OLD AND NEW.

As the old year sinks down in Time's ocean, Stand ready to launch with the new. And waste no regrets-no emotion As its masts and its spars pass from view, Weep not if some treasures go under And sink in the rotten ship's hold; That blithe bonny bark sailing yonder May bring you more wealth than the old

For the world is forever improving; All the past is not worth one To day; And whatever deserves our true loving Is stronger than death or decay, Old love !- was it wasted devotion ! Old friends :- were they weak or untrue! Well, these drown there in mid-ocean, And prou lly sail on with the new.

Throw overboard toil misdirected, Throw overboard ill-advised hope, With aims which your soul has detected Have self for their centre and scope: Throw overboard useless regretting For deeds which you cannot undo. And learn the great act of forgetting Old things which embitter the new.

The old years will grant no concession-Like misers, they keep what they hold; The new years march on to progression-March with them, and mourn not the old Sing who will of dead years departed, I shruted them and bid them adjeu: And the song that I sing, courage-hearted, Is a sang for the giorious new! -Ella Wheeler Wilcoc.

DRIVEN FROM HOME.

The energies of police the New York the hill top while the chiefs of police Sun from Drogheda, Ireland, a dramatic held a long and thoughtful consultation. account of the eviction of two Irish | The Countess Tolstoi tried to make notes tenants for non-payment of rent. The on an ivory tablet, but, as the rain washed evicting party consisted of a body of out the letters as fast as she wrote them. 150 militia, commanded by a Captain she put up the tablet with a pretty little Smylie, 100 stalwart policemen, and a grimace, and beat a tattoo with her boots score of "emergency men." We quote on the side of the car. Sir William was as follows from Mr. Hall's account:

I followed the direction of Capt. contact with the peasantry, and the de Smylie's big and tranquil blue eye as I tective was so miserably wet, hungry sat on the car shivering violently in spite | and fatigued that he gave up shamming, of fur coats and rubbers, and saw a dra- and sat on the fence with me, sharing matic and striking figure. It was that my umbrella and cigars.

of a girl, perhaps nineteen years of age, "This here little bit of a burlesque, who stood apart from the others on the he said scornfully, "costs the Govern crown of a little hill. Her bare feet ment in the neighborhood of a thousand were sunk deep in the snow that crowned pounds,"

the hill, and her figure was sharply out-lined against the leaden sky. She was "'As much as that:" "Take the pay of the men, the heavy tall and superbly formed, though the cost of their transportation for three lines of her figure were wofully sharp- days, an' the cost of the emergency ened by starvation, and her cheeks were men-

sunken and drawn. But they were "Are those jail birds expensive?" flaming red, nevertheless, and they lent "Very, 'cause they takes their lives an added lustre to a pair of magnificent in their han's. They ain't got protecgray eyes-typical Irish eyes - that fairly tion like th' police. They're marked blazed with indignation. Her hands men once they enter th' business. Some were clasped across her breast, and one of them gitten pounds a week."

After the 300 warriors had triumphantly subjugated the three young girls the forces moved up the road to James Finnegan's, on the hill.

Finnegan was in good spirits, and bound to die hard. He had a stubby red beard, a red nose, and a hat which he wore over one eye, in a rakish, not to say defiant, manner. "It's a pity," he roared hotly, to the intense delight of the placid Captain

Sinvhe, who evinced a fondness for him off hand, "that yez didn' bring a few more rigimints an' some cannons wid ver.'

Captain Keogh stalked majestically you what you mean. If you tell him around the fortified house, and then ginseng is an article of commerce in coming back to the starting point looked which a traffic of about a million dollars up and yelled : a year is done by Americans, he will stare

"Is that you, Finnegan?" "It is." "Finnegan?" "Phat?" "Will ye come down out of that?" "I won't." "Why won't you?" "Bekase," said Finnegan, with a barsu

but imaginary value, he will concede that of forensic and irrefutable logic, "I'n it is a strange article for traffic. Finally, gointer stay where I vam." when he learns that the populace of a "Then your blood be on your head." "Well, begob," remarked Finnegan,

vast nation, high and low, consider it a cure-all, and that it enters into every to the intense delight of the mob, "if medicine for every ailment in that nation, could get near ye there'd be blood on he will only understand the matter when yer own head, y' miserable old, tuilhe learns that it is the eccentric Chinese necked blowhard. to whom this in reality unimportant root

"Attack the house, attack the house," roared Capt. Keogh hotly. The order was given with immense spirit and courage, but the forces did not display undue zeal, Capt. Smylie yawned, lighted another cigarette, and looked back to see if the Irish girl still stood in the snow on

gathering mud and facts from personal

zed world give the assurance that in medicinal properties the root is almost inert-at the most, contains to a very mild extent tonic properties. None but the singular and rice-eating Celestial can

s the universal remedy.

is valuable.

feel any effects from the use of it; but among the Chinamen of this country there is almost no consumption. The root is bought here by resident Chinamen

GINSENG.

One of the mysteries in the world of

him that it is a vast humbug, and that it

In China, if a man has a headache

for home export. They do not use it themselves, however, and inquiry from these Celestial worthies has seldem brought out any satisfactory statements as to what ginseng is good for.

The belief among the home Chinese is mostly superstition. It is a sort of fetich, its powers are supposed to be ocsult, of the nature of magic. In China the belief is still implicit, and

ocsides the vast amount grown in that supply, which is on the average 425,000 pounds a year. The American wholesale price is now

\$2.25 a pound. The article is sent mostly in a crude state, but carefully cleaned.

Arab Children and Their Games. If the little Arabs are heathen, says

writer in St. Nicho'as, they are of least picturesque. In their colored cloth-A WORTHLESS ROOT THAT IS ing, with their dusky skins, their black A CHINESE CURE-ALL eyes, and their lithe, active bodies, they are very picturesque. But, it must be More Than 400,000 Pounds Gathconfessed, they appear best at a distance: for soap is not so fashionable among them as might justly be expected from ered Annually in America For Report-Its High Pricethe people of a country which manu Where It Is Found. factures the most cleansing soap in the

world. In watching the children at play one soon notices that the girls do not commerce is ginseng. If you speak to an always have a good time. Arab boys are not trained to be gentlemanly and ordinary man about ginseng, he will ask courteous to their sisters, altough they treat their elders with a delightful deference and respect. Little girls in the East are never welcome. When a baby is born, if it is a girl "the threshold at you. If you tell him that it has been in certain places of the world worth its mourns forty days." So, in taking weight in gold, he will probably stare glimpse at the amusements of the Arab harder. If in addition to this you tell children, we must be prepared to find that they are chiefly boys' games, in which the girls seldom participate. is a very ordinary root of an American shrub, almost without a particle of any

A little boy in America asked a person who had lived in Syria if the boys there ever played base ball; and on learning that they did not, he said : "Well, they can't have much fun there." It is very natural for the children of any country to imagine that the children in othe countries amuse themselves in the same ways. And the' number of games that are in reality universal among children in all countries is really remarkable. For

example, the Arab childen often play ginseng is the prescription. If his troublind-man's-buff (they call it ghum de is toothache, gincong is the same maida) and biz zowaia or pu remedy again. For all ills, from dein-the-corner, and a g me like "button, pression of spirits to a sore toe, ginseng button, who has got the button?" (which they play with a pebble,) and owal howah or leapfrog, and gilleh or marbles. Physicians and authorities of the civil-But there are other games of which you probably have never heard-such as kurd murboot, shooha joora, taiaya-taia, khatim, and the gr atest and most exciting of all games-the national game, it might perhaps be called -jereed.

Finest Dissecting-Room in the World.

The College of Physicians and Eurgeons has the fine-t dissecting room in the country, if not in the world, says a New York correspondent. It has forty tables. These are of modern design and simple in construction, consisting of an iron frame supported by four iron legs, upon which rests a slab of slate weighing two hundred pounds. Au inch from the margin of this slab is a groove half country, it receives all that America can an inch in depth, intended to convey the drippings into an iron receptacle fastened to the head of the table. Five students are assigned to each "cadaver,"

so that with the forty tables two hundred men are enabled to work at once. Five A process of heat clarifies it to a hard hours a day devoted to a subject will ensubstance, with a pithy-like, petrified able a group of students to dissect it

The Talking Dog.

last it dawned upon him that he had

meet the vender in the garb of an acro-

bat at a fair, he gave him in custody.

lord insisted on buying it, and, without

any incitement to do so, went up quickly

Locomotion in Tok o

The significance of events depends

SHOPLIFTERS.

METROPOLITAN STORES.

Shoplifters-How Professionals Are Distinguished--Amateurs Who Pilfer-A Mistake.

A New York Commercial Advertiser reporter recent v had an interesting conversation with a policeman who had been detailed to special duty in one of the big Sixth avenue shops as a detective. suppose," said he, "that the cost to the retail merchants in this city for protection against shoplifting, by the employment of floor walkers and special officers amounts to fully \$100,000 a year. It is interesting to watch the fio. king of shoplifters to new stores or to the older establishments which open new departments. The ground is usually studied by these persons on opening day. They generally come in pairs and pay particular atten-tion to the younger of the shop people. Most of them show an astonishing knowledge of fabrics, and in this way, as well as in more obvious cases, become very friendly with the girls whom they propose to victimi e. A thorough-paced shoplifter is nevera stranger in a store. As a rule she makes frequent purchases as a cover for her thefts. I speak, as you see, only of women shoplifters, but there are, perhaps, a dozen men well known to the police who make a good living at this kind of larceny. They confine themselves, however, to fields lying out of the domain of retail dry goods stores.

"One can almost invariably distinguish a professional shoplifter. She is

usually between thirty and forty years of age, eminently respectable in appearance, dressing quietly and moving about in such a manner as to attract the least attention to herself. She carries a looselywrapped paper parcel or a wide-mouthed handbag, and wears either a shawl or a dolman. The use of the wrap is evident. The paper parcel comes in handy in many ways. Into the folds of the paper, while the parcel is resting upon the counter, the shoplifter can tuck away more things than an un-killed person can get in a Gladstone bag. of course, ali the articles so stolen must be small. When she desires to get away with a quantity of silk, a bund e gloves or a box of handkerchiefs, she uses her convenient wrap. It is not often that a woman of this kind does not increase considerably in size from the time she enters the store until she leaves it, and an observation of this change in her appearance is, after all, the surest way of de-

tecting the 'crooks.' "The special officers who are detailed

Ages of Congressmenn.

The oldest member of the House is Judge William D. Keliey, of Pennsyl-SHREWD THIEVES THAT INFEST | vania. Although he is seventy-three, he s not the oldest-looking man in the House, or the least active. He was forty-seven when he entered Congress, Watching the Movements of the in 1861, and he has been a member constantly since then, a period of twenty-

six years. The youngest member i Benjamin F. Shively. of the Thirteenth Indiana District. Born in 1857, he is only a trifle under thirty-one years of age, but he is tall, strong and vigorous, and has already served a part of a term in Congress. Mr. Ralph Plumb, of the Eighth Illinois District, is an old mem-

ber. He was born in 1816, the same year in which Mr. Gay, of Louisiana, first saw light. There is quite a batch of members too modest or too sensitive to furnish their ages, the last including Mr. Miliken, of Maine; General Hooker, of Mississippi, and Mr. Heard and Mr. Hutton, of Missouri; Mr. Sowden, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. R. Q. Mills, of Texas. Some of these gentlemen are in good preservation, and upon the edge of that period when men are not inclined to gratiously lead people to consider them older than they really are. Mr. Vandever, of California, who was born in 1817, was a member of Congress from 1859 until the breaking out of the civil war. He and Mr. Holman, of Indiana, who was in the Thirty-sixth Congress in 1860-61, saw service before Mr. Kelley, but Mr. Vanderver has not returned until now, and Mr. Holman's service has not been continuous. Mr. Randall did not make his first appearance as a member until 1863, four years later than Mr. Holman, but he has begun his thirteenth consecutive term, standing next in length of service to Mr. Kelley .- Pitt-burg

Where Flies Go in Winter.

Chroniele.

Some one has asked where do the flies go in the winter. This is a question of some interest, for the natural history of a house fly is not generally known. Few persons know that a house fly is born fully grown and of mature size, and that there are no little flies of the same same species, the small ones occasionally observed being different in kind from the large ones. The house fly does not lay eggs, but extrudes living larve, which go through the usual transformations in their temporary abodes in heaps of decayed gar, age, and rubb sh thrown out from houses. It does not bite or pierce the skin, but gathers its food by a comb or rake or brush like tongue, with which it is able to scrape the varnish from covers of books, and it thus tickles the skin of persons upon which it alights to feed upon the perspiration. A fly is a scavenger, and is a vehicle by which contagious diseases are spread. It poisons wounds,

Remarkable Crystals.

hardness that the hardest file doesn't

the others, about two dozen in number,

A Valuable Gown.

The old door-keeper of the Hotel

Some remarkable crystals were found

and may carry deadly virus from decay

HIS ANSWER.

What is my thought like?' Like a stream, Whose unseen course the eye may trace Through barren lands, by tender beam Of leaf and bud, and shining gleam Of trees that fill the happy space.

What is my thought like." Like a rose; Deep chalice where the wild bes sips; Whose radiant heart doth space enclose Where waiting love may find repose, With kiss of perfume on its lips.

What is my thought like? Like a bird That in the glooming soars and sings; Whose voice, like some soft spoken word Through gloom of sin and sorrow heard, Lifts up the soul upon its wings,

What is my thought like?" Like a face That symbols all things fair and true; Whose lines both soul and sense do grace, Whose eyes do glad the darkest place, Whose lips bring life--my sweet, like you!

-Mary E. Blake, in Bos'on Courier.

PITH AND POINT.

A Bad Sign-An illegal signature. Failure in the Yarn Trade-Writing unsuccessful novels, - Gmaha Bee,

Wool men do not necessarily have a sheepish appearance. -- Pict bury Chron-

"Large bodies move slowly." Busy bodies are not large bodies. - Bosto. Courier.

Nobody should be hungry on Christmas; it is not that kind of a hollow day. -Merchant-Traveler.

A doctor who speaks only one language may yet understand a great many tongues. - Christian Register.

Strawberries are \$12 a quart. There ought to be gold in quartz of this kind for the producer. - Boston Bulletin.

"I'm getting in some fine work now," remarked the Judge, as he began to dispose of the criminal cases .- Detroit Free Press.

Many a young man devotes more thought to the choice of a necktie than the choice of a profession -Burlington Free Press.

De Smith-"Weil, Travis, how are you?" Travis-"Oh I'm robust. How are you?" De Smith-"Plain bust." -Burlington Free Press.

Out in Cincinnati they refuse absolutely to take any stock whatever in the faith cure, because it won't work on hams. -Somerville Journal.

"How are collections to-day?" asked a man of a bill collector. "Slow, very slow; can't even collect my thoughts,' was the reply .- Pi'tslurg Chroniel.

The average club man cares very little about music. If he can only strike the ing organic matter into our food. It rekey of the door with reasonable accuracy tires from the sight at the beginning of he is content. -Burlington Free Press. winter, but where it goes few persons While man toils upward with his load know. If a search of the house is made His speed is not increased. But when he strides the downward road. they will be found in great numbers se-Then everything is greased. -Oil City Blizzard.

sleeve was almost torn off at the shoulder. "Then the Government spends leaving the arm bare. The rain beat thousand pounds because Finnegan and by the rich. down on her, and matted her long, Devine won't pay the full rent?"

black hair over her forehead, while a "Aye. They could both pay with ten stray lock was swept across the face. or twenty per cent. reduction, so the What a face it was! The brow was low, amount involved is only about ten broad and white, and the black eye-brows almost straight over the splendid In the course of half an hour some one

eyes. The nose was Grecian, as indeed discovered that it was nearly four o'clock. was the whole face in contour, and the and as an eviction after that hour is iltightly-compressed lips and firm chin legal it was decided that something gave it a look of force and dignity. She ought to be done at once. It was done. seemed utterly unconscious of the bitter As usual, the emergency men were ordered cold, and all the power of her nature forward and the police fell back toward seemed concentrated in the look of ab- the soldiers. The redoubtable Finnegan borring hatred and terror with which she had been addressing belligerent remarks stared at the Queen's troops-her enc- to the entire British Empire, and he was mies. ready to do battle for his life. In sober

The word was given, and the line truth he had lots of pluck, for he knew he moved on. A fussy Justice of the was fighting a losing battle from the Peace, a noisy little person known as start. He whipped off his hat and coat Captain Keogh, and the agent of the as the emergency men attacked the house estate joined the forces, and Captain in two places, and divided his hot water Keogh ordered the attack at once. The and rhetoric in equal measure between Devine cottage was guarded by the three the window and the door. He kept girls up stairs and the old man below. them at bay for a time and scalded some The military drew up in a hollow square of them badly, but his hot water was around the house, and the constables, to soon exhausted, and then they battered the tune of a hundred strong, marched down his defences and drove him into a into the enclosure. corner, where he kicked and battered

It was during this imposing ceremony away until overpowered and knocked that an old woman crept around the down. corner of the house out into the en-Then-and not till then-the police entered, and, dragging Finnegan out,

closure. "Woman !" thundered Captain Keogh, made charges against him' before the

"what are you doin' here?"

Justice of the Peace. "Breathin'," said the woman, suavely. "Take her outside the line with the asked the magistrate before committing other rioters," commanded the Captain, him. sternly. At the mention of the word "Phat could I say?" said Finnegar "rioters," as applied to the poor wretches simply, as he straightened up and looked without the lines, Captain Smylie around him. "I'm done fer, sure enough. roared, with intense hilarity. Captain I'm goin' t' jail. At nearly fifty years av Keogh stared hard at him, but it hadn't age I'm turned off av th' place where me the faintest effect on the commandant fadder an' me gran'fadder was born, an out av' th' house which I built wid me

of the military. A big and rather cocky-looking policeown money, saved after years av starvin man stepped forward and tapped the old an' privation, bekase why? Bekase I woman on the shoulder. She looked can't do phat I can't do. God bless the up at him, and then, falling back a pace, Queen. She's th' mudder av her people, gasped for breath a moment, and then is she? She's a mudder, indade, t' me. cried ecstatically:

"Oh, my stars, phat a bootiful man!" "Come, move on, now," said the police- rounded by his captors, and the sorrowful man, swelling his chest out a little neighbors trooping in the rear; last of more.

"Shure he's th' ugliest lookin' ting I alone on the hill. She was Finnegan's iver seen. so he is.' "Step along, now, my good woman," urged the policeman, as he gave an extra

twist to his long moustache. "Ye're so bootiful. Oh, how 'ansome

y' are-Suddenly she drew her hand from under her shawl, and, before he could tioners, was talking the other day about dodge, she flung a fistful of mud with hydrophobia and similar disorders. Said extraordinary force full into the police- he: "There ought to be a general order man's face, and skurried through the issued to prevent policemen from shootranks of the delighted military, and out ing dogs that bite people about the of sight over the hill.

town. In the first place, the officer gen-Upon this Capt. Keogh proceeded to erally misses the dog and sometimes hits read the riot act. This absurd proceed- a passer-by. In the second, if the vioing took up nearly an hour more, and it lent quadruped is despatched, that fact rained harder than ever. The forces had interferes vastly with the work of the now been within a hundred yards of the physician who happens to be called in to house for nearly two hours without ac- attend the wounded man. The dog complishing anything. A lot of talking ought be caught and chained up for a followed the reading, and finally the po- week, where he could do no possible lice fell back and the emergency men harm and where his demeanor might be went forward. About a do en of them, watched. By that time the condition of with picks, crowbars, and axes, rushed the animal could be finally determined at the front door. The girls threw the upon, and the doctor would know what boiling water out of the windows above, to do with his patient. In connection but before they could do much damage with a malady concerning which the the emergency men forced their way in world is so much in the dark, as it is in and over; owered Devine, who was a very the case of hydrophobia, everything old and sickly looking man. There was possible should be done to help medical a tremendous uproar up-stairs a minute | men to help their patients and their scilater, but the police did nothing. After cace. By shooting dogs which have a discreet wait a dozen of them drew bitten people in the streets, the officers their clubs, and charged the house amid make it necessary for the doctor to treat the jeers of the military, who, to do his patient for rabies anyhow, or else sit them justice, displayed far less tom- down and wait for symptoms,"-New foolery than the body of men they were | York World.

completely within one week. elly. It is used there as a table delicacy Each student is assigned to work on

Ginseng in China is a Government demonstrator of anatomy, and is remonopoly, and Prof. Lockhart, of Lonquired to dissect an entire body during don, is the authority for the statement that it is sold to privileged dea'ers by failed to pass a satisfactory examination the Imperial Government of China, at its he is again subjected to a similar task, weight in gold. This is denied by some American dealers. But the value is still until his knowledge of anatomy i high. The root is very light and the proved. \$2.25 a pound, its wholesale price here,

s enormous. There are certain single roots, espevially of certain shapes, very rare, which bring from \$25 to \$400, and are only possessed by the wealthy class-

laughing and jesting merrily as they divide tendon after tendon, and separate mandarins and others. And yet the wholesale price here is muscle after muscle, in their investigaslowly but always steadily rising, and the tions of the deep and intricate structure ridiculous fact is before us that the price of the human frame. of this futile drug, used by nobody in this country, will in time become greater

than that of opium itself, as the gradual but sure process of its extermination in Credulity has not often been exempli America continues. The amount is limfied more funnily, a Paris correspondent ited by the fact that it can not be cultisays, than in a case which has just come vated-only the wild kind is of commeroff in a police court. The keeper of a

cial use, and this is becoming scarcer every year. What, then, is ginseng? Ginseng is and asked for a bock, his dog taking a the root of a shrub which has flourished for ages in China. It is called in botany, strange voice for "a piece of meat" for aralia quinquefolium, quinquefolium meaning five-leaved, and its five-leaved twigs branch off, to the number of three, from a smooth, round stem about a foot christen his place "The Talking Dog." The complainant took the advice, and

It happened that in 1709 a priest, one Father F. Fastoux, was diligently employed in making a map of Tartary. his master: "So you sell me, do you? During this labor he saw the plant grow- Then I shall not talk any more!" The ing in this mystic land, four leagues animal kept his word, and boniface could way from the kingdom of Corea, in the

spot where a Tartar village lay. The Tartars were full of the praise of been made a fool of, and, happening to the fabulous ginseng and its wonderful powers, Father Fastoux becoming an enthusiast also. He had missionary enthusiast also. He had missionary friends on the other side of the world, in Canada To these the mission world, in he confessed that he was a ventriloquist, Canada. To these the priest sent some but protested that he did not offer to of the root and an extollment of its propsell his dog. On the contrary, the landerties as a cure for all human ills. Back in due time came the reply that the same root was well known to the Canada in his bids from two hundred frances to

five or six varieties of the root, but it possesses all the external attributes of the celestial variety. The ginseng was sent at that time to Europe, and was then

first introduced to the civilized world. very much on the mood of their interpre-Even at that date, in the last century, ters. A few years ago there were nearly European savans rudely shattered the illu- 80,000 jinrikishas plying in the streets of sion as to the root, and pronounced it Tokio. Statisticians pointed to such a almost inert as a drug.

state of affairs with uncasiness. They It grows about the wild lands and concluded that the times must be very farms of the Northwest and Northeast, bad indeed when so many persons de-As cultivation ruins its flavor, it cannot | voted themselves to such a low and painbe made a regular industry, either in ful manner of earning a living. Now, the growth or collection. In 1860 its price total number of jinrikishas in the metropowas about 25 cents per pound. In 1865 lis is only 30,744, of which 7,213 are it had risen to 60 cents a pound. Its single vehicles and 23,531 are double. export now is 375,000 pounds. The big- And what do the statisticians tell us? ge't yield of all was in 1861, when the Why, that this marked diminution is to

export almost doubled; 1860 had seen a be attributed to trade depression; that ginseng-collecting craze, like a gold fever, there are fewer people who can afford to 633,000 pounds, the highest export ever have been omitted from the calculation, goods men in general have not forgot-made, and rooted out the plant so that namely, the effect of tram cars and river ten." supply as many of these strange ties as the Chicargo house may want. - Chicago it has been scarce ever since. At present steamers. Both of these methods of the best regions for it are New York, locomotion are largely patronized now-Pennsylvania and Ohio, the prime article adays, and the san coming from New York, the poorest Procrustean vehicles euphemistically from Minnesota, North and South Carc- termed carriages, that ply far more be said to be alive, creatures of vital pullina. In short, all parts of the United briskly than they did half a dozen years States where the sugar maple grows were ago. We hope the day is not far distant when jinrikishas will disappear altooriginally its habitat. The root, the only valuable part of the gether, though they are certainly one of

to these big stores make, as a matter of course, a special study of these women. a specified portion of the "cadaver" by a I have often lost three days out of a week by trotting around the Police Courts retting acquainted with the faces of the first year of his course. If he has shoplifters who have been arrested. creted in warm places in the roof or be-Most of the large stores have rogues' tween the partitions or floors. We regalleries of their own, the pictures in cently had occasion to examine the roof, which consist almost exclusively of shopand found around the chimney myriads lifters. In a special division of the books of flies hibernating comfortably and suf-Strange as it may seem, some students in which the names and pedigrees of the ficiently lively to fly when disturbed in acquire a fanatical fondness for this professional shoplifters are kept, appear overpowering clouds. No doubt this is branch of their study, and are never so happy as when in the dissecting-room. the names and addresses of women who a favorite winter resort for these creatare otherwise reputable, but who have Clad in a loose gown of calico, scalpel ures .- New York Times. been detected at shoplifting. Upon the in hand, they seem to be in their element,

ecturn of or payment for the articles stolen they have not been prosecuted. Queer as it may seem, the shops suffer more from this class of amateur thieves than from even the professionals. Some Mokeumne Hill, Cal. They are of such women are afflicted with such a lust for

afford to buy that they are willing to cut glass like a diamond. All the specisacrifice their own and their families' mens are hexagonal cubes terminating in reputations by a systematic course of pyramidal points, the sides being as stealing. I know of one lady living in smooth and regular as the finest cut glass, West forty-third street, whose name was and of such clearness that objects can be on our books, and whose husband had plainly discerned through pieces a foot in due."-New York Sun. public house told a long story of how a customer came into his place one day made an agreement with the firm to pay for anything his wife might steal. In thickness. They are of immense size, the largest having thirteen points startone year his bill amounted to within a ing from a single base three feet in few dollars of \$7,000. This lady was a length, two and a half feet in thickness, seat beside his master and asking in a patroness of several charitable institu-tions and a member of one of the most himself. The other customer, astounded at hearing a dog talk, recommended prominent Presbyterian churches on thickness and weighs about 160 pounds; boniface to buy the animal and to re-Murray Hill.

"It is very rare that mistakes are made range from one foot to one and a half in arresting women for shoplifting who fect in thickness, and weigh from fifty to offered four hundred francs for the dog, seventy-five pounds. are not actually guilty of it. It is al-

who, on hearing the bargain, cried out to together too dangerous. The most notable case I remember occurred in Brooklyn some years ago. The wife of not get another syllable out of him. At

the District Attorney of Kings County Milan at Florence, Italy, named Salbought a quantity of goods in the store vador Cecchini, died recently and left of one of the leading dry-goods firms his property to his nephew. The latter across the river. An over-officious floor- came and looked about in the dingy walker thought that she had taken some- porter's lodge and was much disthing which she had not paid for, and satisfied at not finding anything worth he directed her to go to the office. She carrying away. The deceased had for indignantly refused. Thereupon the years worn an old gown made of coarse man obtained assistance and carried her cloth and had never changed his attire there, where she was searched by three female attendants. Nothing was found upon her for which she had not a re-again in disgust. As it slipped from his ceipted memorandum. Then she was hand he felt some hard object striking told that she could go. She positively him, and, taking up the gown again, he refused. 'But,' she said, 'I desire to felt there was a thick paper parcel in it. have my husband sent for, and It was sewed under the lining. Cutting he will inquire more particularly the folds he found seventy-five Govern-into this outrage.' She wrote a note ment bonds in it of the value of about

and directed it to her husband in his of. \$30 each. That gown was no longer ficial capacity. A member of the firm, treated with disrespect. who by this time had appreciated the gravity of the mistake, begged that the

Rattlesnake Neckties. ady would say no more about the matter. Mr. A. Judson Cole, who is the mandeclaring that he would indemnify her ager of one of the large Chicago wholefor the outrage which he acknowledged sale houses in the line of gentlemen's had been perpetrated. This the lady also refused to do. When her husband ar-he has just received from Texas. It is a rived the overtures for settlement were a rattlesnake skin made up in the form renewed, but were again rejected. The of a four-in-hand tie. The point-rattle floor walker, the man who assisted him, is set in the center of the outer foldand the three women who made the to serve the purpose of a tie-pin. As it search, were arrested for assault. The glistens and shows all sorts of shifting matter was given the widest publicity in colors in the sunlight or gaslight, it the newspapers, and the result of it all makes a very attractive, if not exactly was that so strong was feeling against conventional, tie. Mr. Cole says that it in the lake States, where the people left ride, and therefore fewer coolies to pull the firm because of the outrage that it was sent to him as a sample, the sender understood when I mention that by it, their homes, camped for weeks in the them about. Whichever view be cor- was obliged to retire from business, saying that, as the stock of rattlesnakes hills, raised the export of ginseng to rect, there is one thing that seems to This was a salutary warning which dry in his country is inexhaustible, he can

> Neics. Are Stones Alive!

American Manhood. We generally think of minerals as dead The grand feature of American manlumps of inactive matter. But they may hood is that it is composite, made up of the best characteristics of all nations. sations, and separated into individuals Our forefathers were of foreign birth or as distinct as the pines in a forest or the parentage, and yet, where in history will tigers in a jungle. The disposition of crystals are as diverse as those of aniwe find more illustrious examples of upginseng, is four or five inches long, and the most convenient machines for getting about in that ever were invented. - that ever were invented. - of energy. They grow in size as long they have opportunity. They can be population, provided it assimilates with killed, too, though not as easily as our own, and good results are attained. --New Hares Register.

The London Lancet tells "how to lie when asleep." If it will teach some people how to keep from lying when awake it will do a public service. - Detroit Free Press.

The young man who recites "Oh, the Snow," should go out West and take a look at a genuine blizzard. He will probably know more and recite less,-Merchant-Traveler.

"What's bothering you, Smyth? You look unusually gloomy." "It's all a bill, Robinson. What shall I do with possession of articles which they cannot make the least impression, and they will it?" "Do with it? Send it to Congress." -New Haven News.

> Delinquent-"I think, boy, that in presenting this bill so often you are causing me undue annovance." Boy-"Dat ain't undue, sir. De boss says it's over-

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Guest-(suspiciously eyeing the flattened pillow and the crumpled sheets)---"Look here, landlord, this bed has been slept in." Landlord (triumphantly)-"That's what it's fur."-Burdette.

"Shall I pass the butter, Mr. McChunkerson?" inquired the new boarder. "Thanks," replied the experienced boarder, "you may head it in this direction, and let it come." - Chicago Tribune.

The ways of the giddy young people Extend to some things innate, For the gravy is soft on the whiskers And the miller dead gone on the grate, While the fly gets stuck on the butter, And the potato mashed on the plate. -Oil City Blizzard.

Mrs. Dumpsey-"Our Bessie is the brightest little child you ever saw. She picks up everything she hears." Mrs. Popinjay-"Something like our Willie. He picks up everything he sees."-Burlington Free Press.

A portion of the City of Virginia, Nev., is said to be "an animated mass of rising and falling earth." In most Western cities land simply rises; it never falls, if we may believe the reports of land boomers, who pay \$1,000 for a piece of land one day and raise it to \$5,000 the next. - Norristown Herald.

THE IDEAL AND THE REAL.

They say that nothing's real, That everything is seeming-The world is but ideal And life is only dreaming. But when a man falls down the stairway, And tries to think naught has come o'er 'im That fellow's surely in a fair way To strain this thinkerorum. Detroit Free Press.

A New Invention in Calico Printing. A correspondent writes: "The 'simultaneous' process of color printing promises to entirely revolutionize some classes of calico, velvet and velveteen printing, and also the printing of advertisements in colors. The novel character of the 'simultaneous' process will be at once if required, 1,000 shades could be printed off at one impression. Instead of using engraved rollers as in ordinary calico printing, or stones as in the case of colored advertisements, the designs of pictures are 'built up' in a case of solid colors specially prepared, somewhat after the style of mosaic work. A portion is then cut or sliced off about an inch in thickness, and this wrapped round a cylinder, and the composition has only to be kept moist and any number of impressions can be printed off on calico. velvet or velveteen, the colors being thoroughly 'fast.'"-Mercantile Gazette.

priests and in full use by the Indians. The American ginseng perhaps differs slightly from the Chinese, for there are niece and pride. He had brought her

called upon to protect. There was another long wait, and then the twelve big

The Machete.

"Have you got anything t' say?"

Then the procession moved proudly

homeward, with the evicted farmer sur-

Dogs and Hydrophobia.

known of New York's medical practi-

Dr. Stephen W. Roof, one of the best

up. She, too, was homeless.

policemen walked bravely forth with The machete, a broad sword or knife, three defenceless young girls held firmly about two to three feet long, and carried among them. It was an edifying and without a sheath, is the universal arm of an inspiring spectacle. A court was con- | Venezuela and Central America. In the vened, and the girls were duly arrested Southern States of this country the prinand taken off to ,ail under heavy es ort, | cipal use for the machete is for cutting though what on earth there was to fear sugar cane, but in South America it replaces the pocket knife, the axe, and the was a mystery.

Up to this time the spectators, besides sword. The llanero or haciendero is the neighbors, were the detective and never seen without it. He cuts bread myself on the rival cars, but the news with it, peels sugar cane, cuts bananas had got abroad, and three other cars ar- and other fruit from the trees, chops rived, one occupied by the Countess wood, cuts his way through the prime-Tolstoj and the others by Sir William val forests, slaughters hens or pigs, and Weddeburn, M. P., and Mr, Patrick defends himself against the attacks of Kelley, of the National League, respec-tively. Sir William and the Countess better arm against the serpents than a these went out of use it was turned into come we are not told, but on a subsewere both anxious to see an eviction- machete, for with a single stroke the a toothpick mill. Wooden toothpicks quent visit the gentleman carried a pail one is writing a book, the other a native will cut them in two. - New Fork are made principally in Michigan, Wis- of victuals with him from home. - Lear. I fess, by their conduct, that a life of em- one of the fifty dishes of which the menu Parliamentary speech on home rule. Sun.

oguen," means legs apart. "Ginseng" Japan Mail. means about the same.

Its flavor is bitter and slight, and

neither unpleasant nor delectable.

and will not receive it.

by guards. - Chicago Times.

The Miser and the Bill.

The Miser and the Bill. On one of the islands of the Maine shock discharged through a crystal will Ginseng grows along the great wall in coast there lived several years ago a man decompose it, very rapidly if it is of soft Chinese Tartary and Corea. The Amerinoted for his miserly disposition. How- structure, causing the particles to graducan is the only other supply, except Japanese. The Chinese think this poor, ever that may be, he became quite ally disintegrate in the reverse order from an English churchyard : wealthy. One winter, during the session its growth, until the poor thing lies al of the Legislature, this person had oc- dead, shapeless ruin. It is true the crys-The Chinese ginseng mountains are casion to visit Augusta. He stepped into tal's life is unlike that of higher fenced in by Government, and patrolled

a restaurant for dinner and a waiter creatures. But the difference between spread before him the printed bill of, vegetable and animal life is no greater fare. The eyes of the novice opened | than that between mineral and vegeta-

Quill toothpicks came from France. wide as he quickly added the figures at ble life. Linnaus, the great Swedish The largest factory in the world is near the right of the page, indicating prices; naturalist, defined the three kingdoms Paris, where there is an annual product then, springing to his feet, he indig-of 20,000,000 quills. The factory was nantly cried: "What! all this to pay, and and feel; animals grow and feel and nove."- Wide Auake. started to make quill pens, but when I hain't cat a mouthful yet?' The out-

iston Journal. consin, Indiana and Ohio.

An Old Epitaph.

Here is an epitaph still to be found in

HERE LIES THE BODY OF LADY O'ROONEY. FIRST COUSIN TO BURKE, Commonly Called "The Sublime Bland, passionate and deeply religious,

ployment is the only life worth living. is invariably composed.

The Conjugal Thermometer.

When the honeymoon is over and acquaint-ance molds the lover to a sense of sober fitness and the seamy-sided real: When the glow has left the fever and he turns an unbeliever, how he wonders as he ponders on the frality of ideal!

> he sees it is the fashion for the willing heat of passion to benumb to temper frigid in possession's heedless sight. his ardor terms a question of his powers of digestion, or which of them retiring shall put out the vexing light.

hen the Benedict lies thinking, with his peepers slyly blinking at his better half, who shivers with an unproductive ire. iscerns through coughs and sneezing, with the mercury at freezing, that af-fection all depends on who constructs the kitchen fire. -Holly Springs (Miss.) Reporter.

She also painted in water color-"Of such is the kingdom of heaven." His Majesty Dong Khan, of Annam,

has fifty cooks taking part in the prepa-The wise prove, and the foolish con- is confined to the elaboration of a single