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twenty-five or thirty and receive more han I write. For I have guit answer-

to collect some dry kye or limbs that had dropped from the trees and he hewed off some low branches with his the big trees outside there was no the big trees outside there was no bunting knife. He kindled a bit of a fire at the foot of a tree. He did not dare to go to asleep, for the cold was raw and piercing. So he stood and turned himself before the fire like an animated spit, moving constantly

In the morning there was nothing chested biscuit. Had he not been unand so on he went. He did come 'Mediator' saw that the animal

inggled the clouds overhead. The ed storm. Then, and not till then, But before an hour had passed the snow, driving faster and faster, covered his tracks. Night came on again. Once more he lighted his fire, and, struggling to keep awake. hardship by many years of woods life

'most anything," remarked one of his "But I certainly heard some one

"But I certainly neard some one shout," persisted Meigs.
"Do you believe for a moment." said his friend. "that a man with his ears done up like a pound of pickled

The clothing man admitted that it trate even a few feet of the snow. didn't seem very probable, but still he persisted in his opinion strenuously. At last one of the guiles went to the oor and shouted into the night.

"H couldn't have been." he said, re-

was a monotor, and on he drove eag-orly in a skurry of snow from his troad shoes. Still those monster tigation. I can't go to asleep with the notion that some poor cess is out their in the cold. Somehow or other i can't reason myself out of the notion that there is something the mat-ter outside, and I wish you would look it up. I'd go myself if it were not for my ears.

After poking some fun at the persis-

tent man arguing from his nest in the bunk, two of the guides put on their outer clothing and went out.
"Of course, it may be that some ment for insubordination.

one has dropped into the water hole down here a piece," sail one of them, "but as that's more than a mile away it don't stand to reason that you could have heard any shouting with your ears done no in that manner

The snow came down damp and of the men came running back, and heavy, and the sagging boughs above kept dropping clumps onto his shoul-"There is something the matter af-

At the first lightening that showed that morning was approaching, he ate the last crumbs of his biscuit and and he nollered back to me to bring the property of the control of the crumbs of his biscuit and the nollered back to me to bring the crumbs of his biscuit and the nollered b

hard in his face. He was weak with hunger and sick for sle. His limbs are esting into the camp a stiff figure that the gides as soon as the man was in the lamplight, recognized as Mediator Trustrum H. Brown, of Eliousville.

At fix they thought he was dead, but thoy undressed him and set him bodily into a tub of ice-cold water, come a cross some trail or water course. His limbs are stiff figure that the had lost his way. But the show how had been across some trail or water course, his chief hope of rescue, some The suow ceased in the afternoon, The suow ceased in the afternoon, and the afternoon, the suow ceased in the afternoon, his throat, and at midnight he was sitting up and telling his story.

The suow ceased in the afternoon, and the afternoon, the substitute of the sunday for the substitute of the substi

"Folks with frozen cars can hear ment is determined by the little kingdom of Saxony, derived their from the seax, or short, crooked

It is an extraordinary fact that men is friend. "that a man with his one up like a pound of pickled could bear a sound that we

happened in 678 and the two succeeding years, when, according to the records, there was practically no rain-"I don't want to be stubborn in this possible for men to work in the open atter," said Mr. Meigs, "but I do air. In 923 and 294 the nuts on the trees were "roasted as if in an oven.

Among the strict regulations of the German military code is one which forbids anybody to present himself before a recruiting officer with a cane in his hand. Some weeks ago a reservist so far forgot himself as to enter the office of a recruiting sergeant major carrying his walking stick. For this henious offense the unfortunate re-

a buzzard 900 meters above the sea level. On March 10, 1890, some aeronauts observer a lark flying at the height of 1000 meters; on July 18, 1899, another bailcon met a couple of crows at an altitule of 1400 meters.

company was formed to exploit the mine, if it could be located. Exploring parties were sent through the region, and, after a long search without success, the attempt was abandoned and we set about to find the hunter. I had his name and address but investigation showed that he had culisted in the army and gone to the Philippines to fight for his country. We attempted to communicate with him there, but legrand that he had described. A short legrand that he had described by the fit will led him to die right. The wolled on and the morning be had not lead the will be lead the morning of the day when the books should pass and the morning of the day when the books should pass and the morning of the day when the books should pass and the morning of the day when the books should pass and the morning of the day when the books should pass and the morning of the day when the books should pass and the morning of the day when the books should pass and the morning of the day when the books should pass and the morning the inspection of the other officers and the morning of the day when the books should pass and the morning the world on the morning the with the troil design that it will answer that it woll he made. The time rolled on the morning the world on the morning the world of

older. 'They are very easily influenced; their hearts are soft, and little "mother's talk" at night wil produce great results. You cannot be

From babyhood teach him to give in his sisters, because they are girls and need consideration. If he pulls their hair or kicks them -- fer, alt pass over such an offence. Do n bring you a chair, open the door whey you leave the room, walk on the once edge of the pavement, and, in fact, behave to you as he ought to othe women in the future. It means a little trouble, and reminding him at fit but in time the little ways will come habits instinctively performed.

In the last 25 years a consideran change has ben effected in the treament and furnishing of floors. This seems a short period in which to reck-on, when the history of floor coverings dates from far back before the Christian era, even to the ancient days of primitive ages had adopted the fur skins of wild beasts to make a con-fortable foothold in their habitations. The Babylonians were renowned for their weaving of rugs and the orna the art was based on to the Persians and the people of India, and so through Asia and castern Europe, and after the Renaissance, into France and England. In this country, rugs are becoming more and more in demand i place of carpets. From a hygeni

St. John Brodrick, the British secre-ary for wor, recently threw an inter-

life will I satisfy huu and show him ally salvation.

Again I remark that godiness is good for the intellect. I know some have supposed that just as soon as a man enters into the Christian life his intellect goes into a bedwarfing process. So far from that, religion will give new brilliancy to the intellect, new strength to the imagination, new force to the will and wider swing to all the intellectual faculties. Christianity is the great central fire at which philosophy has lighted its brightest torch.

torch.

The religion of Christ is the funite out of which learning has dipped its cleest draft. The Helicon poured forth such inspiring waters as those which from under the throne of God clear

Now that great improvements have been effected in locomotive headlights the wonder is that they have been so Washington as a dead letter. I recon

1) has been discovered that the Capitol of Washington is full of germs. Hot air, it seems, then, is not a good independent of the control of Washington is full of germs. However, the control of Washington is full of germs. However, the control of who can write and there are twenty times as many letters written by the control of the co

IN THE MAINE WOODS

IN THE years old, my father was the postnaster in our town and had to make contracts for carrying the mail to other neighboring towns. He gave these contracts to needy men and the pay DIES, MEXICO AND CALIFORNIA. of socks and bring me back the pay in coffee, if you will. I'll give you a little bag to put it in, and you can hang it on the horn of your saidle."

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Washington, D. C. oblige the women, and besides my father kept a store and got the trade.

The great northern mail used to come Sometimes. I had as much outside of the mailbag as there was inside. I the mailbag as there was inside.

tions to guard the ponice, and the boy

foolish letters were written in

There was 15 to 1611 & Date of the second to second that he had been come of second that he ha

ninety pounds and had to make forty miles a day—20 east and 20 west. It took about two hundred boys and four hundred pen'ses to do the work, and I wanted to be one of the boys wight.

bad. Part of the route was beset by hostile Indians, and the express com-pany had to keep soldiers at these sta-I wonder if our young people know who was our first postmaster general? thad to keep a sharp lookout between King George because he was sus the stations. One of the pictures pected of being a robel and his name as he bent over the pony's neck.

We are the bent over the pony's neck, because of independence was passive was flying like the wind. He had ed, he established an independent line sheet of paper and a thousand in a bag, and that made about twenty pounds of mail. Besides the mail there were some two-pony hacks with two drivers and guns and these carried gold dust from the mines to the eastern states and were limited to like see dragging castern states and were limited to eastern states and were limited to two hundred pounds, which was worth mearly \$50,000 and was a tempting prize to both white and Indian robbers. But the gold express ran at irregular intervals and nobody knew when it was coming.

Ted gold dust from the mines to the foundation from prize to bring them the news of the great batte. English credit and bonds and consols were then away down to 25 cents on the doddar, for Napoleon was just running rough shot over kingdoms and governments. The Rothschilds got the news of his defeat transfer on the doddar, for Napoleon was just running rough shot over kingdoms and governments. The Rothschilds got the news of his defeat transfer of the prize to bring them the news of his defeat to the prize to bring them the news of his defeat to the prize to bring them the news of his defeat to the prize to bring them the news of his defeat to the prize to bring them the news of his defeat to the prize to bring them the news of his defeat to the prize to bring them the news of his defeat to the prize to bring them the news of his defeat to the prize to both white and Indian robbers. But the gold express ran at irregular intervals and nobody knew when it was coming. twenty-four hours sooner than the bankers of London and they secretly bought up all the bonds and stocks But now about postage. Not man days. It cost too much and made the man mad when he had to pay 25 cents and consols they could find, and when or 18 3-4 or 12 1-2 cents for it. The the good news came of the great vic tory these bonds and stocks jumped up made many millions and this was the you wonder why the postage was in such curious amounts. Well, we didn't was a mean, dirty trick, but they didn't such curious amounts. Well, we didn't have any decimal currency then—no care. For nearly a century they didn't have any decimal currency then—no care. For nearly a century they have divided into sixteen parts instead of twenty: one part was called a thrip, which was 6 1-4 cents. Thrip is an abbreviation, for the above the plant of the plant ment had only to substitute electricity for oil. The new lantern can be made to throw against the clouds a vertical shaft of light with a control of the con value was 12 1-2 cents. I don't believe in the clouds a vertical shaft of light which can be seen ten in the saway. The electricity is generated from a dynamo on top of the boiler, and the light is of 600-candle power. That it means greater safety is obvious

Some Cauadians are claiming that their interests are being sacrificed by England in an effort to be referential to the United States. This shows how utterly impossible it is to please everyholy.

If the boiler and the light is of 600-candle plower, the control of the con