an opinion on the dietetic virtues of

consumed in certain parts of the country,

especially during the winter months.

Tripe consists of the soft muscular walls

tion of delicate omental fat adhering,

from which, however, all fibrous portions

of the serous covering, or peritoneum, have been removed. From frequent ex-

periments it has been proved that tripe

ot solution, and has, therefore, acquired

a reputation for digestibility. But plain

boiled tripe in itself is a very insipid

article of food, and in order to make it

A Girl's Headache-Curing Hands.

There is a girl in San Francisco who

can cure headaches-cure them without

a bit of medicine. She just lays her

hand on the aching head and that settles

the whole matter. There's something

peculiar about the girl's hands. They

are white and shapely and very nice to

handsome, healthy girl lift her hands

and let an icy dew fall from the ends of

she wants to, and never feels the least

cold, wet hands on the aching head.

The patient feels a queer, creepy shivery

sensation crawling down her back. The

cold hands move slowly across the hot

forehead of the sufferer, the throbbing

pain stops, the twitching of the eyelids

ceaser, and the headache is gone. - San

The Best Roadway.

cussed."-St. Louis Republic.

Weather Predictions by Coffee.

they adhere to the sides, forming a ring

of bubbles with a clear space in the cen-

tre, take your umbrella, for rain is at

thing nor the other, but scatter irregu-

larly, variable weather is indicated.

Just what is the scientific explanation

of the action of the atmosphere on the

bubbles is not stated, but that their in-

dications curiously agree with those of a

One Must be Meas rel for a Gun.

A fact which is not generally knows

outside of sporting c ra'es is, that a gun-

ner who seeks to do the best work he is

his style of shooting may give rise .-

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The Dog in Egypt. In Egypt the dog was a friend and faithful servant. He lived in the house with his master, followed him in his walks, attended the public ceremonies, sometimes free, at other times held in leash by a slave or child, or in princely families by a favorite dwarf. At his meals he had his place marked under the ruminant animals, with a small propor-

benches of the guests. The house dog was shaved, combed and washed. He was sometimes tinted with henna, as if he were a woman. He wore fine collars on his neck, furnished sometimes with an earthenware clasp in stands high in the list of albuminous the shape of a bell or flower. Children substances that are quickly acted on by played with him, became attached to the gastric juice and reduced to a state him, and the hero of one story, of whom his father had predicted at his birth that he would die of the bite of a dog, will-ingly confronted the threatened danger rather than be separated from the dog he had raised. He, of course, had a name to which he answered. Si-togai, the ferreter; Khaonbsen, the lam p or star; Soubou, the strong, and Nahsl, the

He is seen with kings as well as with common persons. Rameses II., during the earlier years of his reign, was always escorted by a female dog, which was called Anaitiennaktou, or "brave as the Goddess Anaitis." A petty king of the eleventh dynasty, about 3300 n. c., had five dogs which he so loved that he carved their names and engraved their portraits on his tombs. They were, indeed, blooded animals, whose names revealed their foreign origin. The finest of them was called Abikarou, a faithful transcription of the word abaikour, by which the hunting dog is designated in many of the Berber districts. - Nature.

The Feeding Habits of Serpents. Since the month of August of 1885, the Garden of Plants, of Paris, has been in possession of a South American bos which has been the object of some interesting observations on the part of Mr. Vaillant, especially as regards its ali-

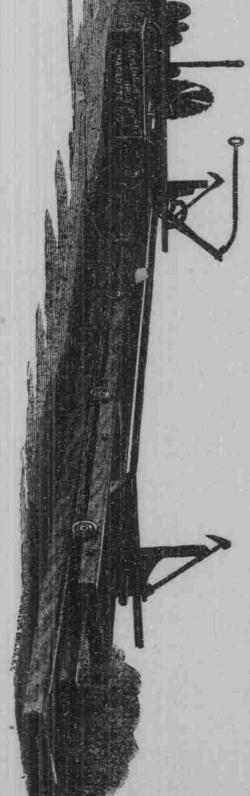
This serpent is at least twenty feet in length. From the time of its reception always dripping wet, these strange by the garden up to the end of the year hands. It's an eerie thing to see a ial line of Confectioneries, etc. Coun- | 1891 it has taken food thirty-four times, that is to say, on an average of five times a year, the interval between its meals varying from twenty-eight to 204 days. The animal regulates its own meals, manifesting its hunger by a characteristic uneasiness. Its food has almost always consisted of goats of small size, although on three occasions it has taken rabbits, and on one occasion a goose. The largest animal that it has swallowed is a kid weighing twenty-six pounds, representing about a sixth of its own weight. It is well known, however, that serpents are capable of swallowing animals almost as large as themselves, and at the menagerie of the museum, a few years ago, a horned viper was caught in the act of swallowing a French viper, its companion in captivity, which was a little larger than itself. The horned riper did not appear in any way to suf-fer from its meal. As for the digestive function, that is relatively rapid, for the residua of it are generally evacuated at a single time, after each meal, and at the end of but a few days .- Scientific American.

THE FAD.

Cushions gay on every chair, But never a place to sit; Cushions, cushions everywhere, Till I nearly take a fit; Cushions strewn upon the floor On every side I see -

My wife has taken a cushion craze

And there is no room for me! -[New York Herald. should be planted in order that the sun from each county, who should be instructed to personally supervise all im-



TESTING HER GUNS.

We have been challenged to pronounce The United States Cruise r Vesuvius Es Receives Them Graciously and at Port Royal. Enquires About Venue and Oclquitt. tripe, an article of food which is largely

and mucous membrane of the stomach of Lieutenant Scaton Schroeder is in com-

Becretary Tracy, consisting of Capt. Montgomery Sicard of the Miantonomoh. Capt. A. S. Barker of the the Philadel not here to talk about offices. We don't phia, and Commander W. H. Brownson want any offices, nor do we come in any of the Dolphin.

25 loaded with 200 pounds of gun conton and about 80 blank projectiles used in ranging the guns, and five loaded with a small charge of powder to test the new fuses. Eighteen of the loaded projectiles "You may also possibly recall, Mr. President," went on Capt Howell, "that 25 loaded with 200 pounds of gun cotton | chickens to have a show."

palatable the art of the cook has to be invoked, which, while making it more "savory," causes it often, when so served, to be an offense to the stomach. The usual mode of serving tripe in this country is to boil it with milk and elevation, as is done with powder can- we ware all for you. onions, and there can be little doubt that such a combination is not particularly digestible. Tripe is also sometimes fried in batter, but unless very carefully cooked it is apt to become leathery. If only plainly boiled in water it requires a considerable amount of condiments in the shape of salt, pepper and mustard to make it acceptable to the palate. Thereabout 2,400 yards. The full calibre projectile, with 500 pounds of gun cotton, weighs 1,000 pounds and is too heavy to carry far at the angle of the guns. The heavy for the same to assist you," said Editor the same fuses exploded the same fuses available to see the what they have asked for "The South, Mr. Cleveland, will do all in its power to assist you," said Editor themphill. "I do not think this country have fuses exploded the fore, tripe as usually cooked, though an excellent dish for strong stomachs, is, owing to the ingredients added to it, not always so suitable for persons of weak digestion as has been supposed. - London

the guns with air, and about two min-utes and a half to load the guns. On her trial trip the Vesuvius fired fifteen shots

in 16 minutes 10 seconds. look at, but to touch-ugh! they're as cold as ice. More than that, they are the vessel is steady on the crest of a sea. The tests were satisfactory in every her fingers. She can do that any time

Jerry Simpson a Candidate.

She is a tall, handsome young woman, who has never been ill in her life. She TOPEKA, KAN.-Congressman Jerry Simpson arrived here and he put all doubts is rosy-cheeked and bright-eyed, and she isn't the slightest particle like the typito rest concerning his candidacy for cal healer. She works in a big, hot facthe United States Senate by announcing tory down town, and she can cure any that he was a candidate. He said, howgirl in the place of headache or any kind ever, that his presence was due more to of pain. She doesn't go through strange | a de ire to help the Populists endeavor evolutions or weird incantations. She just pushes back her sleeves and lays her

to organize the House than in his own interest. The organization, of the House, he further said, depended upon the Su preme Court, before which the House contest cases, recently mentioned in these despatches, had been filed. Of course the court could not finally settle the contest. But what the court could do was to prevent a man from working a wrong which was all the Populists asked.

A Precious Rascal. ""The people are having lots of road. RICHMOND, VA. - A special from Tasway conventions throughout the South ley, Va., says that Thomas Nelson, mayand West now days," observed J. C. and West now days," observed J. C. McCandliss, of New Hartford, Conn., at the Lindell as he had finished reading and trust funds placed in his hands for a treatise on that very important safe keeping. He was a master mechan-question in a popular magazine. "The ic; clerk of the New York, Philbest roadway is a raised one, macadam- adelphia and Norfolk Railroad; a vesized. Drainage, of course, must be tryman of the Episcopal church and may-maintained, for it is an essential feature or of the town. He also belonged to to good roads. The good roadway all the secret orders. should be seeded to grass, evened up and

Nelson is a native of Virginia, though the weeds kept down. Shade trees he came to Cape Charles City from New Jersey. Owing to his expensive style of light be kept out. The overseer method, living, his wife left him. Then he sold cabinet. particularly now in practice in the his furniture and after receiving the South, should be abolished and commis | money left for parts unknown. A resioners of not less than three elected ward is offered for his arrest.

Burns His Ship.

provements. Local highway improve-WILMINGTON, N. C .- The schooner ment societies should be formed in every Eleanor, Captain McCoy, which salled precinct and road improvements dis from Georgetown, S. C., for New York, December 24, with a cargo of rosin, spir its of turpentine and cotton, was struck December 25 by a gale that lasted three days, causing the ship to spring a leak. The vessel on December 28 becoming A Spanish journal tells of an interesting experiment to be tried with a cup water-logged, was abandoned 85 miles off Topsail Inlet. The crew of seven of clear coffee and a lump of sugar. The sugar should be dropped into the men reached shore here after being in a coffee without stirring; in a moment the small boat 38 hours, suffering intensely. air contained in the sugar will rise to Captain McCoy, realizing the danger o the surface in the shape of bubbles, and the floating wreck to passing vessels, set these bubbles are excellent weather infire to his water-logged ship before leaving her. If they collect in the middle of the cup a fair day follows; if, adversely,

Julian Carr and the Cabinet. WASHINGTON, D. C .- Julian S. Carr was interviewed here as to the Postmaster Generalship and says;

hand; while, if they do neither one "While the posi ion is one of high honor for any man and I would feel complimented by Mr Cleveland's choice, if it fell on me, I must say in response to your enqu ry for a word on the subject that I could not even consider any place in the President's gift except that of Postmaster General A man ought not barometer has been tested .- New York to seek or lightly decline position of high honer or res, onsibility, such as that of a cabinet portfolio."

"The Grottoes" of Virginia.

capable of, requires to be measured for S. H. Newhall, curator of the geologihis gun in the same way as he would be cal department of the Smithsonian In for his suit of clothes. To facilitate this stitute of Washington, has been in Shenoperation a new adjustable gun has been d on, Va., getting t gether a collection of devised. The bend and cast-off of the s'alactites, s alegmites and other wongun are adjusted by means of screws, ders from Weyer's cave for an exhibit at Chicago. Mr. Newhall says that sp ci and the points of each are placed in mens from the caves in this locality exgrooves running parallel to the line of ceed all others in beauty, and that this the butt. The length of the butt is also will be the largest and most comprehenadjusted by screws in the heel. The ive display of any cave known. After length and bend of the stock can in this being displayed at Chicago, the specimens way be regulated to the length of neck are to be brought back to Washington and given to the Smithsonian Institute. and arm of the shooter, as well as to the various special requirements to which

Governor Tillman Signs the Bill. COLUMBIA, S. C. -Governor Tillman "Well, if that sin't mean!" exclaimed the prisoner. "Every one o' the stories in this paper they've gimme to read in in this paper they've gimme to read if fix passenger and freigh rates and other-to be continued.' An' me to be hung wise control the railroads of South CaroEDITORS CALL ON GROVER.

Stole acteany

PORT ROYAL, S. C.—The dynamite cruiser Vesuvius is in the harbor for the editors called on Mr. Cleveland last Satpurpose of testing her high explosive urday in New York and the Herald cays: Mr. Claveland was glad to see the

Southern editors. He knew nearly all of

mend, and the tests were under the su-pervision of a committee appointed by presented to him by Captain Howell. "Mr. President," said Capt. Howell, when the handshaking was over, "we are particular interest. But the legislation The trial was unusually thorough. The of the last twenty five years hav been in cruiser carried 75 black projectiles and favor of the hawks. Now we want the

guns, each 55 feet long, set at an angle nomination at Chicago" (with a sweep of of 18 degrees. Their length precludes the fixing of the range by a change of Stockton), "but after you were nominated

non. The range is therefore regulated by the amount of air in the firing reservoir. The pressure in the firing reservoir. The pressure in the firing reservoir. voir is always 750 pounds per square everybody. I want the assistance of all inch. This storage reservoir can supply you gentlemen to carry out the princi-enough air for thirty shots or more. The ples on which I was elected. Relief is service projectile carries a charge of 200 expected by the p ople and I carnestly pounds of gun cotton and will travel desire your co-operation to secure what

new fuses exploded the projectile about 75 yards after contact with the water, although an arrangement is made for instant explosion on an impact with a solid very much flattered," he observed, "at what happened as a result of the cam-The Vesuvius is able to fire one gun a pign, and the expressions of good will minute. It takes five seconds to charge which have come from the South and

The President-elect inquired particu-There will be no more delay from the larly about Senators Colquett, of Georgia, pitching of the vessel in a rough aea and Vance, of North Carolina. He also in firing the pneumatic guns than with asked Mr. Howell to remember him to ordinary cannon. This depends largely his son, Clark Howell, and spoke in an on the ability of the gunner to have his sights ready and fire his shot the moment letters on the progress of the campaign, printed from week to week in the Her-At one time during the visit Mr. Cleve-

land said he hoped none of the editors had brought interviewers with them. This allusion to the fear of the Presidentelect that he might be quoted caused a laugh all around, and one of the editors said they did not thing such enterprise had been attempted since Colonel Shepurd interviewed General Alger with a shorthand man behind the screen. "I do not like getting into the newspapers day after day," said Mr. Cleve-

and, "but I do take the position that

when there is anything with which I am

connected which affects the welfare of

the people or in which the people are interested, it is my duty to make it pub-Touching on personal matters Mr. Cleveland said that he was sorry the editers had not called on him earlier. "I know," said he, "that you have been here a week. I rather expected you to call on me earlier. I shall always be

glad to see you." 'We did not call on you before because we did not care to intrude upon your time. We knew you were having

iny callers." "I am not so busy as the public generally believes," said Mr. Cleveland. The editors now took their leave. They had been with Mr Cleaveland nearly a half hour. Mr. Cleveland shook hands with them heartily and said he hoped to see them whenever they came North. During the visit not a word did Mr. Cleveland drop about an extra session, the speakership of the formation of his

The Sense of Tone'i.

A curious scientist, who has been giving careful attention to the matter, says that man's sense of touch, or feeling, resides almost wholly in the skin and in those parts of the body, as the lips and the tongue, that are most exposed, while some of our most important organs, the heart, for instance, and the brain, are quite insensible to touch, thus showing that not only are nerves necessary for the sensation, but also the special en l organs. The curious fact was noticed with the greatest astonishment by Harvey, who, while treating a patient for an abscess that caused a large cavity in his side, found that, when he put his fingers into this cavity, he could actually the ocean, but it is very rarely that this take hold of the heart without the patient being in the least aware of what he was doing. This so Interested Harvey that he brought King Charles I. to the man's bedside that "he might himself behold and touch so extraordinary a thing." In certain operations a piece of skin is removed from the forehead to the nose, and it is stated that the patient, oddly enough, feels as if the new nasal part were still in his forehead and may have a headache in his nose. - New Orleans Picayune.

Killed for Not Working the Road. ASHEVILLE, N. C. - Saturday afternoon O. R. Jones was shot and instantly killed and his son Jesse Jones perhaps fatally shot at their home near Leicester, twelve miles west of Asheville. Young Jones refused to obey the summons to work upon the public roads and the father sustained him and defi d the officers. Constable Stevers secured a posse and sea birds can fly without resting is all attempted to make the arrest. In a fight | conjectural, but it is doubtful if many which followed fifteen or twenty shots of them would undertake such a long were exchanged The killing is regard- journey seaward with no better prospects ed as justifiable. Jesse Jones has since

In Lynchburg, Va., the tobacco ware-houses are unsually busy, and high prices are being secured at nearly all sales. Some shipping grades recently brought \$13.75 per hundred and dark grades com-mand a correspondingly satisfactory price. Very little bright tobacco is being offered, but the figures which it realizes are highly gratifying. Farmers are bringing their tobacco in steadily, and as a consequence merchants state that the volume

THE OCEAN'S GRAVEYARD.

THE SARGASSO SEA. THE CENTER - OFATLANTIT OUERBRITS

in Immense Area of Water Which is Covered With Floating Wrocks and Other Strange Objects.

OR several years past the Hydro graphic Pureau at Washington has been trying to acquire a more intimate knowledge of the movements of the waters of the ocean and a great number of bottles, containing messages and securely corked, have been dropped overboard by vessels. Many of these have floated thousands of miles before they were picked up, and, while some were washed upon native and foreign shores, others have found their way into the great Sargamo Sea. From the courses taken by these different botties it has been found that the ocean currents move around in a vast circle. Taose which were dropped overboard on the American coast took a northerly course, while those on the European side floated toward the south. Bottles dropped overboard in the North Atlantic started toward the northeast, and those from the African and Spanish coast floated almost directly west until they reached the West India Islands. The general directions of the currents were thus ascertained, showing that the waters acted upon by winds and cur-rents circulated round and round like a

In all pools floating objects are quickly cast outside of the revolving ourrents, or they are carried with them in their circular route for some time, until they are washed nearer the centre or side of the peol. The botties that were forced outside of the currents of the opean were cast upon the shores of some country, but those which were worked toward the centre eventually found their way in the calm waters of the Sargana Sea. Here they remain peacefully until picked up by some vessel, or until some storm casts them back into the great

Vessels very rarely visit the great sea in the middle of the ocean, but occasion ally they are driven there by storms or adverse winds. Strange sights meet the gaze of the sailors at such times. Wonderful stories-partly true and partly false-have been told by sallors return ing from a forced trip to the vast Sargasso Sea. The surface of the sea is covered with floating wrecks, spars, seaweed boxes, fruits, and a thousand other innumerable articles. It is the great repository or storehouse of the ocean, and all things which do not sink to the bottom or are not washed upon the shores are carried to this centre of the sea. When one considers the vast number of wrecks on the ocean, and the quantity of floating material that is thrown overboard, a faint idea of the wreckage in

the Sargasso Sea may be conceived. Derelicts, or abandoned vessels, frequently disappear in mysterious ways, and no accounts are given of them for years by passing vessels. Then suddenly, years later, they appear again in some well-traveled route to the astonishment of all. The wrecks are covered with mould and green slime, showing the long, lonesome voyage which they have passed through. It is generally supposed that such derelicts have been swept into the centre of the pool and remained in the Sargasso Sea until finally cast out

by some unusually violent storm. The life in this sea is interesting. Solitary and alone the scres of waters, covered with the debris, stretch out as tho vast graveyard of the ocean, seldom being visited by vessels or human beings. Far from all trading routes of vessels, the sight of a sail or steam vessel is something unusual. The fishes of the sea form the chief life of these watery solitudes. Attracted by the vast quantities of wreokage floating in the sea, and also by the gulfweed on which many of them live, they swarm around in great numbers. The smaller fishes live in the intricate avenues formed by the seaweed, and the more ferocious denizens of the deep come hither to feed upon the quantities of small fish. In this way the submarine life of the Sargasso Sea is made

interesting and lively. The only life overhead is that made by a few sea birds, which occusionally reach the solitudes of this mid-ocean cemetery. A few of the long figure of the air penetrate to the very mi idle of occurs. Some bave been known to follow vessels across the ocean, keeping at a respectful distance from the stern. Other birds bave been swept out to sea by storms, and have finally sought refuge in the Sargasso Sea. Still others, taking refuge on some derelict, have been gradually carried to the same midocean scene. There is sufficient food floating on the surface, or to be obtained from the fishes which live among the forests of seaweed, to support a large colony of birds. It is surmised that many of those found in the sea have inhabited those regions for years, partly from choice, and partly from necessity. Birds swept out their by storms would not care to venture the long return trip to land, and finding un abundance of food a 1 " sage on which to rest and rear than young, they might easily become content with their sirings lot, Just how far the strong-winger ahead than dreary wastes of water .-Detroit Free Press.

A Floating Hotel.

A strange craft recently innached at Bath, Me., for use in Florida, and which will shortly be in New York, is the floating hotel, J. S. Danforth. It is intended for service on Florida rivers. 15 has three keels, is 125 feet long and thirty feet beam, and draws twenty-five inches of water. It will accommodate seventy-five persons and will be the floating home of hunters and its ormes of business is particularly good, and the holiday trade promises to be unusually who wisit Florida.—New Ormans Picayune.