WEYLER'S MURDEROUS POLICY.

THE WAR SITUATION IN CUBA FA-VORABLE TO THE INSURGENTS.

Recent Sucomess-The Cubia Army Spengthened and Made Beady for the Winter Campitgn. Senor Gonzalo de Quesada, Charge d'Affaires of the Caban Legation, who has re-established the Legation at the Raleigh, in Washington City, was interrogated by a Washington Star reporter on the conditions in Cuba, and the pro-

gress of the revolution. Senor Quesada said that the Spanish authorities had evidently become alarmed over the constant publication in American papers of true stories of the atrocities practiced by their troops in the island, and were now engaged in sending emissaries through the country under the guise of impartial observers, who secured the publication of interviews with themselves purporting to be correct views of the real facts and seeking in this way to overcome the

peop'e. WEYLER'S MURDEROUS POLICY. "The murderous policy being purrued by Wevler and his agents in Cuba," said Senor Quesada, "has been indicated by the reports of every newspaper correspondent who has gone there from this These correspondents have given the names of persons brutally tortured and killed, the places where it was done and the dates of the occur rences. Not Cubans, but Americans have been the worst witnesses against Spain in this regard. The Spanish official reports, too, tell every day of the shooting of prisoners, the majority of whom are only suspected of sympathy with the Cupan cause, while hundreds

of others are sentenced to penal servitude, which is worse than death. "The recent decrees of Weyler," con tinued Quesada, "all show that extermination is the purpose of his policy. But Weyler is merely carrying out Spain's orders. The same course has been pursued in the Pailipine Islands as scores of reputable English witnesses have testified. In the Phillippines all of the tortures of the inquisition have been brought into requisition, and the proof is positive that sixty revolutionists were put in the black hole at Manilia

and asphyxiated. THE MILITARY SITUATION. "What is the military situation

Cubs?" inquired the reporter "In the past few months," was the reply, "the Cuban army has been strengthened and made ready for the active winter campaign by the landing of over 7,500 rifles and several pieces of artillery. A large supply of ammunition has also been safely landed, as weil as a quantity of med cal and other nec-85 000 men fully armed and equipped and twice that number ready to take weapons as soon as they can be supplied. The stories of sickness ravaging our forces are pure Spanish inventions Our men are in the best of spirits, and; being thoroughly acclimated, are in good health and are determined to keep up the fight indefinitely if necessary."

"How about the food supplies?"
"We have abundant food supplies." answered Senor Quesada, "the Cuban generals having long ago taken the precaution to drive the cattle in the territories of their operations into secure places. Even Maceo, who occupies the east favorable province, that of Pinar del Rio, has cattle enough to last his orces for two years. Besides this, the Cubans who have no weapons, and are living under the various prejects in the three eastern provinces, are cultivating large areas in all kinds of vegetables. The Cubans have also established salt works at different points on the coast, and there is a complete interchange of

CUBANS HOLD THREE FOURTHS OF THE ISLAND. "It must be remembered," continued Senor Quesada, "that more than threefourths of the Island, of Cuba is in the hands of the Cubans and under the control of the civil government. Public schools are being established in the interior and the first book published has been a primer containing the primary lessons in the language. In the provinces of Santiago de Cuba and Port-au Principe the Spaniards hold but five or six inland towns, and they are beavily garrisoned. Some of these towns are now being besieged by the Cubans, the last one taken by the patriot forces being Guaimaro, Gen. Calixto Garcia took the town after a twelve days' siege. There were sixteen forts protecting the town, and one by one they were disabled by our artillery, and abandoned by their Spanish garrisons, who took refuge and barricaded themselves in a large stone church in the centre of the town. Gen. Garcia ordered twelve-pounder and sixpounder guns to be used against the massive old building.

The Spanish sent messages to Gen. Castellanos for reinforcements, but were compelled to surreader before help arrived. One captain, four lieutenants, twenty-five subaltern officers and nearly 300 privates surrendered. Weyler's policy of shooting prisoners was not carried out by Gen. Garcia, who sent nineteen wounded to the Spanish ranks. The Spanish commander, Gen. Castellanos, sent six carts to get the wounded, thus accepting the prisoners, who were delivered by the Cuban General. Lope Recio. Tous it will be seen that the Cubans are recognizing the humanities of war, despite the murderous policy of

MONEY AND AMMUNITION CAPTURED. "In Guaimaro we captured \$31 000 in Spanish gold, over 800 Mauser rifles, 125 000 rounds of ammunition, 500 machetes, and a large supply of clothing and medical stores. An active campaign will be continued by our forces while Weyler is fruitlessly attempting to catch

"Do you think Havana will be besleged this winter?" asked the reporter. "It we can send enough artillery, including our dynamite guns, to Havana, which is probable. I think the investment of Havana will be possible."

"D) you exp c action on the part of the United States?"

"I will answer that question," replied Senor Quesada, with a smile, 'when Congress meets and the President's message is read, I do not believe, however, that a civilized and free nation like the United States will much longer submit to a continuation of such brutal and inhuman warfare as Spain is prose-cuting at her very doors."

Nell-Young Spriggins told me that if I rejected him he would go and commit suicide, but I rejected him just the same.

Belle-And did he commit suicide? Nell-No, but he did the next thing to it. He went and proposed and got himself accepted by that horrid Van Alstyne girl.-Somerville Journal.

To Be More Accurate Mr. Manhattan (to Miss Bawstawn)-Do you ride a wheel? Miss Bawstawn-I ride a pair of wheels.—Detroit Free Press.

WON A WIFE.

My Dran Aust-Accept my sympathy in our loss. Although my acquaintance with ourself and my late uncle was limited to the exchange of an occasional letter, I was sincere y sorry to hear from you of his death. I also respect to learn that you and your dangleton ly sorry to hear from you of his death. I also regret to learn that you and your daughters are wholly unprovided for. As your nearest relative I feel some responsibility in your welfare and have therefore thought out a plan whereby you may be relieved of all anxiety concerning your future. The matter being one which it is easier to discuss verbally than by letter, I have instructed a friend of mine at present in England to call upon you immediately and place my proposition before you. His name is Mr. George Chillingworth.

RALPH WESTBROOK.

The letter so long expected in the little suburban villa had come at last, and in the afternoon of the same day the maid of all work announced Mr. George Chillip-

"You expected me, I believe," he said.
"Yes," answered Mrs. Durant "Let me introduce you to my eldest daughter, Dora. These are Minnie and Grace. Will you take the armchair, Mr. Chilling-

"I'm sure it's very kind of you to have come so promptly," continued Mrs. Durant tearfully—she was a lady who wept easily and coplously. "As you may imagine, I am terribly anxious. To think that, after keeping my own carriage, I should come to this!" "Mother!" murmured Dora in a to

Mr. Chillingworth murmured condo-lence, fumbled his hat and looked at Dors Most men thought her worth looking at and he was no exception to the rule.

indignant sentiment of the American his face was an index to his mind. Obviously he was unused to women as a little frightened of them. "The proposal I am to submit to you i this," he said. "Ralph Westbrook is a prosperous gentleman farmer, as I dare

say you know; also he is young, a bach-elor and quite alone, and for some time has longed for companionship—for a home in a wider sense than that afforded by the walls and furniture. To put it in plain words, he wants a wife. "A few months ago he received, with the portraits of yourself and family, a pho-tograph of Miss Dora here, and—well, he full in love with it. Very simple of him,

perhaps you think, but you must remem-ber his great loneliness and let that be his "Now I come to the point. If Miss Dora would consent to marry him, of course she would then be able to make any arrange ment that seemed best to her as to comfort of her mother and sisters. about to return to the colony and would take charge of her during the voyage, and

on her arrival she could stay with friends until the wedding."
"Travel thousands of miles to marry a man I have never seen!" faltered the girl. "I never could do it-oh, I couldn't!" "Nonsense, Dora," said her mother.
"You should feel honored—flattered. You will have a kind husband-I am sure Ralph must be kind. You will be provided for all your life, and I shall be relieved of this terrible anxiety. You cannot dream

of refusing." "Of course," put in George Chilling-worth slowly, "if Miss Dora has a decided aversion to the scheme, I am sure my rlend would be the last man to wish he inclination forced in any way, and no doub he would arrange some other method of ssisting you all. I may safely add that he is a good sort of fellow, and that if she consented he would be devoted to her and spare no pains to recompense her for trust-"Mother, do you want me to go? Would it make you feel safe and happy about the

"Of course it would, Dora." "Then," said the girl, with a curious hard note in her voice, "since my mother can do without me, I will go. Will you tell my cousin, or shall I?"
"I will. There is no need for you to write," answered Chillingworth. will be very glad."

The voyage was all but over, and the girl who was on her way to an unknown lover and the man who was his friend stood on the deck together.

"Shall you be sorry?" he asked. "Have these been happy days?" "I wish they could last forever," she cried passionately.
"Dors, if you were going out to me instend of to him, would you mind so very

"It would be paradise, " she said simply. She began to sob quietly, despairingly, and bowed forward on he taffrail in the shadow of a friendly cloud.

"Don't, for heaven's sake, don't," pleaded the man. "Dora, I was a brute to masquerade so long, but I wanted to see you, to study you—to be sure I had won, not bought, my wife. I am Ralph Westbrook. You are coming to me."-London News.

The others at the table partake of the cheese and drink to the eternal friendship

"So Miss Keene is married," said

"Yes," replied the despondent lover,

"I thought she regarded you very

"She did. And I lavished every at-

"She thought be had more money

"She was sure of it. He couldn't belp

but have after I took her to the opera

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tention on her. I took her to the opera

every night, and then she married my

'and to another.

"'All right,' he says, and I thought by the way he said it he knew about the Aristocracies in different places and ages have prided themselves on many different "Then I went my way. I'd lost a things. One of the queerest, perhaps, is the aristocracy according to cheeses, which, according to the Neue Zuricher Zeitung, night, but what of that?"-New York

child I ever saw.

prevails among the patricians of Zermatt. The aristocracy of families is valued by the Tennyson's line, "And breasts the number and age of the cheeses they possess.

blows of circumstance," finds a pictur-There are families who possess cheese made at the time of the French revolution When a child is born, a cheese is manu-factured, which is then called by the name from The Literary Digest: The right hand of the Russian painter Vereschagin is thumbless. His right of the child. It is partly eaten when its pamesake gets married, each wedding guest tasting a portion. The cheese is then thumb was bitten by a leopard some years ago and had to be amputated. The put away again and finally out into and finished at the funeral of the person whose middle finger also of his right hand is lamed and useless as the result of a shot name it bears. When a young man wooss a maiden, he begs to be allowed to dine with her family on a Sunday. His offer being accepted, the lovers wait anxiously to see whether the girl's father will cause wound which the artist received on the battlefield. More than this, the small bones of the center of his right hand were also partially shattered by a fall on the Russian steppes, and his right arm end of the long meal, if all goes well, the master of the house solemnly fetches the theese bearing the would be bride's name, sets it on the table, cuts it and gives a was broken in the same accident. Nevertheless it is with this damaged right hand that Vereschagin paints his wonderful pictures. piece to the young couple. When they have eaten it, they are a betrothed pair

A Faulty Impression Corrected. "When I was a boy, before the war," said a man of mature years, "I used to read occasionally in the newspapers an tem, a dispatch from some western town, running something like this: 'Private So-and-so of Such-and-such a regiment, who that at the time he left the fort'- And then it went ahead to tell the news that Private So-and-so had brought in.
"It may sound queer, but I used to have
an idea that a private was a man who had

taken up soldiering because he wanted to, perhaps because he liked the excitement, who was not an officer, to be sure, but not common soldier, and who was, in some degree at least, the master of his own ac-tions and free to come and go as he pleased. "But when the war broke out, wishing my country well, I enlisted. And then, pacing a lonely beat at night, with a gun over my shoulder, my impression was soon corrected."—New York Sun.

Women Who Smoke, There has probably been a great deal more smoking done by American women than the casual observer has 'any idea of. Numbers of New York women who have acquired the habit while living abroad indulge in an after dinner clearette in the privacy of their own families. At a hand-some dinner given a short time ago by a lady and gentleman well known in society cigarettes were passed just before the fro-zen punch, when a number of ladies took them and proceeded to light and smoke them in a mauner that showed that they were by no means novices. Other dinner givers have since followed suit, and the fashion bids fair to become popular.—New

The mountain dalsy is so sensitive to it, or, rather to a lack of it, that du ing the passage of a cloud it will close its petals. When closed, it is exceedingly inconspicuous, its flower appearing like a small green bulb or curied up leaf.

The Modern Mother

Has found that her lit'e ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect. of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them Children enjoy it and it benefits them, The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only,

MR. BILLTOPS TO FRANKY.

Te Tells About Certain Singular Geom-rences In the Far West. "Pop," said little Franky Billtops, "tell "It is a wise old saw which advises me a story."

"Well, Franky," said Mr. Billtops,
"you've heard of showers of bullfrogs and
fishes and that sort of thing, I know, but
you never heard of its raining, trees, did
you! Out west once—way out west by
the Rocky mountains—the inhabitants one 'not to go to France unless you know the lingo,' and indeed it is desirable to know it pretty well if you wish to avoid humiliating little situations." said a Philadelphia young woman in speaking of her experience. "I am an were surprised one day to see a tree cor down out of the sky. This happen American girl, and about a year ago was rather proud of my boarding school down out of the sky. This happened a number of times, and people got more and more surprised about it, and accounts of it got into the newspapers. Some of these accounts said there were showers of trees, and, take it altogether, there was a great deal of interest over it, as you can easily imagine, and people wondered greatly what it could mean. French, but I am wiser now. We were a party of four-my parents, myself and a young lady, some years my senior, who had been my schoolmate, but was recently widowed. Our tour began in Germany, and as we were all densely ignorant of Germany, we were oftenwhat it could mean. times compelled to depend greatly on

HER BOOK FRENCH.

Errors Made by a Hearding School Girl In

the way places, where there were no

and waiters. This gave us some decided-

ly comical experiences, though it was a

revelation as to the capabilities of dumb

show and pantomime, but on touching

French soil I felt relieved and confident

Alas for human pride! At the first

practical test, though I could read the

"The sounds seemed to fly like winged

arrows, and it might have been Chi-

nese, so far as my understanding it was

concerned. Some of the more consider-

ate, out of pure instinctive politeness,

would speak very slowly, and then I

could get along well enough, and in the

course of a few days I began to recover

ome of my old confidence. My first real

humiliation came at a restaurant in the

Palais Royal, when I wanted a spoon

(cuiller) and asked for a staircase (es-

calier). I got over that, however, but

was caught shortly afterward with the

word 'frappe' on the wine list. which

stuck me altogether until a young Eng-

lishman told me it meant 'iced.' By

this time the conceit was rapidly oozing

out of me, and two more little incidents

brought on the catastrophe. Our party

letermined one day to go to the theater,

and I undertook to ask the clerk of the

hotel about it, and in what I thought

the purest Parisian French told him we

wanted a box, which I translated 'boite.'

Unable quite to restrain his laughter,

he said, 'Mademoiselle means a loge.'

"I then discovered that 'boite' means

dry goods box, or any other kind al-

most rather than one at a theater. But

worse remained. I wanted to explain to

some French people that my friend, the

widow, was in mourning for her hus-

band, and I tried to say, 'Elle est en

deuil parceque son mari est mort,' she

is in mourning because her husband is

dead. Unfortunately my conjugation of

verbal participles was weak, and I sub-

stituted the word 'morne' for 'mort,'

which made me say, 'She is in mourn-

ing because her busband is a codfish."

THE DETIRED BURGLAR.

Singular Adventures.

"In a house that I went into one

night in the country," said the retired

burglar, "I saw when I got up on the

second floor a light coming out into the

hall from an open door. When I got a

dressed standing leaning over a bed. I

couldn't see his face, but I could see

anxiety on the back of his head. Lying

in the bed was a child, thin and white

and still, but awake and looking up at

its father. Backing out of the door, I

ticked my lamp against the door jamb,

The man looked up. He wasn't scared.

I doubt if he would have been anyway,

but he was thinking of something else

"'Come in,' he says, and I went in.

across the floor, and then looked up

again at its father, saying nothing, but

that way, all alone with that child, I

could not even guess. Wife just died

maybe, but there he was and thinking

of nothing else in the world, and the

child was the pitifullest looking little

me go for the doctor. He told me his

name, and the doctor's name, and where

he lived, and I went. It was late, you

understand, but I whanged away on the

doctor's door till I heard him open his

window. I told him what was wanted.

"What the man wanted was to have

just lying there and looking up.

"The child looked at me as I walked

"How the man came to be fixed in

Perhaps the Most Curious of His

-Philadelphia Call.

carcely catch a word.

what it could mean.

"But it was simple enough. One of the residents of the region, going along one day in a most remote part of the country, saw a great giant walking along the mountains. He was a most stupendous, colossal giant, whose natural walk carried gesture language, especially in out of English speaking hotel or railroad clerks him along from mountain top to mountain top just as you or I would walk along on the stones in a cobblestone paved street. Of course it was very pleasant to be as big as that when he wanted to walk around among the mountains, but when he want to lie down I suppose he must have had to anguage easily enough, I found I could wanted to lie out straight. But this isn't telling you about the trees.

"It seems that this giant was exceed ingly neat. He was very careful about his clothes, and he wouldn't even sit down in a dusty place without first dusting it off. You've seen boys in their good clothes take out their handkerchief and dust off a stone with it before sitting down? Well, this glant-used to do the same thing, only instead of using a handkerchief he used a tree. He'd just pull up a tree and hold it by the trunk and brush the place off with the top, same as you would with a feather duster, and when he'd got through dusting he wouldn't put the tree in his pocket like you would a handkerchief, but he'd just give it a toss. Sometimes it would fall near by; sometimes, when it happened to be caught by a wind current, it might be carried a long distance before it fell. It was such trees as these that came, nobody knew how or whence, that people had

ondered at so much. When they discovered where the trees did come from, they got up a petition and sent it to the glant asking him not to throw his trees around in that way, because, you see, it was more or less of an annoyance to folks to have trees coming down like that, but the giant never paid the slightest attention to it, and the trees kept coming just the same, but the people felt easier about it than they did before, for we are all less disturbed by things we know about than we are about things we don't understand."-New York Sun.

RELIC OF THE STONE AGE. Prehistoric Cemetery Found Near a Ger-

The discovery at Worms of a burying ground belonging to the later stone age by Dr. Koehl, the conservator of the Paulus museum there, is, in view of the rarity of such graves, an important archa Up to the present about 70 gra bave been examined, or only a part of this burying ground of neolithic man, and almost of them very tastefully ornamented, exceeds 100. Not the slightest trace of a metal has as yet been discovered in the graves; on the other hand, the presence of arm rings of blue and gray slate is curious.

In the most recently opened graves of women three arm rings made of slate were ton, four from that of another and six from the lower arm of a third skeleton. In a man's grave there was on the neck of the skelston a small conically polished ornament of syenite, not perforated, but pro-vided with a groove for the string. The other ornaments from the graves consist of pearls, mussel shells made in the form of trinkets, perforated boars' tusks and small fossil mussels. These ornaments were worn by men and women alike. There existed, according to this, every kind of ornament in that time of want of metal made of stone, mussels and bones. Ruddle and other fragments, which were used for tattooing and coloring the skin,

are also frequent. In hardly a single case was there missing from the women's graves the primitive corn mill consisting of two stones, the grinding stone and the grain crusher. The men's graves contain weapons and imple-ments, all of stone, with whetstones and hones for sharpening purposes. They consist of perforated hammers, sharpened hatchets, axes and chisels, as well as of knives and scrapers of flint. That there was no want of food is shown by the many vessels, often six or eight in one grave, and the remains of food found near them, the latter being bones of various kinds of animals. Several successful photographs have been taken of the skeletons as they lie in the graves with their belongings, so that their appearance after a repose of thousands of years can be preserved for all time. Especial value may be attached to these remains, and particularly to the skulls.—Berlin Letter in London Stand-

"Zeal," remarked a member of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution the other day, "is sometimes misplaced. I've been urging a friend whose family I know to be an old Revolu-tionary one to become a Daughter. She had never shown any enthusiasm about joining, and her conservatism had simply the effect to increase my desire that she found myself unexpectedly tete-a-tete with her for a trip to Philadelphia, I renewed my attack with a bold move. As the train was leaving Jersey City I said in my meet engaging manner: 'Now, my dear Mrs. S., I have you at my mercy for two full hours. Before we reach Philadelphia you must have promised me that you will come into the Daughters. I warn you that you may as well yield first as last, for yield you must. We want you very much.' Mrs. S. smiled rather peoullarly. 'Are you sure you will want me,' she said quietly, 'when I tell you that my most prominent Bevolutionary ancestor was Benedict Arnold?' "—New York Times.

Coach (to college athlete)—Your mus-cles seem to be flabby and your whole sys-tem needs toning up. Are you drinking anything? Athlete—Not a drop. Coach—Then you must be smoking too

Coach—Studying?

Athlete—Er—yes—a little,
Coach (indignantly—You've got to stop
that. Do you want to lose the game?—

Generous Johnny. "Which would you rather, Johnny," asked the foud mother, "have the measles and stay at home or be well and go to

"Rather have the measles and stay at me, but then I'd like to go to school too," said Johnny.
"But why, darling?" urged his mother.
"So I could give all the other fellows the measles," answered the generous boy.

Detroit Free Press.

A lady in a town lying under the shad-ows of the Rockies was much distressed, says Life, at hearing a small clique in her town refer to themselves as the "smart set." She appealed to an ex-United States senator and asked him what he understood ras meant by the term the "smart set." He replied: "I think I can give you an inkling. In the eastern part of Colorado and in the western part of Nebraska there is a large tract of land known as the rain

The Superlative. He—My bicycle is just like money. She—In what way? goes so easily .- New York

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

AT THE WHITE LUNCHEON.

It Looked Very Lovely, and No One Knew An incident showing the determin of young America to have his own way or cause great tribulation occurred recently in the house of a rich and fashionable woman, whose whim it is to live in a su-burban atmosphere. Notwithstanding, she is very much in the social swim, giving dinners that are voted dreams by the par-takers thereof and luncheons in color that simply ravish the eye artistic. It was one of those functions that proved the e functions that proved the occasion of this tale. It was wholly white, and for dessert all the sweets were to be masked and smothered in whipped cream. So a and smothered in whipped cream. So a big bowl of that substance was made ready early in the fray. Then the cook and her helpers gave their minds to other things. But they were very much hindered by the son of the house, a young gentleman aged 6, with a wide and persistent desire to see the domestic wheels go around. He peeked and pried and questioned until forbearance ceased to be a virtue, but became a crime.

Then the cook rose in wrath, seized him by the car and led him ignominiously to an upper region Of course he did not stay there. Within five minutes he was back. But he said nothing to anybody-only marched straight at the bowl of cream and planted his pet Maltese kitten accurately in the middle of it. Then there was a howd'ydo, sure enough It was too fate to secure more cream, much less to think of whipping it in time—and whipped cream was the triumphant note of the coming feast. Cook was a woman of resource, besides having a soul beyond prejudice. She rose to the situation, as she did to the kitchen "Shure, it's a clane baste-myslif always said so," she remarked, gathering the animal carefully by the back of its neck. "An, shure, too, it's after takin out wid it all the sthuff it did be touchin. Not wan o' thim fine ladies'll be the woiser of it, at all, an it's not mesilf naither that has the hairt ter be afther disoppintin the misthress an spilin the looks o' things." The white luncheon was a great succ and not one guest noted anything peculiar in the cream which was its character note.-Philadelphia Press.

Dangerous Imitation. Old hunters love to recall the times when Kentucky abounded in game, and many are the stories they can tell of "the

Once upon a time it became known in Graves county that a remarkably large flock of wild turkeys might be found near the forks of two small creeks. At that time the game laws were not so rigid as now, and it so happened that two hunters started out the same morning after the flock. The purpose of each was to kill the old hen, for then it required but little skill to call up the half grown brood, which are justly accounted the best of eating, and kill many or all of them. To fool an old gobbler or hen is a feat of which few can boast, but the young ones may be tolled into range by an amateur.

Well, one of the hunters gave with his turkey wing bone caller the "Peep, peep!" of a youngling. It was answered by the apparent "Kee-ou!" of the old hen which he especially sought. Failing to draw the supposed hen nearer, he began to stalk her down, and finally drew so near the place that he began to stealthily search for her location. He saw, in a dim way, something move and drew "a bead" with his gun, which was loaded with buckshot At that critical period came the cry of, 'For God's sake, don't shoot!" and a few explanations sufficed to show that a neighbor had killed the old hen, was imitating her call and came near losing his life for a simulation which a brother human could not detect as false.-Louisville Courier-

Wagner Made His Living. It is true that in his early years Wagper's earnings were very small, but when able to command very substantial sums, He sold the copyright-not the performing which was perhaps the largest sum ever paid to a composer for a single opera, while or the four dramas in "Der Ring des Nibelungen" he was paid £2,000. From the American ladies who wished an orhestral march for a centenary celebration he obtained a little over £1,000 and it is calculated that his regular income during he last years of his life was about £5,000 per annum. With all this Wagner was very often in difficulties, but he explained he matter himself when he said: "By nature I am luxurious, prodigal, extrava-gant, much more than Sardanapalus and all the old emperors put together."-

How the Gulf Is Filling Up. In the years to come the geographies will make no mention of the gulf of Mexco, but will picture an immense tract of hoe land in its stead, the map being probably provided with a footnote something like this: "Note-There is a tradition that this level tract of swamp land was once a billowy sea several hundred miles long, embracing all that country between Mexco and Cuba on the west and east and Yucatan and Louisiana on the south and north." This state of affairs is being gradually but surely brought about by the Mississippi and other United States rivers, sediment in the gulf's bottom. Expert hydrographers declare that the Mississippi done annually deposits mud sufficient in the gulf to cover one square mile of its bottom to a thickness of 240 feet.—St. Louis Republic.

Persevering mediocrity is much more espectable and unspeakably more useful talented inconsistency .- J. Hamil-

The first shovel was the nose of the

SPAIN GETTING READY.

Preparing a Plying Equadron-Great Activity in Spanish Porte. [New York World]

MADRID, November 80.-Great activity continues in all Spanish ports, particularly in Cartagenus, where the full available strength is now employed in fitting out six ironclads and three cruisers, which, with the Glasgow torpedo boat destroyers, will make a power-

ful flying squadron.

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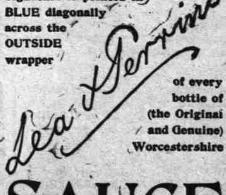
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