THE CALIFORNIA GIRL.

Like the Flowers of Her Native State, She

Lacks Fineness and Finish. Take her all in all, Puella Californica is really the nicest kind of a girl. Of course she has faults, and one of them is a very tender vanity-the most innocently obvious vanity which you can possibly imagine. She has been told so many times that she is the finest and most luxuriant product of the finest and most luxuriant State in the Union, that she has begun to regard it as an absolutely established, incontestable fact, like the revolution of the earth or the law of gravitation. It is also a staple topic of conversation, especially with the itinerant from the East-in fact, it days last week. is her weather and crops. Not to say "I have been much struck, Miss Bonanza, by the beauty of the Californian girls," is to make an unpardonable social omission. She will receive it with the Puyallup, Washington. tranquility of staled custom, assent tranquility of staled custom, assent placidly, and give an instance or two Sweet Home of the grippe. where taste, celebrated for its culture, has arrived at the same conclusion.

She goes even further, for she resents a criticism or a comparison. Matthew Arnold, in his article on the United States, deplored the inability of the Americans to brook criticism. Puella been put on record in Portland. Californica has this National failing in its worst form. In a drawing-room where you stand on a pleasantly intimate footing it is as much as that footing is worth to admit that you admire the beauty of Fifth avenue more than the beauty of California street, even though you confess that your taste is bad, and excuse yourself from the wrath to come on the ground that you were brought up in New | England, where a sense of the beautiful is not cultivated. Still the flat has gone forth, and though you must not exactly die, from that moment on your glory is extinguished.

Undoubtedly Puella Californica has beauty-a sumptuous, splendid beauty, but, like the fruits and flowers of her native State, lacking in fineness and finish. California fruit, while exquisite toria for China. to look at-smooth-skinned, richly-colored-is wanting in delicacy of flavor, in piquancy of taste. So with the flow-ers—the roses are the largest, the deepest-hued, the closest-leaved in the world, but they have little sweetness. They have all run to size. Their main charm has been sacrificed to overdevelopment. Puella Californica, like the rose, is in danger of running to size. In the rich, warm climate of her native like a weed. She ought to be grown under glass for a few years. Then she would be perfect. She would have pointed ends to her fingers, small wrists cisco, in the fourth round. and little, delicately-molded ears. As it is now, she is rather roughly finished, but she has the prettiest complexion

In her attitude toward her "gentleman friends" Puella Californica is again original. She is without the instincts of a flirt. She likes men to tell her that Californian girls are the hand- Pasadena, Cal., was burned. somest in the country, and that of Cali- flue. Loss, \$6,000; insured. fornian girls she is the flower-but this is merely regarded as a facon de parler. Conversationally she is too straightforward and matter-of-fact. In some cases she is absolutely heavy. Make no mistake about her not talking-for hours the welkin rings with her eloquence, but there is talking and talking, as all men know. Puella Californica talks as the English do-states a good many solid facts and muscular opinions with ponderous earnestness. The art of conversation as the French understand it, 'to say nothing in particular and say it very well," is to her an art yet to be acquired.-San Francisco Argonaut

and hair in the world.

NOT A NEW IDEA.

A Suggestion of the Phonograph in a Seventeenth Century Fabi

The idea of the magnetic telegraph is said to be certainly three hundred years old. But the phonograph was believed to be comparatively a new notion. Mary Somerville, indeed, predicted that before the end of the present century we should probably possess a means of recording and reproducing speech; but the like connection turns out to be far older than that.

In the middle of the seventeenth century M. de Bergerac, a well-known French writer of his day, and a forerunner of Jules Verne, published a fabulous account of a visit to the moon, which contains an account of two mechanical books left in a city of the moon by a visitor from the sun. In opening one of these books the narrator states that he found "somewhat of metal almost like to our clocks, full of I know not what strong wind on to the rocks. little springs and imperceptible engines.

"It was a book, indeed, but a strange and wonderful book that had neither leaves nor letters. In fine it was a book made wholly for the ears and not the eyes, so that when any body has a mind to read it he winds up that machine with a great many little springs; then he turns his hand to the chapter which he desires to hear and straight as from the mouth of a man or a musical instrument proceed all the distinct and different sounds which the lunar grandees make use of for expressing their thoughts instead of language. I no longer wondered that the young men of that country were more knowing at sixteen or eighteen years old than the graybeards of our climate, for knowing how to read as soon as speak, Sey are never without lectures.'

A suggestion of the electric light is also contained in the same work, where one of the characters appears with two bowls on fire "so sparkling that all wondered he burnt not his fingers." The philosopher of the sun who composed one of these speaking books is thus de-

scribed: "He proves in it (the book) that all things are true, and shows the way of uniting physically the truths of every contradiction; as, for example, that white is black and black is white; that one may be and may not be at the same time, proving all these unheard-of paradoxes without any captious or sophistical | land, Cal., by opening an artery in his argument."-N. Y. Times.

THE OREGON SCOUT. THE PACIFIC COAST.

on this Side of the Rockies.

Traducing His Wife-Other Interesting News.

Vancouver sawmills have resumed op-

Astoria has a new morning paper, the

Columbian. The Olympia Water Company has sold

out for \$50,000. Seattle had seven burglaries in two

Portland's Y. M. C. A. gave a reception to 600 tradesmen.

An immense brewery is to be built at

Thomas R. Brown is the new United States marshal of Washington.

Frank Byron and Samuel Newton, burglars, dug out of Salem jail. The famous N. R. & N. lease has just

Capitalists are asking Astoria for thirteen-mile cable road franchise.

Driftwood in the Willamette impeded

ferry travel last week at Portland Pelilo, the Umatilla Indian, is sen tenced to hang at Portland June 6.

The sailor's boarding house war between Portland and Astoria, is raging

fiercely. On account of the heavy rains, tides at Tacoma are reported higher than ever before known.

Hazel Nelson, a common woman of Portland, was sentenced to two years for a \$570 robbery.

The Canadian Pacific steamer Canube carried away 1000 tons of flour from Vic-

The bark Kitty has sailed from Hong Kong for Portland with a cargo of this

season's ice crop. Steel rails are to take the place of iron on the Union Pacific between Spokane

and Walla Walla During the blockade a steamer passenger list between San Francisco and Portland footed up \$3,500.

McAuliffe is kicking for the first State she has grown too rapidly, shot up match with Jackson. He is ready to fight him again at once.

> Billy Smith, the Australian, knocked out Joe Bowers, of London, at San Fran-

> The body of a supposed murdered man, well dressed, was found buried in the sand at Ocean Beach.

been blockaded in the Sierra snowdrifts, are now running all right. The home of Judge Nelson, in North a farmer, seven years ago, has been ar-

Bend, Crook county, Or., with James M. Montgomery as postmaster.

J. W. Mead, Union Pacific agent at La Grande, Or., has returned to his post after a vacation of two months.

During the Southern Pacific snow blockade, Wells, Fargo & Co. carried mail on the San Francisco steamers.

There are 3000 beef cattle being fed in Boise valley this winter. Most of this stock is ready for the market now.

The monthly supply of Louisiana lottery tickets for Victoria and Vancouver | Pittsburg of pneumonia. were destroyed by customs authorities.

Paul Stein, 25 years of age, despondent from physical suffering, suicided at Butte by hanging himself with a packing cord.

A building in course of construction opposite the Occidental on Tower avenue Centralia, was blown down by a wind

The auction sale of seats and boxes for the opening night of the Marquam Grand opera house, Portland, realized visability of acc-pting the place. \$4401

The schooner Ellen Adelaide went ashore at Bowen's Landing, Mendocino county, and is a total loss. The crew were saved.

The body of one of the imprisoned miners in the Utica mine, at Augel's Camp, Cal., has been recovered, but not yet inentified.

The steamer Virginia went ashore at Smith's Cave, a mile from Seattle, and is a total wreck. She was blown by

Conant Bros., at Kelton, Idaho, sold 100 tons of hay for \$1500 to Patrick Hayley, the sheepman, who will move his band to Spring valley to feed.

The Northwestern Exposition Company, of Tacoma, have deferred taking known torpedo, men were blown to subscriptions to stock, owing to the stringency of the money market.

Jno. Farrelmann, of Weaverville, Cal. has been found dead in his cabin. The roof had fallen in owing to great weight of snow and crushed him to death.

The directors of the San Francisco Theological seminary have not raised the \$50,000 upon which the gift of Alexander Montgomery of \$250,000 depends.

Chung Cow, a Chinaman, was mistaken for a robber in the Chinese theatre dressing rooms at Portland, and shot at by Lee Chung, an actor. He will re-

Tacoma sent Nelson Bennett, Samuel Collyer, Eugene B. Cushing, S. M. Nolan and F. T. Olds as delegates to the Pacific Coast Board of Commerce at San

Mrs. Rosario Rubilar, alleged to have been 102 years old, died at Oakland, Cal. She was a native of Valparaiso, Chili, and is said to have been of Castilian

Thomas Brohan, younger brother of

EASTERN ITEMS.

An Epitome of the Happenings Silcott, the Defaulting Clerk, In- Death of the Bishop of Tuam. terviewed in Canada.

mouth, N. H .- Nitro-Glycerine Explosion at Alton, Pa.

Silcott has been interviewed in Canada. Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Bross, of Il-

Most has been liberated on \$5,000 bail, pending an appeal

Senator Daniel eulogized Jeff Davis by invitation of the Virginia Legislature. Larysbaugh, Queensland, is inundated by floods. Six people have been

A passenger train at Oswego, N. Y., was run into by another. Three persons

drowned.

Blaine's oldest daughter, Mrs. Goppinger, is lying at the point of death with the grippe.

Col. John Mason Brown, one of the most prominent lawyers of Kentucky,

died in Louisville. A fatal plague, resembling meningites

is carrying off the population of Cook county, Texas. Fred W. Fuhrmau, purser of the steamship Oceanic, shot himself fatally;

cause unknown. Peter Jackson has gone back to New

York. He weighs 204 pounds and says he never felt better. John R. Lallande, cotton factor, New

Orleans, has failed. Liabilities, \$564,-000; assets, \$544,000. Professor Karl Mertz, director of the musical department of Wooster univer-

sity, Ohio, died of la grippe. The directors of the Conway Springs,

Kan., Sugar Company, have settled with their former creditors and laborers. A fire in the Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard in the construction and repair de-

partment, resulted in \$100,000 damage. Formal recognition of Brazil by the government has been completed, and the president has received the new minister.

An explosion in the Standrd Oil Works at Hunter's Point destroyed several thousand gallons of oil and other property.

Captain Houdlette, of the steamer Australia, pleaded guilty and was fined \$1350 for carrying an excess of passen-George Tobler, colored, was hanged at

Fort Smith, Ark., for the murder of Er- for la grippe. win Richardson, colored, last Septem-W. J. Arkell and Russell Harrison

have advertised for three journalists and course in April. six able-bodied men to go on an expe-All the overland trains which have dition to Alaska. Charles Williams, wanted at Fredonia. Ohio, for the murder of William McLain,

Defective rested at Denver. A favorable report has been ord A postoffice has been established at by the house military committee on the ship of the world and £1000. bill to retire General Fremont with the

rank of major-general. Secretary Windom has issued a second call to national banks for the surrender before March 1st, of 10 per cent. of their public deposits.

The adjutant-general of the army has recommended the passage of Carter's bill giving part of the Fort Keogh reservation to Miles City for a park.

order of the Holy Ghost of the Roman Catholic church in America, died at A seven-story building at the corner of

Fifth and Sycamore streets, Cincinnati, after. belonging to the Glenn estate, was burned. Loss, \$300,000. A charge of dynamite failed to explode

in a Chickies, Pennsylvania quarry. Wm. Mestenhoffer went to investigate shire. when his head was blown off.

delphia Press, has been offered the Russian mission and is considering the ad-I. Lucia Zarate, the Mexican midget,

said to be the smallest human adult in the world, a passenger on the C. P. train died at Truckee from gastric fever. The house committee on Indian affairs has decided to report favorably on Car-

ter's bill to throw open the west end of the Crow reservation for settlement. The Union Facific and Northwestern railroads have given notice of with-

drawal in thirty days from the Interstate Commerce Railway Association. Senator Stewart's bill authorizing payment of coast states civil war claims ap-

propriates for California, \$4,420,891; Oregon, \$356,271, and Nevada \$402,996. By an explosion of nitro-glycerine near Alton, Bradford county, Pa., William H. McHenry and Alex Connors, two well-

atoms Chairman Goshorn, of the national executive committee of the Union Labor party, has cabled a conference of the trol of state officials. party, to be held at Kansas City February 2

Hon. William Critchfield, who was a member of Congress in 1873-74, from the Third district of Tennessee, and noted for his eccentricities, died at Chattanooga.

Pat Grant, correspondent of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, has been arrested in Detroit for libel, at the instance of Dr. Charles O'Reilly, treasurer of the Irish Land League The mayor of Montreal has written to about fifty in number, and including

South American delegates invitations to visit Montreal. The league baseball managers have decided to begin formal suits against the players in all the state and federal courts marine, and many military and civil necessary to restrain them from playing officials were present.

with the brotherhood. Mrs. Mary Irish, mother of the late Rev. William Brohan, a Catholic priest, Colonel Irisp, of the national bureau of committed suicide at his room in Oakland, Cal., by opening an artery in his wrist with a razor.

Colonel Irisp, of the national bureau of the late to parliamentary duties is especially necessary the coming session, because opportunities are certain to arise for rendering effective service in the Irish case.

Coarse—Fine.

200-lb b-g- # ton.

Ground Rock, 50-lb bag-, # ton.

IN FOREIGN LANDS. PORTLAND MARKET.

England.

A California Sheriff Kills a Man for A Fire in the Navy Yard at Ports- Davitt Declares Confidence in Parnell -Cholera Raging in Persia-A Grand Duke Ill.

Emin Pasha is improving.

The bishop of Tuam, England, is dead. Terrific gales are reported on the At-

The Chinese army now numbers 1,200,000 men.

Grand Duke Nicholas is hopelessly ill at London of cancer. The resignation of Senor Robeiro has

caused a commotion in Brazil. Advices have reached New York of a

\$6,0,0,000 failure in Buenos Ayres. Dr. Heltinger, theology professor at Wurzburg university, Ber.in, is dead.

The Delagoa railroad has been completed to the frontier of the Transvaal. Mr. Spurgeon is so far improved that he will be able to leave Mentone, France. Sir William Gull, of London, who has

just died, was physician in ordinary to the Prince of Waies. Cholera or an intestinal disease is raging in Persia, and over three thousand deaths are reported.

The American squadron of evolution will arrive at Toulon next week, and will remain twenty days.

French priests from the African interior, claim to have recently seen Dr. Peters in good health.

Sir William Gull, the noted English physician, had a second stroke of paralysis and died a London.

Suergeffes, an important firm of cotton spinners, of St. Petersburg, have failed for several millions of roubles.

Stanley's expedition has cost \$100,000 thus far, and additional expenses will bring the total up to \$150,000. Telegrams from Mozambique announce

that the local authorities are rapidly acceding to Salisbury's demands. There has been a prolonged snowstorm in Hungary and Styria. Houses were

demolished and many lives lost. The King of Portugal has the dengue, an inflammatory fever which so nearly resembles influenza that diagnosis is dir-

Sir C. DeLacy Evins, one of the most eminent physicians of England, prescribes orange juice as the best remedy

A match has been made at London for \$1000 a side between Kemp and Matterson, to be rowed over the Paramalta There has been a great storm of wind

and rain in Southern England and Glou-

cestervale is submerged, and there is a great loss of property. News is received that Nei'l Matterson, the oarsman, has challenged Peter Kemp to row a race for the sculling champ

The Freeman's Journal says that Michael Davitt, in a lecture at Cork, declared unabated confidence in Parnell and steadfast lovalty to him. Captain William Kennedy, who com-

manded the first relief expedition for Sir John Franklin, the arctic explorer, died at his home in St. Andrews. A young American artist in Paris has suicided because he found himself hope-

lessly in lovs with the novelist Amelia Rev. Father Stroup, provisional of the Rives, she being the wife of his friend. Judge Mansel, of the Queen's bench division of the English high court of justice, was stricken with paralysis while sitting on the bench, and died shortly

Henry Gladstone, son of Hop. W. E. Gladstone, has married the daughter of Stuart Rendell, bome rule member of the house of commons for Montgomery-

hen his head was blown off.

Charles Emery Smith, of the Phila-delphia Press, has been offered the Rusfrom Rome. He is a defaulter and

forger. Hurricanes continue in northwest and central Germany. Much damage has been done to forests in those sections. Heavy snowstorms prevail in Erz-Gebirge.

The Rothchilds, of Paris, have refosed to negotiate the new Russian loan. European papers allude to this as a significant circumstance pointing to proba-

Five hundred striking glass workers at Galelon, Bohemia, destroyed in a riot all the fac ories in the town. Many were fatally injured before quiet was restored by the police.

The commercial house of Vahson & Paul, at Bagomayo, acting in behalf of the German East African Company, is founding a commercial factory on the west coast system.

The Portugese government has authorized the opening of the entire Delagoa Bay tailroad to the frontier of the Transvaa!. The road will be under con-

There were Boulangist and socialist meetings at Paris one night last week. which ended in a free fight. Several persons were badly injured. Some were stoned and some stabbed.

Telegrams from Crete state that there have been lately in various parts of the island many murders. Both Turks and Christians, fearing the effects of Turkish revenge, are taking refuge in the hills. Watts, the artist and husband of Ellen

Terry, has decided to give his paintings,

the secretary of the British embassy at portraits of some of the most celebrated Washington, asking him to hand the men of the time, to the British gallery. Five war-ships for the Turkish navy have just been launched at Constantinople, one corvette, three gunboats and one torpedo boat. The minister of

> Parnell's circular to his followers says that constant and un emitting attention

Commercial affairs are still more or less controlled by the same quieting influences that have prevailed since the beginning of the year, hen e there is no expansion yet eral thaw has brought through some trains, but very little freight yet, passen-less than two of the original stamps the freight accumulated on the Union and American colonies in accordance with Southern Pacific does get here it will be a deluge for the merchants, but orders awaiting fulfilment will soon reduce it. The Northern Pacific has been especially fortunate in keeping their main line open, and there has been very tittle delay in the handling of freight on that route.

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Oats, new

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Italian Rye Grass.

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SALT.

STAMPS WITH A HISTORY. They Help to Tell the Story That Led

the American Revolution There have lately come into the possession of the National museum two articles which are of great interest to every American, and of particular to note in the volume of trade. The gen- value to every student of American history. These are nothing more nor gers having the first consideration. When engraved in England for use in the the provisions of the stamp act of February, 1765. This was the act which caused such an uproar among the colonies, and was one of the main causes

of all the trouble immediately preceding and leading up to the Revolution. It was intended that the revenue to be raised by the stamp act should come from the sale of stamped paper and stamps which were required to be placed upon all papers used in commercial transactions, suits at law, publications, transfers of real estate, inheritances and marriage licenses.

Thus a tax was placed upon the colonies without their consent, and the money derived from this tax was to be used for the support of a standing army, which in turn was expected to enforce the payment of the tax. Apparently no Englishman dreamed of any resistence to the act, and it is said that Grenville, the minister under whom the act was passed, afterwards made the statement that he would have staked his life on the obedience of the colonies to the measure. Of course, however, there was a decided resistance, as every American knows, which led to the repeal of the act in March, 1766, under the Rockingham minis-

try.
The stamps themselves were handsomely engraved, and ran in value from a half-penny up to several pounds. The two stamps now in the museum are of the value of a halfpenny and a penny. They are uncancelled and are two of eight which were preserved by the heirs of Hon. Welbore Ellis, who was commissioner of internal revenue for Great Britain in the year 1765. After his death they came into the possession of his son, Welbore Ellis, jr., who was a partner in the famous banking house of Walk-er, Maltby, Everett & Ellis, which failed in the great financial panic of 1827.

These two stamps remained in the Ellis family up to a few years ago, when they were given to Mr. E. J. Walker, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, by his grandfather, the senior member of the above mentioned banking firm, who was interested in antiques and curiosities. A short time ago the two stamps were given by Mr. E. J. Waiker to Mr. John A. Brill of Philadelphia. Very soon after the stamps came into his possession, Mr. Brill received an offer of £10 from an English colsector for the two, but declined it at once, whereupon the Englishman cabled him an offer several times as large, which was also declined. Mr. Brill came to the conclusion that if the stamps were of that much value to an Englishman, they would be of much more value to an American museum of historical relics, and he comptly presented them to the National museum here, where they will be appreciated and properly preserved They will be installed in a handsome frame, which will have pictures and proper legends that will help to tell the story of the causes that led to the American Revolution.—Washington

The Teachings of Death.

There is nothing, no, nothing, innocent or good, that dies and is forgotten; let us hold to that faith or none. An infant, a prattling child, dying in its cradle will live again in the better thoughts of those who loved it, and play its part, through them, in the redeeming actions of the world, though its body be burnt to ashes, or drowned in the deepest sea. There is not an angel added to the host of heaven but does its blessed work on earth in those

that it loved here. Forgotten! oh, if the good deeds of human creatures could be traced to their source, how beautiful would even death appear! for how much charity, mercy and purified affection would be seen to have their growth in dusty graves. When death strikes down the innocent and young, for every fragile form from which he lets the panting spirit free a hundred virtues rise, in shapes of mercy, charity and love to walk the world and bless it. Of every tear that sorrowing mortals shed on such graves, some good is born, some gentier nature comes. In the destroyer's step spring up bright creations. that defy his power, and his dark path becomes a way of light to Leaven.-Charles Dickens.

A Sort of Joint Proposal.

A short time since, at a wedding in

South Carolina, a lawyer moved that one man should be elected as president; that this president should be duly sworn to keep secret all the communications that should be forwarded to him in his official capacity that night; that each unmarried gentleman or lady should write his or her name on a piece of paper, and under it place the name of the person they wished to mayry, then hand it to the president for inspection, and if any ady and gentleman had reciprocally chosen each other, the president was to inform each of the result, and the names of those who had not been reciprocal in their choice were to be kept entirely secret. After the appointment of the president, communications were accordingly handed up to the chair. It was found that twelve young ladies and gentlemen had made reciprocal choices, and eleven of the twelve matches were solem-

"Henry," cried Mrs. Smither, "there are burglars in the house! Get right up, and go downstairs.

"No, my dear," returned the rever-id gentleman. "I hear them in the end gentleman. Thear them in the study now. Perhaps they will get away with a few of those dressing gowns and pieces of knitted bric-a-brac we have received. I don't know what else to do with them."-Harper's Ba-