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Delaware is said to have more living ex-Governors than any other State in the Union. Five of them-B. T. Biggs, John P. Cochran, James Ponder, John W. Hall and Charles F. Stokley-are still engaged in active business.

e A number of manufacturers of Germany have determined to try a novel experiment. In order to procure chcap meat for their employes, they have established a number of breeding places for rabbits. The rabbits will be sold to the men at the lowest possible prices. The experiment is looked upon with favor in Germany.

"There is no annexation sentiment in this country," protests the New York Tribune. "On the contrary, if the question came up in any practical form, there would be a powerful opposition to it. And if Canada begged to be annexed, it is possible that her request would be declined with thanks. Even the million Canadians now in this country are not agitating the question of annexation. Having annexed themselves, they are not at all anxious to let others in."

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There are, according to recent reports, 135 medical colleges in the United States whose diplomas are recognized by all health authorities, entitling their holders to the right to practice medicine. Chicago has eight of these institutions, St. Louis and Cincinnati seven, Louisville five, Atlanta four, and these institutions annually graduate 5000 students. The United States accordingly have one medical school to every 460,000 inhabitants, Germany, with her numerous universities, one for every 2,000,000; Great Britain one for every 3,000,000, and France one

SURLOUNDED BY WOLVES.

A Hunter's Thrilling Adventure in Ohio.

Nincty-nine persons in one hundred would declare from their general knowledge of the State that there was not wolves enough in Ohio to seriously threaten anybody. Had they been with Mr. E. L. Valois of this city a few weeks ago in one of his hunting trips to what is known as the Oa't Openings, a barren tract not far from Sylvania, and about twelve miles from Toledo, they would have had abundant reason to change their minds.

Mr. Valois is one of the best known insurance men in Toledo, and is widel ? known as an enthusiastic and successful sportsman. Nobody in Northwestern Ohio is more familiar with the haunts of grouse, squirrels, and other small game than he, and few marksmen in this region excel him in skill. One morning several weeks ago he took his best dog and started in a light onehorse spring wagon for the Oak Open-This region is poculiar. It is a ings. large barren tract, partially prairie and partially covered with stunted trees. Nobody lives there, and for years it has been a hunter's paradise. Ruffled grouse, prairie chicken, partridges, with an occasional deer, have been found in large numbers, and only in the last two years or so have there been any signs of decrease. For miles there is not a dwelling, and it is often difficult for a min to find his way. Indeed, it has not been many years since a well-known real estate man of this city was lost for five days in this tangle of stunted forest and barten open.

The day Mr. Valois had chosen proved a cloudy one, with frequent flurries of snow, but it was an unusually good day for shooting, and before night Mr. Valois had the bottom of his wagon well filled with fine game. The clouds broke toward evening and the moon rose full and bright. It was nearly 7 o'clock before he started for home. The roads are winding trails through the woods and around ponds and swamps, and slow progress was made. It was an hour or more before he began to get out of the woods, for he had pushed further than usual into the wildest parts of the trail.

As he proceeded he heard strange sounds in the woods about him, howlings and barkings, but gave them little thought. He knew there were some wolves of the common gray species in the openings, and myriads of foxes, but had not the remotest fear of attack until, as he neared the edge of the woods, he was startled by pitiful cries from his dog under the wagon. He stopped his horse and jumped to the ground, gun in hand, to see what was the matter, and was surprised to find himself surrounded by wolves. Throwing his gun hastily to his shoulder he fired into the pack, killing what he took to be the leader, but instead of being frightened away as he hoped, they rushed at and devoured their dead leader, and then began to crowd close: around the wagon in ever-

increasing numbers. The dog's courage deserted him, and he started toward the open with part of the pack after him. Valois fired right and left rapidly, but the hungry creatures crowded closer around him. They leaped into the wagon and devoured the game, and then rushed at the horse snapping at his legs and teaping at his never saw her until about a year ago, throat. Before Valois could climb back when he discovered her whereabouts, into the wagon the horse started at full speed and the hunter was left with scores of hungry wolves around him in as ugly a predicament as one could inagine. He had only eight shells left in his belt, and the barking, snarling pack around him there in the stunted timber nearly unmanned him. The first impulse was to seek safety in a tree, but he soon discovered that though the pack made a fearful racket | and would occasionally rush toward him, they lacked the ferocious courage of the great timber welves. He used his eight shells carefully and judiciously, meantime slowly working himself out of the woods. After about an hour's fighting he got well away from the whole pack and started on foot for Sylvania, the nearest railroad station. There he got on a freight train about midnight and given in his own words: arrived safely at home before morning where he found his horse awaiting him, considerably the worse for his trip home. The dog has not yet put in an appearance Mr. Valois will not soon be caught again alone at night in the Oak Openings even if they are within about a dozen miles of the corporation line of a city of 80,000 people, the fourth in size in Ohio.-[New York Times.



for every 6,800,000, "It will be seen from these presents," comments the St. Louis Star-Sayings, "that American colleges, on the quantitative side of their endeavor, easily distance the institutions of effete Europe."

"It is a significant feet," says the Congregationalist, "that f'teen ministers are employed on the daily press of New York City, writing on religious topics. It does not indicate missionary zeal on the part of the newspapers, but it shows that religion is a matter of growing popular interest, and that the constituency which is most valuable to the secular press demands to know what is going on in the world of religious thought and life. It is encouraging to note that scandals concerning ministers and churches no longer monopolize the columns devoted to religious matters. Another remarkable fact is that the greatest number of books published last year in this country, next to works of fiction, were on religious subjects, while a large proportion of the novels also were written with religious aims. No subject occupies so large a place in current thought as that which concerns men's relations with God and their future destinies, and no other subject is so steadily increasing its hold on public attention."

In its career of more than seven centuries, the Corporation of London has had at its head a number of peculiar men, states the New York Times, but the present Lord Mayor, Joseph Savory, seems to be more kinds of an ass than is usual, even among city Aldermen. His exploit in writing a letter to the Czar about the Hebrews, which was returned unopened, and his attack upon General Booth were enough themselves to settle his status, even by the feeble intellectual standards of Mayoralty succession, but he has been caught now in a thing which covers him with ridicule. He preached the sermon to the young men at Polytechnic Sunday week, which was printed in full by a shorthand report in the course of a few days. It was then discovered that the sermon was identical with one preached by Spurgeon in 1864 -No. 552 in his printed series. Savory then declared that he had never seen the sermon in question, whereupon the two were published in parallel colums, making the plagiarism unmistakable.

The Lowest Order of Sea Food.

"Mussels are a variety of shell fish, the great value of which for food purposes is not at all recognized on this side of the Atlantic," said a naturalist to a Star reporter. "This is certainly very unfortunate, inasmuch as they contain, weight for weight, nearly as much of the nitrogenous matter which goes to make the muscles of the human body as is found in the egg. In London 1,000,000 quarts of mussels are consumed each year, by the poor chiefly, the market price being two cents a quart. The shell mounds found on various parts of the coast of England indicate that the prehistoric inhabitants of that country were even more alive than their descendants of to-day to the usefulness of museels and other shell fish despised by Americans as an article of diet.

"Nobody in this country ever thinks of eating periwinkles, whelks and cockles, though in England there is a great market for all three and they have an important place in the fisheries industry. In London 3,600,000 quarts of periwinkles at two cents a quart are consumed annually; likewise 2,500,000 quarts of whelks and 750,000 quarts of cockles. This is in the metropolis alone. A single cockle fishery in Morecambe bay is valued at \$100,000 yearly. The best cockles come from Stiffkey, in Norfolk, and are known commonly as 'real stukey.' The cockle feeds on the lowest forms of microscopic algae, which it obtains by eating the sand, its digestive organs being adapted to separate and absorb all the organic matter and to expel the inorganic, just as many species of worms do. It multiplies with mirvelous rapidity,"-[Washington Star.

upon the plantation of Hon. Marcus W. Smallwood, of Northampton, S. C. His parents were sold when ne was a babe, his father going to Louisville, Ky., and his mother to Texas. He was left in the care of the "mammies." At the age of 14 he found that his master claimed him until he was 21 years of age. He appealed to the courts for aid, but the master's claim was sustained. He made several attempts to essape and was successful when he was close onto his 21st year. He walked 125 miles, to Franklin, Va.

The following is part of his experience

"When I was 13 years old I got hold of an old Webster's spelling book. With this book, and in secret I learned the alphabet and then to form letters into words.

"While at Franklin I began a temperance movement, which assumed large proportions. After a meeting one night a young man came and said to me: 'Why don't you go North and educate yourself?' I answered, saying that I had no money with which to go. He gave me the address of Rev. Ira G. Ross, of Greenfield, Mass., and told me to write to him for aid. As I had learned to write during my leisure hours while at work, I wrote to Mr. Ross. He in reply told me to come to New England, and after learning my financial condition sent me \$25. With the same sum I reached Greenfield, Mass.

"In 1886 I entered Wilbraham Academy with \$14 in my pocket. The same year I returned to Franklin and was put in nomination for Congress, but declined the honor, until I have become an educated man.

"I returned north and in 1889 I was chosen, with Rev. J. R. Cushing, a delegate to the World's Sunday School Convention at London, Eng. There I was invited by the Lord Bishop of London to speak in the crystal Palace with Sir John Lawson and Sir Charles Russell before the Royal family and Parliament. I also spoke at St. James Hall, on the American Negro.

"A little over a year ago I found my mother, who had with her two of my sisters at El Paso. Of the rest of our scattered family I have not yet learned the whereabouts. This is only an instance of the hundreds of colored families who through cruel slavery have become scattered. It is true that some have become reunited, but the majority never will meet their loved ones again."

Or from Him.

"I say-aw-chappie, I don't see you out with youah dawg any mosh?" "I have given him away."

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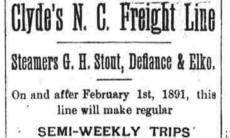
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