.odifying election the back countles are oack numbers.

, not jump at conclusions. When man flatteringly says that you look like ready money he may mean 30

The editor of an Eastern paper has discovered that Dewey turned around is "Ye Wed." We fancy we see the editor turning Dewey around.

The trouble with that Chicago man who accumulated forty-two wives was his failure to interlard his marriages liberally with Chicago divorces. Evil wins now and then, not because

good does not realize its own strength, and does not use it to the best advan-One New York railroad wants to abolish sleeping and dining car tips, but so far as the result is in the hands

of the waiters and porters they may be

expected to hold out to the end.

A California minister has denounced kissing games at church socials. This, however, is not given as the reason for the removal of the author of "The Man with the Hoe" from California to Brooklyn.

Isn't it about time that something were done to make it difficult to obtain carbolic acid? It can be had for the simple asking in almost any drug store, and thus an easy way of "shuffling off this mortal coll" is practically placed within reach of those who are weary of life. There would be fewer suicides if carbolic acid were difficult to obtain.

There are few more successful metheds of duping people, in their desire for wealth, than for some impecunious trickster to tell them he has a "sure thing" by means of which they can speedily get rich. They never stop to ask why he does not make himself rich, although the precept, "Physician, heal thyself!" is so old and backneyed.

"We do not suppose," remarks a critic of fighting, "the majority of us have any overmastering desire for the flerce delights of personal combat." The black eyes and bloody noses of our youth remain as a vivid memory. Man, en he is grown, prefers the fighting at long range, which is one of the recults of invention and the higher civilisation. He can get all the fun out of at that is in it that way.

A recent expose of the brutal treatment of privates in the army of France by their officers gives new emphasis to the danger of arbitrary power. It is also reported that in Austria the custom of boxing the ears of soldiers and recruits has been so common and so wielent that thousands of them have suffered such impairment of their hearing as partly to unfit them for service. The minister of war has recently issued a prohibitory order.

"One of the remarkable sights of the present day is that you don't see any blcycles," remarked a gentleman. "And a great fron manufacturing State alatili more remarkable," he continued, "is the way American people take up a fad and run it into the ground. Four years ago the bleycle was the craze; before that it was tennis; now it is golf. and the Lord only knows what it'll be mext. But from a clothes standpoint golf is the captain of 'em all. A man's golfing suit and his fixings make his bleycle rig-out look like thirty cents, as the saying is. And the women ain't Car behind."

of people who are fed from the same gives rise. pantry. A hotel, a boarding-school or a prison is a family in the eye of the census. Domestic servants are always counted as a part of the household with which they are living. This use of the term makes the average size of the family in a town which happens to large, but in the long run it works out about even, since actual families must be reduced in number by so much to O, the Kaiser on his gilded throne to supply the members of these inordinately arge families.

Truth should be double edged, and cut both ways. Now there's the bird question. Possibly the time may come when women will not allow them to be kill them for the pleasure of killing comething, says Beacon. I have never been able to understand why it is not as well to preach against the enormity of shooting birds for fun as for shooting them to make women look prettier, but I notice that the emphasis is all placed on the latter. Probably the pigeon that is shot at in a shooting enatch does not enjoy it any more than the hummingbird which is killed outright for a woman's hat, yet for one word that is said against the former instance there are hundreds said against the latter. I suppose it is easier for a man to preach for his sister's benefit than to practice for his own. But constant agitation may in time cure both evils and so educate man that he shall see no pleasure in killing helpless birds and animals without any purpose other than sport.

Dame Fashion, who is not only whimsical and eccentric but frequently very unwise, has made a departure in

er was t should any reason be so long as to it ground any more than there is for man's coat tails touching the ground. A few skittish old maids may take a duck-fit when they imagine someone can see the toes

cou-

ound.

of their shoes peeping out from under their draperies, but unless the foot is tantalizingly small and polgnantly well formed little attention is ordinarily given to it. Mr. Porter, the United States Ambas-

sador to France, has reported to the State department that the grave of John Paul Jones has been discovered ip Paris. If there is no mistake in the identification of the grave Congress should not hesitate to take prompt action for reburial in this country and the erection of a fitting monument to the memory of the great sea fighter, who was the first to make the Stars and VANCOUVER - - - - WASH. Stripes respected on the seas. No naval hero has more worthily earned the gratitude of the American people than it is stronger than good, but because the lion-hearted sallor who fought the powerful Serapis and its consorts with that rotten old hulk, the Bonhomme Richard, which apparently was no better fitted for a fight than Kipling's old hulk of Bolivar Bay.

> A Newark (N. J.) court has administered a new and most effective corrective for juvenile crime. Five boys were caught stealing fruit from freight GEORGE H. ECKARD cars and arraigned before a police justice. When proved guilty the justice sentenced them to twelve lashes with a policeman's belt. It is said the young culprits were perfectly satisfied with this method of punishment and agreed they would behave themselves in future, while other boys who have been in the habit of misbehaving have suddenly manifested a violent and uncontrollable desire to reform their habits. A thorough spanking by a vigorous policeman is a much more salutary form of punishment for a young boy than sending him to an institution where he will learn more deviltry and practice it when he is released. For extremely youthful persons bent upon going in the wrong direction there is nothing so certain to turn them into the right road ar spanking. It is much more effective than incarceration or milk-sop rem-

A Chicago dentist and inventor claims to have discovered a method by which the soft coal of the west can be successfully coked so that soft coal coke will be equal to hard coal coke for blasting and smelting purposes. In commenting upon this discovery the Ottumwa, Iowa, Courier remarks that if the discovery is practicable, the iron C. industry will witness a great change, and the production of pig-iron in the Western States where soft coal is plentiful will be vastly increased. Up to this time the great Eastern Iron making centers have had an advantage over those of the West. Both have de-Superior mines for their ores, but the Eastern iron furnaces are located so much nearer the great sources of the coke supply of the world that they have had a great advantage over the Western furnaces. If the Chicago man can do what he promises, however, the conditions will be just reversed and the West will have the advantage over the East. bituminous coke can be for from \$2 to \$2.50 per ton, while the anthracite coke costs \$5 to \$5.50. Pennsylvania is most solely because of the fact that it is the great anthracite coal center, and when this new coking process is brought into use there is no reason why the West should not become a great iron manufacturing section. Last year the Western furnaces smelted but onefifth of the Iron ore taken from the great iron mines in the Lake Superior region, but now that they can produce their coke at home, instead of shipping it all the way from Pennsylvania, they may be expected to take a large share A census "family" means the number | in al. the industries to which iron ore

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managed to arrive before the for was out of bed. Is great, but would you rather be the

admiral to-day have a great institution unusually Than the boy who can afford to give six million plunks away?

> quite a personage, And so is he who stands supreme upon

the mimic stage, But would you rather be the knight or emperor, to-day, Than the boy who can afford to give six

million plunks away? killed for their adornment nor will men There's Chamberlain and Edison and Kipling with his pen, fiery little Funston and the other

famous men-Would you be one of these instead (if you could choose, to-day,) Or the boy who can afford to give six

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