

"You look just as sweet and lovely as-as a rose !" exclaimed Miss Beech's, her father's second cousin, that was enthusiastically. "Doesn't she, girls?" Muida's pretty, soft checks throhed at the flowery praise. She revolved slowly on tiploe, that the girls might get the effect of her new costnine and see exactly how well the skirt hung.

Maida Merrill was one of the saleswomen in the "Art Department" of one of the great down-town dry-goods boarded with Miss Vavienne Beeche. Maida's aun', Mrs. Dowid, a wise and gentle little woman, whose husband had died the previous year and whose loss she mourned most deeply, boarded there also.

So did the mother of one of at other girls. It was distinctively a woman's boarding-house, and a very meals, if not elaborate, were tempt- emphasis on the pronount cand I ingly cooked, and daintily served: the shall not drive in any case. So do not beds were snowily draped, and com- let me de ain you." fortable as the most fastidious could wish; and the little faullady herself by, He was not accustomed to dealwas the embodiment of kindness and log with this kind of a woman. concresy. Altogether it was quite an ast down. ideal place-for four dollars a week, But sometimes Maida could no help lavely day. Maybe you'll feel more wishing they would not take so neuch. like driving after awhile." interest in her affairs, as at present. It was a holiday. With the consent of Mrs. Dewill she had promised to go up the lake to witness a celebration. whom she was to go, had for some time excupied quite an exaited post- brilliance about the world without; tion in the store wherein she worked, and it was not too warm for comfort. And his admiration had been made proud or too well-bred to a anifest the did nos come. fast. He was to call for her at hulfpast two. It was now exactly five mountes past, and she was ready.

"You do ceally look very nice, my dear," asserted her aunt, with a deliberation which gave weight and value to her precise words.

"Nice! That's no word for it !" "Real stylish!"

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So criticised the girls.

fastened with a pin of pearls that had | into the room,

She had never seen him before the Ledger. previous week. And even if he were no reason why size should endure his society when the found it distasteful, and custom require such frequent "With that State street dude, Harland Brownlee?"

She found it hard to repress her rising anger.

"With Mr. Browalce-yes." "OOb, that is all right !" jovially. +d met him half an hour ago-you know stores. She and three other girls you introduced him here the other evening-and he told me to make his Vodki and tea are the inseperable acapologies to you. Had to go to Saint companiments of friendly as well as Louis at ones. His father is very ill. of business intercourse in the country ome along !"

Had Mr. Brownice actually made this boor list emissary? Maida took a countries in which the double dinner

ginning to burn hotly.

Mr. Bascombe regarded her envious-He

"Til wait," he declared, "It's a

Maida glanced at the clock.

Twenty-five minutes after two. She turned to the window, looked

out. It was one of the most entrance from a shilling to half a crown the Harland Bownies, the gentleman with ing and inviting of summer days, bottle .- (The Ledger, There was an unusual blueness and Half-past two! Twenty to three! frankly evident. If the other girls still the inverve team pawed away at were a trifle jealous they were too the curbt and still Harland Brownies ger prairie) in Russia. The soil of

> Three! " Better not wait any longer," ad-

vised Mr. Base unbe, with a short laugh that was half a sheer.

She would go to her room.

She had just reached the door,

Russian Eating and Drinking.

The Russian cots on an average once every two hours. The climate meals, the digestion of which is sided by frequent droughts of woll i and tea. Vodki is the Russian whiskey, made from potatoes and rye. It is flery and colorless, and is generally flavored with some extract like vanilia or orange. It is drunk from small cops that hold perhaps half a gill.

of the Czar. Ru-sia and Sweden are the only tep forward. Her checks were be- is the rule. When you go to the house of a Russian , be he a friend or a "I do not think he would send his stranger, you are at once invited to a pleasant one it was, indeed. The excuses by-you," with a notiveable side-table, where salted means, pickled cels, saited cucumbers and many other spicy and appetizing viands are urged upon you with an impressiveness that knows no refusal. This repast is washed down with frequent caps of vodki. That over, and when the visitor feels as if he had eaten enough. for tweaty-four hours, the host says ; " And now to dinner." At the dinnertable the meal is served in cour-es, with wines grown in the Crimen and in Bessarabia, where excellent clarets and Bargundles are made and sold for

The Hunger Prairie.

Between Bokhara and Fergan, in Central Asia, is a large stretch of land known as Goleduaya Step (the Hunthis steppe is of excellent quality, but it lacks irrightion. The Russian Govcrimient has made attempts to irrigate this soil and spent millions of rubles in digging causis and artesian wells in Maida choked back the inclination various localities, but, on account of to break down erging. At all evenes, the careless prospecting of the engishe need not remain in the parlor, neers and imperfect arrangements made for the nivveling of the soil, all these attempts have failed. Last sumwhen the bell rang. She drew back, mer the minister of finance, on his An instant later, Della responded to tour in Central Asia, namle a personal Her dress was of a silvery summer the bell, and then, tall, fair, brown- inspection of the Golodnaya Sop and

silk, which was draped in softly branded, cladin a cool gray suit, and of the abandoned works of irrigation picturesque folds. The face fichn way hat in hand, Harland Browalce walked there. He noted down carefully what had been done and what, according to

"Till each ketty e d cleans. His coult and his paws. In  $\mathbb R$  -hear another

You must all go both to the nursery and

Every one who has heard a dog or a horse welcome its master with exclamatleas of joy, or a cat plaintively mewing for its food, ought to helleve that anima's can talk. The dog has different sounds to express hunger, joy, sorrow, thanks and fear. Birds have different songs and notes to exgress their feelings. We recognize their song- of revely and of love, as well as the notes of anger and feur. It Is evident doit these noise are understoul, not only within the limit of one species, but among other birds; for different tribes often make a common muse of joy and battle. Monkeys express their passions, fears and desires. by various eries and gestures. Some of the most uncivilized languages are but little richer than theirs. Abbort tells us that crows have twenty-seven distinct cries or atterances. Many seicutists believe that certain sounds. made by fishes are for the purpose of expresing their fostings It is about to the cavital observer that language is universal wherever there is sensation, and all animal life more or less

### now some service risk orse.

Intercommunicative - [Picayone.

The carp carries his teeth back in his throat, so that when he has a sore throat he does not know whether to send for the doctor or the dentist. Ha resembles the cow in the respect that he chows his carl. It is a pity that ne of the other victures of the cow do not also pertain to the carp, for he would be a much more norful fish if this were so, although it would not be possible for him to give talk, as does our good boying friend, owing to the certain destruction of every drop of it by the river in which he lives, and which, as many of the readers of this paper know, is full of water.

The horseshee crub chews its food with its ie, which is a very curious thing even for a crab to do, while the ovster feeds with its heard.

The oysters would starve to death if they had to wait as long as little est near the scalerei in that narrow fathems. During towing the vibration

most triffing proportion.

In the area below 500 feet is included nearly all that part of the population which is engaged in manufacturing and in the foreign commerce of the country, and most of that cuhe is going around the corner to order gaged in the cuiture of cotton, rice a case of champague or to be measured and sugar. for a dress suit; but there is no cor-

and 1500 feet contours comprise: the greater part of the prairie stateand the grain-producing states of the

being mountains.

Northern Iocalities, because the sca-200 feet is found mainly on the slope son is not long enough. There is of the great we tern plains. In this equal/disability in Southern localities region the belt between 2000 and a produce the best qualities of wool. 3000 feet is almost everywhere de-This is shown by the demand from batable ground between the aild Australia, a semistropical country, for region of the Condillerian plate is and the American Merino rams level by the humid region of the Mississippi Verment and Western New York valley. Above 5000 feet irrigation is almost universally measury for breeders. Years ago Australian wool growers thought that by crossing success in agricultural operations.

with American-bred sheep they could Between term and Surar feet, and more markedly between 5000 and million their flocks all that was meeded. to produce good wool. For a time 6000 feet, it will be noticed that the they succeeded; but of late years a population is decide by in excess of the grade or grades below it. This is renewed demand has come for American-bred Merinoy, to improve still mainly due to the fact that the densest settlement at high altitudes in the the influence of climate shows a con-Corditteran region is at the eastern stant tendency towards deterioration. base of the R eky Mountains and in -(Boston Cublicator. the valleys about Great So't Lake,

which regions lie between 1000 and food feer. Of these the extensive settlements at the base of the in un tains in Colorado are mainly between Athen and Grant fent.

Above 60-0 fect the population, which is confinel, of course, to the Cordilleran region, is almost entirely engaged in the pur nit of minlug, and the greater part of it is located in Filorado, New Moxico, Nevada and California.

While the population is increasing numerically in all additades, its relative movement is discidedly toward the region of greater althudes, and is most marked in the country lying between 1000 and 6000 feet above the BUR.

The density of population is great

especially as the Government furnishes all supplies. Opportunities for extravagance are absolutely wanting. Occasionally a member of the crew may remark in a sadly joerse tone that

Wool Growing and Climate.

A bread staff-A poor baker. A progressive spirit-The alcohol in the thermometer.

HUMOROUS.

The best thing about a cyclone is that it soon blows over.

The prettiest thing in gloves is the pretty hand of a pretty girl.

The wise man is not disposed to father every idea that "pops" into his habiting these respective regions in head.

The angler first lies in wait for his ducts respectively produced by each. catch and then his in the weight of his It is impossible to grow cotton in eatch.

> Ideas are like beards: men not having any until they grow up, and women none at all.

An economical bartender can make two lemonades with one lemon, but it is a tight equence.

Man may want but little here below, but he nously keeps up a fearful kicking unloss he gets it.

Sunshine is better than medicine, and you don't have to pay a \$1.50 for five craus' worth of it, either,

Revivalist - Young hely, which road will you elect this night to follow. Young Lody (blushing)-1-I'd rather further the native stock which under prefer the bridal path.

Maybe there is something worse than electricity in store for the man whereaid that this new method of capital puni-liment is revolting.

When a girl is in love she inevitably

compares the object of her affections

to the heroes of all the novels she

read -- greatly to to the heroes' dis-

Robbins Tucy say, Jobbins, that

that young chap who is paying atten-

tion to your daughter is a rising young

lawyer, Jobbins-tiness he is. 1

ndvantage:

"comes down."

# A Submarine Sentry.

In a paper on sounding on hines-resently read in England, Professor Lembert showed that of the ships werels in 1888-89, 50 per cent. (333 out of 6915 were ascalled to stranding. the total amount lost or jeep unlight by such novidents being \$125,000,000, and the tonnage 1,269,994. 2,153 yessels having grounded. After giving a

short account of the various types of know the tradesmen all say he never sounding muchines which have been invented with the object of indicating to a captain the approach of shallow water, Professor Lambert described an entirely novel departure in this direction, namely, the osubmarine Sentry," It consists of an inverted wooden kite which can be trailed from the stern of a yessel at any required depth to forty-five

The Conch-Shell. The conclusion, so often found in many partors, or seen in the gardens, where it forms a pretty object in the border, or grouped among flowers or rocks, comes from the Bahamas and other islands in the tropics. Former-Is the only conclusibells brought to our ports were the small slock-in-trade of

a few cuterprising sailors, who pro-

cured them from the natives of the

islands in question, in trade,

for some articles of little value from

this country. In this way, Jack often

added a few dollars to his capital, on

arriving home, by disposing of his

The population between 2009 and

untry lying above that elevation

ner.-[Century, Wood is emphatically a product of Northern elimites as cotton is of the northwest. troples. There is especial adaption of East of the 98th merdian the contour of 1500 feet is practically the product to the need of the people inupper limit of population, all the this provision of nature for the pro-

The interval between the 500 feet

THE EXAMPLES. OF ANIMALS.

teen her mother's. The little gypsy add that she possessed the short, deli- in time !" cate features one often observes among

clear brunchte skin, with just a little rese-rolor in the checks, bronze-gold

rassing praise.

"There is a 'bus!" some one cricil. Then the others, who were going called out to her a gay good-bye an l Incried off.

Ten minutes past two! Fifteen! "Maida," said Mrs. Dewill, suddenly, "did your cousin stop at the store to see you yesterday ?"

A quick flash of anger lit the hazel

not a gentleman, Annt Lattice."

"My dear!" protested Mrs. Dewill, feebly

"He is not. A gentleman would Auditorium recital, the opera last blin.

night, the matinee today. I shall go nowhere with him-nowhere! Oh!" In intense disgust, "there he is now!" | quietly, "you shall answer to me!"

hat of shining gray straw was lined sideration, I did not think you would to reclaim the steppe to fertility. with black velvet and encircled by a break your appointment so uncerewreath of tiny pink blossoms. She moniously, and so I thought it better wore black silk mitts, and carried a to come and learn the trath of the whole region, proposing toutilize conparasol covered with black lace. If I affair from your own lips-if I were

girls of her class when one has value album, at which he had been pretendsought the type in loftier circles, a ing to look, and burts into a roar of langhter. cript.

Such a joke?" he bellowed. hair, large hazel eyes under the black. "When I met him he told me he was est of brows and lashes, and sensitive going to take you. Maida, to the celelips of scarlet, you will understand 1 ation, and I sold you had sent me to why her friends gave her such embar- tell him you could not go, as you preferral driving with mo; that I

Just on my way to deliver the message. A fine joke, ch? A capital out to hear the band at Lincoln Park joke, wasn't it? Thought I'd have some fun fooling you both. Great joke." And he burst into another conras langh.

Maida looked at Brownice. "He told me," she said, 'you were

leaving town." Then she turned to Bascombs with flashing eyes.

"There was no joke at all about it," come again. I don't like him. Ills she cried. "It was just the rude act manner is too free and easy. He is of an ungentlemanly man. Don't ever dare to come and see me-o speak to me again! I am ready, Mr. Idaho. The water company of that Brownles,"

not press his contions when he saw ready. He went up to Bascombe, who 000 gallons per day of water said to they were unwelcome-as Elias Bas- last some of his florid color under the have a temperature of 180 degrees combe does. He asked me to go to the steady glance of the man confronting Fahrenheit. Another well is to be and French, and shows remarkaide

"Miss Merrill," he began, "on con- the opinion of expects, might be done Recently he submitted to the Government a plan for the irrigation of the vict labor for the purpose. His plan was necepted and work will soon he-Bascombe dropped the photograph gin from the convicts' station at Kosyluke, eight versts (about one-and-aquarter miles) from the military station of Tashkeut .- [Boston Trans-

## Honoring Brave Men.

A curious return has just been printed at Berlin. It shows how often German regimental colors were struck in action during the campaigns of 1864, 1866 and 1870, and also how many officers, non-commissioned officers and men were killed while carrying the colors. The memory of these losses is touchingly preserved. Every staff that has been clustered in action by a dead soldier's fingers is encircled with a silver ring with the inscription of the man's name and the words,

"Died a hero's death with this color in his hand."- (Cincinnati Times-Star.

Hot-Water Artesian Well. A remarkable hot-water arte-lan

ell is in operation at Boise City,

| | Boston Transcript.

but fortunately they have to do notiing of the sort, although, to tell the truth, the ovster's heard is hardly more perceptible than that of the smoothest-faced little boy or girl in the world.

The jelly-fish hasn't any teeth, but uses himself just as if he were a piece. of paper when he is hungey, getting his food, ad athen wrapping himself. about it. The star-fish, on the contrary, turns himself inside out and wraps his feed around him, and stays that way until he has had enough The prongs of the star-fish look like teeth, but in reality they are not, being nothing but ermanients to his per-

These are but a small proportion of the queer things about queer fish, but I think we have learned enough to make us all glad that we are what we are, and not fish, especinly about dinner time .- (Harper's Young People.

#### A Precarious Monarch.

King Thantai of Annam is one of the youngest monarchs in the world,

He is ton years of age, very precocious, and fally conscious of his position. He is solemn and thoughtful, disdains childish sports, and sponds all his place has now two wells, each about time in the seclusion of his entace But Mr. Brownlee was not quite 400 feet deep, discharging over 1,000,- studying, conversing with aged counselers and poring over books and manuscripts. He is learning Chinese horse, and thes hot water to be utils aptitude in the acquisition of foreign "If you fail to respect Miss Merrill's used for bailding purposes and for a tongues. He is we carbitrary and excommand," Brownies said, very longe hotel to built usar the well's. - as ing, and his trachers stand in great the crew is abound the lightship eighawe of him. - [Once a Week.

strip along the seaboard which contains our great scaparts. The density diminishes graduativ and rather unisformily up to 2003 feet, where the population becomes quite spurse, The average elevation of the country

excluding Alaska, is about gives. The average elevation at which the infinite. tants lived, taking e-guizance of their distribution, was 687 feet in 1870; in 1880 it had increased to 720 feet, and in 1890 to 788 feet.

### Life on a Lightship,

The routine of work on a listestely is quite simple. At snarise the watch lowers the lights. At six a. m. 1's captain or the mate stands in the door way leading from the cable rate the berth-deck and shouts, 2014 hands?" The men tamb'e out of their bunks and dress, breakfast being served at twenty minutes past six. At halfpast seven the knips are removed from the lanterns and taken below to be semisitio be about the limit of their cleaned and filled. In smooth weather this duty can be performed in about

search, and but very few were observed at that distance.- (Farm and two hours, but if the vessel is rolling Home. and pitching the task may be pro-

longed an hour or two. When the Coffee Culture. Inmos have been returned to the lan-Coffee cannot be cultivated success. terns, there remains nothing for the fully in a climate where the tempercrew to do except to clean ship and to ature at any season of the year fails go on watch until sundown, when the below 55 degrees, although the plants lamps are lighted and the lasterns will exist where a lower temperature greatly retards the ripening of the capitain's watch and the mate's watch fruit. The plants have been grown in of five each. Twice between spring [Florida and California, and in some pasts of Texas. In the extreme south or Florida ripe berries have occasion the crew is abound the lightship  $\operatorname{cigh}_{(s)}(s)$  been produced — [New York souths in the year. It is not believed [ World.

of the wire causes a continuous rattle its a sounding bex, and a ce-vation of this noise gives an additional indication when the "Soutry" has struck tottom.-[Contiers.Louenal.

Distance that Bees Go for Nectar. Some writers maintain that bees

shells to people who admired them will go from three to four miles in which of nectar, and store a large for their brantiful form and color. quantity of surplus. I have found Finally an increased domand for conclushells and shells of all kinds lumifieds of colonies in the woods, and from foreign parts induced merchants but voic few of them were fined the distance of a mile. At this distance and aliquowners to add them to the line would lead through open fields their list of necessary commodities for the market, and now they comprise and brush lots. During the past two quite an important feature of trade. seasons my apiary has consisted of 10 colonies of Italians. When at work Probably but few are aware that in the fields, traveling the highway, picking wild berries on the mountain where golden-rod, aster, pinks, old

this shell is one of the several kinds of shells that produce a very fine pearl. Yes, indeed, this delicately tinted pink-faced treasure of the deep, field balsam, etc., grew in profusion, I kept strict watch, and not an Italian admired so much for its lovely shape and color, is sometimes the home of a hee was seen at the distance of 11-4 little gem which brings a small formiles from the spiary. One mile

> tune to its hapny owner. When perfect the couch pearl is either round or egg-shaped and somewhat larger time a pea, of a beautiful rose color and watered-that is, presenting, when held to the light, the

sheeny, wavy appearance of watered \*112 It is a very rare circumstance, how-

ever, to find a perfect one, for not more than one in twenty proves to be at all valuable, and, owing to numerous imperfections, a large proportion of these bring only a small price.

But when one is pronounced faultless, \$300 or \$400 can always be obtained for it. - [Detroit Free Press. \_

hoisted. The crew is divided into the and winter each watch goes ashore for two months, so that each member of