ON THE THRESHOLD.

Ring out, oh, bells, ring silver-sweet, o'er hi and moor and fell! In mellow echoes let your chimes their hop fulstory tell, Ring out, ring out, all jubilant, this joyou glad refrain: "A bright new year, a glad new year, hath comè to us again! "

Ah, who can say how much of joy within i there may be Stored up for us, who listen now to your sweet melody? Good-bye, Old Year! Tried, trusty friend, thy tale at last is told. Oh, New Year, write thou thine for us

_____ II.

lines of brightest gold.

The flowers of spring must bloom at last when gone the winter's snow; God grant that after sorrow past, we all some joy may know.

Though tempest-tossed our bark a while on Life's rough waves may be,

the haven see.

IV.

Then ring, ring on, oh, pealing bells! there's music in the sound. Ring on, ring on, and still ring on, and wake thermore, my neighbors had scarcely the echoes round. The while we wish, both for ourselves and

all whom we hold dear, That God may gracious be to us in this the

bright new year! -Chambers's Journal.

THE OPERATOR'S STORY.

One afternoon last September, at the Glen Mountain House, at Watkins Glen, New York, a telegraphic friend told me how he won great success in his profess. ion; as follows:

Almost three years ago I visited this famous watering-place. I had be n "working a circuit" in various cities, and stopped off here for a little recreation. One evening, in the dining-room, amid the clatter of dishes and knives and forks, my trained ear caught a meaning from the idle drumming on the table of knives in the hands of two well-dressed men opposite me. To the crowd, if no ticed at all, those sounds only indicated impatience at the hurrying, yet delayed waiters.

If it had been commonplace conver-ation I should not have heeded their communication, except, perhaps, for sport to "call" them. They ticked off a phrase cr two at intervals during their meal. Once the head-waiter noticed the clinking of a spoon upon a cup, and inquired

WOMAN'S WORLD. right, closed over it the big knife-blade The outer severed end I fastened around You may be sure I carefully untied PLEASANT LITERATURE FOR that box. I was tempted to heave FEMININE READERS.

into the gorge, but recollected that such a course would frustrate my plan to de test and convict those dynamiters. As if treading a path among eggs, I started to return. I left that mysterious box it the summer house to guard against any By urgent request the night clerk cau

a rail.

tiously admitted me to the room of the proprietor. With due precaution, I con fided in him, He went out and gave the clerk some instructions in a low tone and handed me a pass-key. I slyly went

to my room. The house was still. Suddenly there rang out an alarm of fire. Soon confu sion reigned. Guests were rudely awak They hurried out of windows or aned. down the stairs. In a few minutes every body returned, pale, trembling, and nervous. The fire had been put out with not very heavy damage, strange to say Nobody, fortunately, was hurt. Every body congratulated everybody on narrow

escapes. To this day there are, I under-There comes a day of calm at last, when we stand, only three persons who have known the origin of that fire alarm.

with a compressive wriggle that drops To any outsider would it not have the collar of the jacket down her ba k. been surprising that the occupants of pulls one sleeve of and then the other, rooms adjoining mine were more dres-ed than others of the fleeing guests? Furwith much ostentatious indifference and disappeared for downstairs, till my passkey, furnished by the proprietor, was used. If ever an intrusion was justifithe lady in the seat behind her. The able that was, for a quick glance, before a hasty exit, showed me a lighted bull'seye lantern set on the carpet, and near if an open valise. That valise held an elec- turns her back to the stage and her face family, one and all alike.-Brooklyn

The Girl in Front.

She looked so sweet, so free from guile,

Sho sat before me down the aisle,

I sat and watched her for awhile,

And all that I could see was that

Her toilet was in perfect-taste

'I know that she is fair," I said,

"As fair as dainty, and well bred,"

Such shoulders, such a perfect waist

A Grecian Venus might have graced,

Then, when she turned her pretty head,

Tailor-Made Jackets.

-Rambler.

Thoughtless of pray'r. She bat a fashionable hat

And her back hair.

And fashion new

She turned mine, too.

In shape the opposite of flat,

tric battery. Its wires led to another to the folks in the next row b ck squirms valise which contained a reel, from out of her jacket, folds it outside out, which led a wire running through a space and hangs it so ski fully over the back beneath the part ally-raised lower sash of her chair that no one but a mindreader can ever discover whether it has out into the darkness toward the railway

he right stamp within or no stamp at bridge. all. But everyone knows by the way Scarcely had the fire-alarm commotion ubsided when there, was a rumbling the garment is folded whe her it is, the genuine article or not--New York Letter. and a roar in the quiet night. The New

York night express was nearing Watkins Glen station. The bridge watchman came from his shanty, and signaled, I do not undertake to tell each of my "Go ahead !" To what! The ponderfair readers how old she will be when ous train crept over the bridge. I shud- led a blushing bride to the altar, if that dered, thinking of what might have should prove to b her destiny, but she can be told what the chances are in the happened. The conspirators were hushed. I

present state of our knowledge of statisical facts. If we take the weddings could imagine one, whose room gave him a view of the bridge, peering out anxthat actually occur, we shall find that in iously as the train's lights flashed on to every thousand there will be 179 wives the doomed bridge. Did any remorse under twenty years, while there will be seize him for the dastardly deed of tryonly nine husbands of that tender age. ing to hurl that unwarned train to cer- But perhaps these facts will be better tain de th and run? He seized the reel stated as follows, thus: In every thou-

with one hand to quickly draw in the evi- | sand marriages there will be: dence of his crime. With the other he Husbands, Wires, pre-sed the electric button and speeded the electric spark to the end of the wire. The devilish contrivance d d not work.

172... 81..... . Between 30 and 35. Before the fiend could recover from his 432.... Between 35 and 40 44..... 20...... Petween 40 and 45. . Between 45 and 50. November 20 November 2013 3..... Between 50 and 55. 6..... 1..... Between 55 and 60. The remainder, nine men and five women, will be scattered along between sixty and eighty years—an age at which almost any one would be expected to know better. It will be such, however, that the desire as well as the opportunity for marriage falls off rapidly in both carthly punishment. His partner, next seves after thirty; up to that age both

Chances of Matrimony.

mothers. They are too child-like them selves. When a girl is born to a Sultan they fire seven guns; when a boy 'twenty-one. The boys die early, the girls are more apt to live. This is supposed

to be a divine interposition of Providence to prevent too many claimants to t e throne. Babies are dressed like mumm es in swaddling clothes for six months; then the boys are put in trousers, somet mes in generals' or colonels' uniforms, regularly made.

When the Sultan takes a wife no ceremony is considered necessary more than to present his bride. The new Sultan inherits all the widows and slaves of his predecessor, and every year of his reign, at the feast of the Ramazan, he receives a new one from his mother and takes any other girl or woman to his harem who happens to strike his fancy. Slaves who become mothers are instantly promoted to the rank of Sultana. Six months before the feast of itamazan, the

Valide Sultana orders that all the young candidates be brought to her, and she There is only ene place in which a man chooses fiftgen and sometimes more of can detect the difference between the the lot. There are immediately put genuine and the bogus tailor-made jacket. under diet and training, and at the be-That place is the theatre. Your real swell, who backs her style with a ginning of the great feast she again plethoric portemonnaie, walks to her chooses, and this time the choice is orchestra chair, shrugs her shoulders final.

Girls arrive at legal majority at nine years of age and are frequently married at ten. Children of twelve and thirteen and finally folds the garment outside in | are often seen with babies of their own. They are old at twenty-five. The old tosses it over the back of the chair so as | Turkish women have a hard lot of it. to have the collar with the Fifth avenue | Beyond a respect for age which they conlabel exposed exactly under the nose of | trive to inspire by tooth and nail among younger wives than they, their lives are spurious and economical swell does noth- not happy. Still, they are provided for, ing of that sort. Reaching her seat she and as long as a man lives he feeds his Magazine

Fashion Notes.

Velvet is the material for winter bonnets.

Black velvet bonnets with white trings are very stylish. The most stylish bonnets of the season

have soft crush crowns. Point d'esprit is a lace which will be

much worn this season. Plaid neckties make a bit of brightness

in little boys' costumes. The Dutch peasant costume is a favorite dress for girls from six to ten years. The plumage of the osprey is very

popular for millinery purposes this sea-Square and diamond-shaped buttons

re-considered more stylish than round

Double revers, extending to the shoulders, appear on some of the new dresses.

Plain skirts should be of richer material than that used for the rest of the costume.

BUDGET OF FUN.

HUMOROUS SCETCHES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

A Wife Worth Having-Sensible Sav ages-An Expensive Pin-The Dreamy Bookkeeper-The Landlady's Retort, Etc.

"Mr. Winks-"Great Scott! there comes links. He has a bill against me. Tell him I am out.'

"No, no; he'll know you're lying then. Tell him-something he can believe. "Well, I'll say you're on another

spree, dear."-Omaha World.

Sensible Savages.

"What queer things there are in the world." said Mr. Brown, looking up perusing. "Here it says that a New suppose such a performance significs?"

That you can lead a man by the nose when his stomach is full," returned Mrs. Brown, promptly. "Those New Guinea savages must be a very sensible race."--Harper's Bazar.

The Landlady's Retort.

"These biscuit,' said the Professor, 'are like the Statue of Liberty at night. They would give better satisfaction if they were lighter.'

"Yes," said the third floor back, "and this piece of chicken reminds me of a great hero-Bonaparte.' "But neither of your board bills are

ike the Balkan troubles," said the landadv "Why so?" asked the Profes or and

third floor back. "Because the Balkan troubles will

probably be settled. - New York Sun.

An Expensive Pin.

One fine day a Scrigglesville man came o town with a pailful of clams, which he sold. Then washing out the pail carefully he had a gailon of molasses poured into it and started for home. Feeling the weight of his burden he put a stick through the pail and hung the pail over his shoulder.

Presently, jogging along in an abstracted fashion, the Scrigglesville man espied a pin in the read, and being of a frugal turn he steeped over to pick it up. This seemed to the molasses to be as good a chance as it could find, and it promptly stepped out of the pail and glesville man's neck.

her city all know her, and smile when she enters the car and grandly utters her command:

PRODUCTS OF THIS CEN "Conductor, let me off at my husband's bank!

One day lately a trampish looking old fellow with a red nose got on the car just as the banker's, wife delivered her usual order to the conductor. The old man watched her performance curiously, and then arose, pulled himself together, and called out with a magnificent air that was inimitable:

"Conductor, let me off at my old woman's peanut stand !"

A roar went through the air, and "my Mrs. Winks -"Well, I'll tell him you husband's bank" has been alluded to have just gone down town to pay a more than ever since that time. - Boston Record.

Well-Wakes.

The well-wakes, so strongly denounced by the clergy in early times, lingered in some places in Shropshire (England) even into the present century-chiefly in townships where no church or chapel existed. The Eas well at Baschurch, in a field beside the River Perry, a mile west of from a book of travels which he had been the church, was frequented till twenty years ago by young people who went Guinea savage gives a friendly salutation there on Palm Sunday to drink sugar by pinching his nose and patting his and water and eat cakes. A clergymin stomach at the same time. What do you who was present in 18:0 speaks of seeing little boys scrambling for the lumps of sugar which escaped from the glasses and floated down the brook which flows from the spring into the river. St. Margaret's well, about a quarter of a mile from Washington, renowned for its eye-healing virtues, was yearly visited by Black country folks and others, who douked, or dipped, their heads in it on Good Friday. Around Oswestry, both in Shropshire and Montgomeryshire, are the principal building timber various "Trinity wells," at which folk | duras. It is yellowish in cas drank sugar and water at "Trinity a beautiful hard surface. The wakes." At the "Halliwell wak s" at | compares very closely with Rorrington, a township in the parish of | except that it is very hard Chirbury, the well was adorned with a is used for panel and vene bower of green boughs, rushes and flow- sapodilla is a very hard, ers, and a May-pole was set up. The people 'used to walk around the hill with fife, drum and fidd'e, dancing and frolicking as they went," and then fell to our pockets and on the country feasting at the well-side, finishing the form of knife-handles. It evening by dancing to the music of fiddles. They threw pins into the well-an offering which one old man, a blacksmith at Hope, says was supposed to bring good luck to those who made it and to preserve them from being be-

twitched; and they also drank some of the water. But the pure spring water was not the only nor the chief material of the feast. Soon after Chirbury wakes (St. Michael's) a barrel of ale was always brewed on Korrington green, which, on the following Ascension day, was taken to the side of the holy well and there tapped. Cakes, of course, were caten with the ale. ' They were round, flat buns, from three to four inches across, sweetened, spiced and marked with a river to the steamships on the coa walked all over the back of the Scrig- cross. They were supposed to bring loaded. The trucking is done the two-wheel trucks with seven Several famous ood luck it kept. wheels, drawn by five and eight makers of them are remembered, by exen. The labor is all done whom they were sold to al comers, viewed the devastation wrought upon together with nuts, etc. The wake is Every man is given a task of s logs to fall, to square, or so many said to have been discontinued about pin."-Rockland, (Me.) Convier-Journal. 1832 to 1834, at the death of one Thomas paths to make, etc. The mean Cleeton, who used to "b ew the drink." under a foreman, who sees that m Almost exactly the same customs prevailed at the lady well at Old Churchper orms his task. Laborers a tired in a drab sack coat and a pair of stroke, atownship in the ad oining parish from 89 to \$15 per month, with ra Their rations consist of four nom checker-plaid pantaloons stood on the of Churchstroke, in Montgomeryshire, pork and seven quarts of flour corner of Charles and Baltimore streets where the wake obtained the queer yesterday afternoon smoking a cigar and name of "Codger wakes," from the surpounds of beef. The foremen get conversing with two young ladies. The name (nickname?) of Codger, of Old party were waiting for a car. As the Churchstroke, "who used to brew the rations and coffee and sugar. The carapproached, the young man, who was | drink." Here also the well was drivers are allowed moccasins, evidently a bookkeeper, mechanically "dressed" with flowers and rushes on rest go barefooted. The maligne stuck the lighted cigar behind his car, Holv Thursday, and the people dropped generally found in the valley- aim small streams, up the mountains pins into it, and sat around cating cakes and drinking sugar and water from cups The cigar remained behind the ear ex- passed round the circle .- Shropshire

employs numerous oceau st amb nearly all of the native lab. best timber is shipped to 1 much in use for interior in nearly resembles mahogany haps, the only wood whill pregnate cigars with its odo wood glows plentifully a

red-wood, durable and stron percentage of our hubs are m it. The rebra-wood will be rosewood. It is lighter than American variety, and very fine also used for vencer work and of rosewood vencering. The vit e, which is a'so used for knill dles, etc., is quite well known cabbage-palms are found in beaut ful canes, and are likely the brush-backs of the future. or thirty offer varieties of wo there, more or less in use. If found in the mountains is the h pt hy for any use except as time The mahogany trees are hunted fall months The laborers about Christmas time. During

season, the logs are floated

beginning of these industries 1878. Mahogany is now the portant timber in naval c nat where it is used largely Cannon balls go through splintering or splitting th

HONDURAS.

AMERICAN REPUBLIC

Its Woods and Fruits-Cis

Timber-Mahogany Trees.

American ditizens have a mor

the vast fruit, fiber, nut and

trade of Spanish Hondurys

Nutritive Plantain, Bahan

and Cocoanuts Trees

the cheaper qualities come to States for the manufacture and for interior finish. sleeping and drawing toom

finished with it. Americans are taking from and shipping them even when fruits and woods of the at these products will com the best informed people cigar-boxes are made from cedars of Honduras. This ceptible of a beautiful

if either of them wanted anything. . For an instant they were confused, then one said he wanted more coffee. A waiter replenished his nearly full cup. After that the ticks were less frequent. Of course it was none of my business, but I could not help hearing the tick-talk, and the conversation was so curious it greatly interested me.

That very evening, while I was reading in the ofice, the two conversers in lightning-lingo at the table came in and lit fresh cigars.' Occasionally the hold "sounder" clicked tidings from the world in the surrounding night. The death of a man of national prominence was heralded by the instrument. Before the hotel operator informed the bystanders of that important news one of the stranger operators aid to the other: "He's dead at last."

"Hush!" whispered the other. Nobody seemed to notice the betray-

ing observation or its re oinder. As I wondered at the object in view of that pair of mysterious converserers I did not reveal my identity, but determined to heed any signs. Whenever they were in the dining room first I thought best not sit near them, and, therefore, did not then obtain any pcculiar information. After a steamboat ride on h. autiful Seneca, 1 visited Ithaca, to inspect Cornell University. When I returned to Watkins, the landlord -told me he was sorry he could not give me my former room, because of an extra large excursion party. He could, however, give me one as good, which I thankfully accepted.

That night I was far from being sorry for the change of room, as I heard mysterious raps on the wall. Somebody was signaling to some one in another room. If the message hal been ordinary I should have signaled that I was an unintentional listener.

It was the same old jargon of unmean-'ing words and phrases From the frequent repetition of some of them, a few had become familiar to me. As a commercial operator, I had hundled many cipher messages. To amuse myself I tried to solve these. In them a leading expression had been : "The soup is late." Now the raps said : "The soup is getting hot." I was more than ever-convinced there was a plot somewhere al out something. The conversations, being disguised, were in themselves suspicious. I thought I had made out some of the key to the cipher.

As the night was pleasant I went downstairs and took a stroli. A few stars peep d out. The wind sighed through the famous gorge close by. I sauatered along, cautiously however, as the adjacent chasm would have been a convenieut place for a footpad to dispose of his victim without exciting alarm.

Suddenly I saw a light flash out and disappear above the glen. Almost without any reason, I turn d my head and saw a light flash from the upper portion of the hot 1. The moonless n ght swallowed up both lights. Perhaps the light in the hotel was accidental. Maybe my excited senses were deceived about the near sighted, but he was a schoolboy begleam over the glen. Nobody of flesh and blood could flash a light one hundred and fifty feet above the 1 ttle stream spectacles. "Fifty years have passed whose voice was lost in the black depths below. Perhaps it was a firely flashing its tiny lamp out in that emptiness nearly

astonishment the train had passed safely across the bridge.

With an oath the villain turned as the door was flung open, and revolvers held him prisoner. The tarantula, when cornered, stings itself. The train wrecker pushed his right hand into a side-pocket, and withdrew it, not holding a revolver, but something which he swallowed. H staggered and fell-dead. Prussic acid, carhied for years, had rescued him from door, was captured by surprise. He, seem to increase.-Brooklyn Engle. too, was fully dressed, but stoutly de

nied his complicity in any crime. The electric apparatus, wire, infernal machine, and my testimony convicted him. He is now visiting Auburn, to be entertained by the State for ten years. He

turned traitor to the rest of the gang, and tried to turn State's evidence. A in the glen below to plunder the debris and bodies

My good luck in frustrating the murderous design commended me to the railroad company, and I was given a lucrative position as some of my reward for preventing what would have proven a calamity almost unparalleled in the history of railroads. That cuff box is kept among the ar hives of the company. ome out north of here to-morrow, and I'll show you a lole like a cellar dug by the explosion of its contents. It conplished its villainous purpose. -T. G. La Moille, in Current.

Slaughtering for Prizes.

The slaughtering contest in connection with the Chicago Fat Stock Show for the Washburn prizes attracted wide attention, and the leading butchers from nearly every city of importance throughout the country were is sttendance watching the competitors. Twenty-five butchers from Pittsburgh, Penu. were present when the contest ended. The measure of time which it was supposed each butcher would consume from "cailing of tine" to "linish" was fixed at twenty-live minutes, for which twenty points were scored. Each butcher was ment; she is forbidden to take part in s ored two points less for each minute consumed over twenty-five, and two points more for each minute he consumed ess than twenty-five. The "time" was

right leg broken, and "finish" cailed when the entrails, feet, head and hide were thrown one side, the caul placed in a tub, and the careass hoisted up and Mullins-time, 10:17, total points, 108,4; Larry Noonan-time, 10:33, total points, 107:9; Walter Dennison-time, 13:6,

total points, 103.8. First prize, \$100; second, \$50; third, \$35.

When He First Saw the Sky.

M. Francisque Sarcey, the critic, has written about his eyes. He was always fore he found it out. One day, for the fun of the thing, he put on his father's since then," he says, "but the sensation Hindoo Child Marriages,

It is e-sential for the honor of a Hin doo family of good caste, says a writer in a contemporary, that it should contain no unmarried daugh er of mature years. The existence of such a daugh er is not only a social disgrace, but a renumber of rascals had planned to wreck | igious crime. When, therefore, a fethat train. Several stationed themselves | male infant is born, the first idea of her |

ly how to find a husband for her. It | them. s not necessary that she should become lices that she should be given in marriage, and go through the ceremony of the seven steps, which completes the religious rite. Aged Brahmins of gool family still go about the country marryng, for a pe uniary consideration, female infants whom they sometimes never see again. Within the memory of men tained enough dynamite and ter-chloride | still living this abominable practice was of nitrogen to have more than accom- a fourishing trade. A Kulin Brahmin, natty elect is appreciated. The same perhaps white-haired, and hilf - blind paid appears on the bonnet or toque. and decrepid, went the round of his ng his fee, and perhaps never re- with every movement of the wearer.

urned to the child's house. So ong as he lived she could marry no other man: when he died she became a widow for life. The Hindoo child-widow is ook d upon as a thing apart and ansursed, bearing the p nally in this world for sins which she has committed in a terials. last existence. Hor hair is cut short, or her head is shaved altogether; she exchanges her pretty childish clothes for the widow's coarse and often squalid garany village festival or family gathering; the very sight of her is regarded as an with a pathetic faith and resignation the employed. priestly explanation which is giveff to

in the life to come. - London Standard.

Marriage Customs in Turkey

Canvas, tweed and cheviot are the leading dress materials this season for general wear.

Brocades in which are woven gold threads are very elegant and stylish for evening dresses.

Gray watered silk with black cashmere s a favorite combination for gowns for elderly ladies.

A handsome fichu of tulle and old point lace is sprinkled with tiny shells of mother-of-pearl.

Silver gilt braclets are very narrow and are set with turquoises after the manner of garnets. "Sackcloth" is a loosely-woven serge

of light weight which bids fair to become popu ar, as it drapes nicely. Ela k and yellow in combination has not been seen in a long time in elegant costumes, but this winter it reappears. Dark red shades are much used for father's mind is not one of pleasure, nor velvet toilets, and for use with these are perhaps of very a tive regret, but sime, passementeries that have red stones in

Many elegant imported suits are black wife in our sense of the word. It suf- throughout, or else in combination with phere, (white, suede, green or the brighter or dull red shales.

There is a marked contrast in gowns of French and English make, the former being much gathere i and puffed, the latter plaite I and plain.

I laid velvet for | etticoats to walking suits are more and more popular as their

Chestrut betls of enameled silver, so best each spring, going through the like the ripe nut that it is hardly possiceremony of marriage with such ,f. male ble to distinguish them, are worn upon in ants as were offered, and pocket | bangles and keep up a tintinabulation

Popular combinations for elegant gowns of satin and velvet are green and b own, or helictrope and Suede, or two shades of heliotrope, green or brown, merely on the difference of the two ma--

The World's Greatest Railroad.

Did you ever stop to think what a great orporation this 1 ennsylvania Railway 2 Of the 125,000 miles of railway in the United States it operates 7,000. - Of Il omen. Her natural woman's instincts 25,000 locomotives in the country it owns are starved into inanition by constant 2,0:0. Of 750,000 cars of all kinds 100,called when the bullock was pritched fasts, sometimes prolonged to severty- 000 run on its lines. Its share of the up, gallet raised, forward feet off, and two hours. Amid the genial an 1 bright- gross earnings of all American railways colored life of the Hindoo family she flits -\$750,000,000 a year-is ten per cent. about disarrayed, solant, shunned, dis- or \$1,500,000 a week. Every year it carfigured-in some parts of India a hide- ries 30,000,000 passengers and 60,000,000 pusly bald object-forbidden all joy and tons of freight, the tonnage being onesplit down. The winners were: M. F. all hope. There are hundreds of thou- sixth of the estimated total for all railsands of widows in India who have ac- ways in the country. To carry on its He was rather anxious to know what quiesced in their cruel lot, - They accept vast operations an army of 80,000 men is time it was, but he was too lazy to un-

them. They penitently believe that they been the most ambitious in America are explating sins committed in a past The vigorous manner in which they have ife, and they humbly trust that their reached their iron fingers out into the purifying sorrows here will win a reward | West has been simply marvelous. Al-

it is predicted for the Northwestern, the St. Faul and Burlington-the great trio All weddings in Turkey among Turks. - that another decade will see their locowhether in provinces or cities, are ar- motives taking drink from the Pacific.

"Good heavens!" ga pel the Scrigglesman, as he struggled to his feet and the scenery, "a gallon of molasses for a

The Dreamy Bookkeeper

A tall, gaunt, absent-minded man atunder the impression that it was a lead pencil.

actly two seconds. Then the young Feck Leve. man's mouth opened like an old-fashioned barndoor swinging on its hinges. "dee-ru-sa-lem." he velled, jerking the cigar away as though it were a bum

The cigar had singed the hair off from heavy mater al and sometimes wadded, | saccharine matter.) It makes a del a spot on his head the size of a silver and urges the propriety of protection for article of food, whether fried, be dollar, and the top of his ear was burned both sides of the lungs. The habit, of roasted. It resembles the band to a blister. - Baltimore Herald.

He Guessed at It.

and Iowa Road, tells of a section boss whether it is buried or sold.

Rochelle section, and a section boss why he came to the line:

"Disposition "Well," said he, scratching his head, T'll be danged if I'm sure about that, but being's she was a cow I think I can guess at it.' So he filled out the line, which, when it reached the general office, read; themen to whom he has mentioned the two hundred acres. "Disposition, kind and gentle."- Uhioago News.

The Time Fiend.

On one of the recent cold nights a man was hastening across the Common with his overcoat buttoned up to his neck. button his coat in order to get at his Hitherto our Chicago railways have watch. Just then he saw a man of welldressed appearance coming in the distance, and remarked to himself :

"Go to! I will e'en ask yon genteel stranger what time it is, and he will unready at the base of the Rocky Mountains, button his coat, pull out his watch, and eke inform me of the hour of the night."

canged by old women, and are compli- So rapid are their strides, indeed, that came up, the man who wanted to know of a tinfoil tube, instead of being mixed merce. It is made into ma ting, and I exp rienced is keen and thrilling to rated, tedious affairs. The bridegroom the Pennsylvania must go out into the. the time touched his hat politely and up in a cup with a brush. A little gentle that purpose alone large quantite

The Vest as a Lung Protector.

Mr. James Hess makes a sensible suggestion in the Herald of Health, when he blebee and projecting h s anatomy about calls attention to the absurdity of our two feet into the still and placid at nos-present curiou habit of w aring cambricpresent cur.ou habit of w aring cambric- | derful fruit contains all the natrition pack, vests, while the fronts are of a ments of wheat, and quite an amo

> course, has grown from the belief that | color and appearance, but is one the outer coat is sufficient protection for | larger in si e. The plantain, within the back, while the chest, needs warmer beef, forms almost exclusively the

open. But it seems a di-proval of the Indians. So ue oranges are tale who several years ago sent in a report reasoning that the first unpleasant sensa which made a byword for the boys about | tions of c allness are the so-called "creepby cutting down the brush and the general office that is in use to day. Jers" running down the spine. Even Section bosses are provided with blanks, when the warmest woolen material is setrees, and burning the land over on which they are required to report all lected for a suiting, the tailor, unless cle ring, the suckers are plan cases of animals killed by trains. The otherwise ordered, will invariably make s uares, twenty feet apart. Each de blanks have spaces for telling where, the back of the vest of some thin flimsy produces a bunch of fruit i sded when and how the animal is killed, and | material like cambric or silk, though he mouths. The suckers are cut dow what disposition is made of the carcass. may deem it a ivisable to jud the front the fruit gathered. Meanwhile new with cotton wadding. There is no proper | spring from the original plant tirept One day a cow was killed out on the reason why the back of the vest should of which are left in each hill, so the

be made so insufficient. The front may about two years a continuous com the difference in shades often depending had been recently promoted went out to be made uncomfortably thick, and still gathered of :00 or 400 bunches in make the report. , He told in the proper fail to protect the lungs unless the back acre. The bananas are cut which spaces what train killed the sainal and is made equally thick and warm. In front two thirds ripe. After reaching of under what conditions it was done. Then they are protected about five times as kat the fruit is ripened in date much as in the back by clothing, ribs, rooms. It has a richer flavor " flesh, muscle and fat. In the back the ripened in this way. Owing to these

> therefore need more protection. Mr. Hess asserts that it has been his custom for two years past, and that many gen- Banana farms vary in size from est

matter have had their vests made with good, warm backs, and after a winter's coast just back of the wash of the trial are quite enthusiastic over the They will not produce more change. They have passed through the fourth of a mile from the constentire winter and spring without once taking cold, which is the best evidence down. As they grow they spread out in support of the thick vest-back proposition, that could be adduced. - Popular Science News.

A Barb r's Shop for Women.

A newspaper correspondent has found a place in New York where women are shaved, and he had the opportunity of watching the operation, which he de- drops one nut per day. The nuts it scribed as follows: "There was a high | perpetually, but the yield is best duri foot rest in front of the chair, but it did not appear to be required on this obcasion. A napkin was tucked under her He perceived that the stranger was chin, and the operator applied a quantity husk the nuts and hip them The buttoned up just as he was. When he of shaving cream or lather squeezed out or fibre is an important a ticle of d

lungs come almost to the surface, and char ne matter retained in the vek limb on which the banana grow frut absorbs the juice at its lim Cocoaout trees are planted along nuts are planted together with the adapt themselves to the space of ap twenty-five apart. The trees produced five years. Orchards cover a large stad being often twenty miles by one-lot wide. Trees will produce for si years, and drop from 150 to 500 nulses per year; so that each tree dives to dr from 2,000 to 12,000. A tree 48 the four summer months played by the monkey in pi king to nuts is a myth. The natives do the

in diameter. - New Crleans consumes all they tains shipped from Honduras Thi Superintendent Judson, of the Chicago, covering, on account of the coat being of the Honduraneans, particulal perior to all others.

For bananas, the land is first d

vided into gangs of twelve and f

or, if preferred, fifty plantains in

convenient supply is very limited.

will soon be exhausted. The trees

each. They average from forty to de

feet in he ght and from two to eight

duce from 1,000 to 10,00) feet of

five hundred feet from bank to bank at that point.

I stepped close to a large tree, and the friendly pine-t ce as somebody walked cautiously past, going toward the sk ...

Cautiously I sought the track of the earnestly groped for something, I knew not what, you may think I was foolish. I was about to go back to the hotel touched a fine wire. I struck a match." and, shielding the blaze, I perceived that the copper wire ran into a pasteboard tically unknown. - St. James's Gazette. cuff boy, tied securely under a cross-timber. The wire led into the air toward the hotel.

The brief light was out. There clung, held up by the structure which, for all its stone, iron and wood, seemed to almost sway in the gale sweeping down the anyon. Taking out my pocket-knife. I graspid the wire on the outside of the rail with my left hand, and, with my

he saw "what so enchanted me that I girls, of course. The night before the Chicago Herald. thought for some time about the unknown caunot speak of it to this day without wedding the married women of her acingredients of that "soup.' I hugged emotion; betwe n the leaves and far be- quaintance come and eat the married yond them 1 ttle glimpses of bright blue women's dinner with her, which consists

principally, as Sam Weller would ay, of hotel. A few minutes after I determined to investigate one theory. After that master Surcey had a pair of a "swarry" of leg of mutton and trim-in either hall or library has been revived, myopia is his hobby, and it makes him to the bridegroom's house in a sedan says an exchange. An increase in the railway. Carefully I crept along the ties melancholy, as it makes many other chair, with a retinue of slaves carrying number of these is noted by architects and weat out over the abyss. I estimated people, to know that in fifteen years the her wedding presents on trays on their and designers, all of whom approve the the distance where the light flashed, and preportion of short-sighted lads in the heads, covered with colored tariatan, revival and predict the happiest possible Polytechnic school of France has risen The procession is sometimes quite im- results from the fashion. There is no from 30 to 50 per cent., while 80 per posing. The bride's female relatives are home delight qu'te equal on long winter cent. of the students wear glasses. Yet also there in the new harem until night- nights to that of watching the great logs when my right hand, beside a rail, in the beginning of the Christian era fall and they retire to the r homes, leav. as they slowly burn, send ng their countmyopia, which is now "increasing like ing the bride on a sort of throne, veiled, less sparks up the chimacy. Where the an ep demic through Europe," was prac- The bridegroom is then admitted, and he winter is mild this dreamy rastime is

Courtship.

The youth with her was deep in love, His feelings he could scarce command; And so he said: "Give me this glove That now protects your lily hand!"

A tear shone in her eye so blue, And, as her bosom rose and fell, She said: "The glove is yours, if you Will take the hand as well." -Boston Courier.

heavens above him "only as thick green men friends, and the prospective bride soon compelled to yield to another the cloth. Now, "Oh, wonder and delight!" at her home with her young friends- title of greatest railway in the world .--

Au Old Fashion Revived.

The old healthful and happy fashion s to throw himself at the bride's fert and more or less circumscribed, of course, offer her his wedding pre-cut of some but in the regions where winter means handsome jewelry, and b g h r to raise something more than rain and mist, those her veil and strike him blind by her who once sit by such a fireside never forbeauty. Sometimes he is strack dumb get it alterward, and it is, perhaps, not

by her ugliness, for he never looks on her too much to say that they never are face until after the wedding. happy without one.

When a babe is born in any house, there is great re'oleing if it be a boy, A New Jersey man has been fined \$50 less if a girl. The wife is proul for for keeping a cow. The cow belonged awhile: but Turkish women are not good to a neighbor.

"Sir, do you know what time it is?" The stranger paused, removed his right glove, unbuttoned his overcoat from top to bottom, unbuttoned his un-

Holding up the watch so that the light would shine on it, he scrutinized it an instant, and said : "Yes."

And then he passed on without an other word .- Boston Record.

The Haughty Wife.

In one of the cities that lie over against Boston there lives a family whose masculine head is a man who has won considerable wealth, from humble beginnings not unlike those of Commodore Vanderbilt, with the difference that while he, like Vanderbilt, began as a boatman, he was expanded into the banking business instead of into the railroad business. Ever since he became a banker his excellent wife has been smitten with the great importance of her husband's new occupation and has advertised it on every possible occasion. The horse-car conductors on the line which runs into

rubbing with the ends of the fingers | nuts are shipped to England. softens the skin and the hair on the lip, has been wasted in this country the operator refraining from remarks this time, but a concern has taken b upon the weather or elections during the | of a new invention to utilize it. This der coat, and finally pulled out his watch, while the cold wind beat against The barber then deft y stropped a small, process, which imparted a wierd, un- vention is intended also to strip and natural air to the whole performance. arate the fibres of the banana and P Oranges, Limes and lemons produc thin, short-bladed razor with a pearl four years; the cocoa tree, from wh handle, seized the victim gently by her all of our chocolate is made, in the pretty nose and began to shave the lip time. There are also numbers of with a quick but delicate touch. The cious fruits not shipped because they best feature of the operation was that at too delicate. The pineapple here its close, the barber allowed the customer | to a large size. - Frank Leslie's. to depart without telling her that she needed a shampoo, or that she ought to

Cakes for Everybody. A down-town baker who 'prides bis

Views of Life. "Life is short!" the preacher cried From his pulpit up on high. Jameson heard, and softly sighed, "True! ab, true! And so am L"

"Life is real!" the preacher said," Jameson nodded. Vain regrets Bowed in penitence his head. "So," he sighed, "are all my debts."

h we a hair tonic.

"Life is earnest," next he heard, Cold sweat oo:ed through all his "Yes," he whispered, "that's the word, So are all my creditors." -Somerville Journal

self upon the quality of his cakes, vertises thus: For the pretty girl-angel cake, For the pagilist -pound cake. For the dyspentic -stomach cake. For the laborer-back cake. For the agriculturist-hoe cake. For the red headed girl -- ginger cake For the chiropodist-coru cake. For the beat-sponge cake. For the impecunious man-short cake For the paragrapher -spice cake Rodon Convict