A Plain Clothes Official.

Whether or not Judge Sherman, the newly elected lieutenant governor of Illinois, will appear in evening dress at official functions is uncertain, but his antipathy to such conventionalities created much amusement upon the occasion of a banquet at the Union League club.

The judge had been asked to speak at the gathering. When he presented himself at the door he wore a business



"YOU CANNOT COME IN WITHOUT A DEESS

suit. The colored man on duty did not know him. He looked the guest over and said:

"You cannot come in without a dress suit, sah."

get it for you." "But I do not want a dress suit," re | into the room and I followed her.

to explanations and apologies, and the brother's classmate and chum at West cruelly, hoping to gain some little on judge sat at table in his ordinary business attire.-Chicago Record-Herald.

A Religious Measure.

Dr. J. Everist Cathell, a clergyman of Des Moines, Ia., was spending a few days in Montreal while off on a hollday. He visited the different churches bow, saying: and in one of them noticed an odd arrangement of the prayer desks. Wish-Cathell said:

"My man, I am an American clergyman and have found much of interest ously wounded and may now be dying horse behind held its pace I would soon in these Canadian churches. But there or dead"is something here that I do not understand. Can you tell me if this is 'high old classmate, a comrade of whom I tried to reload. The horse behind was Dressmakers are running in little frills church' or not?"

seriously for a moment and then re- trol her feelings.

"I never heard that question asked before, sir, but I believe it is thirty-live feet to the ridgepole,"-Lippincott's.

An Old Tale.

"It's an old story, but well worth repeating," said Representative Cooper of Texas while talking of the November election, says the Washington Times.

"Many years ago a distinguished officer of the army, who also held the position of chaplain, offered prayer before the regiment. He summed up the causes and objects of the war-the war with Mexico- and asserted that it was no war of conquest, but annexation only, concluding his supplication to the throne of grace with, I refer you, good Lord, to Polk's message on this sub-Ject."

The Dog Liked Him.

Professor Van Dyke of Princeton addressed a New York Sunday school recently. In the course of his remarks he referred to the fact that inconsequent reasoning and errors of logic are common among the young. By way of Illustration be told of a little Princeton boy who was walking with his mother. They passed a house where a dog was running about on the lawn, "That dog likes me mamma," said the child. "How do you know that?" asked his mother. "Because one day he tasted me," said the little chap confidently. Philadel phia Record

The Breeks All Right.

Jean Maxwell, who became the Duchess of Gordon and by her own in gusta." genious methods raised up the regi ment of Gordon highlanders, once had a painful misunderstanding with the laird of Craigmyle. The laird was superintending the making of bricks when she called, "Well," she asked, "and how do the bricks get on?" Craigmyle, who had only recently discarded the kilt, replied in pure Aberdeenshire. "Muckle obleeged to yer grace, the hope that when this war is over, when breeks war some ticht at first, but they're dueling weel enough noo."

Meant to Compliment.

This was the felicitous compliment of the mayor of Coventry to Queen Elizabeth after the rout of the armada; "! always thought, your majesty, that the swered the most commonplace ones Spaniard, when he attacked you, got tion. the wrong sow by the ear!"

He Was Home Early.

Mr. Newed (two weeks after marriage)-Don't sit up for me tonight, dear, as I may be detained downtown until after midnight, Mrs. Newed-Oh, that'll be all right. By the way, in case you should return before I do, kindiy leave the gas burning in the ball, will you?

A Worker.

Knocker-I should say so. He can do wounded and in prison. Dorothy and an' fo' all, Mistah Johnsing, I tells yo' as much as the man who didn't mean I again took to the saddle. to. Harper's Bazar.

LAFAYETTE McLAWS

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'D ride like sin and make my pistol blaze," George answered when I asked what he would do if he should happen to fall into the hands of the enemy. Then he added: "But don't you for Dorothy and Aunt Cattie. You are | he got no encouragement from Dorotoo young to go to war, but a southern thy or me. We were returning deboy is never too young to take care feated and thoroughly disheartened. At

of the women of his family." old, when I was as eager to be a soldler to the front,

George's letters were infrequent and short, just a few lines scribbled before and after each battle. When we had news of the second Shiloh he was I set out.

army the boom of heavy artillery came from pickets, but still we swept on, our ward and struck her horse. I wen clear on the cold night air. dered if another battle were on and knew the same thought was in her the moon burst from under the cloud

ride was short. Under a mile we jerk | my pistol and dug my spurs into my ed our horses back on their haunches, stopped by the sharp "halt" of a pick et. I showed our passes, and the soldier directed us to General Grant's loped on In the shadow, the hoof beats headquarters for the day, a lonely old behind me growing more distinct. The farmhouse on the brow of a hill about | moon came out. I turned in my saddle. a quarter of a mile from the camp.

us in. I knew at once it was Grant was empty. The weapons of the men "But I have no dress suit," was the himself, a thickset man with a heavy who pursued us were as busy, and I response, "and I think I shall enter brown beard, in a faded blue uniform felt a sharp stitch in my side, then "No, sah; you cannot come in unless | die of the room, while a tall man with | was no slack in Dorothy's pace, and I | addition. you put on evening clothes," said the his back toward the door stood scruti- drew a deep breath and thanked God. negro. "If you want a dress suit I can nizing some papers spread on the Again we rode in darkness, and I nowhere more conspicuous than in the

marked the judge, "and you may tell | "The lady, sir," the guard announced, had the advantage, since they might less top to the top of the girdle, and the door and that it is no dress suit or rose to his feet. The tall man turned, and the light of recognition flashed saddle and fire almost wild. We were The next few minutes were devoted into the eyes of Jack Kellogg, my Point, who had visited us the summer the more heavily burdened horses of before the war broke out. When he our pursuers. saw Dorothy, his face flushed and he started forward.

"Dorothy," he exclaimed.

Dorothy's face was like chiseled mar

"We have met before, Captain Kelwar, taken at Shiloh. He was seri

"My uncle." and I shall be glad to serve his niece flashed out from beneath the cloud. in any way that lies in my power."

His cordial handshake and the sincerity of his tone brought the color back into Dorothy's cheeks and stead- exclaim, "Great God!" ied her voice as she thanked him and

my younger brother Richard to see our turned and introduced me.

"As you wish to see your brother immediately, Miss Fletcher, Captain Kellogg will act as your guide."

We did not see Grant again during to the prison we met Jack Kellogg. He caressingly, did all in his power to help us, but not once did Dorothy unbend or treat him him, and her voice held all the reaswith anything but chilling courtesy surance of a gentle kiss. "It only put The night we took George away Kel Peggy out of her pain a little sooner. logg rode with us for several miles | She was wounded, poor horse, as we They seemed to forget the difference in topped the hill." their uniforms and to cling to each other as they had not done during their life at West Point. Toward the last might have happened was wringing Kellogg rode ahead with Dorothy, and his soul I dropped behind wir the ambulance. "Will you go to Millview, Dorothy?" I heard him ask, naming the plantation

where he had visited us. "Yes." she answered. "It is much A Favorite Promenade in the Old cooler and George's wound will heal much more quickly there than in Au-

"This moonlight reminds me of my

last night at Millview. Do you remember, Dorothy?" If she heard she made no answer, and after a little I saw him lean toward her and place his hand over bers

as it rested against her saddle. "I can never forget the promise you gave me that night. I will always things are settled and- You still love me a little, do you not, Dorothy?"

She turned her face toward him, the moonlight shining full upon it, and I think I never saw her look more beautiful. She smiled, and her voice was as calm and sweet as though she an-

"No. I do not. I am a daughter of the south, and we do not love her enemies.

When George's wound healed he joined the army in northern Virginia. Dorothy became an angel of the Wayside homes. Aunt Cattle continued to manage the affairs of the plantations. and I, at the beck and call of both. did all that lay in my power toward supplying the needs of the men in the Knicker-Can he accomplish much? field. Then news came of George,

Exchange of prisoners was not as - Puck.

NEW SHORT STORIES | Part at the state of the and the that that he was a West Point graduate with had resigned within a year to bin the Confederacy told his exchange until our only hope was in an appeal to the president. We were warned that it would be impossible to secure a pass across the lines.

stopped 1 v night on which we turned our horses' heads south. Everything was frozen up. Clouds were scudding across the moon and piling up in the east as if preparing for a great snowstorm. The soldier detailed to act as our escort through the picket worry about me, Dick. You look out lines was inclined to be talkative, but last we came to the road leading to Then he rode off to join his regiment | Washington. There it lay, broad and and left Dorothy and Aunt Catherine straight in the moonlight, and we were weeping and me sulking. It seemed to turn our horses' heads in the other pretty hard luck to be left behind mere- direction. I looked up and met Doroly because I was only twelve years thy's eyes. The expression which I read on her face startled me, though and fight for my country and my prin- for an instant I did not understand. ciples as any of the men who marched She gave the signal "follow me," and before I had time to draw breath her horse was on a dead run straight down

the road toward Washington. Our guard emptied his pistol so quickly that the five succeeding shots wounded and in prison. Dorothy and sounded like the echoes of the first They whistled dangerously near me, Ten days after the battle as we ap but flew wide of Dorothy. There were proached the camp of the victorious shouts and calls and other pistol shots across the hills. Dorothy leaned for horses' hoof beats ringing sharp and

Then came other hoof beats, and as I saw two horsemen galloping down a The pace she set was hard, but our side road from the camp. I drew out horse. Dorothy was going like the wind, fully fifty yards ahead. The moon was covered again, and we galtook aim and streams of flame leaped After some little delay a guard led from my pistol until every chamber going uphill, and I used my spurs

The clouds passed, and I saw Dorothy as a silhouette on the top of the hill. A pistel shot rang out, and I turned in my saddle, answering with the ble, and she greeted him with a cold last ball in my weapon. The horse in the lead staggered, lurched forward and fell on its head. I reached the top logg." (Women have quick eyes. We of the hill, Dorothy was well down the ing to understand the reason, he looked | hadn't been in that room half a min | slope, still holding her pace. I knew around for the sexton. No one was ute, yet she had noticed the change in the piece of horseflesh she rode. She about except a workman in the rear of his rank.) Bowing courteously to the had raised it from a colt, and it would the church. Approaching him, Dr. older man, she said: "General Grant, go at her urging as long as there was ten worn beneath the jacket. my brother is among your prisoners of breath in its body, but my own beast was weakening, and I knew if the

be overhauled. "The letter you bring me is from an A cloud blotted out the moon, and I was very fond," the general said, kind | so near that I could hear his pantings. The workman considered the question | ly giving her an opportunity to con | When I turned in my saddle I saw it had gained many yards. There was a black object in the road in front of me, "Then you must give me the pleasure and my horse swerved to one side and of shaking hands with you. Though stopped. The beast behind me was your uncle and I do not always agree coming in great leaps, and the man in our opinions, we are still friends, held his pistol leveled. The moon

"Jack," I shricked, "don't shoot!" My warning came too late. With the bang of his pistol I heard him

The next instant he was down on the ground, lifting Dorothy from her "I wish permission for myself and dead horse. He held her in his arms as a mother would hold a lost child brother, Colonel Fletcher." Then she pressed her cheek against his own and stroked her hair. Nor did she resist As he handed our pass to Dorothy he Then he set her on his horse and, flinging his arms about her, stood with his face buried in the folds of her skirt. She sat like a statue; her face was white and still as the unbroken snow in the fields around us. Finally the ten days that we worked for she looked down at him, lifted his George's exchange, but on every visit cap, touched his hair and stroked it

"Your shot did no harm," she told

I knew his bullet had been aimed for another mark, and the horror of what

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

PAUL'S WALK.

Days In London.

In the old days, especially during the reigns of James I, and Charles I., the nave of St. Paul's cathedral was ponularly known as "Paul's walk," because it was the favorite promenade of wits, gallants and fashionable idlers, who met there to gather or retail the latest news.

The nave and body of a cathedral or church were then regarded as much less sacred than the chancel, and this explains, if it does not excuse, the fact that they were often given over to all kinds of profane and secular uses.

At St. Paul's there were stalls and bazaars with crowds of busy buyers and sellers, giving it the appearance of a fair. Usurers occupied the south aisle and horse dealers the north, mak ing it, as Evelyn called it, "a stable of horses and a den of thleves." Shake speare makes Falstaff buy a horse at St. Paul's as he would at Smithfield,

Courts of justice were held and funeral banquets and churchwarden's feasts were celebrated there, and, according to Stubbs, traces of these

Final. Mistah Johnsing-Can't yo' gib me no hope, Liza? Miss Jackson-Once I won't be no man's cullud supplement.

Jaunty Outing Costume.

This very attractive bolero suit is against han. We tried every way for made of dark blue linen, the deceration consisting of bands of heavy insertion of the same color. One large portunities in the field of companers The tacket is short, with one box other cities. In the District of Column sisted until we were plait and one side plait in each front, big the public works for the benefit



PLAITED BOLERO SUIT. the back. The sleeves are plaited in the same manner, but many prefer a short, full sleeve finished with a band, The skirt is gored, each gore forming one plait, and is ornamented with insertion to match the jacket. Summer serge or to again would be equally servseemble for this state

The Paneled Balero. The pare of barro is new and more

The smartness of a paneled bolero is table between them. Dorothy stepped took out my last pistol and made back form, where two broad panels, ready. I knew the two riding behind like twin stores, reach from the collaryour master that L. Y. Sherman is at and General Grant looked up, then take long and sure aim. They rode the pointed panel ends with medallions facing us, while I had to turn in my of lace reach down a trifle over the mak of the girdle.

The panels are treated with a row I smakers stuching around the signs. The two back panels are laid. does together in the back and nearly cover it between the shoulders. The back panels resemble postilion tails ad a second set of three, not quite so coad, but a little longer, and likewise post off with medalilons of lace, are granged as postilions below the girthe. The front panels also reach the rout edge of the bolero, but these acket fronts do not always touch, as vest of lace or mousseline de sole or of all over embroidered bastiste is of

The Puffy Sleeve.

The sleeve, whatever its length and whatever its character, simply must be puffy and bouffant at the shoulder. of silk upon the lining to support the ullness of the sleeve, and for the heavfer materials the chiffon broadcloths, siciliennes, draps d'etes and such-puff's of princess haircloth are tacked to the deeve lining to give the requisite smart ontline:

Ribbon's the Thing. Ribbon, ribbon everywhere. There is

hardly an article of woman's outer apparel that cannot be made or trimmed position. with some of the new soft ribbon. Pompadour is in highest favor, with or without a border of black or colored satin. Faille, a soft, coarse weave, in every beaufiful shade, satin taffeta and

sides velvet ribbon in every width, Frock For a Little Maid. The little girl's wardrobe, like her mother's and grownup sisters', must be replenished in anticipation of the warm summer days, when many frocks will be needed. The illustration shows



GIRL'S SUMMER DRESS. serves the twofold purpose for mora-

with full length or elbow sleeves. wide and one-fourth of a yard of all Malby of London.

Near the Danger Line. In an account of a recent London

porary. It explains that "three docthe seventeenth century. - London nearly got into a libel action by saying Cleveland Leader. that a patient was "no longer in danger, though Dr. X. is still visiting him." London Globe.

Silence Is Golden. Mike-Phwat is a good openin' fer a young man? Pat-His mouth when he

kapes it shut. Puck.

(Special Correspondence.) Washington is not a city of small things, notwithstanding its limited opbutton fastens the Jacket at the neck, and manufacturing as compare! with of privileges in the way of afternoons a wide box plait and two side plaits in of the people are planned and executed on a large scare. Probably in no other community of approximately 300,000

> cuted in the District of Columbia. The improvements now being execut-64 for the benefit of the District's pin from her hat. Then her smile fadcitizens and the cost of the individual ed. projects are as follows: Sewage disposal system, \$5,005,000; filtration plant, \$3,468,405; new municipal building, \$2,500,000; railway terminals, inchaning damages to property, etc., \$3,270,000; elimination of grade crossings, \$1,000,000; Connecticut avenue bridge, \$750,000; highway bridge and approaches, \$1,196,000; Anacostia bridge, \$375,000; total estimated cost of improvements, \$17,604,405. Of this amount the District of Columbia will pay one-half, while the United States government under the "haif and half" arrangement will pay the remainder,

inha mants are such immense projects

of improvement carried on as are exe-

The Downfall of Billy. Billy, the unconquered butter, the pride of the White House stables and the joy of the president's boys, is laid up with a broken leg. In a stall at the other end of the building, down by the oreoran Art gallery, is General, the carriage horse, placidly munching his oats. There is not a hint of triumph in the old bay's demeanor, yet from all accounts his good right hind hoof laid his goatship low with a single stroke and thereby put the bully of the neighborhood out of business.

Return of Confederate Flags. Before the distribution of Confederate flags authorized by congress was begun there were stored in the upper rooms of the war department 514 flags of the different states. About a hundred of these belonged to Union regiments, while the remaining 440 were Confederate flags taken at the close of the war. Before 1887 twenty-two flags becoming to a full figure than the had been returned by different secre-He was seated by a table in the mid- knew that my hat was cut, but there plainer justed without this becoming taries of war to former Union states, and twenty-two Confederate flags had been delivered, mostly to the organizations in northern states which had captured them in battle.

Pienicking In the Monument Grounds Every warm sunny day between 12 and I o'clock numerous small plenick ing parties, composed of young ladies employed in the bureau of engraving and printing and the department of agriculture, may be seen under the trees in the Monument grounds and the grounds surrounding the departmental buildings south of the mall.

When the noon whistle blows at the sureau of engraving and printing groups of young women, sans hats and veils and careless of what the sun may do to their complexions, come trooping out of the various departmental buildngs near the mall, swinging their backages of lunch back and forth, aughing and chatting and apparently as happy as a crowd of children off for a picnic in the woods. They seek out grassy plots within the shade of the trees, flounce down upon the ground. spread out their skirts, and then, amid the singing of the birds and their own bright chatter, proceed to dispose of their moonday meal surrounded by na ture and Uncle Sam's possessions.

The New Union Station. The work of laying the stone in the uperstructure of the new union raiload station has begun. The entire building will be constructed of beautiful white granite. The foundations have practically been completed, and much of the steel structural workabout 2,000 tons—has been placed in

Thanked by Secretary Taft. George C. Ellis, the laborer at the Washington barracks reservation who is credited with having saved the statue of Frederick the Great from damlouisine are all equally fashionable, be age. If not from destruction, by the explasion of a package of powder some time ago, has received official acknowledgment of his action in a personal letter of commendation from Secretary

Trees With Histories. In the grounds around the White House stands a stately American elm said to have been planted by President a pretty dress of thin material, which John Quincy Adams. It forms a conspicuous object, towering above the surrounding plantings on the mound to the southeast of the White House, An American elm was planted by President Hayes in March, 1878, near the west entrance of the north roadway approach to the White House. A sweet gum tree was planted by President Harrison in April, 1892, in the lawn northeast of the White House. A scarlet oak was planted by President Mc-Kinley March, 1898, in the lawn west of the White House bordering the walk now leading to the executive offices. An American elm brought from Arbor Lodge, Neb., was planted April 22. 1895, in the agricultural department grounds by J. Stirling Morton, secretary of agriculture, to commemorate Arbor day, of which he was the founder.

Passing of a Relic. The huge terrestrial globe that has vided they have enough of it to refrain | He received the reply that the books revolved in its stand in the executive from impressing a man with his igno- showed a balance of 68 cents in 1875 offices for more than twenty years has rance."-Washington Star. had to give way to something more modern. A new and up to date globe has been installed in the offices and the old one hauled away for a secondhand sale. The old globe has been the friend of many presidents and has often been consulted. During the Spanish war President McKinley used it frequently. ing or afternoon wear, since the walst | Captain Loeffler, the doorkeeper of may be made high or low, square neck. presidents for thirty years, remembers it in the Arthur administration first Quantity of material required for me- and thinks it was in the executive of dium size, four yards thirty-two inches fices prior to that. It was printed by

CARL SCHOFIELD. Generous.

Mrs. Quiverful-Tommy, did you give tragedy a slip is made by a contem- your little brother the best part of that apple, as I told you? Tommy Q .tors are in attendance, but the woman | Yessum; I gave him th' seeds. He can usages lingered on into the middle of is not yet dead." Not long ago a daily plant 'em an' have a whole orchard.-

> He Had to Laugh. "I had to laugh the other day"-

compelled to, I hope?" "That's just what I mean. This was

Times-Democrat.

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A New Waitress,

After being without a girl for a week | sia's by one-third. the mister of a Harlem apartment She had been liberal in her promises try on the globe. far as to extend the hour of the girl's India will have to bear. return on these nights and to agree to work was done.

The new girl seemed pleased, and the mistress was beginning to hope. They southern Nigeria government, has just walked back into the dining room, and been connected by telegraph with Engthe girl had actually removed one hat- hand,

"Do you do your own stretchin'?" she demanded.

"To we do our own what?" asked the pazzled mistress. "Stretchin'," repeated the new girl.

"I don't understand." "Stretchin'," repeated the girl again Do you put the stuff on the table at mealtime and stretch for it, or do 1 have to shuffle it around?"-Harper's

The Tramp's Revenge. Housekeeper-Here, you, just you leave, or I'll set the dog-Tramp-Please, mum-

Weekly.

York Weekly.

"Get out, I say." "Yes, mum, I'll go if you want me to. I only dropped in to tell ye of a new and sure cure for freekles and red facade of the Mansion House, the lord hair, mum. Good day, mum."-New mayor's official residence, were "made

Wisleading. Miss Elderleigh The publisher of

Miss Younger-Why do you think so? Miss Eblerieigh Because there are six whole columns in it headed "Proposals," and they are all about measly old building contracts.-Chicago News,

this paper ought to be arrested. It's a

Yo Help Needed.



Clara-If you try to kiss me I shall call for help.

A Slight Confusion. "That young man says he is heart-

broken," said the sympathetic girl. They are always mistaking broken engagements for broken hearts."-Washington Star.

Let Off. "Now," asked the lawyer, "bave you ver written a musical comedy?" "Must I answer that question?" the witness implored, turning to the judge. "Oh, no, never mind if it will incrimnate you."-Chicago Record-Herald.

Averaged the Same. "Yes," says the first beauteous damsel, "I had five proposals at the reception last night." "I had but one," remarks the demure

damsel, "but it counted the same as

five. The man stuttered."-Judge. At the Theater Rehearsal. "Oh, I feel as if I should fly!" ex- \$2,750. laimed the leading lady nervously. "Well," said the low comedian sar- gaged in coining farthings. Until very

Early Gardening Pointer. easiest way to make a hotbed? Old Timer-Soak the mattress with can be effected on purchases of small kerosene and touch a match to it.-De | quantities of goods. troit Tribune.

wings."-Somerville Journal.

Feminine Intelligence. "Do you believe men like women with | the cashler saying that he knew he intelligence?" asked the serious girl. "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne, "pro- he had withdrawn his deposit long ago.

How Sponges Are Prepared. the following manner: After being running for selectman eighteen years bought in the local market they are ago and always fought a hard camcarted to the shipping yard of the pur paign, but up to this spring has always chaser, where they are cut and trimmed | been beaten by a few votes. This spring into proper shapes and sizes. They are he was a candidate "just from force then washed and thoroughly dried, be of habit. Reen downed so many times ing generally spread in the sun for that I sort o' got used to it and looked forpurpose upon canvas or old sails. Next | ward to it as a spring tonic," he said. they are assorted according to varie- But when the votes were counted it ties and then packed by means of hand was found that Frye, the chronic canpresses into bales weighing from 20 to didate, had actually won. 150 pounds. Sometimes the sponges are bleached by being passed through a solution of white lime and water so weak as not to injure the fiber of the man," began the Britisher boastfully.

Remorseless Progress. In every great business the chief Philadelphia Ledger, trouble is to find a powerful and pioneering staff. It is frequently achieved in these days, and especially in Ameri-Weekly.

France's national debt exceeds Rus-

Greece and the Ionian Islands prowas showing an applicant over the flat. duce more emery than any other coun-

The cost of the British expedition inand nights of. She had even gone so to Tibet was \$4,063,750, all of which

Fifty years ago the first steam fire her using the sewing machine after her engine built for the city of Boston was exhibited in Baltimore. Old Calabar, the headquarters of the

> Beer in the United Kingdom contains 8 per cent of proof spirit, while the ager beer of the continent contains on-

> ly 4 per cent. The British admiralty has decided that gray is the best all round color for torpedo craft and a change to it is to be made from black.

Drought in the Hawaiian Islands is

causing serious loss to the sugar planters. In some districts water for household purposes is being sold by the gal-In his book on the Kongo Edmund Morel estimates that in four years the

Belgian soldiers and officials have plundered the natives to the extent of \$30,-.000,000 London has discovered, to its horror, that the big electric lamps on the

demany." Infant mortality is reported to be greater in Prussia than in any other country except Russia. The deaths the first year are 6 to 7 per cent in Sweden, 15 in France and 23.6 in Prus-

Fox hunting seems to be on the wane in England. Some attribute this to the inroads of the automobile and others to hard times and "the loss of many hunting men during the South African war."

The finest spices in India, specially prepared, are sent to the royal kitchen of the British court. Juices come from Calcutta, while special factories in Malta and in Ireland prepare preserved fish and sardines for the royal house-

Captain Leonard of the Indian med cal staff has invented a useful instrunent for cases of snake bite, which are o common in India. It consists of a small lancet mounted in a hollow handle, which is filled with permanganate of potash crystals. A disastrous fire occurred at the

own the oldest vineyards in South Australia. The nearest water mains were half a mile away, so the firemen played jets of wine on the burning buildings for an hour and a baif. By way of celebrating the centenary of Don Quixote next May the Marquesa de Squilacke will arrange a great festival in Madrid at which all of the

winery of Thomas Hardy & Sons, who

guests as well as the servants will appear in the costumes of the time when the knight is supposed to have lived. Argentina is in a prosperous condition and the national wealth is fast increasing. During 1904 the number of immigrants arriving in that country was 130,000. Numerous railroad lines and other public works are in course

of construction and others are project-The eight ambassadors of the German empire in Madrid, Rome, Washlington, Constantinople, Paris, London, St. Petersburg and Vienna are all mem-George-Why? Can't you hold me bers of the nobility. Their emoluments are \$25,000 in the first three cities named, \$30,000 in the next three and

\$57,500 in the last two. The smallest full grown elephant in Europe is on exhibition in London. He "That is a common mistake among is thirty-three inches in height and roung people," answered Miss Cayenne. | weighs 230 pounds. When he was taken to a photographic gallery the other day for his picture he went in a cab. A luncheon of buns and brandy and

water was provided for him. Society in Washington seems determined to introduce "the continental Sunday," and ministers and laymen are struggling against the movement. Sunday dinners are becoming more and more popular, and there are Sunday theater parties for evening concerts, followed by gay supper gatherings.

Herr Barkmeyer, who occupied a confidential post in the Germania shipbuilding yard at Kiel, has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment for selling secret plans of submarines constructed by his firm to rival German vards. He was in receipt of a salary of \$1,550 a year. He sold himself for

The British mint has been busily enastically, pointing, "there are the recently the farthing has been almost an unknown coin in many, perhaps the majority, of the British possessions. They are only coined to encourage Amateur-What's the quickest and thrift in the colonies. By introducing the smallest coin of the realm a saving

When Major William E. Stewart of Easton, Md., learned that he had an account at a Baltimore bank he wrote used to bank there, but supposed that and that there is now to his credit \$27.90 as the result of thirty years' in-

crease. Sponges are prepared for export in | W. A. Frye of Newport, Me., began

A Waste of Breath.

"You can always tell an English-"But it would only be a waste of breath," interrupted the Yankee, "because he thinks he knows it all."-

Qualified.

He- Here is an account of a minis-"You don't mean you were absolutely ca, by a series of remorseless experiter's wife who took his place in the ments. One person after another gets purpit when he was ill. She-Had she his chance, and nine-tenths of the num- had any previous experience? Hemy employer's joke."-New Orleans ber are flung upon the street.-British Why, I suppose she had frequently preached at him when he was well.