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The United States is rapidly forging ahead as a first-class maritime nower.

A Chinaman who, after several years' residence in this country, returned to China, has been telling his countrymen that the Americans worship a mysterious being who is called All Mi-T Dol Lar.

Says a New York expert in sporting matters: "There isn't a fight, wrestle, rowing match, running match, horse trot or sword contest on the square these days. Everything is 'cooked' beforehand, and 'cooked' to make money."

It is the opinion of wagon-wheel manufacturers that the day of the wooden wheel will before many years draw to a close, and that steel wheels will take its place. This opinion appears altogtether reasonable. The uses of steel and iron are multiplying constantly.

As electricity will undoubtedly be substituted in executions for the rope, the Chicago Times suggest that a new branch of study is opened for young Anarchists. "They should be instructed their power of resistance."

New York City is said to support about six thousand lawyers, and it is claimed that the immense amount of litigation done there through the courts of private offices of counsel attracts and keeps there the highest legal talent of ple. There was one North Carolina inthe State, if not the country.

The phonograph has reached such s degree of perfection that gaps and yawns are produced by it with great distinctness. At a recent trial given at Mr. Edison's laboratory a meeting between two lovers was recorded, and persons of experience say that the kisses were re-

A Canadian judge fined a museum fat woman \$4 for refusing to pay her cabman, who apparently wanted to charge her in proportion to her weight. The it so free that there shall be no duty on fair, fat, and ten-times forty-pound woman refused to pay the fine and the officials were ordered to take her to jail. They found to their dismay that not a amendment. cell door was large enough to let the fat woman pass through.

been hired at \$5 a day to go to England | cupied the full day without | coming to a and instruct workmen there how to manufacture tubing. One of the proprietors of a great English manufactory, who employed the men, has discovered that American workmen "are much more rapid and have a better system of doing the work than their English brothers.'

Some idea of the strength of the great French copper "syndicate" may be had when it is stated that it has just agreed to pay the owners of the Anaconds | The Senate at 5:55 adjourned. mine, in Montana, \$200,000 for each month that it remains shut down. In other words, the "syndicate" pays, say, four cents per pound to the Anaconds for the copper which it does not produce, thereby reducing the supplies which it Ohio a port of delivery adjouned. has to carry and eliminating a somewhat dangerous factor from the situation.

"Death by electricity was preferred in public at large. If the change is a dis- increase the profits of manufacturers. appointment in this regard many will inflicting the death penalty at all wil grow. It is still an open question whether hanging is the best use to which society can put a murderer."

Over a Hundred Hindoo Dialects.

One hundred and fi ty languages and dialects, written and unwritten, are spoken in India. Hindoos, 160,000,000; Mohammedans, 45,000,000; rude native tribes, 50,000,000; and Christians, 2,000,-000-less than one-third Protestantscompose the population. Forty million hungry human bodies have no other bed than the bare ground, and so illiterate are the neople that 41 men and 857 women cannot read nor write where one of each can. No wonder that the average annual income, \$13.50, is the lowest of any civilized race.

The New York Heraid's "Lounger! coming into her first youth. She was as the average girl is at that age-say six- executive session the Senate at 5:40 adteen-and besides had seen nothing journed, whatever of the great world. But she was as graceful as one of the sun anemones that sway and bend in the summer breezes of her native prairies, and had vote of 117 to 122. the promise of more than usual beauty. I have never seen a woman, old or young, amend the Springer amendment by prohere, the winter of her marriage. A Agreed to. in her time."

WASHINGTON, D. C.

HOUSE AND SENATE.

Orn National Law-Makers Deliberate on Measures for the Public Good.

MONDAY-House-Under the call of he States the following bills were introduced and referred; By Mr Davidson, of Florida, for the

appointment of a special sanitary inspector in the marine hospital service. By Mr Blount, of Georgia, to punish buying and selling of votes

By Mr Bland, of Missouri, for the free coinage of silver. By Mr Cowles, of North Carolina, a

bill containing the internal revenue features of the Mills bill, and moved it's reference to the committee on appropriations. Agreed to-yeas 129, nays 91. Mr Brower, of North Carolina, introluced a bill to repeal the tax on tobacco, and moved its reference to the committee on war claims. Lost-yeas 162, nays 117 and the bill was referred to the ways

and means committee, The House then proceeded to the consideration of the business pertaining to the District of Columbia. No business of general importance was transacted, and the House at 5:40 adjourned.

SENATE-Senator Hear introduced a concurrent resolution regulating the counting of votes for President and Vice- | services. President, which was referred to the committee on privileges and elections. gress shall meet jointly on Feb. 13th,

next, and canvass the votes cast. Tariff bill resumed. In the course of a general discussion after the salt schedule had been taken up, Senator Plumb twitted Senator Vance for his silence and in electric volts, and taught to compute | non-action in the matter of taxes on | well he would adopt the poet's setiment, the number of ohms which constitute mica, peanuts, rice and other North Carolina products.

The Senator, he said, had lifted up his voice early and often against the tax of eight cents per hundred pounds on salt, but had made no move to relieve the people of the United States from the tax of 112 per cent on rice. He did not censure him for that. The Senator was pursuing the line of the interests of his peoterest which the Senator did desire to have put on the free list, and that was moonshine whiskey, but not for free rice, free mica, free peanuts or free sumach. Senator Vance replied to Senator said to Plumb and said that he partly admitted self. admitted the accusation. If he did not represent the interest of his constituents ne would not be fit to occupy a seat in

the Senate. Senator Blair asked him whether he out. produced with tantalizing accuracy and | would vote to reduce the duty on lum ber, another North Carolina product.

Senator Vance: "I will. I thank thee, Jew, for teaching me that word. Senator Blair: "How much will you vote to reduce it?" Senator Vance: "I will wote to make

the planks that shelter the poor man from the storm." After further discussion the bill was laid aside without action on the pending

South Dakota and the organization of Colorado. Two Pittsburg tube workers have North Dakota was brought up and oc-

> SENATE-On motion of Mr Voorhees. the Senate bill referring to the court of claims of the State National bank of Louisiana, for cotton taken by agents of the treasury department after the 30th of June, 1865, was taken from the calendar

> and passed. The tariff bill was then resumed, the pending question to place salt on the free

The debate drifted off to generalities which occupied the balance of the day.

WEDNESDAY-The House continued the discussion of the territorial admis-

Pending further debate, the House, after passing the bill making Columbus, SENATE-The proposition of Mr Vest to put salt on the free list was rejected; yeas 23, nays 26.

Mr Allison offered some changes in the New York State to execution on the committee amendment as to Tagger's gallows because," alleges the Sun, "t was iron. Mr Jones, of Arkansas, moved to asserted that it would take away from debate which ensued Mr Morgan said the act its demoralizing in uence on the that the object of the Senate bill was to

Mr Allison denied this statement, and regret that it was made. In that case it said that its object and purpose was to is not unlikely that the feeling against enable laborers in this country to produce things on equal terms with laborers

During a discussion between Mr Morgan and Mr Hawley, the former said that if the negroes could be expelled from Alabama the price of lands would go up 100 per cent.

At the conclusion of Mr Morgan's remarks, Mr Chandler made an argument in favor of increasing the duty on skates.

at 6 P M the Senate adjourned.

Pending the reading of a substitute a wife and one child. offered by Mr McDonald, of Minnesota, the House at 5 o'clock adjourned.

SENATE-Consideration of tariff bill continued. An amendment to the tin plate paragraph was offered and adopt-

goes into raptures over Mrs. Russell cane grown in the United State was then 1800 and bore eight children. Her hus-Harrison, nee Miss Saunders, whom he justly says will be the beauty of the new Administration. He adds: "When her Administration. He adds: "When her see how it could have any political effect, In 1837 she again married and became and Mr Eustis spoke at length in oppothe the mother of three more children. Her leading to the mother of three more children. The see how it could have any political effect, In 1837 she again married and became ones without food or shelter or sufficient

No vote was reached, and after a short

FRIDAY .- House .- Consideration of territorial bills was resumed, and Mr McDonalds substitute was rejected by a

Mr Perkins, of Kansas, moved to

blonde of the clearest type, but with eyes | The House then proceeded to vote on the Omnibus bill, as amended, as a sub- deceased was from 1840 to 1856 in the that darkened in sudden thought, a per- stitute for the Senate measure, and it was coal business here, and since that time up fect figure, and admirable taste in dress, agreed to by a close party vote, after to 1880, he was a coal gauger. He was a ninth edition of the Encyclopedia she had no superior and but few equals | which the Senate bill so amended was of miserly habits, but the possession of

The House took a recess from 5 until 7 o'clock, and the evening session was

devoted to pension bills. The SENATE at 11:30 resumed consi d eration of the tariff bill, the pending question being on an amendment reported from the Finance committee, allowing a bounty of one cent per pound on sugar produced from beets, sorghum and sugar-cane grown in the United

Debate on amendment lasted until 5 o'clock without intermission, having taken a wide political range, the principal speakers being Messrs. Reagan,

Butler, Chandler and Spooner. The amendment was rejected 5:15 the Senate adjourned.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

Letters received from Henry M. Stanley says that he and his expedition are in good health.

The anarchists attending the Peace Congress recently held at Madrid, decided to ferment a general resolution in any of the continental powers.

A large anti-slavery meeting was held at Vienna Wednesday. Russia will build three large men-of-

war during this year. Pope Leo has presented to the Irish churches gifts valued at \$50,000, includ-

United States Minister Phelps, at the Fishmonger's Company banquet, Lon-It provides that the two Houses of Con- don, responding to a toast, said: "The only complaint I bring against this country is that my experience here makes it more difficult to say good-bye than to perform any other duty which has devolved upon me since I came here." In conclusion he said that in saying fare-"Say not good night, but in some happier day bid me good morning."

GENERAL NEWS.

the United States Senate.

John L Sullivan has been drinking quietly for two days, but is at home at Boston now and in his friend's hands, 1 James G Blaine, Jr , has entered machine shop as an apprentice. He is

said to be trying to make a man of him-Churchill county, Nevada, is in danger of breaking in two. A crack has recently appeared three feet wide, several miles long, and how deep no one can find

Both the house and Senate of West Virginia have held secret sessions. In the Senate four ballots were taken for president, but the dead-lock is still un-

The largest mortgage ever placed on of New York. It is for \$30,000,000.

Frye of Maine, Manderson of Nebraska, Hear of Massachusetts, and McMil-Tuesday-House- As a special order to the United States Senate. E O Wol- A B Arthur, vice-president, and Heber the Senate bill for the admission of cott succeeds Thomas M Bowen from Kerr, secretary. Capital stock to be not

In the United States District court at of brutally beating his dredgers, and

only by the personal friends of the fam- rested.

Both Houses of the Delaware Legislature convened and proceeded to ballot for United States Senator. The ballot resulted: Anthony Higgins, 16; James L Wolcott, 9; A P Robinson, 5. - The presiding officer thereupon announced islative session for Feb. 5th to pass that Anthony Higgins was elected.

A story has been going the rounds of the press purporting to give an account of Mrs Harrison being snubbed by White House during Gen Garfield's administration. It is learned in Indiapolis that there is no truth in this story.

The American Colonization society ton and other products. was organized seventy-three years ago. During its existence it has sent over 16,-000 negroes to Africa. At the celebravration of its anniversary the other night, in Washington, Dr Luther endorsed Victor Hugo's prediction that "Af rica is to be the continent of the twentieth century.'

Killed Over a Game of Cards.

Bedford, Ind. — [Special] — Harry Williams, of the firm of Williams & Lynch, railroad contractors, of Crawfordsville, came to this place. He intended to leave Friday morning on the where he was stopping, and engaged in There was further discussion, but no a game of cards. About 1 o'clock he Radcliffe, and some words were exchanged. The latter shot Williams THURSDAY-The House continued the twice in the right breast, killing him al-

The Oldest Woman Living.

Mrs. Frances Ann Rebecca Todd, who resides near the village of Novic, Mich., tion. Butler Banks has escaped. sugar made from beets, sorghum or sugar years old. She was first married in third husband died six years later, leaving the widow with three more third husband did not discourage her. | made. She finally removed to her present farm of three acres, where she has been since 1844. — Times-Democrat.

He Saved a Fortune.

greed to.

The House then proceeded to vote on New Jersey and claimed the estate. The so much wealth was unknown.

ALL OVER THE SOUTH NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

NEWS FROM EACH STATE.

NORTH CAROLINA. A second street car line was chartered

by the city council of Asheville. Governor Fowle was inaugurated with imposing ceremonies on Thursday, the 17th inst. The Legislature of North Carolina,

will have about 1,400 justices of the peoce to elect. Wesley Austin has been appointed as-

sistant keeper of the light house at Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, vice L G Damerst, resigned, There were started in North Carolina

in 1888 no less than forty-one cotton

factories, eight more than any other Southern State. It is now said that George Vanderbilt will found a college for the education of ments of mink or sealskin, furnishing an women on the tracts of land that he has | effective contrast. recently bought near Asheville.

· A white man named Daniel Cameron was found early Monday morning near able New York dressmaker. Europe in the event of a war involving Keyser with a bullet hole through his head and one in his breast. The white site at Steglitz for 100,000 marks to man who was last seen with him, has build a hospital for orphan girls. been arrested on suspicion and is in the jail. It is supposed that Cameron was murdered either Saturday night or early | threads on bands of scarlet cloth. Sunday morning.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

ing the stole which he wore at his jubilee Chester is to have the telephone. The "Comet" is a new paper at Kershaw on the 3'Cs.

The result of late experiments in the South Carolina is that tobacco can be grown successfully in the State.

The factory of the Tyree Drug company will be moved from Staunton, Va. to Charleston. Governor Richardson appointed the following gentlemen to constitute the

State board of medical examiners: Dr A N Talley, chairman, Columbia; Dr T effective. Grange Simons, Charleston; Dr C R | son, and Dr J C Wilcox, Darlington. A pretty little vendetta is raging in embroidery. The Republican Legislative caucus of Newberry county among the members of | The authorities of Vanderbilt Uni-

Oregon decided to re elect J N Dolph to the Banks family. On Saturday last, versity are considering the propriety of Butler Banks desperately wounded SC | admitting women to the privileges of Banks. A night or two afterwards the the University. dwelling house, barns and out houses of Butler Banks were burned to the ground. A houseful of little children were turned | mond or pearl, and having slender gold out homeless to starve. The family is wires attached. not a wealthy one, and the end of the feud is not yet.

VIRGINIA.

The latest advices from Pocahontas point to the satisfactory solution of the contemplated strike of 4,000 coal miners in that section.

The village of Red Springs, Va, has was killed by falling timbers,

A little boy 12 years old named Chandrecord in West Virginia was that of the ler, was caught up in the machinery of Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad company, the Cigarette Manufacturing Company, made to the Central Mortgage company, at Lynchburg, and was instantly crushed

The Valley Medical & Chemical Institute, of Staunton, Va., has been organ- ness of France. Parisian trade in partilan of Michigan have all been re-elected | ized with Dr F W Shelton as president; less than \$200,000.

A remarkable case of poisoning cre-Baltimore Capt Robert Mill, of the oys- ated some excitement at Danville. On ter schooner Chicora, was found guilty Sunday, Jack Coates, an inmate of the jail, received a slice of molasses pudding was sentenced to a fine of \$500 and one from his wife. He thought it was "tricked" and refused to eat it. 'Squire its fringe of tails just reaching to the The funeral services over the remains Towkes, another inmate of the jail, ate waist, and square and so long as to come of the late Mrs Jay Gould were held at the pudding and was soon taken sick, near the knee, and give the effect of a family residence, No 579 Fifth avenue, and died in great agony, with every stole. New York. The services were of the symptom of acute poison. The woman simplest character, and were attended who made the pudding has been ar-

The Jacksonville, Fla., board of trade

passed a resolution demanding protection for oranges. The Governor has called a special leg-

health regulations for the State. The State Farmers Alliance of Florida began its annual session at Jacksonville Thursday with over one hundred dele-Mrs Blaine on a State occosion at the gates in attendance. President Oswald Wilson, of Mariana, presided. The session continued throughout the week. A are sometimes in colors, pink turning strong effort is being made to make over blue and so on. Jacksonville a wholesale market for cot-

GEORGIA.

Governor Gordon, of Georgia, has bought a stock farm of 1,700 acres in Taylor county, that State.

The owners of the Soque woollen mills, of Clarksville, Ga., have assigned to W S West. Liabilities \$30,000, assets \$35,000.

WITHOUT FOOD OR SHELTER.

Mother and Six Children Burned Out of Their Home by a Mob.

About a month ago Butler Banks, of early train for Louisville. About 11 Newberry county, S. C., was shot, and State Normal School and Oberlin Colo'clock he went to the National Hetel, suspicion pointed to James C. Banks as lege, and has taught since 1865. his assailant, as the two men had been unfriendly. Last Saturday week Butler vote was reached on the amendment, and got into a dispute with a man named Banks, hearing that James C. was in the neighborhood canvassing for a book, lay in wait for him, and taking deliberate aim with a shot gun fired at his supposed discussion of the territorial admission most instantly. He then went to jail in four places. James Banks implored bill. Butler Banks, who is not a relative although of the same name, to desist, but the latter fired the second barrel of his shot gun and also the contents of a pistol at James, though without further effect. James is in a dangerous condi-

Last Saturday a party of men went to The amendment proposing a duty on in Norway, and is consequently 119 Last Saturday a party of men went to the house of Butler Banks, where were his wife and six little children, the eldest being only thirteen, and set fire to the house, compelling the woman to remain until its destruction was certain. The men then set fire to the corn crib and clothing. There is great indignation, but though the names of the incendiaries children to care for. The loss of the are said to be known no arrests have been

A Bluff Skipper Stops the Courting. An Old Bucksport (Me.) sea captain thus describes the way in which he dis-missed an undesirable suitor for the hand of his daughter the other night: "I just New Orleans, La-Last week Abra- showed him up the companion-way and who so soon came to understand all that in her father's position she should underin her father should underin her father's position she should understand as did Miss Saunders. She was a proclamation declaring the State of taken. In an old trunk was found nearly under way the better offing he would get rarely beautiful woman in her last winter South Dakota admitted into the Union. \$100,000 in greenbacks and bonds. Hen- before morning. He paid off and bore

Eleven hundred and forty-five writers Britanica, the last volume of which has iust been issued.

In England there are 347 female blacksmiths. The very latest thing is the plaited

muslin bodice. Cornell has 1174 students, 132 of whom are young women.

Pale shades of blue are second in favor to the all prevailing greens.

The Presbyterians have decided to have an order of deaconesses. Long, fingeriess mitts are a novelty.

They are worn with dinner gowns. Mme. Hess, of Paris, has refused \$1000 for her hair, which is six feet long. Cloth gowns are made up in combina-

tions of cream white, brown and green. A Brighton (Mich.) woman digs fortyfive bushels of potatoes a day and comes up smiling. Mink-tail trimmings are used on gar

Mrs. Amelie Rives-Chanler is having a \$1000 gown constructed by a fashion

Ex-Empress Frederick has bought a A new trimming of dark green, blue or brown dresses is an embroidery of silver

A new collar for the corsage is of the high military style, over which falls two broken points, usually in a contrasting Black costumes are meeting with so

much favor just now that they may be

said to be restored to their old time popu-Buttons in the form of a good-sized padlock fitted with a key were very con-

spicuous upon a recently imported cos-Gray and fawn color was the color combination recently noted in a cloth

costume. Although odd, it was very Most of the new sleeves have trans-Faber, Fort Motte; Dr S M Orr, Ander- verse or longitudinal puffs, or are gathered into a deeply pointed cuff of velvet or

Novel earrings are in the form of

oyster shells, held together by a dia-Bonnet strings are now attached to the lower middle portion of the crown, from

whence they are brought around and tied under the chin. There are still living six wives of girls of the nobles, which is known as Presidents, viz.: Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Polk, | the Empress's school. She watches very

A new make of hosiery is doublebeen nearly destroyed by fire. Loss \$30,- faced, being of spun silk on the outside 600. The wife of Postmaster Heckling and Balbriggan underneath. They are said to be very durable.

> Whistling girls are springing up all over the country with a promptness and spontaneity that indicate an appalling and altogether unsuspected amount of previous practice.

It is said that women have discharged the greatest part in the commercial busicular owes much of its reputation to the enterprise of business women. Ex-Queen Isabella, of Spain, has be-

come fascinated with the American game of poker. At her house in Paris she holds poker parties which are exciting enough to satisfy even an Arizona cowboy. Something new in furs is the sealskin pcierine, square and short at back, with

The cause of women's rights in France has progressed to the point of the introduction of a bill to grant to trades women

paying licenses the right to vote at election of Judges of the Tribunal of In his speech at Edinburgh recently, Lord Salisbury, the Prime Minister, declared himself in favor of woman suffrage, and said he hoped the day was not far distant when women would be

allowed to vote. In collars and cuffs a pretty novelty is to have a double collar and cuff, the upper one narrow and encircled with a band of satin-stitched embroidery. They

A new foreign fancy is the wearing of black neck fichus in place of veils. The widest part is draped over head and face, the ends cross the back, and then come under the chin, and the effect is wonderfully soft and pretty. A Spanish General of Barcelona has

bequeated \$200,000 to found a refuge for the orphan daughters of poor officers, a proviso being that each must be beautitiful in face and form, "because the more lovely a woman is the more she is exposed to danger in this world." Philadelphia has a large training

school for colored teachers, and its he d

is Miss Fanny J. Coffin, one of the most

notable colored women in the country. She is a graduate of the Rhode Island Mme. Le Ray contemplates another voyage of exploration. This intrepid French woman, who have traveled all over Asia Minor, is about to start for

Teheran, from whence she intends mak-

ing excursions into the least accessible portions of the Persian dominions. A correspondent writing from New York says that Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt frequently prepares the dessert for her family, and that Mrs. Sloane is said to have no rival as a salad maker. Mrs. Colonel Ingersoll is noted for her chocolate puddings, and Mrs. Sherwood can cook a tenderloin steak to perfection.

Bowie-Knives.

The "bowie knife" was invented by

Rezim Bowie, who was born in Tennessee, but it was never intended by him to be aught else but a hunting knife. During a chase after wild cattle in the Attakapas, a cow, with which he was engaged in combat, caught his knife with her horn, and, drawing it through his hand, very nearly cut his thumb off. On his return home he had made by his own plantation blacksmith, a knife with a piece placed across the hilt, so as to prevent a recurrence of the acident. His friends saw and liked the knife, and he had many made and presented to them. It obtained its name from the fact that James Bowie, a brother of the inventor, very nearly met with a serious accident on account of his gun failing to go off during some hunting expedition. Rezim then gave him his knife, remarking: "Take old Bowie, Jim; she never hange

The present Georgia Legislature contains more farmers than any of its recent predecessors. There are sixty-nine farmers in the House, against forty-six lawyers.

THE EMPRESS OF JAPAN.

APPEARANCE AND DAILY HABITS OF THE EMPEROR'S WIFE.

Handsome Woman of Unusual Intellectual Attainments - How She Occupies Her Time.

Frank G. Carpenter says in a Tokio letter to the New York World that the Empress of Japan is just about as old as her husband (thirty-eight years). She is a full head shorter than the average American woman and has a slender figure, very straight and very dignified. She appreciate: her position and walks like an Empress. It is now more than a year since she adopted foreign clothes, and her jet-black hair is combed in foreign style and a foreign waterfall sits upon her shapely crown. She has a fine | mouth should not have far to go for his complexion, much lighter than the or- | dinner. dinary Japanese, and she has that drooping of the lower lip which is a mark of Japanese beauty. The only pictures that are now procurable of her are those in her old court dress, but these give a fair idea of her features, and her face is decidedly aristocratic. "She does not," says the Court Chamberlain, "paint her lower lip nor blacken her teeth, as was the former custom of Japanese wives, and she wears now a straight bang of hair across her forehead." Her first European costumes, so a society lady of Tokio lican. tells me, were ordered from Germany, Mon but the Germans d.d not feel competent for the task and sent her measure to Worth at Paris. The clothes were made and shipped back to Berlin, and the German dressmakers there exposed them as their own and all of the capital of Germany was called in to inspect the clothes which the Empress of Japan was about to wear. Such an action would hardly be possible in the case of a European queen, and I have heard it condemned with much indignation here. At present I am told that the Empress buys her clothes, as far as possible, in Japan. She is a thorough little Japanese queen, and she is anxious to do every-

thing to advance her own people. "She is." in the words of the Court. Chamberlain, "especially interested in Japanese women, and she tries to promote their advancement in every way. She is very charitable, and she is especially patron of the Red Cross Society and of the Tokio Charity Hospital. She often visits the hospital and her influence is given for the good. At the late eruption of Baudaisan she sent money at once to relieve the sufferers from the volcano, and she is especially interested in the education of Japanese women. There is a female school attended by the Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Garfield | closely over this, and one of the pictures upon its walls consists of so poetry written by her. The Empress of Japan is a fine Chinese scholar, and she is one of the best poets in the Empire. Many of her poems have been set to music and have been used as national songs, and quite a number of them have been published in the Japanese news-

papers." "Tell me something of the daily life

of the Empress," said I. "She has," replied the Court Chamberlain, "an establishment of her own, and it is quite a large one. She has her maids of honor, her private secretaries and the ladies of the court to deal with. Her morning is occupied by the reading and writing of lette s. She attends to the supervision of her various charities through others chiefly, and in the afternoon she devotes herself to social duties. She receives at this time the wives of the Ministers and the Princesses who | Norristown Heral !. may call upon her, and if they come at the proper time these sometimes take tea with her. the sometimes invites these ladies to meetings to discuss matters relating to the charity hospital, and she has a Grand Marshal and a Chamberlain. She is, you know, the first Empress of the new order of things, even as the Emperor is the first Emperor. She wears but little jewelry, though she has some diamond rings and bracelets. She is a fine horseback rider, and often takes a turn on one of the horses of the imperial stables. She wears a Furopean riding habit and sits her horse well."

The Emperor, the Empress and the Crown Prince make up the royal family, or at least the three most important members of it. Each of these three has, as I said, an establishment of his own inside of the palace grounds. The Crown Prince is heir-apparent to the throne. He is the son of the Emperor by Mme. Yanagiwara, and not by the Empress Haruko. The Mikado of Japan has the right to twelve wives in addition to the Empress, and the children of these, in case of the failure of issue by the Empress, have the right to the throne. They are all legitimate and noble, and it is to these wives in times past that the noblest of the court families of to day date their origin. Very little is known about them outside the royal pala e. These wives do not appear at the Court ceremonies, and I am told that each has her little establishment inside of the palace grounds. They are a part of the constitution of the royal family, and in the directory of Japan for this year I find that the Emperor has had by them nine children, though all with the exception of three of these have died. Children thus born have nothing to do with their mothers, and the young Prince was brought up apart. I asked the Court Chamberlain about this department of the palace. He would say nothing, and said it was not proper for him to discuss such a private matter of the Emperor's.



I andlady-"Why, Mr. Jones, what ever is the matter." Mr. Jones-"Nothing; only trying to keep my feet warm; air's always warmer above, you know."-Harper's Bazar.

Philadelphia has just consecrated a church for deaf mutes-the only one in

HUMOR OF THE DAY. "Bound in calf"-Veal. Caught on the fly-Trout. Two physicians are a paradox. The burning question-Smoke. Fireside companion-The poker. A loan fellow-The pawnbroker. Unpopular preserves-Jim-jams.

A writ of attachment-A love letter. Old maids know what a mis-spent life

The oldest and most inveterate smoker in history is Vesuvius. It is the astronomer who most fre-

quently rises to observe. When a man doubles his fists you can hardly say he has four hands.

The man who lives from hand to

To make a Russian name-imitate the "tchug" of a bull frog, give one snee a

and say "ski." Horor and respect the busy bee, Once full, he makes straight for home. -New York News.

A young New England baby was named William after his father, who was bilious, -Harper's Euzar. A barking dog is the most courteous

of all animals. He makes his bow to every passer-by. - Binghamton Repub-Money can slip through a pretty small hole sometimes. A Brooklyn man lost a

considerable sum lately through a pew All the street cars have a sign "no smoking," and yet any conductor will help a woman to a light. - New York

A good many of the cashiers who are settling in Canada are those who have neglected to do any settling over here. New York News.

Woman (to tramp) - "How's the soup" Tramp-"Tain't quite strong enough, ma'am. I wish you would wash a few more dishes in it." Waiter-"You want frogs, eh?"

zee, vat you call him-zee drumsteeks. -, Philade phia Record. Brown-"Did you dispose of that last lyric you wrote?" Young Byron-"O yes, I got it off on the publishers for a

song .- " Yankee Blade.

Guest- "Not zee whole animaile, I want

Duluth people say that that city is growing so rapidly that, sitting down in the suburbs, with the city against the skyline, you can see it grow. "It requires only two things to run a

successful campaign, ' sa'd the politi-

cian, "And what are they?" asked a

bystander. "Dollars and sense." Tramp, picking up a five cent piece-'A bloody nickel, hum! Wasn't nothin but a Jonah all my life. Anybody else but me 'a pick'd up that nickel and it 'a been a quarter, sure." (Sighs). Shakespeare was slightly mixed in his

"seven ages." It is the "whining

school boy" whom the maternal eye has detected in some flagrant act of disobedience that "shifts into the slippered Leader of the Boggsville male quintet to editor of the Boggsville Herald-What can we do to interest the public

in our organization?" Editor (without looking up)-"Disband." - Burlington Free Press. A baby girl in Missouri has been named Rainbow. Sixteen years hence, when she is caught in a summer shower, she should feel very much at home, although

she would then be a little rain deer .-They say the German Emperor is spoiling to pitch in; He sharpens up n s spurs and longs To make the sawdust spin. "Who wants to pit a cock against

The Eantam of Berlin? - Furlington Free Press. Lawyer- 'So that is the entire list of your debts?" Insolvent Manager-"Oh. no; there are many other little items." Lawyer-"Pon't you want me to add them in detail?" Manager-"No; just say, for further particulars see small

bills." -- America.

man who invented the wheelbarrow; but what many more persons crave is the name of the man who lets his wheelbarrow stand in the middle of the sidewalk after dark. The latter is more deserving of death. - Nerristown Hera'd. "hid that lady buy anything?" asked the jewe'er of his new boy, as the lady in question left the store, apparently in

a temper. " he did not. She asked

me for an old gold breast pin, and I

asked her if she took this store for a junk

An exchange wants the name of the

shop. Then she went out."-Jewcler's He Caught the Drift. Don't know what they talked about: Anon they paused—now walked about In motions slow and swift; But one declared, "You worry me, In vague conjectures hurry me:

I do not catch the drift." The other then began again To elucidate his plan again, And make the darkness lift; But Dense declared, "Now break me up If all you say can wake me up:



The clouds refused to rift. The other cried, "I wonder, Ned, What's wrong? Am I a dunderhead? I do not catch the drift."



But Providence was making up. To give that chap a shaking up; For like a torrent swift An avalanche of snow, ha, ha! Dropped on him there below, ha, ha! Ho, ho! he caught the drift. -Texas Siftings

But Provider

The hippopotamus seems to be as surely on the road to extermination by hunters as the American buffalo is,