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## GEBERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Oondensed Intc Brief Paragraphs.
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for a fight in Cincinuati on Feb. 155 th .


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 "Mill when suppose you conld. But sou an umbrella every once in a wyblle, don't
you? Put It down somewhere and walk off and leave it?"
"Yes; $I$ have had that happen to me Yes; I have had that happen to me
frequently."
"Well, I used to, but not since I took "I Cell, I used to, but not since I took
in crrylng a cane. An acquaintance put me on to the scheme in Chteago put me on to the scheme.
'Get a cane of some klnd,' be sald to Get a cane of some sina, he sald to
me one day, 'and carry it every day
and every night that it doesn't rain. By that means you become so accus-
tomed to having something in your hand you are lost without it. Then When a rainy day or evening comes
and you are compelled to carry an um-
brella about with you the benefit comes in. Say you have gone into a restau
cant and wat rant and when you come out the rain
has stopped. You walk out into the
street without your umbrella. Presto! After you have taken perkaps a dozen
steps you miss something. Your cane steps you miss something. Your cane
carrying hand is mlnus the burden it usually bears. Back go your thoughts steps to get It. Slimple? Of course it
is, but the simple things oftentimes prove the most valuable."-Philadel-
phia Inquirer.

Four Legred Weather Propheta,
Though the tortoise is an excellent
weather prophet, the fact is known to comparatively few people. Tortoíse farmers on the African coast notice
that even 24 hours before rain falls these curious animals prepare for it by
seeking the conventent shelter of overseeking the conventent sheiter of over-
hanging rocks. It may be a bright.
dear, sunshiny ers believe taplicitly, in the tactics of the tortolse, who is seldom mistaken,
for the downpour is certain to come lthin the time stated. A pet tortolse would be a practical Thls curious premonition of the ap. proach of rain is shared by many other ed partially by the fact that while rain is forming the atmosphere is fincreasing in welght, but there may also be
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loned mansion on the edge of New York, His sister, who lives with him, tells a laughable story. which is re-
ported lif Harper's Round Table, IIus-
trating his cooliness and leve of method Drating his cooliness and love of method.
Recently his sister tiptoed thto Recently his sister tiptoed into his
goom some tlme after mildight and told hinue she thought burglars were in
the house. The lawyer put on bie the house. The lawyer put on bis dress
Ing gown and went down stairs. In the back hall be found a rough
looking man trying to open a door tha looking man trying to open a door that
led into the back yard. The burglar had unlocked the door and was pulling
at it with all bits might The lavier. seefng the robber's predicament, called seefng tim
to him:
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"It does not open that way, you idiot!
It silides bock?" It slides back? $\quad \frac{\text { The Bue Penell. }}{}$
"This," sald the map who was showing the visitors about the offlee of the ers room. It is the place where the matter sent in for pablication "Doesn't that make it warm ${ }^{2}$ gig write the stuff get pretty hot over it
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Charlotte, N. ©, Dec, 20 -The 'South
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 With Both Armies in South-Africa. The Sky-Pilot.
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Wanted. A Matchmaker
Powers That Prey.
Under the Great Bear.
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## Many subscriptions are about out and hould be reneswed at once. We should have 200 spi

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T, FAULKner, Librarian

AGR BBMENT ATLAST. Harmony as to the Demands on
Ohina. Ministers Wait For the Home Governments to Give Out Particulars.
Pekin, Dee. 19-At a meeting of the thing in regard to the terms of the evory. hote was arreed to, including the British
modifications. The ministers refuse to divelose anything in connection with the
matter, believing that the home govern ments should give the particulars to the
public. PROBABLE TERMS AGREBD ON. A Mistake in a Oipher Messege to
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The reasonable teace envoya will be give sider the demands made and peace wil
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## STATE Nems.

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total valuy of real extate for taxation in $\$ 16.960 .27 \mathrm{~K}$, and of peraonal prop-
erty $\$ 86,928,+57$. Harlee Lank, the luading barber of
Luarterton, was shot and k.lled by a
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ne while be was nekro uamed Me Dhwel, whilin he was
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A RAILROAD WAR Between the Twd Oompanies For a
Traot of Land at Hiokory. Hiekory, N. C. Dec. 19-Last night
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at the depot croevink bere, A force of
narrow nauge men interfered and a riot was with dift menty interfered and a riot arted. The town
anthoritiea placed the leaders under arIt and wiltopped the tiouble.

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to recive freight and warned the south Work ban been stopped and the matter
will be adjusted by the railroad authori-


