The Last Kiss. I put the half-written poem. While the pen idly trailed in my hand, Writes on, "Had I words to complete it, Who'd read it, or who'd understand?" But the little lare feet on the stairway. And the faint, mothered laugh in the ball And the eerie-low lisp on the silence,

Cry up to me over it all. So I gathered it up-where was broken The tear-faded thread of my theme, Telling how, as one night I sat writing, A fairy broke in on my dréam-A little inquisitive fairy-

My own little girl, with the gold Of the sun in her hair, and the dewy Blue eyes of the fairies of old.

'Twas the dear little girl that I scolded-"For was it a moment like this," I said, "when she knew I was busy, To come romping in for a kiss! Come rowdying up from her mother And clamering there at my knee For 'one 'ittle kiss for my dolly And one 'ittle uzzer for me!'

God pity the heart that repelled her And the cold hand that turned her a way! And take from the lips that denied her This answerless prayer of to-day! Take, Lord, from my memory forever That pitiful sob of despair, And the patter and trip of the bare little feet

And the one piercing cry on the stair! I put by the half-written poem, While the pen idly trailed in my hand, Writes on, "Had I words to complete it, Whold read it or whold understand?" But the little bare feet-on the stairway, And the faint smothered laugh in the hall, And the eerie-low lisp on the silence, Cry up to me over it all.

-[James Whitcomb Riley.

THE ROGUES OF INDIA

Many wenderful things have been things still more wonderful could be long, and the Captain's hammock was in Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and Ran- out, and I saw the figure of goon, and have been knowing to some the sly old man right under the hamoperations of these gentry which seemed | mock. His back was towards me, but

game by the natives. While there are looked he slowly rose up on the the stables. I knew from his actions Pepsin is a catalyptic body, and a given plenty who will not rob him by force, Captain's left, cocked his ears to listen. there is none who will not swindle him and then his deft black fingers began a if it can be done. On three different search of the sleeping man's pockets. occasions, in different hotels, I sent out I braced myself, took a full breath, and by waiters to make purchases or get was on him at a bound. I seized him money changed. In each instance they firmly by the body, but he sank down, ran away, although in no case was the wriggled two or three times, and next sum over a dollar, and in every case the minute he was gone, upsetting me by native left lucrative employment in order to best me. It couldn't have been the he went. It did not seem that he had idea of gain so much as the idea of get, been at work over ten seconds when I ting ahead of a foreigner. While there is no positive security from thieves in had extracted the Captain's watch and India, there is partial security in hiring a chowkadar. This fellow is a thief from away back. He is known to be, and he is employed on this account. If you pay him so that he can afford to be honest, he will keep other thieves away. It is a point of honor with the fraternity not to steal from any one employing a chowkadar. His services are a species of blackmail, but you must either pay key and both of us were on the watch slyest set of rascals on earth.

At Bombay I had a bungalow with an English artillery Captain on leave of absence. As he had with him two servants whom he felt he could trust, we determined not to employ a chowkadar. Several called to offertheir services, and all seemed greatly surprised and annoyed when sent off. One of the fellows was protested to the Captain.

the officers, who have never yet laid hands on me. I know all the thieves. steal from you.'

"And if we do not employ you?" "You will surely be robbed."

"Well, we shall try to get along without you, and if thieves come, some one may get killed."

The old man went away with a look of cunning on his face, and we had no doubt that he would be among the first to seek to lav hands on our goods. There were but three rooms to our We therefore had plenty of leisure to

portant business. The pair were adgave the name of a native known to the all. officer, and asked so many questions had sooner did she let go of his hand than within thirty feet of the big hole. herself. The Captain paid no heed to native bungalow to within three feet of the child; but presently, as I ours. It was intended to pass under path bout over and seeming to glide, So says a well-known Boston jeweler.

something frem a stand.

He then returned to his mother and took her hand. After a moment I remembered that my field glasses rested on the stand, and as I rose up to look for them they were not to be seen. I blew the roof off the native bungalow. went over to the child, and notwithstanding the fact that he shrank away and began to cry, as if scared at me, I picked him up and gave him a shake. The glasses fell to the floor from the folds of a cloth about his waist and with them three spoons which he had stolen in the kitchen. He ran away as I put him down, and the woman hurried after him. It was a put-up job to pilfer from us, and, while the child did

middle of the day. That is, everybody should. About a week after the occurrence related above, the Captain climed into a hammock under the veranda about 11 o'clock one forencon for a nap. I should have climbed into vest and sat down to a table in a corner was up, but a light bamboo shade was down to keep the sun out. The captain had had plenty of time to go to sleep when I happened to look out through the slats of the blind. While I saw nothing, I felt that something was to the door opening out on the veranda. This door was, of course, wide open, My feet were in slippers, and I made not the least noise as I reached the written about the jugglers of India, but | door. The verauda was about 20 feet written about the thieves. I have lived | slung at the centre. I peered cautiously I determined to see what he would do, Every foreigner is considered fair and then capture him if I could. As I grasping my feet, and heaving away as grabbed him, and yet in that time he wallet, and several other articles. All were left behind, but the thief had disappeared like a shadow.

Perhaps the best way would have been to give in and employ a chowkadar but we were both determine 1 not to be bulldozed into it. All portable articles not in hourly use were put into a strong wooden chest and kept under lock and him or be at the mercy of the slickest, for any new movemnt. A couple of weeks had passed and we were beginning to feel safe, when the fellows attempted a very bold game. A juggler came to the veranda and began to perform and we both went out. While the room was left alone, the thieves-there were three of them-came through the garden alongside the house and cut a hole through the side exactly back of an old man with a foxy look, and he the chest. The captain happened to look in just as the box was being "I am a great thief, but too sharp for | moved and with a couple of bounds he crossed the room and seized one of the handles. I could not realize the situaand if I am with you no one will dare tion until the thieves had pulled the chest half way out, and by the time I had got around the bungalow they had disappeared. How they could have located the chest so exactly was a mystery to us, as it had been moved several feet only the night before. They cut neither to the right nor the left, but exactly back of it, and the space was on'y an inch wider than the chest.

The next move created a sensation in Bombay, Opposite our bungalow, bungalow --- a parlor, kitchen, and bed- which was on a side street, was one be- people would be at home, and could do room. The Captain and myself occupied longing to a native -- a known thief. the parlor as a sitting room, dining The fraternity had somehow got the vegetable poisons of that peninsular. thing very near it. One day, after the about 10 o'clock, just after I had opened mating the time that separates each plan for our protection and watch all front yard for half an hour, and while he was reading on the veranda, there On the second day after the sly old was a terrible explosion. It seemed as a thief spying out the land. I got man was sent away, a lame native if our house was lifted a foot high, and woman, leading a boy about 4 years of everything inside was thrown into conage, sent in word by the servant that fusion as it settled back, It was an she wanted to see the Captain on im- explosion which was felt for half a mile around, and when we got out doors we mitted, and she began making inquiries found a hole in our front yard into about her husband, who she said was a which a couple of bullocks could member of the Captain's command. She have been dumped. That wasn't however. A big been opened straight across that she took up fifteen minutes' time. the street to the other bunga-I was not much interested in her story, low, and the bruised and battered but was in the actions of the child. No bodies of three natives were thrown out he began running about to inspect took us some little time to figure out things. We saw afterward how hard what had occurred. The sly old man she tried to draw all our attention to and his pals had dug a tunuel from the

there being no floors in our place. The explosion, which took place in an iron kettle, was almost over the tunnel, and the force was mainly downward. The concussion followed along the ditch and The thieves were either creeping forward or backward in the tunnel, and death came to them so quickly that they never knew what hurt them.

Next morning a native priest, accompanied by a scribe, called upon us to secure our account of the affair. The Captain had explained matters to the authorities, and there had been no inquest. The priest said that the sly old man had been one of his most devoted not look more than four years of age, followers, and as he was a person of we afterward learned that he was over | considerable importance in Nagpoor, where he had many relatives, an account In India everybody sleeps during the of his death was to be published in the native language. The visit was made us at an early hour in the morning, while everything was lying around loose, and the two men had scarcely left the house when we missed the field glasses, a pocket compass, a pair of shoes, and another, but I had some letters to get | two or three other articles. A native off that day, and I removed coat and detective assured us that the priest and scribe were two notorious thieves, who of our room. The window before me had come in that disguise to get even

I was bitten by a poisonous snake at Bengalore, and for several weeks was unable to leave my bed. While out of danger after the first two or three days, enough of the poison circulated through wrong, and I softly rose up and went | my system to keep me weak and feverish | on my right side I could look out on an extensive back ward. There was a path running down to a summer house, and beyond the summer house between the bungalow and the summer house, and off to the left of the path, were the stables. One forenoon as I lay looking out on this yard, I saw an almost naked native come out of the thicket, glide up the path and turn into that he was a thief, but the hand bell had been accidentally removed beyond my reach, and I could not call loud enough in my weak state to give an alarm. There were three servants at the stables, but it turned out that they were gambling and deeply interested. The thief entered the buildings and stole two suits of clothing and some horse goods, and went back down the path

with the bundle on his back. The Captain was raving angry over the loss, as he had been bothered a great deal with thieves, and after dinner we had a consultation. He went to a friend and borrowed a steel trap which had once been sent for and captured a tiger. It was larger than the bear traps seen in this country, requiring the services of two men and a lever to set it. The stable men were sent away on errands, and, assisted by a corporal from the barracks, the Captain set the trap in the centre of the path, between the summer house and the stables. An excavation was made to sink it out of sight, and then food. Exercise before partaking of a of the world. I am glad to have seen dirt and leaves were scattered over the spot. The Captain's family was away. and the stable men never went beyond their quarters. If anybody fell into the no business in the grounds. The loss of the stable goods had not been reported to the police, and the thief was not alarmed. He might not make another visit to the place, but it was with a padlock.

unusual occurred. A bell had been fixed in the housekeeper's room, with a cord running to the head of my bed, before meals, and salt is said in most and it was arranged that when I gave a certain signal she was to run to the duced. -[British Medical Journal. kitchen and send a native after the Captain, providing he was not at home. That signal would mean game in the trap. If any one came at night, all the not leave my room, and must certainly I saw the head of a native as he peared from behind the summer house. It was hold of the bell cord, but waited to see what the fellow would do. In two or three minutes he stepped out in full sight, and I was quite sure he was the same who came before. He came boldly and walked directly over the tran. was so astomshed that I forgot to ring | Sun. until he had turned into the stables.

The housekeeper had gone to the kitchen and was wrangling with the cook, and so my signal was unheard. The fellow was out of my sight seven or eight minutes, and when he reappeared he had a sack of horse feed on his shoulders. He had caught the stable men napping again. I rang and rang, be bought as low as \$1. To-day the but no one came. He went down the same stones are worth from \$12 to \$15.

watched I saw the little shaver grab the house and break ground inside, but as he reached the trap the dirt and leaves flew in a shower, the fellow seemed to spring into the air, and next instant I saw that he was fast in the jaws. He pitched forward, and I could see his right ankle was held in the vise. He quickly scrambled up, however, looked sharply around him, and then uttered a low whistle. Inside of thirty seconds four natives came from the thicket to assist him. The trap puzzled them. If they had ever seen one before, they did know how to manage the springs. The prisoner must have been in terrible agony, for the teeth went to the bone on each side of his log; but he never brought a groan. While the five were consulting I rang again, and this time the housekeeper came and sent for the Captain. Long enough before he came the affair was ended. When the men found they could not liberate the prisoner they designed to cut his leg off above the trap. He refused to agree, as it would doubtless have been the death of him. They had nothing with which to break the chain or lock, and, doubtless fearing that the prisoner would peach on the gang, the four plunged their knives into him and ran away. By the time the Captain got home the man was dead .- [New York Sun.

The Use of Water at Meals. Opinions differ as to the effect of the free ingestion of water at meal times, but the view most generally received is probably that it dilutes the gastric for a long time. While lying on my bed | juice and so retards digestion. Apart from the fact that a moderate delay in the process is by no means a disadvantage, as Sir William Roberts has shown in his explanation of the popularity of was a thicket and a ravine. Midway tea and coffee, it is more than doubtful whether any such effect is in reality produced. When ingested during meals, water may do good by washing the undigested part more thoroughly to the action of the digestive ferments. quantity will work almost indefinitely they are formed. Good of water, drunk freely beneficial result-it washes away the membrane during the intervals of repose, and favors peristalsis of the whole alimentary tract. The membrane thus cleansed is in a much better condition | through the traditional ring. to receive food and convert it into soluble compounds. The accumulation of mucus is specially well marked in the some are open; others never. We go to morning, when the gastric walls are the clock tower; a wattle fence is hurcovered with a thick, tenacious layer, Food entering the stomach at this time will become covered with this tenacious hall-sometimes open, but shut today. coating, which for a time protects it Of course you can go again, if you liked from the action of the gastric ferments. and so retards digestion. The tubular contracted stomach, with its puckered mucus lining and viscid contents, a nor- weird dragons chained to mountains lest mal condition in the morning before they should escape, redundant foilage, breakfast, is not suitable to receive etc .- deserve to be one of the wonders meal stimulates the circulation of the them; I should like to see them again. blood and facilitates the flow of blood | But, oh dear! the smells! and the man through the vessels. A glass of water washes out the mucus, partially distends trap it would be some native who had the stomach, wakes up peristalsis, and cigars for them and to touch ladies' morning meal. Observation has shown larger tip when he has more than that non-irritating liquids pass directly enough already. That man is of a piece through the "tubular" stomach, and even if food be present they only mix It was nearly a week before anything | tality to react and hot water to others. In beneficial to drink warm or hot water

A Watch Without Hands. as directed by the Captain. I could work in which the intermediate teeth what it is like, its head misshapen room and bedroom, while the cook and idea that we had a great pile of money be a good sentinel if awake. If asleep, ute and hour only. The contrivance, emperor never cares to come outside, his fellow servant occupied the other hidden in our bungalow, and that the any noise out of routine would arouse though admitted to possess some incontwo. We kept but little money by us Captain was making gold nuggets by me. The Captain did not come veniencies, is on the other hand claimed The world inside must be far more deand had but few goods. The Captain the wholesale. He was, as I said, ex. home, after leaving in the morning, to present some genuine preferences | lightful, if it matches with those glitterwas experimenting a little with a new perimenting with a new explosive, and until 1 o'clock. We had be- over the ordinary make. Thus, the explosive, and I was making a report to this probably started the ilea. The ex- gun to despair of luck in construction not only allows the reading the home Government on the various plosive was either dynamite or some- trapping a thief, when, one morning to be accurate, but also permits of esti-Captain had been fussing around in the my eyes from a nap lasting half an hour, passing minute. There is not only an ontical signal given, but also an acoustic one, since at every change of figure the ear perceives a slight sound, and consequently it becomes useless for one to examine his watch in order to measure a given interval of time-a feature of special value to engineers, physicians, officers, travelers and observers. up the path, as if bent on an errand, The experimenter knows exactly when a I minute begins and ends .- [New York]

Fashion Put Up the Price. Turquoise is the rage this season, and iewelers who had seen stocks of these gems run down to prices almost nominal blessed fashion when it set its seal of approval on these pretty bits of blue. A year or two ago little turquoises could PEKIN.

A Vivid Pen Picture of the Great Chinese City.

Its Dirty Streets, Queer Shors, and Emperor's Palaco.

When Sir Henry Parkes returned to

Pekin he said he had come back to

"dust, dirt and disdain;" and most travelers will find this sentence, sweeping though it may be, rather lacking in D's than otherwise. However much Pekin may be described, its condition would still remain inconceivable to those who have not seen it; all the filth thrown into the roadway --- a mixture of mud and abominations, in the ruts in which the springless cart-wheels are forever sticking! You get along Curio street --- supposed by some people to be the most beautiful in China-by walking along the little bits of crumbling ground in front of each shop, and then swinging yourself around the wooden pillar that supports the roof, so as to avoid getting soiled by the quagmire below. The shop fronts are of wondrous carved wood; highly gilded signs hang out into the street; wonderful beams with curved ends project across the roadway, and strings from which dangle red feathers. But I must say that the last thing I am struck with is the magnificence of the scene. The shops are pleasant enough. One goes into a back parlor, set out like a miniature museum; through that a courtyard; then an inner sanctum not overcrowded with pretty things, and with plenty of chairs. But the prices of the curios are exorbitant; so that one can only be glad that Pekin shopkeepers bow and smile as politely on non-buyers as on customers. Indeed, it is customary for them out the digested food and by exposing | to send their wares on inspection to the different houses day after day. "Number one thing! six dollars," say they. Reply unwarily with "Half a dollar," and it is yours; whereupon you feel sure provided the pentones are removed as at once the thing is no real curio at all and worth nothing. This bargaining is a great amusement each day after breakhowever, another fast. Pekin furs are lovely, and there are lovely white feather-like Thibetan mucus which is secreted by the mucus sheepskins, red-backed Mongolian squirrels, and, most faccinating of all, cinnamon or cream-colored fox skins, so soft that they could almost be passed

The great sights of Pekin are behind closed gates at present. Sometimes riedly erected across the opening as we approach. We go to the examination the smells last time. It is adjoining the observatory; where the carved bronze supports of the instrumentswith loathsome sores and the hideous voice, who wants to try gentlemen's prepares the alimentary canal for the dresses, who fights with strangers for a with Pekin.

The outside of the emperor's palacehoped he would. There was a stout with it to a slight extent. According all that any European has ever seen of chain attached to the trap, and this to Dr. Leuf, who has made this subject it since the days of Marco Polo-is ideal, led to a small tree and was made fast a special study, cold water should be a fairy palace. High walls shut in the given to persons who have sufficient vi- forbidden city; a moat surrounds them; and then there are the glistening chronic gastric catarrh it is extremely vellow tiles, the roofs built by the old Mongols in imitation of their tents. Then there is the green hill with its cases to add to the good effect protrees, and palace roofs climbing up it The entrances are of deep blue, bright green, golden dragoned, with here and there a touch of vermilion. The sky is The watch without hands which has blue above, the sun shines, and there in recently been brought before the public | the roadway sits a child stark naked, its is simply a watch with ordinary wheel- face so dirty that it is impossible to see are wanting and which gear every min- | with disease. No wonder the present ing fairy roofs .- [St. James Budget.

Superstitions Indians.

Lieutenant Cushing says that the Zuni Indians invest everything used in their daily life with a spirit of its own. A jar has its life and death and the twanging sound it gives forth upon breaking, especially when in the oven, is the cry of the departing soul. The lieutenant in order to learn the ways of the Zuni, sat down among the women who were turning pottery and imitated their work. He began to whistle, when they threw up their hands in dismay and cried to him to cease. Any noise would excite the jar's spirit and cause it to break when in the oven. They always paint a band about the rim of a vessel, outside if it is a water jar and isside if it is intended for cooking. But this band is never complete, as this would not allow the spirit to escape when the jar dies. All the jars found in ancient Los Muertos are banded, sometimes in three or four colors, but the ring is never unbroken. -- [Boston Journal.

SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS.

Sir John Lubbock's oldest queen ant has reached the age of fourteen, and still lays fertile eggs.

The London firemen are to be clothed in asbestos garments, which will not burn. The experiment has been tried already in Paris and works well.

One of the features of the new electric light plant in the city of Utica, N. Y., is the big belt connecting engine and dynamos. The leather in it required the skins of 646 adult cows.

Dr. F. Nansen, of the Bergen Museum, proposes crossing Greenland's interior next summer on the snow-runners which gave such remarkable progress during Nordensk jold's last trip. Baron Nordensk jold is himself confident of the success of this attempt to traverse Greenland's ice.

A new tanning agent, called pyrofuscine, has been extracted from coaldust by means of caustic soda. The tanning process is somewhat complicated, but it is claimed to be fifty per cent. cheaper than the bark process, and twenty to thirty per cent, cheaper than the alum process.

A trial of a velocipede on rails has been made at Pantin with most satisfactory results, a speed of twenty-five miles an hour having been reached. This machine, made for the French engineer corps, rests on four wheels of & diameter of thirty inches. It only that?" "A fresh one." weighs fourteen stone.

It is impossible to put electric wires under ground in New Orleans, because the water level is but three feet below the surface. So strong towers, 150 feet high, are erceted, and on these telegraph and telephone wires are carried above the public streets. These towers are also used to sustain stand pipes, which have nozzles at different clevations where hose can be attached in case of fire.

The revelations of the microscope promise to add largely to our knowledge of the inhabitants of Exppt of three or four thousand years ago, by informing us as to the kinds of food in use at that time. The material which forms on the teeth, known commonly as tartar, is composed partly of the portions of the food consumed, and this deposit was removed from the teeth of mummies and microscopically examined, revealing in many instances what the food of the person had been.

Some remarkable earthquake phenomena have been discovered in an isolated section between Summerville and Charleston, S. C., which bears evidence of being one of the foci of the great shock of August, 1886. The ground for miles was literally overturned by the shock. There are many deep pits on the margin of which have been throwing up pure white sand such as is seen only on the seashore. On this sand has sprung up a dense growth of sea plants. It is evident that the seeds from which these plants sprung were ejected from great depths where they have doubtless been buried many centuries without losing their germinating powers. . The largest passenger engine ever

constructed has been built in the Schencctady (N. Y.) Locomotive Works for the Michigan Central Railroad and is calculated for express and passenger purposes. It is a ten-wheel driving wheels and a four-wheeled truck. The drivers are 68 inches in diameter. The cylinders are 19 inches in diameter, with 24-inch stroke. The boiler, which is of Otis steel, is 58 inches in diameter and has 147 two-inch semi-steel flues. The fire box is 8 feet long by 42 7-8 inches wide, and, like many recently built, is placed above the frames, which gives increased width. The tank is carried on two four-wheel channel iron trucks. The capacity of the tank is 3800 gallons, and the tender has a capacity of eight tons of coal.

> Get Ready for the Wedding. "Mamma," said a beautiful K street

breakfast, "Henry is coming around feet in length which will meet together to-morrow night,"

with ill-concealed disappointment, rubbed backward and forward upon "He's been coming every Sunday night for two years." "Very true, mamma; but neither of

them was leap year," and a cold, hard, determined look spread over her lovely features an inch and a half thick .-Washington Critic.

Where It Came From.

"Where is the island of Cuba situated?" asked an Au tin school teacher of a small, rather forlern looking boy. "I dunno sir."

"Don't you know where sugar comes "Yes, sir, we borrows it from the

next door neighbor." -- | Siftings.

An Expert Linguist.

A Linguist-Pa, here's a piece in the paper about parasites. What is parasites, pa?

"Parasites, my boy? Why, parasites are the people who live Paris, Think you ought to know that, and you in the Third Reader !"-[Woman's Magazine.

Make Me a Song. Out of the silence make me a song, Beautiful, sad and soft and low; Let the loveliest music sound along And wing each note with wail of woe. Dim and drear: As hope's last tear

Out of the silence make me a hymn Whose sounds are shadows soft and dim.' Out of the stillness in your heart-A thousand songs are sleeping there-Make me but one, thou child of art, The song of a hope in a last despair,

Dark and low, A chant of woe; Out of the stillness, tone by tone, Soft as a snowflake, wild as a moan.

Out of the dark recesses flash me a song, Brightly dark and darkly bright; Let it sweep as a love-star sweeps along The mystical shadows of the night, Sing it sweet,

Where nothing is drear, or dark, or dim, And earth songs melt into heaven's hymn, -[Father Ryan.

HUMOROUS.

Needs signal ability --- Man at railway

Impressions of America --- Footprints in the snow.

Wisely improving the present --- Sell-

ing a duplicate gift. It takes a great deal of pluck to get

the feathers off a live goose. 1888 is but little over a fraction of time, anyhow-one and three eights. "Give me a dude egg, please," said the boarder. "A dude egg? What is

The frequent changes in the Cabineta of Europe lead one to believe that the Ministers are Methodists.

A physician says: "If a child does not thrive on fresh milk, boil it." This is too severe. Why not whip it?

It has been averred that a lady with a diamond ring will scratch her nose in a given period four times as often as other

He (at a very late hour, with deep tenderness) -How can I leave thee? She -Really, Mr. Stayer, I can't tell you. I wish to heaven I could.

A young lady recently presented her lover with an elaborately constructed penwiper, and was astonished the following Sunday to see him come into church wearing it as a cravat.

Two young writers were talking of their hopes, their ambitions. 'If I have not made a reputation by the time I'm thirty I shall blow my brains out," asserted one. "My dear boy," replied the other, "you are as gool as dead,"

The most novel complaint of impure milk reported is that of a London boy. boarded out under the poor-law regulation, who reported that the milk given him out of town, instead of being taken out of clean tins, had been squeezed out of a nasty cow, and he "seed 'em a-do-

A teacher noticing that upon an examination paper the Isthmus of Panama was every time spelled "Panamaugh," was curious to know the name of the author of such extraordinary spelling, and turning to the head of the previous page, found the child's name to be Katie Hummebaugh.

Skill of Ancient Builders.

A personal inspection of the pyramids of Egypt, made by a quarry-owner who spent some time recently on the Nile. has led him to the conclusion that the engine, having three pairs of coupled old Egyptians were better builders than those of the present day. He states that there are blocks of stone in the pyramids which I weigh three or four times as much as the obelisk on the embankment. He saw a stone whose estimated weight was 880 tons. But then the builders of the pyramids counted human labor lightly. They had great masses of subjects upon whom to draw. and most of their work was done by sheer manual labor and force. There are stones in the pyramids thirty feet in length which fit so closely together that a penknife may be run over the surface without discovering the break between them. They are not laid with mortar. either. There is no machinery so permaiden in tender tones one morning at | feet that it will make two surfaces thirty

in unison as these stones in the pyramids "Well, what of that?" said mamms, meet. It is supposed that they were each other until the surfaces were assimilated .-- [London Iron.

An African Mocking Bird.

A Kaffir vanished and groans were heard. He was searched for without result, but on the fellowing night groans were still heard. The search continued and the man was found murdered. His murderer was arrested and executed, but the grouns still continued, to the dismay of their auditors. At last they were traced to a mocking bird. That bird alone of living things had seen the deed of blood, and now from day to day reproduced the piteous moaning of its victim. - [Saturday Re-

Speaking from Experience.

"Does your mother wear felt slipper ?" asked an old lady of a little boy where she was visiting.

"Yes, ma'am, she do. I've felt 'em," answered the small boy, significantly. -[Detroit Free Press.