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H. W. Collingwood, of the Rurat New Yorker, says in the New York World:

Mrs. American Business Hen is one of our most useful citizene. She is a shrinking, unusuaming creature, too modest at times even to cackle over the birth of her own egg, leaving that celebration to her husband, and yet may may go find the same and hatching out nest to paying off mortgages, driving wolves from the door and hatching out nest of freight 10,000 miles, or for running an ordinary train, two miles. One lean the second and the first extent of freight 10,000 miles, or for running an ordinary train, two miles. One lean the second freight 10,000 miles, or for running an ordinary train, two miles. One lean training it very remarkable. The tree solidour fails to ripen a heavy crop of freight 10,000 miles, or for running an ordinary train, two miles. One lean dred and forty such hers would pay fruits, cropping right down to the training it very remarkable. The tree solidour fails to ripen a heavy crop of fruits, cropping right down to the training it very remarkable.

## FIELDS OF ADVENTURE.

THRILLING INCIDENTS AND DARING

Parts. On the occasion to which I refer I was accompanied by a single fellow traveler; who had paid me 1000 frames for the privilege of a place Lymy side. The weather was line and the balloon bed risen to a considerable beight when I turned to my companies the leader stage in the other parts and stretching the level into account the interest when I turned to my companies to the level stage in the other parts and stretching the level into account the interest was accounted by the level of the le panion, who I noticed was very quiet, "What effect he journey had so far upon you, mon-

None whatever," was the curt re-

ply Then and t. I must comple ment you. You are the first amateur I have ever known to reach this alli tude without experiencing some unusual condition.
"I wish you'd go higher," said the

amateur coully
"In response to this request I thrus
out some bullest and the brillour shot
up some sixty yards higher
"Now, how do you feel? I asked
"Just the same, replied my som
panion, in a rather petulant tone.
"By Layer I responsed other share.

"By Jove! I exclaimed, after glunc-ing with surprise at the stolid, indiffer-

ent expression of my guest's face, 'you are a wonder, a boen aeronaut, a suwiene.'

Well, the balloon kept on rising. and when a few hundred yards higher I again turned to my phlegmatic friend and onestioned him as to his caus-

"Emotions! Not a trace of once tions," replied he, with the air of a man who feels that he has been greatly ed upon.

imposed upon,
"Well, so much the worse," said f. Trear I shall not be able to abrue you we have usen high enough, and we shall now descend.

Descript repeated the man, glaring at me with a strange, wild glare in his eyes, which I had not no 

gerous to go my higher."
"I don't care about the danger, and I don't choose to descend, declared the man. The going up higher, I am. "I've paid a thousand france in order to experience some emotions, and emotions. I'd have before going the control of the source of the

or so was scated on the apec clapping this hands and shoating with joy. Suddenly he seemed to be seized with a thenly he seemed to be serized with a mischlesoms desire, for, taking out of his pocket a large clasp knife, he brandished it above his head and yelled out. Now, you rascall. You wanted to descend, did you? So you shall, in a furrey and before 1 could after a word live and of the systems. after a word two out of the six repe-attaching the car to the balloon were cut, and the car began to awang about outnowedy. The madman's knife wat-tonehing another repe when a called out to him. Step, one word.

No, no, down you go." "But let me tell you something my friend; we are now nearly 4000 feet high, and the loss of the cur, or even a single pound of bullast it contains, would result in certain death to you If you have a secret grudge against no don't sacrifice your own life by cutting

gone to search of pistols, I said a stroke

soloun prayer and vowed never to make another assession with a man processed of a craying to experience the sensations of ballooning in high

Perilinas Eide of an Arrament in His Bal

Loos With a Madman-Unpleasant Experience of a Maine Woodsman, Who
Was Ceamed to a Mad Bear. Fig.

Monsieur Godard, a noted French
neronant, now visiting New York, was
recently relating to a party of friends,
among them a writer for the Waching,
ton Star, some of his experiences while
itp in a ballocon.

"The most exciting and in many respects most perilous ascension I ever
made," said M. Godard, "becurred
about five years ago from a point near
Paris. On the occasion to which I related the star of the star o with a chain long, coough to

bevening space attached it to the longer chain, which lead a clog attached. But two days later Jerry Peckins came along the trailing far from the hill-life. He had so as, and said he was wheatling and enjoying an hour of the world with the tale weather, wind by some chance visited the section that day Jerry was destined to meet that bear, and be did. He saw that the animal was in a did. He saw that the animal was in a trap and that the elog had stuck fact in some brokes. Thinking it would be a very easy matter to advance and knock the heat in the head, be proceeded to do so. His in his the bear quite a timing, but as the sholesed the blow trady directs little lower on her shall than the word-man had retunded it should. Antiputa the blow fell Jerry hand a termor annul in the needblar hand a two possible the neighborhood of his hed and he found a hear trap on his ankle. The bow had note such a short distance before being bought up by the elect that the other

trap had not been sprang Perkin found him all hateled to an ugly old she bear with cubs only a few rolls away in a crevier in the rock. bear was fresh having dearned the class to distance, and she went at Jerry in a very business like manner. Asara the na was brought down on her head this time with better effect than be-love. Belove the third and final blow could be struck she had become to the flesh of Mr. Perkins, both less. The man got out c. the trapatter some family. He could move about according to enth supleng and with these as a fever he put the spring down so that the june fell both and released him. He eatch, one taking the skin and beauty and the other the most. An attempt to get the cube was most execute, the fulls follow having most bit enough to run away. Levision (Most Assumat-

"Thurst out laughing. I thought the man was joking.
"The you going phiaber, or mot?" asked my companion, at the came time grasping me with an iron goin by the throat and shaking. An exception to the cube cursts there to lay, heavers, in Mrs. Pennington, of Pipus Creek, who says that one toners stroke of the transacting has done har insked my companion, at the same time grasping me with an iron grip by the throat and shaking me violently—I intend to have my casorious.

"It was only now," continued M Godard, that I realized that I was in the society of a madman. The dilated ever, the farious grasp, the very tone of the man's voice left no doubt in my mind about that. But what was to be done? We were some 3000 feet high among the clouds, a straggle was out of the question, as one violent motion of the madman would be enough to upset the ear. All these thought thashed through my mind in less than a second. My selveracy was a power fully built man, and, without besing his grasp, he called out. Ah, my time fellow, you have hear playing the fail with me. You have note hear a single continue.

"The going to throw you over, said the motions, with a wife larger, and the lightness to the are the arroundance. The point of the arrow of the called out and the motion resonant larger and the lightness showing divident to the continue.

"The going to throw you over, said the motions, with a wife larger, and the lightness showing divident to the continue, and the lightness showing divident to the continue of the motion of the madman would be enough to upset the called the said the first three transfer of the grant larger and the larger gs I could under the eigenistances.

2. The going to throw you over, said the madome, with a wild large, but is selected and give her so its said the madome, with a wild large, but its terminity. But it was not the storal ting the action to the word, he imposite the rigging of the car.

2. The going to throw you over, which is the said of the storal ting the action to the word, he imposite the rigging of the ear.

3. The going to throw you have the storal through the rigging of the car.

4. Well, he it so, said I, you was to have put a rope around your waist to prevent such an acculent.

4. Well, he it so, said the madoma, who seemed to see the necessity of some precaution; and the rope having the rigging of the balloon with the againty of a squirrel, and in a mante for see was sented on the apex clapping his hands and shouting with joy. Said

A State Continued Blowers

There is a popular impression that the apphare is always a blue stone, whence, indeed, it has become a recogtutement, for its Cevion the col-rance from what is described as soft, velvety bine to a peacesk blue on which, of course, there is a co-dealed green. There is also a re-supplier, which is known as the Cofor only, and which is very highly prized indeed, being as valuable a fine flurnah rubies. There are also green supplies, willow supplifies and

Strange Result of a Lightning Stroke.

If you have a secret gradge against me don't sacrifice your own life by enting the ear loose or casting me out. Lat us such a return to the earth alive and we can seen settle any differences we may have with a brace of pistols.

"Agreed! said the madman, throwing bis kaife away, and coming rapidly down the rigging from his danser one perch, he again took his scat quietly bestde me in the car. Xeedless to say I soon pulled the valve, allowing the scat postulation gradually descended to the fact hallowing radically descended to the fact hallowing radically descended to the gone in search of pistols, I said a stroke.

## Children's Column



Our comes trusp collect as will be interested to be acres about some very noned the logged strain our brade and distributed to the markets of package of her superstanding of package of her papers, and not retended to be to be a log by two moles wide adout two large waters where we have about two large waters. or activately built mater

The quarter chilling stamped Meek feaburg Schwerm, which was rested in 1856, is the smallest ever as medless than one tought the size of the current penns Euglish stamp and it would take about fifty of them by ercor the surface of the largest issued by the United Speed Chicago, Rec-

A Family of Orphan Pigs.

A mother product leaving a large family of pink and white little page. All the hands on the turn were loss. and there seemed newspar for do but to lef the explicits die from starration. The other pass recited them with the greatest unconsern and apparently

felt no pits for them.

But a little girl some running ground the corner of the bar red barn. and when the east the little page and beaut of their each plight, the each

participation of the participa

with them or how to fined them, for they were much to young to detail, out of a trough.

But she seem that a bright when. She gate to the house and to see had been nother for an old in temporathed had been stead on the parties shelf. Then she found a rabble monthings exactly the those used on a buby a bettle. This she seemely titted an bottle. This she seemely littled on the special of the teaper, which was then filled with milk. By this time the little pursice were in a pitable state of human. The little grid in out and link the pigges one by one from the soft shaw of their box, and they laid hold of the teaper special with little grants of sall sharing, and when they had functed their some rice, all on the pital sharing they are sharing the sall of the sall of the pital. which they find finished their striner they all our locations their and went off to shop. The furthe goed always full their notes the small, weak page of the little. Indeed the allocations of their soft given large and strong. In a few weeks the whole boards or orphine would so upon great specifing every tion thing our fees appeared, some time following for a reso the yard the originary bettern. Fees people know how show and self-and country.

one pumped done, as a matter of But offer one of the men must run course, but the k-il "tunked," and alread on snowshoe for the dogs to swend not fellow. The rid one looked fellow han. London Camelo Times. up at it, and then went buch mather was to the ledge on which the kid was standing and a are proped down. do it and he have up to it a good as to say. Come along you little supply dreaming that he's keeping me awake.

if won't burt you? But the kid funked sgain, and would not fellow. The mother thereupen returned a second time to the ledge, and proceeded to push the kid with her bead and make it jump down, and followed it herself. Then came the climax—the old one and the young one both went round again to the same ledge, and the old one jumped down first, and this time the kid followed immediately, having been taught that it was safe and easy emongh. Budmitten Magazine. Badminton Magazine.

It is in August that the naturalists observe the naturalists observe the naturalist torm, reproduced and dies in the period of a single night on the banks of the Warne, at the Sense and of the Rhine; it is the sphemers of which Sicanonerdem has written, and which

is speken of in Aristotle. The life of this insect does not liest beyond four or five boars. If does toward II occase in the avening after taking the form of a butterfly about six boars after undlay. It is true, however, that before taking this form it has lived three years in that of a units, which keeps always none the cents, which keeps always none the morts, which keeps always near the barder of water in the holes, which it makes in the and.

The change of the worm in the see D. If one tikes the worm in the water the hand carnet be taken away before the change is made, airless by pressing the worm alightly in the region of the chest by this name if our be taken from the water before the chest days.

the charage takes place.
The apparate, after having the safe, seeks a place where it can dive t itself of a time membrane or very

which entirely covers it. This second change takes place in the air.

The sphemere arrests it elf with the point of its little nails as firmly as it ran, it makes a move shadar to that it a shiver, then the skin on the nails alle of the back breaks apart, the winns slip out of their sheath, as we constones take officiar gloves, by therein them inside out. After the strongs them inside out. After the straining the ephemore beam to the Sono time it holds itself straining up on this the it holds that storaged up on the sufficient water on the cult of ste tall, thapping its wings one against the other. It takes no mentioned in the five or six hours which are the limit of its life. It seems to have been formed to multiply, for it does not be the constraint of the constraint of the constraint. not be an extracted of a warm transition is ready to deposit the egon, and it discuss secondary are deposited.

In three days time one see appear and die all spreas of ephemores. They had seemetimes until the fifth day, for the reason that some makely has affected some of them and reevent them from changing at the same time

Detained Dog Learn.

Well, here we are down on the life, and the dogs impartant to star! Let pre-describe. The sled consists of a increase we according to the treat lift being covered in beyond my mounted on a flow result had being covered in the the the presence of a wright be the presence of a wright be the presence of the wright problem of the flow of the beauth and simulates only projecting. In front and behind and on the of the law is placed all the legang, covered. box is placed all the loggage, overest with canvar, and seemely lashed, to withstand all the folling and possible ispect, and our snowshoe within ency ceach. An important term is the dispulsip, receille to the dog it used by a skillful hand and receible to the time following like a race the xard like or many bottoms. Five people have been and soft and comming very little plus soft and comming very little plus like the little girl produced like founds. When there were still to other soft little plus and not soft in the range, and not she in the inest little of personal wayshers in the formship thinage thereof.

The Young Choices.

We had a full hold bout to work be fore the drive began, and more researched by one of the protition had most interesting sight and lessons to matural hostory. I have exercised most interesting sight and lessons to manuels, the stight of an old choracis giving its young hold a local bosons to manuels, the stight of an old choracis giving its young hold a local bosons to manuels, the stight of an old choracis giving its young hold a local bosons to manuels. The soft of the first of the soft of the sof

way as yet distributed by the directs, who were a tribe or two away, and who that not two away, and who had not yet began to dreep had came quietly about the steep mountained outil flox came to a place where there was a dreep about twelve feet, and then took place the down, and the direct rate following beautiful sight, which was also stitlessed by S. and his Japan. "Hooks," that is, Eskino works; "Onk," go to the right. Areals, to the left, and "Host, stempt on, But often one of the men must run ahead on snowshoes for the dogs to

The Wife-What a sweet smile there



which will lay this year 13,750,000, 030 eggs. These eggs are worth 8165,030,000, and the poultry meat sold. during the year will bring \$125,000,000, which gives \$200,000,000 as a very low estimate of the enruings of Mes.

simply the carnings of the hen. The average length of an egg is two and one half mehes. The 13.750 nm and

The value of all gold produced in upward until they reade a point 250 postpani envelope originated early in American mines in 1805 was \$46 000, and all silver 872,031,000. value of all minerals, including iron, gold and silver taken out of American mines in 1811 was 8208,168,768. Americans are given to bragging about our immense internal resources, and yet you will notice that the hers paid for it all one year and had enough left to just about pay the interest on all

Mrs. Hen will earn enough this year to pay the entire State and cour ty tax (which in 1890 was \$143,186 007), and have enough left for every cent of pensions that are paid to old

The average cow weighs 130 times as much as the average ben, and yet all the milch cows in the country have a total value of but \$263,955,515. a total value of but \$263,955,515
Mrs. Hen in one year will carn enough
to buy every cow, and put the entire
tobacco crop in her pocket as well.
She could pay out of her year's carn
ings for all the tea and coffee imported in one year and all the petroleum
products, and have enough left to buy
all the tobacco grown in 1896. The
total assessed valuation of the following States full below the hear's yearly ing States fall below the hen's yearly

New Hampshire, Nofraska Alabama Mississuppi, Idalio Louisiana, Arkansas, Montana, Oregon, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Delaware.

Postoffice Department last year was one night

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258,871,125 chickens and 26,738,315 the salary of the average teacher curother fowls. In that year the Americal played in the public schools, while can here had 9.850,674,992 eggs seventy-five hear would pay the as ex-There are now 350,000,000 chickens, ago pension to old soldiers. OMAHA'S IMMENSE UMBRELLA.

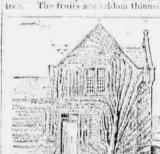
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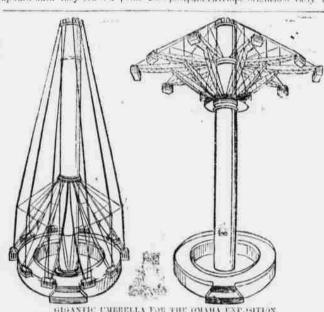
which gives \$290,000,000 as a very low estimate of the carnings of Mrs. American Hea for one year of the great depression.

The 150,000,000 bens are worth \$195,000,000 of any man's money, but we will not consider that, but take simply the carning of the her. The average length of an egg is two and simply the carries of the hen. The average length of an egg is two and one helf mehrs. The 13,750,000,000 eggs with therefore, make a claim 542,218 miles lote, while the total weight of the production of hearfurice at heist 8x112x100.

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ground. It has never been fed or root pround. It has never been fed or root promed, at lifts roots are in the bed of the carriage drive, mayed also energeding the stem at the base, where it measures say feet in eigeninference. It is, however, very probable that the roots have positrated a considerable distance and come into contact with the stable drains, thus deciving the contactment required by so have a hineat required by so larger The fruits are coldon thinned, nourishment





feet above the ground, the diameter of the reign of Louis XIV. M. De

the rafusion,