## THE JOURNAL.

C. T. HANGOCK, - Local Reporter. E. C., as second-class matter.

F How would the name Bothefus do for the consolidated Minnesota me-

ASHANTER'S king is allowed 3,333 wives. Three must be the unlucky number in Ashantee.

THE lynching, suicide and outing casualties of this year look as if 1891 were to be a memorable twelvementh for sudden and violent deaths. Ir all other remedies fail in the case

of that New York young man who was so mysteriously stricken dumb the other day, they might send him to Con-Ir is said that the Prince of Wales recently complained that his royal

ther did not know enough to come in out of the reign. But she knows enough to keep him out of it. MR. MAXIM says: "Give me time and

I will show you a flying machine." Are we to understand that Mr. Maxim means to utilize the old principle involved in the discovery that time flies. THE average man who becomes indignant at Sabbath observance will

usually be found to be a man who wishes to do something on the day that it would be better for himself not In Jacksonville, Fla., there is a woman who claims to have swallowed twenty-five pills a week for the last

sixteen years. This looks like an attempt to boom Jacksonville as a health Ir is estimated that lightning has an energy of 3,284,162 horse-power. This is the common, every-sultry-summer-

day lightning, not the Jersey variety,

the energy of which is held to be be youd calculation. A KANSAS CITY editor sadly observes: "The mistake of which nature was guilty when she created the mulberry was in making it too sweet for pies." How about the creation of the

man who invented pies? An English scientist has invented a machine which makes the footsteps of a fly distinctly audible. Encouraged by this triumph, he is now engaged

upon a device for making visible the point of an English joke. HENRY HART, of New York, who is reputed to be worth \$50,000,000, is a bachelor of 80. He ought to be shamed of himself. It is to be honed

that at least he has some charming nieces who will make his money fly. THE number of American tourists in Italy has fallen off greatly this year on account of the diplomatic troubles between the United States and that country. The hotel-keepers are inconsolable. The Americans were their

choicest victims.

WHEN a man removes to another town, and comes back saying that his health was not good there, people always have a suspicion that it was his prospects instead of his health. When a man is making money, he has to become very sick before he decides that he needs a change of climate.

GEN. SCHOPIELD's daughter is said to have brought about the marriage of her father with Miss Kilbourne. Matchmaking daughters are decidedly novel persons; but when Cupid and Hymen go into secret conference it generally results in some queer and wholly unaccountable doings among us mortals.

A Boston wife boasts that after years of marriage, her husband kisses her five times a day; whereupon a Chicago paper retorts that there is a lady more than ten years, and another woman's husband kisses her twenty times a day. There is no use trying to best

THE Western Springs faith-ourists have given it out that people under going the "realization-of-things-not-seen" treatment must abstain from eating pork. It is plainly apparent that Western Springs eradicators of the ills that affect mankind are not catering for Chicago trade and popu-

Ir is to be hoped that the enthusia tic poet, Elaine Goodale, who has recently married an Indian, will have better fortune than Mrs. Chasks, who preceded her in the experiment and now seeks a divorce. The former, however, married an educated Siouv and the latter a chief who was little above the average of his race.

Ir is all very well for the telegraph to report that "strikers throw petards" streets of Bordeaux, but really the editors of leading New York dailies should look out in the dictionary word which they do not understand re allowing it to go into print. Had they done so the word petard might have been changed to comb or

nawine our concern in Brook

A TERRIBLE FIGHT.

A Woman's Desperate Battle With a She Bear.

At Close Quarters With Bruin in a Pig Pen.

Since the departure of the tanning industry has stopped the destructive axe of the bark-peeler in this part of the country, says a Woodstock (N. Y.) letter, many thousands of acres of mountain land through the Catskill range have grown up with a dense second growth of wood. With the young new forests, have come the bears, and many thrilling tales of scrimmages with the varmints are constantly being told by parties who have been up in the wilderness. The latest is thrilling in the extreme, as it illustrates to a degree the bravery of a mountain-bred woman, fearless and bold as a mountain lion.

Ben Eldredge, a mountaineer, has lived for several years on a little clearing way back in Mink Hollow, where the sun sinks to rest among its nest of hills every night, several miles back in the wilderness from the great Overlook Mountain. Several days ago, Ben, while whipping a trout stream, surprised an old she bear, with a couple of cubs, just as they were coming out of their holes underneath a huge slab of rock. They bolted into the brush and escaped, but the mountaineer knew they would leave a good trail, and he resolved to follow them the next day, providing they did not return to their

The next morning, rifle in hand, accompanied by a couple of huge hounds, be started into the mountains in search of the bears, leaving his wife and three little ones at home.

He had not been gone from the house more than a hour when Mrs. Eldredge heard a great commotion among the hogs confined in a pen back of the house. Putting her head out of the window she saw a big she bear, accompanied by two cubs, baif grown, having a desperate battle with an old sow with a litter of little pigs. The other hogs in the pen were watching the fight from another part of the sty and were evidently frightened badly, while the little pigs were huddled behind their mother, squealing tremendously. The old sow was making desperate battle for her progeny, as the marks of her tusks showed in great red clots of blood on the bear's

After taking in the situation Mrs. Eldredge seized a rifle from its place on the wall and hastened to the pigsty. She fired at the bear, but inflicted only a slight wound, causing her to attack the sow with redoubled vigor. Fearing to hit the pigs if she fired again, Mrs. Eldredge seized a heavybladed sevthe which hung on the fence, leaped over into the sty and sailed into the fight. With one sweep of the left the sow and attacked Mrs. Eldredge, driving her into a corner of the fence. There the battle waged desperately for a few moments, the scythe blade being buried several times inches deep in the bear's body. Finally the bear began to show signs of weakness from the loss of blood. when with a bound Mrs. Eldredge leaned to one side and with one swing of her odd weapon nearly severed Bruin's head from her body, causing death. The pigs then rushed upon the motherless cubs and would have torn them to shreds, but Mrs. Eldredge, throwing her scythe over the fence, seized the cubs by the nape of the neck and rushed out of the sty with them. After safely depositing them in a hogshead, whence they could not escape, she dragged the carcase of the dead mother bear from the pig-sty and skinned it. Her husband returned home in the evening without any bears, but was surprised to find a fresh bearskin drying on the clapboards of the cabin and a juicy bear steak smoking on the table for his supper. The carcass of the old bear weighed nearly 200 pounds, although not very fat. The cubs were soft \$10 apiece to an animal dealer Tom I'hiladelphia, who visited the Eldredge cabin a few days atter Mrs. Eldredge's exploit.

Growing Sponges Artificially. News has just come from Washington that the government fish commission is preparing to send a man to the Florida sponge fisheries to inaugurate a series of experiments in growing snonges by artificial means. Sponges grow naturally in great abundance on the southern coast of the state and around its innumerable keys, and the time was when a staked enclosure in the water for holding sponges while they rotted, after being taken from the sponging grounds, was as invariable an adjunct to the islander's abode as is a poultry house to a farmer's dwelling. But, owing to the fact that for years past sponges have been closely and wastefully gathered, this once important source of revenue to the fisher folks of the keys has almost ceased, although the fisheries on the

gulf coast are still in full vigor-Sponges are naturally prepagated

ggs can be utilised for artificial cultivation, resource is had to "finion."
"Fission" is the cutting up of sponges into small pleoes, much as the farmer cuts up his Irish potatoes to increase his supply—each bit of a potato forms a new plant, and each piece of a sponge forms a new suimal. Both are planted, but while the farmer covers the potato eye with earth, the fisher ties a piece of stone to the fragment of sponge and sinks it in a place favorable to its

The experiment is not altogether a. new one, although it has never been pushed on an extensive scale. It has been tried both in the Adriatic sea and in the waters of South Florida, and in both cases successfully, with the difference in favor of Fiorida that it took but about three years for the fragments to grow into full sized sponges, while in the Adriatic it took about seven. There are only three or four spots in all the world where sponges grow in abundance, and the waters of Fiorida and the Bahamas form one of the largest of the fisheries, so that the importance of the experiment of artificial propagation is very great to Fiorida. Thousands of people around and in Key West are dependent upon this industry for their livelihood. and with the enlargement of the fisheries, many more would be able to derive an honest living thereby.

Four or five varieties of sponges grow around Florida but only two, the sheeps' wool and yellow sponge, are of commercial value. They are fished for from small boats, and are dragged from the bottom of the ocean by means of a large hook fastened upon a long pole. The spongers use water glasses to find the exact whereabouts of the sponges .- [Atlanta Con-

Value of Electricity in Warfare. The value of electricity in warfare was demonstrated by some interesting experiments made in the estuary of the Mersey to test the efficacy of submarine mines as defences of the approaches to the port of Liverpool-For some days the Mersey Volunteer Division R E, Major Montgomery commanding, devoted themselves to laying down "mines" in different spots, and the major, with a large party of officers and others interested. proceeded out in the war office steamer Lady Heathfield to see how those mines could be electrically exploded and note the effects. One mine (an iron box containing 100 pounds of gun cotton) had been laid at a depth of 15 feet of water off rocks known as the "Red Noses," and was electrically connected with Perch Rock Battery, as well as with a buoy 200 yards out in the stream. The steamer struck against this buoy, an electric bell immediately rang in the battery, and the mine was fired. This seemed to be practically instantaneous, and the result was that a rudely constructed raft placed over the mine was hurled up in fragments to a great height, with snath she half buried the scythe blade a vast volume of water. It was easy in Bruin's body. The old bear then to see what would have been the fate raft, especially if the iron box had contained a full charge of 500 pounds of gun cotton. Lesser mines were laid with relatively equal effects. A hundred mines are laid in the Mersey as port defences .- [Boston Trans-

A Family Shave. A Maine family consists of six bro hers so exactly alike that no one but their closest friends can tell which is which. One day they happened to be in a strange town and all wanted a shave. One of them went into a barber shop, was shaved and paid the customary ten cents. Five minutes later apparently the same man came back into the shop, very wrathy, his beard bristling with a three days' growth. He swore that he had not been half shaved, and demanded that the work be done over.

The astonished barber apologized and complied, but judge of his horror when not ten minutes later his cuetomer came back madder than ever, his beard still showing on his face. and demanded another shave. Again the larber, after some protest, complied, but when his man returned the fourth time it was too much.

"See here!" he eried, "if you're trying to sell me come patent hair raiser I'll take your whole stock, but if you are an escaped museum freak, either you've got to get out or I'll have to close this shop."

The fifth and sixth brothers had to pay for their shaves .- [Buffalo Ex-

A Nuisance Worth \$500\$. After three months' dickering about flat-house in Ninety-seventh street, the owner and the prospective purchaser could not come to ter rs; the owner wanted \$5000 more than the other would give. Then one of the floors became vacant and the party who moved in chanced to be a lover of the trombone. He played about six hours a day. Two of the other tenants moved out and no one seemed fond enough of music to move in. The owner was wild, and one day told the prospective purchaser that he could have the bouse at his figure. Suddenly the trombone playing coased, and there are people who suspect that SCIENTIFIC AND INPUSTRIAL.

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There is no way to bend wood better or cheaper than by stesming.

Recent experiments show that with proper appliances ordinary gaslight can be used in making photographs.

Fahrenheit at first used alcohol in making his thermometers. He was led to use mercury after experimenting with boiling water.

By a recent appliance to kitchen ranges the refuse from the kitchen is thoroughly dried, converted into charcoal, and used as fuel.

At the naval exhibition in Lon there is a colossal electric lamp, con-structed by the Admiralty, which gives a light equal to 5,000,000 candles. Jupiter is larger than all the other

planets and satellites of the solar system. The sun is a little more than 1000 time larger than Jupiter. But Arcturus is 550,000 times larger than the sun. A philological statistician calculate that in the year 2000 there will be

1,700,000,000 people who speak English, and that the other European languages will be spoken by only 500,000,. A scientific observer publishes a pas phlet to show that the European jaw is narrowing through the lesser severity of labors that accompanies civilized food. The lower jaws of the later Eng-lish are smaller than those of ancient

Britons or even of Australians. To the inhabitants of the moon, if there be any such beings, the earth appears sixteen times larger than the sun boreals is the tail to the earth like the tail to comets, and as seen from the moon streams out behind our globe in a bright and beautiful trail.

The rate of growth of corals is difficult to estimate. At the meeting of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Professor Reilprin exhibited a cimen of Porites astronides which the autumn of 1885. He estimate I that the annual amount of increase was scarcely one-twentieth of an inch.

The latest plan to improve the draft of the furnaces of ocean steamers is to increase the height of the smoke pipes. The new steamer Scot, of the Cape Mail Line, is provided with smoke pipes 120 feet high above the grates, being the oftiest pipes ever put into a steamer. A draft of three-quarter-inch water pressure is thus obtained, all the steam needed is ensily secured, and the use of fans is dispensed with. Her speed is nineteen

Bombsy has the greatest piece of solid assonry construction that the world has seen in modern times. For years past the water supply of Bombay depended upon works known to be defective, involving the possibility of a water famine. consultation of eminent engineers was held, under the direction of the Government, with the result that a large dam was determined on to inclose the water shed of the valley which drains into the sea south of Bombay.

At Sophia experiments have been made in the last four weeks to ascertain the accuracy of the rapid-firing cannon recently received from the Gruson Works in Magdeburg. At a distance of 5600 feet target representing two field cannon and ten men was almost completely demolished by twenty-five shots. A line of thirty wooden soldiers, lying six feet apart, so that only the heads were in sight of the marksmen, received twenty-six loads of chain shot and nine of shrapnell. Twenty of the chain shot and fortyone pieces of shrapnell struck fourtee wooden soldiers.

Wonderful Growth of Electric Travel. Only twelve years have elapsed since cal working of an electric rallway were made, and four years ago a list of a dozen would comprise every such road in the world in even passably successful operation, whatever the method of applie The first large commercial electric railway was, after many difficulties and discouragements, opened in the early part of 1888 at Richmond, Va.; and since that demonstration was made, the industry has grown until there are now in operation or under contract, on the general lines laid down at Richmond, ot less than 350 roads in the United States, Europe, Australia, and Japan, requiring more than 4000 cars and 7000 otors, with more than 2600 miles of track, a daily mileage of nearly 500,000 miles, and carrying nearly a billion pas-sengers annually. Fully 10,000 people are employed on these roads, and there has never been an authenticated report of death on account of the electrical pressure used. Over \$50,000,000 are invested in this industry in this country

Moose Horn Grafted Into a Tree. Something of a curiosity is on exhibiion in a show window at D. J. Hennessy's. It consists of a very large mones horn grafted into the base of a tree. It has been in that position for years, as the tree has grown around it so as to get such a grip on it that out-ting the wood away is the only means of separating the two. It was found near the Kitty O'Brien mine on the Highlands, south of the town, by Tom Gor-don. It is evident that at some remote period a huntsman was chasing the monarch of the woods, who, in running away, was caught in a tree, and in trying to extricate himself the horn was broken off.—Butte later-Mountain.

lone. - The Forum.

For the King's Pleasure.

In ancient records we flud mention of four-wheeled carriages drawn by sules, to convey in vessels set apart the water to convey in vessels set apart the water of a noted river, for the use of a king then engaged in hattle; for none other would the royal gentleman accept as a beverage, and even that not only until it had been boiled in silver vessels. In such princely manner rumbled the water-cart withersoever it might please his Highness to travel — lightness Weekles. to travel .- Barner's Weekly.

Would be Resigned.

It is not always advisable to bring up children in the strictly orthodox fashion. Mamie's mother was very ill, and Mamie was brought in to see her.

"Oh, my dear, what would you do without mamma?" asked the sick mother.

"I don't know, mamma, but I suppose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be all for the best," Tempose it would be all for the best, "Tempose it would be al

"Weil, Fill be hanged!"

He stopped and thought for a moment, and then tried his vest pockets.

iext he tried those in his coat.

"Every one's saleep, too," he mulered as he peured in front of the door.

I wonder where I could have left

them."

He went through his pockets again and then sat down on the step to think the matter over.

"She'll be hopping mad if I wake her up," he muttered, and no excuse will go. But what else am I going to do?

He sighed, made a third search of his pockets, and then got up, with a depockets, and then got up with a de-termination on his face and gave several us yanks at the door be "Ob, me! Oh, my! Won't she be mad though?" he soliloquized.

mad though? he was.

"O, it's you, is it?" she exclaimed, when she opened the door. "What did you wake me up for?"

"My dear," he said apologetically. "I couldn't get is."

"Did you try?" she asked.

"Why, no, my dear," he explained. You see I lost my keys to-day." "I know it. I found them on the bu-Then she marched back to bed, and

he swore that he would never again take it for granted that anything was locked.

Bonssty in Finland.

The Finns are an upright, faithful and hospitable people. A writer in the Saturday Review speaks of their hon-esty as proverbial, and proceeds to give some experience of his own as illustrative of the scrupulous and even "heroic" manner in which they tell the truth, and the whole truth, under the most difficult circumstances.

This seems to be exactly the kind of apparatus I am looking for," I said to a merchant in Helsingfors, as I looked at an article worth about \$75; "I will buy it at once if, knowing what I want it for, you can honestly advise me to take

"No. sir." be answered. "I do not recommend you to take it, nor have I anything in stock just now that would suit you." And I left the shop and purchased what I wanted elsewhere. "Here's your fare," said I to a peasant in the interior, who had driven for three hours through the woods in his droaky, as I handed him four shillings.

"No, sir, that's double my fare," he replied, returning me half the money. And when I told him he might keep it for his honesty, he slightly nodded his thanks with the dignity o one of nature's noblemen, from which defiant pride and oringing obsequious ness were equally absent

Winter in the Par West. The climate of both Oregon and Washington is mild and equable. In Western Oregon and Washington it is difficult to draw the lines that divide the seasons, writes Senator Dolph in the Forum. Winter is usually a wet season, but there are often long periods perfect weather in February and March. Flowers frequently bloom in the open air in January, and green fields of growing grass and grain may be seen all winter. Once or twice dur-ing the winter a few inches of anow ing the winter a few inches of snow falls, but it disappears rapidly. At in-tervals of several years occurs a winter with ten days or two weeks of freezing weather and a considerable fall of snow. The summers are cool, and excessive heat is unknown. In Eastern Oregon and Washington the climate is different. The dry season of summer is more protracted, the rainfall is less, and the heat is greater, though it is never excessive. The winters are colder, but of short duration; the snowfall is light and salder lies long in the railes.

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