reasonable. Entered at the Post-Office at Salisburg

as second-class matter. / George du Maurier, the English "so elety" artist, is authority for the statement that women are growing taller. broader and generally healthier.

The Boston Transcript remarks that a mild winter is just as old fashioned as a cold winter, the only difference being that the oldest inhabitant never remembers the former.

The honor of perpetracing the longest message ever sent to a State Legislature belongs to Governor Pattison, of Penn Tis message recently transmitted fill lighteen solid columns of the Philadelp papers.

According to the report of the Pall Mall Gatte, Spurgeon's successor, Dr. Pierson told his congregation recently that the Bible which he uses in his ser vices here contains no less than 500,000 note by his own hand! He has been this Bible over ten year.

he Paris Exposition of 1885 cost 000,000; the London Exposition of 62, \$2,300,000; the Vienna Exposi on of 1873, \$7,850,000; the Paris Exposition of 1889, \$6,500,000. The cost of the Columbian Exposition will, it is estimated, reach the sum of \$22,

The San Francisco Examiner observes Mechanical skill had perfected a lock that was warranted to defy the most ac complished burglar. Along came ar unpretentious thief, armed with a bristle from a pig's back and opened the perfect lock just a little easier than it could have been done with a key. Mechanical skill has, it is hoped, not reached the climax of development.

The New Orleans Picayune maintains that "attempts at raising sheep on a large scale in Georgia have failed, from the fact that the entire country is intested with dogs, which are more destructive of sheep than ever were the woives, for the extermination of which large sums of money have been paid. Not only does this plague of dogs exist in Georgia, but also in all the other Southern States."

Oregon furnishes an instance that re calls to the San Francisco Examiner the account of the proceedings of the Scientific Society of the Stanislaus. A skull was digged up at Baker City believed to be of prehistoric man, photographs taken, and one of them sent to Professor Condon, naturalist of the State University, for interesting study and scientific essay The professor quickly declared the pal puble classification. It had belonged to an ox of very thick skull and very little

The late Jay Gould is reported to have said: "I don't think I ever had an am bition, except to break the world and to see what it will say about me when I am dead. No man will be cruel enough to say what he really thinks of me when I am dead." In pursuance of an arrangement made by Edwin Gould, shortly after his father's death, he has received 20,000 newspaper clippings of obituary notices; 12,000 of these were taken from the press of the United States and Canada, 3000 from the British newspapers, two from Turkish publications. and the remainder from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Holland and Spain, "The well-known character of the majority of these clippings," remarks Public Opinion, "renders comment unneces

England in India is finding a new tormentor. The natives over there have a "National Congress" which has annual put in figures by Alfred Bishop Masor meetings, and although this body has no legislative power, nor, indeed, any connection with the Imperial Government, it does much talking that shows the natives to be quite as intelligent and thoughtful as their present rulers. Seven hundred delegates attended the last meeting, and although their resolutions were couched in respectful language they were highly radical in tone, regretting that the people were not allowed to elect representatives to the viceroy's council, and asking the Government not to meddle with the silver question until the natives could thoroughly discuss it. The more intelligent natives, than whom there are no *longer-headed people alive, admit that England's method of rule is better than that which it displaced in India, but they are just as persistent as the Irish in longing for home rule. As for England, she has for a century been taking expensive yet valuable lessons in the art of letting foreigners alone, so her always terrifying Indian question may yet be ettled by allowing the natives to mantheir own affairs, with a figure head

The new Governor of Colorado wants the acceptance of a railroad pass by a State official to be made a penal offense.

Modern charity, according to the New York Independent, is developing along two lines-the line of personal contact and the line of scientific method.

It is claimed that over \$80,000,000 has been invested in the phosphate business of the South, and that the business has been overdone, at least, temporarily.

Ten of the twenty-seven Governors Missouri has had came from Kentucky. and an almost equally large percentage of Illinois's Executives were of Blue Grass ancestry.

Vermont sheep are among the best in the world for breeding purposes. Tuev are sold in Texas, Anstralia, South America and warm countries generally, to improve the strain.

English millers and bakers find there is a remarkable difference in the flavor of American wheat from different sections of the country. They pronounce California wheat to be dry, starchy, and insipid; that from the prairie States to be strong, glutinous, and well flavored, while that of the Atlantic seaboard, and especially from the southern portion, as milder and still better flavored.

Says the San Francisco Chronicle: "It is the custom of the Eastern playwright when he wishes to depicit the newly enriched millionaire to select his type from California. This may sound better on the bills and it may free him from intelligent criticism, for the average Eastern man's idea of California and Californians is like the Briton's conception of the North American Indian. But the dramatist could find more perfect types of the ignorant and conceited plutocrat in New York City than in any other place in the country. The metropolis is a great magnet which attracts millionaires from all parts of the country, and the number of those who have risen from the gutter is far greater than of those who have inherited wealth for three generations."

Says Once A Week: "The South no longer sends away its entire output of raw material-it now turns thousands of tons of cotton into its own mills, to be made into cloth; it raises millions of bushels of corn and wheat, instead of buying them up North and paying freight on them; from its own mines, furnaces and mills it gets much of iron, in all forms, for home consumption, and Southern forests are being turned into furniture, wagons, agricultural implements, etc., in home factories. All this tends to decrease the volume of railway traffic, but it certainly increases the prosperity and self-reliance of the South. Railways in some of the newer Northern States have suffered from similar causes, but the communities forged ahead all the same. It does no harm once in a while that railways were made for the people-not the people for railways."

According to the Golden Rule the Christian Endeavor Societies in the United States are distributed as follows New York is still in the van, with 2778 societies. Pennsylvania has 1989; Illincis, 1618; Ohio, 1487; Iowa, 1096 Massachusetts, 1092; Indiana, 939; Kan sas, 902; Missouri, 705; New Jersey, 699; Connecticut, 678; Minnesota, 673; Michigan, 651; Wisconsin, 586; Maine, 525; California, 516; Nebraska, 473; Vermont, 319; New Hampshire, 272 Mayland, 222; Colorado, 219; Tennessee, 212; Oregon, 201; Texas, 197; Washington, 171; South Dakota, 167; Kentucky, 166; Rhode Island, 134; Arkansas, 116; Florida, 108; Georgia, 107, West Virginia, 89; Virginia, 77; Alabama, 71; District of Columbia, 68; Utah, 58; North Dakota, 54; North Carolina, 53; Louisiana, 47; Delaware, 35; Montana, 35; Oklahoma, 33; South Carolina, 29; Idaho, 28; Indian Territory, 22; Mississippi, 16; Wyoming, 16; New Mexico, 9; Arizona, 6; Nevada, 3; and Alaska, 2.

The waste problem confronting an effective scientific method is graphically in his article, "Taings to Do," contributed to a recent issue of the Charities Review. Referring to New York City. Mr Mason says: "The charities of our imperial city are imperial too. This community is said to spend each year in publie and private charity not less than \$10,000,000. These figures tell a terrible truth. An investment of \$1000 in a productive industry is supposed to be the steady employment of one man. The unit of industrial population in the family of five-father, mother and three children. If then, the \$10,000,000 which will go into charity in 1892 were invested in productive industries, it could give permanent employment to 10,000 men and could thus support 10,. 000 families or 50,000 souls. If this could be repeated year by year, until the birth of the Twentieth Century, 1991 would see 500,000 people permanently supported in self-respecting toil by the moneys which New York will spend in this decade in her eternal, weary and splendid struggle against the forces which make for unrighteousness. Will our charities in this decade count for as much? Will they make 50,000 people much less 500,000, self-supporting and self-respecting?"

A MODERN VALENTINE.

Pre written it, love, with a stiff steel pen:

For the geese, I understand. Are so learned, now, that their quills, I Must supply their own demand.

I've secured it, love, by the aid of glue, Instead of a strand of hair

Which I cannot obtain, for I see, with pain, I have really none to spare. I send it to you by the postman, love:

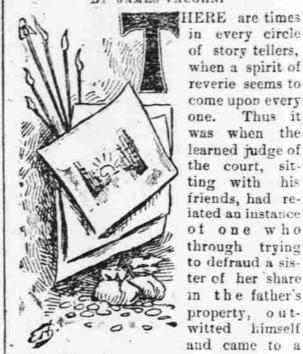
For Cupid, I grieve to hear. Is afraid of the cold, and has grown so old That he doesn't go out this year. But the message is ever the same, my love,

While the stars their course fulfil.

Though to me and to you it may seem quite 'Tis the old, old story still, - C. W. Latimer, in Harper's Magazine.

THE PIECE OF GOLD.

BY JAMES VAUGHN.



reverie seems to Thus it was when the learned judge of the court, sitting with his friends, had reiated an instance of one who through trying to defraud a sister of her share in the father's

miserable end. For several minutes nc one spoke. At

last, the lawver said: "Gold is worse than an enchanter; it is a demon. As you said, judge, men will sell their very souls for its possession. If any one of us could be given the power of seeing all the passions and motives of men laid bare, it would drive him crazy in a day. If what men conceal could be opened to the light, how men would recoil from their own doings! It is only by concealment that the petty, the mean, the dishonest can be satisfied with themselves."

"Very true," said the judge, still in-

clined to be silent. Another spell of musing, which was broken by the lawyer. "I once had a queer experience in my own practice, in tact as odd a case as I ever knew. One of my first clients ih New York was a wealthy, retired merchant, named Bertrand. He lived very simply, alone except for his housekeeper, in a retired, but very respectable part of the city. He had a nephew, Frank Bertrand, a brother's son, whom he regarded as a scapegrace, and with whom he was not at all on good terms.

"Frank seemed to me to be a modest sensible sort of a fellow, and I wondered at the old man's feeling towards him, when he was the only relative he had in the world. My curiosity aroused, I pondered the matter somewhat, and came to the conclusion that the fault was the old man's, not Frank's. He was rather high spirited and wilful about making his own way in the world and doing as he pleased with himself, instead of allowing his rich uncle to dictate what he should with only a very insignificant sum. All only heard his voice. the rest of his large property he gave to the boy's energy and spirit when he declared he would not give up his profession for all the fortunes in New York.

such a nephew as you.' The instrument used was a heavy one: was instantaneous. At first we thought not a thing in the room had been touched. but the housekeeper called my attention to the fact that a nugget of gold which remained attached to a piece of its quartz matrix, the single geological specimen and curio which adorned the library. was missing, as well as the little velvet lined box in which it had rested. Everything else was in its usual place as if nothing had happened there. This was our only clue, and to my astonishment of Frank Bertrand as the murderer.

and dismay it speedily led to the arrest "I had formed so good an opinion of the boy, and his manliness seemed so certain, that I found it hard to believe that he was even accused of murdering his uncle. That he was guilty was to my mind beyond the bounds of probability. I resoluely put that down for a fact. It being learned that he was seen in the vicinity of the house at the time of the murder, the detective went to his room middle of the apartment in a state of excitement, and holding in his hand that

into a flood of tears.

of the case, but the detective informed Bertrand's death. me that it would be useless to look further for the murderer.

repeat his indignant declarations of innocence, nor his pitiful appeal to me not that piece of gold, and why was he at lining. his uncle's house? Those were the questions to be answered.

" I can answer the last easy enough," know no more than you.' hands,' I said.

my pocket."

... How came it in your pocket?' " I don't know."

least,' said L. 'Now, how came you currously verified." every circle of story tellers, when a spirit of

"Mrs. Bland was the housekeeper. I thought I had struck a fact that would see her when you got there?' I asked. " 'I saw no one there,' Frank replied. | was it sent for the nephew?" My ring was not answered. I tried and came to a

> did not doubt the truth of Frank's the deed. It was the propitious time. story in the least. 'Some one put it in

"No. she did not come in. She left word at the door. But from my window I saw her go by. I'm sure it was her, but she could not have put the nugget in my pocket.'

"I may as well say here that the housekeeper had been investigated and was conclusively proved to be elsewhere when the murder occurred. 'Was she an accomplice?' was the question I was pondering. A thought occurred to me. Did you find in your pocket the little velvet-lined box, that held the nugget? I asked.

"'No, there was nothing but the piece of gold, that I saw,' Frank replied. "I went straight to Frank's lodgings and made a careful search. I searched the Bertraud mansion for the missing

box, but found nothing. "Mrs. Bland seemed very much distressed over what had happened and was much concerned for Frank. She declared she didn't believe a word of the story that he was guilty. She said his uncle called to her from his room, as he do. This seemed to be the extent of often did, and directed her to call his offence, so far as I could learn. The Frank. As she was going to a neighold man was testy and choleric, and bor's she stopped on the way for her erchildish about having his own way (1 rand. She locked the house behind her family trait, I guess), and not only for- on leaving, as was her custom, and found bade the nephew the house, but required | it locked on her return. She did not me to make his will, cutting Frank off see Mr. Bertrand when he spoke to her;

"I then went to my office and shut his housekeeper, because, as he said, she | myself into my private room to quietly had been kind to him, and would take analyze the situation. Who, besides his care of him as long as he lived. I talked | housekeeper had a motive for murdering with Frank about this disposition of the Mr. Bertrand? I pondered the question was already out of my suspicion.

had been found murdered in his library. she could not have committed the -St. Louis Republic. I summoned the best detective I knew murder. It must then be somebody of and hastened to the spot. An en- reaching further, somebody hoping for trance had been made through the or. gain through her. But the old woman all. Had she a lover?

started out to investigate.

honesty in the matter, but I did not year. think it prudent to go to her now for information, for I had not proved her integrity as I had Frank's, and she

to say I found one. "He was a tall gaunt fellow, and was a perfect case of circumstantial evidence against him. Being arrested he she could not leave Mr. Bertrand.' I often more necessary than in large ways. impetuously defied his accusers, and now decided to go straight to Mrs. - New York Tribune.

would have resorted to violence against | Bland and ask if this man knew of the them, had I not appeared on the scene contents of the will. Tears came into and bade him desist. Seeing me he burst her eyes as she admitted that he did. She had inclined to favor his proposal, "I demanded a further investigation and had agreed to marry him after Mr.

"I found where the man had his lodging, and taking an officer made all haste "Of course, my first move was to there. His room was shabby enough secure a calm, rational interview with but ah, there were the minerals, as I had Frank. This was in his cell. I will not surmised. We arrested him as the murderer of Henry Bertrand, and after some search among his rather mixed belongto believe it of him. How came he by ings found there the box with the velvet

"When that was brought forth, his defiant manner fell away from him and he begged for mercy like a child. He he replied, 'but about the nugget I confessed all, even to brushing against Frank Bertrand on his way home, to slip "You were taken with it in your the nugget into his pocket. At the time of the murder he caught sight of the "I know it; I had just taken it from gold lump, and was suddenly possessed of a fancy for it. Realizing later how dangerous was its possession, he disposed of it to throw suspicion upon Well, that's singular, to say the Frank. All my theories were thus

The lawyer paused, apparently at the " 'Mrs. Bland called and said my end of his story. There was one present uncle wanted to see me. I went, of who had the general appearance of a detective, who had been carefully following his parrative. He asked:

"Pardon two questions, sir. How help us, and whistled softly. 'Did you came the murderer in the house without the housekeeper's knowledge, and who

"I was going to tell you that presentthe door and it was fast. I did not ly," said the narrator. "The fellow want to disappoint him after he had explained that he had been determined kindly sent for me, so I attempted to go | for some time to get Mr. Bertrand out of in the back way as I had used to do, the way, as that meant for him both a but I found that fast also. Then, as I | wife and a fortune. He had been waitcould rouse no one, I turned and came ing for an opportunity. Going to the away. When I had got back in my house that day, he found the door room somewhat nonplussed at not being | unfastened and slipped in and concealed admitted after my uncle had sent for himself. He heard the old man give me, I happened to put my hand in my directions to have Frank called, and pocket, and found there the nugget. I heard Mrs. Bland say she was going to knew it was my uncle's for I had often stop awhile with a friend. Fortune was seen it there, and how it came to be in favoring his plans. Not only that but my pocket was a mystery that excited the fear came that Bertrand was relenting me somewhat. It seemed like witch. towards his nephew and might spoil all his hopes unless speedily despatched. " Devil-craft more likely,' said I who Frank Bertrand would be brought to was now more mystified than ever. I the house just in time to be accused of

"The blow fell, the old man passed to your pocket to throw suspicion on you; his reward, and he fled. To his annoybut how, and when, and where? Did ance the door locked with a spring Mrs. Bland come close to you when she | behind him, and Frank, whom he was came to say your uncle wished to see | watching as he came, could not get in. Then came the thought to fasten the crime on him more severely by putting the nugget in his pocket.

"It has been truly said that men committing great crimes always do some act or leave some act undone, despite all their precautions, that tells the tale of their wrong doing. So this man, who seemingly had all his plans perfect, in his eagerness and excitement, forgot to put on Frank's person the box as well as its contents, and now it rose up a conclusive witness against him."

"Now I've got a question," ventured another listener. "What did the old lady do with the property? Did she hunt up another husband, or, as some of them do, give it to an asylum?"

"Neither. She was a really good woman, and was struck with horror at the villamy of the man who wanted to marry her for her prospective money. I think that every day, for she is now living, she thanks the Lord that she escaped the fate of marrying him. She turned the whole property over to Frank, saving she had no doubt his uncle would have relented toward him if he had lived. She lives with him, making a home for him like a mother, and they think a great deal of eac's other. The piece of gold and the velvet box which played so important a part in the tragedy of their lives, still rest in their old place in the library."-Yankee Blade.

Big Cotton Stalks.

"Yes, I have seen the big cotton stalks grown in India and the cotton plantations of the Brazos bottom in property and advised him not to throw over and over again. That there was an Texas," said Alonzo T. Yerger, of Wayaway such a chance but to attempt a answer to it, I was sure. But who had cross, Ga., at the Southern, "but down reconciliation with his uncle, so he might | that mctive. That once settled fairly in | in Washington County, Mississippi, they change his will. The young fellow was my own mind, I would look further for grow cotton stalks-not stalks either. obdurate and would promise nothing. the little box. I could easily see how because they are trees-that beat any He was an artist and his whole soul was Frank Bertrand had a strong existing and all things in the cotton line that l in his work. This his uncle detested motive to keep his uncle alive until he have ever seen or heard of. Why, on a more than all else as a species of vaga- should make a different will. In his plantation belonging to one of the Wilbondism he could never tolerate. No death he lost all hope. Only sudden | zinky's, which firm failed the other day, reconciliation was possible while this re- anger under strong provocation could I saw a field of cotton that looked like a mained, and I could not help admiring have moved him to the deed. But he forest of sycamore trees. The cotton plant had grown to an enormous size. "I am a great believer in motive as almost as large as trees. Colored children the lever that moves human beings in had to climb them in order to pick the He said he had no ill will against his the commission of all deliberate crimes. fleecy staple. When the crop is gathered uncle, his property was his own to do That it was not mere robbery, in this along in February the tenants cut down with as he pleased; he spoke pleasantly case, was evident-since only the nugget | the stalks and chop them up for fireof his uncle's peculiar notions, his tem. of gold was taken, and that I attributed | wood. The wook makes a bright and per and his weaknesses, and mentioned to a momentary fancy rather than to any hot fire, burning as quickly as fat pine. the housekeeper kindly as one who had previous intention. It could not be I saw one of the stalks exhibited at treated him well. As he left my office I hatred, for the old man had not an Greenville a few days ago that had borne said to myself, 'Well, Frank Bertrand, enemy in the world that we 1151 bolls, and the cotton in the seed you deserve a fortune it you don't get | could discover. It must then be | weighed 120 pounds. According to that one. A man has reason to be proud of greed of some sort, some advantage to rate it would require only twenty stalks be gained though Mr. Bertrand's death. | to make a bale. But, of course, there are "Not a month after that interview Here was another dilemma. His house- but few specimens of such phenomenal word was brought me that Mr. Bertrand | keeper was to have all the property, and | growth recorded in the world's history."

The World's Shipbailding. The statistics of the world's shipdinary passages of the house, as there had not a relative in the world that I building in 1892 show a large tonnage, was no breaking. The victim had been had ever heard of. She had lived very notwithstanding the depression that premany years in the family, and I thought | vailed in the industry during the year. her relatives would have been heard | Toe London Iron states that 1250 vesthe skull had been crushed and death from, if there were any greedy enough sels were constructed last year in the to commit murder in order to give her ship yards of the world, aggregating property which they might not get after 1.451,919 tons, or a diminution of only 37,996 tons compared with 1891. The "The thought struck me with such a two greatest centers of the shipbuilding sense of its affording a solution of the industry point to fairly important inmystery, that it was like an electric creases, the Clyde total for 1892 being shock. She would not marry while Mr. | 336,414 tons, against 326,475 tons in Bertrand lived; his death would make 1891, and that of the Tyne 207,210 her free, and besides would make her tons, against 185,283 tons in the previwealthy, two great points to be gained, ous twelve months. Outside of the which might have a strong influence on British yards the slackness of the trade a weak minded man. I was sure also seems to have been most acutely felt, for from the taking of the nugget, that the tonnage built by the United States whoever he was he would be found to and Canada is given as 22,243 tons only, have been a miner or a collector of ores compared with 63,813 tons in 1891, or minerals. Full of my new idea, I while the continent of Europe contributes but 149,675 tons, in compari-"I had great faith in Mrs. Bland's son with 157,632 tons in the preceding

Contagion Spread in School Peneils. The experience of Detroit, Mich. might, if an accomplice, give a warning shows that contagious diseases are easily that would defeat my purpose. I went spread in ways that seem perfectly innoto interview him as to his knowledge of to the few persons she was intimate with cent. In that city the scholars in the the affair, and found him standing in the and made cautious inquiries about her public schools get one pencil to-day and gentlemen friends. It is almost needless another to-morrow, all the pencils being dropped into a box at the close of school each day. Children have the natural same tell take nugget of gold. So absorbed was he in it that he did not notice the quiet approach of the officer until he was close upon him. Then he made a miner in Australia. Mrs. Bland had was spread about Detroit. This practice movement as fif to hide the nugget. It confided to a female friend that the man ought to be discontinued wherever it made foot-sore in stony regions and do

POPULAR SCIENCE.

KISSED HIS MOTHER

She sat on the porch in the sunshing

But whose face was blossom sweet

As I went down the street-

A woman whose hair was silver,

Making me think of a garden

Of bleak November weather,

Late fragrant lilies grow.

I heard a footstep behind me

And a sound of a merry la

And I knew the heart it came

Would be like a comforting

In the time and the hour of

Hopeful, and brave, and

One of the hearts to lean

I turned at the click of

When we think that th

And met his manly look

A face like his gives me pl

It told of a steadfast purp

Like the page of a pleas

Of a brave and daring w

A face with a promise in it

That God grant the years

I saw the woman's eyes

Grow bright with a wordless

He cried and bent to kiss

The loving face that was lifted

For what some mothers miss.

That boy will do to depend on;

From lads in love with their mothers

Earth's grandest hearts have been low

PITH AND POINT.

A first-class fellow-The freshman.

A reformer is a man who sure t

his interest is the public interest .-

It is easier to restore a smashed egg-

The milk of human kindness would be

a good deal richer if it wasn't skimmed

When a ship begins to pitch the

passengers all are anxious to make a

"Why do you love me, Love, so much!"

home run. - Chicago Inter Ocean.

If all umbrellas had to fit

The same as overshoes!

-Washington Star.

shell than to bring back confidence once

A tramp steamer-The station-house

Opera bouffe-A French duel.

-Eben E. Rexford.

I hold that this is true;

Our bravest heroes grew.

Is every inch a man!

Since time and earth began,

And the boy who kissed his mother

hearts

lodging room.

lost .- Truth.

so often .- Puck.

As sunshine warms the skies

Back again, sweetheart mother?

He went up the pathway simping;

Where, in spite of frost and

Cork is about the most buoyant sub-The microscopists say that a mosquito

has twenty-two teeth. Yawning is caused by a deficiency in

the air supply to the lungs. The carbons of electric arc lamps are now being made of powdered graphite,

instead of coke.

Scales are now made that will weigh the flame of a candle or the smallest strand of hair plucked from the eyebrow. In England farmers always soak their

seed in bluestone of vitriol to prevent smut and rust. A pound of vitriol to four bushels of wheat is the proportion Variations in the size of raindrops are attributed to atmospheric disturbances

and to the height from which they fall, those from a high altitude being much The new screw propeller of English origin has two flat blades in the usual

form, but the remaining two, which are opposite each other, are looped, so that they form practically a revolving figure S. The platinum beds in the Ural Moun-

tains in Russia are the only ones in the world in which that metal is found in grains. In several places it is to be found imbedded in the hard serpentine rock, but only in the Ural in grains.

A recent invention is a new type of refrigerator car that can be run for twenty days without re-icing. It is charged with ice and certain chemicals, the combination maintaining a freezing temperature during this long period.

It is said that a really indelible ink and a kind of vinegar can be produced from the juices contained in the banana peel. The fiber of the peel, it is said, can also be utilized in making cloth of great strength and remarkable beauty.

An Ottawa (Canada) electrician claims to have discovered a process for utilizing electricity for light, power or heat, so as to abstract the heat from cast iron blocks until they are reduced to the temperature of ice. He claims that this can be done at a price to compete favorably with the

London scientists have recently demonstrated that the purest air in the cities is found about twenty-five feet above the street surface. Heretofore it has been thought that the highest floors in tenement houses had the best air. The investigations above referred to show that the healthiest apartments are those on the third floor.

An Exciting Time on a Hand-Car. I passionately cried. "Undoubtedly," said H. G. Orcutt, She pouted, mused, then said "Because f" "the most exciting experience that I ever And I was satisfied. had was in Iowa on one of the big trunk lines that cross the State. It was a ride Mrs. Plume-'Don't you think my new bonnet is a perfect dream." Plume on a hand-car. Now, I have never been -"Yes; and a mighty pad one."a section boss, neither have I been a railroad employe in my life, but a combination of mishaps secured me a night It is curious how much faster a street ride on one of them. I was in the town car humps along when you are running of Emporia, and I wanted to get to after it than when you are riding on it. Strong, a little town some fifteen miles -Richmond Recorderfarther west. My object was to see a Judge-"What is your age, madam?" leading merchant of that town who was, Aged Witness-"I have seen thirty-I understood, to leave at nine that night, seven summers." Judge-"How long just a half hour before I could reach the have you been blind?"-Texas Siftings. town by the regular train. The clerk "Well," said the man who handed his intimated that I might ride to Strong on last cent to the lawyer, "I suppose turn a hand-car. Some necessary work had about is fair play. I broke the law and delayed the section gang at Emporia, the law broke me."-Washington Star. and now, at eight o'clock. they were How many sudden griefs would flit Far from this world of blues, preparing to return. I found the boss, told him my object and my distress, and asked him to take me aboard. We started, and after we had gone some There are too many singers in the choir twelve of the fifteen miles, working who do not know any more about the along at a good rate, we were startled to gospel they sing than the town pump hear the whistle of an engine in the didoes about the taste of water .-- Ram's rection of Emporia, and directly in the distance we could see the dim gleam of a headlight. Something was wrong. No Willie -"Papa, someone has invented train was due over the line for fully an a magazine gun. What kind is that?" hour and ten minutes. We did not stop to argue the case. The train would be on us before we could throw the car off. The order of the section boss was to keep

for dear life. My, but we made that

hand-car fairly sing! We kept ahead

of the train for at least a mile and a half.

Then it ran into us, but we were going

would not like to repeat the experience."

The University of Fez.

nightly Review is Mr. Bonsal's account

of the University of Fez, the students of

which spend the greater part of their

time in love-making. Judging by the

specimen which Mr. Bonsal gives of the

kind of information which is impaired

under the name of geographical science,

they do not lose much learning by their

diversion. The map of the world, as

used by the University of Fez, is the

most extraordinary production that any

geographer ever sketched. England is

represented as a small, unnamed island,

lying immediately to the south of Thibet:

Spain lies on the other side of Egypt,

immediately to the south of the Mediter

ranean or White Sea. Bulgaria lies to

the north of the Russian Empire, being

sandwiched between the Russian and

Gog and Magoz. Mr. Bonsal says that

he does not believe that there is either

a student or professor attached to the

university who has any misgivings in

his mind but that this map is a perfectly

correct representation of the world. The

map contains no allusion whatever to

the existence of America, Australia or

any European country, with the excen-

tion of Russia, Bulgaria and Spain.

Among the other faculties of the univer-

sity are astrology, divination and

alchemy. The professors at Fez are

figurely convinced of their immeasurable

superiority to the rest of the world in

every branch of knowledge. Other uni-

struggling schools, where the false

knowledge and the black arts are taught:

and they are quite convinced that there

are no learned men outside of Morocco.

The Dramedary Parcel Post.

The dromedary parcel post service in

the German territories of southwestern

Africa has given results better than were

expected. The dromedaries are adapted

to the climate, are not affected by the

prevalent cattle diseases, and are not

carrying a weight of 250 pounds, as fast as m ox team. -- New York Witness.

-New York Recorder.

versities are, in their opinion, only

A very interesting article in the Fort-

so fast that the shock was slight,

-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Papa (reflectively)-"It must be one that goes off once a month."-Pittsburg One good way to discourage the man ahead of the engine, if possible, until we who thinks he has an aptitude for saying passed Strong, thinking, no doubt, that funny things is to call him back soberly the approaching train would stop there. and induce him to explain his jokes .-We worked like Trojans. Everybody Somerville Journal. laid hands on the power-bar and worked

Mrs. Youngwife-"Tom has a dreadful disposition I find." Mother -- "What does he do?" Mrs. Youngwife--"Do. why he never gets mad when I do."-Chicago Inter Ocean. "Where are you staying? I'll call and

see you." "Don't. You'll only think the worse of me when you see my surroundings." "Ob, my dear fellow, that's impossible, you know."-Punch. I've felt what 'tis to love and lose,

And what it is to have the blues, But that at which my heart most bled Was what it cost to win and wed. -New York Herald. It was a simple thing to fall out

about, but since Buggins met Muggins coming out of a pawnshop and asked what was up they don't speak as they pass by .- Philadelphia Record. "I want," said the astronomer, "an

inscription for my new telescope which shall be in the nature of an address to the stars." "How would 'Here's looking at you' do?"-Buffalo Express. A conflict is approaching, it comes nearer

The foe no longer seeks the aid of stealth; And we wonder which will conquer in the world-important tray.

The bacillus or the officer of health. - Washington Star. Mr. Grigson-"I wonder what old

General Bulledorge can see in that odious.y made-up Blanche Dupuis?" Miss Golightly-"Ob, the old war horse likes the smell of powder, I guess."-

Herbert-"If she loves him, why doesn't she marry him in spite of her father's objection?" Stella-"Mercy? isn't it a good deal easier to give him up than to admit she is of age?"-Chicago Inter-Ocean.

"I consider," said the new man on the staff, deeply hurt, "that I have been snubbed. I am chockful of unwritten editorials and they've sent me out to write up the home-made pie industry.' -Chicago Tribune.

"Yer look bad, Jim., Been campin' out?" "Sorter. To-day's the fust time I've been out er doors in three months." .. Whot was the matter with yer?" "Nothin'; but the Judge wouldn't believe it."-Comic Cuts.

Mother-"Johnnie, why are you crying? I'm only going to be away a week and your papa will be home with you." Johhnie-"No, he won't; he's going to Rome." "Going to Rome! Why, child, what do you mean?" "I heard him say that he would make Rome howl when you left." "Oh, indeed! Well, I won't leave you, Johnnie."-Texas Siftings.

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