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The ancients knew how to cheath
Loaded dice have been found in the ruins of Herculaneum．

The Greoo－Turkish disturbance his had the effect of making Friday after－
noon in the country school fairly redo－ lent of＂Mareo Bozzaris．＂

Twenty years ago a new postmaster or to appoint 2000 subordinates，whil
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The Louisville Courier－Journal says：
Viewed from nearly every standpoint the outlook for the farmer is becomin
more encouraging．We have divine
assurance that seed time and harvest shall not fail，and if our crops do not
continue in over－abundance we are sure of enough and to spare．The
misfortunes of India and of the Ie－
vant will inure to our benefit．Un－ unestionably a better day seem
ing for our great agricultural in

Mr．Germain，United States Consul
Zurich，Switzerland，reports that will fall to about twenty－seven cents metals－iron，lead and zino－will
cheaper．Last year the output
aluminum，owing to its comparativel


## year the plants bring the daily product up to 42,460 pounds．

Oficial news has reached London to is about to offer a State bounty of
$\$ 125,000$ to any foreign country or firm
which will undertake to establish an Which will undertake to establish an
iron foundry in that country on a sumf－
ciently large scale．The action of the ciently large scale．The action of the
Government in this matter has been
prompted，it is said，by the increasing prompted，
evidences in that country of th
ence of iron ore in large quanti Ignatius Donnelly says the
floods are caused by sun spots． the sun spots，which must exercise an the globe every twenty－four hours，
should cause the Mississippi to burst
its banks and leave the Rhine，Danuibe or Volga practically undisturbed，may
not be very clear．But since Mr．
Donnelly has said it，it is evident the Donnelly has said it，it is evident
planting forests or building levees
a broader plan is of no use．The on a broader plan is of no use．The only
way to cure the floods，suggests the
New Orleans Picayune，is to knock the
spots off the sun． spots off the sun． J．）American，to the effect that Mrs．
Oleveland had melted the spoons in the White House which had been used by
Dolly Madison and had had the silver made into prettier spoons，The story
was a circumstantial one，going on at
much length to state that the silver－ muoh length to state that the silver－
mith had offered their weight in gold
for the spoons，but that Mrs．Oleve－ for the spoons，but that Mrs．Cleve－
land rejected the offer，sent the spoons
to the mint，had them melted into in－ to the mint，had them melted into in－
gots，and then required an affdavit of
the silversmith that the same silver was put into the new spoons．It is scarcely
necessary to say that the story
made out of the whole cloth．It
was promptly denied at the White House，
and the declaration was made that the Dolly Madison spoons are still there．
The denial has not kept paoce，however，
with the original story which is still going the rounds of the press． ＂The Frenoh and Germans have fr
quently made much fuss about tllege
triohina in our pork，and pretende triohina in our pork，and pretende
that other of our exports，that the
wanted an excuse for exoluding Wanted an excuse for exoluding，we
adulterated；and all the time the pe
ple of those nations have sent here liquid poison，in the shape of
wines，brandies，beer，ale，eto．，and for containing deleterious ingredients，
Both the German and French wines and food artioles－candies，etc．－are with materials that are dangerous to
health．Not six months ago the ohemists of the British Board of Trade
tested a long list of German，French， American and British food and drink
materials．The revelations were de－
cidedly favorable to the American ar－ cidedly favorable to the American a
tioles，and much to the discredit
German and French honesty．－Sever German and Freneh honesty．Several
of the German food articles were
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health，and all the Frenoh and German wines were disoovered
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 kid leather being then inventedsold for good round sums．
A sacred song says：＂How gracef A sacred song says：＂How gracers
are thy steps in sandals，O Princess！
an allusion to the fact that the He an allusion to the fact that the H
brews enriched the hitherto plain foo gear with strings of red，yellow and
purple ribbons，which they crossed in purple ribbons，whioh they crossed in
charming style over the gleaming charming style over the gleamin
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and silver embroidery studded wit ornamented with procious jewels，gold
and silver embridery studded．With
pearls and，wonderful to relate，had
golden soles．Ench sex and class wore gelden soles，Each sex a and class，wore
gifforent shoes，and if a man changed
his station in life that fact was ex－


Half an hour．later two boats came $\begin{aligned} & \text { ago，has returned to Cairo and expressed } \\ & \text { himelf }\end{aligned}$ ject．
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German physicists，who were recently German physicists，who were reoently
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| trap－door and Polly heiped lim to the roof． <br> ＂We had all we could do to hold on，＂gasped Grandmother Melton． <br> ＂We＇re moving，＂shouted Polly． <br> They rocked and scraped and bumped along，with the water swirling and crashing around them． <br> ＂It＇s our first voyage，＂said Fred， with an effort to laugh；＇＂p＇raps，we＇ll <br> But Polly didn＇t laugh，neither did Grandmother Melton． <br> A few minutes later they heard some one shouting far out on the stream and they saw the glimmer of a lantern． They shouted in return，but there was no answer，and presently the lantern was swallowed up in the darkness and the three castaways were even more lonesome and terrified than before． <br> They were compelled to cling firmly to the rope and the ridgepole all the time，for the house was continually bumping against obstractions in the stream and careening and jolting like a boat in a rough sea．Besides this， they were wet to the skin and shiver－ they withe cold and fright．Occasionally huge forms would loom up near them， and they would see the outline of trees or buildings floating down the river． They were momentarily afraid lest their boat should bump into something and be broken up．If this happened they knew they would have small hope of escape． escape． <br> Quite suddenly they felt the build－ ing grind on something，and then，with could hear the timbers strain and creak and the current of the stream splashing <br> ＂Well，we＇re anchored，＂said Fred． ＂I suppose we＇re out somewhere on a sandbar in the Mississippi．＂ | The Compass Plant． <br> Pilot weed，and Polas Clant in plant， ent localities，is quite curious，and in former days，when there were no rail－ roads，was of great value in guiding travelers．The leaves invariably point north and south．Mungo Park has immortalized it as he says he was guided by it，when otherwise his way have perished on the dry plains．The peculiar faculty of thus pointing to the north and south attempted to be ex－ plained by the fact that both surfaces of the leaves display equal suscepti－ bility to light whereas the upper sur－ bility to light whereas the upper sur－ face of the leaves of plants，in general， is more sensitive to light than the lower；hence the vertical position of the Compass plant，as unerring as the of it＂on the wide open prairies the leaves are said to present their faces uniformly with the north or south．＂－ American Gardening． <br> Victoria＇s Double． <br> Her majesty the Queen has a double in the person of an elderly lady who occupies－or occupied－a position in the Middlesex Hospital，where she was known as the＂Queen of Middlesex．＂ She is the exact age of the Queen，and the Queen lost her consort． <br> Testing steel． <br> A new method of testing the hard－ ness of steel balls has been devised in Germany．The balls are dropped from a fixed height on a glass plate set at bound into onereceptacle and if they are too soft they drop into another． |
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