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Doubtless it will be a surprise to many to read the statement that there is a country in the world in which it is considered a crime to smoke. But such is the case in Abyssinta. The Penny Magazine tells in a paragraph that the law forbidding the use of tobacco there dates from 1642. It was first merely intended to prevent smoking in the churches, but it was taken too literally; and now eyen foreigners of the man. As the men next of rank who smoke there at all have to do so subrosa, as if they were still school-boys.

Many new ideas and things are be ing given to the world, but the most nearly unthough tof possibility we have rising. seen mentioned, is glasses which will enable a person to see in the darkness as well as in the light. Mr. John Shepard, of Sanford, N. C., writes in the "What Next?" column of the Penny Magazine that he believes it is not only balance by writing letters of undispossible but that before another century pissess will be in common use; and he wisely adds that he who shall first discover a process by which such glasses my be made will have a fortune in

There were fewer lynchings in thi country during the year 1899 than in any year for the past fifteen. Every good and true citizen deplores a lynching of any kind, and especially were some in this country most horrible. The whole number of lynchings for 1899 have 103 were in the South, one in Pennsyluania and three in Kansas. Of the victims 84 were negroes and 23 whites. It is to be hoped that whatever the will grow smaller every year until the drunk to command, was yet not drunk regular course of law shall finally deal with evey criminal.

Governor Rollins, of New Hampshire, recently addressed the Boston Ministers Union, and made some very interesting remarks. He said that while he is a member of the Episcopal church, he makes no pretentions at being a specially religious man; but he gave some strong hints at the cause of what he regards He attributes the decline of religion there to a loosening of religious faith; the denying of the Bible account of the creation; and the repudiation of Jonah by some of the preachers has helped to loosen the faith.

He further said that denominational discords carried into general disputes and week day business, have had much to do with the decline of religious fervor which marked the Christianity of

Among other things which Governor Rollins mentioned is the entrance upon the ministry of young men who are not especially fitted for it. He said : "The kind of men who go into the ministry is also a damage to the cause of religion. Young men who have no special call to anything else drift into the pulpit, where they seek a chance to get an easy living. Of course, this does not apply to any of you gentlemen in this room, but the Protestant churches have much to learn from the Roman Catholics, who take care to select the brightest young men for the priesthood, not allowing any drones to go to the theological seminiary.

"There is too much attention to amusement in the church-too much andy-pulls and too little straightformany endeavorers and too little endeavor among the young people. We must compat materialism, and this can hest be done by using the straight, oldfashioned gospel.'

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to Washington, Congress appointed universe. two soldiers of fortune, both of whom later tried to make a wreck of Washington's career iu order that they themselves might climb higher-a yery unsatisfactory and uncertain way of

One was Ge neral Charles Lee, a man who had been everywhere, done everything, and who seems to have entered upon the American struggle from purely professional motives. Prior to the retreat across New Jersey, he lost his guised hostility regarding Washington, foolbardy in the neighborhood of the

foe. He is not above well-authenticated suspicion of trying to tell the British how to subdue America. Alter his release Washington magnanimously aided him until his suspictous behavior at the battle of Monmouth, when there were short, sharp words and afterwards a court martial.

The other was General Horatio Gates. to whom Burgoyne surrendered in the northern campaign-a truculent, insolent man, whose jealousy prompted him to omit all mention of Arnold's bravery at Bemis' Heights and Sarahim to ignore his commander-in-chief and report to Congress direct. Yet the enough to be beyond the power of doing harm. Gates subsequently made a retired to a petulant private life.

the decline of religion in New England. ting but unenduring guerilla war-

Out of such material were we expect-

ed to develop victory? courage, nor even on his treachery, as the ground is familiar. He sold his secrets instead of resigning his commisriotous living that had cost him so dearly in Philadelphia. In those black officer might be implicated in the treason he doubted man and said, "whom can we trust now" yet note the self control, the tender pity, the keen judgment, all displayed in one hour so clearly that we wonder if we ever dimly comprehend him, for at this moment, when everything seemed slipping from beneath his feet he remembered the distress of Arnold,s abandoned wife and visited her with words of comfort and cheer.

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## Foolish to Play Poker.

Poker? Not again. And I would advise all young men who have reputaavoid the game. If they can hold their own and have a desire to find all

the flaws in alleged friends, why, my brethern, I say play poker. The lovely game of draw shows up a man. It strikes right at the heart and brain, his liver and bowels. One who can go through a season without reproach is a finest Harveyized steel as big as bridge catles. Never let him get away, for he is about the scarcest carticle in the

with reason unless he is born with a gold spoon in his mouth and everything turns to diamonds. Some of the closest friends I ever had were exposed at the poker table, and we do not associate now. I found out more about them in six months at that game than 40 years of intimate aquaintance would have taught me in any other line of "friendship." Poker costs a young man valuable time, lots of money and stacks of friends. I use the word "friends" in a general sense. and then he lost his liberty by being which means such chaps as a young fellow "runs with." One real friend is as much as a man can expect. All the others try to "do" him.

> I have been throtigh the poker mill When my table was ready and the cards were ready, the chips ready, the rum ready, the cigars ready and your humble servant was ready to lose and be banker, my door bell rang at all hours, and my "friends" were numer- is 79 years of age. Since the death of correct. ous. They would willingly sit up with her husband she has lived almost alone me all night and sometimes remain in the cottage with the iron safe and to breakfast. You never saw so sacrific- its precious contents, her only companing a lot of fine fellows sacrificing me ion being a granddaughter 16 years of Selected. business. It was head hard thinking too

I had been lifted out by "friends" campaign had been planned by Wash - hung up by "friends" and had "friends" ington, prepared by General Schuyler, to come up when in my debt to 'play it tought by Arnold, and its laurels off." A case of beer in a sitting was provocation, the number of lynchings snatched by Gates, who being too nothing. A box of cigars was merely a puff. I rage now when I think of what was wasted on the canaille that for an official of the bank yesterday "worked" me. Reason returned. I tore and in the presence of the attorney, failure of the Southern campaign and up every card I had, cast out my chips head book-keeper Baker, of the bank, Then there was Ethan Allen, a rare day to this I have not touched a card the combination of which had been old fighter—an outlaw at that—and so I am happy in forgetting nightmare left to her by her husband before his feroclously independent that most of of draw. But no one of the old gang death. his work tended to undo the Revolu- comes near me now. Nothing is to be tion rather than strenghthen it; for made at my table. I cannot be skinned he had the greatest love of action, but therefore they have no use for me. with himself as leader. He would They have found pastures new. A few rather go it alone, and did, than go old friends who did not come around startling. Gold, rich yellow pelces of it, ing song she chose, the one beginning, under others. His forte was an irrita- when we had poker have come back to visit me since I had the sense to quit it. They are not in the make, as Worst of all, yet probably the most possiby, scandalizing time. I am an mine!" Gaspard would have revelled minutes the quiet post-office was filled Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte wronged of all, was Benedict Arnold. older man than you think, but there in it. Greenbacks were piled in the with people, and hardly had the singer Railroad. We need not dwell on his lion like are other old fools who passed the pigeon holes. Silver peices were in a concluded the first lines of the ballad couldn't play poker. If I could have safe. won every night, I wouldn't have cared sion, and thus paid for the husks of for the loss of my "friends," but to lose them and my money, too, was what brought me around. I gambled to win. hours at west point, the most hopeless So does every honest man. He is not of all when Washington knew not what gambling to lose. When one says, "Oh, well, I don't want to win your money,' he lies. Tell him so in his teeth

## The Ideal Father.

'Of all relations among individuals, in all combinations which life offers in this world, there its none that is more wonderful than motherhood. And fatherhood comes next," writes Barnette Brown in the February Ladies Home Journal. "The mother may be reprsent ed as a dove, with love and gentle care brooding over the young, the father as an eagle, strong, eager to defend and help. The mother should be an embodiment of sweetness and gentleness, the father a citadel of strength. A father then to avoid his failures must be of fine, large quality, strong, sane and loving, a self forgetful pleasant guide a chum for his boys, a lover for his girls, a comprehending husband, a comfortable man. With a father like this a mother such as we have sometimes seen and often dreamed of the path way of childhood becomes not one of thorns, but one to be sprinkled with flowers, and life is changed from a dreary round of mistakes and failures into a comfortable, successful and beau titul journey, brightened by cheerful-Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain ness, gladdened by comradeship, sweet-

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# FARMER'S SAFE HELD 7,000 IN CASH.

to make or characters to sustain to Accumulatein of a Life Time Found by the Widow of Edward Elliott Who Recently Died at 81.

A STRANGE STORY.

A rusty old safe in a lonely three- nothing for the luxuries of life. room farm house on the Mayson and grabble to one,s soul with hooks of the Turner's ferry road has been hugging farmers and worked about the place in No man can play poker in reason or back on the creaking hinges and the horde of wealth was exposed for the first time to the wondering gaze of the lilar sight to the neighbors. He came heirs to the fortune. Later it was re- to town often and made some of the moved in bags to the big safety vaults of the Neal Loan and Banking company, where thieves do not break

through and steal. The money, nearly \$7,000, is the accumulation of years of honest toil and frugal hving by Edward Elliott, who died in December at the ripe old age of 81 years. He was a farmer and owned two hundred acres of rich land in the vicinity of the city dumping grounds two miles and a half from the union depot. He inherited the land from his father and lived in the little farm house close to the public road since his boyhood days.

MRS. ELLIOTT SURPRISED.

is 79 years of age. Since the death of correct. One night a good many years ago I age. She did not know until vesterday ed money during his lifetime.

savings might tempt evil persons to crime in search of the wealth, she sent and said, "No more poker," From that and several relatives opened the safe,

GOLD IN ABUNDANCE.

The sight which met the eyes of the filled every drawer. There was enough "A voice loving and tender," and nev-

money in there," was Mrs. Elliott's lina Patti who could sing like that."

was discarded at the sight of the wealth pile of letters. and bags were procured. The gold and silver were counted carefully and raked into the sacks. When the count of the greenbacks began it was discovered that they were stuck together from age. the safe was impregnated with veritable

ficial had reached the bank and the sore by a cruel bit, madden it by the wealth was safely stored in the yaults brutal cuts of a horsewhip, or torture it they beaved a sigh of relief, glad to be safe within the steel walls.

The members of the Elliott familly are glad, too, that the fortune was found and deposited before robbers learned of its existence. There are several other relatives besides the wife and granddaughter in the city who may come in for a share of the money at the proper

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WAS A RESPECTED FARMER.

Mr. Elliott, who saved the money was well known in the district in which he lived as a frugal farmer, who cared

He dressed in the simple fashion of thousands of dollars in greenbacks and the ordinary capacity of a farm hand gold within its iron bosom for more for the greater portion of his life. Even than half a century. Yesterday morn- when he had reached an advanced age ing the doors of the safe were swung of life and up to a short time before AND his death his tall, bent figure in the fields as he sowed his crops, was a fammoney trading.

The safe in which the money war stored has been a part of the household furniture in the little cottage since the house was built long before the war It rested in a corner of a back room and has always been kept well covered with a cloth. The neighbors who have visited the place for years did not know of its existence. Attorney McAlee did not know of it until he was told several days ago, though he has known the family intimately for many years.

The officials of the bank where the money was deposited refused to give any information whatever on the subject of the queer deposit. They adhered strickly to the tenets of bank-His wife, who survives him, and who ling houses in regard to their depositors

## How Patti Identified Herself.

On her recent marriage to Baron de Ar. Rocky Mt. togs, and whose jealously also caused sit up late thinking about the poker that the safe held the big store of gold. Cederstrom, Patri left orders that her Arrive Tool though she knew her husband had say- mail should all be forwarded to the Cannes post-office. On her arrival On the advice of her lawyer, Mr. Je. there, she went to the post-office and ome McAfee, who feared that the cur- asked if there were any letters for the rent rumors of the deceased farmer's Baroness Adelina de Cederstrom Patti. "Lots of them."

> "Then give them to me." "Have you any old letter by which

"No, I have nothing but my visit-

ng card. Here it is." "O, that's not enough, madam : and one can get visiting cards of other people. If you want your mail, you will have to give me a better proof

of your identity than that." A brilliant idea then struck Madame party when the doors creaked back was Patti. She began to sing. A touchto delight the soul of any gloating er did she put more heart into the miser and cause him to run his fingers melody. And marvelous was the the phrase goes. They come to talk through the pile and whisper, "Ha, ha, change as the brilliant music broke and swap lies and have a sensible, quit my pretty boys, and you are mine, mine, through the intense silence. In a few Au Line and Southern Railway, at meridian before they learned that they box in the large compartment of the when an old clerk came forward and said, trembling with excitement: "It's 5:08 p. m., Greenville 6:57 p. m., Kins-"I didn't dream there was that much Patti, Patti! There's no one but Ade- ton 7:55 p. m. Returning leaves

Well, are you satisfied now?" asked the Weldon 11:33 a m., daily except Sun-The little hand satchel which had singer of the official who doubted her day. been brought out by the bank official identity. The only reply he made was in which to convey the money to bank to go to the drawer and hand her the

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and ears, and then on my whole body. I was perfectly raw with it. What I suffered during those five years, is no use telling. Nobody would believe me if I did. I tried every medicine that was advertised to cure it. I spent money enough to buy a house. I heard JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA highly praised. I tried a bottle of it. I began to improve right away, and when I had finished the third bottle I was completely cured. I have never had a touch of it since. I never got any thing to do me the least good till I tried JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA. I would heartily advise all who are suffering from humors or skip disease of any kind to try it at once. I had also a good deal of stomach or skin disease of any kind to try it at once. I had also a good deal of stomach trouble, and was run down and miserable, but JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA

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