Three Barges Broke Loose From Moorings at Eagle's Island. Boat Raised.

longed to the Hammer Lumber Company and the third one to the Hall Towing Company, were anchored at Eagle's Island at the Marine Railway. The high winds and the high flood tide caused them to break away from their moorings.

The wind was blowing from the west and blew them across the river. The launch Standard which is owned pleted. by the Bower's Southern Dredging Company, was anchored at the wharf of Stone & Co., and the barges crashed into the boat sinking her.

The tide was coming in and caused them to float up the river as far as Springer's coal yard near the foot of Grace street. Two launches, the Scuppernong and the Heart Saver, owned by Maffitt & Wood, were anchored the foot of Princess street. The Scuppernong was sunk, and the Heart Saver cast adrift and only saved from serious injoury from the barges by faithful work on the part of the crew of the Louis F, a fruit steamer.

It was at first supposed that the high winds caused the launches to be unfastened from their moorings though later information tended to show that it was the barges which had broken loose and that they caused the launches to be sunk. The crew of the fruit steamer stated that they only saved their vessel from serious damag) from the drifting barges by using fenders to keep them from crashing into the vessel

The Standard was raised yesterday about noon and taken to the Wilmington Marine Railway for repairs. The Scuppernong had not been located last night and it is not known where the boat was sunk. The damage to the Standard is estimated at \$250 while the loss of the Scuppernong and the damage to the Heart Saver will probably amount to \$600 or \$77.

DANIELS FOR GIFT REFORM

Breeds Tinge of Sordidness. The old-time joy of Christmas morning in too many homes is tinged with apprehension, as the packages with the come in, for fear that somebody who remembers me will have been forgotten by me. And simply suppose the extra supply of presents that have purcuased in case of emergencies should be exhausted before I can rush, by special messenger, a gift to Estelle or Gladys or Algernon, who have re-membered me! We need to reform this tendency of our times — and to eli-minate this dread, this sordidness, this swapping of gifts from Christmas.

Full stockings and blazing Christ-mas trees for the little folks; a good dinner and warmth and work for the poor and the unemployed; and an exchange of Christmas cards, with some simple, heartfelt sentiment be-tween grown-ups. This is the ideal way, not forgetting, of course, to ask the parson and other friends to help us eat our turkey dinner and plum pud-Against the commercialized Christmas let the spirit of Christmas past plead with the spirit of Christ-mas present in the interest of Christmas future. Let us all pray with Tiny Tim Cratchit-representative of child hood or poverty, or both, and they are the rightful heirs of Christmas-"God bless us, every one."

### TINKER IS UNRULY.

Famous Shortstop is Now Dickering With Federal League.
Chicago, Dec. 26.—Joe Tinker, former manager of the Cincinnati team,

and President Gilmore, of the Federal League, conferred today with ref-erence to bringing Tinker into the new league. According to Tinker the conference was without result. They agreed to continue negotiations tomorrow or Monday. Tinker refused to confirm of deny

the report that he had been offered \$36,000 for three years in the Federal League. In discussing the affair however, he remarked that he could not make that much money in three years in the National League. "There is money behind this Federal League." Tinker said, "and the proposition they made me is a good one. I know I can make more money than it I stayed in organized baseball. They have offered me some stock, on which I now have an option, and if arrangements can be made, I will take it the same as Chance did his. He was given ten shares and paid for it out

If Tinker signs with the Federals he may be enjoined by Charles Ebbetts, of Brooklyn, according to Chas. W. Murphy, president of the Chicago

### POSTAL EFFICIENCY.

Burleson Issues Statement Regarding Christmas Mail. Washington, Dec. 26.—Telegraphic reports to the Postoffice Department today from the principal offices throughout the country showed that the Christmas mail deliveries practically had been completed and normal conditions restored in the service.

Postmaster General Burleson is-

sued a statement tonight saying:
"The successful handling of the
bulk of mail during the holiday period fully demonstrates the effectiveness of the postal service, not only in
coning with present conditions as ness of the postal service, not only in coping with present conditions as they affect the parcel post, but also in its capacity to meet further demands as they arise in connection with the great development of the service, as well as any other which the department may be required to perform in order to meet the increas-

perform in order to meet the increasing demands of the public."

Approximately 37,000 emergency men were employed by the department to work the holiday mails. The invaders playing a night attack. railway mail service, usually operated by 18,000 men, was increased to 32,000 and the clerical force was in-creased from 65,000 to 88,000 men.

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stepped on a thistle and uttered a cry of pain. The alarm was given, and the attack failed. Out of gratitude the thistie was adopted as the insignal of Scotland.

A leather belt in an English factory has been running at a speed of 1,800 feet a minute from nine to twelve

We wish you a Merry Christmas. Maar's. (advertisement) lyears,

RIVER GOT HIS WIFE BY PURCHASE. LETS ANXIOUS WORLD WAIT

Recent Transaction in England Gives Rise to Some Caustic Remarks By Eastern Editor.

We are all in agreement upon the "Children, the meanest man in the general principle that however much world lives in Arkansas," writes 'Tom a man may want a wife he ought not P. Morgan. "He has a tall and bulging Two launches, the Standard and the to buy one. But at the same time we forehead and knows why floods come Scuppernong, were sunk in the harbor, do hear sometimes of the frank and and tornadoes devastate, how to stay the launch Heart Saver badly damag- unashamed purchase of a wife. Take, pure and wholesome on a wage of sixed and three barges broken loose from for instance, a certain divorce case ty-six cents a day, what causes the their moorings at Eagle's Island in that has been heard recently in Eng- Aurora Borealis, how to prevent thugs the high wind that blew almost with land and that was described by the from thugging, what is the plural of the velocity of a gale Thursday night. judge as an instance of wife-buying, measles, how to gag and hog-tie a The damage done will probably amount which it certainly was. Mr. Morand mother-in-law in a gentlemanly manto \$1,000. Several other craft in the asked for a divorce from his wife on her, whether Sackville McKnutt is as river had a narrow escape from ser- the ground that the lady had given smart as he is cracked up to be, how ious injury by the barges that were the most unmistakable proofs of her to take politics out of a policeman adrift, and also from the high winds. preference for a multimillionaire without injuring the fabric, and many. The three barges, two of which be named Captain Morrison. In a way it many other things equally important, was a friendly suit, since Captain including why the parents of Harior-Morrison was willing to pay \$27,500 ist Iden named him Jay B., when they damages and Morand was willing to could just as well have soaked him receive that sum. They were both in for life with Isaac I. Iden and thus agreement as to the value of the lady, have given the waiting world at perand the judge concurring, the divorce petual treat. And, yet, although this was granted and the transaction com- mean man is able to write with perfect ease and the most convincing Of course, the story is a rather dis- clarity, he is so unutterably low-down gusting one, but we are disgusted not selfish that he refuses to write any because Captain Morrison bought a 'open letters' to the newspapers and woman, but because he bought a thus extinguish forever some of the woman who was already a wife. There burning questions that are worrying is nothing remarkable about the pur- the life out of the rest of us. Tell chase of a woman, since it is done me, children, is he not meaner than

every day. Sometimes it is the man the meanest pussley?"-Kansas City

who offers to sell. The various asso- Star.

recently announced that they will

marry no man with an income of less

than \$5,000 a year have virtully stated

that \$5,000 a year is the lowest price

at which they will sell themselves .-

CROPS IN JAPAN ARE SMALL

American Farmers Could Not Live On

Such Scanty Returns for His

Seed and Work.

ing plant; the elaborate and skilful

system of irrigation that gets full

value from every drop of water; the

laborious subsoil working-by hand in

the soft coze of the rice fields-and

the incisive weeding out to produce

better results in quantity than they

do. When the harvest is measured by

bushels of rice, or wheat, or barley or

whatever else the hyakusho (farmer)

may raise, the thorough husbandman

of Europe or America would laugh at

the scanty crop. Land that ought to

yield at least twenty-five to thirty

bushels of rice to the acre actually

gives less than ten on the average.-

Procrastination Day.

up to it is hard. However, all prob-

lems have their solutions, and one

busy women in a growing suburb, in

which many demands are made on

her time, puts aside one day a month

a settled day, for doing all the things

which she has put off for the things

says this day a month enables her to

catch up with a number of postponed

duties, and she has grown to consider

it as such a remedy for procrastina-

tion that it is set apart almost religi-

ously, and no engagement outside is

allowed to conflict it. She says she

works from morning to night, but as

she writes down during the preceding

weeks what is to be done on that par-

ticular day, the work proceeds with

Never at a Loss.

The Earl of Morley, on his return

from Jamaica, remained a while in

New York, and at a dinner there he

told, apropos of self-confidence, a

story about a young English states-

"This youth," Lord Morley said

ought to get on. He works hard and

"He wanted recently to push a bill

that had little support from his own

party. A friend, however, said to him

"'Well, in that case, old chap,' he

Worthy Scottish Emblem.

The invaders planned a night attack,

and, marching barefoot, had contrived

to creep close up to the Scottish

forces unobserved, when one of them

stepped on a thistle and uttered a cry

nothing ever feazes him.

in a warning voice:

other side."

out many drawbacks.

which had to be done "now." She

"Do it now" is a fine rule, but living

nese," by Joseph King Goodrich.

"Our Neighbors: the Japan-

Japan is such a mountainous coun-

Pennsylvania Grit.

#### ciations of young women who have ODD VAGARIES OF LANGUAGE

Arkansas Man, in Point of Meanness,

Is Declared to Be Absolutely in

Class by Himself.

Various Nations Have Different Idioms in Which They Express the Same Meanings.

The following are a few linguistic whimsicalities: The Germans call a thimble a "finger hat," which it certainly is, and a grasshopper a "hay i horse." A glove with them is a "handshoe," showing evidently that they wore shoes before gloves. Poultry is "feather cattle," whilst the names for try that the area of arable land is the well-known substances oxygen and quite disproportionate to the size of hydrogen are in their language "sovir the whole empire. It is alleged that stuff" and "water stuff." The French, barely 12 per cent of the entire sur- strange to say, have no verb "to face can be cultivated, and that even stand," nor can a Frenchman speak of the cultivable part is not naturally "kicking" anyone. The nearest apvery fertile. Still there are large proach a Frenchman makes to it in tracts of wild moorland which might his politeness is to threaten to "give Secretary Says the Christmas Habit easily be brought under cultivation, or a blow with his foot"—the same thing at least be converted into grazing to the recipient in either case, but it seems to want the directness, the en-Where the farmer lives and labors ergy, of our "kick." Neither has he there are abundant evidences of his any word for "baby," or for "home," diligence and self-sacrifice. Doubtless or "comfort." The terms "upstairs" the major part of the farming land is and "downstairs" are also unknown in lean soil. Still the judicious use of French. The Hindus are said to have fertilizers-mostly night soil applied no word for "friend." The Italians in small quantities direct to the grow- have no equivalent for "humility."

Fish Die From Seasickness.

Fish become ill and die from sea sickness when carried long distances upon the ocean. For that reason many rare and interesting specimens captured in tropical countries cannot be brought alive to this country.

In a recent shipment of 400 fish more than 100 died on the way, and the remainder arrived in a condition that required heroic treatment to save their lives.

According to this it may be presumed that the agony endured by humans when the ship begins to pitch and roll is as nothing compared with the same sufferings of tank-inclosed

As a precaution the fish are practically starved for at least one day before being taken on board. The galvanized iron tanks, in which the fish are carried, contain from ten to fifty gallons of sea water kept at a constant temperature of about 68 degrees by steam from the ship's boilers during the trip.

### Once Revolutionary.

The latest instance of a general enforcement of laws concerning dress occurred at the time of the French Revolution, when some rulers of German states forbade their subject to wear trousers, these being held to indicate revolutionary opinions. The Elector of Hesse-Cassel, besides prohibiting the obnoxious garments, had the convicts employed on road-sweeping dressed in trousers, so as to inspire disgust for sansculotte fashions. No general prohibition of this kind was issued in Prussia, but until 1798 all Prussian officials were restricted to knee breeches for their nether garments. Trousers were held to be "unbecoming to the dignity and gravity of the holder of an official position."

Ingenious Spiders.

The Royal society in London was recently entertained by a distinguished traveler with an account of a spider living in Australia which makes its "But suppose, my boy, this bill habitation along the seashore, in the should cause your party to throw you crevices of the rocks, between high and low water mark.

But when the tide is in their homes replied, 'I'm quite sure I'd have are covered with water. Instead of destrength enough to swim across to the serting them, however; the spiders solve the difficulty by means of closely woven sheets of silk, which they stretch over the entrances, behind which they manage to retain sufficient air to keep them alive during the time they remain submerged.-The Sunday

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A leather belt in an English factory lit is certainly a lot of comfort to an bias been running at a speed of 1,800 old maid to remember that Naomi, the feet a minute from nine to twelve daughter of Enoch, was 580 years old hours a day for more than thirty-two when she married — Cincinnati Enyears,

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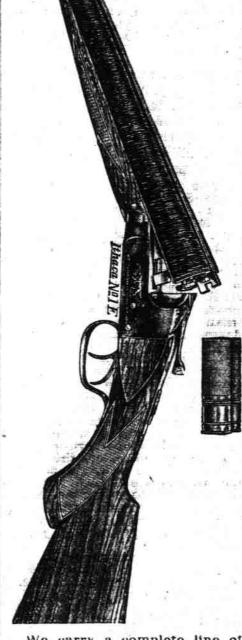
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