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The Drovers' Journal figures that the daily mileage made in cities of the United States by cars supplied with electric motors is now more than one hundred thousand miles and is growing rapidly.

People who live in San Francisco congratulate themselves that earthquakes are not altogether objectionable, since they prevent the crection of high blocks of buildings, which keep air and sunlight out of the streets.

Switzerland keeps the 600th birthday of her Confederation next year. In 1291 the "Forest Cantons"-Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden-formed the first ague for mutual support and the House of Harman against ed to the found eration. The chie and les are to be held at Brunnen, on me Lake of Lucerne, the spot where Swiss independence was declared formally some years later.

The number of cattle in Indian Territory is now found to be only 500,000 head. This is a great falling off from former years, and shows, argurs the Boston Cultivator, that hereafter the consumers of beef must depend on stock fed with cultivated forage and grain, instead of relying on the product of pastures costing nothing. It will be much better for all branches of farming in all parts of the country when the demoralization of ranching has finally had its day.

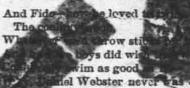
An Ohio clergyman surprised his congregation on a recent Sunday by making the following announcement: "Nearly every member of this church is either wealthy or well-to-do, although no one would think so from an inspection of the collection plates, which are burdened principally with nickles. I would remind you, brethren, that the collection plate is not a nickel-in-the-slot machine. and that a few bills would come in very handy in the work of the church," The American Agriculturist notes that "twenty-five separate agricultural institutions in Great Britain receive Government aid for the purpose of assisting in providing general agricultural teaching, special practical instruction, in dairy work, lectures on forestry, and the cararying on of agricultural experiments. alone receives the this purper, an overnment grant of nearly \$9000, distributed among eleven institutions, of which the University of Edinburg receceives the largest appropriation, of \$2500. This looks picayunish to Americans, for most of our States give more for such purposas." The Chicago Herald says that "Florida and California are each making a strong bid for winter visitors by sending out cars filled with tropical and semi-tropical fruits attractively displayed. There is a car of this kind known as 'Florida on Wheels,' which made the tour of the Eastern resorts and did good missionary work during the summer months. A train of cars known as 'California on Wheels' and containing a superb exhibit of fruits, is now en route for the East for the purpose of booming Southern California as a winter resort, and will undoubtedly influence many people to cross the continent the coming winter." Several California papers recently coatained a matrimonial appeal, signed by "a young and beautiful Hungarian maiden, an orphan without means, but well educated and with domestic tendeacies, who seeks a companion for life." The answers were to be directed to Paris, where the young lady was employed as a nurse. Incredible as it may appear a dozen offers from marriageable young 'Frisconians came over the sea. A lively correspondence ensued, and finally each of the wooers received an exquisite photograph and an affirmative answer from beautiful Hungarian maiden, with a request that the lover should send the necessara cash for a transatlantic ticket. The swindler or the syndicate of swindlers netted 6000 marks in all by the trick. And now the prospective bridegrooms, among whom are some wellknown names, dare not whisper their misery.

TO A LITTLE BROOK, You're not so big as you were then. O litle brook! I mean those hazy summers when We boys roamed, full of awe, beside Your noisy, foaming, tumbling tide. And wondered if it could be true That there were bigger brooks than you Omighty brook, O peerless brook!

All up and down this reedy place Where lives the brook, We angled for the furitive dace; The redwing-blackbird did his best To make us think he'd built his nest Hard by the stream, when like as not, He'd hung it in a secret spot Far from the brook, the telltale brock!

And often, when the noontime heat Parboiled the brook, We'd draw our boots and swing our feet Upon the waves that, in their play,

Would tag us last and scoot away; And mother never seemed in hnow What burnt our legs and c But father ruessed it wa



at of such great applause Fido, battling with the brook Butonca-O most unitanty day

For you, my brook-Come Cousin Sam along that way; And, having lived a spell out west, Where creeks aren't counted much at best, He neither waded, swam, nor leap, But, with superb indifference, stept Across that brook -our mighty broo'!

Why do you scamper on your way, You little brook, When I come back to you to-day? Is it because you fles the grass That lunges at you as you pass, As i', in playful mood, it would Tickle the truant if it could. You chuckling brook-you saucy brook! Or is it you no longer know-You fickle brook-The honest friend of long ago? The years that kept us twain apart

Have changed my face but not my heart-Many and sore those years, and yet I fancied you could not forget That happy time, my playmate brock!

Oh, sing again in artless glee, My little brook. The song you used to sing for me-The song that's lingered in my ears So soothingly these many years; My grief shall be forgotten when I hear your tranquil voice again And that sweet song, dear little brook!

-Eugene Field, in Chicago News.

LIDE a most valuable assistant, being gifted with extraordinary intelligence. He has not neglected his musical talent, and has had the best instruction. Houser "Do you know, my boy," said his uncle, "that you will some day be a great exe composer, our pride and glory?" ercis "My only glory," replied Lucion, sweepil softly, "is in knowing that Clairette is of muse pleased with me." more inte He speaks the truth, poor fellow; h whole happiness in life depends upon

cousin's smile. She too, the petted sensitive chill now grown up, and has become a l woman. She loves her cousin with sincere affection, and prefers to all music the air he played for her when first they met, so that in the family the melody is always called "Clairette's It is a composition worthy of a Song." of the master-musician, and since drying the the fai child's tears, has become the souvenir of willp her earliest joys. for it, s

occupy What happened next was inevitable work. One day Lucien acknowledged to himamount self that he loved Clairette, and called bad can be t himself a fool for daring to raise his eyes quickly peri to the daughter of his benefactor., True, market can she was his cousin, but how could he, Ohio farmer. the poor hunch-back, hope to marry the be provided . beautiful blooming girl? He concealed which should his grief within his heart, and the violin, that the frui his only confidant, wept and sybbed for and attract his hopeless love. detro Claire Langelot, a gentle, affectionate

girl, treated Lucien as her dearest friend with bits of and counselor, confiding to him her inpoorly pared ' most thoughts. One day she artlessly bleaching an told him of her love for Raoul Darboz, is dried in the and then in a sudden burst of happiness, ated quickly exclaimed . to begin wi "Here, Lucien, take your violin and for my own us play Clairette's Song for me!" Ah, what bitter irony that was! The instrument was forced to sing her happy love, under his martyred fingers! A little later, Raoul and Claire were are canned .--married. Lucien played the wedding march. It was his own composition, and all through the music a mystic strain was interwoven by the master's skill, and filled the vaulted edifice with its tender melody. The bride started when she recognized cuttings of s her favorite air. sired. Gerani "Poor dear cousin," she thought, "it is all for me that he is playing.' At the wedding breakfast they awaited the musician, impatient to congratulate the flower gar him on his new composition, but he did not appear. and the garde "An artist's caprice," said Uncle Langelot. "I'll wager that he is busy writing out his latest improvisation." anthemums (s Clairie was grieved at Lucien's abthe last men sence, but that evening she and her husband set out for Fontainebleau, which pleasure) may was the first stopping place of their wed-

Many girls take homes if encourthe care of them. s, if properly planned, time out of a long ematic in the discharge said : the only way to propright amount of work. UIT. DY. AL he by-product a it will not pay to dry fruit, il nents in advance f the family can in this kind of ory considerable erwise might be an article not I for which a und, writes an e-parers should ng the work, such a manner will be clean e. Nothing alue inothe eyes of a p d the pieces ng to them and do not favor ruit, whether it or evapormore for it been slowly and cleanly dri for that which has been hu evaporated and bleached with Nice dried peaches I cons food as those that World. THE WINT OW GARDEN. The housewi oves flowers must now begin p which shall bl ns for the stock he winter garden during winter. done by making s as may be desion. Il kinds and other y be started from soft-wooded ] summer. Indeed, y be duplicated in cuttings made rough the winter the windows in if the right pr are made now, restocked in the same way. Fue eliotropes, salvias, rdiss, and chryscoleus, verben ther flower than ll offer so much opagated in this son had never married. Both of the way. Roses m be added to the list. It is not ch plants may nol truth, so far as they understood it. The be purched fro florists easily and cheaply, but sure of growing them and rear to pleasing and successful matu far greater and e mere possession the florists. Beits are generally ring than those Elsewhere will be as claimed by his widbw. In those times s for growing plants found full inst vacancies in colored regiments were their management speedily filled by Sergeants, who expeo them indoors. rienced little difficulty in filling the doors will send e opering d taken up

D AFFAIRS. STRANGE PENSION CASES. Court & House IN HOUSEWORK. PATHETIC INCIDENTS BELATED BY healthy, and many physi-SEEKERS FOR NATIONAL AID. it to women who need ng is not enough ; it exegs, while dusting and A Cavalryman Whose Fate Was Like Enoch Arden's-Soldiers Wrongtirely different set fally Branded as Deserters. A Pension Office clerk recently gave to a correspondent of the Milwaukee Sun some incidents out of many which came to his notice in that department. He "A Michigan cavalry man has recently secured a pension after a great deal of trouble: He was reported as having been killed in action; but turned up a few years ago at a reunion of his regiment, like a ghost among his comrades; who had never heard a word about him since the memorable battle when he was shot. He rode in the front ranks during the cavalry charge in the second battle of Bull Run, was shot from his horse at the beginning of the charge, and the whole regiment passed over him. There was no doubt about his death and no surprise that his body was not found after the battle was over, because it was presumed that it could not be identified if found. There was no doubt in the minds of his comrades that he had been trampled to pieces. Well, he turned up among his comrades at the reunion of the regiment, and 1d the story that he knew nothing until two or three months after the battle, when he found himself out in Michigan, being cared for by some strangers who had taken him in. He was a complete physical wreck-who had been twisted and torn out of all shape, as if he had been blown up by a boiler explosion and patched up afterward. He wandered about for several years, and finally visiting his former home found that his wife, believing him dead, had married again. He didn't trouble her at all, but continued traveling about until he finally gained the friendship of a well to do finally marrying one of his daughters. After his appearance at the reunion of the department, had his military record corrected, and ultimately secured a pen-"One of the strangest incidents, however," continued the official, "was the ored soldier for a pension. The widow swore that her husband died in Tennessee in 1862 of smallpoll, and that his mother was not living at the time of his death. The mother claimed that the man died in 1864 of smallpox in Tennessee, and that she had repeatedly seen him between '62 and '64, but that her

The Mexicans eat salt with their oranges. In Turkey, at the present day, the mourning hue is violet.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

One of the highest students at Cambridge (England) University is blind. The music kept up at Irish wakes used to be for the purpose of driving away

evil spirits. Mrs. Maggie Ellis, of Chattanooga, Tenn., has given birth to the smallest child on record. It weighs thirty-one ounces

Arctic whalebone sold recently in New York at \$5 a pound, the highest price known. The entire available supply is not above 10,500 pounds. Birch bark book covers are something

new. They have a slip on the side in which the name of the book, written on a bit of card, can be inserted.

For the first time in seventeen years the island of St. Helena has a Governor, the British crown having been represented there since 1873 by acting Governors.

The poet Browning had a marvelous memory. He could always tell the exact place of any quotation or fragment of quotation referred to him, and was greatly vexed whenever he heard his own lines minquoted.

A rug valued at \$5000 was bought in London lately. It was about thirteen feet square and had about 256 stitches to the inch. The material was wool combed, not cut, from the animal, and worth more than its weight in silk.

When a child dies in Greenland the natives bury a living dog with it-the dog to be used by the child as a guide to the other world. When questioned about their strange custom they say: "A dog can find the way anywhere.

Naval expressions are generally noted for their peculiar aptness and brevity. man, and with him he made his home, There is, however, one nautical term which for length almost rivals the longest Greek expression. It is the "starhis regiment he brought his case before | board-foretopmast - studding - sail-boomtopping-lift-jigger-fall."

There is a coal mine at St. Andre du Poirier, France, worked with two shafts of a depth of 2952 feet and 3083 feet. The latter is to be increased to 4000 claim of the widow and mother of a col- feet. Contrary to theory, little increase of temperature has been met with as the shafts went farther into the earth. George Fairbault, chief of the Indian police at the Standing Rock (North Dakota) agency, is dead. He was the Daniel Boone of Minnesota, and a man of great influence among the Indians, being himself a quarter breed. He saved the lives of many whites during the Indian women were evidently swearing to the troubles.

The body of the Queen of Corea, who

"KNEE DEEPI KNEE DEEPI

"Knee deep! knee deep!" I am a child again!

I hear the cowbells tinkling down the lane, The plaintive whippoorwills, the distant call

Of quails beyond the hill where nighthawks fall

From lambent skies to fields of golden grain. hear the milkmaid's song, the clanking

chain

Of plowman homeward bound, the lumbering wain,

And, down the darkling vale 'mid rusha tall.

"Knee deep! knee deep!"

We're all at home-John, Wesley, little Jane-Dead long ago!-and the koy-soldiers twain

That sleep by purling stream or old stons wall

In some far-off and unknown grave-we're all

At home with mother !- heartache gons and pain! "Knee deep! knee deep!"

-Henry J. Stockard, in the Cosmopolitan

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Josked-Goes into tea without being a An Milk.

Bociety leader are in the where but at the Arbitration gives two parties the halves of a pretty stale and bitter louf.-Puck.

Ladies' change-that found in the pockets of husbands at night .- Bostons Courier.

It may be said of a man who invests in a quarry that his lot is a hard one .-Yonkers Gazette.

Some men stand on principles, others trample on them. The latter, naturally, make the most noise.

Silver is sold in France by the "kilo." In this country it comes in quartz .----Commercial Advertiser.

A man must necessarily have a sharp eye in order to cast a piercing glance .--Binghamton Republecan.

"A good lathering is the first requisiteof a good shave." "It is also the best thing for a bad shaver."-New York Herald.

"Do you dictate to your typewriter?" "I used to do so, but I married her and now she dictates to me."-Boston Courier.

There is reason in all things. Few never call their wives "old heus" until they became broilers .- Commercial Adpertiser.

Dedhed-"Say, doctor, what kind of medicine will cure my cold?" Doctor Smart-"The kind I prescribe."-Yankee Blade. An uptown man recently left his family and has not since been found, although his nose turned up .-- Philadelphia Times. If money could be borrowed as easily as trouble, the world would be full of round-shouldered people .- Indianapolia Ram's Horn. Waggin' Their Tongues; -"Did you ever know that a wagon spoke?" "Yes, [ heard one complain about being tired." .The Bostonign. sang a maidea of uncertain age. "Will 19" murmured a crusty old bachelor. "Do I, you mean?"- Washington Star. "You'll be a President, perhaps, If well you run life's race." "Id rather be," the boy replied, "The man who plays first base." -Washington Post.

Thomas Oxley, a farmer of Lincoln blue-colored fish in the waters of the har-The experiments in the cultivation of liant flashes. Close against his breast he tribute of a numerous escort after death. lets and egg missure with salt and pep-per. Have ready a frying-pan half full bor, which, when caught and held in the -Popular Science Monthly. County, W. Va., who lives near Griffithspressed a violin, his dearest treasure. plants under the electrical light, recently ville, has a queer pet, says the Pittsburg hand, emitted from its interior a most At sight of this stranger the little of boiling land. Dip the catlets, first one side and then the other, in the eggs, made by the botanical department of the ton Star. Dispatch. It is a huge black snake, eight striking noise, like that of a drum. A The Broom-Corn District. Clairette began to cry and sob convul-Cornell University, at Ithaca, N. Y., careful examination of the creature failed feet six inches long. The snake has been. Coles and Douglas Counties, in Iliisively. Her cousin looked timidly at the and then in the cracker dust, after have given some curious and interesting to reveal any obvious movements, with fair-haired and gaily dressed little creawhich put them in the boiling lard; do not disturb them until the under side is an adjunct of the farm for twelve years nois, produce half of the broom-corn the exception of one part of the skin lyand is considered by Mr. Oxley as among results, and results which are in some reture for a minute, then raising his instrugrown in the United States. 'The soil of ing just beyond the gill-slit, which was ment, said softly, brown, then carefally turn, and when the his most valuable rossessions. these counties, which is strong, quick, spects confirmatory of somewhat similar It stays about the barn summer and in continuous vibration. "Listen, the violin will sing to youand rich, is well adapted for the culture other side is brown, remove to a hol experiments not long ago reported from The portion of the skin which vibrates winter, and is the most indefatigable exof the brush. Fifty years ago the terido not cry." dish and serve at once while crisp. Do terminator of rats, mice and other vermin | stretches from the elavicle to the bron-Russia. The first and most noticeable And beneath his young fingers the ar-list's bow moved wondrously, the sound a great swamp, full of large poads and lets. chial arch; it is provided with four large effect of the treatment is an enormously ever owned by Oxley. of a gay yet tender air burst forth, and was called "sockem" land. Just what lets. "Jim," as the snake is called, is per- bony plates and lies over the swim bladncreased rate of growth. The plants fectly tame and docile, and answers to der, which in this fish, for the most part, soars."- Chicago Tribune. the improvisation like a caress suddenly "sockern" means in this connection Imperial Bides in China. which are lighted seem to work day and projects out of the trunk muscles. Be-hind the clavicle is a curiously shaped silent. "More, more! Sing again, pretty music!" cried Clairette when the player stopped, and she clapped her little hands soothed the child's fcars, and she was nobody seems to know. In later years his name as promptly as the family dog or cat. He is fond of being petted by night and to "run very much to leaf." the family and seems to highly appreci-ate acts of kindness. Jim casts his coat vicie at one point in such a way as to Vegetables shoot up very quickly, and music!" cried Clairette when the player stopped, and she clapped her little hands in gles. Bo the wonderful vicins played on, seeming to speak words of enchantment, and showing plainly what the poor hunchback had received as his maternal inberitance. From that day a tender af-fection united the two children, and the years passed on. pess in a few weeks are two or three at regular intervals of twelve months and every one of his suits have been kept by arm of this bony lever is imbedded in the times as tall as those planted at the same time in daylight. In the case of seeds ventral trunk muscles, and is capable of Mr. Oxley as curiosities. The big black fellow never attempts to easy movement to and fro. The short and fruit of any kind, however, the reharm any living thing except the rodents arm slides during this movement over the about the farm and them he keeps com- rough inner side of the clavicle, and gives sults are entirely different, and the plants place of the two. about the farm and them he keeps com-pletely exterminated. Mr. Oxley would not part with him for a large sum of mon. This, it is believed, is the only instance where a huge black snake has been domestic ted and become useful. which had grown slowly and by daylight were ahead. It was observed that in every instance the reproductive powers ed for his majesty. - Lonof the plact were strongly affected, being In the United States over 3,000,000, sist and in Lucien has become a man, and is asse. 000,000 of envelopes arg-man sacrificed to mere foliage and rapidity of flock of carriers in the country don E ciated with his unclo in business. He is yearly. dincrease in general size.

A LAST CHORD.

Madame Langelot, a comely, smiling woman of thirty-six, was humming merrily as she went to and fro in her diningroom, and giving the last glance, the careful housewife's glance, to the family table. Whatever the season might be, there was always a bunch of flowers to enliven the board and testify to the deli-Suddenly Madamo Langelot stopped, Lux as she recognized her husband's stop, and The he had hard/y embred the room when ahe exclaimed;

"What is the matter? You look upset." "I have reason to be, darling," he replied, "when a man hears at the same

moment of the failure and the death of his only brother\_\_\_\_ "You brother, oh, my poor dear!"

cried Madame. "His marriage, as you know, was an

unfortunate one," continued the husband, the was an artist in heart and soul, and claimed : forgot everything in his love for an

my entreaties, and our father's opposi- | sad the music sounds." incapable of managing his business, and Raoul, as he closed the window, "I did into the lined plate and bake like a cuswas made reckless by the death of his not hear any music." adored wife. Yesterday, in despair, he took his own life, and on me devolves unbroken and once more she forgot the task of settling his affairs in an hon-

orable manner. I must do this dear, for he was a Langelot." "Of course," was the reply, "it is your duty." "There is something else, said Mon-

sicur Langelot slowly, and his wife, startled by his hesitation, exclaimed but the last chord from Lucien's violin anxiously:

"What do you mean?" "My brother has left a son, he is welve years old, but delicate and deformed, and will never be able to provide for himself."

adont him?"

"My dear-"You are perfectly right," cried the essentially a religious practice-so much baking powder biscuit; butter a pie tin, young woman, kissing her husband so that no important act in their lives take a piece of the dough sufficient to fondly, "how good you are, dear! Bring seems sanctioned unless accompanied by press out with the hands to half an inch the poor boy home, and he shall be our Clairette's elder brother." And thus the orphan's fate was settled

by these two simple loving souls. Monsieur and Madame Langelot, who had been married twelve years, idolized arm himself with the mandau, or wartheir only child. Clairette was, three club, until he has beheaded at least one ycars o'd, a frail, delicate little creature, victim. The wooer is rejected by the highly nervous, treated like a queen, and maiden of his choice unless he can prosomewhat despotie, as spoiled children duce one head to adorn their new home. uscally are.

In a few days Lucien Langelot arrived at his uncle's home. He was painfully deformed, pale and delicate, and of his mother's radiant beauty had inherited the grave with honor unless he is accomnothing except the large dark eyes, which illumined his thin face with their bril-

On arriving at the hotel near the grand old forest, the young bride sat looking out of the window to enjoy the view and the scent of the fir trees.

ding tour.

Night fell, calm and quiet, the trees more satisfying-were rustled by the caresses of the of plants bough breeze, a sweet perfume came from the sides, home-gro forest, and the only sound was a soft in- more robust definable murmur that seemed like the forced under breathing of nature. Claire turned to Raoul, saying: "Do you know, I am anxious about up to the time Potted play Lucien. We may be ill. I did not sec

even to say good-bye." their y the severance of plied with love's jealousy:

"Forget him and every one, my wife, all your thoughts now belong to me." and beneath the blue sky where the golden stars were sparkling, she forgot all else in the embrace of him to whom she had given her heart.

Suddenly there arose on the still night air a soft strain of music that sounded apple and beat. Berve with boiled euslike a sigh, a lamentation, and Claire, roused from her ecstacy of love ex- three eggs, small cup of sugar, quarter

"Hark! That is Clairette's Song Italian lady, who had a madonna-like Dear Lucien! I know that he has come to stir to a cream one-half cup of sugar and face and wonderful musical talent. Her celebrate my happiness, to play for me one tablespoonful of butter, add two Cark eyes bewitched him, and in spite of on my wedding-night. But, ah, how well-beaten eggs; two tablespoonfuls of tion, he married her. He was utterly "You are dreaming my love," said

She listened again, but the silence was To Make Raspberry Salad-To a

everything but her love. At dawn the next day, in a pathway across his broken violin, the dead body

for a moment to the young bride's car,

had awakened only the birds of the forest .- The Epoch.

still addicted to head-hunting, a prac-. "And you think it is our duty to tice which has made their name notorthe destruction of the whole race. It is

> the offering of one or more heads. The child is born under adverse influences unless the father has presented a head or two to the mother before its birth. The young man can not become a man and

The chief fails to secure recognition until he can exhibit to his subjects a head secured by his own hand. No dying person can enter the kingdom beyond panied by one or more headless companions. Every rajah owes to his rank the

feeding roots will Ffatal, check to the give a serious, plants. - New Y I Times.

TPES. Apple Cream Castard-Bake five ap-les and then remove cores and skins

oles and then rea beat whites of three eggs to a froth, add tard made of one quart of milk, yolks of of a cup of flour, little salt.

Cream Pie-Line a plate with crust. flour and two cups of milk; mix all together well; flavor to suit the taste, pour tard pie.

service.

and discomfiture.

quart of ripe raspberries you need half a pint of red current jelly and a gill of clear syrup, made by dissolving a gill of near the hotel there was found lying sugar in a sauce an with a tablespoon-across his broken violin, the dead body ful of hot water when melted add the of Lucien Langelot. The brief lament currant juice; hen cold pour this all of unspoken hopeless love had floated up over the raspbe ies, and set on ice till morning.

Flannel Cake -One quart of flour, one gill of ocra heal, four eggs, one ta-blespoonful of latter melted in a pint of Why the Dayaks Hunt Heads. Many Dayak tribes of Australia are till addicted to head-hunting, a prac. tice which has made their name notor-ious, and which but lately threatened quickly, as you would buckwheat cakes. Apple Shortkike-Make a crust as for in thickness and the size of the tin: place in the tin, and spread the top with butter; mold our another similar piece and lay on the op of this, and bake. Prenaro tant nce, adding a piece of buy the size of a hickory nut. When the crust'is done, carefully divide the layer p spread with butter, and put the hot apple sauce between. Serve with sugar and cream, or other sauce as preferred.

Veal Cutlets-Steam, the cutlets for a few minutes, so as to parly cook them, then wipe them dry. Have ready a dish with finely-powdered cracker-dust. In will be corrected and he will get the pension which is due him." another dish have four egg yolks, beaten light and mixed with two tablespoon-fuls of rich, sweet cream. Season cut-

military record in the Adjutant-General's died June 4, is still kept in brine, the office showed that the man in question enlisted in that regiment and company, and died in Tennessee of smallpox in 1864. There was a great deal of strong collateral evidence to show that he had died in 1862 of smallpox. It was finally asceremony. certained that the man did die in 1862

thought to be a god who took the form and more practical. They can killed him, and ate him, and could be compared with him ness of flesh. ranks with ignorant colored men who would take the name withe deceased, no matter what it with. In this can the

oldier who was originally enlisted died in 1862; a new man was put in his place under the same name, and he died of the

really two colored soldiers, one of whom was mustered in and died in 1862, while the other was not mustered in, but served two years and died in 1864. Under the circumstances, of course, the widow of the man who died in 1862 got pension. The mother of the man who died in 1861 got no pension, because her the numerical claims of its army. son was never really mustered into the

"There have been thousands of cases where men were not deserters, who never did desert, nor never left the army. Thousands of fellows fell by the roadside, were taken into field hospitals, sent North, recovered, returned to their regiments and served through the remainder of the war, who are reported as deserters. The Sergeant of the company failing to account for a man who straggled from the ranks found it easier to put 'deserter' opposite his name than to look for him. At the end of the month his name would be taken from anything the large landed proprietors the rolls, a new Sergeant might be in charge of the company when he re-

turned, and then the mark of desertion would never be corrected until years after the war, when he would apply for a pension and find this record staring him in the face, greatly to his discredit "There was a young man in to see me

this morning-he is yet comparatively a young man-who was taken sick in. front of Vicksburg, in 1863, while on the march from Champion Hills. He was in hospitals for several months and was in a lunatic asylum for over three years. When he recovered his reason the war had closed, and he gave no attention to his military record until a few weeks ago, when he made application for a pension and found himself marked as a deserter. The poor fellow had fallen in line of duty, just as truly and heroically as though he had been in line of battle stricken down with a bullet. He is now York World. engaged in procuring evidence to prove the truth of his story, the result of which will be that his military record

Catching Rats With a Pet Snake.

process of embalming being unknown to the people of that far-off land. The body will be kept four or five months, according to the custom of the country, and then interred with much pomp and In the Middle Ages the Luckoo was

of a bird, and it was sachlege to kill him. The Romans were less superstitious and more practical. They mught him, killed him, and ate him, and told no bird OF ST

Russian Soldiers in the Country. One sees less of the military element

smallpox two years later. There were in provincial Russia than might have been expected. There are camps at every good-sized town-a tented fieldfor in Russia the army goes into camp all summer. But garrison towns are few and far apart, and it is only by bearing in mind the vast extent of Russian territory that one can come to accept as probable

It is curious to see soldiers in uniform working in the harvest-fields or mending the roads. The pay of the Russian soldier is only seventy kopecks a monthless than Uncle Sam pays his boys in blue per day. As an offset, however, the Russians are permitted to hire out as laborers or artisans-anything they can find to do. In the cities the soldiers of the garrison usually have the preference over others as supers in the theatres, and among them are often found amateur actors, singers and musicians of considerable talent. In the provinces they work at harvesting, plowing, ditch-digging or

can find for them to do. In every village are young men who have returned home from their three years' military duty. / The Russian peasant dreads going to the army, but when he returns is immediately proud of his service. He then considers himself far superior to those whom three years before he would have given an ear to change

places with in order to remain at home. The secret of exaitation is that while in the barracks he has received a very meagre education and knows a thing or two more than the rustics about him. The military burden, apart from the expenses of keeping up the army, seems to sit lightly enough on the population. Neither the eldest son nor a son on whom depends the support of his parents is required to serve. The young many who can pass a certain examination is required to serve only one year in the regular army as a volunteer recruit .- Neu

## A Nolsy Fish.

At a recent meeting of the Berlin Phys iological Society Professor Moebius de scribed a peculiar fish-which he had met with in Mauritius. While on a visit to that island last year he observed a bright.

"The new assessor is a very honest man." "You don't say so! What has he been doing?" "Why, he told me he often taxed his own memory."- West Shore.

"Judge," said the prisoner, who had robbed an art store, in a pleading tone, "there ain't any law to prevent a man's taking photographs, is there?"- Chicage Tribune.

Brown-"Hellon, Smith, have you change for a V?" Smith-"Yes; here you are." Brown-"Thanks. I'll bring the five-dollar bill next week."-Detroit Ires Press.

Groom-"A ring around the moon is the sign of rain." Bride (sweetly)-"And a ring around a woman's finger is the sign of \_\_\_\_ Groom \_\_ (sadly) "Reign." \_\_ Jouoslers' Weekly.

Miss Amy-"Now I'll sing you 'Oaly a Lock of Her Hair.'" Young Dolley (after she has made several false starts)-"You don't seem to have the right key for that lock."-Lippincott's.

Susan (reciting)-"Half a league, half a league, half a league onward-" Father-"There, Susan, that'll do. We don't want any of that baseball nonsense in this house."-Boston Transcript.

If progress, now so fresh and fleet, Keeps on, it's just as like as not We'll take our baths, and shave, and cat By putting nickles in the slot. - Washington Post.

First Citizen (at a street row)-' Is that man lying in the ambulance one of the fighters?" Second Citizen-"No, he was passing at the time and tried to stop the fight. There go the fighters walking off now."-Boston Herald.

"No," said Professor Feelen, the eminent phrenologist," my profession does not yield a life fail of sectione, ar many suppose, I tell you;" and he wiped away a tear. "I've felt some pretty hard bumps in my life."-Light.

"Are you a student or a practicing physician?" asked the young woman of the young man who had been known as "Doctor" since last June. "Neither," he said, with a depth of disappointment which she could not fathom .- Washing-

Mr. Chugwater (explaining matters to visitors)-"My wife is generally well, but she is suffering to-day from rheamatism, influenza, toothache, a score thumb and an inflamed eye. In her case it never mins but it pours. Mrs. Chugwater (explaining matters also)-"I don't make any fuss about it, though. I am not like my husband. He never pains, but ho For a short period, under the West Saxon kings of England, Croyden was the capital, and London a mere provincial town. Norwood, if it were now named afresh would be South Wood. since it is south of London; but, when it was christened, it lay to the north of Croydon, which was the more important A man at Langhorne, Penn., is fitting up a pigeon house to accommodate a thousand hirds. It will be the largest