# THE SEMI-WEEKLY PUBLIC LEDGER.

## LODGE ROOM GOSSIP.

EVENTS OF INTEREST AND PEOPLE OF NOTE IN SECRET SOCIETIES.

Mrs. Alva A. Young, P. G. C., the Founder of the Now Prosperous Pythian Sisterhood-Brief Sketch of Her Life and Work- Other Fraternal Items.

Mrs. Alva A. Young, founder of the Pythian Sisterhood, was born in Hopkinton, N. H., April 5, 1837, says The Pythian Knight. Her parents removed to Bedford, N. H., in 1842, and to Concord in 1847. Her education was limited to the common schools and private instructions, and finished at the age of 15. She was also a "schoolmarm" for a time prior to her marriage with Lyman Rollins, which occurred in Concord, July 4, 1854. By this union she had one son, Lyman Rollins, horn July 6, 1855, and now a resident of Concord. Her nusband and three only brothers and one brother-in-law served during the and why and were honorably Uscharged. Mr. Rollins died at New Orleans.

On Jan, 1, 1871, at Concord, she was married to Alva A. Young, of Boston, and they removed to the lat-

tervity, where they resided until 1874, when they returned to Concord, where they have since resided. It was there that Bro. Young Lecume a Knight of Pathas and an ent/usiastic advocate i the beautifuls tuckings of the erder, and Mrs. Young naturally became interested.

Encouraged by her MRS. ALVA A. YOUNG. Lusiand, she wrote the ritual of the Pythian sisterhood and be-

gan the institution of the new order for Pythian women carly in 1888. In a letter from Mrs. Young she gives the

following account of her attempt to organize the Pythium disteriood and the success which has attended He

"Prior to my husban! being knighted, in 1886. I know but little of the Pythian order, and nothing of its literature. His great interest in the lodge and zeal for everything Pythian led me to the perusal of Van Valkonburg's maximil and fixed in my mind a dea maintion to prepare a vitual which should unite in one great auxiliary the Pythian lauses of the land, containing yows, just as building scorets and coremonies, just as sacred as those treasure 1 in the breasts of the brothers. The first fruits of the then manns production were realized on Feb. 22, 1888, when Concord assembly, No. 1, auxiliary to Concord lodge, was organized and its first officers duly obligated. At the following regular meeting the lodge formally recoga. zod the freshtors. "Out could of June following the provisional grand assembly of New Hampshire was organized at Concord, every assembly being fully represented at that convention."

## ALL ALOUND THE HOUSE.

#### Flowers, tirasses and Berries Preserved for Winter Decorations.

Perhaps many of our readers do not appreciate how easily some of the graceful flowers and pods and brilliant berries of autumnal plants can be preserved to give brightness and a touch of nature's own beauty to the home in winter Golden rod, for instance, can be kept for a long time by gathering perfect specimens and hanging them away in a dark closet. Many handsome marsh grasses and the lovely and artistic cat-tails should be gathered and kept in the same way.

Other things that contribute much to beautiful winter decorations and dried bouquets are the fluffy, soft and shining balls, or pompons, that can be made from milkweel pods. To make these milkweed balls, open the pod carefully, take out the silky filaments, and after shaking the seeds off dip the little bunches of filaments into water to prevent their flying about; gather them all up as skillfully as you can and tie in small bunches and then fasten on to a wire stem. These balls are very dainty and pretty.

The beautiful mountain ash berries and barberries are preserved for winter decoration in a brine of two handfuls of salt to about three pints of water. Boil the brine, and when cold put in the berries and tie up tightly to exclude the air.

#### Old Fashioned Cider Apple Sauce.

Mrs. S. D. Power gives a recipe for making the old fashioned cider apple sauce that used to be a favorite dainty prepared in large quantities in the fall for family use during winter in many country households. It differs from apple 'sitter in that no spices go into it to impair the high flavored apples of which it should be made, and the quartered apples are not boiled to pulp, but simply preserved in the clear sirup of condensed cider. Boil down sweet eider to one-fourth or onefifth its quantity and add solid, sub-acid apples, pared, cored and quartered, with onefourth their weight of sugar. Boil them very slowly till they look lucid, without losing their shape; take out carefully with a wooden skimmer without breaking and boil the sirup till it is thick; then pour it over the apples. A very few quinces stev at soft in a little water are sometimes added, and give a flavor that is liked by some persons.

#### Novel Fancy Work.

Pretty and quite new in fancy work is the use of the ribbons that come tied around packages of cigars. A number of artistic things can be made with these cigar ties. Sewed together lengthwise they form a very dainty light silken scarf, the width of the scarf being the same as the length of the ribbon or ties, which must be nicely hemmed at the ends; the scarf is finished with a fringe of the ribbons doubled. Handsome little bags for various purposes are formed of these ribbons basted on a lining, with the edges caught together by cat stitching of some attractive, contrasting color. The cigar ties themselves vary from pale yellow to dark orange, with some of red or red and orange. Another fashion of utilizing them is to fringe out one edge of the ribbons and knit them into sachets, small cases for gloves, handkerchiefs,

Some interesting information respecting the Paris detective police has been given by M. Valbel in his book on the Surete, which is in reality a series of biographies of the principal members of the force. The Police de Surete must be distinguished from the Surete Generale, which is really the "Political Police Force" acting under the orders of minister of the interior, and in a most secret manner. The Police de Surete, on the other hand, is a body the members of which look for their orders to the prefect of police, or Cabinet du Prefect, and perform their daties openly and without any of that impenetrable mystery which envelopes the proceedings of the ministerial myrmidous. The Dogberry of the Surele could not, in fact, pursue his investigations without making himself known, generally speaking, although when following up a clew in a crimireal case he does not disdain to adopt the disguise which it is supposed to be permanently used by extra clever detectives of "blood and thunder fiction." The ordinary "plain clothes man" rejoices in the high sounding designation of "inspector," and has as his respective chiefs the sub-brigadier,

Paris Detectives.

LOP. This force was first founded by the famous Vidocq in 1832, when it only comprised thirty-one men, to whom were added fourteen "outsiders," who were called indicatears. In 1848 the body was increased to 160 men, being afterward reduced to sixty, until it was at last brought up to its present redoubtable number of 500 "inspectors," who are directed by M. Goron. He has under him on the staff one chief clerk, who acts as his principal deputy or "under study;" four other clerks or under secretaries, five chief inspectors, ten brigadiers and twenty sub-brigadiers. The 300 detective inspectors are attached to sections, such as the special brigade of picked men, the department of information and warrants, that of requisitions or "searches," the pawn offices, the streets and the disorderly houses,-London Telegraph.

#### A Few Superstitions.

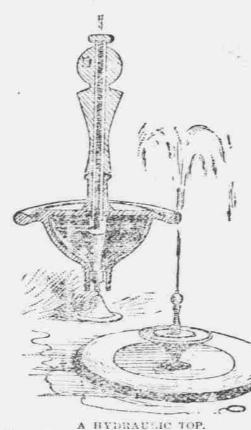
To allay hemorrhage, a toad, well dried in the sun and put into a bag, of the reservoir. Attached to the inside of was hung round the neck by a string the reservoir, and revolving with it, are two sufficiently low to touch the region of little metal wings, or propeller blades mot the heart; and a preparation of garlic and honey snicared on the person was said to act as a charm against the bites of dogs and reptiles, or the sting of numerous insects, likewise effecting their cure. Toothache could be charmed away by a few leaves of the 'shepherd's purse," placed in the sole of the shoe on the reverse side of the body to that in which the tooth was aching. An excellent recipe for weak or sore eyes was the expressed juice of the calvx of the red honeysuckle, provided always that the flowers were gathered kneeling, repeating nine paternesters in honor of the Trinity, nine more "to greet Our Ladye," and a creed. Rest and sleep were required after application. Another prescription for the eyes well as of the great army of the dead who in much in favor with the Anglo-Saxons life distinguished themselves, you will learn was a paste made of the strawberry that most of them have, or had, eyes of blue plant and pepper, diluted with sweet or gray. It has seened that the pigment is wine. Children were passed through | in the way; that it obscures the objects piethe split stem of a tree for the cure of sented to the visual organ, and that the aspirthe rickets, but the fracture must be | ing mind seeking the greatest light casts it afterwards bound up sufficiently tight off." to insure cohesion. For ague a very well salted herring, split open, was applied, as hot as possible, to the soles of the feet. It might also be mitigated by the habitual wearing round the neck of an emerald-a gem equally potent in epilepsy. Precious stones were accredited with marvelous powers over the moral qualities and affections, as well as physical diseasehence the origin of their being set in rings and worn. The teeth of old age were fixed firmly in the gums by an infusion of powdered jet; while water in which the beryl had been steeped afforded a valuable wash for strengthening the eyes, besides insuring the The International Congress on Hypnotian mutual love of a wedded couple .-Hospital.

# SCIENCE AND PROGRESS.

SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO WIDE AWAKE READERS.

#### The Hydraulie Top Exhibited at the Paris Exposition, Which Is in Fact a Water Pump on a Small Scale and an Amusing Scientific Toy.

The hydraulic top represented in the cut is described in Popular Science News as follows: It outwardly resembles an ordinary top, furnished with a cup shaped holder (B). on which it is placed while spinning. The holder is covered with rubber on the bottom, to prevent the motion of the top from displacing it. When the holder is placed in a deep dish filled with water, and the top set spinning upon it, a fine stream of water flows through the top, and is thrown out above, like a miniature fountain, to a height of two



The simple interior construction of the top is shown in the illustration. The body (A) is hollow, forming a reservoir (R), with an opening at the bottom, which dios beneath the surface of the water. The central axis, or spindle, around which the top revolves, is hollow and provided with a horizontal tube (C), extending nearly to the side

### HE GOT HIS "PISTILS."

An Incident of Holding Court in the Lone Star State. A Chicago lawyer, formerly a judge in

Texas, tells the following story of an experience in that state: I was practicing law in Bosque county, Tex., and acting justice of the peace, just after the "six shooter" law had been passed. The law was very severe, the lightest penalty for a violation being a fine of \$25 and confis cation of the weapon. Officers all over the state were enforcing the law rigidly, especially in the country, as half the fine was given the officer who arrested an offender. One day I was holding court in a little schoolhouse, trying a neighborhood case, with about forty or fifty men present. I was just about to adjourn court when there rode in front of a little clump of trees one of the most assignificant looking little men 1 ever

He was mounted on a mustang and had another tied to the tail of his mount, leading him in Texas fashion. The little follow dismounted and came in to get a drink of water. While he was drinking I noticed that he had a very fine pair of revolvers strapped to his saddle bow. I whispered to the constable to seize the pistols and then began questioning the stranger. Before he got through telling me that he was "bound for" Tem Green county I had the pistols on the table in front of me and told him he was under arrest. The little fellow was very much astonished and protested his ignorance of the existence of the "six shooter" law, but as that is not a legal excuse I assessed him \$25 and declared his pistols confiscated. He seemed almost heartbroken, and after searching his pockets

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he said: "Jedge, I've got jest \$25 here. It's all I got in the world. Take that and glaime my guns."

On being told that the law was imperative in regard to confiscation, he continued in an almost tearful voice;

"Well, jedge, law is law, and I reckon you'll have to keep 'em, but, judge (and here there were tears in his voice), my maw gimme them pistils, and, jedge, I'd like to hold 'em in my hands jest once before I leave 'em for ever.'

I told him he might take a last look at them, and handed them to him. Quicker than lightning he had cocked them, and the constable and I were staring straight into their IDUZZ OS

"Naow," he said, and his voice rose to a screech, and he scened to be about a foot taller; "naow! take my maw's pistils, will yer? I'm a goin down to that little ravine to eat my dinner, and if you want these you pistils come and git 'em."

Keeping us covered he backed to his ponies. mounted and rode off Then the constabl



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#### MASONIC.

#### To Eularge the Scottish Rite Temple in Indianapolis-Other Items.

The Scottish Rite was instituted in Indianapolis in 1863 and for ten years occupied a small suit of rooms in John's block. In 1873, more commodious quarters were secured in Baldwin's block, and in another decade they too were found insufficient to meet the wants of the order. In 1883 another change was made to the present Scottish Rite temple, which was erected and fitted up as a home for the rite in Indiana. It was then thought to be adequate for its accommodation for many years to come, but in less than another ten years there is need for more room. Additional ground has been purchased for the enlargement of the temple. There is an indebtedness of \$23,000 on this property, and more money is needed for the proposed improvements. A plan by issuing stock was submitted at the annual reunion, and met with such favor that \$15,000 of stock was taken in less than one hour. It is considered a good investment, and in a short time enough will be taken to do all that is contemplated, The Scottish Rite work of Indianapolis, under the direction of Ills, Bro. N. R. Ruckle, deputy for Indiana, is attracting much attention for excellence and elaborateness.

The recent death, at Portsmonth, N. H., of John Christie, age 85, removed one of the best known Masons in New England. Mr. Christie was pust worshipful grand master Mason of New Hampshire and was the oldest living officer of that rank in the state. He was past master of St. Andrew's and St. John's lodges, past high priest of Washington chapter, past grand high priest and grand rajah of the Arch chapter of the state of New Hampshire, and past right eminent grand commander of the grand commandery of the state, and was the oldest active member of the thirty-third degree of the ancient and accepted Scottish rite in the world.

The grand chapter of Connecticut has no mileage and per diem expense, and yet at the last annual convocation every chapter but one answered to roll call, and that one will be fined unless good excuse is given.

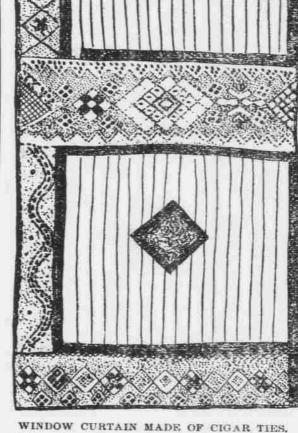
The returns from the subordinate commanderies K. T. throughout the United States show that during the past three years 16,877 applicants have been knighted, and that the entire membership of the order is 78,918. Pennsylvania has the largest mem-1+rship (8,380), New York being second (S,1.7) and Missouri seventh (3,035).

#### RED MEN.

Short Talks of All Kinds-A Tribe to Consist Wholly of Masons.

The application for a tribe in Boston to be composed entirely of Masons has now over 100 names of the lending Masons of the city, r d. J. K. O leil, the organizer, has promises from as many more.

J. E. Dixon, past great sachem of New Hampshire, died in Woburn recently. He



The cut represents a part of a window cur tain made in this way: The narrow yellow or red silk bands are first ironed out and made up in squares by sewing them together lengthwise. These squares are edged with red or blue ribbons, and some applique ornamentation placed in the centers. They are then made up into curtains by intersections and borders of openwork guipure lace, as our illustration shows. The light transmitted through the fine silk and lace produces a peculiarly soft effect.

#### Table Fashions and Fancies.

Very pretty tablecloths and servicities for 5 o'clock tea are those embroidered a la Russe or marking stitch.

Some Japanese and Egyptian menus are quaint, the latter apparently printed in color on torn parchment.

In place of tall celery glasses, formerly in fashion, are provided a variety of horizontal shapes on which the celery stalks are laid. Similar shapes are also furnished for a aragus, while tiny little dishes with folding sides are provided for after-dinner coffee spoons.

Individual cream and sugar receptacles of cut glass are a delight to the housekeeper's heart.

New trays in ice cream sets, celery trays, etc., in Parisian designed fine cut glass, are being displayed in many patterns. Tennis player, in white and gold, represented in bisque figures, are new and preity, and will please the lovers of the game.

Fads in Serving Summer Delicacies. There are various elegant fads in the way of serving the luseious fruits of the season.

A most tempting and delicious dish is made of alternate layers of sliced peach, orange, ineapple, banana and muskington, with a with fresh berries. Blackberries are a delicacy when served in little blocks of ice hollowed out to contain a days, portion for one person. A folded mapkin is wrapped around the block of ice, which is set on a dessert or ice cream plate.

#### Curious Things in Jersey.

At Long Branch, Asbury Park and out into the ocean. One of the beds contains many pieces of petrified wood, fossil teeth and casts from clam shells. After all heavy storms the fossils are thrown upon the beach. Within the last two months several remarkably fine fossil shark teeth have been found. One of them is perfect, more than four inches long, and weighs half a pound. Several fine specimens of fossil teeth of the mailed sturgeon and the devil fish have been secured by curiosity hunters.

D. H. Wortman, of Long Branch, has a curiosity. It is a hard tack cracker served to him one day in 1863, while he was at the front as a member of the Thirtieth regiment, New Jersey volunteers. It is still hard.

The big whale captured near Boston three years ago is on a boat at Bridgeton. Last week twelve well known business men of Bridgeton ate dinner while seated about a table

Miss Mary Hankins of Manalapan started to a sociable with William onover. The carriage was upset. cup of wine poured over it, powdered sugar | Miss Harkins then took a sent in Harsprinkled lightly on and the top clotted over ry Fischer's carriage and went to the party. She danced for several hours and then was ill of shock for three

shown in the engraving, which, by their mosaid tion, force the air in the reservoir through the tubes (C, D), creating a partial vacuum, and drawing the water in the dish up intol the top and through the tubes. This hydraulie top, which first appeared at the Paris ex-i position, is, in fact, a water pump on a small, scale, and is an instructive and amusing scientific toy.

### The Eyes of Great Men.

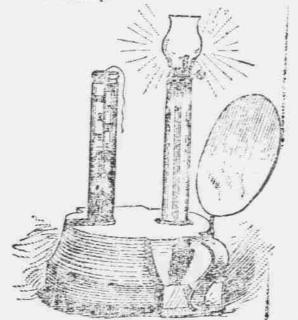
An oculist who has made the human eye a study for many years claims that the thor oughbred American eye is steel blue in color. He says: "Among the people of higher civil zation eyes grow lighter in hue, and there are today far more blue cycd persons than these were a century ago. If you will be at paids to inquire the color of the eyes of Bismarck, Gladstone, Huxley, Virchow, Buchner, Renan-in fact, of any of the living great, as

The Geysers of Yellowstone Park. A remarkable development of activity in the geysers of Yellowstone park was noted in the early part of September. In the upper basin all the principal geysers were in simpltaneous activity, and the escape of steam and gases was said to be terrific. An unusually severe storm was raging on the Atlantic coast, 2,000 miles away, at the time, and this fact was telegraphed all over the country as the cause of the outbreak, although Popular Science News thinks there was probably not the slightest connection between them. The activity of the govern is constantly varying in intensity, and depends upon causes at present | unknown to us.

The following resolutions were adopted the international congress on hypnotism h in Paris last month: 1. Public emhibition of hypnolism or magnetism should be forbidden by government; 2. The use of hypastism as a Ocean Grove layers of marl run far therapeutic agent should be restricted to practicing physicians; 3, 44 is to he hered that the method and practice of hypnotism will be included in the medical education of students

#### An Ingenious Arrangement.

The illustration represents an ingenious arrangement, which, by means of combustion of oil in a lamp, indicates the hour of the night. The design explains itself. Two vertical tubes are fixed above the reservoir of oil. The left tube contains cil, and is marked with the hours; the right tube burns



"Jedge, I reckon I can stand \$12.50 Don't you guess the state can stand that much and the pistols?" I thought it could, and it did.-Washing-

ton Star. Getting Even.

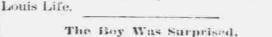
The lawyer had been badgering the witness for some time and finally asked: "Was any member of your family ever hungf

#### "Yes, sir." "Ah, ha! I thought as much. Now, sir

who was it?" "Myself.

"Yourself? Do you mean to say that you have been hung and are alive to tell of  $it \ell^*$ "Yes, sir,' "Come now, no trifling' Tell the jury what you were hung for, and how you hap

pen to be alive today "Well, sir, a man was kill d, and I was suspected of having committed the crime A mob took me out, put a rope around my neek and had just hanked me up to the limb of a tree, when some one in the crowd shouted that the murdered man had been a lawyer They couldn't cut me down quick enough! 1 was given a banquet as the greatest public bouefactor in the history of the town."-St



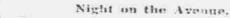
A very little Back Bay boy, who had oncasionally been taken to Trinity church by his parents, but who, for all that, had upon aged to fall into bad company, and had been told of the delights of ringing doorballs and then scampering, set out one evening on his very first expedition of this kind. He began on Clarendon street, near the house where he lives; he rang the beli of one big house, and then skipped around the corner, and tected. Tach he tried another, and another. ill's success emboddened him, and presently, when he got to a certain house he was so unwary that, almost before he had ceased to pull the bell, the door opened and the tower ing form of the rector of Trinity stood be fore him. The little fellow stood rooted to the spot, opening wide his hig wondering eyes. And then he found a voice to say, very slowly: "Wy, Phillips Books! Does you live here?"-Boston Transcript.

#### It Was the Other Fellow. Grizzly-My toe hurt like thun ier last

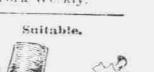
bight. Tootley-That so? What was the matter with it!

Grizzly-Wasn't anything the matter vith it.

Tootley-Thought you said it hurt you. Grizzly-No, it didn't hurt me. It hart that young dude that's been calling to see my girl. - West Shore.



Young Eurglar (in the parlor)-Hark! I just heard the lady upstairs tell her husband there were burglars in the house. Old Burglar-That's all right. If they know we are burglars they'll keep quiet, for Year of bein' kille l. I was afraid they'd mis take us for poor relations, and yell for the police.-New York We kly.



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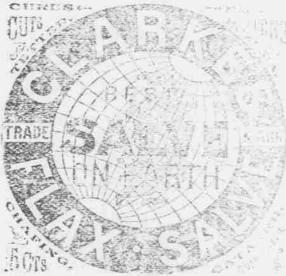
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The Great Council of Massachusetts instituted three tribes, four councils and three leagues last term.

The Improved Order of Red Men will soon have a new tribe instituted at Alameda, and a council of the Degree of Pocahontas at Fresno.

The Red Men's Hall association, of Malden, Mass., has declared a dividend of 20 per cent. The Improved Order of Red Men west of the Rocky mountains is said to be increasing more rapidly in membership than for many years past.

Powhatan Tribe of Chelsea, Mass., paid over 1,100 fathoms of wampum last term for beneficial purposes. The tribe has twentyone members now on the sick list.

There are seven chieftains' leagues in Massachmetts,

Malden, Mass., is to have a council of Pocahontas.

Camoset tribe of Boston adopted thirtyfour palefaces last term.

Wined melon represents a delightful innovation. The iced canteloupe is passed around, followed by sherry or white wine, of which each guest pours a dash over the fruit to give it the desired flavor.

Canteloupes are also served in halves filled with punch or ice cream.

Profound Melancholy.

"It's hard to be left here alone," said Simpkins, whose wife had gone away for the summer, "very hard." "Seems kind o' lonesome, does it?"

"Yes; intensely lonesome. Every thing around me seems to wear an air of melan-

choly."

William A. Thompson, who lives near Freehold, owned two very old horses. One died on Wednesday morning, 33 years old. Its mate is one year younger and is still frisky.

Recently complied statistics show that during the last ten years to every forty-nine marriages performed in New Jersey there has been one divorce. -New York Sun.

The dyeing of feathers and hair is effected by first cleaning the feathers or hair before dyeing, or bleaching, if necessary, by lukewarm soda waterone part soda and one hundred and twenty parts water. For dyeing, all "Yes; I notice it. Even that bottle on the neutral dye stuffs suitable for wool mantel piece seems low spirited."-Merchant dyeing are employed in the same manner as for that fiber.

A CLOCE LAMP. The apparatus is so constructed by the inventor, M. H. Behn, that a cortain quantity of oil is consumed exactly in one hour between two graduations of the hour tube. A reflector placed beside the kamp enables one to see the time by night very plainly.

Scientific Briefs. Wave power has been utilized this season at the sea beach, in one instance to supply

street sprinkling tanks with water.

Sugar has been successfully used in Italy as a means of preventing the incrustation of bailers.

It is believed by those who are in a position to know that steam plows will soon revolutionize the method of breaking the soil on the prairies of the west.

Four of the twelve grand prizes awarded by the Paris exposition were gained by United States citizens.

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He--That's a strange question! From the

She-Oh, they're generally so "loud." I

thought you might get them from the gun-

tailor, of course. Why do you ask?

Mr. D.?

smith's.

Judy.

The above bright and honey deal face, is Dr. A. W. Acker, of England, discoverer of the celebrated Acker's English Remody for Consumption and other popular preparations. for, Acker practised in his younger days among the middle classes of London, and was the means of doing great good, but his health fulled and he found himself in the grasp of consumption, with a wife and child depending upon him for support. While in this condition, he discovered the celes brated English Remedy, saved his own life and has since saved the lives of thousands who were on the sure rord to death., Any man or woman who feels a tlekking in the throat, who coughs especially in the norman, who raises or has a tight feeling across the chest, who has sharp shooting pains through the lange or difficulty in breathing, should realize that these are the first symptoms of consideration which, if neglected, are sure to result fatally. Dr. Astor's English are sure to recall ratially. Dr. Actor's Edgissi Remely has cared in the iban one thousand per-sons whe unquestionably had consumption and who were given up by their friends. It merits its popularity and is sold by repetable druggists in every city and town in America. You can't affect to be without it. afford to be williout it.

I or " le by J G HALL, D uggist.

He-Yes; I've heard reports about them .-