

loudly:

and Boulson's hoarse voice whispered

"See anything yit?" "Dad blame it all, no!" answered Deputy Sheriff Hanks from the opposite shadow.

Ef yer don't we'll haf ter gag yer." The prisoner groaned.

there isn't a man in the moon, but it cabin where the old man awaited him, lost 1 1-4 per cent. At Valmy, Frederooks as if there was. It isn't hard to Hanks and Boulson clasped palms again, ick William lost but 3 per cent., and at outline a face in it. What are those and then, mounting, rode away up the winding track and disappeared over blurred spots which we see?" "They are immense barren plains, my Hicks' Knob.- New York Mercury. son. At one time they were supposed to be seas, and the first astronomers gave Queer "Ads." in Chinese Papers. them poetical names, such as the Sea of The North China Herald gives one or Tranquility, Sea of Nectar, Ocean of two very curious specimens of the advertisements which appear in the Chi-Tempests, etc. "But how do we know that the dark nese papers. One is from a mother to her son who has run away from home, spots are plains?" Charlie asked. "By the aid of telescopes," replied his father. care that you are not struck down by

ing about the man in the moon. Of course and the rider must have reached the

"Papa," he said, "I was just wonder-Then, after the echoes had died away

At Contras, Henry of Navarre was reported as cut to pieces, yet his loss was less than 10 per cent. At Lodi, Napoleon

"Why is a small boy like a woman?" said a certain man to his troublesome

wife. No response. "Because he will

"Wa'l, sher'f, this is a picnic, to be shore," philosophized Boulson. "Can't fore any reply came. Presently a man, be helped, I reckon, but somehow I ain't mashed on hevin' spiders an' sich crawlin' up and down my back like they've been doin' for the last hour. I'm mighty hungry for a smoke just now." "Abe, too, but it won't do,"

"Know that, Consarn that scoundrel! I'l' feel like shootin' him just for luck when he comes, if he ever does." "Me, too," whispered the deputy

sheriff again. "Only we mustn't, 'less we hafter. Had too long a chase to waste him now, ch, Boulson?"

"You bet!" that worthy whispered hoarsely. "But of he hain't powerful cafful we'll tunk him on the ground a time or two jest kinder on general principles," added Hanks.

"That's what," answered Boulson,

"More'n a month we've ben after him," went on the deputy, "and now we're not goin' to 'low him to give us the slip. Hain't got no requisition to take him back to Kansas. Don't need an' best boy 'twixt yere an' Californy. none, I reckon. This is as good a requisition as I want."

Hanks thrust his hand out into the starlight, and the huge revolver he grasped gleamed balefully. his ole dad."

"Plenty good enough," answered Boulson. "Won't be no trouble about no papers w'en we take him back, I reckon," went on Hanks. "The boys'll settle again, his case. Hoss stealin' don't call for no trial in Kansas,"

"Yu bet yer life!" replied Boulson.

"Thar he comes now," whispered Deputy Sheriff Hanks, as a dark, galloping figure came in view, swiftly descending the winding road down the side of Hicks' Knob. Then the shadows at the foot of the sycamore and by the red-bud clump grew rigid and silent. For many long days these two determined men had been on the trail of the man who now galloped toward them. At last the long hunt seemed about to end. What the rider's fate would be Hanks had expressed in the sentence, "Hoss stealin" don't call for no trial in Kansas,"

"Wonder if he's got Kit?" half whispered the deputy. Bay Kittie had been the pride and delight of Hank's heart, and when, after many deprodations, the night rider had stolen the bay pacer from the deputy, that worthy swore the most diabolical vengeance that he could conceive of, and in company with Boulson followed the trail with the vindictiveness of a buildog.

The footfalls of the approaching horse beat musically upon the turf, and the rider could be seen peering keenly ahead. When the horse's head had almost reached the sycamore, a dark figure sprang from the red-bud shade, pointing one of the self-cocking requisitions at the heart of the rider. The horse stopped with a snort.

"Up with yer hasd-!" cried Boul-

The rider threw one hand to his hip and life a flash, haif drew a weapon.

A tramp of a mile or more brought Hanks and Boulson to the little cabin with its log wall chinked with mud. The deputy knocked several times be-

own knittin', and we'll 'tend to ourn.

bent with age, opened the door. "Come in, gen'lemen, come in," he piped. Hanks stated their errand. "Toe be sho," quavered the old man. "Toe be sho'. I'm pow'ful sorry I kep' youns a-waitin' so long. Ben a-settint and it is worded as follows: "Take

up every night fer a week, a-spectin' my boy, ye see. I'd fell into a cat nap." He bustled about and soon had a rude meal spread on a ruder table. "Draw up yer cheers, gen'lemen, draw

up yer cheers, an' fall to. Thar haint overly much ter eat, but yer welcome ter w'at thar is. Ef my boy'd a-come," he went on, "I could ha' gin yer sumpin' better. W'en he comes he allus brings me money an' sumpin' good ter eat or wear. Never fergits his ole dad," and

the old man chuckled at the recollection. "Must be a good feller," mumbled Hanks," with his mouth full of "pone." "Yas, ye better believe he is," answered the old man, eagerly. "Smartest Don't let me want fer nuthin', but jest keeps me so well fixed that I don't hafter do nothin' but set in the sun an' and smoke. Oh, he's mighty kind to

The old man bustled to a dilapidated chest in the corner and fumbled in it for a few moments. Then he trotted back

"Yere's his pictur, gen'lemen, w'at he sent me mor'u a year ago." "What !" this from both the deputy

and Boulson at once. The old man did not notice their startled looks but went on piping the

praises of his son. "Ya's, that's my boy, that's him. Thar's the best boy an ole man ever had. W'y he-"

"Whar does he live?" asked Hanks. "Out in Cowley County, Kansas, an'-' "What's his bus'ness?"

"W'y, he owns a ranch thar." "Lowed mebby he dealt in horses," said Hanks, grimly. "No, not hully, though he does right

mart wit i horses." "I knowed it."

"What, do you know him, gentlemen? Ef ye do, yer 'quainted with the besthearted feller in seven States; don't car' whar ver find 'em."

"No, we don't know him." "Mighty sorry. 'Lowed mebby ye mought. Wal, of yer see him hurry him up. Tell him that my old heart's pow-

erful anxious fer him ter come. 'Spected him fer several days." The two edged towards the door.

"Ye don't reckon nuthin's happened ter my boy, do ye? Ef ennythin' was ter, b'lieve 'twould jest bust my pore old heart, shore. He's so good an' kind ter me that hit would jest kill me ter part with him. Good-bye!" as they

moved away. Then he piped after them: "Ef ye see him, don't fergit ter tell

him that I'm ..-waiti.' an' a-watchin' fer

lightning. Your mother weeps bitterly for you as she pens these lines in order that they may be read by her son. When you ran away from home on the 30th of the eighth moon, the people of all the shop came and asked us what had become of you; it was thus that we learned your flight and since then my food and sleep have benefitted me but little. I am still crying and moaning. I have received your letter which has come from beyond the horizon, but it does

not tell me where I can find you. I am now at almost the last extremity, and your family has had to put up with cruch insults from strangers. If you do not return I can stand all this no longer and shall assured y put an end to my existence, in which case you would be in danger of being struck down by lightning. If you return, no matter in what way, all will be arranged. I have even invented a plan by which your father will know nothing about your escapade. My life or death is only a question of a few days. I entreat all well-disposed persons to spread abroad the adver-

tisement so that it may be read by all whom it may concern. They will thus earn a profusion of hidden merit. Written by a woman of Son cho-Take care that you are not struck down by lightning."

A Plant Medicine.

Dr. A. B. Griffiths has demonstrated that iron sulphate, or copperas, acts upon the cellulose of the microscopic fungi which prey upon plants, but does not affect that of the higher plants themselves. It is therefore a remedy for the most virulent epidemics which attack field and garden crops, and destroys such parasitic germs and fungi as the potato disease, wheat mildew, etc. In

cation of iron sulphate would have cured. -[Arkansaw Traveller. Nothing Nervous About Her.

"Terrible thing, this ice crem sickness," remarked Charley, as he was out walking with his girl. "It's caused by something or other called tyrotoxicon. I'm told the ice cream dealers have suffered a good deal of loss since its appearance. The girls are all afraid of it, you know." And Charley grinned to himself.

They walked on in silence. After awhile she hung onto his arm with both |, thousand years, and now simply rehands and murmured :

"Charley, dear, I do not know what livergent rays of the sun."-[Frank H.

"But isn't the moon too far away for that, papa?" "The moon is our nearest neighbor.

What is her distance from the earth ?" "Two hundred and thirty-seven thouand miles," Charlie said,

"Well, that is not far, comparatively. We are nincty-one millions of miles, while Neptune is nearly two billion of miles, from the sun, taking one hundred and sixty-four years to make one revolution that constitutes its year."

"Goodness, me!" cried Charlie. "Pco ple must live to be very old there."

"I gave you those figures to show what I meant when I said that we were comparatively near the moon. If we could get there by means of steam it would require a little less than two years travelling at a high rate of speed." "But, papa, must not the telescopes be

very strong to enable us to distinguish objects in the moon ?"

"Yes, my son, and inventive genius has been equal to the necessity. Opticians have succeeded in manufacturing lenses which magnify fifty million times. The Lord Rosse t lescope has a six-foot opening and is fifty-five feet long. It is walled in, resembling a section of a forification, and weighs more than fourteen thousand pounds."

"It is so strong that it would detect r herd of buffaloes or troops mar hing in the order of battle. There are immense mountains in the moon shattered by volcanic fires, the craters gaping close to each other, the one belonging to the volcano of Aristillus measuring ten eagues from one edge to the other. The summits of Mount Doerfel are 24,700 feet i high, while Mont Blanc rises but 15,632 feet above the level of the sea." (nearly 6); Kansas, 1 in 5; California, 1 "It is just wonderful that we can in 20; West Virginia, 1 in 9; Kentucky,

know so much about a planet that is so 1 in 19; Missouri, 1 in 9. far away. Is the moon inhabited? Was it ever inhabited?"

"No, my dear boy. People could not ive there. It is believed that nothing lives there. The soil is shattered, rocky and bare; there is not a flower, not even

n torpor and silence; the echoes are nute; no zephyrs play around the sumnits of the mountains. The moon was once a portion of the earth."

piece of information startled him.

"Astronomers tell us," continued his

the great battles of Marengo and Austerlitz, sanguniary as they were, Napoleon lost an average of less than 14 1-2 per cent. At Magenta and Solferino, in 1859, the average loss of both armies was less than 9 per cent. At Konigrath, in 1866, it was 6 per cent. At Woerth, Specheran, Mars le Tour, Gravelotte and Sedan, in 1870, the average loss was 12 per cent., while at Linden General Moreau lost but 4 per cent. in killed and wounded. Americans would scarcely call this a lively skirmish. At Perry ville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Atlanta, Gettysburg, Mission Ridge, the Wilderness and Spottsylvania, the loss frequently reached, and sometimes exceeded, 40 per cent, Official statistics show that of the 3,000,000 men enlisted, there were killed in battle, 44,238; died of wounds, 49,205: died of disease, 186,216; died of unknown causes, 34, 184; total, 303, 843. This includes only those whose death while in the army had been actually proved. To this number should be added, first, 26,000 men who are known to have died while in the hands of the enemy as prisoners of war, and many others in the same manner whose deaths are unrecorded; second, a fair percentage of the 205,794 men who are put down on the official reports as deserters and missing in action, for those who participated in the war know that men frequently disappear, who, it was certain had not deserted, yet could not be otherwise officially accounted for; third, thousands who are buried in private cemeteries all over the north who died while home on furlough. The nation's dead are buried in 73 national cemeteries, of which only 12 are in the Northern States. The proportion of death from all causes in the troops of each state was as follows: Maine, 1 in 7; New Hamp-

complish by establishing winter homes or health palaces, each containing fifty or more comfortable two-story houses, inclosing a large square of ornamental grounds, and provided with libraries. baths, gymnasia, amusement halls, etc. Flower lined galleries, giving long promenades, would extend over the nouses, under glass roofs, while the central inclosure would be shut in by an immense arch of glass at a great height above the ground. Suitshire, 1 in 7; Vermont, 1 in 6; Massaable heating and ventilating apparatus chusetts, 1 in 9; Rhode Island, 1 in 11; would give an equable and adjustable Connecticut, 1 in 10; New York, 1 in 12; temperature to all parts of the structures New Jersey, 1 in 12; Pennsylvania 1 in and any desired character may be im-12: Delaware, 1 in 20; Marvland, 1 in parted to the climate. Even cloudy 26; Ohio, 1 in 9; Indiana, 1 in 8; Illidays need not be known, as electric suns nois, 1 in 7; Michigan, 1 in 6; Wisconsin, could be made to shine at pleasure. In 1 in 7; Minnesota, 1 in 8; Iowa, 1 in many places winter resorts on a grander

Dangerous Roofs.

Roofs painted with lead paint, and afterwards used to secure a supply of rain water for drinking purposes, are dangerous to human health. We have in mind a case of a promising lad of sixteen years of age, who is now stone blind as the result of blood poisoning from drinking rain water collected from a roof recently painted. This water was filtered, but still contained sufficient of the mineral poison to cause disease .-[American Cultivator.

## Harry's Smiles.

In the front parlor, 11 p.m.: Ethel-Harry called to-night, papa, He was too witty for anything and all smiles.

cutworm moths, army worm moths, etc., make a man grown," said the conunnone of our dreaded insect foes can be drumist. trapped in this way. Our students col-

our injurious insects. But if we exclude

the noctuidæ (night flyers) such as the

the lactuids it is no very satisfactory

remedy. The moths fly all through June,

July and August. Thus we are now

(July 8) taking the army worm moths,

and many cutworm moths. We shall

continue to do so till late in August.

Hence the practice of this remedy im-

plies diligent labor for several weeks,

and yet very likely the natural enemies

of these moths will so thin their ranks

that they will do no harm next year.

All know that it is not every year, but

occasional years, that these pests work

their dreaded havoc. Therefore it seems

more than probable that lights expressly

to capture and kill insects are not to be

strongly recommended, if at all. They

capture a few of our enemies, and these

Artificial Tropics.

In the belief that modern science can

command climate, Dr. B. W. Richard-

son proposes that British invalids be

given in their native isle the advantages

of tropical resorts. This he would ac-

scale might be created by putting whole

valleys under roofs of glass, forming

parks of constant beauty and healthful-

Mexican "Lovers' Guide,"

There on sale everywhere and in uni

versal use a cheaply printed little

pamphlet entitled "El Secretario de los

Amantes." It is the guide and hand

book of lovers. It contains the language

of flowers, the significance of the varied

ness.—Arkansaw Traveler.

at a cost not warranted.

A woman in Maine has a collection lect thousands of insects each year by of more than 800 kinds of candy, and placing lights in their windows. This she is considered a great blessing to mode of capture never avails against the town in which she lives. All the slugs, butterflies, sphinges, ægerian flies in the village collect about her borers, codlin moths, many destructive house and stay there the season beetles, two-wing flies, or any of the through. lice, bugs or locusts. Even in case of

## Queer Names of Postoffices.

I have been looking over the list of 55,143 postoffices in the United States and find some very funny names. If we wish to create a man out of the names, we will find Blood in Kentucky and Meat and Bone in North Carolina. If we prefer getting portions of the body complete, we have an Eye in North Carolina, Mouth in Oregon, Foot in Tennessee, Leg. Shinbone and Head in Alabama, Breast in Missouri, Hand in Dakota. Finger in Mississippi and Knee in California. To clothe the man we will get a Hat in Georgia, Pants in North Caroluna, Coat in Ohio and Moccasin in Illinois. If the man don't want to wear moccasins he will have to go barefooted, as there is not any boot or shoe on the list, although there is a Shoe-heel in North Carolina. If we had created a woman instead of a man she would have been compelled to go almost naked, for the only article of female apparel to be found on the list is a Bonnet in South Carolina. For food the man can have an Öyster, Bread, Coffee, Sugar, Rabbitt, Hash, and, if he is not a teetotaler, can find a Drop in Texas. In fact, he will find anything he needs on the list, and when his wants are ended there is a Coffin waiting for him in Knox county,

## **Pigeons** in European Armies.

Tennessee.- |St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

No army in Europe is now considered to be in a proper condition to take the field without an abundant supply of pigcons. The pigeon loft is part of the regular paraphernalia of every German garrison now; the French appropriate large amounts annually for the birds, and every government in Europe is in the face to secure the best carrier pigeon service. The French, indeed, at the siege of Paris utilized the birds continually, and quite long despatches, compressed into a small space by photographic reduction, were sent, one bird carrying during the siege as many as 40,000 messages safely. As the pigeons average forty to forty-five miles an hour, it is apparent that they are of greater service than balloons, since they possess the quality of dirigibility.-[Chicago Times.

## All the Difference in the World.

wearing and handling of the sombrero, A Chamberlain woman got mad and the language of the fan, the language of drove the minister out of the house befruits, the meaning of the varied uses of cause he said her baby had red hair. An the handkerchief, emblems in designat- hour later a tramp came along, told her ing the hours of day and night in makshe had the prettiest baby in town and ing appointments, the use of the numer- that it looked like her, and she invited als in cipher writing, several short him in, gave him a square meal, and chapters on the conduct of a love affair, kept in the front room and gave him a and a deaf mute alphabet for one hand. | chance to steal four silver spoons. You This literary gem seems to be more want to be a good student of human na-Papa-Yes; I can smell the smiles studied than any other in the republic. | ture before you have much to with a

one English district this year's crop of winter beans has failed on account of a growth of fungus on the roots of the plants-a disease which a timely appli-

a blade of grass. Everything is wrapped

"Oh, papa !" exclaimed Charlie. That

ather, "that the moon was detached rom the earth, and though now cold and wan, it was once a red, blazing sphere. it exhausted its fires during the course of lects to us in a wierd, pale light, the

