

This year's recruits for the Russian army number 270,000, which is considerably more than the whole British army.

John Burns proposes to have a law passed by Parliament making it compulsory for employers to give domestic servants "a character" on dismissal. Laws to that effect have long been in force in France and Germany.

Parisians who went to the Russian Czar's coronation were astounded at the anpaved condition of Moscow. They found that it would cost \$30,-000,000 to pave the town, and that the work would practically have to be done over every year on account of the effects of frost.

The maritime provinces of Spain are helping out the Government in the acquisition of a navy. Seville and Barcelona have already collected money to buy a warship each, and subscriptions are being vigorously pushed for the same purpose in Malaga, Cadiz and Tarragona.

Once in five years the Mayor of Newcastle, England, is rowed up the river in an Elizabethan barge, and, landing at a village green kisses the prettiest girl he sees and gives her a sovereign, to clinch Newcastle's right to the foreshore. Some of those old English customs are not so very silly after all.

Three great life insurance com panies whose home offices are in New York City have policies in force amounting to more than \$2,580,000,-000. The similar engagements of the twenty-six principal American life companies exceed \$5,881,000,000. The grand total of American life insurance policies in force, those of the assessment companies and orders included, is reported to be \$13,048,452,-664.

DIF. ERENT STANDPOINTS were but a farmer," sighed the men From all these petty dragging cares for just And here's Malvina !" a twelvemonth free.

"No books to keep, no trust accounts, no bill long overdue; No fret from fussy customers because a thing is new.

chant. "Oh; to be

- "Because a thing is old or wrong, too dear, or underweight; No worrying to suit their tastes from early
- day till late;
- "But flowered fields, and lowing and pleasant fireside chat-How gladly would I give this life if 'I could change to that.'
- "If I were but a merchant," sighed the farmer. "Oh, to end
- This life of tugging, dragging work which makes the body bend
- "To stoop of age ere age has come. It's plow, "Business? It ain't a sewin' machine, and plant, and reap,
- And milk the cows, and feed the pigs, and mind the calves and sheep 大きいの正正常 "From morn till night, from year to year-
- and taxes ever high, And children's feet that must be shod, and children's clothes to buy!
- "No toil-worn hands the merchant has, for giving him a home." weather cares he not;

How gladly would I take his place and think it happy lot."

-Mary Clarke Huntington.

THE UNKNOWN COUSIN.

BY HELEN FORREST GRAVES.





brother-has a house and an estate of his own, and his wife don't want any single relations. But we've done very well, every one says. Here's the place.

Miss Malvina Welland was diligently here. hoeing sweet corn in a man's hat and boots. She was a tall, Amazonian sort of female, with high check bones, hair cut short and a masculine way of leaning on her hoe. She looked sharply around at the sound of footsteps. "Is it the new hired man?" said she. "Then, Desire, you may tell him that we don't want help that comes at this time of day. I'll have no eight-hour men on my place."

"Oh, Malvina, hush?" cried the younger sister, in despair. "It's a gentleman on business." In came Brother Philo from the

back yard, with an auger in his hand. "Eh?" said Brother Philo, a wrinkled, hard featured man in blue overalls and boots that looked as if they might be carved out of lignum vitae. I s'spose? or a patent reaper, nor any o' these labor savin' humbugs?"

"It's about your Cousin Rolf," said Mr. Carey-"Paul Welland's son. He's come back from Australia. He requested me to come over here, as I happened to be passing this way, and see what his relations would do about

At these words Mrs. Philo Welland emerged from the currant bushes, where she was picking the sparkling, ruby colored fruit to make jelly. For Mrs. Philo believed in always picking her neighbor's fruit before she began on her own.

"A home, indeed !" said Mrs. Philo. "It's what I always told you, Philo! Says I, that man'll be sure to come back some day poorer than poverty, says I. And he'll expect us to take care of him, then. But we've worked iant July day, a deal too hard for our money-me with skies of and Philo-and if he wants to be sup-

cloudlesss blue, ported, let him just go to the poor house. Paul Welland always was a rovin' creetur, and Rolf ain't no bet-

Mr. Philo Welland screwed up his its melodious way face into an expression of the utmost

"I declare," said Miss Malvina, "he's a real comfort about the place. "And he has traveled so much!" cried Desire. "And he talks so beautifully! I only hope he'll be contented

There was no sort of doubt about that. Rolf Welland Carey was very well contented. He had always hungered and thirsted for the details of a home life. Here it was to perfection. But Mr. and Mrs. Philo were not so well suited. All their spasmodic efforts toward friendliness were checked with Arctic frigidity. "It's too bad !" said Mrs. Philo, al-

most crying. "He'll be certain sure to go and make a fool of himself by marrying Desire, and we shall ,never get a cent of his money. Desire ought to be ashamed to think of such a thing at her age !"

But Desire was only forty, and there are late roses as well as early ones. At least, so Mr. Welland thought. At all events, he married Desire, and the Philo Wellands were disconsolate.

"It's all our bad luck !" said they. For they had forgotten all about the passage in the Bible that speaks of entertaining angels unaware."-Saturday Night.

Freak Factories.

"How do you manage to find new freaks and curiosities?" was the question asked of the managers of a traveling "show" that had pitched its tent in a London suburb.

"Don't have to find them," was the aconic response. "They find us." The freak business is as regularly established as any other, and has its wholesale and retail firms, traveling salesmen, brokers, price lists, factories-"

"Factories?" queried the reporter, aghast. "Why, certainly-factories -of course. The freak business is divided into about three factoriesforeign, domestic and fake.

"In the first class the collectors travel all over the world in search of rarities, but the very best freaks come from India and the Malay peninsula. In these countries there are many people who breed freaks. They buy young children and animals, and de-

WISE WORDS,

A man's conduct is an unspoken ermon. The smaller the soul the bigger a dollar looks.

Some very good sawlogs have big knots on them.

Life was given to enjoy, not to drag out in complaints. An enemy is a person who applauds

you when you fall.

Friendship, like phosphorous, gives its light in the dark.

The man who makes his own god always has a little one. "That which is bitter to endure may

be sweet to remember.

If you will not hear reason, she will surely rap your knuckles.

Pride, perceiving humility honorable, often borrows her cloak.

It isn't what a man owes, but what he pays that keeps him poor.

In trying to keep all he gets, a stingy man steals from himself. Like a great many thieves, "Time steals on" and cannot be arrested.

When the office seeks the man it is seldom his fault if it does not find him.

There is not so much failure to be charged to "poor luck" as to bad management.

Be careful where you step and the man who follows you will not stumble so much.

Nothing pleases a man so well as to be asked if his eldest daughter isn't his wife.

The slander of some people is as great a recommendation as the praise of others.

A man who puts off his enjoyment too long will find it mislaid by the time he gets to it.-The South West.



One of the strangest birds of the South American forests is the bluebird, or convent bird, as it is called by the Spanish-speaking inhabitants. It is a small bird, about the size of robin. It is as white as snow and is quite rare, being found only in the most inaccessible parts of the country. But the most remarkable thing about from-his power to imitate the toiling of a bell. This he does to perfection. From the top of the bird's bill there grows a curious, fleshy protuberance, similar to that of a turkey gobbler. Unlike the turkey's, however, this is hollow and sparsely covered with short hairs. The tube, which is black, connects with the interior of the throat, and it is through it that the bird makes the sonorous sound from which it takes its name. When in use the tube stands upright from the bill, and, as it is an inch to two inches in length, it has the appearance of a horn. From this the bird takes another of his many names-the "rhinocerous, bird." Paddling quietly along a South American river in a bark canoe, with only an Indian guide for company, the traveler is surprised to suddenly hear a bell ringing, apparently close at hand. Wondering at what a church can be doing in such a place, he turns to his guide for an explanation, but the guide only smiles and nods. But on proceeding he comes on the author of it. Seated on the topmost branch of an overhanging tree, the bell bird is tailing out a te deum for the dying day.-New York Journal.

a blue jay, or a little larger than a this bird is what he takes his name

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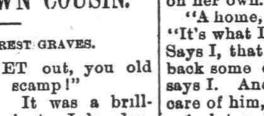
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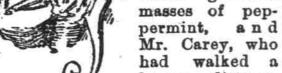
brook wending

under green caution.

The Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph notes that of the long list of philanthropists who have given \$1,000,000 or more to the cause of higher education in this country, only one is a college graduate. The single exception is Seth Low. Girard, Peabody, Cornell, Cooper, Rockefeller, Rich, Parker, Hopkins, Clark, Drexel, Vanderbilt, De Pauw, Lick, Stanford and the others had not the advantage of college education, but they appreciated the value of such a training enough to assist other men to obtain it.

Herr Albert Joly, formerly a confidential messenger of Prince Bismarck, who entrusted him with the carrying of documents and telegrams of special importance, died at Schonhausen recently. He was well known in Berlin as "the Black Rider," his hair, his clothes, his horse and the bag in which he carried his missives being all of that hue. Prince Bismarck generally took him with when he traveled. When the Prince resigned in '1890 Herr Joly also left the public service, and was appointed Keeper of the Bismark Museum at Schonhausen, to the arranging of which he devoted his last years.

An ideal, but we are assured quite necessary, state of cleanliness for healthful school rooms requires that the floors shall be dampened and swept every day, with all the windows open; the dusting to be done the next morning with a damp cloth. In addition to this cleaning, Dr. Adams, who is President of the Orange County (New York) Medical Societies, believes that at least every other day the floors should be thoroughly scrubbed with soap and water. The various women's clubs. throughout the country, whose members are interested in the work of the public schools, will do well to find out how near the school rooms where their children spend the greater part of their waking hours approach this state.



long distance and had just fallen into a doze under the refreshing shadow of a gnarled old apple tree, started galvanically up at this ungentle address.

am not trespassing; I-"

short by the rattling of a stout stick is our cousin. If he is in want or on the stone wall close to him, and in | trouble, whom has he to look to but another moment a belligerent looking us? Malvina, you won't be so hardred cow came plunging through the hearted? The old farm house is big high grass, directly toward his haven enough for our Cousin Rolf as well as of refuge.

He started to run, but his foot ly old man adrift upon the world?" catching in the gnarled root of an ancient tree, he fell headlong. The cow vina, thumping her hoe upon the executed a hurdle leap over his prostrate form and vanished in a clump of Rolf Welland he's welcome to a home eyed woman came to the rescue, with | ready to give him a hearty welcome. ears, and the stick balanced across sooner the better. her shoulder "Don't strike !" pleaded Mr. Carey.

"I'm getting off the premises as fast I can. I assure you, I didn't know I what little you've got, do you s'pose was trespassing.

Desire Welland blushed very pret- finger to help you? Let every man tily as she pushed back the sunbonnet and endeavored to adjust her luxuriant red-brown hair, which had broken loose from its pins.

wasn't you I meant at all, sir; it was the cow who had got into the cabbage patch. Did I hit you with the stick? But I never dreamed of any one but Bossy being there. Oh, do let me run home and get the camphor bottle!" Slowly Mr. Carey raised himself to a sitting and then to a standing posture; slowly he felt his knees, elbows

and collar bones. "I'm not hurt," said he-"not to beneath the fiery hail of this conversasignify, that is. It wasn't your stick, tional episode, "That is to say, it is ma'am; it was the roots of this tree. my name now. I changed it to make scamp?"

the cow. Won't you let me run up my own. And Carey isn't a bad to the house and get a capcine plas- name." ter? Oh, do?"

Desire was fair to look upon, in watering eyes. "I only wish we had spite of her forty summers, with big a few of that sort of old gentlemen black eyes, a laughing cherry-red out this way. I'd change my name mouth and cheeks just browned with half a dozen times a day if it would the healthful hue of mountain breezes. be any accommodation to 'em. So Mr. Carey felt himself gradually you're rich, eh? [Betsey"-to his softening as he looked at her.

capcine plaster. But I've walked a us to-day-" coffee if it's handy."

"Perhaps," said Mr. Carey, solemnly,

as he endeavored to straighten the

edges of his hat, "you know a family

Desire stood still and began to

"Why," oried she, "it's us! It's

It was Mr. Carey's turn to flush and

"Oh," said he. "Well, it don't

me and Malvina. We are the Welland

laugh, while deep crimson suffused

after this!"

her cheeks.

look awkward now.

"P'rhaps you're his lawyer, sir?" said he.

Mr. Carey nodded. A. ... "I act for him," said he.

"Then tell him," said Philo, succintly, "that if he expects we're going to support him, he's con-sid-a-bly mistook! We've always took care of our selves; he can do the same! Come, "Ma'am," he said, "I assure you I Betsey, we'd better be goin'!"

"Philo!" cried out Desire, "how But his apologetic words were cut | can you be so-selfish? Rolf Welland for us. You never would turn a sick-

"No, I wouldn't !" said Miss Malground. "Look here, stranger, tell hazel bushes, and a resolute, bright with us. We live plain, but we're flapping sunbonnet tied over her | Tell him to come here at once. The

"Women is fools," incidentally remarked Philo Welland, chewing a stalk of currant leaves. "If you lost this relative o' yourn would raise a

take care of himself, says J." "And who knows," cried Desire, brightly. "Perhaps we can get him the district school to teach? I heard "Oh, I'm so sorry !" said she. "It Squire Loames say that the new teacher wasn't going to stay more than a quarter longer."

"I'm glad you can afford to take ree boarder," said Mrs. Philo, acidly. "Me and your brother-we can't!"

"Do come in, now, and get the coffee," said Desire. "And a tew late strawberries, Mr. -- Mr. -- "

"Jarey is my name," said the stranger, who had stood immovable and left me his property in his will.

"But it wasn't you I meant!" The only condition appended was that

"Certainly it ain't," said Philo, with wife--"if this gentleman would be so "No," said he. "I don't care for a kind as to come and take dinner with

good way, and I should like a bowl of "No," said the stranger, in a clear, decisive voice. "Will you be so kind "Come up to the house then," said as to hear me out? Carey, as I have

form them while their bones are soft by all manner of means. Then they are constantly on the outlook for genuine natural freaks, and in those lands the birth of a freak occurs very frequently. The headquarters of this business is at Singapore.

"Then there are any number of men who devote themselves to the discovering and placing of freaks of all kinds and varieties, and there is scarcely a day goes by that we do not receive packages of photographs and illustrated circulars from some freak merchant or other.

"Of course, there are the 'faked' freak men-a perfect host in them. selves. If the proprietor of some little show needs an additional attraction and does not have the money to hire something good-for, like everything else, freaks have their price-he can get something for little money that will serve his purpose.

"The real, genuine, live freaks always command high prices, and travel all over the world in order to exhibit themselves. Most of them have regular routes mapped out by their.ad vance agents, just like theatrical companies, and as they only appear at a place at long intervals they never get stale, and sometimes make bigger hits on their second or third appearance than on their first,"- Londou Mail,

Cowboy Ingenuity.

A novel method of perforating iron plates is reported from Salt Lake City. The city is being supplied with electricity for lighting and power, generated fourteen miles away in the Big Cottonwood Canyon. It was found necessary for the purpose of pipe connections to cut four forty-eight-inch openings in the seven-foot penstock, the plates of which were half an inch thick. The workmen began to cut with cape chisels, but the progress was made too exasperatingly slow for It's enough to startle any man, don't myself useful to a rich old gentleman the engineer of the works, R. M. you see-to hear himself called an old in the East, who took a fancy to me Jones, who is known throughout the West as the "cowboy engineer." Mr. Jones took up his rifle, and, using breathlessly cried Desire. "It was I should take his name in addition to steel bullets cased with copper, shot a line of holes through the plates from a distance of about thirty feet. The intervening edges were afterward easily cut out, and in a very short time the job was finished.

Letters Without Stamps.

The Postmaster-General recently discovered a clover scheme on the part of certain railroads to avoid postage on mail matter intended for officials of railroads and their employes by an interchange of mail between roads carried by the baggage masters in large envelopes. The scheme was worked

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THREE SWUNG UP.

Louisiana Mob Takes the Law Into Their Own Hands.

A New Orleans special says: Jules Gueymard, a storekeeper, was assassinated one night last week in St. Charles parish, while standing on his front porch. A Sicilian named Lorenzo Saladino was known to have a grudge against Gueymard and was suspected of the crime.

Circumstantial evidence caused his arrest on Friday. The sheriff had great difficulty in preventing the people from lynching Saladino then and the prisoner to Hahnville, the county seat, and placed him in jail. This structure is a new brick building and was guarded by a pegro watchman who has performed the duty several years. Two other Italians named Decino and Angelo Marcuso were confined in the jail for the murder of an aged Spaniard on one of the plantations. About midnight a mob of about fifty persons, well armed, surprised the guard, battered down the doors of the jail and took out the three Italians. The prisoners cried and begged for mercy, but the crowd took them to a stable a short distance away, gave them two minutes in which to pray and then strung all three of them up by the necks to the rafters. Over a Million in Gold Bars. The Hamburg Nachrichten (Berlin) says that the steamer Normannia, o the Hamburg-American line, which sailed Friday from that port for New York, will take on board at Cherbourg, France, a port of call, gold bars to the value of \$1,200,000, consigned to New York houses.

"Real Estate Mortgages in the Unitby the name of Welland who live ed States" is the title of a volume just hereabouts. Two old maids, who issued by the Census Bureau, the work manage a farm all by themselves. Very having been delayed until now on acpeculiar females, I am told." count of the rush at the Government Printing Office. According to this publication, during the decade of 1880. 1890 there were 9,157,747 mortgages filed, representing an incurred debt girls." of \$12,094,877,793. During this time acre tracts were covered by 4,747.078 mortgages, representing a debt of \$4.-896,771,113, and 4,770,639 mortgages were placed on lots to secure an incurred debt of \$7,198,106,681. Within the same period 622,855,091 acres were covered by 4,758,268 mortgages, not stating the amount of debt secured by them, and 8,027,031 lots were covered by 4,778,075 such mortgages.

Desire. "It's only a step across the already told you, is only my adopted orchard. Oh, that cow, that cow! name. My real name is Ralph Wel-We must certainly have her hampered land."

"What?" roared Philo.

Mrs. Philo scrambled so hastily to her feet that she upset the pail, half full of currents. Miss Malvina dropped her hoe; and Desire, who had just brought out a little saucer of late, luscious, red strawberries, stood amazed at this revelation.

"You!" she cried, "our Cousin Rolf? And I nearly hit you with the stick chasing the cow and half startled

you out of your senses." "And taught me," said the old bachelor, with a strangely-sweet smile, "that there is yet left a spice of unselfishness in the conglomerate called human nature. Cousin Desire, I thank matter. I've business at the Welland you for the lesson. Believe me, I farm-that's all."

And before the day was over he had "Isn't it strange that things should happen so?" cried Desire, opening the helped Miss Malvina finish her patch manner a regular meal of fresh hergate into the dim. shadowy orchard, where scarlet lilies grew in the tall grass and robins darted in and out of the drooping boughs. "There's the staking up the sweet-williams and pecially the sweet who knew anything the drooping boughs. "There's the staking up the sweet-williams and pecially those who knew anything house. You can see it now. Malvina nailing the big rose tree to the frame about the food that was served during and I have managed the farm ever, from whence its over-blossoming the Crimean War, are delighted to since father died. Philo-that's our | weight had dragged it.

principally in New York, New York. City, Buffalo and other terminal points exchanging mail matter, thus avoiding postage.

The outcome of the discovery was a communication sent by the department to the railroad officials stating that the Revised Statutes forbids regular post route roads carrying mails other than in regular mail cars, except when all letters are inclosed in stamped

envelopes. - Atlanta Constitution.

Cooking in the Army.

The British Army has at last discovered a sure method of rendering itself invincible. It has, in fact, arranged for a regular competition among the army of cooks, and has annonnced that prizes will be awarded to those culinary artists who can set before soldiers in a most acceptable bear of this innovation.

make a continuous rolling surface for heavy boxes or castings.

A surgical instrument for removing obstructions from the throats of animals, consisting of a flexible sheath. through which runs a rod-also flexible-with a double "worm" on the lower end, which engages the obstruction and by which it may be withdrawn or broken up.-New Ideas.

An Original Game.

The prevalence of a very original game among the people of India has called for the interference of the British Government. The game consists in betting on the quantity of water that falls during a rain shower. The houses in India, as a rule, are provided with reservoirs, and Hindoos of sporting proclivities gather around them on the approach of a storm and recklessly lay bets as to how much time will elapse before they are filled with water. So much misery has resulted from this bizarre form of dissipation that the English officials in India have determined to prohibit the game as far as possible.

Over \$5,000,000 is spent yearly by Londoners on funerals.