JOURNALISTIC JOCULARITY.

THE CEAF of Russia has be come an expert performer on the violin. His troubles have evidently made him des- World. perate.

THE Abilene (Kan.) Reflector defines winter cloak and bonnet and a pessimist as a woman who has neither.

THE word "lord" is derived from the Saxon word "loafward," meaning guardian of the loaf, and so, perhaps, it is not strange that some Lords are loafers.

WHITTIER refused an offer of \$2,500 for a Christmas poem. Nowadays a first-class poet can make almost as much money as a second-rate ball pitcher.

A Bosrow newspaper wants to know if "the Czar in oil" is a Czardine? This is a Czardonic question, remarks a New York paper. It is certainly a question that gets Czarder the further it goes.

EVERY body in America thought it was a very rash thing to make Edison STANDARD NOVELS, an Italian" Count, but no one thought it would be so bad as it is. He is now STANDARD NOVELS, trying to get up a machine thr t will turn hand-organs by electricity.

EXPLORER STANLEY, it is said, was paid at the rate of \$50,000 a year while he was hunting for Emin Pasha. He was not docked for sickness or for time lost in shooting elephants, and he was allowed to kill as many "niggers" as he pleased without even being reprimanded.

THE Czar of Russia receives from his gold mines in Eastern Siberia about 3,600 pounds of pure gold every year. As he has recently developed a great fondness for the American game of drawpoker, it is about time for him to "grubstake" some prospectors for new placers.

A KUNOPEAN savant says that life may be indefinitely prolonged by regularly drinking the juice of the lemon. And another European savant, who knows just as much-or as little-says that the surest way to shorten life is to drink lemon juice. Life would be a very plain and simple problem if it were not for the advice of the wise men.

"Do you ever receive contributions written on both sides of the paper?" asked a gentleman, entering a newser office. "No, sir; never," emphatically replied the editor. "All right, I was going to indorse this check to your order, but I don't want to break your rules." Then he went out, leaving the editor in a deep-green study. THE Hangtown (Cal.) Observer gushes as follows: "El Dorado County is the wonder and the worship of earth and sky. The sun loves to gaze upon her cultivated landscapes, to flutter on her mountain tops, to mirror himself in her lakes and rivers, to linger over fields supernal splendor. The old night lantern focused upon the sleeping beauty of the foothills, sits up at night to look at her."



RUSSIA has taken one further step in and announces the introduction of international money orders good for three

months.

THE heir apparent of the Japanese empire having become of legal age, eleven years, recently was given a sword which is said to have been kept in the imperial family for nearly 1,300 years, and installed in an office that will entitle him to be called Colonel or something of that kind.

THE Armenians in the province of Alashgerd recently sent a petition to emigrate to that country in order to escape the oppression of the Turks. The Shah not only assented, but granted lands to the petitioners, besides offering them money to assist in the work of cultivation.

Two cremation furnace in Pere-la-Chaise Cometery, in Paris, is now complete, and the Prefect of the Seine has approved the scale of charge to be enforced thereat. The charge for the use of the cremation furnace is to be fifty francs, which sum includes the keeping in the columbarium of the funeral urn containing the ashes for a period of five years.

THE number of cloisters and monks in Spain have increased with astounding rapidity of late years. Spain now has 29,220 monks and 25,000 nuns in 1,330 alone there are 163 cloisters for women. In the last fourteen years the number of monks in Spain has been sextupled and the number of nuns has been doubled.

usually found in a first-class establish-By virtue of a mortgage executed by John mineral waters of celebrity. A REMARKABLE find was lately made ure by polite and attentive salesmen. at St. Pabu, Finisterre. On removing a H. Averitt and wife to Henry Hobgood, now ment. We solicit your trade tor either granite block to the southwest of the deceased, registered in Book of Mortgages Elmhurst Mills! No. 25, at page 586, I shall on Monday the Thouse. village a Roman flanged tile was ob-3d day of March, 1890, expose to sale at served which had, apparently, served as public auction at the court house door in JOHN W. MARKHAM, Corn Meal can be found on sale at Oxford, the tract of land described in said a cover to a box of wood, now fallen into C. J. Ward's and J. T. Sizemore's. John A. Williams mortgage, and situated in Fishing Creek decay. Inside were found over ten thoutownship, adjoining the lands of Reubern Overton. Moses C. Dean and others, and sand small plated Roman coins of Vale-Parties wishing fine Jersey milk and -SOLE AGENCY,-Cor. Commercial Ave., and Wall Sts., rian, Diocletian, Constantinus, Maximus, butter will be supplied promptly by containing 50 acres. Lucinius, Constantine the Great and (Next to Banner Warehouse). leaving their orders at C. J. Ward's HARRIET HOBGOOD, OXFORD, N. Constantin's II. They are all well pre-Ex'x of Henry Hobgood, dec'd OXFORD, - - NORTH CAROLINA, | store. THOS. E. HICKS. January 29, 1890. served, and date from 260 to \$60wer

They will be shown you with pleas-