- - OREGON.

### How the Ancients Engraved Gems. We must remain as yet some little in

doubt as to the methods employed by of old artists to perfect these miracles of taste. We have, however, the absolute certainty that these ancient masters were familiar with the diamond, and that their best work was made by using this, the hardest of all substances, as a tool. A splintered fragment of the diamor.d. served as a scraping tool, and they were well acquainted with the drill. Prehistoric man worked a drill at the very commencement of his existence. A Phonician gem-a lion attacking a bull -shows how the drill was used. A number of circular depressions are found in the gem, which mark the extremities of the figures. This was done not only for the sake of effect, but to show the artist the limit of his work as to depth. After the holes were sunk the artist united the various portions of his work by scratching. Now, the use of the diamond point or splinter, fixed in an iron socket, allowed a certain flexibility of handling, which our modern processes of gem engraving do not permit. Today the work is done by means of a minute rotating disk of copper, which is whetted with oil and diamond dust. On the least application of the substance to be cut to the disk, it is the disk which bites into the stone. The difference in manipulation is, then, that to-day it is the stone which goes to the tool, and not, as in olden times, the tool to the stone. It is more convenient, them, in our day to bring the cart to the horse. It can now be readily understood why, in modern work, time and labor being spared (the art conception not entering for the present into the subject), why this work of to-day is inferior to the art of the past. It is purely a mechanical process now, for a rotating disk will no more draw lines which have feeling than will photographing processes paint pictures. It has been stated that we are not entirely acquainted with the methods employed by the old giypfrom this fact, that their best works seems to have been both cut and put-ished at the same time. To dray we have no tool, noe substance, yhigh will se-complish this double feat. Mr. King, dwelling on the dissound point, sage is extensive use is the great disconsion between the animpeo and members worth—Harper's Managements.

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and the headquarters of the score Africas diamoral digginess Einve years ago not a has soul whees as some 10,000 people, with a track oser \$2,000,000 a year, form one the most thriving ammonites on th African continuit. Is is not discove ed that the tows is bacile norm lase that premises to be as productive : diamonds as the neighboring "d gings" which have been the source its wealth and the very origin of i existence. Kimberley is identical with the "New Rush" diamond settleme of 1870; and the thousands who floc ed to the locality to secure a 'addition in the valuable reefs, which have beworked further and further to the e. of the site of the future town, who in such a hurry to seek their fortune athe diggiogs that they forgoto inquiwhether the soil on which they pitch their tents or erected their log-hu was not equally diamon@ferous. the wooden shanties have given plato more substantial buildings, it h. been found that Kimberley itself h been built on a diamond field, and the the pest end or residential part of the wn is as full of gems as the actua diggings themselves at the eastern working end of thegown. New clain are being taken up in all directions, at land which was beginning to acquire considerable value as building sites, h suddenly assumed fresh importance. possibly containing some new "Star o South Africa." How many houses wi be pulled down in the search for the diamonds upon which they are built would be difficult to say. But it wi be interesting to watch the future pro gress of a town which owes its exis ence and its subsequent partial destrution and removal to the same care the abundance of the diamonds . . . . midst of which it appears to have

## Nicknames of States.

In answer to a request the Brooklyn

grown.

Eagle gave the following catalogue of
the States and the "by-names" of their
citizens:
Alabama
Arkansas Toothpicks
California
Colorado Rovers
Connecticut Wooden Nutmegs
Delaware Musk Rats
Florida Florida Fly-u-the-Creeks
Georgia
Illinois Buckers
Indiana
Iowa
Kaneas Jay Hawkers
Kentucky
LouisianaCreoles
Maine Foxes
Maryland,
Michigan
Minfissots
Mississipp Tad Poles
MissourlPukes
Nebrasks
Nevada Sage Hens
New Hampshire,
New Jersey Blues, Clam Catchers
New York Kutckerbockers
North Carolins Tar Boilers and Tuckoes
Ohioliuckeyes
Oregon Wet Feet and Hard Cases
Pennsylvania Pennanites and Broad Brims
Rhode Island Gun Finta
South Carolina
Tennessee Whelps

In Boston some families dine at 1 p. m., others at 3, and still others at and by washing for the neighboring at 4, so that, unless one is well acquainted with the family characteristies, it is altogether unsafe to adopt feminine adornment, articles so dear social methods that would de eminent- to the average feminine heart: ly correct elsewhere.

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#### A TITLE CLEAR.

Maybe it was the Sunday fare; Maybe the Sunday sern Perhaps 'twas but a plain nightmare-I never can determine.

I dreamed I was an errant shade, With other shadows hiering Along a road whose downward grade Was simply terrifying.

Before them all, with heighty head, One held the chief position. Whose lofty mien and stately tread Proclaimed his high condition.

While in the eves of all the rest Sat trouble and dejection, His gold-rimmed orbs alone expressed Approving introspection.

We reached a river and embarked Upon a galley gloomy; he sent the stranger took marked, Was elegant and roomy.

When Charon came to punch his fare The awe-inspiring specter Transfixed him with a stony stare, And seemed to say, "Director.

We reached at length the heavenly gate-The press had free admissions— The common herd was forced to wait And loaded with conditions.

The stranger handed in his card, While bound the door we hovered.

And to the high celestial guard.

His shape y head uncovered. I saw St. Peter smile and bow,

Urbane and deterential;
The st anger's greeting was somehow
A shade more consequential. "Angel!" the snintly tyler cried, . .

A page straightway appearing, don't remember that I tried To wholly keep from hearing.) I caught the words "Orchestra chairure you get the right One

See the harp tuner; and take care The halo is a bright one."

"Look lively, too," St. Peter such "The gentleman is waiting," "Please register,"—he bent me wait. The great book india man. The stranger wrote. I pest the smooth The sacred pure conressed on; The name was a regist, the passe was all-

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he as limed with him out, we test out. my periodic, preveni na macion accordina de la constanti ear Team to Edward out I morning.

The counts read grees over 16 they shoot, on a router bridge wheely mond "description the nuclease of any memorat of possible med presimile ambidente.

The water is about ten fast doep and very dark. No one but a coroner could possibly gad any anjoyment looking at it. The bridge also serves as a short cut

for predatory foxes seeking through highways and byways for the succulent chicken, the philosophic tubkey, and the disciple of a certain school of medicine - the duck.

At times the trees that lineshis bank take on a vi@d beauty.

The bamboo climbs to the tops of the@tallest ones and flings a graceful crown over their swaying

Searlet coronals of unknown flowers emphasize the fragrant green, through which tiny birds peep out and watch with wide-eyed wonder the creaking vehicles and strange figures that pass slowly by. Outbursts of rarest song can be heard there through the soft languorous days, and switt darting fins, like errant rays of light, ripple the waters below.

On the east side are half a dozen or so of rough log cabins, keeping guard over a few acres of broken soil; cotton and potato patches, the garden of long collards and turnips, the parterre of sunflowers and

oleanders. Each demesne has its dilapidated chicken house, its rheumatic shed for the reflective mule, and its boudoir for

playful swine. The owners and inhabitants of these freeholds are happy careless negroes, raising enough to eat and a little to sell, basking in the sunshine, and obeying implicitly the scriptural injunction to take no heed to the morrow.

In a little log house, standing on the very banks of the branch, in a crouching attitude, as if just about to leap into the waters for a bath, both cleansing and sanitary, lived at the time of which I write, Ananias, one of my

On the west side of the branch the scene was almost literally repeated, with the exception that one of the houses was of frame, with two rooms and a lean to, and had forty acres of

land attached to it. There lived with his parents, Jerusalem, my other hero, until the fiend of jealousy entered his otherwise placid bosom, and left wreck and ruin

there. Five miles off was another little settlement of the same genus, and here Miss Sophy, my heroine, helped bake the hoe cake in the ancestral mansion. planters' families, carned the shekels that went to purchase articles of

I shoved my writing materials aside Annulas was tall and thin, elaborate-

ly so as to legs, and the suns of twenty and motioned him to a chair. Then I five years had enhanced the dingy yellow of his complexion.

His eyes were of the vintage known | said "Proceed." of three front teeth had given him a weirdly poetical pearance.

Among intensely black surround-ings, the fairness of his skin was a drawback, more especially as his pa- I rents, by some strange oversight, are both of the same orthodox color.

In temperament he was somewhat haughty and passionate, and by his demeanor seemed to be continually protesting against his environment.

Although entirely ignorant of belles-letters, or, in fact, of any letters, he was shrewd and forehanded, and was in a fair way to become something of a capitalist, when the unlucky collapse of the Freedman's Bank swept away I mus' do." the bulk of his garnered hoards.

This made him moody and irritable at times, but did not impair his abouty as a cotton picker, which was something wonderful to behold.

Jerusalem, or "Ju," was short and fat, and, like my old friend, Hamlet, somewhat scant of breath. His skin was so black that soot

would have made a white mark upon it. His eyes were small and twinkling, indices of the good humor that animated his being.

His lips were large and luscious, like slices of a ripe mango, and a No. 14 shoe gave him a dignity otherwise impossible to obtain. His speech was slow and deliberate.

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The way she tightened up her hale during the work, and les it out our men despite onwards. Sits will bight standays, encrimed all of her takerens him and you will carry of the case. I genius, and her singing is said to have will go with you, act as your friend, top they brid-gottone a cand when its to I feathers in above carp. She had worked two seasons in Tal-

labassee, also, so to her other charms pen? were aided the regue bus delicious. refluenceuts at nits life.

ther are bow from which to launch his daines arrows. wisen the pleus and wedding." majorial he could not have displayed mo d greater wiscom. Buth men were in love with here;

that was plainly to he seet. Buth settlements knew, spickered as it, guasipped over it and specialisted as to one whom the obotice would fall. Simpley, like most of her ses, was a bern majuette, and gare no sign of famption. If the went to a ball wish "Jo" more night she went to a feetimal with America the news, and secepted the selecte of sugar case with the same one, as the did the quart of persons and mepouder bankle from the other. - MO - 18 0 manid - aleboogs to stampe had improved in often made, and it was an open question as to who, would eventually win.

The el man came one day in halmy Jens, when the hirds were staging their emeatest, sail the most burtles sels the throb of joy is their gentle chumman and old dust Jessy was the cayes of it.

Jerusalgm's parents for a social chat, and finding no one home but his father, good old Uncle Hypothenuse Johnson, the conversation rapidly drifted in the direction of his love af-

"I year your son gwinter be kicked by Sophy Giggles, Uncle 'Nuse, Am dat so?" said Aunt Johny, inquisitive-

"I dunno, P dunno, Aunt Jinny," was the reply; "but if she merries thet triflig, owdacious, yeller nigger, Ananiah, she's gwinter be sorry fer hit befo' de y'ar am out."

"Well, Uncle 'Nuse, dat boy 'Nias am a right peart boy, on' I year he's got a right smart bunch ob cattle in

de woods somewhar." "Right smart bunch ob cattle!" said Uncle 'Nuse contemptuously. 'Sho,

on'y got three bull yearlin's an, one ole cow. Look yer, Aunt Jinny," citedly, "lemme show you wha' my boy Ju'll git when he gits married." And the old man opened a musty old trunk that stood in one corner of the room, and, after much deiving therein, and much hard breathing, brought out an old stocking. Glancing cautiously around, even

going to the Goor to see if anyone was approaching, he showed Aunt Jenny its precious contents, a goodly store of gold and silver, with some bills. Then, carefully replacing it, he resumed his seat.

"Huh! Right smart bunch ob cattle, ch? Aunt Jinny." impressively, "when thet boy ob mine gits married, he gits four-hun'er'd-dollars-an'-

twenty-acres-ob-good-lan'. That settled it; as Aunt Jenny on her way home met Sophy when about half way there, there could be but one result. That night, by previous engagement, Ju took Miss Sophy to a festival held at the residence of the Rev. Capsicum Graut, on the way back got his courage to the sticking point, told his love and was coyly but promptly accepted. The kiss that followed nearly made an owi tumble from his perch near by, and so bewildered him that an andacious tree toad sang an air from Norma right under

his very nose. The news of the betrothal was known all over the neighborhood next morning, and then the storm came.

That same morning I was sitting in my office trying to evolve an editorial on the beaut es of carpet-bagism, when the door thrilled beneath a most lugubrious knock. In answer to my "come in!" behold

the long, lank figure of Ananias. His countenance were a look of mingled ferocity and melancholy.

"Cap'pen," said he, "I has come to

lit a eigar, the brand I particularly affeet-O. P,-(other people's), and

He shuffled awkwardly to the chair, took position on the extreme edge of it, and began his monody:

"Cap'pen, I has been courtin' Miss Sophy Giggles gwine onter two year. has boughten her lots ob candy, pinders, an' sech like truck, kerried her to festibules, camp meetints, an' 'scurshins, an' ob course I was 'spectin' to ax her to marry me, but yisterday, which was Chuseday, she went an' promise ter marry dat brack no' count nigger, Jerusalem. I don' care so much about dat, Cappen; but dis morning he stuck out his tongue at me, an' I nebber 'lows no gentleman running still. ter do that to me, so I axes you what

It is the principal weakness of my many weaknesses never to allow an opportunity to pass for fun. Here vas a brilliant chance. I embraced

" 'Nas" I said, "on are a gentleman are you not?"

"Yes sah," said he "a Souf Car'liny gentieman, sah," "Ton," replied, you must challenge him.

"What is dat, sah?" You must send a note to him, saying he must meet your on the field of honor. In other words you must fight

A calle played over his gentle countenance. "Lord bless you, Cap'pen," said he, "sen' dat note right off; I kin butt dat nigger ter pieces.

"That won't do," said I sternly; "as & gentlerShn you must fight him with e segimmen's weapons. You ngist challesge him to fight you with pis-

to 8. His face turges a shaste paler and he besits bed. I ternel on him quickly, draw mer chair close to him and said impressively: "'Wine, there is a tide is the albies of love-sick niggers, which, taken or the flood, leads on the metrice of ward, and will gen just as sixed as you present wour pistol at him. Miss Soon's will hear of it. All wocont see that all goes right. Will you leave the matter to me."

"Is you sore he won't flows, Cap'-

"alertainly. I am, Now you go boms. Seep quies. I will see you No wonder the little boy Capid and through this matter, and when rou marry Miss Sophy, will dance at the

"All right, sah," be replied, and with a busyant amilian fam left the office.

Half am hour afterwards I was in the audides on my way to my sold friend Mej. Swivels

To him I repeated the whole affair and becought him to seek str and and the the part of member for that members. On my return to my office I wrote a formal challenge to Ju in the name of

Anexine and quacty awaited results.

Ja, through his second, Maj. Spiveta acceptad the challengs, pistols were needed as the weapons and the toliowing Friday as the time. Thursday offersoon the Major and T

met and perfected all the details. That night for four 'Nies might lose courses and desert me, I made him aloop is my office and fastened doors and windows on him.

About 5 6. m. the next morning I hersesed my roan mare Nelly to the buggs, took Nhs in, and started off. She had dropped into the house of The boy was badly trightened, his teeth chattered, and I could hardly control my risibles. With a careless movement of my

foot I dislodged the cover of a box in the front part of the buggy and allowed him a glance at the contents. These consisted of a hand saw, a

ordinary butchers cleaver.
"What's dem fer, Cappen," he said.

"They are surgical instruments," I replied. "You may be badly wounded, and I may have to cut off your arm or leg to save your life."

hab dat gal if he wants, an' sides dat I forgot to feed de mule dis mornin'.

"Silence," I said, peremptorily. "You have got to fight now, and if you try to escape I'll blow the top of your head off."

The poor young fellow was almost paralyzed with tright, and becoming somewhat uneasy at his condition. I pulled out a flask of brandy and gave him a pretty stiff drink.

Atter the liquor had partially restored his faculties I said to him, Now, Nias, brage up and be a man. I tell you that Ju is an awful coward and will run just as soon as you point a pistol at him. Just do as I say and all will be well."

When we got to the appointed place the Major and his protege were already

Ju was a sight. His eyeballs were they could get under the peculiar pigment of his cuticle, and no wonder, huge pistols of revolutionary origin, a monkey-wrench and a pair of horse clippers.

The major saluted me in a grave, formal manner.

I returned it as gravely an formally. Tying our horses to convenient saplings and leaving our respective some distance for consultation. 'How is your man?" said he, al-

most choking with laughter. "Seared to death," I replied, "I had to brace him up with brandy."

"So did I mine," said he, "and now let's have a circus. I have loaded the of Newcastle, and had the right to pistols with powder only, of course, but so heavily that the discharge will knock the devil out of them at the

"That will be a good thing," I answered, "for their paster assures me

and placed them in position, ten paces apart, pistol in hand.

The Major won the word, and gave t sonorously:

Fire! one-two-three! There was a terrific report, a vast cloud of smoke and both men lay

prone upon the ground I rushed to Ananiaso and raised him p. The huge horse pistor struck his nose, and it was bleed The huge horse pistol recoiling

ing profusely. Ten paces away, Ju just recovering his senses saw the bloody face of his antagonist and yelling "Done kilt him," broke for the woods.

We called after him, but to no avail. He kept on running, and as we have never seen him since we suppose he is About a month later 'Nias came

into my office, and looking up bashfully said: "Cap'pen, is you gwine to town ter-day?"

"I am," I answered. "Den if you please, sah, ax at de

pos onis fer Ananias Giggles." "I shought you name was Pickett,"

"Dat was my maiding name, sah," he replied with dign ty. "I was merried dis mawnin' ter Miss Sophy Giggles."-Hamilton Jay.

### William Penn's Rapacity.

The Delaware fishery a question, writes a Trenton correspondent to The New York Tribune, is an example of the cases which have made every lawyer of mominence in New Jersey an autiquarian with all soits of curious facts at his fingers' ends. Ex-Atty. Gen. Robert Gilchrist engaged in the fishery case in 1873, and he has been associated with Cortland Parker, John P. Stockton, ex-Secretary Frelinghuysen, and others in its discussion, and Secretary Bayard has championed the claims of Delaware. Mr. Gilchrist's connection with the case has made him curiously familiar with the times of Charles II. and with the peculiarities of the duke of York and that "able Politician" William Penn, who soems to have been successful in getting almost anything he wanted from the duke until the latter ran away from Whiteball and threw his great seal as James II. into the River Thames. One of the strange phases of the Delaware claim to exclusive privateges on the River Delaware and Delawa to bay is that its people, or some of them, fought the claim a hundred years ago and up to near the beginning of the present century repudiated the gulleful Quaber's claims. Mr Penn was almost as Rungry as the democratic party; for as wes a grantee under the duke of York and a Jerseyman and a claimant from the same source in Delaware and Pennsylvania. The Jersey grant, 1663-6 54, renewed after the Dutch defeat, in 1674, was made to Penn among others, and the claim for Delaware was &ubsequent to and inconsistent with this. New Jersey's titles to land were confirmed in 1702 and by the Revolution.

Delaware's claim to the fishing privileges and to the right to keep Jerseymen from the waters of the river date back to 1682. William Penn had obtained the grant of Pennsylvania, but when he arrived he found ten Swedes in Delaware occupying the fair water front. He fixed lustful eyes upon the place, and at length got a grant from the duke of York for the town of Newcastle and all that lay within a twelve-mile circle thereof. The duke, unfortunately for Penn, had no right to make that grant, his brother, King Charles, having never given it to him. Penn evidently understood the deficiency in the grant, for when the duke became king he got his deed rearawn, and it passed through the parliamentary stages and needed only the king's great seal. Just at long, glittering pruning knife and an this juncture King James thought London was getting too hot for him and ran away. It is recorded in an ancient chronicle that "during an unguarded moment that able politician. Penn. confessed to the board of trade that had King James remained two days longer at Whitehail he would have ob-"Good gor'-a'-mighty, Cap'pen, let tained a grant under the great sea me git right outen dis buggy. He kin the three counties of Delaware." tained a grant under the great seal for In 1708 the Delaware assembly knew that Penn had a claim on the counties, but demed its legitimacy, and before that the king and council had repudiated

it. There was a war over the possession in 1737 between Lord Baltimore's men and the Penn tenants, and again the council decided that the province belonged to the crown; and in 1794 the people of Delaware themselves formally, at a popular election, decided that the crown had possessed the state until its claim had been transferred by the Resolution. It has seemed strange, therefore, that the Penn grant should be made the basis for a claim in the river, which had been, in fact, always possessed by the crown, or general government-a fact the Delawareans had used violence to maintain.

The Penn grant, which was never really granted, has therefore been a subject of dispute for just 202 years. rolling, his cheeks were as ashen as Rejected at first by the residents of the colony, admitted to be void, fought by Lord Baltimore "with drawn for in the Major's buggy were two swords," fretfully alluded to as a source of trouble by the Delaware aswith flint locks, a half gallon syringe, sembly 150 years ago, formally repudiated by the king and council, rejected again by the Delawareans, further invalidated by the Revolution, it might have been considered as dead as the wily Penn himself if it had not come forth as an argument upon the question of who owned Pea Patch island in charges seated, with strict mjunctions | the Delaware river forty years ago, not to stir, the Mojor and I retired and had not then been misunderstood and construed so that Delaware was able to lay some claim to its genuineness, and, a few years ago set up that it was, as heir to Penn's privileges, the sole possessor of jurisdiction over the Delaware river within tweve miles make Jerseymen pay a license for fishing therein. An injunction of the United States courts has suspended operations since, and is admitted to be effective still. The end is not yet, for the case has not been finally adjusted that he has been trying to do that for It affords, at least, a glimpse of early the last three years."

#### PASSING EVENTS.

Nashville has 189 lawyers. Nevada's population includes eight

thousand Indians. Atlanta is still suffering fron her

walking-match craze. The Good Templars have seven

thousand members in Virginia. A widow in Wilton, Conn., says she never intends to marry again. She is

Nevada prohibits boys under 20 years of age from carrying dangerous weapons. The house of commons at Ottawa

had its longest sitting on record on the franchise bill. Even base-ball has been turned to

the advantage of the Bartholdi pedes-

tal in some places. Steamboat communication between Fermandina, Fla., and Savannah, Ga., has been discontinued.

The pearl fisheries off the Lower California coast are said to have produced \$15,000,000 last year.

All of the public school buildings in New York are to be connected with the city's fire alarm system.

The Bostonians are kicking terribly against the enforcement of the new law curtailing drinking hours.

An enterprising hen belonging to R. L. Pardin, of Hawkinsville, Ga., has produced a quarter of a pound egg. Three physicians of New Haven.

onn., utilize the bicycle as a mode of coveyance in making their daily calls. The western recipe for planking a shad is, plank down your money and et the restaurateur furnish the shad. Corn-planting has been completed in he southwestern counties of Virginia.

An enterprising creole of New Oreans is said to have had three hundred articles rejected before one was pub-

The acreage is much larger than usu-

A sea-gull measuring 4 feet 6 inches from tip to tip of wings was caught in a trap on Wolf Island, Quebec, a few lays ago.

Dandelion parties, at which young ladies and gentlemen hunt out the weeds on the lawn, are the latest amusement in Philaderphia. The Indians on the Bad river, en-

couraged by the success of the paleface, are preparing to plant a large acreage of corn the coming season. South Carolina people completin that they ere unable to buy good strawber-ries in their markets for the reason

ter prices. A smile went round the supremecourt room the oter day when the bachelor judge announced that for the rest of the term the court would probably be consecrated to givorce.

that the best are shipped north for bet-

Floridians are much exercised about the proposed convention for the amendment of the state constitution. Meetings for the election of delegates to the same are being held all over the Knoxville, Tenn., is said to be the

only city in the United States of thirty

thousand inhabitants, and having rail-

roads, steamboats, telegraphs, and telephones, that publishes no paper on A New York wedding is to be celebrated with the addition of a fox bunt after the breakfast, in compliment to the bride, who is "a fine equestrienne."

Such a unique affair is characteristic of New York society. A wonder in confectionery was a sugar scene of the camp of the survivors at Cape Sabine, with the relief ships Thetis and Bear in the distance

and a sledge of supplies being drawn to the starving men. The first shipment of red slate ever made to Europe was sent last week by J. S. Herbert, of North Granville, N. Y. It is a fact not genefally known that the only red slate in the world is

found in four towns of Washington

county. A citizen of Ithaca, N. Y., had been working for five years to obtain back pension money, and a few days ago papers granting him \$1,500 were received. But he had been dead for Several weeks. Red tape cheated him out of his due.

A considerable number of shad have been caught in the Alabama and Ohio rivers this season as a result of the shad-hatching operations of the United States Fish commission on the Potomae, from which the young shad were distributed. A child was born in Napa county,

California, which weighed but two pounds. It is a boy, perfectly organized and formed. An ordinary finger ring could be slipped over his hand and clear up to the clbow. His total length is not ever eleven inches. Here is a problem that has puzzled some of the best arithmeticians: "If a man puts \$100 in bank the day he is

21 years of age, what sum must be add

to it yearly to have \$50,000 the day he

is 50 years of age, receiving 6 per cent compound interest on his money?" Connecticut's new law concerning obscene and immoral publications prohibits the sale, gift, etc., not only of indecent and obscene books and papers, but also such as are devoted wholly or principally to the publication of criminal news, or pictures and stories of deeds of bloodshed, lust and

A curious denizen of the deep was lately caught in a shad net at Ocean View, Cal. It was thirty-five inches long and twenty-seven inches across the back, with teeth similar to those of a rattlesnake, knitting-needle smellers, two protectors on each side in the shape of spears, and rubber-fins. It also had two feet under its belly like those of a frog. It weighed forty

pounds. The present outlook for the coming hop crop is very unfavorable in New York state. In the central southern tier of counties the intense cold of the past winter has damaged a greater share of the yards to quite an extent. In most old yards fully half have been winter killed, and will be plowed up after harvest. So says The Country Gentleman, which is excellent author-

interest We gave the heroes another drink