darting down and fastening lines to

different parts of the body of his victim.

The struggles of the cockroach (though

a full-grown one) were unavailing to

effect his escape-he could not break his

bonds, and his efforts seemed only to

entangle him the more. As his strug-

gles became more and more feeble, the

around him; and when he had become

nearly exhausted the spider proceeded

to raise him from the floor. He at first

raised the head and forward part of the

body nearly half an inch; then raid

the other end; and so continued to wo

till the cockroach was elevated five

six inches from the floor. Thus, "he

in chains," the victim was left to d

small one, and could not have been more

than a tenth of the weight of his prev.

Spiders crawling more abundantly and

remer Disjonval, seeking to beguile the

spider: and eight years of imprison-

ment had given him leisure to be wel!

Holland was despairing, when the frost

prepared to retreat: but the spider

knew that his weather monitor never

with the army of his countrymen : and

its Generals, who duly estimated his

be again passable by troops. They de-

layed their retreat; within twelve days

the frost had returned - the French

rain on the Dutch nation.

versed with its ways. In the December

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CUPID'S QUEST.

Dan Cupid flew as a butterfly To the gardens of earth, one day. And he sailed along through the summer sky in search of her flowerets gay. He lighted upon an amber crown

Which glittering leaves unfold; Alss! when to kiss he bent him down, Twas not living, but molten gold.

He flew to a blossom with pure white crest, To rest him a balmy hour The snow concealed but an icy breast, A stone was that passionless flower

Then, spying a ruby cup, he dips In the petals of loveliest red; The carmine stained his amorous lips, And Dan Cupid, indignant, fied, SINGING:

Farewell, farewell to the flowers of earth! Gold and marble, and tinted o'er-I'll away to the realms that gave me birth I shall seek this false earth no more.

A LADY, AFTER ALL.

sprang from the train and hastened up the green lane to the wide, old-fashioned farm-house, carrying his valise in his hand. "I wonder if Nannie got my note and

is looking for me? Hallo!" This last exclamation was drawn from Ray's lips by a cherry, which, coming from above, somewhere, came into sudden contact with his nose. He looked up, and there, perched like a great bird upon the limb of a huge old cherry tree,

girl. "How do, Lennox? Come up and have some cherries?" was her mischievous greeting.

and looking down at him with dancing

eyes and brilliant cheeks, was a young

"Nannie! Is it possible?" exclaimed Lennox, severely,

And, while Ray looked on in stern disapproval, the young witch swung herself lightly down.

"Now don't look so glum, Lennox, dear," she said slipping her little hands into his with a coaxing motion. "I know it's tomboyish to climb the cherry trees : but then it's such fun !"

"Nannie, you should have been boy," said Lennox.

"I wish 1 had! No, I don't, either; for then you wouldn't have fallen in love with me. What made you, dear?" with a fond glance and a caressing move-

"Because you are so sweet, darling," answered Ray, melted in spite of himself. "But I do wish, Nannie, you would leave off those hoydenish ways and be more dignified."

"Like Miss Isham?" asked Nannie. "Miss Isham is a very superior woman, and it would not hurt you to copy her in some respects."

The tears sprang into Nannie's eyes at his tone. They went into the parlor, and Ray took a seat in a great arm-chair. Nannie, giving her curls a toss backward, went and sat down.

"I wish you would put up those flyaway curls, and dress your hair as other young ladies do," said Ray. "And see here, Nannie, I want to have a talk with You. You know I love you; but in truth, my dear, my wife must have something of the elegance of refined society. Your manners need polish, my dear. I came down to tell you that my sister Laura is making up a party to visit the noted watering-places, and she wishes you to be one of the number."

" Are you going ?" asked Nannie. "No; my business will not allow it but I shall see you several times. Will

'I don't want to go. I'd rather stay tere in the country and climb cherry trees every day." Nannie, I must insist upon more

self-control," said he, coldly. 'But don't send me away," she plead-

you must be content to go, Will you?" The supper-bell rang at that instant, and Nannie hastily answered, "Yes, let me go, Lennox," and ran out " the

Yes, I'll go. And I'll teach you one on, Mr. Lennox Ray, see if I don't," she murmured.

It was nearly the middle of September before Mr. Ray, heated, dusty and weary, entered the hotel where his sis-

er's party was stopping. Lennox ! you here ?" said she.

"Yes, Where's Nannie?" "She was on the piazza, talking with French Count, a moment ago. Ah! there she is, by the door."

"Ah!" said Lennox, dropping Laura's hand, and making his way toward the

But it was difficult, even when he drew near, to see in the stylish, stately adv, whose hair was put up over a monstrous chignon, and whose lustrous robes swept the floor for a yard, his own little Nannie of three months ago. Lennox strode up, with scarce a glance

at the bewildered dandy to whom she was chatting, and held out his hand with an eager exclamation :

She made him a sweeping curtsey, and languidly extended the tip of her fingers, but not a muscle moved beyond what accorded with well-bred indifference.

"Ah, good-evening, Mr. Ray." 'O, Nannie! are you glad to see me?" said Lennox, feeling that his heart was chilled within him.

"O, to be sure, Mr. Ray, quite glad. Allow me to present my friend, the Count de Beaurepaire. Mr. Ray, Mon-

Lennox hardly deigned a bow to the Frenchman, and offered his arm to

Nannie. "You will walk with me a little while? "Thanks-but the music is begin-

ning, and I promised to dance with Mr. Blair."
"But afterward?" said Lennox, the chill growing colder.

"But I am engaged to Mr. Thornton." with a lealous pang.

"Really, my card is so full, I hardly know. I will, however, try and spare you a waltz somewhere. "Good heavens! Nannie, what affec-

ation is this?" She favored him with a well-bred

"Pardon, I do not understand you." And taking the arm of her escort, she walked away with the air of an Empress. Lennox sought his sister.

"Laura, how have you changed Nannie so?" he demanded.

"Yes, she is changed. Isn't she perfect?"

"Perfect? Rather too perfect to suit me," growled Lennox, "To-morrow I shall see more of Nannie," he thought, But to-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow, it was always the same, and "that elegant Miss Irving," as they styled her, was always in demand, and poor Lennox, from the distance at which the kept him, looked on almost heartoroken, varying between wrath, jealousy. pride and despair.

"Nannie," said he, one morning, when he found her for a moment alone, "how long is this to last?" "I believe you wished me to come

here to improve my manners, Mr. Ray; to acquire the elegance of society," she said, coldly.

"But, Nannie-" "Well, if you are not pleased with the

esult of your own advice, I am not to plame. You must excuse me now, Mr. Ray; I am going to ride with the Count de Beaurepaire. And, with a graceful gesture of adien

she left him sick at heart That afternoon Lennox walked unanounced into Laura's room. "I thought I'd drop in and say 'Good-

by 'before you went down stairs," said he, "I leave to-night." "Indeed? Where are you going?"

asked Laura. "O, I don't know," was his savage

'You can take a note to George for "Yes, if you get it ready," said he. "Very well. I will write it now."

Laura left the room, and Lennox stood moodily at a window. Presently Nannie came in and stood near him. Are asked. "Yes, I am," was the short answer.

"And won't you tell us where?" "I don't know myself-neither know nor care !" he growled. She slipped her hand in his arm, with the old caressing movement he remembered so well, and spoke gently, using

"But, Lennox, dear, if you go away ff somewhere, what shall I do?

his name for the first time since he

He turned suddenly and caught her to "Oh. Nannie, Nannie!" he cried. assionately, "if you would only come back to me and love me-if I could recover my lost treasure, I would not go anywhere. Oh, my lost love, is it too

She laid her face down against his shoulder, and asked: "Lennox, dear, tell me which you

love best, the Nannie you used to know, or the fashionable young lady you found "Oh, Nannie, darling!" he cried,

clasping her closer .- "I wouldn't give one toss of your old brown curls for all the fashionable young ladies in the world."

"Then you will have to take your old Nannie back again, Lennox, dear." And Lennox, passionately clasping her to him, begged to be forgiven, and vowed he would not exchange his precious little wild rose for all the hot-house

flowers in Christendom. W HAT CHILDREN SHOULD READ. The greatest trouble which ensues from placing sensational literature in the ands of children is the false idea of life which it produces. Many children evcry year, after reading those thrilling selventures and glowing descriptions of the "golden West," have become dissatisfied with the tame and seemingly uneventful school life and have left their nomes to seek their fortunes and follow heir hero. Most of these deluded fortune hunters find their mistake and like the predigal return, but with the taste for good reading impaired. Such literature should not be placed within the reach of children. There are plenty of good, useful books of moral tone that are suitable, pleasing and at the same time instructive. History is now gotten up in such a pleasant style that it is a source of amusement as well as instructive to read it. If novels must be read-and none can deny that a good novel occasionally does no harm-historical are preferable to those whose chief merit seems to be the excitement they may produce and the false ideas of life they may create. Every piece a child reads should contain a grain of truth, either moral, philosophical, political or historical, that it may spring up and bear some fruit of usefulness. It is quite important, too, that the youth should be conversant with the topics of the day, which may be found in the ending papers. No one can be consid-

fer on the side of the house, "I like the air with his hand, and showed two merely for them to kill is a thing which those houses with sanded paint; nice toy "Egyptian snake eggs," of the kind when you want to strike a match, you familiar to the children of the North. "Is that so," she asked demure- These had been floating imperceptibly ly; "I wish I lived in a house with in the air, he said. He touched a match sanded paint"-and then she looked to them and uttered some gibberish, things unutterable. If he had asked while the snakes were rapidly extend- fork that was leaning against the stack be overcome in a century. Let every "What for?" she would have hated him, ing themselves. This was satisfactory stuck into his throat and penetrated to man mind his own business and there But he didn't. He took the hint, and proof of his knowledge and power, and the match was struck then and there.

ered well read who knows nothing of the

BLACKWELL'S ISLAND

This is the largest island in the vicinity of New York : it contains 200 acres. It is long and narrow, with a deep chan nel on either side, and is the most striking feature in the East river. It was for more than a century in the possession of the family whose name it bears and was used for farming purposes. The family eventually declined, and the place was sold in 1823 by one of the last representatives for the then enormous sum of \$30,-000. The purchaser (James Bell) was a speculator who was unable to meet his payments, and the property was sold under forcelesure. This occurred in 1828, and the city determined to purchase it. This being known led to a spirited competition, and the property was run up to \$52,000. It was bough. by the corporation as a place for penal and charitable institutions. Blackwell's island would, if put into the market today, bring \$10,000,000 for residences. It is the healthiest and prettiest place ever devoted to its present purposes, and the convicts and paupers have the best air inthe world-infinitely better than the packed population of the city. Tweed, in fact, was much healthier as a Blackwell's island convict than cooped up in Lûdlow street jail, where, indeed, he soon died. Two years have elapsed since he was laid in his grave in Greenwood, and how rapidly he has fallen out of notice! The last appearance of his name, indeed, was in the record of a life insurance company, which paid a policy of \$10,000 on his life. Probably that was the only really honest money the family had received through him since he abandoned brush-making and gave himself up to that career of knavery which made him a convict, whose only release

was in death.

WELL-BRED CHILDREN. It is delightful to see well-behaved children in these days, when young America rides rampant over all established laws of etiquette. One meets too many little people who act as if they thought it of no consequence how they behave at home. They talk loud, are boisterous when they enter a room, race of 1794, the French army, on whose sucup and down stairs, and call with loud cess his restoration to liberty depended, voices from one story to another, slam- was in Holland, and victory seemed cerning every door after them until the tain if the frost, then noise is like the report of a cannon, regardless of the great annoyance and discomfort they inflict upon all in the house. A visitor at a house where such behavior in children is tolerated would scarcely recognize them if he met them away from home, they can be so quiet and unobtrusive. But that is not being refined and polished. True politeness and good manners cannot be taken on or put off at pleasure. They must be home-made, instilled into the minds of the children from the cradic to be the pure article. But if it is not to be sure, even a spurious article is etter than none. At least it will be some relief to those who must witness the boorishness of their home manners, But if a child can be taught how to conduct himself properly in a friend's house, surely he must know that rude conduct at home is effensive and reprehensible to the last degree, and in no wise to be tolerated. Parents can train their children to be polite at home as well as abroad, and they are guilty of a great

too little attention is paid to diet. How

for fifty years. Some farmers do not

pork for, and by "boiling down" in the

A MAN threw a gun across his shoulder

at Pineville, Indian Territory, and said

he was going hunting. His way led

past a neighbor's house, on the porch of

took quick aim at a little girl and fired,

killing her instantly. The only explans-

tion he can give for the deed is that he

Ala., were taken ill, and a voudou doc-

tor was called in. He said that anakes

were the cause of the trouble, that their

eggs were in the air and water about the

place, and that he would destroy them

for \$100. His price was deemed too

high. Then the doctor made a pass in

he was paid the \$100.

NEGRO family near Montgomery,

felt an irresistible impulse to do it.

PROGRESS IN JOURNALISM. A St. Louis correspondent says : The other day I met here Col. George Knapp. proprietor of the daily Republican. He is a medium-sized, gray-haired, rudwrong if they do not accomplish it. The dy-faced gentleman, not apparently over first and most important element of good breeding is consideration for the feelings of others. PLAIN FOOD.

60 years old-quiet, interesting, pleasing in manner. He was with his large and genial editor-in-chief, Mr. Hyde, both of them enjoying a mutual interview and a lean against the iron railing along-If plain food is well and carefully side the magnificent architectural pile, ooked, it is as palatable as richer diet, the "Republican building." Our conand much more wholesome. Take as resation turned on the past and pres simple a dish as "hasty pudding"—when cut of journalism, and their contras properly made, it is a dish "fit for a Col. Knapp indulged in this interesting King," but, when half cooked or seabit of retrospect : souci, it is fit only for pigs and chickens.

"Fifty-three years ago I began v Cooking is just as truly a chemical prothe Republican. It was a weekly then. cess as any result secured in a labora-We had nothing but a wooden hand tory. And, as in chemistry, the least deviation from proper proportions in a press. Our city circulation was less than 200. I delivered the papers myself. It given compound will give a result entook two stout men several hours each tirely different from the one sought, so it is largely in cooking. In the country, week to work off on that press our few farmers have a good bed of asparaentire edition was only 600 or 700. Our advance. office was in a little old frame building gus, so desirable in early spring between 'hay and grass," when the whole system cries out for fresh vegetables, and yet

"And what is the statistical difference

now, Colonel?" was asked. such a bed is easily started, and will last "Oh, it can hardly be stated in words. You see this morning's issue (opening a 'feel able" to afford their families any copy). Well, our new press prints both kind of meat but salt pork, summer and sides at once, and cuts the pages and winter, and yet they can buy good, fresh beef from the butcher's cart for less than pastes them together and folds them up as this is, at the rate of 30,000 copies an what they would sell their everlasting our. I have thrown up the job of delivering our city edition, as I've grown kettle, with a few light dumplings, you old, and concluded to let the poor boys can have a fresh-meat dinner that will caten almost as heartily as roast turkey. Health largely depends upon A STRANGE PACT.

speculate about while passing through life. It is singular that man, the biped. is the only animal that requires amusement. No other animal on the face of which some children were playing. He the earth is driven to the base expedients. to which man is compelled to resort for diversion. Man, the pleasure-loving keep silent under trying circumstances, biped, must needs kill time; and, if the is a man of no common character. criminal law were to select out of the murderers those who commit crime for the sake of something to do, it would be found that a vast number of innocent victims were used as mere wax dolls or dummies, and that the actual and purposed victim was poor old Time. Why the time of these human beings should

> the Creator thereof can alone explain. A BOHEMIAN in Austin county, Texas, had been stacking hay, and after finish- than almost any other cause, and creates ing the stack he slid down, and a pitch- more malice, envy and jealousy than can the brain. He lived two days after the will not be half the trouble in the world

be created and given into their hands

THE PRINTER

THE SPIDER B. F. Taylor once paid the following The intelligence and power tribute to the toilers at the case : by the spider in securing its p "The printer is the Adjutant of often attracted attention; but hought, and this explains the mystery seldom heard of so remarkable s the wonderful word that can kindle a of these faculties as we witnessed a hope as no song can—that can warm a time since. A small-sized spider ba heart as no hope-that word 'we,' with made his web on the under side of a a hand-in-hand warmth in it, for the table. Early one morning, a cockroach authors and printer are engineer together was noticed on the floor, directly under -engineers indeed! When the little the web, and, on approaching to take it Corsican bombarded Cadiz at the disaway, it was found that the spider had tance of five miles, it was deemed the thrown a line around one of its legs, and, very triumph of engineering. But what while the observer was looking at it, the is that range to this, whereby they bomspider came down and lassoed the oppobard ages yet to be? site leg of the cockroach. The spires "There at the 'case' he stands and then went up to his web, but instant, rshals into line the forces armed for came down and fastened a line to snot fruth, clothed in immortality and "n-

And what can be nobler than the equipment of a thought in sterling San on-Saxon with the ring of spear; shield thereon, and that commission it, when we are dead; to move graduall on to the 'latest syllable of recorded This is to win a victory from death, for this has no dying in it. 'The printer is called a laborer, and spider threw his lines more thickly the office he performs, toil. Oh, it is not work, but a sublime rite that he is

performing, when he thus 'sights' the engine that is to fling a worded truth in rander curve than missile e'er before scribed-fling into the bosom of an be vet unborn. He throws off his oat, indeed; we but wonder, the rather, that he does not put his shoes from off his feet, for the place whereon he stands is holy ground.

The spider was, as before remarked, "A little song was uttered somewhere, long ago-it wandered through the twilight feebler than a star-it died upon conspicuously than usual upon the inthe ear. But the printer caught it up door walls of our houses foretell the where it was lying there in the silence near approach of rain; but the followlike a wounded bird, and he equips it ing anecdote intimates that some of anew with wings, and he sends it forth their habits are equally the certain in- from the ark that had preserved it, and dication of frost being at hand. Quatit flies forth into the future with the olive branch of peace; and around the world tedium of his prison hours at Utrecht, with melody, like the dawning of a had studied attentively the habits of the

spring morning. 'How the type have built up the broken arches in the bridge of time. How they render the brave utterances beyond the Pilgrims audible and ele- oranges. quent-hardly fettering the free spirit. severity, continued. The Dutch envoys | in connected paragraph and period, down had failed to negotiate a peace, and the lengthening line of years.

"Some men find poetry, but they do suddenly broke up. The Dutch were not look for it as men do for nuggets of now exulting, and the French Generals gold; they see it in Nature's own handwriting, that so few know how to read, forewarned Disjonval that the thaw and they render it into English. Such would be of short duration, and he are the poems for a twilight hour and a nook in the heart; we may lie under the deceived. He contrived to communicate trees when we read them, and watch the gloaming, and see the faces in the clouds, in the pauses; we may read them when character, relied upon his assurance the winter coals are glowing, and the that within a few days the waters would volume may slip from the forgetful hand, and still, like evening bells, the melodious thoughts will ring on."

A MIRACLE OF HONESTY.

army triumphed, Disjonval was liberated, and a spider had brought down At a party one evening several contested the honor of having done the most extraordinary thing; a reverend gentleman was appointed judge of their respective pretensions. One produced his tailor's bill with a receipt attached to it. A buzz through the room that this could not be ou done; when a second proved that he had just arrested his tailor for money lent him.

"The palm is his," was the general ery, when a third put in his claim, "Gentlemen," said he, "I cannot boast of the acts of my predecessors, for have just returned to the owners three ad pencils and two umbrellas that were "t at my house."

"I'll hear no more," cried the astoned arbitrator. "This is the very of honesty, it is an act of virtue of h I never knew any one capable. the prize-"

"Hold," cried another, "I have done still more than that." "Impossible" cried the whole com-

"Let us hear." I have been taking my paper for small city and country edition. The twenty years, and always paid for it in He took the prize.

KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT.

Don't talk too much. Learn how o be silent. There is nothing like the is as much a secret as a Masonic lodge men or woman that can keep the mouth shut. Not that people should always erecy, but always feel themselves as keep the tongue still-it is made for truly in honor bound to keep office a boor speaks roughly or uncivilly to ingiv discovered this fact in regard to in; when you are asked an impertinent printing-office secrets would not only be auestion; when a sneer is conveyed un- second by his brethren of the craft, but der cover of an inquiry for information, lose his position at once. We make this or when, having appealed to you on a statement because it sometimes happens sestion of taste, your opinion is met that a communication appears in a news-The thinker finds various things to exigencies is masterful silence.

that there is at present.

who can endure reproach silently, or as these. On such matters they have eves and A WISE PLAN. Every man should mind his own business, and only that. It is hard to tell hun so in plain words; yet is one of the simplest rules of conduct, and the most useful that mankind can adopt in their intercourse with each other. There is a we that even the secret books of the 'stead of aiding to build up the redoning.

heart, or wonderful inquisitiveness in regard to the personal and private affairs of friends and neighbors. This spirit makes more mischief in the community

jumped from \$2 to \$10 per acre.

Texas has an immense pecan crop. COACHNG is becoming fashionable at

SOUTHERN NEWS.

THEE pay \$1 each for wild-cat scalps Denes N. C., expects to handle 18. 300,000 pounds of this year's tobacco

THE population of Hernando County, Fla., has increased fifty per cent. since THE money-order business at Macon,

Gar, amounted, during the last official year, to \$250,000. A PARMER named Jackson, fiving near Savannah, has over 35,000 tea plants on

THE countries of Cherokee, Graham, Swain, Jackson and Macon, N. C., contoin 1 100 Indians Figure 188-on Montgomery are alarmed

the increase of eigerette smoking among boys in that city. James Buckling a letter-corrier in every day, except on Sunday, for four-

houses, a college with near 400 students. and yet has no banking-house,

MICHAEL DRAYTON, a hyena-tamer connected with Coup's Circus, was torn to pieces by three infuriated hvenas during the street parade at Winchester,

BILL ARP is about to start on a lecture tour in the South, his subject being, "Dixie now and Dixie then." Arp's real name is Charles H. Smith, and he is an elder in the Presbyterian Church. As ox was captured in the river at Mosby's Point, twenty-eight miles above Wilmington, N. C., by a negro man on a flatboat and towed to the city, swimming behind the boat every foot of the

FLORIDA fruit-growers are beginning to cultivate the lemon with a great deal of care, and with such good results that it is believed that in a little while longer this State will furnish almost as many lemons to the trade as she now does

but moving—not a word, not a syllable posite Savannah, which is intended to Such a favored individual is really that way improves the sanitary condition of the city, has been completed. It is seven feet high, ten feet wide at the base and six feet at the top.

A WHITE boy appeared on the street yesterday having a basket which contained over two dozen alligator eggs, which he found in a nest on Cross Lake some of the purchasers to bury their eggs in mud and sand, as is the fashion of that animal, with the hope of hatching out a broad of alligators, -Shreveport

THE next issue of the Southern historical papers will contain a letter written by the President of the late Southern Confederacy in relation to a long dispute. that it seems has been going on among some of the friends of the two parties interested concerning the command of Atlants, why Mr. Davis put the late Gen. Hood in charge instead of Gen. Hardee The letter is addressed to Gen. Rov. who terms of the high character and military | cure him. skill of both these gentlemen .- Petersburg Index-Appeal.

THE authorities of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, have positively declined to pay its portion of the sessment for the salary of the State Railroad Commissioner of South Carolina this year. Last year the South Carolina Railroad was the only one which did not contribute its proportion, but the amount in question, and its assessment for this year, were paid several weeks ago. The Savannah and Charleston, Greenville and Columbia, North eastern and Wilmington and Columbia and Augusta Railroad authorities have so far taken no notice of an unofficial note of the Commissioner asking information as to their intentions in the

PRINTING-OFFICE SECRETS. The printers are not under oath of se--but there are times when silence is secrets as though triple oathed. Any best and most effective reply. When employe in a printing office who willh ridicule—the best answer in these paper under an assumed signature. which excites comment, and various parbespeaks reserve power, con- ties try to find out who is the author. s strength, dignity, self-command, Let all be saved the trouble of questioning the employes of the printing office. nothing is at times so effective as silence which springs from contempt. They are know-nothings on such points

ears, no mouth, and, if they fail to observe this rule, let them be put down as dishonorable members of the craft. It thing is to be printed and kept secret, let proper notice be given for the desire room outside the strained and crowded tion the Sphynx as one of the printers, and greatness of the United States, ingreat deal of Paul Pry in the human lockes are printed without fear. - Ez- In fifteen years, out of 2,000,000 of pro-

During the year 1879 the cotton reseived from the United States at Bremen was valued at \$3,500,000 more than was received at that point during any prev-

In two years' time the value of lands

THE KEY TO SUCCESS.

the of Wennerton's chief sources of success was his thorong, mastery of details. While in Spain he gave precise directions how the soldiers should propere their food ; in India the miles per day the bullocks were to be driven that were provided for the army. The equipments of his troops were cared for in al their minutise. The same exactness he introduced into his administration of civil affairs. From his earliest school days, in every transaction, this trait of thoroughness appears. The confidence and unfaltering devotion he thus inspired unquestionably secured his many and decisive victories. No great commander leave. whing to char -, at seeks to anticipate every emergency and to prowide for it. they spent seron years perfeeting his "Elegy," which you can readily read in seven minutes. Into it he generously poured the very richest scholarship and intimate acquaintaige with the rules of rhythm, and an exhaustive study of the varied excellencies Nashville, has waiked fourteen miles of English and Latin classics. There was no syllable but was submitted to the closest scrutiny, the cadence of the verse is stilled to the character of the cotton annually, has over, sixty business- thought, every outline was vivid, every tint toned, every picture perfect, before he suffered his poem to go to print. This palace of thought was no single night's work of slave-genii obeying the behest of one holding some magical lamp of Aladdin, but was built up like the coral reef, particle by particle. And this complete mastery of details was produced only by the most protracted concentration of effort. By resolutely chaining his thought to his theme, completely surrendering himself to its guidance, the inexorable laws of suggestion irresistibly ed him back to the faded and torgotten scenes in the humble lives of sleeping cottagers, until the scenery and the per-

> ness of real life. ODD SUPERSTITIONS.

sonages of every picture at last bright-

ened and breathed before his mental

It is believed that a seventh son can cure diseases, but that the seventh son of a seventh ron, and no female child The dam on Hutchinson's Island, op-born between, can cure the King's evil. looked on with veneration. An artist visiting Axminster, noticing the indulgence granted to one urchin in preference to others, and seeing nothing parfollows: "This little man appears to be a favorite : I presume he is your little Benjamin." "He's a seventh son, sir," and which he was retailing at ten cents said the mother. Affecting an air of each. Several of the eggs were broken, surprise, I expressed myself at the inwhen it was discovered they all con- stant as being one very anxious to know tained embryo alligators, which led what a seventh son could do. The mother, a very civil woman, told me that she "did think to cure all diseases should be the seventh son of a seventh son : but many folks do come to touch

my son." In April, 1826, a respectable-looking woman was engaged in collecting a penny from each of thirty young women, unmarried; the meney to be laid out in purchasing a silver ring to cure her son of epileptic fits. The money was to be treely given, without any cousideration, or else the charm would have been destroyed. The young was a member of Gen. Hardee's staff. In women gave their pence, because it this correspondence Mr. Davis speaks in would have been a pity for the lad to the kindest and most complimantry continue afflicted if the charm would

AIDS FOR THE DEAF. Dr. C. H. Thomas, of Philadelphia, has been making a careful study of audiphones, dentiphones and other devices for helping the deaf to hear. It appears that all these instruments depend for their action upon the principle of acoustics that solids in this case in the form of thin plates-vibrate in unison with the sound waves produced in the air near them. In these instruments the

sound vibrations are of sufficient force to be audible when conveyed to the internal ear through the medium of the teeth and cranial bones, independently of the ordinary channel of hearing. Various materials were experimented view. It takes in almost every name with, and the best was found to be that is distinguished in statesmanship, fuller's board, or press-board, when in eloquence and learning for a couple treated with shellac varnish and, there of generations. It includes a Prime oughly dried, and is an improvement | Minister, Lord John Russell; a Chanover metal or hard rubber. The sim- cellor, Lord Brougham; a Lord Chief plest instrument, and one which excels Justice, Lord Denman; two Chancelall others yet made, is a small rod of lors of the Exchequer, Mr. Spring Rice hard wood about two feet long and a and Sir G. C. Lewis; two or three Lords quarter of an inch thick. One end is of Session and puisne Judges on the and the other resting against or between | Macauley; a Secretary of State for the the teeth of the person hard of hearing. | Colonies, Lord Lytton; metaphysicians If the speaker now articulates in a nat- like Sir William Hamilton; historians ural tone of voice, the vocal vibrations like Henry Hallam, Carlyle and Napier, will be transmitted in great volume political economists like John Stuart through the teeth and thence to the ears | Mill and McCullock; theologians like of the deaf person, and later observa- Henry Rogers and Dean Milman; altions show that it will still convey the most all the poets who were invited to voice if held against the forehead or dine with Apollo-Tom Campbell, Tom other portions of the skull of the hearer. Moore and Samuel Rogers; essayists

tion of the leading classes, to help out, eray. with aid from the state, emigration to the same in job printing. If any- British colonies, for it is noted with alarm that those now seeking clickr secreey, and you might as well ques- ' hmits of England, go to swell the growth ple who left the United Kingdom for lands beyond the sea, only 250,000 went to Canada, seven out of every eight (1,750,000) going to the United States.

Don Ouzors evidently knew the tricks of travelers in towns where the Sunday liquor laws were in force. He certain parts of South Carolina has said; "When one door is shut another PLEASANTRIES.

"I DESS," said a little sis. was here now he'd make a lot o'

Tis awful dusty to-day." "What have you to remark about by inging?" saked an irate vocalis Nothing," replied the spectator; not remarkable."

THERE is comfort for spinsters cripture, which tells there that Naomi was 580 years old when she married

The veterans may still hope, "I say, Jim, if five and a half roo make a perch, how many will make pickerel?". "You just tell me, tire, two hogsheads make a pipe, how ma will make a meerschaum?"

"Sooning or later," says a Fre riter, "everything is found out," Just so. A married man, for instance, is, generally found out later-about three

hours later-than he should be. Hen mother said the little creature lived on love; but, one month after marriage, when the grocery bill came in, he saw he had made the greatest oversight of his life by not ascertaining what that particular love was for.

What surprised Noah more than aught else was that he received no application tor free passes. And what astonished the public after the flood was that the veteran navigator never tried to get up a complimentary benefit for himself.

WHEN clams and chosp and beef am dear I hves on clams all , ew de year; Sometimes I gets a big fat coonl este him up afore it's noon. When 'taters rot an' turnips fail I'm fo'ced to live on toset and quail; When corn goes up an' mesl am high To live on pastry flour I try. A COUNTRY schoolmaster began one

orning the duties of the day with prayer, as usual, but after prayer he went up and asked a little boy why he hadn't shut his eyes during prayer, when the little boy responded, "We are instructed in the Bible to watch as well vision with all the sharply outlined vivid- as pray." BENEATH a shady tree they sat,

He held her hand, she beld his hat, I held my breath and lay right flat; They kissed, I saw the," do it He held that kissing was no crime, She held her head up every time, I held my peace and wrote this rhyme

While they thought no one know it Mous fibber told an extraordinary story, which, strange enough, chanced to be true. "It is so extraordinary," said a little listener, "that, if I did not know it to be rue, I should believe it ticular in this child, said to his mother as false.". "Ah," and the narrator, "if it had been false, I should have told it in a much more truthful manner than I

THERE was an elephant that had been trained to play the piano with its trunk in a show. One day a new piano was bought for it, but no sooner had the eleplant touched the keys than it burst in to a flood of tears. "What ails you, Kioum?" asked its keeper. The poor beast could only point to the ivory keys. Alas! they were made of the tusks of his

mother. - Puck. A LEADVILLE newspaper remarks When they had daished the lunch they asked the price. The man in attend ance said : "One piece of pie 50 centone cup of coffee 25 cents-75 cents each." One of the party grumbled a little about the price. Hereupon the old man behind the counter straight ened himself up, folded his arms in a dignified manner and said : "Stranger look at me; do you suppose I am stay ing out here for my health?"

A soy in the wild West, who for the Brat time in his life saw a military com pany out for drill with tife and drumgave his mother the following account of the business : "A little man blowed on his squealin' stick, and a big man that stood beside him hammered on his thunder-box; then the boss man pulled out a big, long knife, and shook it atthe fellers what was standin' up in a long row, and they all walked off on two

THERE is not another roll of contributors to any publication in Europe like laced against the teeth of the speaker English bench; a Secretary of War, like Sir James Stephen and Hazlett, and A MOVEMENT, originated by Sir An- it was only by accident that Charles drew Galt and a few enthusinsts, is on Dickens was not enrolled among the foot for a British emigration wheme on contributors, with the greatest of his a gigantic scale. The idea is a combinativals and contemporaries, W. M. Thack-

THE committee sent to Cuba by the Secretary of the Treasury to investigate the process of sugar-making reports that the frauds which have been attempted in the introduction of sugars into this country are even greater than had generally been supposed. At Demarara sugars testing 13 to 16 Dutch standard, which were exported to Great Britain nearly white, were, when prepared for shipment to this country, artificially colored to grade apparently below No. 7.

A PARTRIDGE nest with 200 eggs in was found in Lexington, Ga.