remarked a down town restaurateur, "the first of the kind seen in this country for a long time," pointing to a red backed nondescript that looked like a cross between a lobster and a Gulf crab. The shell was ten inches long, the claws black at the tips, and large enough to gold in a vise a quarter of lamb. "I when my attention was drawn to a ered around him. The sailor said he had brought it from Liverpool, as no doubt he had. It is an English sea near the English channel.

"Only once in a great while does one get so far from home as New York. This one is little more than a baby, for it weighs but eight pounds. The average for full grown crabs is at least double that. I had not had this fellow a day when an English customer of mine offered me twenty dollars for it, with the privilege of keeping it on exhibition until he called for it. A choice company of his friends will get a rare crab salad treat from it Sunday hind him is not himself. There is no afternoon,"-New York Times.

Evarts Would Walt.

A good story about Senators Evarts and Hoar has just come out, rather late, but not too late to bear repetition." They were both members of the senate committee on the library. Mr. Hoar is industrious and Mr. Evarts is not so industrious as he might be if he were younger and of a different temperament. He would not do anything that did not appear to be absolutely necessary, and one thing that Mr. Hoar came to think he would never do was to call a meeting of the library committee.

One day Evarts and Hoar met by accident in the committee room. Mr. Honr, in his querulous way, said to Mr. Evarts, "Look here, Evarts, when you be extinct, and great was the excitement get ready to call a meeting of the committee on the library I wish you would be kind enough to notify my execu- Although diligent search has been made tors." Mr. Evarts kept on reading his by men paid for the service, no other paper for a moment, and then replied. in his dryest and most deliberate tone, "Nothing will afford me greater pleasure." Mr. Hoar did not pursue the subject further. - New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Flotsam and Jetsam

A whale sixty-eight feet long, and dead from the thrusts of a sword fish, floated ashore on the South Caro lina coast the other day, and the two parties of negroes who found it fought and enjoy the clearness, whereas I had for four hours as to which should take always supposed, if I had thought anypossession. Then some white men came thing at all about it, that the former along and gobbled the prize. -Detroit | hazewas a natural result of long distance

LIVE RIGHTLY.

One whom I loved went home long years ago, And I, who thought my life scarce worth the

Was chiden by the words he dropped, unconscionely.

Not thinking he was giving

The key unto me for the years to come.

The minor key since he went home.

"They tell me 'tis a solemn thing to die"
(Surely, thought I, surely they rell himrightly),

"It is a solemn thing to live, instead, And living well there is no death," he said: "We death not need to fear when life is ending

here, The over life will dawn so brightly."

III. Hearing, I pondered on his helpful words, Ah! touched by angel fingers, low, sweet

Of faith arose and kept the strings vibrating; Harp-strings that have been husbed and muto-so long. Can not at once respond with perfect sorg.

That falters not nor ever knows abatin

IV. Trusting, I knew not that the hours were longor joy-bells ceased their ringing.
For in the dark I sang a thankful song. Nor ceased my singing.

Blessing His love for every day to come,
'trying to be more fit for that dear home.

And every day I try to tune my life Unto the key he gave me; I know that work of mine availeth not,

No deeds can save me; Cometimes the skies are threatening, dark as Cometimes the azure skies are heavenly

But all the same, I'm trusting in His name; Forning may come or a ght.
I know "at evening-time it shall be light."

[Nellie Hart Woodworth.

Rediscovered.

Walter Besant, in a London journal, tells of his visit to the newly discovered remains of a Roman city at Silchester, Kent, England. The Antiquaries' Society is excavating the place in sections. which after being studied and sketched are covered again for preservation. He

"You might look across that flat land to right and left, and never dream that a foot or two below the surface lie the foundations and floors and tesselated pavements of a great city, of which not a tradition or memory survives."

The town was built in square blocks, which can be traced where the corn is standing. The most interesting part of the place is the Forum, the official center of the town. Here are the great Basilica, a hall 280 feet long, chambers for legal and public busin se and the shops where

A perfect ground plan of a villa has been laid bare. The tenant of this house, which was probably of one story only, had a cloister built around a quadrangle, the fourth side remaining open; it inclosed a small garden; a large garden lay outside this. Behind the cloister were large rooms, those used in winter being warmed by hot air pipes connecting with great underground stoves, which can be s en. Behind these chambers was another cloister, and at the back were kitchen, pantry, and Larder. The large area occupied by this one villa seems to indicate that the population could never have been an exceptionally large one. A great stone wall stretches around the town, inclosing an area of 100 acres,

Reform in Faneral Ceremonies.

The time is coming," said an undertaker of this city the other day, "when people will cease to go to funerals in troops, and when the friends of the deceased will take farewell of his remains at his home instead of following him to the grave, as they do now. This will be a decided change for the better. Funerals as now conducted are foolish and was passing up Park row the other day meaningless performances. They bring discomfort to all who attend them, and sailor who was offering this fellow for in many cases they do positive injury. three dollars to a crowd that had gath. Think of the thousands of people who catch their deaths of cold from standing shivering at an open grave and from sitting around for hours in carriages travelcrab, found only in deep water in or ing at smail's pace for miles into the country. Of course the time is not far distant when burials will be largely super-

neded by cremation. "On the whole I am disposed to regard cremation as a blessing. People are opposed to it now because they think it is unnatural and borrible. It is simply an assistance to nature's work; it does neatly and quickly what nature accomplishes after a long time and in a very unpleasant fashion. I wonder if people will ever realize that when a human being dies the body which he leaves bemore relation between a man when he is living and when he is dead than there is between any living thing and a piece of clay. But we have not reached that age of civilization when the popular mind can grasp this fact. When we do there will be very different funeral ceremonies from those now in vogue, and other methods of disposing of the dead will change materially."—[New York Tele-

A \$1,500 Butterfly.

A young man camping in the Sierras discovered and captured a butterfly of an unusual species. He sent it to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington and received a check for \$1,500, with the request to make careful search for other moths of the same kind. It was an individual of a fossil species, supposed to among scientists at the discovery that one of the race had been recently alive. specimen has been found.

Discovered by Accident.

"I never knew until recently," said a man, "that I was slightly nearsighted. I happened to put on a pair of glasses just to try them, and as they fitted my eyes the result to me was amazing. I had my eyes examined and found that I had been nearsighted without knowing it. I amuse myself now by looking at distant objects through my glasses, vision."-[New York Tribune.

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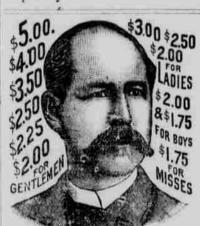
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