For what joy untold

Reynolds.

of thinking,"

Doth the New Year hold,

POLLY WANTACRACKER.

A NEW YEAR STORY FOR THE GIRLS.

brought any goodies some of the girls

"What is her real name?" asked Jessie.

from somebody. The letters come to

curls naturally, that is plain to be-"

not going to take sides against her,"

I'd be such a stingy thing."

bag to the poor old woman who kept a

small peanut stand on the corner, "Did

you ever see such coolness!" said the

might want her to go halves."

-George Cooper.

And what hopes within it sleep!

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Leather car wheels are made in France.

The inventor is M. de la Roche. Untan-

ned bufialo hides are cut into strips, and

built up into solid disks, which are

The finest grades of crude rubber come from Para, the trees being tapped and the sap gathered by means of paddles which are dipped in a tub of sap and held over a smoky fire that the coating may harden. This process is re-

peated until a cake of gum of the size and shape of a squash is formed, when

the paddle is cut out and the lump is

In lobsters and crabs the mouth is

situated underneath the head, and con-

follow two pairs of membraneous under

jaws which are lobed and hairy, and

hairy, and next three pairs of foot jaws.

A new process for disinfecting rage

contagion consists in driving into the

supposed to be infected with the cholers

bales a series of hollow screws, through

which sulphurous air or superheated

steam is forced. In experiments recently

made the best results were obtained with

the sulphurous air. Five minutes after

the screws were thrust into a bale it was

found that a perfect fumigation had been accomplished, and the bale, on

being torn apart, was found to have

Travelers in polar regions have sus

vived exposure to a cold as great as sev-

enty-five degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

On the other hand, the inhabitants of

some parts of the globe are forced to en-

-greater even than 200 degrees-may

be borne by the human body for a short

utes in the sculptor's drying furnace,

bringing out a thermometer which stood

Wooden Legs for Veterans,

veterans, who have applied for repairs,"

said Mr. Ramsey, who has charge of the

artificial limb department of the surgeon-

general's office, to a Star reporter. "You

know we fit them out with new sets of

legs, arms, or other apparatus every five

years. It is now getting toward the

close of one of those periods, and we have repaired 14,000 veterans."

"Aren't the one-legged men dying

"Now that's an interesting question.

I guess they are. I presume many of

them whose names we have have since

died, but I can't tell certainly. Now,

as I've said, every five years we recon-

thing less than a leg is fifty dollars.

From one period to another many old

veterans drop out. Some of them make

one or two applications, and then we

never hear from them again. Naturally,

their money or legs, they must be dead

and have no more use for them. But

we don't limit ourselves to men who

man who has simply lost the use of his limbs is entitled to a wooden leg or arm, as the case may be, though he

can't wear them. So you see we can't

keep a record of all the one legged men,

but I guess there aren't as many as there

used to be. Yet there are lots of them, and many who haven't any legs at all,

and some with neither legs nor arms.

Then there are many who have not lost

move. There is one man who gets two

arms and two legs allowance, who can-

not move any part of his body except the

little finger on the left hand, which he

a New England soldier, whose arms and

legs are dead, and who is blind in both

eyes. Not long ago a man came in here

with no arms and sat down at one of the

There is one made with a very fine 'ball

Holiday Mince-Pie.

In the old time the Christmas season

properly began on the 16th of December (described in the prayer-book calendar

as O Sapientia), and ended January 6, with Twelfth-night. When the learned

Dr. Parr was asked what day in Decem-

this association of it with the holy sea-

son seems to imply, then we have a cer-

ants did not hesitate to eat mince-pie any

day in the year they could get it, and

had so much grace that they could take

it with impunity for breakfast on a sum-

St. Stephen's college, Delhi, boats of

-by rote, and to rapidly work out sums one of our excellencies would graciously

mer morning .- Harper's Magazine,

gether.

ington Star.

can bend the least bit. There is another,

have actually lost their limbs.

"We have the names of about 18,000

was as high as 340 degrees.

off!" asked the Star man.

fumes in every part.

The horse shoe crab has no special jaws,

the thighs answering the purpose.

draulic pressure.

ready for market.

"Who?" answered that young lady. | THE LAND OF THE BANANA. THE NEW YEAR. A song for the Old confess I don't see any sweetness about While it's knell is tolled, her. I'm going to sit beside her at the And its parting moments fly! supper table and see if she only eats But a song and a cheer crackers then. And she did. She sat For the glad New Year, on one side of Stella and Mary Reynolds While we watch the Old Year die! on the other, and while eating from the heap of dainties on their own plate they

Oh! it's grief and pain, Ne'er can come again. kept a sharp look-out on the heap on And it's care lies buried deep; hers. She ate very slowly, but, one by one, cake, mottoes, bunch of grapes, al-But what joy untold Doth the New Year hold, monds and raisins quickly disappeared. "She never ate them," whispered Bella to her cousin Caroline, who sat next her. And what hopes within it sleep! A song for the Old "She's eaten nothing but some macaroons While it's knell is tolled, and her ice cream. They're gone into her And the friends it gave so true! pocket. We've got her now. Come to the dressing-room when she starts for But with hearts of glee Let us merrily home and you'll see some fun. Pass the

Welcome in the bright, bright New! word to the other girls." So when Stella started for the dress-For the heights we gained, For the good attained. ing-room, a short time after supper, she We will not the Old despise; was followed by nearly all her schoolmates. And when she found herself But a joy more sweet, seized on the right by Bella Smythe and on the left by Alice Hays, while Mary Reynolds sought for and found the Making life complete, In the golden New Year lies! A song for the Old pocket in her skirt, and in the pocket While it's knell is tolled! were cake, the mottoes, the grapes and the almonds and raisins that had been With a grander, broader zeal, And a forward view served to her at the supper table. "Oh, Let us greet the New, for shame, Miss Polly Wantacracker !" Heart and purpose ever leal! burst from the lookers on. "They Let the ills we met, are mine," said Stella, defiantly. And the sad regret, did not steal them. They were given to me and I have a right to do with them With the old be buried deep;

as I please." "For shame!" said the girls again. And "no ladylike girl would do such a thing," added Bella Smythe. "Dressed in silk and velvet, too," said her cousin Caroline. "With a gold chain and locket, and getting \$5 a month spending

money," said Alice Hays.

Stella looked from one scornful face "She is the meanest girl I ever saw in to another; the tears came to her eyes, my life," said Alice Hays.
"A regular little miser," added Mary but she forced them back and with trembling lips she turned to Alice and said: "Your carriage will be here for you in a "Who is?" asked Jessie Fergus, the few moments, will it not, Miss Hays?" "It will, Miss Polly Wantacracker. "Why, that girl over there in the corner And what then?" was the reply. by the register nibbling away at a soda "Will you take me to my home in it?

cracker. She never brings anything but And-" a cracker or two for her lunch, 'cause "Well, if that isn't sublime coolness," she's afraid, I suppose, that if she "And will you take," Stella went on,

not noticing the interruption, "Miss 'We call her Miss Polly Wanta-Smythe, Miss Reynolds and Jessie Fergus with us if they will go?" "Indeed, I'll go!" exclaimed Jessie, "Oh! her real name's Stella Burton. springing to the girl's side. "And I'm But Miss Polly Wantacracker is a much sure Mary and Bell will, too. Girls, you more suitable one according to my way must. I feel that we have misjudged

Stella, and that now she is offering us a "Perhaps she is poor and can't afford chance to do her justice. And in what any goodies for her lunch," suggested better way could we-could anyone-Jessie, who was a sweet tempered, kind begin the New Year than by setting right, as far as possible, the wrong of "Well, if she's poor, I don't see how the old?" she can afford to come to such an expen-. There was no resisting this appeal. And

sive school as this and dress as nicely as when a few moments after some one called out, "Miss Hays' carriage!" away went "That dress she's got on (doesn't it fit the five girls to stop in a little less than horribly, though?) is made of cloth that half an hour before the door of a neat costs two dollars a yard. I saw some brick house in a pleasant old-fashioned like it in my father's store last week. And she gets pocket-money every month There they got out of the carriage and

Mrs. Blossom's care, and I've seen Miss Stella led them in at the front door and Polly Wantacracker open them and take up the stairs until they reached the attic, where she softly pushed open the door of a low-ceilinged room and an said Mary Reynolds, "and spied a five old woman sitting in a rocker by a tiny dollar-bill. 'Aren't you going to treat?' stove, started out of a doze to welcome says I. 'Not this time,' says she, with her. "Dearie's been as good as gold a perfectly sickening smile, and after ever since-" she began, and then stopthat she never opened her letters in the ped suddenly and stared in surprise at school room. Look at her now. She's the unexpected visitors. "Thank you, glancing this way. Don't she look Auntie Brown. Come girls," said Stella. ashamed? She knows we're talking about And following her to the bed in the cor-"Poor girl!" said Jessie; "to me she looks more grieved than ashamed. And isn't she pretty? I wish I had her lovely, blue eyes and beautiful, curly hair. It she has no on: to take care of her but money is nearly used up. Reeling "Oh! there now," interrupted Alice me, except Auntie Brown, who lives on through the streets, shouting and fight- horse in harness. Unhitch him and take Hays, spitefully, "the girls won't think the floor below, and is kind enough to ing, they make the night hideous. The everything off but his halter, and lead much of you if you are going to stand look after her a little when I am obliged fighting once commenced, it keeps on him around. If he has a corn, or a stiff, up for Miss Polly Wantacracker, I can to be away. And now I will tell you and a wholesale spearing goes on. I saw or has any other failing, you can see it. "I shall stand up for her," declared mine (I have no near relatives but Dearie) back and shoulders with one or two cuts staves right into anything you know he Jessie, with sturdy Scotch self-assertion, owns our school building, and it is on the neck. He had received them in is blind. No matter how clear and "until I am convinced that she deserves through some arrangement between Mrs. the barsh things you say about her-no Blossom and him that I am being educamatter what the girls think. I like to ted there. And I study very hard, as you however, and he would remain there unjudge people for myself, and I haven't know, for I believe the better education | til he was cut to pieces. No matter how | that way when they don't in any other. been here long enough to form any de- a person has the better her chance of clded opinion about anybody. Maybe in a month or so I'll, find out whether Stella Burton is 'a regular little miser' or Stella Burton is 'a regular little miser' or sends \$5 a month. That \$5 just pays tack an American in that condition. or caught sometimes. Even an expert gets any foreigner of position. Indeed, they always hold an American in reverence and go at a great pace, and yet have fits. not. And until I do, I'm most certainly my rent, and the dollar and a half that and think he carries a revolver. The There isn't a man could tell it till some-I earn a week by knitting woolen baby But when "a month or so" had passed shirts and socks for a store near by, is Jessie reluctantly admitted that she had all the other money I have. My clothes are of an American. An old planter said he goes for a mile or two, then all of a sudcome to the conclusion that Alice and her friends were right. She had watched the daily nibbling of the from the wardrobe of my dear mother, crackers at lunch time and had seen who became very poor before she the reception of the monthly allowance. died, and could leave me nothing else. She had noticed the costly material of The gold chain and locket she gave to which Stella's dress, cloak, hat, and Dearic. Dearie was two years old when even aprons were made, and had been mamma left us; she is four now; and much mortified by the girl's persistent during the two years she has been all refusals to share her-Jessie's-candies, mine I have tried to make her life happy. To night I told her that I was going to "It's because she's afraid you might see Santa Claus-I could give her nothexpect something in return," said Mary ing but a cheap doll for her Christmas-Reynolds, with a scornful toss of her and that I wouldn't bring her from him head. "When she first came here, six some goodies-"

months ago, we told her that all the girls "Don't say another word, don't say took it in turn to bring sweets for the another word," cried Miss Hays. "What class, and she turned as red as a beet and young wretches we have been." said, 'please leave me out. I can't af-"Why didn't you tell us before?" asked Bella Smythe.

"I wonder what she is saving her "Because I thought it would seem too money for ?" Bella Smythe joined in. much like begging, you are so well off, "Perhaps to buy a gold watch. But I'd compared to me. Beside, I've never do without a gold watch forever before really wanted for anything; and as for little place, after his grand spree finds A stumbling horse has blemished knees. Dearie, she's one of the merriest childrene himself without means of support. He When the skin is rough and harsh, and The Christmas holidays drew near, and the pupils of Blossom academy started a Polly Wantacracker-"

ing," said Stella, when they laid it on thing, to Dearie from this day forth." her desk. "That's too bad," sneered "Bless her heart, she's awake," said Alice Hays. "We'll have to take up a Jessie.

centribution for you." And they did, And the little one tossed the curls out and the next day at recess Stella was pre- of her eyes-raised her head from the sented most ceremoniously with a paper pillow—sat up in bed—looked gravely bag of cheap crackers. Not a word did from one to another with big, blue, wonshe say when it was placed in her lap, dering eyes, and she lisped in a sweet, but when school was over Mary Reynolds, chirpy, baby voice, "How do, ladies; whose way lay in the same direction as me wish you a happy New Year."-Marhers for a block or two, saw her hand the garet Eytinge.

# Fish and Fowl at One Shot.

girls in chorus when the heard of it. I send you a particular incident that And answered themselves, "Never," in happened with me while going around the shore of a pond near Kalamazoo, Well, the holidays passed. School uary, and on the evening of the 2d Mrs. duck in the bushes, and upon wading Blossom, the principal, gave a welcomeback New Year party to her scholars and motion among the bushes just beyond their near relations. Stella came with the duck, and supposed, of course, that the rest, dressed in a delicate lavender I had killed another duck. You can silk polonaise, looped over a dark purple imagine my astonishment when, instead velvet skirt, and embroidered with of a duck, I found that a two pound bunches of lovely purple pansies, a bunch | black bass with a No. 4 shot in its head and another making, by contrast, her seen a pigeon and a squirrel killed with golden hair look still more golden.

How the Indians Gain a Living from

the Honduris coast, north of Truxillo, are many little villages where a few half-breed Indians, and perhaps a foreigner of lighter color, make their homes, and discovers that he can have a perfect garwhere the former gain a meagre subsistence from fruit plantations. You eannot see these villages as you pass along the beach on shipboard, and the whole country looks like one vast wilderness of stern the owner of the few bunches of bananas sits guiding with his paddle hauls himself up, receives his money for the cargo he has brought, drinks with and then returns to his home.

the time in chewing sugar cane. A few The top is then twirled, and the weight cocoanut trees stand in front of the are shooting up. In every village, beside the Indians, there are half a dozen the top, reels the spun thread upon the who, on account of political or other troubles, have found it necessary to emitwirled and another two or three feet exbeen the result, and a bad one at that. Every Indian who has made a little only difference between an Indian and a now cleaned and, if desired, colored achalf-breed is that the latter has a little cording to the pattern to be made. It down to the river at the rear of the man-

ing more money. During the night after a steamer has been off the village bedlam reigns. It becomes a time of carousing, drunkenness and gambling. Every Indian has learned to gamble. The Spaniards taught them that, and they are ready learners. The common type is a simple affair, similar to the rag carpet looms of New England. These, in skillful hands, turnout building material was Virginia freestone whose smoke hangs in one eternal cloud of dress goods. More painted white, Hence the name by with all the simple ways of gambling.

Monte is perhaps played as much as in China costs about \$1 for the eggs. \$2 ready for occupancy, but it was no nearly lands, nine miles beyond it, the hillsides Monte is perhaps played as much as any game. Poker is a little too intricate for the average Central American Indian, though many of them who have sufficient money allow themselves to be sufficient money allow themselves to be by the women of the household. Silk in House was not large. By the time when rivers of petroleum. Lakes of the can game. Gin is the national drink of Honduras, and gin does not improve the humor of the Indian. Then he has a native drink, a sort of pulque, which Hondurians are supposed to drink—liquor
Hondurians are supposed to drink—liquor

There would seem

\$1.75 in this country. There would seem to but with plorable event Congress authorized the expenditure of \$300,000 on its renovations, is filled to the brim, not with water, but with petroleum, suggesting unpleasant come to a large extent. Liquor from ner they saw the sweetest, prettiest, lit- | the States will find its way in, however,

how we live. A very distant relation of a man with twenty-seven scars on his Let him go by himself a way, and if he village fights. You could not persuade bright his eyes are, he can't see any more volvers are being imported into these move him. villages nowadays in large quantities, The weak parts of a horse can be betbut somehow the Indian does not get ter discovered while standing than while the knack of using them with any ac- moving. If he is sound, he will stand greater to themselves than to others. The the ground with legs plump and naturally noisy inhabitants tired out.

sal. Hence it is that at Christmas time If the horse stands with his feet spread the planter with a little capital can step apart, or straddled with his hind legs, in and purchase new plantations for a there is a weakness in the loins and the mere song. The native must have money kidneys are disordered. Heavy pulling for his Christmas carousal, and his plan- bends the knees. Bluish, milky cast tation must go if necessary. It is in eyes in horses indicate moon blindness this way that Spanish residents have or something else. A bad-tempered built up their large banana farms. The horse keeps his ears thrown back. Indian or half breed who sells out his kicking horse is apt to have scarred legs. in the world, and thinks her sister, Miss goes immediately to work, or rather sets does not move easily to the touch, the never gets ahead any. Again, they are tion of trouble. easily cheated, and will sometimes make contracts for their fruit, which will keep them in poverty. They have not the moral power to stand up for themselves,

What little work is done on an Indian half-breed's plantation is done by his stitching, beading, or even irrelevant women, and that is little enough. No fancy buttons are visible. The boot is attempt is made to obtain a full yield from the ground. Undergrowth of all kinds is allowed to choke off the young portion is roomy yet shapely. The heel, plants. When the time for gathering with not a suggestion of the 'French the fruit comes the women often have to cut a path out or drag their bananas sole of the foot is broad enough to althrough, or back them out, as they call low the girl of the period to "set down Mich, in search of crippled ducks. The this work. While the women are thus her foot" emphatically without a wince, was to begin again upon the 3d of Jan- morning's fight being over, I fired at a st work the men are chewing sugarcane or to promenade without having to stop in front of their houses, the children are at every other shop window, apparently wandering around under the cocoanut trees, some naked and some with an bound cases but in reality to give a rest apology of covering, growing up with-out any education and without an incen-out any education and without an incentive to get out of the state their parents have lived in. Yet they are half-civibunches of lovely purple pansies, a bunch of real ones serving her for a breast-pin, was making the disturbance. I have in a little better condition than the last. staple article of manufacture as the com-There is hope for them only through mon road wagon of to-day. In England

dition that Cortez found them when he GLIMPSES AT VILLAGE LIFE IN HONvisited the little city of Truxillo and built his wall there, which has constantly been a reminder to them of the civilization of the world outside. Planta-Small Fruit Plantations-Their tions that are owned by the natives are A letter from Truxillo, a seaport town raised is consequently not what it should never kept in good order, and the fruit of Honduras, Central America, to the be. What the country is capable of in New York Times, says: Scattered along this line of industry alone has never been realized by its inhabitants, and it is only

> den at his feet. Silk-Making in China.

The home manufacture of silk in China green. In the middle of the day not a sign of industry nor of habitation is evision of industry nor of habitation is evisands of women. In many cases the is almost universal, and affords remunersign of industry nor of habitation is evident, but toward night, when the sun is hiding behind the high mountains, that form a rich background to the green be low, scores of canoes or dories will be seen putting forth from the shore. Each seen putting forth from the shore. Each strewn with fresh mulberry leaves. Upon these are placed several hundred silkworm eggs. As fast as the silk worms the light craft, dexteriously steering it plied, care at the same time being taken through the rollers and fetching his to remove all those mildewed and moldy. bananas dry to the ships side. In the The feeding is done once or twice a day, paddle with a strong arm. Throwing At the end of about forty days ninety per cent. of the eggs have become large cocoons. These are scalded, slit at the unrelaxed features a glass of whisky or empty cocoon is then put on a small bamboo stick that fits it loosely. and then returns to his home.

Indian life in Certral America is not to be desired. The natives live in little thatched buts with no comforts sure. thatched huts, with no comforts, sur-rounded by vermin, and spend most of long, thin stem, terminating in a hook. house, and back of it a few banana plants and spin it at the same time. When Caribs, perhaps one or two Spaniards, stem and fastens it with a running noose Spaniards, but who have not one drop method produces a thread homogeneous structures in Washington, slowly rose White House occur only during the win-

that half-breed to leave his native village, than a bat. Back him, too. Some

drunk a native may get he will not at- But, be as smart as you can, you'll get Central American Indian respects a re- thing happens. Or he may have a weak volver, and especially one in the hands back. Give him the whip and off he made (I make them myself, and that's had gone for four years without a re- den he stops in the road. After a rest the reason they so fit badly, Miss Hays) volver, but every Indian and Carib he starts off again, but he soon stops for firmly believed he had one. Re- good, and nothing but a derrick could

> curacy, and they are in a measure harm- squarely and firmly on his limbs without less enough with them. The danger is moving any of them, the feet flatly upon gambling and drinking is kept up all poised, or if the foot is lifted from the night, until the money is spent and the ground and the weight taken from it, disease may be suspected, or at least ten-Christmas is the great time for carou- derness, which is a precursor of disease.

# Fashionable Foot-Gear.

In the matter of walking boots the purists lead the van. Nothing could be and readily fall in the trap of designing simpler nor more absolutely unadorned than the foot covering par excellence of to-day. No fanoy work, embroidery, ornamental only in its quality, which is of kid, the finest and softest. The toe to admire the display within the glass-

It is probable that bicycle and tricycle golden hair look still more golden.

"How sweet she looks," whispered and fowl at the same time it simply beats the record.—Ferest and Stream.

the same charge, but when you get fish the same time it simply beats the record.—Ferest and Stream.

education and connection with the entropy of the production, employment being given to country, with whom the native must ten thousand persons.

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT'S HOME.

When it was Built and How it is Furnished To-Day-The Various

vesient and comfortable home for its coin, which hangs above the mantelchief magistrate, and one which repre- piece, and a mahogany table about a sents with adequate magnificence the po-sition of the United States among the rich color and fine grain of mahogany, great powers of the world. Ministers and other distinguished persons from foreign countries entertained at the White House find there an elegance and so-called mahogany tables of these derefinement not surpassed in the palaces generate days.

C. Europe.

The corridor into which the state par-

premium of \$500 for the best design subwas a young man named John Hoban,

of a mansion in Dublin, the residence of and flora of the American continent in the duke of Leinster. He followed the its designs, and massive silver and dainty

and perfectly smooth. The latter is from its well-chosen site, the center of a ter. makes a silk finer than the sion. At the end of that time it exhibfinest cambric. To increase its thickness ited the same exterior as now-two stories the thread is doubled, trebled, or quad- and a basement, a length of 170 feet and date. It was partially refurnished when flood with those of the destruction of

> in the following language: The house is on a grand and superb scale, form the ordinary business of the house and stables. The lighting of the apartments, from the kitchen to parlors and chambers, is a tax indeed, but the fires we are obliged to keep to secure us from daily ague are cheer-barrack yard, distilling machines and ing. Bells are wholly wanting; not one hung steam-worked pumps, lines of rail run-throughout the whole house, and promises

> geous East Room as a place in which to their ancient worship going out one by dry the family linen. The grounds surrounding the house were uncleared and springs that feed them. rough; hence the necessity of this expression of thrifty housewifery. How different from now, when the mansion

executive offices, the President's receptorunate enemies. People killed or tion-room and the cabinet room take the badly wounded by them in war are to some brave and distinguished men. himself without means of support. He goes immediately to work, or rather sets his wife to work, and clears up a new horse is a heavy eater and digestion is subscription list for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for their principal and teachers some for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for their principal and teachers some for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for their principal and teachers some for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for their principal and teachers some for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purchase for the purpose of raising the means with which to purpose of raising the means with which the means with which the means with which the means with "Dont! don't!" begged her listeners. one. He gets it well started and has cut bad. Never buy a horse whose breath- and the great dining-room used on state fire, and flavor it with salt, lemon and survivor of the Custer massacre."—Wastof the Union. These are, indeed, as than forty years has been in the employ-"real lovely" as lady inspectors pro- ment of the Dutch government, bears tion which can hardly fail to be appetiz-

1814. It had been the property of the greatest deliberation of government eleven years at that time. The painting of Mrs. Washington, by E. Popular Science Menthly.

contend. Leave them to themselves and in a year they would be in the same conapartment. Its name indicates its poculiarity, all its furniture and decorations being pale green. The blue room, named, as is also the red room, from its prevailing color, is oval in shape. Here the President receives his guests at recep-tions. Family life at the White House The White House is the official residence of the President of the Untied States. The nation has provided a continuous and comfortable home for its

HA dilloas

It will soon be a hundred years when lors open is hung with paintings of the the first commissioners of the nascent Presidents, and at intervals rare plants city of Washington advertised for a de- are placed along its sides. Guests find sign, as they expressed it, of "the Presi- its tempting length of promenade a relief dent's house." As an encouragement to from the restraint of the crowded parlor competitors their invitation offered a in which receptions are held.

sists of a soft upper lip, then a pair of upper jaws provided with a short feeler, below which is a thin lower lip. Then The magnificence of Republican simmitted. Living at Charleston, S. C., plicity finds its highest expression on those occasions when the President enwho had studied hard in order to qualify himself for success in life. He competed, Senators and Representatives, the jusand successfully, and not only received tices of the supreme court, and home the premium, but the offer of an engage- and foreign notabilities not distinguishment at 100 guineas a year to superin- able into classes. These great occasions tend the construction of the building are celebrated in the state dining-room, which he had designed. This he ac- situated at the western end of the corricepted, and accordingly made his resi- dor, into which all the state rooms open. dence in Washington. His first pro- The dinner hour is eight, when the Presifessional triumph was the beginning of dent leads the way to the table. By many, and when he died, in 1831, John 11 the banquet is over. During its con-Hoban left a large fortune, the result of tinuance charming music is performed in the vestibule. The sumptaous entertain-During his studies abroad he had ob- ment is served on a table set with the served with admiration the graceful lines White House china, showing the fauna been permeated by the sulphurous general plan of this building in the de-sign, which proved acceptable to the from wax candles in gold and silver candlesticks, and mirrored sconces in silver The corner-stone of the projected re- frames set in the walls of the apartment. publican palace was laid October 13, Everything in the room is costly and maggrate to a new State. These men are two or three rect ex- tracted and spun. Again the top is 1792, with the "pompand circumstance" nificent. Guests are elegantly attired, in ature considerably higher than 100 denot of the best class, and mixing with grasped, the noose untied by pulling the of the Masonic ceremonial. President many cases a proportion of them in gorsecond reeled upon the stem. When the leading men in the administration of the ladies improve the opportunity of enough thread is spun and reeled upon the government, and thousands of en-taugumenting their charms by wearing time. Brewster mentions that Chantry money or got a start in his plantation, the stem the latter is removed and serves thus issued to be start in his plantation, the stem the latter is removed and serves thus asked the event. There is nothing and five or six friends remained two minimmediately discovers that he is a Span- as a bobbin in the subsequent weaving. A During the next seven years the graceful wanting to the perfection of these enteriard. There are hundreds along the new stem is inserted and the process recoast who will pass themselves off for begun. This ingenious but simple the capitol among the numerous fine partake at one time. State dinners at the

### Nine Miles of Flowing Naphtha.

A letter from Baku, Russia, to the New York Times says: Here the allrupled, and then respun. The loom varies breadth of eighty-six feet, a large por- at every turn. The fresh breeze which complicated looms are at times employed, which the Executive Mansion is best Cape Bailoff, on the other side of the for the loom, and ten cents for the top completed a few weeks before his death are furrowed not with "purling streams" and stems. The leaves are gathered by that he and his wife made a visit of in- but with seemingly endless lengths of China varies from fifteen cents to \$4 a the hurried expedition and retreat of a precious liquid reflect the sun from every yard. Upon this basis an intelligent and portion of the British army deserted hollow, and the mighty reservoir, which active woman ir China makes twenty its privacy, in 1814, less than \$350,000 towers above the "Black Town" like a but they have their choice to take the five cents a day without interfering with had been spent on it. After that de- modernized Coliseum, containing, as the to be, therefore, a splendid field in but tion. It was reopened January 1, 1818. but with petroleum, suggesting unpleasant country for this industry. — Chicago News.

Large sums have been expended on the building and its furnishing since that that would combine all the terrors of the John Quincy Adams became occupant, Sodom, Whether the exquisites of the and wholly with the beginning of Presi- town have their boots "shined" with dent Grant's administration. As it now lubricating oil, and scent their handker-Your eye is your market. Don't buy a costs the government \$89,000 to main- chiefs with naphtha I have not yet intain the White House, exclusive of what quired. But after being offered clarified the occupant pays out of his salary of oil to taste as a great treat at one of the \$50,000 for personal servants, household factories I should hardly be surprised to supplies, horses and carriages, the dif- see petroleum selling in the grocers' ference between the expenditures in the stores in place of molasses, and to find infancy of the Republic and in these my opposite neighbor at dinner pledging days is shown in a striking light. The me in a brimming glass of kerosene or wife of the first President Adams, writ- seasoning his fish with "residue fat" ining to a friend soon after the Executive stead of melted butter. I wonder what Mansion became her home, described it the ancient fire worshipers of Baku would say if they could come to life again once more upon their own sacred hill and see their limbs, but who have no power to requiring about thirty servants to attend and how modern civilization has transformed keep the apartments in proper order, and per- it. One can fancy how amazedly the poor Zoroastrians would stare at smoke ning down to the sea from the principal factories. And great would be their Mrs. Adams used what is now the gor- dismay to find their "eternal fires" of

Man-Eating in Sumatra.

Marsden, in his account of Sumatra, is partially hidden by the profusion of says that although he has heard reports foliage which shades it from the summer of the cannibal habits of some of the sun. Beautiful trees and flowers, well- tribes, he had always discredited them kept carriage roads, emerald lawns and until the truth of the statement was marble fountains cover the space which, made entirely clear to him. He says that for the most part, was a forbiddingly jagged waste when the first lady of the White House presided at its hospitalities, and the delightful conservatory at the and the delightful conservatory at the sort of ceremony to show their detestations. The says that the says t west side of the mansion had not then tion of certain crimes by this most ignobeen thought of, much less provided. minious punishment, and as a savage dis- and socket' joint at the foot. There are The White House is arranged that the play of revenge and insult to their un- many men with wooden legs whom you whole of the west side of the second eaten, and the captured sold as slaves. There are several officers of high rank

nounce them to be, and call for descrip- personal witness to the prevalence of the custom in Sumatra up till recent times. He was once making scientific investiga-The East Room, used by Mrs. Adams tions in the interior of that island, and as a place wherein to dry household linen. was being entertained in the most hosis the largest room in the house. It pitable manner by the native rajah, or measures eighty by forty feet, and is entered from the beautifully-frescoed vestibule of the mansion. At evening receptions it is seen at its best when his own native servant with him. The ceptions it is seen at its best, when his own native servant with him. The the richness of its furniture, hangings banquet had proceeded for some time and decorations is aided by bril- without interruption, when at last as liant light, and flowers and plants, crown of the feast, a beautiful brown that so diffused and these so dis-tributed as to give a tout-ensemble of the house to the open airy place where tributed as to give a tout-ensemble of the house to the open, airy place where unsurpassed splendor. The lofty ceiling the repast was being held. This was cut of the magnificent apartment is divided up without remark and handed round, into three panels, embellished with costly and the Dutch gentleman was on the decorations, from each of which hangs a point of eating his portion, having raised chandelier of cut glass. Its floor is covered with costly velvet carpet. At intervals around the room stand eight "Master, master, do not eat; it is a boy!" mirrors in gold and white frames, supported on carved mantels. Here, too, is the portrait of Washington, by Gilbert Stuart, which Mrs. Madison cut from its

The chief, on being questioned, admitted, a prodigy in the person of a blind student named Chanda Singh. He cannot hospitality, that, hearing that the white read or write, but has such a wonderful state to everybody else in the galleries man would feast with him, he had or memory as to be able to repeat all his that the "squib" would not "go off," frame and carried away with her in her dered a young boy to be killed and flight at the advance of the British in | cooked in his honor, as the greatest del-

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### WINTER DAYS.

A late investigation shows that Australia contains 108 species of anakes— The winter days are coming, John, The skies around us lower-The summer birds have southward flows. thirty-five of them harmless, and seventy-

The frost is on the flower; And chilly winds blow load, John

Where late the joyous strain Of feathered warblers charmed the ear,

By forest, field and lane.

strongly represented by two iron rings after they have been subjected to hy-The winter days are coming. John, And scan'y is our store,

blight is on the harvest field, The wolf is at the door;

Our children cry for bread, John, When there's no bread to give-A course has come to poverty,

That we may ne'er outlive. The winter days are coming, John,

And you have labored long-Through weary weeks, with hopeful beart, You've toiled the fields among:

For all your hard work done, John. And all the prayers I've said, For all the joys we dreamed were ours,

There's wretchedness instead The winter days are coming, John,

The tempests gather near-

The rich may smile beside his grate, And fill his home with cheer; But 'tis not so with us, John,

Crouched beneath the storm, With blessed bables, dearly loved,

And naught to keep them warm. The winter days are coming, John,

The frost is on the pane-There's snow upon my aching breast, There's fronzy in my brain;

But, ah! my love for you, John, Grows tender, day by day, The world that pilfers round my heart,

Can ne'er steal that away. -J. N. Matthews.

## HUMOR OF THE DAY.

A hard case-A watch's. Contempt of court-The fellow who as just been refused.

It takes a pretty good tailor to patch The latest returns-Husbands getting

home from the club,-Georgia Cracker Marriage promotes longevity among men, notwithstanding its tendency to produce premature baldness.—Boston

A London physician says death has no sting. Did he ever press his finger on the fighting precinct of a dead hornet!-

Lowell Courier. A hen's heart beats 150 times a minute. Perhaps that is the reason why its body wabbles so much when a weman

"shoos" it .- New York Journal. A Stock Yards' young lady at a bull the other evening referred to her gentleman escort as an Indian, "for," said she, "he's always on my trail." — Chicago Sun.

Dame Nature most unequally Bestows her gifts, 'tis said Man combs his own but Nature, she

A man arrested in northern Texas for counterfeiting had six different dies. If

he had been arrested for stealing a horse

he would have had only one die .- Sift-A scientific paper says that the car of a clam is at the base of the foot. It must be funny to see a clam walking around listening for earthquakes .- San

repairs or the money. The allowance for a leg is seventy-five dollars, for any-Francisco Post. There is a glacier in Alaska moving along at the rate of a quarter of a mile a year. It acts very much like the aver-

age small boy on his way to school. --Sixty Harvard freshmen have dropped their Latin, eighty their Greek and 100 their mathematics. None of them have

dropped their baseball or their boating, however, and college culture is still safe. -Lowell Courier. A New York editor has been struck by the fact that so many young men are now wearing glasses, and asks: "Are

Americans growing weak-eyed?" If the glasses are of the single-barreled pattern, it is more likely that they are growing weak-headed.—Norristown Herald. BUSKING TIME.

Now the huskers are arrayed on Many a dusky barn's wide floor, Every swain beside his maiden Round the heaped-up golden store. With what blissful expectation Do they watch the corn appear,

A lady-a French lady-is showing a visitor the family portraits in the picture gallery. "That officer there in the uni-form," she says, "was my great-great-grandfather. He was as brave as a lion, -he never fought a battle in which he

Senate-pages vs. Reporters. The following extract is from a United States Senate page's recollections, pub-lished in St. Nickelas:

While we were employed to wait upon the Senators, "outsiders" would often encroach upon our good nature and ask us to do things. We always refused to attend to these matters, if they were put in the shape of a demand instead of, a request. There were several newspaper reporters in the gallery over the Vice-President's chair, to which I have referred, who frequently ignored our rights. A reporter would wish to ask a question of a Senator, and, not caring particularly to come down the stairs and send in his card, would drop a note from the gallery, expecting one of us to pick it up and hand it to the Senator to whom it was addressed. This was a rather officious request sometimes, as we were tired and worn out from excessive running, and would hardly feel like going up to where the reporter was, in the roundabout way in chich we should have had to go, to deliver him the in-formation called for, and then come all the way back. But, whether we were there is any merit in eating mince-pie, as | tired or full of activity, we did not like the matter-of-course manner in which some of the reporters had demanded our services; and we would often let the note remain where it had fallen on the carpet. Semetimes, out of pugnacity. we would surround the paper and walk around it, gazing at it apparently with great curiosity, but evincing no inclination to touch it. Finally, when the regallery, and, in a very obsequious manner, would bow his head and smile and memory as to be able to repeat all his that the "equib" would not "go off," text-books—English, French and Urdu and he would be exceedingly obliged if

Till the sudden osculation Loud proclaims the rare red ear

desks and wrote with his teeth. It was not particularly fine writing, but you could read it. I know of another manhe was in the sharpshooters' service—who can't be stood on his feet because he is best in the back, so that his head would did not have an arm or leg carried away?" strike the floor first. Think how many years these men have suffered, and many Then she adds proudly: "He took part in twenty-four engagements." - Chicago of them are still living! Why, there's hardly enough left of them to hold to Herald. "Willow wood generally, and there are