HAVANA ADVICES.

Fifteen Defenceless Cubsus Brutally Massacred by Spaniards-Insurgent Prisoners Tried by Court-Martial.

By Cable to the Morning Star, HAVANA Dec. 29 .- It is officially stated to-day that a Spanish column has had an engagement with rebel parties under Sotolongo on the Sotolongo ranch, near Jagey Grande, province of Matanzis. The insurgents are alleged to have been completely dispersed with wounded. The Spaniards had a corpo-

It is known that this "engagement" was simply an attack made by the troops upon the defenceless pacificos on the ranch and that the fifteen persons reported to have been killed in battle were

Claudio Perez Medell and Jose Peres Garcia have been tried by a court-martial sitting in Morro Castle. They were charged with the crime of rebellion. Their sentences have not been announced, but they will undoubtedly be condemned to death. Two French citizens named Bene and Louis Joseph Benandeau have been tried for the same crime by an ordinary court-martial at the same place.

A NOTABLE WEDDING.

Marriage of Louise Bugenie Bonaparte Count Huitfeldt of Denmark, By Telegraph to the Morning Star,

WASHINGTON, December 29 .- The wedding of Count Adam de Moltke Huitfeldt of Denmark and Miss Louise Eugenie Bonaparte, daughter of the late Col. Jerome Bonaparte, took place this morning in St. Paul's Catholic church. The church was bandsomely decorated with flowers and plants, holly and mistletoe being used in abundance with fine effect. The national colors of the United States and Denmark were blended in all the panels. His Eminerce Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, an old friend of the Bonaparte family, per-formed the ceremony and Father Foley. assistant pastor of the church, celebrated

Miss Bonaparte is the great-granddaughter of the famous beauty "Betsy" Patterson, of Baltimore, whose marriage to Joseph Bonaparte, brother of Napoleon Bonaparte, was celebrated at Baltimore Christmas eve, 1808, Rev, John Carroll, Bishop of Maryland.

SPOTS AND FUTURES. New York Sun's Review of the Cotton

Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, December 29 .- The Sun says: Spot cotton here was unchanged; sales 1.831 bales for spinning. Middling uplands 7 1-16c against 81/c last year; New Orleans and Gulf 70 100 against 8%c last year. Liverpool made no response to the break in prices here yesterday; on the contrary, cables from that market reported an advance in futures and a better demand for spot cotton. This news was better than had been expected and prices here advanced quite sharply to day. Liverpool bought freely this morning, the purchases for Liverpool account being estimated at about 20,000 bales. The cheapness of prices attracted considerable outside boying, the receipts at the ports and the interior towns were smaller, shorts covered and the spot market here was more active. In a word the improve-ments were all of bullish nature and prices advanced and closed firm at the highest figures of the day. Notices for about 4,000 bales were issued, but they

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

May Wheat, Corn and Oats Clos:d Higher -Pork Products Lower.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHICACO, December 29 .- May wheat opened from 8914 to 8214, advanced to 84c, closing at 88% @84c. 1% @9c over yesterday. Cash wheat was firm and 11/2 @2c higher.

May corn opened at 25%c, advanced to 25%c, where it closed. %c over yesterday. Cash corn was steady.

May oats closed %c higher yesterday.

Cash oats were weak and %c%c per

A drop of from 5 to 10c in the price of hogs had a weakening effect on product. The opening and early trading was at larger figures that yesterday's close, and no improvement occurred during the session May pork closed 4@7%c lower. May lard 3%@5c lower and May ribs 5c lower.

FIREMEN INJURED. Caught in a Back Draught and Baveloped

in Flames.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Dec. 29 .- Foreman Iohn W. Halen, Assistant Foreman Diviney and Firemen Cornelius and William Shaw, all members of Engine Company 30, were seriously burned while at work at a fire in a frame building, corner of Varick and West Houston streets, today. The men were going up the stair-way of the building, when they were caught in a back draught and instantly enveloped in flames. They were rescued by their comrades and removed to the hospital. The damage caused by the fire was slight.

SMALL POX AND CHOLERA Epidemie at Japanese and Chinese Ports.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. SAN FRANCISCO, December 29 .- The steamer Peru brings news that in addition to the small pox epidemic at Japanese ports cholera has revived in Hong Kong and though there are not yet many deaths, the plague is increasing and serious results are expected. The disease has made much headway in many Chinese cities and on the island of Formosa. Japanese ports have declared a quarantine against all cholera infected

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Moraing Star. NEW YORK, December 29.-Rosin ulet; strained common to good \$1.75. pirits turpentine steady at 26% @27%c. CHARLESTON, December 29.—Spirits turpentine firm at 24½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; A, B, C. D. E, F \$1 40, G \$1 45. H \$1 50, I, \$1 65, K \$1 70, M \$1 80, N \$2 00, W G \$2 20, W W

SAVANNAH, December 29.—Spirits turpentine firm at 24%c; sales 2,000 casks; receipts 998. Rosin firm; sales 7,000 barrels; receipts 4,884; A, B, C, D, E, F, G \$1 45, H \$1 65, I \$1 75, K \$1 85, M \$1 90, N \$3 00, W G \$3 25, W

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

TARIFF HEARINGS

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

lesippi Valley Planters Ask Protention Against Egyptian Cotton-New England Manufacturers Want Tariff on Thread and Yorns

Increased.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star WASHINGTON, December 29 .- The second day of the tariff hearings before the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives opened with the discussion of "Schedule 1, cotton manufactures."

There were six members of the committee present when, promptly at 10 a. n., the proceedings opened. These were the chairman (Mr. Dingley, of Maine), and Messrs. Payne, of New York; Evans, of Kentucky, and Dalsell, of Pennsvivania, all Republicans, and Messrs. McMillin, of Tennessee, and Wheeler, of Alabama, Democrats.

The first section of the schedule re lates to the duty on cotton thread and carded yarns and on warps of warp yarn. iguten the committee in regard to those manufactures were Messrs. Andrew B. Sanford, R. C. Kerr, and W. D. Howland, representing the Cotton Spinners' Association, of Fall River, Mass... and Messrs. J. A. Campbell, J. C. Young and P. J. McNally, of Manayunk, Pa. Mr Sanford stated the views of the Cotton to close questioning on the part of the two Democratic members. Mr. Sanford said that the provisos in the present tariff bill had practically made it an ad valorem measure. It was simply impos-sible for the spinners of this country to put out any fine yarns. As far as these yarns went, the bill was inoperative and the mills had been compelled to stop the making of fine yarns and try the making of coarse goods, for which their machinery was not adapted. Under the present bill fine yarns imported were under-valued. The manufacturer was injured and the Government was deprived of much revenue. The Cotton Spinners' Association would be willing to have the present rates on cotion yarns remain the provisos in the law regarding them were stricken out. The importation of these yarns has increased from some 700,000 pounds in 1894 to over 2,000,000

pounds this year.

The paragraph in the present law com-plained of provides that in no case shall the duty levied exceed eight cents per pound on yarns valued at not exceeding 25 cents per pound, nor exceeding 15 cents per pound on yarns valued at over 25 cents per pound and not exceeding forty cents per pound. Provided, fur ther, that on all yarrs valued at more than forty cents per pound there shall be levied, collected and paid a duty of

forty-five cents ad valorem.

W. R. Craig, of Mississippi, on behalf of producers of "extra staple" cotton of the Mississippi valley, asked for protection against Egyptian cotton. This cotton, he said, came into direct competi tion with the domestic product and to a large extent has driven the domestic growers out. In some way, he asserted, the foreigners managed to undersell the domestic producers just enough to get their goods in. The domestic cotton is of the money market rendered it imwas one of the industries which could be protected without damage to any one. It was a growing industry and a He thought three cents per pound would suffice. An ad valorem duty would be worthless. A large percentage of the mills now being erccied were for the purpose of spinning this fine cotton, and if fostered the industry had a bright future. The question of labor entered largely into the question-that in Egypt being of the pauper class. Our cotton would do the work as good, if not better, than the Egyptian article and would be of great benefit to the farmers of the

C. P. Baker, treasurer of the Lawrence Manufacturing Company, said that the Egyptian cotton was used in preference to the American product as there was ess waste in working it. The two cottons could not always be used for the same purposes. The American article could not entirely take the place of the

Egyptian product.
Mr. Wheeler asked if the South would not be selling its birthright for a mess of pottage to ask for this. Mr. Baker said that he would not like to say. Mr. Wheeler was asked what this birthright was. He replied: "Free trade and free institutions." Representatives of manufacturers o

embroideries, laces, silk, buttons and hosiery desired increased tariff rates at least to an extent sufficient to pay for running the machinery.

AUTONOMY FOR CUBA.

The Spanish Ministry Promise Cubens [Larger Measure of Home Rule Than Heretofore Enjoyed. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 39 .- While t is not true that the Spanish Government will accept the [mediation of the United States in giving autonomy to the island of Cuba, it has been known for some weeks that the Spanish ministry propose giving the Cubans a larger measure of home rule than they have neretofore enjoyed. President Cleveand has been repeatedly advised that bese reforms will be inaugurated when the province of Pinar del Rio has been pacified. It was in this province that Gen. Maceo and his followers have been located for the past year and since Maceo's death the work of pacification has been considerably expedited. The time is now believed to be ripe when the home rule reforms will be instituted there and also in the provinces of Magents have never secured a foothold.

It has been frequently asserted by Spain that the intended reforms would have been put in operation long ago but for the insurrection, and that some of the leaders among the insurgents started the rebellion in order to prevent the reforms. These reforms embrace the election of an entire Cuban Congress,

election of an entire Cuban Congress, instead of a mixed Congress of fifteen elected members and fifteen appointed by the regent, and also a complete control by Cuba of her tariff.

The Spanish ministry are now understood to be engaged in drafting the proposed reforms, but thus far the only knowledge respecting them is of a general nature. It is believed that they will be completed within the next fortnight. pleted within the next fortnight, and it is not unlikely that a copy will be cabled to Secretary Olsey by the per-mission of the Spanish Government be-

fore their public announcement. MADRID, December 29.—An emphatic emi-official denial is given to the statesemi-official denial is given to the state-ments cabled here as coming from Wash-ivgton, that Secretary of State Olnev and Senator Dupuy de Lome has practi-cally terminated their negotiations on the Cuban question and detailing the extent of the reforms that Spain would grant Cuba under the guarantee of the United States.

Waller was ahead in the bicycle inter-national contest in Washington, D. C., at the close of the second day last even-ing, with 391 miles and two laps to his

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MORE BANK FAILURES.

In Minnesots, Maine, Michigan and Vir

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. ROANOKE, VA., December 39 -The Commercial National Bank closed its doors this morning. The failure was caused by a run on the bank yesterday. Cashier Davenport resigned on the 20th instant and turned over the books in good shape to his successor, and returned to his old home in Charleston, W. Va. This fact did not become

known until yesterday, and is said to be the cause of the run. Deposits are lightly over \$50,000, and it is believed that all liabilities will be paid in full, Bank Examiner Sands is en route to this place to take charge. No other bank is in the least effected. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., December 29. -The Columbia National Bank, of this

city, closed its doors this morning owing to inability to make collections. It is a comparatively new bank, having been organized about five years ago with ex-State Treasurer Charles Kittleson as its president and ex-State Treasurer Bobieter as cashier, which positions they still hold. Its capital on Decem-ber 18th was \$200,000, with a sur-plus of about \$6,000 Its loans and discounts were \$348,000 and its deposits \$264,000. It has never been profitable. Deputy Comptroller of the Currency Geo, W. Coffie, who happened to be in the city, took charge of the bank. Its officers claim that they will be able to

pay depositors in full.

The Washington Bank of this city has closed its doors. Its last statement, December 17. shows loans and discounts of \$500,000 and deposits of \$540,000. Its capital is \$100,000 and its surplus \$18-000. A. C. Haugan, its president, is city treasurer and it is likely that quite an amount of city funds will be locked up by the failure, Its business is largely with working people. The officers claim that they will be able to pay them in

AUBURN, ME., December 29 .- A petition for a receiver for the American Trust & Binking Company has been filed. A director says: "The money is coming in in such amounts that we are encouraged to think our doors can again be opened for business. The company has little borrowed money and the directors believe that Western investments will prove all right,"

RICHMOND, VA., December 29 .- A spec al to the Dispatch says: The Com-mercial National Bank of this city closed its doors this morning because of a run on that institution yesterday. This run, it is believed, was caused by the resignation of Cashier Davenport and his departure for West Virginia on Sunday. Mr. Davesport had been in the employ of the bank for some years, and his books on settlement were correct in every particular. When it was known that he had resigned people became unliabilities of the bank amount to about \$80,000 and the estimated assets exceed this by about \$90,000.

SIOUX CITY, IA., December 29 -On application of W. T. Honsinger, vice president and a large share-holder in the Farmers' Trust Company, of this place, G. H. Hollister was to-day appointed receiver for the institution. Tightness on which they were secured defaulted payments. Receiver Hollister estimates \$388,000, and liabilities

PRINCESS CAHAMAN-CHIMAY. Her Arrival at Budapest with Her Para

mour Created a Sensation. By Cab'e to the Morning Star. BUDAPEST. December 29.-Janos Rigo, the Hungarian Gypsy musician and the Princess de Caraman-Chimay, formerly Miss Clara Ward, ol Detroit, who recently eloped from Paris, have arrived here. Their presence in the city has awakened the liveliest curiosity and people of all classes made all sorts of efforts to see the couple. When it became noised about that Rigo and his

American mistress were sleeping at a hotel, hundreds of persons went there and stood outside for hours, hoping to see the pair. The Princess and her paramour have visited the theatres since their arrival, and appear to er joy the netericity they have obtained through their toriety they have obtained through their The contrast between the two is great. Rigo, who is about thirty-five years of age, looks like the ordinary Gypsy he is. His complexion is swarthy and his common ancestry is plainly attested in his face. The respectable people of the

city are thoroughly disgusted with the manner in which the couple are acting and say that ordinary decency should impel them to keep themselves from the public gaze, but this view of the matter does not seem to meet with the approval of the parties most interested. Many men of the world scoff at the idea of Rigo divorcing his wife and marrying the Princess. They say that after be gets as much money as possible from her he will abaudon her and return to his wife.

ALONE WITH HER DEAD.

Deplorable Condition of an Aged and Helpless Woman in the Wilds of New Jersey.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. EGG HARBOR CITY, N. J., December 29.- John Sproerl, 70 years old, operated a small farm and lived with his aged and belpless wife in a little house in the dense woods near Pomona. Yesterday afternoon a wood-chopper was passing the lonely farm when he saw a handkerchief flattering in a curious way from one of the windows. He stopped to investigate and found that Mrs. Sproerl, unable to leave the house, had managed to crawl to a window. There she had kept up an uncessing cryshour after hour for some one. Her husband had died last Friday, and the belpless woman had been alone with her dead those four days. The woman was almost starved to death, while the house was in a de-plorable condition. In the little barn were a horse and cow turned loose, and so weak from hunger that they could hardly stand.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE Begin the Tenth Season of Their

New York and Florida Special By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 29 .- Comnencing January 18th next the Atlantic Coast Line will begin the tenth season of their New York and Florida special. a solid train between E-stern cities and Florida. It will leave New York daily, except Sunday, at 4 80 p. m., arriving in Charleston at 11 50 a. m., Savannah at 06 p. m., Jacksonville at 6.80 p. m., St. Augustine at 7.45 p. m.

Mr. Gladstone celebrated his 87th birthday at Hawarden vesterday surrounded by his family. There was the usual demonstration by the villagers in honor of the occasion, consisting of the ringing of church bells and the assignment of deputations to proceed to the castle and congratulate the venerable

Has found that her little 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, of rheumatism.

RHRUMATISM IS A FOR which gives no quarter. It torments its victims day and night. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood and cures the aches and pains of rheumatism.

WARM WIRELETS.

William Bing, a prosperous farmer of Floyd county, Ga., committed suicide

John Pagan, a wealthy citizen of Yonkers, N. Y., committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the head with a

Isaac Zueker, the convicted firebug, was sentenced in the New York Su-preme Court by Justice Fursman to imprisonment for thirty six years.

The Phoenix Woollen Company, of Providence, R I., has filed its petition of insolvency. Liabilities \$300,000. The assets are about \$250,000. The bent works and lumber yard o Bringardner & Conkie, at Junction City,

Outo, were burned vesterday. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. Insurance only The health authorities of Bombay report that during the past forty-eight hours there have been 177 new cases of bubonic plague and 180 deaths from

politan Life Insurance Company New York city, was blown open by bur-glars Monday night and \$1,500 and a gold watch stolen. The condition of Mrs. Henry Ward

eecher, who fell and fractured her hip

at Stamford, Conn., a few days ago, re-

mains critical. Her recovery is considered doubtful. The London Daily News says it is quite clear that Spain is carrying on negotiations with the United States, although her pride compels her to do so

in an underhand manner. A special from Acworth, Ga., says that two Western & Atlantic freight trains collided there last night. The angines and cars were broken up, but no one was seriously injured.

The President has amended the Civil service rules so as to include in this serrice all employes of the Government penitentiaries in the United States who are subject to classification. A Frankfort dispatch says Gov. Brad-

ley intends to resign at an early date He wrote Mr. McKinley some weeks ago that the President-elect had no office in his gift which he (Bradley) would ac-The Georgia Railway Commission has

ordered a cut of 20 per cent. in rates for fertilizers. This means a loss to the roads in Georgia of \$160,000 and indirectly it would cost them a great deal It is announced that the Sugar Trust

roposes duplicating the Woolson plant t an Eastern point, probably Boston or Philadelphia. The purpose of this move is to meet Arbuckle on his own camping ground. A petition has been filed by members

of the firm of Duhme & Co., jewelers Cincinnati, for a dissolution and a receiver for the firm. They say the company is insolvent and unable to pay maturing debts. L. Snellberger & Son, leading retail dry goods merchants of South Balti-

more, have made an assignment. Lia-

bilities, \$50 000; assets about the same amount. Pressure of creditors and slow collections caused the suspension. Company, at Seattle, Wash., closed its plant Monday, throwing seventy men out of employment. The over-produc tion of lumber, together with the recent

failures of Eastern banks, is the cause. The Secret Service division of the Treasury Department reports the discovery of a new counterfeit ten dollar national bank note. It is a photographic reproduction of a note issued by the Union National Bank of Detroit, Mich.

Two unknown men went to the house of William Whaley, a farmer living two miles from Sevierville, in Sevier county, Tenn., Monday night, and without speaking a word, broke down the door, walk-ed in and shot and killed Whaley and

Fires will be lighted on Thursday in furnace "A" of the Maryland Steel Company, at Sparrow's Point, giving employment to about 150 men who have been idle since September. It is exto 500 within two months. It was erroneously reported in the dispatches of Christmas day that the Sohn

per Piano Company had been burned out, its name having been confounded with that of the Sebastian Somer Piano Company, the concern whose plant was destroyed by fire on the day mentioned. Secretary of War Lamont has ordered the corps of cadets of the United States Military Academy at West Point to Washington at the proper time to par-

ticipate in the inaugural ceremonies of the President-elect. Secretary Herbert will order the cadets of the Naval Academy to Washington at the same The Southern Railway reports for November gross earnings of \$1 684,178, a decrease of \$208 166; expenses and

axes, \$1,061.690 : decrease, \$110,604. Net earnings, \$633.488; decrease, \$92.-561; from July 1st to November 80, gross, \$8.138.794; decrease, \$442,796. Expenses and taxes, \$5,422,728; decrease, \$285.974; net earnings, \$2,2,716,-071; decrease, \$176 829.

A Prison Designed by a Convict. Perhaps the most interesting fact about the building of Wormwood Scrubs prison is that the plans for its constru tion were drawn out by a convict in his cell while undergoing the probationary nine months to a long term of imprison-The man was originally an architect

and among the foremost of his profes sion. He was a gentleman by birth and education, but in early life began to abuse his natural gifts, and at the time was undergoing his second term of imprisonment for forgery. The completion of the work occupied him for nearly six months and was effected under great disadvantages. In place of a table, for instance, he had to pin his paper to the wall of his cell, moving it round with the sun in order to obtain the best light. The prison authorities consider this marvelous specimen of architectural drawing the finest piece of work ever done by an English convict. It measures in size 5 feet 6 inches, being drawn to the scale of a hundredth part of an inch. The convict displayed the greatest interest and pride in the erection and completion of the prison, which was built entirely by convict labor. It contains 1,381 separate cells for prisoners, which cost on an average £70 7s. each, besides hospital wards and a chapel. The total number of bricks required

was 85,000,000, each one being made by the convicts on the premises, or on some adjoining land leased for the purpose. The iron castings were obtained from Portland or Chatham prison, the granite from Dartmoor and the Portland stone from Portland. The total cost of the prison was more than £97,000 .-London Letter.

Gream gruel, according to an emine English authority, is the ideal nourishment for thin folk. A teacupful taken at night immediately before retiring is as well as fattening, and produces just that sense of satisfied hunger essential to ideal rest. It is claimed that perse-verance in the treatment yields such ap-parent results that the cheeks can be

seen to expand from day to day.

But He Learned That Cold "Pisen" Had

It was on a California ranch in early oringtime. John, the cook, aged about pringtime. John, the cook, aged about 17 years, had offered to alay several thousands of the myriads of blackbirds which were swarming around the ranch if Brown, the boss, would furnish powder and shot. The birds were so numerous that the wheat had to be covered as soon as possible after sowing. If this was not done, the ground would be cleaned as free of the seed in a very short time as if it had never been seeded. Under these conditions Brown was not slow in furnishing the necessary

The next morning after the breakfast dishes were cleared up John made his appearance in the field, armed with the old muzzle loading, double barreled shotgun. After stowing away a liberal amount of ammunition in the old gun he took deliberate aim at a place where the blackbirds seemed to be most nu grous on the newly seeded ground. With a tremendous report the old gun belched forth its deadly charge. When John recovered from the recoil and the smoke had cleared up, he was surprised and delighted at the havor he had caused in the swarm of birds. Perhaps 40 or 50 lay dead on the ground, and others dropped every few yards as the birds flew toward a clump of trees about 150 yards distant.

Loading the barrel which had been discharged, John proceeded toward the trees, intent on securing another shot, but as he drew nearer he was surprised to see the birds still dropping to the ground. When within about 80 yards of the trees, he stopped, undecided as to whether he had better fire again or not for it seemed as though he must have wounded all of the birds, so continuously were they falling. As the birds did not seem to be alarmed by his presence he concluded to count the dead ones and find out how many he had killed with one load. Cautiously making his way under the trees, he commenced counting, and the birds kept falling. After counting about 200 dead birds, and seeing that they were still falling, he commenced to feel a little suspicious, and noticed that the birds were acting in a very unusual manner up in

the tree. "Ha, ha, ha!" yelled Brown, who had been taking it all in at a short distance, unseen by John. Laughing until he could scarcely walk, Brown approach ed, and John, who was sure something was wrong, demanded an explanation "Well," said Brown, "I had just sown about a peck of poisoned wheat when you came out, and the poison commenced taking effect just after you

The boys all call him "Blackbird John."-Forest and Stream.

If farmers would make a study of natural history and its bearing on their property—the relation of hawks to their encoops, for instance—there would be better paying crops.

The "Year Book" of the department

of agriculture tells about crow blackbirds and what they eat. About 2,300 of their stomachs have been examined and of these 2,258 contained food. The birds were killed in 26 states. Fortyeight per cent of the food was animal, 48 per cent vegetable and 4 per cent was mineral. The blackbird has a variety of things it eats.

"The animal food," says the report, "consisted of insects, spiders, myria-pods (thousand legs), crawfish, earthworms, sowbugs, hair snakes, snails, fishes, tree tonds, salamanders (newts), lizards, snakes, birds' eggs and mice.' To these might have been added young birds, fish cast up by the tide, minnows caught while swimming in shallow water and probably meat and carrion of various kinds. Most of the animal food is, of course, insects. These constitute 46 per cent of the total, the other 2 per ent being the larger things, like mice. The animal food is taken mostly in the summer. In winter the food is mostly vegetable matter. The insects the bird kills more than make up the damage he does, especially as his nest robbing appears to be only an incidental habit not often indulged in. A large flock of the birds would, of course, destroy a lot of grain. Some 50,000 would eat about 8,000 pounds a day, but they would consume as many insects, which would more than destroy the amount the bird does. - New York Sun.

Rapid Photography. Professor E. Mache of Prague is credted with some remarkable achievement in the line of rapid photography. Thus the flight of a projectile has been fas-tened on a sensitive plate, the exposure being estimated at probably about one-thousandth of a second. In taking this picture Professor Mache succeeded not only in showing the projectile proper upon the negative, but he also shows the air currents, and the condensing of photograph, it is thought, might explain the luminous tail on comets and on meteors, which are presumably projectiles hurled through infinite space upon a larger scale. Another of these photographic achievements is air occasioned by the flight of aleaden ball. Its current of air is diverted to all sides at an angle of about 45 degrees to the axis of the projectile, and the whirlwind in its wake shows particles of dust and other atoms carried in the atmosphere, driven with an energetic motion in the road which the projectile has just left, and following it with almost the same rapid-

A new wrinkle about palms which a London florist indorses is that the leaves should be washed, not with pure water but with milk and water, which has a wonderful way of preserving them and preventing the appearance of the brown spots which are so disfiguring. Another suggestion about plants is that a little cold coffee poured over the earth at the roots occasionally will be found beneficial. Coffee is a good fertilizer. This treatment is specially recommended for hyacinths.—New York Times.

The "American physician" who makes some amazing medical or scientific discovery about once a week with undeviating regularity, and has long since become an established journalistic institution, shows signs of a tendency to abuse the hospitality so lavishly accorded him by the newspapers of two continents. His story of having found actual blue blood in his own veins, for instance, which was cabled from Phila-delphia, is only fit to be told to the nitramarines. If blue blood is ever found anywhere, it will probably be elsewhere than in the United States.—London

Troublesome Creek's New Woman There lives on Troublesome creek, in Knott county, Ky., Aunt Mary Crab-tree, who will be 91 years old the 15th day of August. Aunt Mary is now in possession of all her faculties, has cut a new set of teeth, and can read without glasses. The most remarkable fact of all, however, is that her hair, which said to give marvelous results. To be at its best it must be perfectly made, then thinned with sweet cream. Taken in that condition and warm it is agreeable was when she was a girl of 18.—Philadelphia Press.

English laborers, taken the count over, average about \$4.86 a week, from which they are expected to board and clothe themselves and their families.

MINISTERS' SONS PLAY CARDS. How a Thirteen-year-old Boy Disposed of

There is an Episcopal minister on the north side who has two sons, 18 and 11 years old respectively, of whom he very proud. The responsibility of rea-ing two sons that they may be orne ments to society is deeply impressed up on the good man, and he watches his boys with a jealous eye, fearing that they may be brought under harmful influences. One morning he called the boys at the usual hour, and when he had satisfied himself that they were up he returned to his morning paper. Thir-ty minutes passed, but the boys did not me down stairs, and, thinking they were up to some mischief, he went quietly to their room, opened the door, and was startled to see them sitting up in bed with a deck of cards between them, playing seven-up. He did not say anything further than to tell them tha breakfast was ready, but he immedi ately sought his wife and confided t her what he had discovered. They held a consultation and decided that it would be best for the mother to talk to them. When the morning meal was finished, she talked with her boys long and seri ously on the evils of card playing, and concluded by saying that she would trust to the elder one to dispose of the deck they had some time during the day. With that the subject was dropped until evening. At the dinner table she said to him, "Harold, did you dispose of these cards?" "Yes, mother."

"Did you destroy them?"

"Well, how did you dispose of them?"
"I sold them to the Baptist minister's son for 10 cents," was the reply.-Chicago Inter Ocean.



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