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A society called "The Indirect Vege-

tarians" has been organized at Madras,

India, the members binding themselves

by terrific penalties only to "eat the

meat of such animals as live on vegeta-

ble food," and they pledge themselves

nels of the bivouac, and are taught to

watch for and bark violently at the faint-

reads without glasses and shaves him-

self; Stephen Withington, of Hud-

and fast losing his mind, and Mrs. Mar-

garet Arnold, of New Holland, Ohio,

who on July 4th was 110 years old, and

to our Government reports, promises

more than an average. The Russian

promise. That of Spain is mediocre,

India crop, harvested a few months ago,

preceding-say 238,000,000 bushels,

Australasia will produce probably 15,

000,000 bushels more than in 1885-86,

or 37,000,000 bushels. The product of

ing snow. They have a golden stripe

down each side, and are the most beau-

tiful fish that swim. Those who saw the

first specimens of these trout that were

brought down from the head of Whitney

creek thought that they were made up

for show-that stripes of gold leaf had

been glued to their sides." Fine scales.

however, do not necessarily make fin

fish, and it may be that the golden trout

would be good for use only in a glass

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history. A prominent observer in the

West says: "Fully seventy-five per cent.

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rupt, and the banks are merely holding

them up in expectation of an advance in

prices. The days of the cattle king are

thing of the past. The depreciation of

prices has ruined them, and they can

several years the business has been car-

ried on at a dead loss, and they have

been compelled to sell their stock at

prices far below their value in order to

over, and the ranchman will soon be

never hope to regain their footing.

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power to face it out, rose hastily and left

I knew I had lost Norah O'Cregan.

How could she ever care for a man

whose conduct must have appeared so

My life after this incident was not a

the time alone, pondering how to re-

contemptible?

England.

comes shouted.

Brighton barracks.

dying for!"

moment to me, all the same.

weeks were passed in the sick ward of

One day the door was suddenly thrown

"Cheer up, cheer up, old man!" cried

one. "Hear this," skimming through a

paper he held in his hand. " 'Conspic-

uous bravery, V. C.' Why, it's worth

was soon able to go down to the sea in a

One morning, as I was lazily lying

back drinking in the fresh salt air, I be-

came conscious of a figure standing by

Neither of us spoke for a few mo-

At last she said, "Oh, I am so sorry,

"Then tell me you do not think me a

"How could I? Oh, do not ask me

and yet so very glad, so very proud!"

that for all time Norah was my own.

pair of young coons to her family.

the cab for a year.

-[New York Sun.

Stories of Cats.

cat and parrot that are firm friends.

An Effectual Treatment for Warts.

It is now fair!y established, says a

doses of sulphate of magnesia taken in-

A Blind Boat Builder.

ings, and seems to be able to make his

ears perform the function of his vision

He seems to be able to carry a plan in

mind's eye and to follow in imagination

his lines as well as others using their

also blind .- New York Times.

what's the stain on your hand?

ton Free Press.

missionary station?"

sight. Several others in his family are

Mrs. Popinjay-Aha, by the way,

Mr. Popinjay-Paint, I was coming by

Blobson's fence and just touched my fin-

ger to it to see if it was dry .- [Burling-

Not Missed.

"Yes; we are quite alone now."

"Oh, mother didn't go |"

"And so your father has gone to

"Don't you miss the directing hand of

coward now!" I cried eagerly.

such a question!" she faltered.

ments as I gazed fondly on her blushing

my chair. I opened my eyes.

"Norah!" I cried-"Norah!"

open and some of our fellows burst in.

immediate active service.

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The Doctor.

Natural gas displaced in the year 1886 no less than 6,353,000 tons of coal The doctor is a useful man, Constructed on a noble plan; valued at \$9.847,150, a fact which goes He's sometimes fat and sometimes lean far to explain the comparatively small And sometimes just half-way between, increase in production of coal contrasted But none confers more blessings than with the far greater increase in the pro-The doctor. duction of iron. The doctor goes and lingers where

Men's moanings freight the fetid air; Where'er he can he gives relief To sickness and as well to grief. Ah, ill could we poor mortals spare The doctor. He may some stately palace own,

All silk inside and outside stone; But still, in counting human woes, Like some base-burner stove he goes, And never sleeps-so far as known-The doctor. We may not know him when this shell

Of clay befits the spirit well, But when the spirit doth protest Against the clay that doth invest, Our grief in confidence we tell The doctor.

The doctor is a generous man. But people cheat him when they can; They have their health restored on "trust, And pay him sometimes when they must And swear no bill is bigger than The doctor's.

-[Columbus News.

A BRAVE COWARD.

to continue such abstinence throughout I remembered I woke up very early their lives, except under medical advice that morning, with that dim sense of it should be thought necessary to do something important being about to happen which so often inserts itself into the brain of the partially-aroused A computation just made on good data shows that there are in England now

Without opening my eyes, I began about 3,000,000 working women, of drowsily wondering what it was. Did I whom one-half are in domestic service; expect my commission? No; that arfurther, that half the working class rived three months ago. Was I to join families in the country are partly or my regiment? No; I had already done wholly maintained by women, who are that, and was now settled in barracks in widows, or the wives of sick or drunken a small Irish garrison town with an unhusbands, or the daughters of aged, pronounceable name. Then I remember afflicted, or dissolute parents, and that I dozed off again, only to start up and most of these latter work at extremely wonder what on earth it was.

The start did it. I opened my eyes, and knew it was the 24th of June, the Olive Thorne Miller in writing about day our fellows had arranged to give the "Pets of the Household" in Harper's their picnic in Arrangounick Wood. Bazar, says some very pleasant things Of course I had gone to sleep thinking about rats. The rat is described as an intelligent beast, scrupulously neat in

of it, dreamt of it, and now all my plans rushed into my brain; how that I, Lieuhis person, affectionate and playful. The tenant Eric Maurice, H. M. Forty-eighth writer of the foregoing will not enjoy Royal Blues, stood pledged-at any rate, the following true story, says the Epoch: in my own mind-on that day to gain In the house of a New York family now in the country, a rat was caught the past | for my own the kindest little heart, the merriest blue eyes, the rosiest lips in all summer. The two servant girls were the Emerald Isle. afraid to drown it and therefore cruelly

That all these belonged to Norah allowed the rat to starve to death in the O'Cregan I need not tell you; for if you have ever heard of that military town The dog messenger corps for the Ger- of Houstgoron, you have heard, too, of man army is being carefully trained just | Norah.

now by the Schwerin garrison. Swift Once I had fully comprehended all and intelligent dogs are chosen, and are that was before me, I jumped out of my taken out by the patrols regularly to the bed into my tub, singing, whistling and outposts, where pencil notes are tied to shouting, as is my wont during tha protheir collars, and the dogs are despatched gression of my toilet. Walls in barracks back to a given point. When any of are notably not of the thickest, and I the carrison are manœuvring at night received many interruptions to my song: the dogs accompany the advanced senti-When and how shall I earliest me-e-et her?

What are the words she fir-r-st shall say?" "Bother you!" shouted Tompkins

est sign of any one approaching the from the room on the left, and crash fixed." came a boot hurled viciously against Here are three persons so old as to de- the wall. mand attention. Nicholas Rabo, born in

'By what name shall I lear-rn to gree-et her? Lorraine in 1792, a member of the grand "You idiot!"-this from Williams on army of Napoleon, now living near Bellethe right, accompanied by tapping, as ville, Ill., and so vigorous that he of a brush. "Can't you let a fellow the street without a cane,

'I know not now, but shall kno-ow some

son, Mass., nearly 101 years old, blind, At this juncture my door was burst violently open, and in came Tompkins himself in an unbecoming state of unwho while bodily quite well is failing up in the air. This, however, he dropned when he saw me already dressed and fixing a crimson rose-bud in my coat the The European wheat crop, according exact shade of the silk handkerchief whose comers showed knowingly from

my pocket. and Austrian crop especially are of fine "Whew !-whew !" he calmly remarked, seating himself on my bed. "Is In Germany, France and England rethat it? Poor fellow!" And he slowly ports are generally favorable. The inspected me from head to foot. "Don't you think," he continued, "that flower will be 20,000,000 bushels less than the leans a little too much to the left? It might fall out, you know, and then all the heavy work would fall on the handkerchief; you can't expect it to do the business unsupported. But stay, dear the world promises to be quite as much as for each of the two preceding har- | boy; alter nothing. As you are, you

But here I left the room. This man According to the Boston Post "Golden always irritated me almost beyond entrout are found in but one place in the durance, and I never could understand world-that is in the brooks of Mount how any one in this wide world could Whitney, up near the banks of everlastfind amusement in his foolish remarks.

> I looked at my watch. Good gracious! It wanted still three hours to the time we were to start. Breakfast might be made to last one, but what to do with the other two rather puzzled me. I went outside and walked up and down, but was soon driven in again by seeing Tompkins' ugly face watching me with a broad grin from his window.

> However, the time passed somehow gan to hope that after all he was not coming with us. This hope lasted until was seated on the drag, when suddenly I heard his loud voice as he mounted the steps to the top.

"Never know if I feel most like a cir-

was saying. And as his head appeared over the seat opposite me, and his eye caught mine, he paused, put up his eye-glasses and slowly surveyed me from my feet upward, until his eye rested on my rosebud, when he gently waved his hand to intimate that it inclined too much to the left, burst into a loud guffaw and sat

down. This added to the annoyance I already Maurice will take some beef." felt, and declining to take any part in the fun that went on during the drive, I and I felt that all was known. I felt

arrived at the scene of the festivities in mortified, humiliated, and, without anything but an enviable frame of mind. But soon I saw Norsh standing with | them, returning at once to barracks. some friend in the shade of the trees, and the sight of her fresh, sweet face seemed to act like magic on my spirits, and blow all the cobwebs away. Heedless of the impudent smile on Tompkins's face that greeted my start of pleasure I made my way quickly to her

late annovance. "They start at once for the ruins," I regiment, which was ordered abroad on said. "Will you come, too?" "I want first to finish my sketch,"

comed me more than repaid me for my

she answered. "I want to put in some cattle, and hear there are some fine oxen near. Could you show me the way?" Now, I think, if Norah had asked me anything else in the world I should have jumped at the chance of doing it for her sake; but to face bullocks! From my infancy I have had an inborn dread of the whole race; even the homely and

succulent cow of commerce is not exempt from my dislike; while the misnamed "monarch of meadows," the unmitigated bull, fills me with a feeling that hardly falls short of absolute terror I did not answer; I could not.

"Please do not come, if you would rather go with the party to the ruins,' Norah continued. "I will ask Captain Tempkins,"

It was enough. Hardly considering the consequences, I exclaimed, "I will come with pleasure." We started.

"What magnificent creatures!" she cried, when she reached the field, "Oh, and what a number.'

There certainly was, and more than cared for. Behind, before, on either hand they stood, grazing, or lay down chewing the cud.

"Oh, do come closer! I must get that lovely group!" exclaimed Norah. It was a group of four ferocicus-looking beasts, one standing, the rest lying in various attitudes around. One, great black animal eyed us steadily, and slightly altered his position the better to see us. Norah sat down: I reluct-

"Would you sharpen my pencil?" she

antly did the same.

She was looking at me curiously. fancy she half-suspected my nervousness; so, putting the best face of matters, I got out my knife and held out my hand for the pencil, and, as she held it toward me, I forgot all but her own sweet self and seized the little hand tenderly. She snatched it hastily away, and I think now she thought, as doubtless my attitude suggested, that I was about to pare her nails.

"I think, Mr. Maurice," she said gently, "I could manage better if you would not mind going the other side of the bullocks and attracting the notice of that black one in the other direction. They are looking the same way and it looks so stiff. If you held out some grass to him or switched your stick about, it might keep his attention

I rose slowly, and cautiously found my way to the other side.

It was quite needless to do anything to attract that monster's attention; his eye was on me. As I moved, so did he: and, as I sat down, he turned his head right around, the better to watch me, I was turning hot and cold by turns.

"That will do nicely, thanks. Keep him in that position for a few minutes,"

Then came a silence, broken only by dress and another boot held menacingly the beating of my heart. The suspense grew unbearable, and the perspiration began to pour down my face. I drew out my handkerchief to wipe my heated brow, when, with an angry grunt, the animal began to rise. I saw my fatal error; the handkerchief was red! Rapidly the brute gained his feet and

> It was too much. All, all was forgotten but the fate that seemed before me. I sprang up-I blush to own it-I turned around and I ran! Thud, thud came those hoofs behind me. Nearer came that snorting breath

with head bent low advanced toward

till I almost thought I felt it hot upon my neck. Faster and faster I flewnearer and nearer came that frantic

Just then I thought I caught a faint voice on the air—"Pray drop your handkerchief!" I did, for I found in my terror I have been waving it from side to side as I ran. Almost immediately the tramping of hoofs ceased; but without pausing to look behind I made straight for a fence just in front of me, which having vaulted, I found myself safe at

Then the whole absurdity of my position burst upon me. The ridiculous figure I must have cut before Norah, the contempt she must feel for my cowardice! Oh, what would I not have given and I saw no more of Tompkins, and be- to be able to wipe the last half hour out

After a great deal of consideration as to my future conduct, I determined to face the party at lunch, when I could judge if my late exploit was known. When I joined them, they were all seated cus or a bank holiday on this thing," he on the grass. I noticed a decided pause in the conversation as I approached. Tompkins was busily helping Norah to some strawberries. His head was turned away from me, but when he saw me up went that detested glass, and the usual inspection began. When his eye gained the level of my pocket, where the handkerchief so lately had shown itself, he looked suddenly full in my face and, calling to the carver, said: "Brett, Mr.

A roar of laughter followed this sally your household?" our bey towy

TURKISH SCHOOLS.

Teaching the Young Idea in the

The Branches Taught in Primary and Normal Schools. happy one. As far as I could I passed

ide, and the shy, sweet smile that wel- trieve the lost ground, and hailing with Not until a Turkish child reaches his delight an opportunity which soon after sixth or seventh year does his education offered itself of changing into another begin and his first day at school is celebrated with ceremonies that are unheard Companion. No other such ponies are Time passed and once more I was on to be found as the spirited iron-gray my native soil. We received a perfect ponies of the east, and one of these is ovation when we landed in dear old gorgeously caparisoned for the new pupil, who is met at his father's house by Tel-el-Kebir was the subject of every all the school, dressed in holiday one's thoughts, and sick and ill as I was clothes.

my cheek flushed with honest pleasure A priest makes a short prayer, the as handkerchiefs were waved and welchild is placed upon his pony, and the pupils, males and females, are formed in I was faint and dizzy; my arm had double line. The procession moves, been amputated at the shoulder and I singing hymns as they go, with the little suffered acute pain, but it was a proud hero of the day following, and thus he is initiated into the new world of learn-I was invalided directly after, and

In the primary schools boys and girls are educated together. The teachers are taken from the priesthood, and from the graduates of the theological universities who have learned to read the "Koran," which is written in Arabic, and which all good Musselmen must learn much discipline or information pertain- surface. The plant tends to prevent

or two rooms, or "holes in the wall," with three divans for the pupils, and a holding their books on their knees and reciting all at the same time, in a loud, shrill voice. They learn'grammar and the

Koran a little, they take up writing, and, as there are no writing tables or desks, they hold their copy-books in their hands. This is all they education they receive in the primary schools.

And as her eyes rested on the empty sleeve that was pinned across my breast I saw they were full of tears; and so were mine, but they were tears of joy, for as my hand closed on hers, I knew A St. Louis cat with only three kittens went out and brought in two young rabbits, and a few days later added a An engineer on the Wabash Railway, that the governing class in Turkey year 768 snakes were sold, his customers whose train has yet to meet its first accident, attributes his good luck to a cat that has been his constant companion in Dr. Snow of Danbury, Conn., has a

The parrot escaped from the cage and flew out of the window, when the cat exhibited the greatest distress, and on the Doctor's return from a call made plain to him by her actions what had A cat belonging to a Boston family is used to traveling, being taken to the country every season when the family goes. This year she had a kitten that she was anxious about, and as soon as the approaching immigration appeared thousand and ninety-three students. she packed her little one into a partially

filled trunk lest it should be overlooked. writer in The Medical Press, that the common wart, which is so unsightly and often so proliferous on the hands and face, can be easily removed by small ternally. M. Coirat, of Lyons, has drawn attention to this extraordinary fact, Several children treated with three-grain the Koran than to anything else. doses of Epsom salts morning and even-

ing were promptly cured. M. Aubert cites the case of a woman whose face was disfigured by these excrescences and who was cured in a month by a drachm and a half of magnesia taken daily. Another medical man reports a case of very large warts which disappeared in a fortnight from the daily administration of ten grains of the salts .- Medical gious truths, and by them he is taught It is a positive fact that Herreshoff, the boat builder, is totally blind; but so versation that will be against his own sensitive and acute to his touch that he interests. an pick out different sheets of draw-

utmost gravity he pumps him full of us had a sister."

"Ah, indeed!" the obtuse Englishman remarks, "twenty of you." "No," says Uncle Larry, scornfully; 'eleven."

Quite a Coincidence. Papa-Why so pensive, my daughter?

Eloise-Jack Buffington has just retween us is ended.

morning-protested. -[Tid-Bits,

The Vinegar Plant.

"The tough, leathery substance, commonly called 'mother,' which forms in vinegar," says Popular Science Monthly, objects, and fall into exposed liquids, and its presence tends to hasten the of in America, says S. S. Cox in Youth's operation. It grows on the surface of the vinegar, and if not disturbed will cover the whole surface, conforming to

the shape of the vessel." Manufacturers of vinegar get rid of the 'mother" as soon as possible. The popular notion that the presence of "mother" shows that the vinegar is made of cider, and is of good quality, is not well founded. The vinegar plant appears in vinegar made of molasses, and it is really as undesirable in vinegar as mould on bread. The little wriggling creatures that swarm in some vinegars have been credited by some uneducated persons with being the life of the vinegar. The fact is that their presence is in

no way beneficial. These cels are developed in most fruits, and hence readily find their way into vinegar made from fruit juices. Vinegar which contains them must contain some mucilaginous or albuminous matter, or how to read. Persons of this class of the eels would have no food, and could teachers are consequently stringent re- not exist. They need air, also, and they And as their cheery congratulations ligionists, and some of them are quite have been observed engaged in a curious poured in upon me I felt it was worth fanatical. If the pupil does not acquire struggle with the vinegar plant at the I began to mend rapidly at this, and ing to modern material progress, it is their obtaining the requisite supply of because the twig is not bent in that di- air, and the eels were seen combining their efforts to submerge it. They may A primary school is composed of one be killed by heating the vinegar to 128 degrees, or by adding boracic acid. The presence of the vinegar plant, vinegar eels or other foreign substance is liable cross-legged in a line on the divans, to induce putrefaction, especially if the vinegar is weak.

A Snake Farm. The Omaha Herald is responsible for

a description of a snake farm, which it says is situated at Galton, Ill. The farm it says, consists of forty acres of virgin prairie, owned by Col. Dan Stover, and is a short distance from town. There are thirty-seven mounds of earth on the farm. Besides the primary, there are four prepared in such a way that the snakes superior schools, except the military and use them for nests, and there are about ten or twelve nests to the mound. The Colonel says each nest turns out about a these no education is to be had. Wealthy dozen rattlers each year, so that his men engage European teachers to help stock is increasing rapidly. He has a dollars. contract with a Philadelphia patent medand modern science; but the common icine firm that is making a rheumatism cure, and furnishes them with 250 snakes a year at \$2.25 each. No snake less that four feet long is accepted. Last being scattered through a number of cit lish, Greek, Italian and German, it may ies. As much care is taken of the young be stated that the Turk has an aptitude, snakes as if they were lambs. The newhis necessity the mother of his-study. for by their mother they are taken to During the reign of Sultan Abdul the Colonel's home, located in one cor-Medjid, some thirty-five years ago, an ner of the lot, and there fed by the effort was made to spread normal schools | children who catch bugs for them about throughout the Empire, but without the garden and street. Sometimes the eggs are hatched out under the stove. A the present Sultan that the matter of half dozen very large snakes with their education has been carnestly taken up. fangs drawn are kept about the house as pets. They are excellent mousers, much Administration of Public Instruction has | better than cats, the Colonel says. The established throughout the Empire in Colonel wanders about his farm, taking throughout the night, to the great fano other precaution against the reptiles and eighty-eight primary and normal than to wear a pair of thick boots. When schools, and last year there were twenty | a reporter called on him the Colonel complained that the neighbors did not Besides these, there are eighty pri- come to visit him very often, and that mary and normal schools in Constanti- his wife didn't like that very much, for

The Origin of Opera. The ancient Greeks and Romans had both tragedy and comedy, but no opera, The latter was introduced in 1600 in which include calligraphy, arithmetic, order to celebrate the nuptials of Henry history, grammar and theology. More IV. and Maria De Medici, and the play time, however, is given to the study of of "Eurydice" was rendered by singers. Under the patronage of the court this combination became highly popular. In 1710 Italian opera was performed in London and was at once keenly assailed who have as much influence as the pro- by those who opposed what they confessors of mathematics and history. In sidered foreign trash. In order to assist white tree stumps appeared and reapthe early training of the child by its in ridiculing this innovation Gay wrote the "Beggar's" opera, which had a great run. Both Pope and Hogarth united in satirizing the Italian opera, but it held its place, and is now a permanent feature in the British stage. The Italian opera was introduced in America in 1826 by the Garcia and Malibran troupe, the first performance being the "Barber of Saville."-[Troy Times.

Profit in Old Corks. Where do all the corks go? They

come ashore by the million. Those that are not thrown into the sea by improvident barkeepers are used over again. The careful barkeeper saves his corks, one by one, until he accumulates s barrelful, which he sells for \$5 to men who select the good ones and dispose of them "There were ton of us boys, and each to bottlers. The bad ones are ground up to make linoleum. If not irredeemably bad they are trimmed down and "made as good as new" for use in smal bottles or phials. There was a time when waiters pocketed the corks pulled from bottles of costly foreign wine, and for 3 or 4 cents apiece sold them to parties whose champagne vineyards are in Avenue L' or New Jersey; but something around the better class of foreign wines.

A Million Dollar Diamond.

It is a matter of uncertainty what

mine furnished the largest polished diamond in the world and how it reached England is somewhat uncertain. But Mr. G. F. Kunz gives some account in Science of this unusual treasure, and speaks of the sensation caused by it in the great diamond market at Hatton Garden, London. After considerable time had been spent in trying to find a capitalist who could afford to buy such a gem, it was at last arranged by a former resident of the Cape mines to form a company of eight persons, who bought the stone together for £45,000 cash, on condition that if they should dispose of it, each should receive a ninth share in the eventual profits. It was then decided to cut the stone into the largest possible brilliant, still preserving a good shape, and Amsterdam was selected as the place where the gem could best be cut. It was accordingly sent to the polishing mills of Jacques Metz, who erected a special workshop for the purpose. In order to better obtain the brilliant form of cutting, a piece was cleaved off which furnished a 19 carat diamond, and was sold to the King of Portugal for £4,000. The cutting of the large stone, which was commenced on the 9th of April, in the presence of the Queen Holland, took about twelve months, since, instead of being cut by abrasion with another diamond, as diamonds are usually cut, it was polished down on the scaif; and a great amount of time was consumed by the cooling of the stone, as it heated after an hour's running on the wheel. The cutter of the stone was M. B. Barends. The stone in its finished condition weighs 180 carats, and is a beautiful, perfect, steel blue diamond, and is the largest brilliant in the world.

It is 1 9-16 inches long, 1 11-64 inches wide and 15-16 of an inch thick, being exceeded in size by one diamond only, the Ovloff, belonging to the Russian crown, which weighs 194 3-4 carats, but is a large deep rose, and not a brilliant. The Victoria exceeds the Regent in weight by 44 1-8 carats. The Kohinoor weighs only 106 1-16 carats.

The form of the Imperial is not entirely even. On one side of the girdle there is quite a flat place, a natural unpolished surface, necessary, in cutting, to preserve the large weight of the stone. It is, however, a perfect 58 facet brilliant, The original weight of the stone was 457 1-2 carats, 3 1-60 ounces troy. The stone today is held by a London syndicate for £200,000, or about one million

A Bogus Army. During the war with Spain last century, when England carried the fighting into the Spanish possessions in South America, a funny incident happened near Carthagena. This city was attacked in 1741 by the British fleet and army, and one night, after a furious bombardment, a regiment of soldiers was landed near one of the chief forts, the officer being ordered to watch the foe, and to summon aid if the Spaniards threatened an attack in force. Between ten and eleven o'clock he sent word that | hope to give you more the next time," four hundred of the enemy were coming, but by the time that more troops had been got ready to assist him a message arrived that the Spaniards had retired. Then the alarm was raised again, and again contradicted, and so it lasted tigue of the men. The officer in command at last grew tired of these movements, and the next time a message reached him he sent an officer with instructions to inquire into the matter. The advanced guard then showed him what looked like a body of men in white dresses (the Spanish uniform) and wearing black hats. Suddenly they disappeared. On a further march forward they as suddenly came in sight again, and once more vanished. The astonishment thus caused was tremendous; but the mystery was solved at daybreak. The source of all these alarms was found to be a grove of manchineel trees, whose bark is white. The Spaniards had cut them down to within five feet of the ground, and then burned the tops of the stumps, thus making them wear "black hats." In the uncertain light of an often-clouded moon these peared, and quite upset the soldiers, a has been seen, with their peculiar behavior .- [Little Folks.

Could Live On Air. There was a pretty little wedding the

other day on Madison avenne. On the way back from the church the young bride hid her head on her newly made husband's shoulder and burst into tears. "What is it, my darling," he whispered.

"I never told you I could not cook," "Don't let that trouble yon, Angel,

You will be required to cook scarcely

anything. I am a poet."-[Truth. Business Activity. "You have a lively set of clerks," he

said to the proprietor of the establish ment. "It must be pleasant and profit able to have employes so full of energy and vim."

"Yes," responded the proprietor, "we close early to-day and they are getting ready to go home."-[New York Sun.

He Saw a Cool Deed.

"I saw a cool deed this morning," re marked Fangle at the supper table. 'What was it?" asked his wife, with

eep interest. "The title to an ice-house," replied the wretch. - Life.

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> Beautiful Hands. My mother's weary hands! Their praises let me speak, They have held love's golden bands, So long-they are thin and weak. They are tremulous now and slow;

They guided my baby feet. They have old and wrinkled grown; But, to me, they are just as fair As when they clasped my own And folded them first in prayer.

As when, so long ago,

But, to me, they are just as sweet

They have toiled thro' patient years, While no one praised their deeds. They have wiped most bitter tears, And supplied unnumbered needs.

They have heavy burdens borne, When manhood's strength has failed; They have soothed the hearts that mourn, And inspired the hearts that quailed. The naked they have clad;

With tender touch, and sad, They have laid away their dead. Mother's hands are thin and old; But their every touch I'll love,

The hungry they have fed;

Till they clasp the harp of gold That awaits their touch above.

HUMOROUS.

The gardeners in India are all Budo

There is very little serf bathing in Russia.

Market report-Onions stronger, milk

of a mortgage. Hanging is too good for a painting

Unsatisfying food-The "provisions"

that is badly executed. in training is oysters in the shell.

Although the hen is proud of her little ones, yet she does love to sit on them. The body of a fish is a great puzzle,

because you cant make head nor tail of

Pug dogs are going out of fashion, and their naturally sad expression is deep-

It is said that drummers who travel with rubber goods are always stretching

Life is full of disappointments, and a man realizes it a while after he has planted some bird seed with the idea that he was going to raise canaries.

A little girl wasn't far wrong when she

told her teacher, in answer to the question. "What is the worst thing about money?" that it was "'cause we ain't Before marriage the question a gir

asks her lover most often is: "Do you really love me?" After marriage the query becomes, "Is my hat on Drawing room car: First Porter (in a

hurry)-Another wash-out!

Porter (excitedly)-Where, where? First Porter (as he disappears through the next car)-On the clothes line! An embarassed young man who had just been married by a clergyman, not

knowing how to express his gratitude, in handing over a small fee said: "I He had an auburn haired girl and promised to take her out riding. She

met him at the door when he drove up in a buggy and exclaimed : "Hello, Ready?" She misunderstood him and they don't Pedestrian-Madam, a boy who I am told is your son has just thrown a stone

at me, causing a wound that is very painful. What are you going to do about it? Mother-I don't know. Have you tried arnica? "What are you crying about, Johnny?" asked Mr. Fizzletop of his little boy Johnny. "I can't-boo-find-boo-my

candy horse," and then the poor little

fellow broke down completely. "Where

did you put it?" "I-I-eat-it up." Pig and Kitten.

A correspondent writing to Nature from Pollokshields, Glasgow, says: "My children and their governess, when staying in the north of Ireland lately, witnessed the following curious display of feelings in animals not usually credited with feelings. A boar pig was in the habit every morning of going to the basket where a blind kitten of about six weeks old was kept, allowing the little thing to creep on his back and then taking it about and caring for it during the day. The kitten got its food at the same time as the pig, and at the same trough. In the evening the man who saw to the animals used to carry the kitten back to the basket to pass the night."

How He Knew. Inquiring youth-So you are the great patent medicine manufacturer and patron

Rochester doctor-I have that honor. "I have called to get a few points on the subject of debate at our club. The question is: 'Was the moon ever inhabited?"

"It never was."

"You are sure of it?" "Certain. I have examined its rocks with the most powerful telescope and haven't struck a liver cure advertisement yet .- [Boston Beacon.

The Wealth of Nations.

It is estimated that the wealth of the following countries is increased annually by the sums named : Germany, \$200,000,-000: Great Britain, \$325,000,000; France, \$375,000.000, and the United States. 2875,000,000. va The ... United | States is already the wealthiest nation at the world, and as the above figures show, its wealth is increasing the most rapidly,

"is one of the many fungi whose spores Ottoman Empire. float in the air, settle as dust on exposed ready to grow into a bulky plant when conditions favor. . The exact position of the vinegar plant among fungi has not been settled. The plant develops while the vinegar is making; that is, while the percentage of acetic acid is increasing,

seat for the teacher. The pupils sit

four rules of arithmetic. When they are able to read from the

naval schools, and the school of medicine, established in 1830, and outside of their children in the study of languages people have to satisfy themselves with the little that is to be obtained at the primary schools. If any one is astonished generally talk French, and often Eng-

like the Russian, for tongues, and makes | ly hatched snake, if not properly cared success. It is only during the reign of In the course of eight or nine years, the Europe, Asia and Africa, three hundred

nople, in which there are five hundred she was fond of company, but, on the and forty students, two hundred and whole, since there was plenty of money seventy-five being in the free school, the in the business they were well content. only one in the empire, and six hundred and thirty-four in private schools. The programme of the studies is divided into four years, and the pupils must recite by heart, beside writing down the lessons,

No account of the education of young Turks would be complete without some reference to the storytellers of the East, told to him to inculcate moral and relithat he must not be afraid of death; that he must not be astonished at anvthing, no matter how strange; and that he is not obliged to say anything in con-

Only Eleven. A New York gossiper says: The obtuse Englishman at a dinner party is Larry serome's natural prey. With the the most astonishing circumstances of his career as warrior, editor, hunter, fisherman, vachtsman, statesman, guide, philosopher and friend. "I came of a large family" is his customary preface. Mr. Popinjay-Woman's curiosity

turned all my notes, and everything be- like a safeguard has lately been thrown Papa-Quite a coincidence, my dear. and there is now not much demand for One of his was returned to me this cerks to do "revolving" duty. -[New