St. Nicholas. The great American desert was almost better known a generation ago than it is to-day. Then thousands of the hardy Argonauts on their way to California had traversed that fearful waste on foot with their dawdling ox teams, and hundreds of them left their bones to bleach in that thirsty land. The survivors of those deadly journeys had a very vivid idea of what that desert was; but now that we can roll across it in less than a day in Pullman palace cars its real-and still existing-horrors are largely forgotton. I have walked its hideous length alone and wounded, and realized something more of it from that than a great many railroad journeys across it have told me. Now every transcontinental railroad crosses the great desert which stretches up and down the continent, west of the Rocky mountains, for nearly two thousand miles. The northern routes cut its least terrible parts; but the two railroads which traverse its southern half-the Atlantic & Pacific railroad and the Southern Pacific-pierce some of its grimmest recesses.

The first scientific exploration of this region was Lieut. Wheeler's survey, about 1850, and he was first to give scientific assurance that we had here a desert as absolute as the Sahara If its parched sands could peak their record what a story they might tell of sufferings and death; of slow-plodding caravans, whose patient oxen litted their feet ceaselessly from the blistering gravel; of drawn human faces that peered at and toiled frantically on to sink at last, hopeless and strenghless, in the hot dust which the mirage had paintod with the hues and the very waves ef water.

No one will ever know how many have yielded to the long sleep in that inhospitable land. Not a year passes, even now, without record of many dying upon that desert and of many more who wander back, in a delirium of thirst. Even people at the railroad station sometimes rove off lured by the strange fascination of the desert and never come back, and of the adventurous miners who seek to probe the golden secrets of those barren and strange-hued ranges there are countless victims.

A desert is not necessarily an endless, level waste of burning sand. The great American desert is full its southern end the mountains become somewhat less numerous and the sandy wastes more prominent. There are many extinct volcanoes miles of black, bristling lava flows. A large part of it is sparsely cloth- by one, they sneaked around or went in places not a plant of any sort breaks the surface, as far as the eye can reach. The summer heat is unshade; and a piece of metal which has said: been in the sun can no more be handled than can a red-hot stove. Even in winter the mid-day heat is insufferable, while at night ice trequently | me! Come out and have some lemforms on the water tanks. The onade!" daily range of temperature there is said to be the greatest ever recorded anywhere, and a change of 80 degrees in a few hours is not rare.

THE CONGO RAILROAD'S PROGRESS

Hewing a Roadbed Through Solid Rock-The Work Advancing Rap-

Chicago Herald.

The builders of the Congo Railroad are now in the midst of their greatest difficulties. Nine-tenths of the engineering problems are centered in the first fifteen miles. Near Matadi, on the Lower Congo, the engineers are compelled to blast out the rock nearly every step of the way. For about three miles the roadbed is dug in the solid rock that rises almost precipitously above the kee?' I wasn't as green as I looked, Congo. It then turns up the Mpsoi valley, one of the roughest spots imaginable. Every quarter of a mile or less the track will have to be carried across the river on bridges. The first five miles of this difficult part of the road have now been completed, and I the work is making good progress on the second section. By the end of this year the engineers expect to new suit I fancied that I couldn't be have all their bridges in place and to singled out from the loungers of the have the road completed to Palabala, at the summit of the plateau, and then the work will advance rapidly to Kinchassa, on Stanley pool.

The number of workmen has been largely increased of late. The latest mail reports that 2,750 native laborers are grading the roadbed and excavating the rock. The managers are well pleased with the progress they are making. The building of the bridges in Belgium has advanced far ahead of the work on the Congo, and a great deal of material is now on the river ready to be put in its place.

above Stanley pool maintained by Belgium, Dutch and French traders have increased about 100 in number, and they are collecting a great deal of ivory and rubber, which is now sent to the coast on the backs of men. About 30,000 porters are now employed in the transportation busi-

The railroad company is carrying out one work which is unique in the history of railroad enterprises. It has constructed in Belgium iron buildings for the use of Belgian missionaries. The whole cost is defrayed by the railroad company whose officials say that it will pay to give this assistance to the missionaries on account of the excellent influence they have upon the workmen and the solicitude with which they look after the health of the black personnel. The company has also taken steps to establish a sanitarium at Kinkanda and has a competent medical staff to care for the sick.

-If, as seems certain, Mr. Hill carries the New York delegation at Chicago, and the Cleveland revolutionary element now organizing, supplies a suggestion that the State cannot be carried for Hill at the election, the spirit may move the Democratic party to "go west" for a candidate—or to Maryland.

— Washington Star, Ind. HUMAN NATURE.

Meartless Man Trifles With It and Has a Little Quiet Fun. Detroit Free Press.

There was a man at the Wabash depot the other afternoon who took a \$5 bill out of his vest pocket and spread it out on his knee and attentively examined it. Then he took it over to the window and held it to a pane of glass and examined it still more critically. Then he went back to his seat and said to the man on his right, who had become much interested, together with half a dozen

dozen others: "Well, they say there has got to be a first time with everybody, but I thought I had travelled far enough to cut my eye teeth." "Got stuck, eh?" queried the other

as he reached for the bill. "Well, you are not so much to blame. That bill is pretty well gotten up.' "Yes, fairly well, but feel of Does it feel like a genuine greenback

to you?" "N-o, it doesn't, though I should never have stopped to feel of it. I can see now that it is rougher, and

"They might have passed that off on me in the night," said a second man who took up the bill, "but never by daylight. I should have spotted it at once."

"Pretty well executed, isn't it?" queried the owner. "I don't think so. The inks used were not first-class and the printing is bad, I could tell it was queer.

even if held out at arm's length.' "Counterfeit, eh?" said the man as he took the bill in his hands. "Wall, now, I call that pooty well donepooty well done. I'd a taken that bill anywhar fur a good one." "If somebody didn't take 'em fer

good," said a man with a pair of steelbowed spectacles on, as he joined some lying image of a placid lake, the group, "the counterfeiters couldn't make a living. There are plenty of yahoos still alive."

"Are you callin' me a yahoo?" demanded the third man. "I'm only speaking in a general

way. I'd have spotted that bill among a thousand. Just one look at the back of it is enough for me. Where'd you get it?" "Can't tell," solemnly replied the

"You ought to be more careful." "Yes. I know."

"I think I'll try and pass it off or some one. Let's see if the ticket man will drop to it." He advanced to the window.

bought a ticket for a town fifty-miles down the road and the ticket man ulled in the bill and made change of strange, burnt, ragged mountain like chain lightning. Twenty people ranges, with deceptive, sloping broad | were watching and each drew a long valleys between-though as we near | breath and opened his eyes. The owner of the bill coolly pocketed the change and ticket and calmly sat down and opened a newspaper and began to read. It was some time beupon it, and hundreds of square fore the crowd tumbled to the fact that it had been guyed. Then, one ed with the hardy greasewood; but out for freshair. All but one, It was the man who resented being called a yahoo. He went over to the joker with a grin on his face, slapped him bearable, often reaching 136° in the on the back in a hearty way and

> "It was a good joke and it's jest such adventures as this that make travellin' around all-fired pleasant to

KNOWN BY HIS BOOTS.

The Bunco Steerers All Got on to His Home-Made Foot Coverings.

San Francisco Examiner. John L. Beard, of Mission San lose, is a well known wine maker, was one of the early graduates from the old College of California, has been a memoer of the Bohemian Club for years and has travelled extensively. As he came over on the boat the other day he told one of his early experiences in New York: "Out here I considered myself fairly well dressed," he said, "but I hardly touched New York before I knew I wasn't quite in it. A man rushed up to me, grabbed my hands and said unctiously: 'Hello, Tompkins. How's everything in Kanka-

however, and merely said: 'Fine, Smith, fine. But let go, for I'm working that game myself. "I at once ordered a suit of clothes from a Broadway tailor, bought a Dunlap hat, patronized the swellest

haberdasher I could find, and kept to my hotel until the clothes were ready. When I was attired in my avenue on Sunday afternoon. But my friends, the bunco steerers, kept right after me. I couldn't go half a dozen biocks before I'd be hailed and have my hand shaken. I was Patterson from Helena, Boyd from Bodie, Clancy from Muskingum, and Smith, Jones and Robinson from all sections of the broad land which the impressionable jay rules as his demesne. It got to be a dreadful bore.

"Finally, when I had been accosted twice in one block I said to my new acquaintance :

"'See here, old man, I'm on to you. But if you'll tell me how in The need of the road is increasing | the devil you tellows all spot me for every month. The trading stations a wild Westerner I'll give you ten." "'That's easy,' he said, reaching for the money. 'Those high-heeled boots were called in here in New York when I was a baby.'

"So I have concluded that the old adage must be changed to read : 'Every man is known by his boots.'

BLACK INK.

A Few Facts Worth Evecybody's

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. No chemical black ink has yet been made which will write black mmediately on exposure. The common black ink is made of nut galls, and is by all odds the best ink ever made. Manuscripts written five or six hundred years ago are just as legible to-day as when first written. The chemical inks of to-day are of too recent invention to determine whether they will last, but it is quite probable that most of them will be as legible at the end of fifty or seventy-five years as they are to-day. There is, however, a fortune in store for the man who will invent a chemical black ink which will write

black at first and remain so. - Salem Press: The parties who are boring for oil near Walnut Cove have reached a depth of over one hundred feet in the new location.

FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

Mr. Manderson, President pro tem.

negative by United States Statute.

Mr. Sherman argued that a fair con-

struction of the law of Congress (on the

Houses failed to elect in separate meet-

of Florida, should decide the question.

These services, he said, were in the na-

ture of religious services, and no more

appropriate day could be selected for

giving tribute to the deceased members

Mr. Morse, of Massachusetts, second-

ed the amendment, He believed that

memorial services were educational and

proper, and the Lord's day was the most

Mr. Ray, of New York, opposed the

mendment. It was evidently offered in

the interest of those persons who never

attended church, but who could come

here on the Sabbath day and listen to

norial services was twenty-four days.

amendment, this majority vanished be-

fore the dreaded roll call and the amend-

House to consider the private calendar

custom of setting apart days for delivery

of eulogies upon deceased members, but

24, relating to the order of business.

Mr. Reed offered a substitute for rule

Mr. Chipman, of Michigan, offered ar

In speaking to an informal amend-

by Mr. Wise, of Virginia, Messrs. Hen-

derson, of North Carolina, and Randall

of Pennsylvania, to Speaker Carlisle

asking for recognition to move the sus-

pension of the rules and the passage of

bill for the repeal of Internal Revenue

taxes upon tobacco. Mr. Taylor said

that he meant to make no attack upon

Speaker Carlisle. He pointed to these

letters only as an illustration of the

Consideration of rules reported by

great power which the rules conferred

the Committee on Rules having been

concluded, Mr. Reed, on behalf of the

Republicans, offered as a substitute

therefor the rnles of the 51st Congress.

The code of rules was then agreed to.

Mr. Sayres, from the Committee on

Appropriations, reported a bill to sup-

ferred to the Committee of the Whole.

into the affairs of the World's Colum-

Mr. Durborrow, of Illinois, presented

Mr. Dickerson, of Kentucky, offered a

resolution directing the Committee on

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.

Mr. Fithian, of Illinois, sent to the

Speaker for reference the bill placing

farming implements upon the free list.

He wished to have the bill printed in

the Record, but the Speaker declined to

recognize him for the purpose of making

Speaker Crisp is very hoarse, and his

voice is hardly audible. The calling of

committees for reports, which is usually

made by the Speaker in person, was

delegated to one of the reading clerks,

the Speaker being desirous of saving his

voice as much as possible. Finally he

left the chair and yielded the gavel to

The call of committees having been

completed. Mr. Fithian made his request

that the bill introduced by him be

Mr. Sayers, of Texas, in charge of the

bill, made an explanation as to its pro-

visions, and brought the charge of ex-

the census bureau. He said that hun-

dreds of men and women who never

to operate his bureau without pressure

from outside to put in office a large

Mr. Henderson, of Iowa-Do you re-

Mr. Sayers—To both, Mr. Henderson replied to Mr. Sayers

Mr. Dingley also defended Superin-

tendent of Census Porter. He said if

expenditures of the Census Bureau had

been increased, this was due to the fact

that Congress had imposed upon it the

fer to the number or quality?

and defended the census office.

that request at the present time.

Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee.

call it up for action to-morrow.

Exposition, Adopted.

The House then adjourned.

they were all rejected.

Pension bills. Agree to.

upon the Speaker.

Lost; without division.

to 104.

ment was defeated-yeas 91, nays 155.

uitable one that could be chosen.

stitutionality.

was not present.

without division.

than Sunday.

Adjourned till Monday.

FIRST SESSION.

of their farm mortgages.

Mr. Dungon, of Ohio, opposed an appropriation for the Census Bureau until charges made against it had been answered satisfactorily. It had been said that tons and tons of statistics had been Florida's Contested Election Case Before the Senate-The Code of Rules Furtner destroyed alter compilation, and that a lot of punching machines—(the inven-tion of a relative)—which could be pur-Debated in the House and Finally Agreed to. chased for \$10, had been employed at a SENATE. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 4.

rovalty of \$3. Mr. Cooper, of Indiana, criticised the Gensus Office on the ground that it had The Senate was called to order by discriminated against certain limestone industries of Indiana, and in favor of Mr. Chandler, member of the Comothers. In the taking of the census mittee on Privileges and Elections, great inaccuracy, if not dishonesty, had stated that the report was unanimous been committed as far as the limestone and that the Committee had wisely conworkings were concerned. cluded that the question was neither Mr. Stone, of Kentucky, paid a high

compelling them to disclose the amount

political nor a personal one, but was of ribute to the ability and efficiency of constitutional and statutory constructhe Superintendent of the Census. tion. It was whether the mere absence Mr. Sayers offered an amendment apof a quorum of one house of the Legispropriating \$115,514 for the subsistence lature (provided there was a majority of the Sioux Indians, and calling upon present of the members of both Houses the Secretary of the Interior to report was sufficient to defeat an election of a to the House the names of all employes United States Senator. That question under the direction and supervision of seemed to be settled conclusively in the the Indian Bureau. The latter clause of this amendment was the first general Dissent from the position taken by legislation to be incorporated upon an Mr. Chandler on the constitutional and appropriation bill, but no objection being statutory question involved was the ocmade the amendment was adopted and

casion for a long legal discussion, in which Messrs. Mitchell, Stewart, Gray, the bill was passed. The private calendar was then taken Teller, George and Sherman took part. up for consideration, but no progress There was no contention as to the corwas made, and the House adjourned unrectness of the resolution reported, but til 19.45 o'clock to-morrow, when eulothe discussion turned simply upon the gies will be delivered upon the late Repconstruction of the statute and its conresentative Lee, of Virginia.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 6. election of Senators) was that if two The House did not meet until a quarter before 1 o'clock to-day. The ating, then a joint convention of the tendance of members was not large as two Houses should be held and the majority of that convention, as in the case the day was devoted to the delivery of eulogies. Minister Montt, of Chili, occupied a seat on the floor.

It made no difference, in his opinion, whether a quorum of one House was or At 1 o'clock resolutions expressive of the sorrow with which the House had Finally the resolution was agreed to heard of the death of its esteemed member, Mr. Lee, of Virginia, were presented by Mr. Meredith, of Virginia. Eulogistic addresses were delivered by HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Messrs. Meredith, Edmunds, Tucker, The consideration of the rules having Wise, Hermann, Washington, Herbert, been resumed, Mr. Enloe, of Tennessee. Wilson, West Va.; Cummings, Cowles, offered an amendment providing that Eliott. Breckenridge of Kentucky, and eulogies to deceased members shall be delivered Sundays (and Sundays only), Resolutions were then adopted and on which day the ceremonies shall be the House out of respect to the memory opened with prayer by the Chaplain.

> HE KNEW ALL ABOUT IT. Mr. Gladstone Was Altogether Too Sharp for These Two Men.

of the deceased adjourned.

Youth's Companion. An anecdote is told of Mr. Gladstone which illustrates strikingly the versatility and breadth of knowledge of that remarkable man. Two personal friends of Mr. Gladstone once laid a plan to amuse themselves and play a joke upon him.

Mr. Reed, of Maine, gave the infor-They were to discuss in his premation that the consumption of time in sence some subject of which he the first session of the last Congress for might be presumed to be ignorant, and then, having pretended to dis-Although the standing vote showed a agree decidedly, to appeal to Mr. majority of 96 to 68 in favor of the Gladstone to settle the point. The fun was to come when he was forced to confess that there was one sub-Mr. O'Niell, of Missouri, offered an ject which he had not studied. amendment making it obligatory on the

This plan they carried out; but it was not so easy to find the topic on on Friday. Lost-57 to 111. Various which Mr. Gladstone must confess propositions were made having for their himself "stumped." At last there object the abolition or restriction of the was discovered in an old newspaper an article on Chinese chess. The description of the game had been copied from a well-known magazine. This seemed promising.

The only change proposed is that the The conspirators studied the armorning hour, which under the code is ticle assiduously, until they had belimited to sixty minutes, may be excome thoroughly familiar with it tended indefinitel at the pleasure of the House. The substitute was lost-80 Then they waited for their opportunity. It came when they were invited to a dinner where Mr. Gladamendment providing for a Friday night stone was to be present. Seated on session for the consideration of private each side of their intended victim, by arrangement with the host, they ment, J. D. Taylor, of Onio, sent to the began to put their scheme in opera Clerk's desk and had read a letter sent

Mr. Gladstone had maintained his eputation throughout the evening for being thoroughly acquainted with not only the leading questions of the day, but every subject which had been thus far introduced by those around him. His neighbors on either side began to discuss games of skill and chance generally.

Every few minutes one or the other would appeal to Mr. Gladstone to clear up some particularly complicated point or disputed question, Between them they skillfully led the conversation up to Chinese chess, and soon found their opportunity to argue somewhat warmly in regard to a certain matter connected with the

ply the deficiency in the appropriations They had studied the article so for the Eleventh Census, and it was reclosely that they repeated much of Also, a resolution directing an inquiry it almost verbatim. Mr. Gladstone seemed interested, but said nothing bian Exposition, stating that he would The two jokers, inwardly congratulating themselnes for their success, continued the conversation with a substitute, which was ordered printed, more animation than ever. and which will be considered at the same

The host, who had been taken into the secret, was an amused spectator of what he thought was his honored guest's embarrassment.

the Judiciary to make an investigation, and report whether Congress has When they had finished their mock the constitutional authority to approbattle Mr. Gladstone, who had not priate money for the World's Columbian uttered a word, took a sip of coffee, replaced the cup in the saucer, and remarked, pleasantly: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. "Gentlemen, I observe that you

have been reading an article on Chinese chess in the-Review which I wrote."

A NEW WONDER.

Rival to the Giant's Causeway Found in Yosemite Park.

Special Field Agent Nelson, of the Government exploring party in Death Valley, who has just reached San Francisco, says that the party discovered, near the Yosemite Valley, a wonder that rivals the famous Giant's Causeway of Ireland. He says: On the border of the hitherto unexplored part of Yosemite Park, back of Mount Lyell, at the head of the printed in the Record, and the request north fork of the San Joaquin, we one day came upon a sight so strange The House then went into committee of the whole, Mr. Richardson, of Tenn., and interesting that we did not care in the chair, on the census deficiency to move on until we had made a full

exploration. What we discovered were curious cliffs of basaltic spires, some reaching fifty feet high, and all six-sided. travagance against the administration of One thirty feet high stood out unsupported. At the base of the great cliff were thousands of pieces ought to have been employed, had been of basaltic spires which had fallen employed in that office at the instance of members of Congress. Had the and broken. The pieces were from superintendent of the census been left ten to fourteen inches thick. I do not doubt that these columnar cliffs will eventually become famous. number of incompetent persons, expen-Their location at the head of the ditures would have been very much less. north fork of the San Joaquin is one of great picturesqueness and beauty.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch says Mrs. Sehneider, who was shot Sunday night by her husband, Howard Schneider, died yesterday. Her brother, young Hamlink, was instantly killed at the same time she was shot. Young Schneider is in prison, awaiting action of the grand jury upon the killing of new and unheard of duty of inquiring into the private business of citizens and

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

- Oft the cloud that wraps the present hour serves but to brighten all our future days.—Wm. Browne. - "Evil men understand not judgment; but they that seek the Lord un

derstand all things."-Ram's Horn. - Manners are the shadows of virtues, the momentary display of those qualities which our fellow-creatures love and respect .- Rev. Sydney Smith. - God's providence is a lesson

book. The best way to understand fully the next page is to diligently study and improve the one before us.—Edwards. - If a man is passionate, mali cious, resentful, sullen, or morose after his conversion as before it, what is he. converted from or to?-John Angell

- The being of God is the guard of the world; the sense of a God is the foundation of civil order. Without this there is no tie upon the conscience of

- To be full of goodness, full of cheerfulness, full of sympathy. full of helpful hope, causes a man to carry blessings of which he is himself not unconscious as a lamp of its own shining -H. W. Beecher. - The Lord is faithful to accept

even the very small part of us we are sometimes willing to give up to him, but we want it remembered how much greater blessing we shall have by giving ourselves entirely up to him.-Mary - It needs no sharp ordeal, no

bring you to the mercy seat-or, rather,

it needs the costliest of all; but the blood of atonement, the Savior's merit the name of Jesus, priceless as they are, cost the sinner nothing .- Hamilton. - The soul, in its highest sense, is a vast capacity for God. It is like a curious chamber added to a being-a chamber with elastic contractile walls which can be expanded, with God as its guest, illimitably: but which, without

God, shrinks and shivers until every vestige of the divine is gone, and God's mage is left without God's spirit. Nature has her revenge upon neglect as well as upon extravagance. Misuse, with her, is as mortal a sin as abuse .-Henry Drummond.

- Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon who died Sunday night, was one of the most remarkable preachers of the century. He was eccentric and doubtless in his day had received more than his fair share of ridicule and caricature. But despite his peculiarities of speech and theology he was unquestionably a torce for great good, and if his life is to be judged by results he certainly wrought a noble and substantial work. He was to London what Talmage is to New York and Brooklyn. In the last thirty-seven years he had written and preached two housand sermons, all of which were published weekly. The great majority of these productions have been forgotten, but some of them are still favorites | hurry - Washington Post, in current theological literature.

A SILVER-TONGUED TEXAN. The Youngest Member of the House

Proves Himself to be an Orator, Mr. Bailey, of Texas, the youngest member of Congress, participated in the debate on the new rules

in the House yesterday, and in a tenminute speech against one-man power and the power granted by the rules to the rules committee, the Washington correspondent of the New York World says, he captivated both Democrats and Republicans and established himself as an orator of great promise. He was applauded to the echo and nearly every member of the Democratic side filed past his desk and gave him the warm grasp of congratulation.

The young statesman looks as the late Samuel J. Randall might have looked at his age. The resemblance was strangely striking even to the dress, and made a marked impression upon the o.d members. He is a little over twenty-nine years old, is rather tall and broad-shouldered and has a smooth, strong, earnest face. His bearing is that of the statesman; his clothes have the cut of the old school. When he began to speak there was a din of conversation in the rear of the chamber, but his robust voice made him heard and every member

istened. He spoke with a deliberate directness that was convincing. His language was simple and to the point. His gestures were few and fitting. Old members gazed with astonish ment at the young man. A new member commanding such attention and creating such a strong impression upset their ideas of the negative part the novitiate should play in the Congress. Even ex-Speaker Reed clasped his hand when he had finished. Young Bailey's bound into prominence was a hard blow at precedent, and his appearance was the chief subject of comment during the proceedings.

PERSONAL.

- Hon. Thomas W. Palmer, president of the World's Fair Columbian Commission, has become a 33 degree

- Cardinal Manning and Cardinal Simeoni, it is mentioned as a coincidence, were elevated to the Cardinalate at the same time, and died on the same - William Lloyd Garrison told

the Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association a few days ago that he hoped that his children might live to see a woman President of Harvard College. -- Peter Oliver, a 12-year old boy

at the New York immigration bureau, gets the magnificent salary of \$3 a week as an interpreter. He speaks English, German, Swedish and Italian fluently. - Mrs. La Favre, the New York leader of the vegetarians, subsists almost entirely upon water and fruit which has

ripened in the sun. These, with the cereals and nuts, make up Mrs. La Favre's daily menu. - The late Grand Duke Constantine, the Czar's uncle, was in general appearance the image of an Englishman He has a fair and somewhat ruddy complexion, light blue eyes that were so near-sighted that he wore spectacles, and

- Cardinal Manning is said to have been so careless in his dress as to be positively shabby in appearance at times. They even relate that on one occasion when he took a drunkard's bottle away on the street, the wretch gazed at him a moment and then exclaimed: "Take it, poor fellow, take it, ye need it more than I do."

- While a student in Vienna the Khedive of Egypt was greatly averse to ceremony and allusions to his rank. In Paris one day, being permitted to walk the boulevards with a single companion, he met one of his future subjects, who saluted him and addressed him as "Your highness." Thereupon Abbas replied in excellent French: "You are mistaken; I am a Parisian."

- There should be no higgling in a Democratic Congress over the bill to put wool on the free list, and to repeal the compensatory duties on woolens intended to give back to the manufacturer the duty paid on his raw material. Pass the bill! Let the other fellows do the higgling !- Phil. Record, Dem.

THE FIRST SHALL BE FIRST.

WALTER W. SKEAT.

Who would not haste to do some mighty safe occasion gave it to his hand, Knowing that, at its close, his name would ring,

Coupled with praises, through a grateful land? Who would not hear with joy some great command, Bidding him dare to earn a glorious

name? The task is easy that secures us fame. But, ah! how seldom comes that trum pet call That stirs the pulse and fills the veins

with flame. When victory asks fierce effort, once for And smiling fortune points a way to fame

Along some path of honor, free from

To one, the call to do great deeds speak To one, amidst a vast unhonored crowd Far otherwise the common lot of man Our hourly toil but seeks the means to

> Save that which stern necessity doth Our earnings fill an ever-leaking sieve; Our task fulfilled, another still succeeds And brief neglect brings overgrowth of

Our dull, monotonous labor knows no

What wonder, then, if suffering men recostly passport, no painful expiration, to And hopelessness gives way to mute de

me murmur at, yea, curse the scheme That placed them where the saws o fretting care Across their brows a deepening channe

wear. For them, no springtide speaks of hope renewed. But changeless wintry skies above them brood.

Oh, fools and blind! This world is not the goal. But shapes us for a larger world unknown: The vilest slave, that keeps a patient

Shall yet rank higher than the sensual Who seeks to please his worthless self alone.

He most shall merit who can most endure. TWINKLINGS.

humblest toil be hardest, yet be sure,

- "Hello, Johnny," said the man who always has time to talk to children 'You are in a hurry, ain't you?"

"Yes, sir."

"I know your father. He's always in hurry. You take after him don't you?" "No, sir, I sassed him an' he just took after me. That's why I'm in such a - Sweet Tempered Wife-Don't

you know, Jim, it looks very bad for you Iim-Looks bad! How? Sweet Tempered Wife-The neighbors will think you are dissipated. Im-Why, that is the very reason why I come home so late. So the

neighbors will not see me.-Boston - Mrs. Bleek-James, what color are your typewriter's eyes? Bleeks (thoughtlessly)-Deeply, beautifully blue.

Mrs. Bleeks-I'll scratch her eyes out, the husse Bleeks-O, my typewriter is of the obacco chewing variety. He is the father of a family.-Minneapolis Tri-

- "My darling," she murmured, "you know that I love you, Is this not enough for the present? Be assured that will set a day for our wedding as soon as it is possible. "That's all right Miranda," doggedly replied the young man, "but I hope you will remember that I've got to be mar-

ried in this dress suit, and it won't last

forever."-Clothier and Furnisher, Annual Meeting.

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