Farm Notes.

Diseased Taees Seized.

State inspectors have seized and condemned a large number of diseased fruit trees imported from the east, aggregating in value about $5000. The first of the recent seizures took place at Auburn, where a carload of disease-infected trees arrived. There were found to be infected with several diseases entirely new to California, and were condemned as a preventive against the spread of the contagion. The cost of the trees was about $2000.

Twelve large cases of these eastern trees arrived at Mountain Vineyard, where they were examined by one of the inspectors and found to contain the deadly curculio. This insect principally infects plum, prune and apricot trees. The entire twelve cases were condemned and seized after being held in quarantine a short time.

At San Jose two carloads of trees were condemned. The cost of the trees seized at Mountain Vineyard and San Jose was about $3000. Several more seizures have also been made in the southern part of the state.

"I have received any number of protests from eastern nurserymen," said Secretary Lelong of the state board of horticulture, "but I pay no attention to them. The introduction of these infected trees into California would imperil our fruitgrowers' interests, and the county boards and inspectors are keeping a vigilant outlook for every carload that comes here. The eastern men acknowledge that their trees are infected either with the "yellows," a disease of the eastern peach, or with the curculio, but they claim that these diseases could not develop in this state, on account of the climate. This is an error, however, as experience has taught us, and we propose to continue to wage war against every lot of infected trees brought into this state."

More Pest Destroyers.

Mr. Koebele, who introduced the Austrailian lady bug which eradicated white scale, and who was sent bug-hunting again with an appropriation of $5000, made by the state, has just sent to the state board of horticulture an assortment of good bugs which are expected to eat up all the bad bugs in the state. There were 6000 beetles in the shipment and 200 or 300 of them made the trip to this country from Australia alive. The rest of the 6000 will eat no more bad bugs, having died on the way, and no great wonder, for they were sent in cold storage to keep them dormant.

The following are the names of the varieties received. We give the latin names only because we do not know the equivalents in English. Chayptoloema, feeding on mealy bugs from Toomomba; coccinelledæ, feeding on the red scale from Paramatta; coccinellidæ, new species of vidalia, feeding on the red scale at Paramatta; coccinella, feeding on lecanimus and mealy bugs at Toomomba; scymnids, feeding on red scale at Sydney; coccinellidæ, feeding on wooly aphis at Toomomba; coccinellidæ feeding on cocids at Brisbane; coccinellidæ, feeding upon red and white scales at Toomomba; coccinellidæ, feeding upon aphis; coccinellidæ, feeding chiefly upon the red scale; orcus calyledus, feeding upon red scale at Paramatta; coccinellidæ, feeding chiefly upon chryptocma; orcus scymnid, feeding on red scale at Paramatta; coccinellids, preying on cabbage aphis; scymnids, preying on lecanimus and mealy bugs from Toomomba; orcus calyleeus and orcus Australasia, feeding upon red scale at Paramatta; talporchares cocciphagu, preying on black and brown scales at Paramatta; thalpochares and eriococcus Paramatta, feeding on lecanimus.

If this startling array of orthography does not scare every bad bug out of the state it is hoped that these good bugs will eat up all the bad ones who have the hardihood to remain. They will be colonized on trees near Los Angeles, under tents, and when they show life and activity the tents will be removed and they will be let loose upon their wicked brethern.

Of 2000 sent by Mr. Koebele some time ago only twenty-eight survived seasickness and the other perils of the voyage. It is hoped these will make a better record.

Eggs in Winter.

If you wish to get eggs during the season of high prices keep only early-hatched pullets and hens that have molted early.

Feed the hens by 7 a. m. on equal parts of ground oats, bran and corn meal mixed with the scraps saved from the table or with boiled small potatoes, cabbages or other vegetables. Feed this warm and let the fowls have all they will eat. At noon give them wheat and barley one day and buckwheat and oats the next. At night give them a generous feed of whole or cracked corn.

At least three times a week feed meat. Scraps and odds and ends of meat for fowls can be got from the butcher for a small sum. Prepared meat can also be had of poultry supply dealers. It should always be cooked before feeding it.

Green food must be provided. The fowls like cabbages and will eat them raw with avidity. Give them plenty of bones either in a pulverized state mixed with the soft food or in a granulated state so that they eat them as they would grain. Supply them with grit to assist digestion. A convenient and cheap form of this is in the shape of ground oyster or sea shells. And keep fresh water always before them.

The droppings should be removed at least once a week and coal oil poured over the roosts and dropping boards. Once a month clean out the nests. Burn the old material and put fresh hay, straw or excelsior in its place. Open the windows to the house and give it an airing every morning, and at night leave the ventilators open a little way.

Three large schoolboys at a place seven miles north of Topeka, Kas., attacked their teacher, Will Ehrhart, on the evening of Jan. 6, threw him down and cut his throat with a pocket knife.

Women's World.

The Relations of Mistress and Maid.

After nine years' service in many kitchens I often feel as if a few words from "the hired girl's" standpoint might be of service to both mistress and maid. In the first place both should remember there is need for mutual forbearance. The girl who desires to be successful should know that to be faithful to her mistress, whether present or absent, is a qualification that will balance many natural defects and make her services always in demand. She may then be proud to have the honor that once fell to my own lot of having a former mistress say: "I will take this trip to California with my husband if you will come and keep house for my two children while I am gone. Otherwise, I shall stay at home for I know no one else whom I can trust."

Remember not to leave your mistress "in the lurch" on account of some real or fancied grievance. How well I remember entering a strange kitchen where the washing was in various stages of progress, dinner partly cooked, as the girl had left at once because another was coming soon to take her place.

Don't gossip. If you are an American girl working in a country village many people will ask you questions about the private affairs of the household you are in. You have no more right to use such knowledge as comes to you than you would have to smuggle away bits of gold or silver to use at your earliest opportunity.

Don't rise up in righteous indignation if you are duly informed that you are expected to eat alone. Don't imagine she thinks you are not good enough to eat with her and so of course you won't work for her. Perhaps sometime you will understand the other side as I do now. I am married and have a house of my own. I should be very loth always to have a third party present at our meals, even our nearest relatives, for we often have private matters in regard to business, plans for the future, etc., that are not ready as yet to be even thought of by others. If extra company comes don't sulk; very likely it is as great an inconvenience, possibly more, to your mistress than it can be for you who have only to follow out a few hurried instructions. A pleasant, cheerful countenance and tone of voice is worth a good deal to the household you are in. You may be sure of a welcome whenever you return to a former place of service if you cultivate this practice, and you will have the satisfaction of seeing the weary look disappear from the face of your mistress and even the children regard your coming as a joyful event.

And now a word to the mistress. Don't forget that your "girl" is still a woman with all a woman's longings and perplexities. She may have been obliged to take up this work, as in my own case, because it was the one thing at hand. Do not let her go astray at night because she is so lonely. Talk with her long enough to make her feel you are still a friend. Give her a chance to read those magazines that lie with uncut pages upon your table, or show her how to do that dainty bit of crocheting that her nimble fingers will be so quick to follow. Don't expect her to leave her work at any time to look after the children or something else that can wait awhile. It is a fact that I was once commanded to leave the bread dough on the molding board and sit down and hold a child while its mother was doing something unimportant. Do you wonder this woman was continually changing girls? I actually pitied her before I worked there and I never tried so hard to please or was so roundly scolded as at this place. I suppose that really her nervous system was shattered as she had four small children and her strength was not equal to the daily demands. But was I to blame for that? I believe my disposition would have been utterly ruined had I stayed there six months and yet the very next place I went I stayed two years and then only left to get married.

My advice to a mistress from my own experience is to be considerate. At first when a new girl comes don't confuse her with a multitude of directions but, after telling her what you desire to have done, if she has had previous experience, shut the kitchen door and leave her to work out the problem in her own way. If the result is all right and she is neat you'll be better served than if you insist upon your own cherished method of work. You must have control over yourself if you wish to have the respect of your maid. You are teaching, unconsciously, perhaps, lessons that will be repeated in some other home possibly after you have laid down the burden of life forever. What nobler monument could you desire than the sanctified memory that still lingers with me of a sweet-tempered mistress, careful and considerate in all her relations with the "hired girl," as well as her own loved ones, but who long since sank peacefully asleep.—Cor. New England Farmer.

And now another benefit is alleged for oranges. Some famous French beauties of former days, it is asserted, secured and preserved their marvelous complexions by a free diet of oranges. One in particular lived almost entirely upon the fruit. A dozen each at breakfast and luncheon made up these repasts; at dinner a dozen more, with a crust of bread and one glass of burgundy. Doubtless an orange fad is threatening—for the pursuit of a complexion is a very absorbing one to women.—New York Times.

It is to the cleverness of woman that we owe the invention of the superior steet sweeper, the improved method of heating cars, a chain elevator, a reaper and mower, a machine for feeding cattle on the cars, a practical fire escape and the ubiquitous paper bag, ice-cream freezer and perambulator, and yet she will get off the car backwards just the same.

Th sixteen anarchists recently arrested and fined for holding a meeting in Chicago, but whose fines were remitted for fear they would appeal and a higher court would decide their arrest illegal, have appealed any way.

Current News.

A Bishop in Rebellion.

Colonel Zamilo Munoz, who was captured the other night near San Diego by Captain Hardie's command, was one of Garza's biggest lieutenants. He is brave, reckless, and a man of character and means. He was a great friend of General Martinez, who was murdered in Laredo nearly a year ago, as many claim, by assassins instigated by the Diaz government. Colonel Munoz lives only for revenge and to avenge the death of his friend Martinez.

In the colonel's saddle-bags were found correspondence between the bishop of Monterey, Mex., and Garza respecting the revolution. This correspondence shows that the bishop has been supplying Garza with money and arms, and that the so-called "church party" is at the head and front of this border disturbance.

The church party does not aspire to simply overthrow Diaz and establish a new president. It wants to enthrone a monarchy in the person of young Iturbide. The corresdondence found in Colonel Munoz' saddle-bags shows that Mme. Iturbide, who is a native of Baltimore and at present a resident of Washington, has been in constant communication with Bishop Montes de Oca of Monterey, and further, that Mme. Iturbide was in Laredo a few weeks ago, and stayed there at the Wilson house under an assumed name for three days, and having communicated with Bishop Montes de Oca at Monterey, went on there under escort of a trusted agent and remained in the bishop's palace as a guest for more than a week. It was immediately after Mme. Iturbide's visit that the Garzaites burst loose on the frontier. Mme. Iturbide got safely back to Laredo, and after resting there a day or two proceeded to Washington, her son, young Iturbide, meeting her at San Antonio.

Montes de Oca some morning may find himself standing up against a wall, Mexican fashion, a target for Diaz' sharpshooters. Colonel Munoz has been forwarded to Brownsville, where the United States court is in session. The exposure of the bishop's intrigue at Monterey will cut off the money supply, and, that gone, the revolution must collapse.

Uprisings of the people are reported in the states of Chihuahua, Durango, Coahuila and Sonora, the malcontents being well organized and preparing to join Garza.

At Ascension, Chihuahua, Rafael Anchele, the administration candidate was elected president by a small majority the other day, whereupon the opposition attacked and captured the town after a hard fight, killing Anchele and his secretary.

Bilious Pneumonia.

Four generations in a Brooklyn home have been suddenly cut off by bilious pneumonia, a disease which has not visited this country since 1812, when 1703 persons were swept off by its ravages in Saratoga county alone. The victims were members of the household of Dr. J. Barney Lowe, at 221 Fifty-third street, one of the best-known physicians in the city and a Democratic politician of note. Bilious pneumonia is an epidemic, and is fatal in four cases out of five. The patient expectorates mucus in ordinary pneumonia, but in bilious pneumonia this symptom is wanting. The disease is terrible in its rapidity, and does not give the physicans a chance to make a fight. The lungs become clogged with stringy mucus until the patient is asphyxiated by it.

Congress.

The proposition to authorise the navy department to transport to Russia the grain contributed for the famine sufferers was defeated Jan. 6. It was argued that Russia had as many available naval vessels as we, and that the national government which could not aid the sufferers from a recent failure of crops in Nebraska could not spend money now to send Nebraska corn to sufferers in another country.

The Illinois state grange has petitioned the senate for free binder twine, an income tax, free mail delivery to farmers and the election of senators by popular vote.

Peffer has introduced in the senate the Alliance bill to issue $100,000,000 of treasury notes and loan them on farm mortgages.

A bill has been introduced in the house to extend the eight-hour law to all work done for the government on contract.

The house is wrangling over the rules and it will take it some time to settle down to business.

The senate committee on foreign relations has been directed to investigate the Nicaragua canal.

Labor Unions and Strikes.

An express messenger was killed in a wreck on the Illinois Central last October and a committee of one was appointed by the messengers to demand an increase of pay on account of danger. This was granted. The committeeman was discharged and the wages put down to the old figure Jan. 1, whereupon all the company's express messengerss struck.

All the carmen of the street company at Birmingham, Al., struck Jan. 4 for a raise from 12 cents an hour to 15.

The express messengers on the Louisville and Nashville railroad, from Louisville to New Orleans, have followed the example of their brethren on the Illinois Central and gone out on strike.

The Sacramento brewers will unite with the San Francisco brewers' union in the struggle with the English syndicate.

A new railroad from Ogden to San Francisco, which will shorten the distance 143 miles, is promised. It will cross Salt Lake on a causeway twenty-six miles long.

Henry White of San Francisco, who put his wife to an evil life at Stockton snd then shot her, has been convicted of assault with a deadly weapon.

A cement factory, which will employ twenty-five hands, has been built at Colton.

Cardinal Manning died of the grip Jan. 14.

General News.

The surgeon of the Baltimore testifies that Turnbull, one of the sailors murdered at Valparaiso, died of blood poisoning, the result of the Chilean police refusing to properly dress his wounds or permit the Sisters of Charity or the Baltimore's surgeon to do so. All the evidence shows that the sailors were all sober when attacked.

The inventor of the whaleback barge has taken out patents in the United States and foreign countries on an adaptation of his barge for war. It will be sinkable except the turret for the lookout and the bow, where two disappearing carriage guns will be placed, one to sink below to receive its charge while the other is raised and fired.

All the evidence of the sailors of the Baltimore taken by our government shows that Judge of Crimes Foster's statement that all but two of the Americans examined by him at Valparaiso had approved of the action of the police there was a bare falsehood. The sailors are unanimous in the statement that the police beat and stabbed American sailors and Riggin was shot dead by two Chilean soldiers who fired simultaneously. The sailors were sober when attacked. The assault was premeditated and was expected all over Valparaiso. It was begun at the same moment by mobs all over the city.

The Haytien revolutionists have fitted out a powerful man-of-war which sailed from New York before the Haytien consul there discovered the fact and warned the United States government.

An explosion in a coal mine at South McAllister, Ind. T., killed over 100 people.

A. Sloane, a Memphis liquor dealer, dashed his brains out during a fit of delirium tremens Jan. 8.

A bill has been introduced in the Virginia legislature providing that any person who steals less than $5 worth may be flogged.

The Pine Ridge Indians threaten another outbreak.

The Chileans are angry over Harrison's message and the majority of the Chilean congressmen are averse to making any concessions to the United States. Military preparations are going forward rapidly, as if in anticipation of war.

Minister Egan is accused of charging refugees $100 a day for the protection of the American legation at Valparaiso.

The new Chilean cabinet is likely to make reparation for the outrage against American sailors at Valparaiso and thus avert war.

UNITED STATES.

Suit has been brought in the federal circuit court at Chicago to break up the American Preserve company for violating the anti-trust law.

Two California lions in the neighborhood of Leipsic, O., and made havoc among the livestock. A party was made up which hunted them for about a week, during which time a dozen men were thrown down and frightfully lacerated with their claws and teeth. They were killed Jan. 14.

A street car ran in front of an express train in Chicago Jan. 14 and two persons were killed and thirteen wounded.

Freddy Gebhard is a drunkard and will take the Keeley bichloride of gold treatment.

Fifteen wives of John Anderson, the bigamist in jail at Cleveland, O., have thus far been heard from, as well as several women to whom he has been engaged but not married. He got money from each wife and deserted her.

Philadelphia delegates to the Republican national convention have been elected and are all for Blaine.

President Harrison and all the members of the cabinet except Blaine say war with Chile is imminent.

James L. Bowen of Springfield, grand chief of the Good Templars of Massachusetts, has issued a circular letter addressed to his forty-four brother grand chiefs in the other states, recommending a united protest against the sale of intoxicants at the world's fair grounds during the exposition in 1893.

Judge Botkin ended the county-seat war by resigning.

Senator Power accuses Judge Field of lobbying for a pro-railroad man appointed federal judge. Field denounces the charge as a falsehood.

The books of the sugar trust show that it cleared $5,073,000 the past year.

The ministers of Zanesville, O., are boycotting Sunday funerals.

A rumor prevails that the Barings, placed on their feet again after their failure, are backing the Delaware, Lakawanna and Western railroad company in an effort to secure a railroad line from Philadelphia to San Francisco.

George A. Borekling of Indianapolis sued for a divorce. His wife got one on a cross complaint. Afterward he asked her to marry him again and she consented, but he changed his mind and now she is sueing him for $5000 for breach of promise.

The People's party had a controlling vote in the supreme council of the Famers' Alliance. A faction opposed to the sub-treasury scheme and government ownership of railroads seceded. The Farmers' Alliance proposes a political federation with all trade and labor unions.

The crank who attempted Russell Sage's life at New York but killed himself has been identified as Henry L. Norcross of Somerville, Mass., a broker. Will D. Southworth whom the New York police arbitrarily arrested after the affair, without a warrant or a particle of evidence to connect him with the affair, has been examined by an insanity commission and declared sane.

Dr. Keeley says he cures the grip by giving a four-grain pill of assafoetida four times a day and of all the patients at his institute at Dwight, Ill., none have ever had to go to bed with grip.

A broken rail derailed a train at Nicholson crossing, Ind., Jan. 11, and sent it down a fifty-foot embankment. Three persons were killed, seven injured, probably fatally, and many more were less seriously hurt.

About 500 houses at Hazelton are sinking. In some places the street has dropped three feet. There is a coal mine beneath.

John Johnson, a farmer of Wharnock, having read the biblical advice that if a member offend you, cut it off, took an axe and amputated his little finger. He has been declared insane.

Ben Butler has been enjoined by law from publishing his book, "Butler's Book," by Estes and Lauriat of Boston and they have sued him for $50,000 damages for libel for utterances of his on the subject.

Vera Ava is lecturing in a Chicago dime museum and Professor Charles Orchardson, a portrait painter, is under her thumb and says he is the fortieth Christ and can perform all kinds of miracles.

John Sherman was re-elected senator from Ohio.

The internal revenue department promises a vigorous waron bull butter at San Francisco.

The attorney-general denies the right of the interstate railroads to issue free passes and will bring a suit to test the matter.

Philadelphia will have the largest tin-plate factory in the United States.

Twenty-five hundred women in the United States possess medicla diplomas.

A county-seat war between Woodsdale and Hugston, Kas., assumed such proportions that the Woodsdale people armed themselves to prevent Judge Botkin from holding court. A sheriff's posse met them and the sheriff was killed. Botkin and his supporters camped at Arkalon and sent to the governor for arms. They were sent, in the hands of militiamen, Jan. 6. On the 7th an attack was made on a camp of citizens, who fled and were pursued ten miles by the soldiers, a running fire being kept up. Four of the fleeing men were seen to fall in their wagons during the chase. Botkin is holding court, protected by troops.

To prevent the liberation of convicts by the miners, Briceville, Tenn., is to be exempted from the operation of the convict labor law.

The Minnesota Farmers' Alliance demands the submission of the prohibition question to a popular vote.

The Chicago police are as bad as those of San Francisco, if the Chicago Herald is correct. It charges, giving names and dates, that the police of that city are a gang of blackmailers and perjurers, who do not hesitate to swear a man's life away and who are upheld in their infamous conduct by the department.

FOREIGN.

Cardinal Simeoni died in Rome Jan. 14 of the grip.

Enormous damage has been done by floods in Spain.

The rebels who held the town of Ascension have been captured. Remiji, their leader, escaped.

Albert Victor, heir of the prince of Wales, died of the grip Jan. 14, aged 28. He was a rather light-headed dandy and credited with being slightly less immoral than his father.

Drouth has destroyed the crops in the neighborhood of Madrid, Spain.

The coroner's jury finds the Southern Pacific responsible for the accident at La Grande which cost the lives of an engineer and fireman and two tramps. The road was not properly ballasted and the engine was too heavy to be safely run over such a track at mail-train speed.

It is reported that Lord Salisbury, in return for the surrender of all French rights in Newfoundland, wishes to cede to France the Herver islands and the colony of Lagos.

The English police claim that the Dublin castle explosion was caused by a bomb and have arrested the members of a socialist club at Walsall, Staffordshire, for making the explosive.

Carvalho, the Portuguese minister of finance, has been forced to resign on account of crookedness in a railroad company with which he was connected before his appointment.

Spain is in financial trouble. For fourteen years the deficit has been 64,000,000 piasters a year.

The French miners abandoned all they asked for.

There is another insurrection in India. This time it is on the frontier of the neutral Pamir plain, which lies between British, Russian and Chinese possessions and into which Russia has recently been moving troops. The natives captured Chalt fort, and a strong force of British recaptured it.

The activity of the volcano of Colima increases. Large stones are thrown as far as four miles by it.

The Topolobampo colony has a new railroad concession of 10,000 acres of nd if it builds a railroad from Topolobampo to the Rio Grande within ten years.

The rebellion in Tangier is serious.

A severe snowstorm throughout the British kingdom badly interfered with traffic Jan. 11. At Tyrone, Ireland, a funeral procession became lost in a storm. The horses became exhausted and it became necessary to abandon the hearse in a snowdrift.

Hospitals all over Europe are full of victims of the grip. In England the disease is isolated like smallpox and victims are fined if they appear in public.

The French consul at Rioaneiro has been instructed by his government to demand reparation for the killing of twelve Frenchmen at the time of the recent uprising.

Italy and the pope are in a fair way to settle their differences.

The Russian government has appropriated a second $65,000,000 for the relief of famine sufferers.

In the recent anti-Jewish riots in the governments of Pensa and Saratoff, Russia, several hundred Jews were wounded, ninety houses destroyed and 2000 Jewish families reduced to beggary. The police made no attempt to interfere with the rioters. The Jews are being similarly treated in other Russian towns.

Russia is borrowing more money.

Mexican Prosperity.

The people of Mexico are more prosperous to-day than they have been, says José Vigil, a Mexican merchant. Political troubles have been fewer of recent years than formerly, and the people are devoting all their time and attention to industrial pursuits. The efforts of political schemers to drag Mexico into the disturbances of other Central American States have not succeeded, and agitators do not find many willing followers or attentive audiences to their harangues. There is some dissatisfaction with the Diaz Government, but it doesn't amount to anything. As a whole I think Mexico is the most progressive of the Southern countries, and no fair man will dispute the assertion that this condition of affairs is due to the influence of the United States. There is one feature of it that is really humorous. The Mexican people nearest the United States border have taken up the cry that English syndicates are after all the desirable industrial enterprises in the country, and in coming up from the city I was informed by at least a score of people in as many towns that the representatives of English syndicates had been there negotiating for the purchase of certain interests they wanted. Of course there is nothing to substantiate these statements, but they encourage the people and result in much good. The peaceful condition of Mexican affairs is most satisfactory, and is the best evidence of the country's growing prosperity.—St Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Girls of Winnipeg.

During the short time we were in Winnipeg we were struck with the beauty of the Canadian young ladies in this little city of the prairies. The "Rosalie, the prairie flower," of our youth must surely have come from somewhere about the central part of the Northern American continent. Whereas in New York it took us eight days to find five handsome women, in our four hours at Winnipeg we saw many pretty, well-dressed girls, and four perfect beauties. Such bright flashing eyes, such winsome vivacity of expression. It would not be fair to the others to say too much about the exact place to find one or two of them; but if I had a younger brother in search of beautiful young Canadian wife, I should gently suggest to him that the Hudson Bay Company's store in Winnipeg contained something else well worth looking at besides fur.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Wealth in South America.

"In 1889 I went to Montevideo to take charge of the Hotel National" says C. A. Brant, of Chicago. "It is the most magnificent hotel in South America. The Compania National, which has a paid in capital of $10,000,000, owns the hostelry. The hotel has 250 sleeping rooms and seventy parlors. It costs $1,000,000. The dining room is a beauty, and is 114 feet by seventy-five feet. The decorations are superb. One of the features of the hostelry is a magnificent bath house 540 feet long, and which adjoins the hotel. This cost $635,000 alone, and I doubt if it has its equal in the world. Montevideo, situated on high land, is a great health resort for the rich people of Uruguay and Argentine. The climate is magnificent, the thermometer never going above eighty deg., nor below forty-nine deg. You probably think wealthy people in Chicago live expensively when at hotels. They do, but they are not in it with their South American brother and sister parvenues. These latter capitalists are so rich they do not know how to spend their money fast enough. As they are vulgar in their tastes, their idea of enjoying life is to make a display of their wealth. A family will come to the hotel and have a spread. Some one of the guests will take note of everything and then and there decide to give a dinner party that will knock the first one silly. Then comes an application to me to take a hand in the game, and, of course, I assure the patron that I can lay way over the previous effort. So they all come, and it is a most profitable rivalry—for us. We have received as high as $200 per plate for one dinner. Those South Americans are great lovers of jewelry, and the shops are treasuries of gems. I'll guarantee that you'll find more diamonds in an ordinary Montevideo shop than in Tiffany's great palace. What about the natives? They are the most perfect specimens of humanity on earth. The men are tall, well built, muscular and possessed of handsome faces. In the whole world there is not to be found a race of such beautiful women as we have in Uruguay and Argentine. They are of large mold, but exquisitely proportioned. Their complexion is dark but rich. Their teeth are of dazzling whiteness, their mouths are rosebuds, their eyes large and lustrous, fringed with lashes of remarkable length. While they are to a certain degree kept in ignorance—I mean so far as being well read, etc.—there is nothing gross about them. They make good wives and excellent mothers."—Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

THE INGENUITY OF ROGUES.

A New Wrinkle in Shoplifting Told by an Old Detective.

"The ingenuity expended by criminals in their efforts to get other people's property and also to regain their liberty when they are captured, is a constant source of interest to me," said an old detective the other day. "The escape of Shanahan, the thief who was going up to Sing Sing recently, is an appropriate example of this. He unlocked the handcuff that bound him and bolted off to a cab that was in waiting for him. Now, where did he get the key to unlock the bracelet? He was thoroughly searched before he was led out of the city prison, and the theory is that a relative who kissed him good-bye as he was about to step into the prison van slipped the key from her mouth into his, as their lips met. A pretty trick, wasn't it?

"Here is another one that came under my observation the other day: A woman went into a jewelry store and sat down on a stool before the counter to look at some diamonds. She was eating an apple at the time. Presently the clerk missed a fine stone from the trayful she was examining, and as he was accustomed to the ways of shoplifters, he accused her of the theft.

"She protested vehemently at this insult, but a policeman was called in and she was searched. The stone was not found and then the woman began to threaten a suit for damages. In order to avoid an unpleasant scandal, the proprietor was about to offer her $50, when the police officer prevented him.

"He had been questioning the clerk about the woman's action in the shop and had learned that she had been eating an apple when she entered. That aroused his suspicion. Where was that apple? The woman had made a face over it and had thrown it out on the sidewalk. Then the clerk remembered. 'Let her go,' said the policeman, 'she will not bring any suit.' So the woman went away without any money and vowing vengeance. The policeman sent the clerk to follow her. She was soon joined by another woman, and before long they got into a quiet corner and the second woman produced the half-eaten apple from her pocket, and gave it to the original owner. The clerk continued to follow them, and he told the first policeman he met what he had seen. This officer arrested the woman and the apple was taken from her. Pressed far into it was found the diamond that had been missed from the tray."—N. Y. Tribune.

Intelligent Chimpanzees.

Among the most remarkable stories in Mr. Stanley's book on Africa is one told to the explorer by Emin Pasha. Here it is:

The forest of Msongwa is infested by a tribe of chimpanzees of great stature, who make almost nightly raids on the villages and little plantations of the Mswa natives, carrying away their bananas and other fruits. There is nothing very remarkable about this fact, since many kinds of animals make pillaging forays upon the habitations of men; but the surprising part of Emin's narrative is the statement that in these thieving raids the chimpanzees make use of lighted torches to hunt out the fruits.

"If I had not been myself a witness of this spectacle," Mr. Stanley reports Emin as saying, "nothing would have ever made me believe that any race of monkeys possessed the art of making fire."

On one occasion, Emin says, a chimpanzee of this intelligent tribe stole a drum from the huts of his European troops and made off with it, beating it as he ran.

The monkey took the drum to the headquarters of his own "people," who were evidently much charmed with it, for the Egyptian soldiers often heard the monkeys beating it vigorously, but irregularly. Sometimes in the middle of the night some sleepless chimpanzee would get up and go to beating the drum.

But what the other chimpanzees thought of this midnight musical performance will never be known positively, but, from the fact that no sound of battle and slaughter among the intelligent chimpanzees ever followed, the Egyptians were forced to conclude that they liked it.

Here at least, therefore, we find an indication that the grade of intelligence of even the chimpanzees of Msongwa is still far below that of the human race.—Sheffield (Eng.) Telegraph.

In a Serpent's Coils.

While the crowd in the tent was enjoying the ring show in Forepaugh's big tent, in Detroit, a scene was being enacted in the menagerie tent that was more thrilling than any thing on the regular programme. The side-show has a snake-charmer, and among her pets is an ugly boa constrictor, eighteen feet long. The side-show was over and the snakes had been left for Harry Prince to replace in their cage. They had been sluggish all the evening, and he said he could care for them. Shortly after a teamster rushed in the small tent shrieking: "For God's sake come quick. The boa is killing Harry."

The attendants rushed to the spot and found Prince on the ground with five coils of the hideous snake about his body. The snake was no longer dormant, but shot angry glances at the crowd while he tightened his coils about Prince, whose face was purple, and whose eyes bulged out like saucers.

"Cut him! Cut him!" feebly called Prince.

The snake charmer came, but could do nothing. Several of the cow-boys were hastily summoned and lassoed the boa, finally pulling it off Prince, after cutting it in several places. The snake was caged and a doctor sent for Prince, who lost consciousness. In an hour Prince was brought to, and said that he thought the snake too sluggish to be harmful, and had been careless in handling it. The snake quietly entwined him, and nothing but the cold weather, which had made the boa sleepy, saved his life.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

DANGER IN LAGER BEER.

Bright's Disease and Other Ailments Caused by Salicylic Acid.

It is not generally known that the presence of salicylic acid in the various drinks manufactured to tickle the palate or soothe the nerves of man is a fruitful cause of disease and even death. This deleterious substance affects the kidneys primarily, causing in many cases the dreaded Bright's disease, from which few victims escape, and which annually mows down a large army of people, mostly recruited, it must be acknowledged, from among the high livers.

The popularity and enormous consumption of lager beer in this country has caused the more conservative thinkers to consider the question as to whether it would not be better to resort to the old custom of drinking pure spirituous liquors, if we must drink acoholic beverages, rather than to accept without question the new manufactures in the drink line that are thrust upon us. It is doubtless best, and certainly safest, to shun all alcoholic liquors, but in attempting temperance by indulging in those drinks that contain 1 to 3 per cent. of alcohol in preference to those that are known to contain 40 to 60, it is well to know that they contain no substance that injuriously affects the human frame.

Lager beer contains salicylic acid in greater or less quantities, and salicylic acid is a potent factor in producing painful and often serious affections of the kidneys. Bright's disease is frequently induced through its agency when present in drinks that are taken into the system and presumed to be harmless.

Another aspect of the question appears when it known that salicylic acid will take up pitch in solution. Now, pitch is not a desirable substance to introduce into the human body, and it is particularly mischievous when absorbed in the form of a solution. It may not be generally known that the kegs in which lager beer is kept for commercial use are lined with pitch. The melted substance is poured in the bunghole and the keg agitated until the whole of the interior is coated with the pitch, thus rendering the keg watertight. But if a beer keg that has been in use for some time is broken to pieces no vestige of the pitch that formerly lined it is to be found. Why? The salicylic acid in the lager beer has an affinity for pitch and takes it up in solution. This chemical process is more or less rapid according to the quantity of the acid contained in the beer. The quantity, however, is sufficient to eat up the entire inside coating of the keg, as may be seen on examining a broken beer keg that has been long in use. The lager beer drinker, therefore, not only takes into his system and subjects his kidneys to the action of salicylic acid, but to a solution of pitch that has been taken up by that acid. It is no wonder, therefore, that many people suffer from complaints whose origin they are at a loss to trace.

He Weighed 504 Pounds.

Dr. Charles T. Bean died at his home in Boston last evening of pneumonia. A few years ago he was obliged to abandon outdoor practice on account of growing obesity, and has since been confined to his home. His general health has been fair, and his mind not impaired. His unnatural corpulence, which amounted to a disease, steadily increased, however, and a short time since he turned the scales at the enormous weight of 504 pounds.

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ARIZONA.

Dr. E. E. Prowell of Phœnix has disappeared with a lot of money belonging to his wife, whom he married last May. She says wine and women caused his fall. He was an apparently prosperous druggist.

P. D. Yieser has been arrested at Phoenix for passing forged checks in San Bernardino.

Thomas Patrick, Southern Pacific timekeeper at Tucson, got an alleged sister passed from Sacramento to that place. He then forged passes to Mexico for himself and the woman and they disappeared, leaving his wife at Tucson.

A man and woman were found murdered on Duncan road, near Solomonville, Jan. 11. Both had been shot twice. Their heads were smashed with an ax. When found a two-year-old child was sitting by the dead body of its mother, its head badly crushed. It would have died from the intense cold had it not been discovered.

The Globe and Florence stage was robbed of two bars of bullion by a single man Jan. 11. It was robbed of the express box ten days before.

NEW MEXICO.

A combine to control the coal output of the territory has been formed.

NEVADA.

Deputy Sheriff Pete Taylor of Ormsby county is $1000 short in his cash.

Rube Metcalf, an old resident of Silver City and well liked, took to drinking and ended by shooting himself in the abdomen.

While deranged from illness Henry Gerkin escaped through a window at Truckee and wandered off in five feet of snow and froze to death.

OREGON.

Taylor Dunn of Dallas while exhibiting the good qualities of a feed-chopper which he wished to sell, cut off his forefinger. A few minutes afterward his father was showing how the accident happened and he, too, lost a finger. The interested bystanders went away, satisfied with the operations of the machine.

H. C. Klepper, a carpenter, fell ninety feet at the Lebanon paper mill Jan. 7 and broke both thighs and arms and was badly mangled in the face.

The personal property in the state is assessed at $210,000.

Ed Scott escaped from the Corvallis jail Jan. 6. Two Indian prisoners declined his invitation to go with him.

WASHINGTON.

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William Cooper and John Harsh, aged 13 and 14, have confessed the Huntsville train robbery.

William Cooper and Jasper Horsh have been arrested for robbing the mail at Huntsville.

Rev. A. E. Schade, publisher of the German Tribune at Seattle, has deserted the place and his creditors.

F. S. Strohm cut off both his forefingers in a paper cutter at Dayton Jan. 7.

Luigi Galio jumped from a moving car at Spokane Dec. 11 and, making a miscalculation, was caught and dragged and killed.

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