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The Elopement of Eileen Oge. 1AW By Ned Newcome.

like the larks of Ardmore. But one day they heard Elleen Oge O'Ruork singing in the meadow, and they grew so jealous of her voice that ever since then, mind you, they fly so far up into the sky that it is only the angels can hear them.

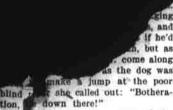
As for the thrush, sure, he always stopped his song entirely when he Eileen, as much as to say: heard "Faith, I'm no fool to be comparin' me voice side by side wid Eileen Oge." Ah, she was the sweet-spoken col-

leen! Whenever she'd go milking of an evening the cows would fight with one another to see which of them she'd milk first, for Elleen was a great favorite with man and beast, on account of her gentle ways and the friendly word she had for everything.

Even Thade Rafferty's awful dog, that swallowed the handcuffs the day the peeler tried to put them on his master at the pattern, would fawn at her feet as she went by, and wag his tail that strong with joy at the sight of her that he'd lift his body off the ground, so he would. She could go past Thade's door any time in the day or night, although any one else in the village wouldn't come within a farm of the place, and even then they would walk tiptoe and have their hearts in their mouths for very fear of Thade's dog, who had what you might call a boycott of his own on

the biggest half of Ardmore. This made it mighty unhandy for Bryan Barry, whose blacksmith's shop was next to Thade Rafferty's farm, and more than once Bryan wished that Thade's dog was in a place hotter than the forge and where they say no bellows is needed to keep the blaze going.

Well, it happened in the dusk of a winter's evening that a poor, blind piper with hair as white as the driven snow, and a big green patch on his left eve, was coming down the boreen that led into the village and feeling his way slowly before him with a stick when Thade Rafferty's terrible dog spied him and ran at him with a sick of a suddint, an' there's a man mouthful of a roar that was enough to frighten a scarecrow out of a corn-



No other bird on wiggs could sing | The piper had a guick ear, even if he couldn't see. He heard what happened because Mickey was standing

close beside him, and he says, so that no one else could hear, "Mickey, why don't you get another partner? Shure, there's more than one girl in the room. "Ah, it's lucky for you that you're not bothered wid cycsight, piper," answered Mickey, "for if you could see you'd know well enough that while there's plenty of faymales in the room there's only one girl, afther all, an'

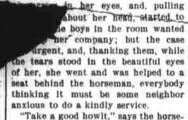
that's Elleen Oge." "Misfortune is a consolation some times," says the piper, and then he played the merriest tune that ever made people tickle the floor with fluttering feet, and the dance was on. Under the enchanting spell of the piper's music Ardmore and all its cares were soon forgotten, and in imagination the barn became a palace with lords and ladies bright in it, instead of the boys and colleens of the village. Then, between the dances the piper played "The Snow-Breasted Pearl." and to the surprise of everybody lifted his voice in melting accents to the words of the dear old song:

"There's a colleen fair as May, For a year and for a day I have tried in every way Her heart to gain;

There's no trick of tongue or eye fond youths with maiden try, But I've tried with ceaseless sigh

And tried in vain." After the piper's song the dance was enewed till you couldn't tell which was north or south by the stars in the sky. Then the delighted dancers, who were good and tired, took a rest, and the piper felt his way out into the cool air to limber his legs and his

fingers for the rest of the program. Eileen Oge was sitting beside Tin Rogan with a party of boys and girls praising the piper's fine singing, when a small boy came into the room and says: "I don't want to frighten you, Eileen, but your mother was taken on horse at the dure waitin' for you to go wid him to the priest." heard the beast, and | Elleen rose up at once with a look



man in a whisper, and then they galloped away. Eileen said nothing. You would think her heart was filled with grief for her mother, and that she only

A TIMBER FAMINE NEAR panion indoors than the crowd came "We'll have his life, so we will, who-PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SAYS shouted Tim Rogan at COUNTRY IS BEING DE-

"Let me get at him first!" bawled Mickey Manus, boiling with anger. All this while Elleen was inside sob

bing softly in her mother's arms, and making explanations, with her mother saying "Don't cry, alanna!" Wood.

"Break down the dure, let ye!" roared Thade Rafferty in a gruff voice Luat was followed by the barking of his awful dog. In the middle of this wild clamora tion Eileen Oge appeared at the door,

all of a sudden, and you could hear a pin falling. Even Thade's dog, although bursting with noise, grew still and fawned before her. "It's Elleen herself!" the people

cried. "Yes, it's me," she said. "I am here but me friends don't seem to be.' "They are! they are!" the crowd shouted

hundering.

ever he is!"

tue door.

"Then what's the cause of the throuble?" she asked. "We want the life of the man inside the house there; the bodagh that

stole you from us." they answered angrily. "Ah!". An' shure ye wouldn't hurt me poor husband on me," says Eileen, with a look in her face that went to

the heart of the crowd. "Yer husband, is it?" all exclaimed in astonishment, and with suddenly changed tone, for you see the , name of husband or wife was sacred with them in Ardmore.

"Yes, me husband, Ulrick Darcy of Drimbawe." A bis silence fell on the crowd a

that, and in a minute- Tim Rogan called out suddenly: "Well, he stole you from us, anyhow." "Wid me own consent," replied Eil-

een sweetly, "an' that was no stealin'. 'Tis he who was the blind piper the night o' the dance. Shure, didn't ye miss him at all?" she asked.

"An' was Ulick Darcy the blind piper?" asked Mickey Manus, in amazement.

"He was that," said Ulick himself, sticking his head through the door over Eileen's shoulder, seeing that the storm was quieting down. Then, taking more courage, he says: "Boys, there isn't a mother's son of ye that wouldn't do as I did. I knew ye'd never let me have Eileen by daylight. and so I took her by subtherfuge, as Schoolmaster Grady would say. We rode from the dance through Fochill's Gap in the mountains, an' at peep o' day me friend Father Noon made us one, wid both our consent,

an' now we ax your blessing instead o' the cross words an' looks ye do be givin' us.'

"That bein' the case, then; good luck to ye both, is what I say," said Tim Rogan, rushing up impulsively and grasping Ulick's hand in a hearty grip. His example was follo grip. His example was followed by every man present, and all used in saying that Ulick was a fine boy, 'even if he came from the back of the mountain, beyant," and that he and Eileen were "as likely a couple as you'd find in a day's walk," for that NUDED OF TREES. more actively and more permanently

here Should Be a National Service to Assist in Preserving American Forests-Civilization's Growing Need of

That this country is in peril of a timber famine, and that there should be a national forest service to assist in preserving forests was asserted by President Roosevelt, in an address be fore the American Forest congress at its recent meeting in Washington. In the course of his remarks the president said:

"The producers, the manufacturers, and the great common carriers of the nation had long failed to realize their true and vital relation to the great forests of the United States, and forests and industries both suffered from that failure.

"But the time of indifference and misunderstanding has gone by. Your coming is a very great step toward the solution of the forest problem-a problem which cannot be settled until it is settled right.

"The great significance of this congress comes from the fact that henceforth the movement for the conserva tive use of the forest is to come mainly from within, not from without: from the men who are actively interested in the use of the forest in one way or another, even more than from

those whose interest is philanthropic and general. The difference means to a large extent the difference between mere agitation and actual execution, between the hope of accomplishment and the thing done.

"The great industries of agriculture transportation, mining, grazing, and, of course, lumbering, are each one of them vitally and immediately dependent upon wood, water, or grass from the forest. The manufacturing industries, whether or not wood enters directly into their finished product, are scarcely, if it all, less dependent upon

the forest than those whose connec tion with it is obvious and direct. "Wood is an indispensable part at the material structure upon which civilization rests, and civilized life

makes continually greater demands upon the forest. We use not less wood, but more. "For example, although we consum-

relatively less wood and relatively more steel or brick or cement in certain industries than was once the case, yet in every instance which I rewhile the relative proportion is call. less the actual increase in the amount of wood used is very great.

"Thus the consumption of wood in ship building is far larger than it was before the discovery 'of the art of building iron ships, because vastly of building lumber are required rectly or indirectly, for use in the construction of the brick and steel and stone structures of great modern cities than were consumed by the comparatively few and comparatively small wooden buildings in the earlier

likely to be met.

"As I have had occasion to say over and over again, the policy which this administration is trying to carry out through the creation of such a service AN ELOQUENT SUNDAY SERMON BY is that of making the national forests

useful to the people of the west, and I am heartily glad to know that western sentiment supports more and more vigorously the policy of setting aside national forests, the policy of creating a national forest service, and especially the policy of increasing the

land to all those who come in contact with them. "With what is rapidly getting to be the unbroken sentiment of the west

what is rapidly getting to be the unbroken support of the great industries behind the general policy of the conservative use of the forest, we have a right to feel that we have entered on an era of great and lasting progress.

plause.) I am going to work with, and only with, the man who develops the country. (Applause.) I am against the land skinner every time. (Ap-

"Our policy is consistent to give to every portion of the public domain its highest possible amount of use, and

Date of Mexican Independence. "If ever a man was a living proo that our fates are predestined," said

President Diaz. "He was born at 11 o'clock at night on Sept. 15. That is the anniversary

national holiday. "The revolutionary conspirators had agreed on Sept. 16 for the outbreak

and were to open the ball at the ringing of a bell on the plaza of Guana juato. Bue Hidalgo, the Mexican Washington, learned that their plans were known, so he rang the bell and started things going at 11 o'clock on

mate and illegitimate, was born either on Sept. 15 or on the anniversary of one of his big military or political victories. I have it from a member of the Diaz household that there is not a single exception to this rule.

"Every year on Sept. 15 the monly

THE PULPIT.

THE REV. W. M. BRUNDAGE.

Subject: True Mission of the Church

Brooklyn, N. Y .- For the first sermon of his pastorate of the Unity Unitar-ian Church, the Rev. W. M. Brundage took for his subject Sunday morning "The True Mission of the Church." The text was from I. Timothy ili 13: "The church of the living

In the course of a strong sermon, list ened to by a large audience, he said: From the conditions which prevailed a few centuries ago, when the church was without a rival to contest its au thority, to its present condition, when it must contend with numerous com-petitors for the very right to exist, humanity has taken a long stride for-ward. Freedom has come to be more than a mere name Multitudes of peo ple have seriously begun to think and act for themselves. Less and less is the church able to live upon its record in the past; more and more has it be come manifest that it must justify its continued existence by the work that it does, by the service that it renders to society. Unless our churches of every name can be brought into vital and helpful relations to the real life of the people, they are doomed to perish. The traditions of the past cannot save them. Their service in the past,

great though it has been cannot fus tify their present existence. Do they minister in an essential manner to the best life of to-day? An affirmative answer to this question constitutes their only justification. Brotherhoods, clubs philanthropic associations withou number are competing with them; librarles, newspapers and periodicals, and educational institutions are doing hastened to her bedside. She found much of the work which they once did, work that was formerly left exskilful physicans in attendance and a trained nurse in charge; there was clusively to them. We find nothing in the origin of the church that entitles really nothing for her to do-nothing that she could be permitted to do.

it to claim a divine right to persist. If it persists it will be because it does a better work for society than any other institution can do.

went away powerless to ald. What is this work that the churches ministering was in wiser, more efficient are qualified to perform better than other institutions? Can they feed the hands than hers, and she could not be trusted with it-would not have dared hungry, clothe the naked, visit and to trust herself with It. comfort the sick and sorrowing, care "But it seems strange," she said. sadly, one day, "that even I, her for those who are in prison, minister to the orphan and the outcast, in fine mother, can only stand aside and do engage in all sorts of strictly philanthropic activity better than multi tudes of existing benevolent institutions? Certainly the churches will continue to do such work as this, because they are organizations of those who love and serve their fellowmen. But clearer and clearer does it become own. manifest that other institutions can do most kinds of philanthropic work as well It is the same in many a spiritual crisis through which we see our dear ones pass. We long to lift the burden, as, if not better than, the churches, the whole, the great fraternito lighten the trials, to bestow the covered gift; but the Great Physician ties everywhere established in our times can do it better. The organized holds the precious soul in His hands. charities of our cities, the prison re the hands that will make form associations, the humane socle and we can only stand aside and trust tles and others can do it better, more Him .- Forward. economically, more effectively. Can the churches, however, continue

to maintain themselves as centres for

the propagation of great dogmatic sys

tems of on the other hand, as centres

of mere protect against the dogmatic systems of the past? I do not believe

cussion of such systems is being rap-

dly shifted from the pulpit to the

press. The great magazines and re-

The forum for the dis-

and revere these ideals, and to devote themselves with perfect consecration to their realization in human society-such a church is fulfilling its true mission, by whatever name that church may be called, and is in no danger of being discredited in our modern life In such a church there will be no

distinction between classes, between the rich and the poor, no lingering caste spirit, no recognition of a difference of rank and dignity between ministers and months. and people; in the conscious presence of the All Father there will be perfect quality between the worshipers. In such a church there will be no spirit of solemn gloom miscalled rev

of any a risin' lettle source along a long a long to labor with his lantern burnin' Going out to labor with his lantern burnin' strong a dinner 'fore the lark began rent awe, an inheritance from a prim itive religion of fear, but a spirit of radiant hope, of abounding joy, of genuine human sympathy, the spirit of a larger home. The themes of the pulpit of such a

one or two : Hustle out and milk the cows ; rush the church will be closely related to the actual needs of the people, selected from every quarter, but selected solely chorin' through : Then he'd wait for sunup, an' he'd stew an an' stew an' stew. that their consideration may ministe most effectively to personal and so-Uncle Esry's gone away to a better clime ; He don't wait for sunup now ; it stays up cial righteous character

Membership in such a church will be unrestricted, free to all who share all the time. He was only sixty-five-killed himself, they said : Pined away for lack of sleep-crasy in his bead. common spirit and are seriously Eary got to gittin' up before he went to working toward a common ideal end In such a church there will be no jealous rivalries between the members but in place of these a generous spiri of emulation to serve or JUST FOR FUN the common cause. As I said before, the practical activities of such an in

spirational church will not be artificia and forced; they will be the perfectly natural expression of the vigorou religious life of minister and people. In Wiser Hands.

A lady, who had been three or four years away from her childhood's home and settled in one of her own, was taken seriously ill. Her mother, with

"They say he lives like a lord." Yes; he lives on his wife's relatives. all a mother's solicitude, was anxious -Judge. to be with her daughter at once, and

Mrs. Bibman-When my husband came home last evening I saw that he'd been drinking, and I gave him a good scolding.

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AN EARLY RISER.

Uncle Eary Waters was a master hand to

Birds 'ud still be sleeping when he'd open

Brits of a stepho when had open up his eyes;
Had th' stock all fed before the slightest streak o' dawn;
Long before the sub was up he'd et his meal an' gone;
Ho'd come home for dinner while most folks was spossin' on.

"Nuthin' gained by sleepin'," Uncle Eary used i' say; 'N hour 'fore the suurise's with the rest of any day." So he kep' a risin' lettle sooner right

Getting' old and childish. Uncle Exry, by and by, Couldn't stand to stay in bed and let the moments fly; Used to clamber for his clothes 'long at

-Council Bluffs Nonparell.

his song.

She-Did you love me the first time Day after day she made brief, silent visits to the sick room (even her pres you saw me, Henry? He-I loved you ence could not be allowed long) and before I saw you at all; I have loved The you ever since I saw your father's rating in Bradstreet.

"Kate-Did Fred ask you for a kiss? Nancy-No, indeed! He's too bashful for that. Kate-Too bad, wase't lef Nancy-Oh, no. You see, he kissed me without asking.

nothing. There never before wasn't Nellie-Harry is such an impulsive time when 'mother' wasn't the one to help and comfort; it seems as if it creatre! He takes one's words right out of one's mouth. Aunt Jane-Oh ought to be so still, and yet I would be afraid to do anything but keep hands off and trust to a knowledge that was what he was doing as I came through the hall last evening! I and strength that is greater than my thought he was kissing you.

Fond Young Mother (with first born) -Now, which of us do you think he is like? Friend (judicially)-Well, of course, intelligence has not really dawned in his countenance yet, but he's wonderfully like both of you."-Punch.

"I understand," began the large scrappy-looking ward politician, "dat youse had a piece in your paper callin' me a thief." "You have been misinformed, sir," said the editor, calmly. "This paper publishes only news."-Sleveland Leader.

"They say the reason why the inscription in the Egyptian tombs have been preserved so long is that no air has reached them." "Then I suppose that four thousands years from now

permanent usefulness of these forest behind this forest policy, and with

"I ask with all the intensity of which I am capable, that the men of the west will remember the sharp distinction I have drawn between the man who skins the land and the man who develops the country. (Ap-

plause).

of course that can be given only through the hearty co-operation of the western people."

DIAZ AS A MAN OF DESTINY. Relation Between His Life and the

a mining man from Mexico, "it is

moment of Mexican independence, al though Sept. 16 is celebrated as the

Sept. 15. "That was in 1810. Diaz was born Sept. 15, 1830. "That is a matter of common knowledge and superstition in Mexico. What is not generally known is that every one of his many children, legiti-

wather on the plaza in the city of Mexico. Diaz comes out on a balcony above them sharply at 11 and rings the old Mexican independence bell, which has been brought up to the cap ital. That is the signal for beginning the independence celebration.

Botheration was the name of the dog, and at the sound of Eileen's voice all the devilment seemed to go out of him and he wagged his tail with joy at seeling her, and took no more notice of the piper, who went his way, glad enough that he had a whole skin instead of having a skin full of holes.

"Now, be a good dog, Botheration!" said Eileen, patting the beast on the head, and from a howling monster he prew as meek as a kitten.

It was no wonder that the boys of Ardmore adored Eileen Oge; neither was it any wonder that some of the boys of Drimbawn, just beyond Fochill's Gap, in the mountain, were under the spell of her beauty and gentleness. It was on the day of the great hurling match between the Drimbawn and Ardmore boys that Ulick Darcy first set eyes on Eileen. Ulick was the greatest hurler in the country since the time of the Danes, but when it became known that he had been smitten with Eileen's charms there was an end of the hurling matches be tween Drimbawn and Ardmore. The Ardmore boys vowed that no Darcy should ever wed Eileen. As for themselves, they were all in love with her, and she could make her choice of a husband among a score of them any day, but it would be sudden death to an outsider from across the mountain who would dare take a hand in the courtship of Eileen Oge.

All this attention annoyed Eileer greatly. If you were a girl, maybe you'd think it nice to have every boy in the yillage breaking his heart for ke and ready to break the head of every other boy that would dare to look sweet at you; but Elleen didn't like it at all, and more betoken she had good reason for that same, because the more the boys liked her the more the girls didn't, and it her to think that everybody grieve couldn't be as friendly to her as Thade Rafferty's cross dog.

Well that's the way things were in the night the blind piper put frivolity into the feet of came ple with his deluder ing music. the pr The dance was in Bryan Barry's barn, and all the young people in Ardmore were there, some with shoes and some without. Every boy present, from sixsixty, wanted to dance with while all the other girls were Elleen heartful of vexation for partners.

It was as good as a hurling match the piper was setting sall to his for a bagful of jigs and reels, when pipes to see the boys trying who'd be first to propose a dance with Elleen. They didn't want to let on that they were a bit eager, but bashful and all as hey were, everybody knew what was in everybody else's mind.

When Mickey Manus, thinking he was first, and feeling as proud as a new hat, said: "I dence with you, mins, if you plaze," he thought he had everybody else cut out; but you ldn't give a farthing for the looks of him as Elicen, with her sweetest smile, replied: "I'm sorry, Mickey; out I'm already bespoke for this reel

It was then that Mickey wh "I wish you wer." But since you're not, he next dance for me, won't you?"

thought of being able to reach her in time, so that the faster the horse went the better she liked it. When it was time for the next dance to begin the boys had taken their part. ners and were ready, there was no sign of the piper.

"Where is the piper, at all?" asked Tim Rogan.

"Maybe the poor man got lost in the dark outside," says Mickey Manus. "It's as much as a man with the use of his eyes can do to get around of a dark night like this, let alone a blind man. Let some o' ye look for him. There's his pipes by the chair he sat in. Sure, he can't be far off."

Search was made for the strange piper high and low, but neither hide nor hair of him could be found, and the dancers wondered until nearly dawn what in the world could come over him. Some said that maybe the "good people" carried him off, but twins." Tim Rogan declared that it could not be, because the fairles never bothered their heads with old men, and would not have anything to do with the

blind. The mystery was deepened the next day when the neighbors called to see Eileen's mother, and found that she was not sick at all, and learned, moreover, that Eileen herself had not returned home since she went to the dance the night before.

Then you may be sure the village was disturbed in its mind; and there was many a sore heart among the boys who loved Eileen Oge.

The wise ones said she was surely gone with the "good people," who were ever on the lookout for the young, the beautiful, and the good. and whose own country was called Tir-na-nogue; because nobody eve grew old there.

Well, one evening soon after dark while the village was wondering and sorrowing about Eileen, and bewailing the great beauty and sweetness that had caused the good people to

take her away, a man and woman came riding down the boreen. They were on a fine black horse, the woman seated behind the man, as was the custom in those days. Nobody took much notice of the couple, for nobody could tell who it was in the dark, until they were going past Thade Raf-ferty's house. Then Thade's dog le a roar out of him that startled the neighbors and made a jump at the

horse as though he would eat him. At that the woman says "Lie down, tere Botheration!" and, if you'll believe me, the dog threw himself on the ground and wagged himself all over with joy at sight of Eileen Oge, for it was she that said it.

All the neighbors 'knew at once by the actions of Thade's dog that it was en he saw and that it was her voice he heard, for nobody else could command him. Soon there was a warm of people out, for the way the wireless news of Ardmore went around was a wonder. The couple on horseback stopped in

front of the house where Exen's peo-ple lived. They were astoniahed to see a crowd following after them, with all the people talking like man, and Thade Rafferty's dog encouraging the noise with an occasional how!

before the flying invented. When the wonderment and the

vords were over Ulick Darcy said: "Boys, what did ye do wid me bagpipes? If ye'll find them for me I'll play for ye once more tonight, an' we'll have the finest dance this side o' Dublin."

Well, the pipes were found and Ulick soon made them sing.

"Tare an' ages, thin, who'd think t was the ould blind piper that was in id." said Tim, as Ulick, without his white wig or the green patch on his left eye, made the rafters ring with rollicking music, putting friendship in the hearts of the people and jigs in their heels. His laughing wife, Eileen Oge, joyous and happy, danced the first measure with Mickey Manus. who, at their former merrymaking, had asked her to "howld the next dance for him, because she wasn't

"An' to think," said Mickey, as he led his partner back to a seat near her smiling husband, "to think I towld the piper he was a lucky man not to be bothered wid eyesight, for fear he'd fall in love wid Eileen Oge!" -New York Times.

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yields is directly proportionate to the cost of the timber supply.

Table Ethics. "The farmer, east and west, must The following general rules, the obhave timber for numberless uses on ervance of which will reduce the his farm, and he must be protected by chances of contagion, have been laid forest cover upon the headwaters of down by Prof. H. W. Conn, professor the streams he uses, against floods in of biology in Wesleyan University: the east and the lack of water for ir-Eat the right kinds and quantity rigation in the west. The stock man f food, and at suitable times. must have fence posts, and very often The food should always be well mashe must have summer range for his stock in the national forest reserves. No overeating nor excessive drink "In a word, both the production of the great staples upon which our prosperity depends and their move-Do not eat too often nor too great ment in commerce throughout the

variety at the same meal. Do not take cold liquids so as United States are inseperably dependent upon the existence of permanent chill the stomach, nor drink too much supplies from the forest at a reason with food. Do not splt on the floor. able cost.

Do not put the fingers in the mouth "If the present rate of forest de Do not wet the fingers in the mouth truction is allowed to continue, a timfor the purpose of turning the leaves of a book, especially library books, inber famine is obviously inevitable Fire, wasteful and destructive forms as much as book leaves are sometime of lumbering, and legitimate use, are the lurking places of disease bacteria together destroying or forest resourc-Do not put pencils in the mouth, es far more rapidly than they are be-Do not put money in the mouth. ing replaced. What such a famine would mean

Turn aside from others when coughng.-What to Eat.

Sheep in Spain.

There are about ten millions of mi ratory sheep in Spain which each year travel as much as 200 miles from the plains to the mountains. They are known as transmantes, and their march, resting places and behavior are governed by special regulations, dating from the fourteenth century, At certain times no one may travel the same route as the sheep, which have the right to graze on all open and common land on the way. For this purpose a road of ninety yards wide must be left on all inclosed and private property. The shepherds lead their flocks, which follow after and ation of a national forest service which I have recommended repeatedly in messages to congress, and especial ly in the last. I mean the concentra

around. The flocks are acc by provision mules, and by large to guard against wolves. The r ep travel 40 miles to the me and the total time spent on the m Waverles

stages of these same cities

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speeds at which our trains are run.

to each of the industries of the United

States it is scarcely possible to imag-ine. And the period of recovery from

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cial disaster is inevitable.

'Diaz, you know, considers himsel man of destiny. His life has been "Whatever materials may be substione long fight against enemies intated for wood in certain uses, we may confidently expect that the total detrigues, secret plots, open rebellion. mand for wood will not diminish, but

"He has beaten them all and estab lished a good government where steadily increase. It is a fair questhere had been only tyranny or chaos tion, then, whether the vast demands for 300 years. They say that he has of the future upon our forests are grown superstitious about it all, believing that he is under a lucky star, "No man is a true lover of his counand that he takes these coincidence try whose confidence in its progress of birth as a mark of heavenly favor. and greatness is limited to the period -New York Sun. of his own life, and we cannot afford

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

growth. Unless the forests of the E. M. Fowler, who recently died at United States can be made ready to Pasasdens, Cal., started life as a day meet the vast demands which this laborer in a Michigan lumber camp. growth will inevitably bring commer-But before he died he managed to save \$35,000,000. "The railroads must have ties, and

the best opinion of the experts is that The Rue de la Republique at Lyons no substitute has yet been discovered is naved with glass blocks eight inches which will satisfactorily replace the square and placed so close togethe wooden tie. This is largely due to that water cannot enter between them. the great and continually increasing The paving is said to be quite satisfac tory. "The miner must have timber or he

cannot operate his mine, and in very Keeping a tobacco shop in France many cases the profit which mining is a position greatly coveted by gentle women in reduced circumstances. The sale of tobacco being a state monopoly the government generally bestows the right to keep a bureau de tabac on the windows.

> near Philadelphia recently, and in some way the riders caught up with the fox, which had probably fallen asleep. Anyway the fox bit one of the hunters, and now fox hunting is classed as a dangerous sport in the City of Brotherly Love.

A remarkable dinner was served recently by a farmer near Ault, Col. The table was set for 12, and the menu consisted of one 5 1-2 pound potato one 15-pound cabbage, one 10-pound chicken, one six-pound turnip, one two-pound onion, and three ples made from a 1 1-2-pound apple.

A singular instance of tenacity in the digestion of fish is reported from Sheffield, England. The fish, a ling four feet long, had what appeared to be an abnormally hard liver. But the cutting-up process revealed so thing far stranger. The supposed hard liver turned out to be a piece of stout netting over two yards long and 14 inches wide, which had been pressed into the form of a football.

"Fortunately, the remedy is a sim The simple ordering of a joint of ple one, and your presence here is proof that it is being applied. beef for dinner involves pulling the strings of an almost incalculable num-ber of different trades, which, if every "It is only as the producing and commercial interests of the country one gave up beef as an article of dist, would cease to exist. The butcher of 1904 could make no profit out of the come to realize that they need to have trees growing up in the forest not less than they need the product of the besuts he kills were he not to use up every atom of the ox's body besides that fit for food. Thus you are entrees cut down, that we may hope to see the permanent prosperity of both safely secured. "I want to add a word as to the cre a, of isinglass, of ge net; also of many valuable edicines, such as thyroids, owder, glycerine and neats

their discussion, while the masses of the people care less and less for them. Incidentally the churches will continue to urge upon their people what they believe to be a true philosophy of God. of the universe and of man, but this work alone cannot justify their con tinued existence.

that they can.

Neither as purely sacramentarian institutions can the churches long retain their hold upon any large number of the people, because with the growth and extension of new knowledge the claims of sacramentarianism are rapidly becoming discredited. What is called "the high church reaction" so widely known is after all but a reac

ion and cannot be permanent in its influence. It is but a return to the childhood of religion, and the thinking world demands the religion of a man the churches, however, continue Can to maintain themselves as social clubs. as organizations of congenial people who come together to enjoy one an-

other's companionship? when there are so many social clubs in every community, membership in which can be restricted to people of congenial tastes and kindred pursults as membership in even the most exclusive church cannot be, I do not believe that the churches can long

justify their existence as the mere cometitors of these clubs. Has the church then outlived its use ulness and is it about to pass away lertainly not, if it arouses itself and, becoming conscious of its true mission, resolutely devotes itself 's its dis inctive work. This, I believe, is what the churches can do better than any ther institution-they can and do, in nultitudes of instances, act as great inspirational centres ministering to the inspirational centres ministering to the ideal, to the life of God in the soul of man. They come into vital and helpful relations with the people a just so as they inspire to high thinking and feeling and loving, in just so far as

they inspire and quicken the religio life of the community. Let the churches, therefore, regarding themselves as authoritative ecclesiastical institutions, authorita-tive sacramentarian or dogmatic in-sultutions, and become free democratic religious societies for the propagation of pure and undefied religion, for i

cf pure and undefiled religion, for in-spiration to high and worthy ideals, for actually helping men "to do justiy and love mercy, and to walk humbly with their God." The churches that are most truly and profoundly religious forces will best justify their existence in the twendieth century. To foster and develop the distinct-ively religious life of humanity, this is the true mission of the churches. They must be light-givers and life-givers. They must be spiritually alive in order that they may impart life, for life is what most counts. The outward activities of the churches must be the natural expression of what nust be the natural expression of what

they are. The methods for the expres this religious life will be varied be-cause the dispositions of men vary. This or that particular form of activ-This or that particular form of activ-ity is unessential. A longer or a shorter ritual of worship is unessential, provided the light and power of relig-lou are present. Faith, worship, as-piration, loving human service, these are the essential elements in religion and the forms in which they embody themselves will be vital. The living, inspirational church that is saying men from workliness and practical materialism, that is helping them to see the unacces and eternal

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views and religious newspapers of our time afford a more favorable field for

Perambulating Barber.

A perambulating barber, shaving ustomers on the street, is no unusual sight in the side streets of Manila.

Knew Where He Was Safe.

The small boy's sublime trust in his friend, the policeman, is no more marked at times than a common street dog's recourse to the same embodiment of authority as its only refuge. An amusing case occurred the other day at Chestnut and Juniper streets. A thin, dirty white mongrel of the regular "board-yard" type had taken its station for protection at the feet of a very large reserve who

was directing traffic. As the dog distracted his attention somewhat he waved his stick at it, but while it crouched submissively at his feet at this sign of displeasure it would not go away. As people passed it and nearly trod on it it would sneak out of their way in a peculiarly helpless manner and kept continually getting in danger of being run over by trolley cars, cabs and wagons and on occasions the complication of traffic became so great that the dog had to fice for its life to the pavement. But to the an usement of every one

who noticed the little comedy as soon as it could it would return anxiously to the feet of the reserve, for in spite of his stick and his stern look some now in its doggy brain it had worked it out that here indeed was a friend and by his side was safety from all the annoyances that beset the stray dog in a city street .-- Philadelphia

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the 'ads.' in the subway fresh as ever."-Life. "I must say I enjoy a spice of danger," said the man who affects brav-"Is that why you gave up your automobile?" asked the sarcastic

friend. "No: that's why I go on foot In the streets, where other people run automobiles."---Washington Star. Short-Hello, Long! Where are you going? Long-I'm on my way over to the postoffice to register a kick against the miserable delivery service. Short-What's the trouble? Long-Why, that check you promised to mail me ten days ago hasn't reached me

yet!-Chicago Daily News. Irate Employer-See here,

young Rip Van Winkle, I only hired you yesterday, and I believe, on my soul, you've been asleep here ever since!..Sleepy Joe-That's what I thought you wished, sir. Here's your advertisement: "Wanted-An office boy, not over sixteen; must sleep on the premises."-New Orleans Times-Democrat,

Judge-You are charged with marrying Miss Greene when you were already married to Miss Black. Have you anything to say in extenuation of your conduct? Defendant-Yes, your honor; I hadn't seen Miss Greene when I married Miss Black. Judge-In other words, you entered upon a contract. upon insufficient information? Defendant-That's It, your honor. Judge-Next time remember to look around before you commit yourself. The man who takes the first thing that is offered, either in the matrimonial or the dry goods market, may make a fair husband, but he never can be commended for his bsiness qualities.

Russian Ministera' sale

The salary attached to the post minister of the interior in Ru the same as that received by all the other Russian ministers-nam 000 roubles a year-a rouble be conts-but a further sum of 200,0 roubles is annually put at the disposal of the minister of the interior, of which he is not called on to reany account. This is in addition to the ordinary secret service money, the amount of which is practically u ited. Another minister who rec an addition to his salary is the ister of finance, who is paid a per age, sometimes amounting to i roubles a year, on all unpaid t and debts to the Crown which he succeed in recovering during his t of office. It is noteworthy that a ff a minister should hold his port for a few months his minry is paid to him for life .-- Waverley Margin sine.

A Dream.

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There was a fashionable fox hunt