Farmer Gerard>> Froek. A nember of the lowor honse of
the preent French parliament.-the
Chamber of Deputies, $\mathbf{M}$ Thivrier by the pre ent French parliament,-the
Chamber of Deputies,-M. Thivier by
name is a names, is a laborer by occupation, and weark, when in his place in the chamber,
the blowe or frock ordinarily worn by the blouse or frock ordinarily worn by
French workmen. He promised his constituents, before his election, to wear the blouse in the chamber, and keeps his
blo promis.
His cave Gerard, who, in the year 1789, was elected to the famous National A sembly
of France, from. rard, as he was affectionately called in the assembly, never put off in the legis-
lative halls the farmer's frock which he had worn on his farn.
A historian of the period records the fact that Father Gerard's frock was of
great service to him: for if he said a stuphl thing, as all legislators may sometimes do. his frock saved him.
-It is only good Farmer Gerard," his lheagues would say.
But when, on the other hand, he spoke sendibly and forcibly, his words, like
Franklin's gained in weight from the simplicity of his garb.
Returning, after his legislative service.
to his old friends and neighbors, he brought them back, as he said, his frock
without any spots on it. He had a without any spots on it He had a
special grudge against the lawyers who special grudge against the hawyers whe of the legislative body. deem it an honor to wear one of the black conts that those fellows have on?
Not a bit of it! Why, those little lawyers and doctors that think they know everything, they haven't got a foot
land of their own under the sun!" In his opinion, none but farm
capable of making gewd laws.

## At a recent meeting of the Edinburg Royal Society Dr. John Marray discusse the question of the origin and na- ture of the coral recfs and other carbonate of lime formations in recent seas have recently been made regarding se cretion and solution of carbonate of lime. Carbonate of lime remains are found in great abundance at the sea bottom in shaliow waters, but the amount steadily diminishes as the depth increases, until at 4,000 fathoms almost every trace has olution, as the organisms slowly fall to the bottom. Every where within 500 fathoms of the surface the ocean teems with life. The Gre-ley expedition was starving within ten feet of abundance of by breaking a hole through the ice and using a sinirt as a drag-net. Dr. Murray he formation of coral reefs, bringing forward, in reply to objections by Dana and others, some recently obtained facta regarding the existence of shallow re gions in what is, on the whole, deep lime is He showed that carbonate of quantity in warm tropical water by the action of sulphate of lime in solution on effete products. This explains the great growth of coral in tropical regions. The absence of coral on certain shores in opical districts is explained by the upise of cold water due to winds blowing an elaborate scries of lime-light di

 Baboons" Fondness for millk. The kaboons, always troublesome tothe erops, have of late developed a new propensity. Mr. H. A. Bryden, author of "Kloof and Karroo" (Longmans), having come across the dead body of a milch goat, discovered and extracted the milk bag, and, like Eve, 'saw that it been quickly imparted to his fellow, have the Karroo farmers began fellows, for nilch cows ripped up by these brutes olely for the sweet and luscious milk. The baboons, too, becoming accustomed attention to the flesh, and will destroy kids -and, if they can manage it, goats -for their flesh alone, ". As the author remarks, this modern development of a
carnivorous habit coincident with the increase of flocks, is analagous to that observed in the sheep-killing parrot of New Zealand.

The five society tadies who do pretty dance atween scenes in "Cinderella ${ }^{\text {" }}$ in London are swells of the first water. -The five swagger ladies, "they are called here. Consumed with vanitr, the preposessing paranoiacs paid $£ 100$ the pantomim- The muslins, the laces,
and the dta onds they wear are and the dtm onds they wear are mar-
vels of beauty. Uf course they are highly popular with the rest of the company, for the reason that they disbyurse their in rehearsal these silly women provided elegant luncheons for their associates the case after each night's performance -[London Letter

The Resemblance of Married Couples.
It has long been accepted as a fact that married couples, who are not only exposed to the same conditions of life, but
tie influence of whose minds the influence of whose minds must necessarily react on each other, assume a more or less facial resemblance to each
other. The Photographic Society of Geneva, Switzerland, with a view to determine this question, have made photographs of seventy-eight elderly couples The result is that in twenty-four cases the resemblance in the personal appear-
ance of the husband and wife was than that of brother and sister; in thirty aases it was equally great, and in only resemblance.

The Alphabet in One Verse.
The twenty-first verse of the second chapter of Ezra contains every letter of
the alphabet, and is the only one thus distinguished: "And, I, even I, Artaxerxes, the king, do make a decreed al
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