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Beautiful Hands.

#### The Doctor.

The doctor is a useful man, Constructed on a noble plan; He's sometimes fat and sometimes lean And sometimes just half-way between, But none confers more blessings than The doctor.

The doctor goes and lingers where Men's moanings freight the fetid air; Where'er he can he gives relief To sickness and as well to grief. Ab, ill could we poor mortals spare The doctor.

He may some stately palace own, All silk inside and outside stone; But still, in counting human woes, Like some base-burner stove he goes, And never sleeps so far as known -The doctor.

We may not know him when this shell Of clay befits the spirit well, But when the spirit doth protest Against the clay that doth invest, Our grief in confidence we tell The doctor.

The doctor is a generous man. But people cheat him when they can; They have their health restored on "trust," And pay him sometimes who a they must And swear no bill is bigger than The doctor's,

-[Columbus News,

# A BRAVE COWARD.

I remembered I woke up very early hat morning, with that dim sense of omething important being about to cappen which so often inserts itself i.ito he brain of the partially-aroused

Without opening my eyes, I began frowsily wondering what it was, Did I xpect my commission! No; that arived three months ago. Was I to join ny regiment? No: I had already done hat, and was now settled in barracks in a small Irish garrison town with an unpronounceable name. Then I remember I dozed off again, only to start up and

wonder what on earth it was, The start did it. I opened my eyes, and knew it was the 21th of June, the lay our fellows had arranged to give

their pienie in Arrangouniek Wood, Of course I had gone to sleep thinking hand they stood, grazing, or lay down of it, dreamt of it, and now all my plans rushed into my brain; how that I, Lieu-Royal Bines, stood pledged—at any rate, t in my own mind-on that day to gain for my own the kindest little heart, the merriest blue eyes, the rosiest lips in all

the Emerald Isle. O'Cregan I need not tell you; for if you have ever heard of that military town of Houstgorou, you have heard, too, of

Once I had fully comprehended all that was before m . I jumped out of my bed into my tub, singing, whistling and shouting, as is my wont during the progression of my toilet. Walls in barracks are notably not of the thickest, and I received many interru; tions to my song: "When and how shall I earliest me-e-et her? What are the words she fir-r-st shall say?"

"Bother you!" shouted Tompkins her nails, from the room on the left, and crash came a boot hurled viciously against

At this juncture my door was burst violently open, and in came Tompkins | way to the other side. himself in an unbecoming state of unup in the air. This, however, he dropexact shade of the silk handkerchief I was turning hot and cold by turns. whose corners showed knowingly from my pocket.

"Whew!-whew!" he calmly remarked, seating himself on my bed. "Is kerchief; you can't expect it to do the error; the handkerchief was red! business unsupported. But stay, dear boy; alter nothing. As you are, you

But here I left the room. This man always irritated me almost beyond endurance, and I never could understand how any one in this wide world could find amusement in his foolish remarks.

cious! It wanted still three hours to the my neck. Faster and faster I flewtime we were to start. Breakfast might nearer and nearer came that frantic be made to last one, but what to do with beast! the other two rather puzzled me. I went outside and walked up and down, Tompkins' ugly face watching me with a broad grin from his window.

However, the time passed somehow, and I saw no more of Tompkins, and began to hope that after all he was not coming with us. This hope lasted until I was seated on the drag, when suddenly I heard his loud voice as he mounted the steps to the top.

cus or a bank holiday on this thing," he | contempt she must feel for my coward-

seat opposite me, and his eye caught | of my life!

and slowly surveyed me from my feet to my future conduct, I determined to upward, until his eye rested on my rose- face the party at lunch, when I could bud, when he gently waved his hand to judge if my late exploit was known. intimate that it inclined too much to the | When I joined them, they were all seated left, burst into a loud guffaw and sat on the grass. I noticed a decided pause

This added to the annoyance I already | Tompkins was busily helping Norah to felt, and declining to take any part in some strawberries. His head was turned the fun that went on during the drive, I away from me, but when he saw me up arrived at the scene of the festivities in went that detested glass, and the usual

anything but an enviable frame of mind. | inspection began. When his eye gained But soon I saw Norah standing with | the level of my pocket, where the handsome friend in the shade of the trees, and the sight of her fresh, sweet face looked suddenly full in my face and, seemed to act like magic on my spirits, and blow all the cobwebs away. Heedless of the impudent smile on Tompside, and the shy, sweet smile that wel. | power to face it out, rose hastily and left comed me more than repaid me for my them, returning at once to barracks. late annoyance.

"They start at once for the ruins," I

"Will you come, too?" "I want first to finish my sketch," she answered. "I want to put in some cattle, and hear there are some fine oxen near. Could you show me the way?"

jumped at the chance of doing it for her infancy I have had an inborn dread of immediate active service. the whole race; even the homely and succulent cow of commerce is not exempt from my dislike; while the misnamed "monarch of meadows," the unmitigated bull, fills me with a feeling that hardly falls short of absolute terror!

I did not answer; I could not. rather go with the party to the ruins," as handkerchiefs were waved and wel-Norah continued. "I will ask Captain comes shouted,

Tompkins," It was enough. Hardly considering the consequences, I exclaimed, 'I will come with pleasure."

We started. "What magnificent creatures!" she

cried, when she reached the field. "Oh, and what a number." There certainly was, and more than I care I for. Behind, before, on either

chewing the cud. "Oh, do come closer! I must get senant Eric Maurice, H. M. Forty-eighth that lovely group!" exclaimed Norah. It was a group of four ferocious-look-

ing beasts, one standing the rest lying in various attitudes around. One, a great black animal cred us steadily, and slightly altered his position the better That all these belonged to Norah to see us. Norah sat down; I reluctantly did the same. "Would you sharpen my pencil?" she

She was looking at me curiously. I

fancy she half-suspected my nervousness; so, putting the best face of matters, I got out my knife and held out my hand for the pencil, and, as she held it toward me, I forgot all but her own sweet self and seized the little hand tenderly. She snatched it hastily away, and I think now she thought, as doubtless my attitude suggested, that I was about to pare

"I think, Mr. Maurice," she said gently, "I could manage better if you would not mind going the other side of "By what name shall I lear-rn to gree-et her? the bullocks and attracting the notice of "You idiot!"-this from Williams on that black one in the other direction. the right, accompanied by tapping, as They are looking the same way and it of a brush. "Can't you let a fellow looks so stiff. If you held out some grass to him or switched your stick "I know not now, but shall kno-ow some about, it might keep his attention

I rose slowly, and cautiously found my

It was quite needless to do anything dress and another boot held menacingly to attract that monster's attention; his eye was on me. As I moved, so did he; ped when he saw me already dressed and and, as I sat down, he turned his head fixing a crimson rose-bud in my coat the right around, the better to watch me. "That will do nicely, thanks. Keep

him in that position for a few minutes," called Norah.

Then came a silence, broken only by that it? Poor fellow!" And he slowly the beating of my heart. The suspense inspected me from head to foot. "Don't grew unbearable, and the perspiration you think," he continued, "that flower began to pour down my face. I drew leans a little too much to the left? It out my handkerchief to wipe my heated might fall out, you know, and then all brow, when, with an angry grunt, the the heavy work would fall on the hand- animal began to rise. I saw my fatal

Rapidly the brute gained his feet and with head bent low advanced toward me. It was too much. All, all was forgotten but the fate that seemed before me. I sprang up-I blush to own it-I turned around and I ran!

Thud, thud came those hoofs behind me. Nearer came that snorting breath I looked at my watch. Good gra- till I almost thought I felt it hot upon

Just then I thought I caught a faint voice on the air-"Pray drop your handbut was soon driven in again by seeing kerchief!" I did, for I found in my terror I have been waving it from side to ye?" side as I ran. Almost immediately the tramping of hoofs ceased; but without pausing to look behind I made straight for a fence just in front of me, which having vaulted, I found myself safe at

> Then the whole absurdity of my position burst upon me. The ridiculous ice! Oh, what would I not have given

TURKISH SCHOOLS.

in the conversation as I approached.

calling to the carver, said: "Brett, Mr. Maurice will take some beef." A roar of laughter followed this sally kins's face that greeted my start of and I felt that all was known. I felt pleasure I made my way quickly to her mortified, humiliated, and, without

kerchief so lately had shown itself, he

I knew I had lost Norah O'Cregan. How could she ever care for a man whose conduct must have appeared so

contemptible? My life after this incident was not a happy one. As far as I could I passed the time alone, pondering how to re-Now, I think, if Norah had asked me trieve the lost ground, and hailing with anything else in the world I should have | delight an opportunity which soon after offered itself of changing into another sake; but to face bullocks! From my regiment, which was ordered abroad on

> Time passed and once more I was on my native soil. We received a perfect ovation when we landed in dear old

England. Tel-el-Kebir was the subject of every one's thoughts, and sick and ill as I was "Please do not come, if you would my cheek flushed with honest pleasure

I was faint and dizzy; my arm had been amputated at the shoulder and I suffered acute pain, but it was a proud

moment to me, all the same. I was invalided directly after, and

weeks were passed in the sick ward of Brighton barracks. One day the door was suddenly thrown

open and some of our fellows burst in. "Cheer up, cheer up, old man!" cried one. "Hear this," skimming through a paper he held in his hand. " 'Conspicuous bravery, V. C.' Why, it's worth

dying for!"

I began to mend rapidly at this, and was soon able to go down to the sea in a

One morning, as I was lazily lying back drinking in the fresh salt air, I became conscious of a figure standing by my chair. I opened my eyes. "Norah!" I cried-"Norah!"

Neither of us spoke for a few mo-At last she said, "Oh, I am so sorry,

and yet so very glad, so very proud!" "Then tell me you do not think me a coward now!" I cried eagerly. "How could I? Oh, do not ask me

such a question!" she faltered. And as her eyes rested on the empty

sleeve that was pinned across my breast I saw they were full of tears; and so were mine, but they were tears of joy, for as my hand closed on hers, I knew that for all time Norah was my own.

# Stories of Cats.

A St. Louis cat with only three kittens went out and brought in two young rabbits, and a few days later added a pair of young coons to her family.

An engineer on the Wabash Railway, whose train has yet to meet its first accident, attributes his good luck to a cat that has been his constant companion in the cab for a year.

Dr. Snow of Danbury, Conn., has a cat and parrot that are firm friends. The parrot escaped from the cage and flew out of the window, when the cat exhibited the greatest distress, and on the Doctor's return from a call made plain to him by her actions what had

A cat belonging to a Boston family is used to traveling, being taken to the country every season when the family the Koran than to anything else, goes. This year she had a kitten that she was anxious about, and as soon as the approaching immigration appeared she packed her little one into a partially filled trunk lest it should be overlooked. - New York Sun.

# Wanted, a Faithful Watch Dog.

First Omaha Burglar-Say, Bill, here's a eminent citizen advertisin' for a faith-

Second Burglar-Well, I hate to part with my dog agin, but I guess I'll have "Well, I'll take him around and sell

him to him. Y'r sure he's faithful, are "Every time. He'll be faithful to us every time we want to climb in the winders." - Omaha World.

# The Wealth of Nations.

It is estimated that the wealth of the following countries is increased annually by the sums named: Germany, \$200,000,-"Never know if I feel most like a cir- figure I must have cut before Norah, the | 000; Great Britain, \$325,000,000; France, \$375,000,000, and the United States, \$375,000,000. The United States And as his head appeared over the to be able to wipe the last half hour out is already the wealthiest nation it the world, and as the above figures show, its your household?" mine, he paused, put up his eye-glasses After a great deal of consideration as | wealth is increasing the most rapidly. | "Oh, mother didn't go!"

Teaching the Young Idea in the Ottoman Empire.

The Branches Taught in Pri-

mary and Normal Schools. Not until a Turkish child reaches his sixth or seventh year does his education begin and his first day at school is celebrated with ceremonies that are unheard of in America, says S. S. Cox in Youth's operation. It grows on the surface of Companion. No other such ponies are to be found as the spirited iron-gray ponies of the east, and one of these is gorgeously caparisoned for the new pupil, who is met at his father's house by all the school, dressed in holiday

A priest makes a short prayer, the child is placed upon his pony, and the pupils, males and females, are formed in double line. The procession moves, singing hymns as they go, with the little hero of the day following, and thus he

is initiated into the new world of learn-In the primary schools boys and girls are educated together. The teachers are taken from the priesthood, and from the graduates of the theological universities who have learned to read the "Ko" ran," which is written in Arabic, and which all good Musselmen must learn how to read. Persons of this class of teachers are consequently stringent religionists, and some of them are quite fanatical. If the pupil does not acquire much discipline or information pertaining to modern material progress, it is

A primary school is composed of one or two rooms, or "holes in the wall," with three divans for the pupils, and a seat for the teacher. The pupils sit cross-legged in a line on the divans, holding their books on their knees and reciting all at the same time, in a loud, shrill voice. They learn grammar and the four rules of arithmetic.

because the twig is not bent in that di-

When they are able to read from the Koran a little, they take up writing, and, says is situated at Galton, Ill. The farm as there are no writing tables or desks, it says, consists of forty acres of virgin And as their cheery congratulations they hold their copy-books in their poured in upon me I felt it was worth hands. This is all they education they receive in the primary schools,

Besides the primary, there are four superior schools, except the military and naval schools, and the school of medicine, established in 1839, and outside of these no education is to be had. Wealthy men engage European teachers to help their children in the study of languages and modern science; but the common people have to satisfy themselves with ments as I gazed fondly on her blushing the little that is to be obtained at the primary schools. If any one is astonished that the governing class in Turkey generally talk French, and often English, Greek, Italian and German, it may be stated that the Turk has an antitude, like the Russian, for tongues, and makes | ly hatched snake, if not properly cared his necessity the mother of his-study. During the reiga of Sultan Abdul Medjid, some thirty-five years ago, an effort was made to spread normal schools throughout the Empire, but without success. It is only during the reign of the present Sultan that the matter of education has been earnestly taken up. In the course of eight or nine years, the Administration of Public Instruction has established throughout the Empire in Europe, Asia and Africa, three hundred and eighty-eight primary and normal schools, and last year there were twenty thousand and ninety-three students. Besides these, there are eighty pri-

mary and normal schools in Constantipople, in which there are five hundred and forty students, two hundred and seventy-five being in the free school, the only one in the empire, and six hundred and thirty-four in private schools. The programme of the studies is divided into four years, and the pupils must recite by heart, beside writing down the lessons, which include calligraphy, arithmetic, history, grammar and theology. More time, however, is given to the study of

No account of the education of young Turks would be complete without some reference to the storytellers of the East who have as much influence as the professors of mathematics and history. In the early training of the child by its nurse and tutor, wonderful stories are told to him to inculcate moral and religious truths, and by them he is taught that he must not be afraid of death; that he must not be astonished at anything, no matter how strange; and that he is not obliged to say anything in conversation that will be against his own

#### Quite a Coincidence. Papa-Why so pensive, my daughter?

Eloise-Jack Buffington has just returned all my notes, and everything be

Papa-Quite a coincidence, my dear. One of his was returned to me this morning-protested.-[Tid-Bits.

ween us is ended.

# Not Missed.

"And so your father has gone to a missionary station?"

"Yes: we are quite alone now." "Don't you miss the directing hand ofthe vinegar, and if not disturbed will

The Vinegar Plant.

"The tough, leathery substance, com-

monly called 'mother,' which forms in

vinegar," says Popular Science Monthly,

'is one of the many fungi whose spores

float in the air, settle as dust on exposed

objects, and fall into exposed liquids,

ready to grow into a bulky plant when

conditions favor. The exact position of

the vinegar plant among fungi has not

been settled. The plant develops while

the vinegar is making; that is, while the

percentage of acetic acid is increasing,

and its presence tends to hasten the

cover the whole surface, conforming to the shape of the vessel." Manufacturers of vinegar get rid of the 'mother" as soon as possible. The popular notion that the presence of "mother" shows that the vinegar is made of cider, and is of good quality, is not pears in vinegar made of molasses, and it is really as undesirable in vinegar as that are daily handled by the masses mould on bread. The little wriggling that an intelligent comprehension can have been credited by some uneducated persons with being the life of the vine-

gar. The fact is that their presence is in no way beneficial. These cels are developed in most fruits, and hence readily find their way into which contains them must contain some mucilaginous or albuminous matter, or the eels would have no food, and could

struggle with the vinegar plant at the surface. The plant tends to prevent their obtaining the requisite supply of air, and the eels were seen combining their efforts to submerge it. They may be killed by heating the vinegar to 128 degrees, or by adding boracic acid. The presence of the vinegar plant, vinegar cels or other foreign substance is liable to induce putrefaction, especially if the vinegar is weak.

### A Snake Farm.

The Omaha Herald is responsible for a description of a snake farm, which it prairie, owned by Col. Dan Stover, and is a short distance from town. There are thirty-seven mounds of earth on the farm, prepared in such a way that the snakes use them for nests, and there are about ten or twelve nests to the mound. The Colonel says each nest turns out about a dozen rattlers each year, so that his stock is increasing rapidly. He has a contract with a Philadelphia patent medicine firm that is making a rheumatism cure, and furnishes them with 250 snakes a year at \$2.25 cach. No snake less that four feet long is accepted. Last year 768 snakes were sold, his customers being scattered through a number of cit ies. As much care is taken of the young snakes as if they were lambs. The newfor by their mother they are taken to the Colonel's home, located in one corner of the lot, and there fed by the children who catch bugs for them about the garden and street. Sometimes the eggs are hatched out under the stove. A half dozen very large snakes with their fangs drawn are kept about the house as nets. They are excellent mousers, much better than cats, the Colonel says. The Colonel wanders about his farm, taking no other precaution against the reptiles than to wear a pair of thick boots. When a reporter called on him the Colonel complained that the neighbors did not come to visit him very often, and that his wife didn't like that very much, for she waa fond of company, but, on the whole, since there was plenty of money in the business they were well content.

# The Origin of Opera.

The ancient Greeks and Romans had both tragedy and comedy, but no opera. The latter was introduced in 1600 in order to celebrate the nuptials of Henry IV. and Maria De Medici, and the play of "Eurydice" was rendered by singers. Under the patronage of the court this combination became highly popular. In 1710 Italian opera was performed in London and was at once keenly assailed by those who opposed what they considered foreign trash. In order to assist in ridiculing this innovation Gay wrote the "Beggar's" opera, which had a great run. Both Pope and Hogarth united in satirizing the Italian opera, but it held its place, and is now a permanent feature in the British stage. The Italian opera was introduced in America in 1826 by the Garcia and Malibran troupe, the first performance being the "Barber of Saville."-[Troy Times.

# How He Knew.

Rochester doctor-I have that honor.

habited?"

"It never was." "You are sure of it?"

"Certain. I have examined its rocks ment yet,-[Boston Beacon,

# LOADS OF MONEY.

What Uncle Sam's Cash Box in Washington Contains.

Instructive and Curious Calculations in Figures.

Few persons, perhaps, who read the frequently-published reports of the fiscal operations of the government give any consideration to the vastness and significance of these operations, says a Washington letter to the Chicago News. We read of the hundreds of millions of gold and silver in the treasury, but how few persons have any intelligent idea of what is embraced in the nine figures required to describe the liabilities and assets of the government? It is only when the auriferous contents of the treasury vaults well founded. The vinegar plant ap- are weighed and measured and placed by the side of articles and commodities creatures that swarm in some vinegars be obtained by the people of the financial strength of the treasury and the great extent of the government's fiscal operations.

I find by reference to the latest published statement of treasury assets and liabilities that among the assets was vinegar made from fruit juices. Vinegar \$281,096,417 in gold and nearly \$250,-000,000 in silver, including \$34,000,-000 of trade dollars and fractional coins. Taking up this \$281,000,000 of not exist. They need air, also, and they gold and placing it on scales, I find that have been observed engaged in a curious the gold held by the treasury weighed 519 tons, and is packed into ordinary carts, one ton to each cart, it would make a procession two miles long, allowing twenty feet of space for the movement of each horse and cart. The weighing of the silver produces

much more interesting results. Running this over the scales I find its weight to be 7396 tons. Measuring it in carts, as in the case of the gold, the silver now held by the treasury would require the lowered in price. It costs just as much services of 7396 horses and carts to as ever to see the tiger. transport it, and would make a procession over twenty-one miles in length.

said in the daily newspapers amounts to that he was going to raise canaries. nearly \$47,000,000, an increase of \$5, 000,000 since July 1. Counted as gold one-half tons. Counted as silver it would weigh 1385 tons. Each million of gold adds 3,685 pounds

to the surplus, and each million of silver adds 58,930 pounds.

Applying cubic measurement to the treasury gold and silver and piling the two metals on Pennsylvania avenue, as cordwood is piled before delivery to the purchaser, I find that the gold would measure thirty-seven cords and the silver 400 cords, and that both would extend from the treasury department to Four and One-half street, or from the treasury to the pension office in a straight line, and forming a solid wall eight feet high and four feet broad.

Extending these calculations and computations to the interest-bearing debt, equally interesting results are obtained. The public debt reached the highest point in August, 1865-twenty-two years ago -when it was \$2,381,530,295. The general reader will better appreciate the vastness of this sum when informed that it represents 70,156 tons of silver, which would make a procession of carts that would extend from Richmond, Va., to a point twelve miles north of Philadelphia, the distance it would thus cover being 266 miles.

The interest-hearing debt is now (not including the Pacific railroad bonds) \$1, 001,976,850, showing that the sum paid has been \$1,379,553,445, or more than one-half of the total amount, and representing 40,637 tons of silver dollars, which would extend 154 miles if packed in carts containing one ton each.

# Gardening by the Barrel.

The agricultural editor of the Philadelphia Record mentions a Jerseyman's practice which enables him with very little extra outlay to secure better results, especially in a season of drouth, than from three times as much space devoted to vegetable-growing in the usual "He procures old soap-boxes, flour

barrels, kegs, or anything that will hold

earth or manure, and if the boxes or barrels be somewhat rickety, so much the better. In planting melons, cucumbers, tomatoes, squashes or lima beans he places a box on the middle of the hill, which should be six feet across, fills it half full of fresh manure, and over the manure a half peck of a mixture of wood ashes and superphosphate is placed. The seeds of the melons are planted around the box, four plants being allowed to the Inquiring youth-So you are the great | box being about two feet, as too close patent medicine manufacturer and patron contact with the box is not desirable. his lines as well as others using their When the young plants are up soapsuds are poured over the contents of the box. "I have called to get a few points on In a few weeks the roots of the plants the subject of debate at our club. The will have reached the box, and they are question is: 'Was the moon ever in- then freely and liberally supplied with all the moisture and liquid manure they may need, as water is poured in the box ! as often as may be desired. In dry

My mother's weary hands! Their praises let me speak, They have held love's golden bands, So long-they are thin and weak. They are tremulous now and slow; But, to me, they are just as sweet

As when, so long ago, They guided my baby feet. They have old and wrinkled grown; .But, to me, they are just as fair

As when they clasped my own And folded them first in prayer. They have toiled thro' patient years

While no one praised their deeds. They have wiped most bitter tears, And supplied unnumbered needs, They have heavy burdens borne,

When manhood's strength has failed; They have soothed the hearts that mourn, And inspired the hearts that quailed. The naked they have clad; The hungry they have fed;

With tender touch, and sad, They have laid away their dead, Mother's hands are thin and old: But their every touch I'll love, Till they clasp the harp of gold

That awaits their touch above. -[Good Housekeeper.

HUMOROUS.

The gardeners in India are all Budd.

Market report-Onions stronger, milk

Unsatisfying food -- The "provisions"

of a mortgage. Hanging is too good for a painting that is badly executed.

A very appropriate diet for oarsmen in training is oysters in the shell. Pug dogs are going out of fashion, and their naturally sad expression is deep-

"The Fatal Three" is the title of Miss Braddon's latest novel. Perhaps it is a story of cucumber, soft crabs and milk. They say that elephants have dropped down to \$500 each. But tigers have not

Life is full of disappointments, and a man realizes it a while after he has The surplus about which so much is planted some bird seed with the idea

Drawing room car: First Porter (in a hurry)-Another wash-out! Second this surplus would weigh eighty-six and Porter (excitedly)-Where, where? First Porter (as he disappears through the next car)-On the clothes line!

> An embarassed young man who had just been married by a clergyman, not knowing how to express his gratitude, in handing over a small fee said: "I hope to give you more the next time,"

# Profit in Old Corks.

Where do all the corks go? They come ashore by the million. Those that are not thrown into the sea by improvident barkcepers are used over again, The careful barkeeper saves his corks, one by one, until he accumulates s barrelful, which he sells for \$5 to men who select the good ones and dispose of them to bottlers. The bad ones are ground up to make linoleum. If not irredeemably bad they are trimmed down and "made as good as new" for use in smal bottles or phials. There was a time when waiters pocketed the corks pulled from bottles of costly foreign wine, and for 3 or 4 cents apiece sold them to parties whose champagne vineyards are in Avenue D or New Jersey; but something like a safeguard has lately been thrown around the better class of foreign wines, and there is now not much demand for corks to do "revolving" duty. -[New York Times.

# An Effectual Treatment for Warts.

It is now fairly established, says a writer in The Medical Press, that the common wart, which is so unsightly and often so proliferous on the hands and face, can be easily removed by small doses of sulphate of magnesia taken internally. M. Coirat, of Lyons, has drawn attention to this extraordinary fact. Several children treated with three-grain doses of Epsom salts morning and evening were promptly cured. M. Aubert cites the case of a woman whose face was disfigured by these excrescences and who was cured in a month by a drachm and a half of magnesia taken daily. Another medical man reports a case of very large warts which disappeared in a fortnight from the daily administration of ten grains of the salts .- [Medical

# A Blind Boat Builder.

It is a positive fact that Herreshoff, the boat builder, is totally blind; but so sensitive and acute to his touch that he an pick out different sheets of drawings, and seems to be able to make his ears perform the function of his vision. hill, the distance of the seeds from the | He seems to be able to carry a plan in mind's eve and to follow in imagination sight. Several others in his family are also blind, - New York Times.

# Curiosity.

Mr. Popinjay-Woman's curiosity amuses me.

Mrs. Popinjay-Aha, by the way. what's the stain on your hand?

weather a bucket of water in the box Mr. Popinjay-Paint, I was coming by with the most powerful telescope and causes the matter in the manure to leach Blobson's fence and just touched my finhaven't struck a liver cure advertise- out, and it soaks in the ground around ger to it to see if it was dry .- [Burlingthe box, where the plants appropriate it." ton Free Press.