The foundry of Coaby & Williams' machine shop was destroyed by fire last ight about nine o'clock. The fire had ined a good headway before it was discovered and there was a big blaze nt would go also.

The firemen worked hard, however, and in a remarkably short time had the fire under control. The flames being confined almost entirely to the foundry

stated that he had not made an estimate on the loss, but did not think it would be over \$1,500. There was no

The cause of the fire is not known. The only fact in connection with it is that the fire caught from the boiler

The water works and the two engines were hard at work on the fire and the firemen had an important assistant in the heavy down pour of rain.

A New Bern Woman Says

"have you a floor paint that will last two weeks?" Yes we have Devoe's; it has a beautiful gloss and will wear two years if properly applied. E. W. Small_

A Spell of Cold Weather

The past week has been remarkable for its continued cold. There have been days this winter that the mercury has got lower in the thermometer than it did this week but it quickly recovered itself. This time, 'however, the mercury went down and stayed there much to the discomfort of the people here who are not used to such rough weath-

Not only has the cold wave 'touched' the South but all over the country lit has been of unusual severity. In some places the thermometer reached as low a point as 50 degrees below zero. It has been the coldest week that we have had for ten years at least

We publish the maximum and minimum temperature of each day since. Tuesday.

	Max-	Min.	
Tuesday	55	17	
Wednesday	36	20	
Thursday	41	15	
Friday	38	27	
Saturday	51	25	
It will be no	tined that	no minim	

temperature rose above the freezing point and that the maximum is within hailing distance of the same point. These facts establish the record of a very cold week.

Letter To H. W. Simpson.

New Bern, N. C.

You know what paint is for, how i does it, how it fails, what paint does it, and what paint don't. It's your busi- low. He said he always takes transness to know; of course you know De- fers whether he wants them or not.

There are some details, which, o course, you can't be expected to know. For instance the next-best paints are only three quarters as good. That's strange; very strange. There are a dozen of them perhaps; you don't know them so accurately as that; you don't know them all by name. No matter; one is enough; the only one you have real occasion to know is Devoe.

The queer of it is that the others leave the whole business to us so. We make paint as good as we can; others make it as good as they have to. Queer but we don't complain. Yours truly.

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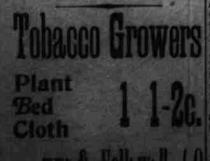
Applications for this examination must be made on the prescribed form, which, with necessary instructions, may be obtained from the commission's local representative at the New Bern, N. C. post-office or from the undersigned.

Applications will not be accepted unless received by the undersigned before 4.30 o'clock, p. m., on Feby 23, 1906. All persons wishing to take this examshould secure blanks and fill them out at once in order to allow time for any necessary corrections.

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DESIGNING A HEAD.

maxing?" the favorite ejacul he brilliant and eccentric a es MacNelll Whistier, is the seems best to fit the cur ischievous wit, tricksy jests, gay Mr. Mortimer Menpes' recent recollections of his "Master." The eccentrici ties of Whistler's character were matched by those of his appearance, for he never dressed like anybody else, and he had, just over his left eye, a single lock of white hair amid a mass of black curis. His own interest in and rear part of the store house, The his appearance was great, for he reshop was not damaged to any garded the composition of costume and coffure with the same seriousne which he would have bestowed upon the composition of a picture, and indeed the result was unmistakably pic-

"Customers censed to be interested in their own hair," says Mr. Menpes of Whistier's entrance into a barber's shop. "Operators stopped their manipulations; every one turned to watch Whistler, who himself was supremely unconscious. His hair was first trimmed, but left rather long, Whistler meanwhile directing the cutting of every lock as he watebed the barber in the glass. He, poor fellow, only too conscious of the delicacy of his task, shook and trembled as he manipulated the scissors. The clipping completed, Whistler waved the operators imperiously on one side, and we observed for some time the rear view of his dapper little figure, stepping backward and forward, surveying himself in the glass. Suddenly he put his head into a basin of water, and then, half drying his hair, shook it into matted wet curls With a comb he carefully picked out the white lock, wrapped it in a towel and walked about for five minutes. pinching it dry, with the rest of his hair hanging over his face a stage which much amused the onlookers.

"Still pinching the towel, he would then beat the rest of his hair into ringlets (combing would not have given them the right quality) until they fell into decorative waves all over his head. A loud scream would then rend the air. Whistler wanted a comb. This procured, he would comb the white lock into a feathery plume and with a few broad movements of his hand form the whole into a picture. Then he would look beamingly at himself in the glass and say but two words, 'Menpes. amezing!" and sail triumphantly out of the shop,"

HER STOLEN RIDE.

Mrs. Fletcher's Illegal Use of a Street Car Transfer.

"I think," said Mrs. Fletcher serene ly, "that I did something today that would land me in the penitentiary if anybody ever found out about it." "In that case," Fletcher remarked, "It is to be hoped nobody will ever find

"I don't think they will. I am quite sure I shall not tell it to anybody but you. But really it was daugerous. I made an illegal use of a street car transfer. A young man on the corner gave it to me. He asked me if I was coming uptown from Sixty-fifth street, and I said I was.

"Then perhaps you'd like to take this transfer,' be said. 'I am not go ing to use it.'

"He was an awfully nice young fel If he doesn't need them he may see somebody else who does. I told him would like to take that one, but that was afraid. "There is a law against traffic in

transfers, isn't there?' I said. "'Oh, bother the law!' said the young man, 'I believe they did clap some fellows into jail the other day or fine them or something for handling transfers, but they didn't work it right. You're all right so long as you don' get caught. '

"Of course," continued Mrs. Fletcher "I could see that much myself, so I took the transfer. It made me feel quite-quite-you know what." "Devilish?" suggested Fletcher.

"Yes, quite um-m-m to be mixed up in such a crooked deal. You see, I didn't know any minute what come of it. I was scared, yet I thoroughly enjoyed the situation. For months I have been wanting to ride on a stolen transfer. I have seen lots of other people do it, and they all looked so happy because they had saved a nickel that I really envied them. I didn't think I would ever have nerve

enough to try it, but"-Mrs. Fletcher opened her purse and scattered the contents on the table.
"Hello!" said Fletcher. "There's another transfer. Where did you get

Mrs. Fletcher eyed the green slip of

paper wonderingly.
"Oh, I remember now," she said. met Mrs. Boyer in the car. I got so interested in what she told me about her new sleeves that I forgot all about the transfer. I gave the conductor nickel after all."-New York Press,

To Eat, of Course. Grocer-Do you want apples to cook or to eat? Sumil Boy-Both. That's what we cook 'em for.-Baltimore

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EDITORIAL FLINGS.

A New York man has been fined \$10 for giving away a street car transfer. It is a crime to give anything away in New York.—Washington Post.

Des Moines is to have a bed factory.

some of these mineral springs will soubtless be found of value by the bed-nakers. — Des Moines Register and

says young Mr. Rockefeller to his Bible class. Great heavens! What would they have got if they had really tried? -New York World.

King Alfonso refuses to give more than eight hours a day to royal busi-ness. Alf is not going to take any chances of losing his card in Council No. 1, Kings' union.-Washington Post. And while the Japs are considering the subject of adopting our aiphabet they might also consider the propriety of arranging their text font end fore-most instead of hind side before.—Boston Herald.

MODES OF THE MOMENT.

Chinchilla is one of the leading furs. Real lace is enjoying a new reign of

Ostrich and marabou plumes adorn One manifestation of the butterfly rogue is a butterfly decoration on the front of the evening slipper.

Evening gowns of white chiffon are rimmed with applications and bands of ribbon in beautiful fancy weaves. A novelty this year in fur jackets is the open Eton, under which appears s vest of velvet or other rich material. Raspberry toned cloth is employed for afternoon gowns; likewise are old rose bue and some deeper tints of red. The latest in silk goods is a silk wash cloth. It comes in plain white and also in checked designs in plak and white, blue and white and similar combinations.-Brooklyn Eagle,

HORSES AND HORSEMEN. Abe Frank is being prepared for New

Orleans winter racing. Anzella, 2:06%, bas been bred to John A. McKerron, 2:041/4. Nancy Hanks, 2:04, may be bred to

McKinney, 2:114, next season. Charles Marvin pronounces Expedition the best son of Electioneer as a

Foreign buyers have purchased Roy Lockbert, 2:151, by Lockbart, 2:0814. from J. H. Huber, Manly Junction, Ia. The pacer Frank Yoakum, 2:0514, is in winter quarters at the stable of his owner, Charles Longbotham, Chester,

Nervola, 2:041/4; Tertimin, 2:241/4, and Dr. Madara, 2:08, three of Scott Hudson's regulars, will not be trained next season.

INDEXING BOOKS.

The Custom Is an Old One That De-

The custom of indexing books devel oped gradually. Cleero used the word "index," but in the sense of a table of ontents. Seneca provided some works which he sent to a friend with notes of particular passages, "so that he who only aimed at the useful might be spared the trouble of examining them entire." This was at least a partial "index" in the modern sense. Annoated, or at least explanatory, tab contents seem to have preceded the in-

Such tables followed the order of ap earance of the subjects in the book itself. Alphabetical arrangement which was the beginning of the real index, appears not to have been thought of until the invention of printing, and even then it spread but slowly. Erasmus was one of the first to provide his works with alphabetical indexes. The astom did not become universal until well into the sixteenth century.

The first index to an English book is said to be that printed in Polydore Vergil's "Angliae Historiae," in 1546. An edition of this work published ten years later has an index of thirty-seven

The Hungarian Crown The Hungarian crown worn at their accession by the emperors of Austria as kings of Hungary is the identical one made for Stephen and used at his coronation over 800 years ago. The

whole Is of pure gold, except the settings, and weighs nine marks six rimont exactly fourteen da. The settings above alluded to consist of 53 supphires, 50 rubies, 1 emerald and 338 pearls. It will be noticed hat there are no diamonds among counted for by the oft quoted story of Stephen's aversion to such gems be-cause he considered them "unlucky."

The term "Argus eyed" means watchful. According to the Grecian fable, Argus had 100 eyes, and June set him to watch all of whom she was jesious. When Argus was stain she transplant, his argus was stain she transplant. ed his eyes into the tail of the pen ed as eyes into the tail of the pea-cock. "Hydra headed" is a term de-rived from the fable of Hercules and the hydra. The hydra had nine heads, and Hercules was sent to kill it. As soon as he atruck off one of its heads two shot up in its place.

A workman on the Siberian railway was accidentally locked into a refrigerator car and was afterward found dead. Imagining that he was being slowly frozen to death, he had recorded his sufferings with a place of chall

CHAS. B. HILLS

THE CURVED BALL

It Is the Atmosphere Which Causes

Most any ten-year-old youngster can urve a ball, even though he does not w why he can do so except that about the science of the curve, but comparatively few understand why hey can produce their "benders." The ntific American gives the follow-

the ball curves because he gives it a twist, but scientifically this will not do. Why will the twist make the curve! ection and if the force of gravitation ere not at work the ball would continue on in a straight line forever. ome force of resistance is then at s curve from its straight course. If a feather is dropped in a vacuum in an exhausted receiver of an air pump it will drop like a shot, but if it is dropped out in the air it will go down irregularly and slowly, shifting from

"It is the atmosphere which causes the ball to curve, Bearing in mind that the atmosphere is a compressible elastic gas, we find that when the bal enves the hand of the pitcher with a rapid rotary motion it impinges upon a continuous elastic cushion, and this moderate resistance, or friction, changes its course in the direction which is given to the rotary motion Take an outshoot of a right handed pitcher, for instance. He impresse apon the ball a rapid centrifugal rotary motion to the left, and the ball goes to the left because the atmosphere ompressible and elastic, is packed into an elastic cushion just ahead of the ball by the swift forward and rotary motion, and the friction, which is very great in front of the ball, steers it in the direction which it is turning.

A NOTABLE MEETING.

Held In the Interest of "W Rights" In 1701.

The first recorded public meeting is the interest of "woman's rights" was held in the town of Medford, Mass, in 1701. The gallery of the church was occupied by the young unmarried people of the congregation, one side and one half the front gallery being given to the young men, the other side and the other half being given to the young women. But in the seating in this eventful year the young men were given the entire front of the gallery as well, and the young women were only allowed one side of the gallery.

Then it was that things began to happen. Treatment like this wasn't to be tolerated even for a moment. The blood of the future mothers of the Revolution was fully aroused, and the young women made such an uproar and commotion that it speedily became a town matter, and a town meeting was called to restore to them their rights in half of the front gallery.

The young men of the day were bitterly opposed to extending any new privileges to women, and the fight extended beyond Medford. Shortly after the introduction of "pues" into the churches, by which families were separated from the remainder of the congregation, the selectmen of the town they had better leave their microscope of Newbury gave permission to a group at home.—New York Press. . . of young women to build a "pue" in own side of the house. This extension of privilege was resented by the young bachelors to such a degree that they young men of Newbury were fined \$10 each and sentenced to be whipped or pilloried. But they were manly enough to confess their folly and ask pardon, so this part of their punishment was omitted. So you see the "woman's rights" movement isn't a modern one.-Boston Herald.

The Real Shillalah. The shillalah, accounted Ireland's na tional weapon of defense, was original ly a common blackthorn stick, but in modern times it has been replaced by the more wiry ash sapling. The real shillalah is a young shoot of the sloe shrub or blackthorn pulled by the root from the crevice of some rock. After being trimmed it is placed in the smoke of turf peat, which softens the hard fiber, and when it has reached a condition as pliant as rubber it is straight

ened. When cooled in the air it be comes as strong and firm as iron. The trimming process is then continued and when it is desired to make a par ticularly handsome weapon the spus, so effective in a melee or faction fight, are ornamented with small brass units. The worth thing that can happen to a man in Siam is to get into debt, from

Once in debt there is no append, the debtor being stripped of his clothes and compelled to work in fetters, generally for the rest of his life, to pay the inter for the rest of his life, to pay the interest. Drunkards are not permitted to give evidence in the law courts of Siam. The Buddhist priests, eind in yellow robes, are to be seen everywhere in Bangkok, and it is quite common for young men to enter the priest hood, which affords them an easy and luxurious existence, owing to the liberality of the populace toward any one sanctioned to the service of Buddhs.

The belief in a C first allowed by first half of the

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"Ro'?" he queried in answer. ' No, I reck'n not. Reck'n I never

"Why," exclaimed one of the I thought you said you couldn't

The guide was plainly pussed and could be heard to repeat to himself several times "Ro"! Ro"!
"I reck'n'd you all meant ro' like a lion. I can't do that, But pull an o', why, I've done that all my life. I shorely can pull an o'."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

pounded by a spinster in an article, "The Truth About Man." "Men as a whole," she says, "may be roughly di-vided into three distinct species—the bold, the sby and the tough." The first class includes "those self assured males" who fall in and out of love with every other woman they meet; the second class is made up of "the reverence for all women and sliently adore one for life without telling her so," and the third species "is con so," and the third species "is concerned only with getting on and making mon ey, is absolutely municipal and marries only as a matter of expeitatingly condemn and find irresistible; the second we admire profoundly, praise without stint and ignore utterly; the third we dislike, despise and-mar

I hereby give notice that I shall strike for wages the wrote to the proprietors of Fraser's Magazine). You pay more to others, I find, than to me, and so I intend to make some fresh conditions about Yellowplush. I shall write m. more of that gentleman's remarks except at the rate of 12 guineas a sheet, and with a drawing for such numbe in which his story appears—the draw ing 2 guineas. Pray do not be angry at this decision on my part. It is simply a bargain which it is my duty to make. Bad as he is, Mr. Yellowplush is the most popular contributor to your nagazine and ought to be paid accordingly. If he does not deserve more than the monthly nurse or the Blue Friars I am a Dutchman.-James Grant Wilson's "Thackeray."

"Linen kings" can make trouble east ly for the housewife with their three ointed miscroscopes for determining the number of threads to the inch in any article of table linen. One visited

a friend the other night and after dinger exhibited a handkerchief worth at vholesale \$1.50 apiece. It was very beautiful under the microscope. The hostess then looked upon a napkin and afterward upon a tablecloth. Now, she thought up to that moment her napery was the finest in the block, and the revelation of the wide meshes caused the most bitter disappointment. Ever since her misery has been complet When "linen kings" go out socially

One of the greatest natural wonders in Java, "the fire island," a large lake of boiling mud, is situated alm broke a window of the church, forced an entrance and backed the pew in fifty "pania" to the northeast of Solo. It is almost two miles in circumference, and in the center immense col umns of soft, hot mud may be seen continually rising and falling like great continually rising and forth and then black timbers thrust forth and then uddenly withdrawn by a giant's la there are two gigantic bubbles near the western edge which fill up like huge balloons and explode on an average three times per minute.

Domestic Bliss.
Wife-According to this paper, bot water will prevent wrinkles. Husband—So? Then bow do you ac sount for the numerous wrinkles I

Wife-How do I account for them? Husband—Yes; you keep me in hot water nearly all the time, you know.— Chicago News.

Those Late Trains. -Do you leave home every more ing at the same time?

He—No; I never leave two mornings at the same time.

"Why, you must miss your trains very often?"
"Never; I always take the same train."—Youkers Statesman.



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