

(CONTINTED FROM LAST WEEK.) "I was told I would have to send for you if I wished to see you," he said umilingly.

Already mollified, and perhaps again falling under the previous influences of this singular man, Brant began somewhat hesitatingly to explain. "You don't understand. It was some

thing new to my experience here to find an able-bodied American citizen with a enuine healthy grievance who had to have it drawn from him like a decayed tooth. But you have been here before. I seem to remember your face."

Brant's reserve had gone. He admitted that he had twice sought an au--but

"You dodged the dentist! That was As Brant made a slight moveof depretation the president con-1: "I understand; not from the tinned: fear of giving pain to yourself, but to others. I don't know that that is right, dthe A certain amount of pain must be suffered in this world, even by one's annies. Well, I have looked into your s bass, Gen. Brant." He took up a piece of paper from his desk, scrawied with two or three notes in pencil. "I think this is the way it stands: You were commanding a position at Gray Oaks, when information was received by the department that either through neglect department that either through neglect or complicity, spics were passing through your lines. There was no at-tempt to prove your neglect; your or-ders, the facts of your personal care and precaution, ware all before the de-partment; but it was also shown that your wife, from whom you were only temporarily separated, was a notorious mecosionist; that before the war you personit the there is a second that there yourself were suspected, and that there-fore you were quite capable of evading your own orders which you may have only given as a blind. On this informa-tion you were reliered by the depart-ment of your command. Later on it was discovered that the spy was none other than your own wite disguised as a mulatic; that after her arrest by your own soldiers you confived her es-cape and this was considered conclu-sive proof of, well, let us say, your treachery."

freachery." "But I did not know it was my wife until she was arrested," said Brant, impulsively.

The president knitted his eyebrown humorously. "Dont let us travel out of the record, general. You're as had as the department. The question was one of your personal treachery, but you

d not eccept the fact that you were justly removed because your wife was a spy. Now, general, I am an old lawyer, spy. Now, general, J am au that in Illi-and I don't mind telling you that in Illinois we wouldn't hang a yellow dog on that evidence before the department. But when I was asked to look into the matter by your friends I discovered something of more importance to you. I had been trying to find a scrap of evidence that would justify the presump-tion that you had sent information to the enemy. I found that it was based upon the fact of the enemy being in sion of facts at the first battle of Gray Oaks which could only have b obtained from our side, and which led to a federal deserter, that you, however retrieved by your gallantry. I asked the secretary if us was prepared to show that, on had seat the information with that view, or that you had been over taken by a tarly sense of repentance. He preferred to consider my suggestion as humorous. But the inquiry led to my further discovery that the only trea sonable correspondence actually in evi-dence was found upon the body of a trusted federal officer, and had been for warded to the division commander. But re was no written record of it in the CBBC.

ouble traitor-to save you! Upon my rord, general, 1 don't know if the dedouble traitor-to save you! partment was far wrong: a man with such an alternately unsettling and convincing effect upon a woman's highest political convictions, should be un ders me restraint. Luckily the department knows nothing of it.

"Nor would anyone ever have known from me," said Brant, eagerly. "I trust that she did not think-that you, sirdid not for an instant believe that 1-"

"O, dear, no. Nobody would have be-lieved you! It was her free confidence to me. That was what made the affair so difficult to handle. For even her bringing your dispatch to the division commander looked bad for you - and you know he even doubted its authenticity

"Does she-does Miss Faulknerknow the spy was my wife?" hesitated Brant.

The president twisted himself in his The president twisted himself in his chair, so as to regard Brant more gravely with his deepest eyes, and then thoughtfully rubbed his leg. "Don't let us travel out of the record, general," he said, after a pause. But as the color surged into Brant's check, he raised his eyes to the ceiling and said, in half hu-merous recellention: erous recollection:

"No, I think that fact was first gathered from your other friend-Mr. Hooker

"Hooker!" said Brant, indignantly "did he come here?"

"Pray don't destroy my faith in Mr. Booker, general," said the president, in half weary, half humorous deprecation. "Don't tell me that any of his invention: are true! Leave me at least that mag uilleent liar-the one perfectly intel-ligible witness you have. For from the time that he first appeared here with a grievance and a claim for a commission, he has been an unspeaks ble joy to me and a convincing testimony to you. Other witnesses have been partians and projudiced. Mr. Hooker was frankly true to himself. How else should I have known of the care you took to disguise yourself, save the honor of your uniform and run the risk of being shot as an unknown spy at your wife's side except from his magnificent version of his part of it! How else should I have known the story of your discovery of the Californian conspiracy. except for his supreme portrayal of it, with himself as the hero. No, you must not forget to thank Mr. Hooker-

when you meet him. "Miss Faulkner is at present more ac cessible; she is calling on some mem-bers of my family in the next room

Shall I leave you with her?" Itrant rose, with a pale face and quickly-throbbing heart, as the presi-dent, glancing at the clock, untwisted himself from the chair, and shook himself out at full length, and so gradually to his feet. "Your wish for active service is granted, Gen. Brant," he said slowly, "and you will at once rejoin your old division commander, who is now at the head of the Tenth army corps. But," he said, after a deliberate there are certain rules and regulation. of your service that even I cannot with decent respect to your department override. You will, therefore, understand



"Les us," she said, faintly, "go in to the It is but a few years are that the humble chronicler of these pages moved with a wondering crowd of sightscore

in the gardens of the white house. His

In the gardeness is the white house. In attention was attracted by an erect, handsome, soldierly looking man, with a heard and mustache slightly streaked with gray, who, with a stately indy on his arm, was pointing out the various objects of interest to a boy of 12 or 14 at their side.

"And although, as I told you, this house is reserved only for the presi-dent of the United States and his fam-By," said the gentleman, smilingly, "in that little conservatory I proposed to your mother."

"O, Clarence, how can you," said the lady, reprovingly; "you know it was long after that!"

THE END.

THIRTEEN MONTHS IN A YEAR. A Proposition to Start in 1900 within New Division of Time.

It is suggested that on January 1900, a new division of the year into 13 months be instituted. It is claimed, says the Scientific American, that this is not so preposterous as most people would be likely to consider it at the first thought. If such a division were made the first 12 months would have just 28 days, or four weeks each, and the new month 29 to make 365, and 30 in leap year. After a few days there would lesp year. After a few days there would be no need to refer to calendars, as the same day of the week would have the same date through the year. If Jan-uary 1 were, say Monday, every Monday would be the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22d; every Tuesday the 2d, 9th, 15th and 23d; every Tuesday the 2d, 9th, 15th and 23d; and so on throughout the year. The changes of the moon would be on about the same dates through the year, and many calculations, like interest, dates of maturing notes, Easter Sunday and many other important dates would be simplified. Although the present generation would have to figure new dates for birthdays and all legal holidays ex-cept New Year would be on different dates, yet the gain would be more than the loss, as that would be permanent, and the objections trifling.

The proposed change certainly has the merit of novelty, and it is just to say that the arguments in favor of the metric system on the ground of utility apply with considerable force in the present case. We fear, however, that the objections on the grounds of sentiment, which are strong in the matter of weights and measures, would even stronger against the proposed re-vision of our methods of computing time.

IDENTIFIED BY THE DOG TAG. mall Boy Was Restored to His How a S

At the city hall license department

whenever anyone gets a dog license the purchaser gives his or her residence number to the clerk, and also a descrip tion of the dog. This number and the appearance of the dog are written down of record and are easily referred to.

A few days ago, says the Chicago Chronicle, the ticket seller at the Six ty-third street station of the elevated road noticed a very small boy standing on the platform accompanied by brown setter. The boy was so sma that he could not tell where he lived. was evidently lost. The dog licked his hand affectionately, panted in a be-nevolent way and stuck close to the boy. That dog knew that the boy was lost all right.

Some one read the number of the dog's license and went to a neighboring drug store and telephoned to the city hall. Could the city hall give any day Could the city hall give any d scription of owner or house dog number of dog license No. 2667? Certainly! The owner lived at a certain hotel in town. By the way, was the dog a brown setter? Well, they will find the owner at the Auditorium.

So the small boy was sent home to his rejoicing parents and the faithful "dorg" trailed closely behind. Everything was lovely and all on account of the beauties of the municipal license Evstem.

CHANCES OF LONGEVITY.

Primary Conditions Necessary to a Long and Healthy Life. "The primary conditions of longev-



There it lay in plain view, but as unobtainable as the golden apples of Hes-perides. The loser was the picture of rage, says the New York Mail and Ex-

"I don't care about the blame coin," he wailed. "I've got 'em to burn; but it just makes me mad to see that quarter

"Gimme a dime, mister," said a mes-senger boy, "and five cents for ex-penses, and Fil get your mun."

The man regarded the boy for a mo-ment and said: "Go ahead."

He returned in a few minutes with his form working convulsively. In his hand he had a piece of scantling. The crowd watched him curiously. From his mouth the boy took a well masticated wad of chewing gum. He stuck this on the end of the scantling and thrusting the stick through the narrow space, pressed the soft and sticky gun firmly on the lost coin. Then he defily frew it out and presented the money to ta owner.

"Keep the whole outfit," said the man, "Boy, you're a peach. We live and learn," and he boarded a train, his face wreathed in smiles. The face of the boy was similarly decorated.

THEY SPIN BY HAND.

Uld-Fashioned Block Islanders Still Seat Their Wool Into Connecticut.

The hum of the spinning wheel is still a familiar sound in Block Island, st quaint and interesting resort in sum-mer and a miniature world in winter, in which the habits and customs are those of 150 years ago. The island is 15 miles off the Rhode Island shore and almost directly south of stormy Point Judith, says the New York Herald.

The heads of 30 Block Island families set sail in fishing bonts the other day and pushed up the Thames river to Oak-dale, where they left heaps of wool to be carded into rolls for hand spinning. The rolls will be spun and knitted into stockings and mittens for the protec-tion of the hardy islanders against the bleak winter winds of the Atlantic.

There are times during the winter when the wind sweeps across the tree less land at a velocity of 84 miles an hour, and women take their lives in their hands when they venture out of doors. The isolation of the island is almost complete. John Schofield established the first

voollen mill in Connecticut near Oak dale, where the carding was done by power cards. In 1798 the Block Island ers began to send wool to the mill to be carded into rolls, and generation after generation have kept up the practice. Formerly many bags of grain accom-panled the wool, and grist and woollen mills were kept running day and night while the fishermen and farmers en joyed themselves in the quiet Connecti-cut village until the work was done.

PRIMITIVE WOMAN WAS NEW. adian Balles Prove That the First Pot-

ter Was a Weman. The discovery near Maurice river, in the neighboring state of New Jersey, of large numbers of stone implements used by Indian or other tribes in the long gone centuries brings into notice the primitive woman, says the New York Tribune.

In New Jersey, as everywhere else in the world, she appears to have been industrious and energetic and ingenious. Among the implements discov-ered which she employed in prehistoric New Jersey were flint knives, with which she cut meet and probably vcgetables; flint ecrapers, with which she cleaned the skins of deer and bear, wild cat and other animals, preliminary to drying and smoking them for use as wearing apparel; clay pots and pans, pipkins and dishes, which she made in primeval potteries, at first the sun drying them and thereafter burning them in hot wood fires. The pottery shows here and there artistic yearnings on the

part of the unknown makers, more uncouth and rudimentary than those of the ancient cliff-dwellers, but nevertheless they disclose the artistic sentiments and confirm the long list of examples collected by Prof. Mason, of Washington, showing that the first pot-ter, the first modeler, the first sculpior and carver and the first artist was a woman.



The Vacuum Tube Will Supplant the Incandescent Bulb.

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The "light of the future," according t many electric prophets, will be of still another sort-instead of the concentrated intensity of the incandescent carbon, the diffused glow of vacuum tubes, or heatless flame. Geissler, of Bonn, who devised the first mercury air pump, obtained from fluorescent glass tubes, in which by his air pump he had rarefled the air or had vaporized solu-tions, on passing through them an electrie spark, a faint light of lovely color varying with the kind of vapor now known as "Geisaler tube" effect Crookes, of London, made tubes of offects high vacuum-less than one millionth nign vacuum-less than one millionth of atmospheric atmosphere-and ob-tained in these "Crookes tubes" such remarkable phosphorescent effects as led him to believe that he had discovered a "fourth state of matter," ered a "fourth state of matter," more rarefied than gas. Tesls, an inventor of daring imaginative genius, a gradu-ate from Edison's workshop, went a step further by obtaining from current of extremely high frequency or quick oscillation and also of extremely high tension, an intense electro-magnetic field-that is, by "electrifying" sur-faces or terminals from this current, so that in the space between there was intense electric "stress"-he was able, by merely placing an exhausted lamp bulb within this field, to produce a glow inside the bulb without use of conducting wires, and even to show luminous discharges from his own person at the finger-tips, like the "St. El-mo's fire" observed at the mast head of vessels during electric storms. These experiments led him to the develop experiments led him to the develop-ment of his mechanical oscillator—a small piston vibrating with extreme rapidity within a stroke of an inch, which actuates at high frequency an electro-magnetic generator - and hi electric oscillator, not yet in commer cial application, but from which great the application, but from which great results are hoped. Pupin, at Columbia university, has produced similar lu-minous effects, using his harmonic sys-tem of condensers, by help of which he expects to render ocean telephony prac-ticable. Macfariane Moore, while working upon an incandescent lamp in which the light, as in the gas burner may be turned low, with proportionate saving of current, found that the oscil-lating device which he had invented for

lating device which he had invested for the purpose, a thin strip of steel mak-ing and breaking contact within a vacuum bulb when satuated by low-tension current, produced a like effect in vacuum tabes, and he has been able to light a room with a pervading glow so that reading is possible in any part of it Ediana he coating the innar surso that reacing is possible in any part of it. Edison, by costing the inner sur-face of a glass bulb with fluorescent material, has developed a still stronger light, with a consumption of current less than one-third that of the incan-

descent lamp. Tesla, the pioneer in this field, is ex-pecting, in turn, to make his glow light of a brilliancy corresponding rather with the arc than with the incandes with the arc than with the incances-cent lamp, and the present year is thus witnessing a race between the greatest smong American investors as to which shall first reach the goal. Any of these systems may, it is probable, in their practical development, be adapted as house devices, obtaining their actuat-ing current from the present distribuing current from the present distribu-ing current from the present distribu-ting and generating systems, and mak-ing electricity at last a rival with gas in cheapness as well as in comfort and convenience.-R. R. Bowker, in Harper's Magazine.

-Rats annoyed the family of Johann Weireck, at Indian Valley, Idabo. He Inid poison in places near their haunts, and in a few days his wife and three Tourists

I. O. U. F. - Mogue River Encampment, No. 50, meets in 1. O. O. F. hall the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at B. m. . MAXOV, C. P. I. A WEBB, Boribe. Olive Rebekah Lodge No. 98, meets in 1. O. O. F. hall first and third Tuesdays of each month. Visiting sisters invited to attend, ELLA PRADUM, N. O. GEORGIA BYENCEN, Roc. Hes.

BOOLETINS OF MEDFORD.

1. O. O. F.-Lodge No. 31, meets in I. O. O. F hall every Haurday at at s p. m. Visitia brothers always welcome.

E. A. JOHNSON, Rec. Sec.

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A. F. & A. M.-Meets first Friday on or be ore full moon at 8 p. m., in A. O. U. W. hall, J. E. ENYART, W. M. W. V. LIPPIRCOTT, Rec. Bob.

K. of P.-Talisman lodge No. 51, needs Mon ay ovening at 8 p. m. Visiting brothers al ways welcome. A. O. HUBBARD, C. O. J. F. WAIT, K. of R. and B.

Knights of the Macoauses.-Triumps Tess No.14, meets in regular review on the ist and Al Mondays of each month in A.O. U. W. Hall stridy p. m. Visiting Bir Knights cordial-ly invited to attend. A.A. BATTERSON, Commander, W. T. YORK, R. K.

A. O. U. W., Degree of Honor-Kather lodge, No. 56, meets every second and fourth Tuesday ovening of each months, st A. O. U. W. hall, Miss. Dania Donow, Rec.

A. U. U. W.-Lodge No. 93, meets every firs and third Wednesday in the month sts D. m in their hall in the opera block. Visiting brothers invited to stand. Four Houmand, M. W. E. A. JOHNSON, Recorder.

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GRO. E. WEBBER, Clerk.

Chrysanthemum Circle, No. 84, Women of Woodcraft -- Meels every Wednesday evening at 7:20, p. m., in Woodmon hall. Visibing siz-ters lavided. ADA M. MILLS, Clork, KATE WAIT, G. M.

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G. A. R.-Chostar A. Ariaur Post Ne. 47 meets in Woodman's ball every second and fourth Saturday night in each month at 7:00 Visiting Comrades cordinally invited in attend. F. M. BTRWART, Adjutant.

W. O. T. U.-Meets every Wednesday after 100n in the Halley Block. Mrs. 1. F. WILLIAMS, Soc.

ORUBORES OF MEDFORD.

Ballt Marks Hpiscopsi Hunday Hokooi meets 1 Episcopal Church every Sunday morning at 8 O'clock, Rev. Wm, Hari, Meetori B. S. Pests, uperintendent

Methodist Episoopal Churen-Mdw. Gitta pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. and 710 p. m. Bunday school at 10 a. m. Z. Thompson, supt. Chasa mosting every fabbat at close of sermon. Levi Fauceit, leader. al slope of sermon, Levi Fauceil, tesder. E. worth lengue overy Mebbah evening at 5 cm, 5 L. Glükey, prest. Junior hearus every Mebbai at 8 p. m. Miss May Phipps, supt. Regula weekiy weskiy prayer meeling every Thursdo evening at 7:30. Ladies seving circle ever two weekix, Mrn. Beldoman, prest. Missionar societies, home and foreign, first Triday i each modit, presidents, Mrs. Van Antwerp an Mrs. Hubbard.

Presbyterian Church-Rev. A. S. Poster, pas tor. Presching at 11 s.m. and 7:00 p.m. San day school at 10 s.m. Y. P. S. C. K. 6:18 p.m. Junior Endesvor Bestely at 3 p.m., Sunday Prayer meeting on Wednesday svening at 1 olock

Haptist church-G. N. Annes, paster, Wor-ship and presching every Bunday mersing and venting at usual bours for church servings. Covers and meeting on Baturday at 5 colock pre-ceeding seath first Standay. Prayer meeting on wedneeday evening. Haptist Young Propies Unless meetin at 6 30 on Bunday evening. Sus day school at 10 a.m.

Christian church - Corner of Sixin and I streets. Preaching at 11 s.m. and 7, p. m. Sunday school at 10 s.m. Junoir Endeavor at 9 p. m. (Y. F. S. O. K. at s. S. D. p. m. Prayer moting overy Thurday evening. Ladies Missionary Auxiliary to C. W. H. E. Strat Flaure day 7:30 f. M. esch month. Choral Unions every Friday at 720 p.m. The popie widown. Ell Flaber pastor. Resides at the church.

Methodist Episcopal Church South -- Rev. J.A. Cratchfield, pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p. m. ou the ist, 2nd and Erd Sabbahs Sabbah school at 10 a.m. and Epwerth League at 6 p. m. every Sabbah at Meilord. Services on the Nabbah at Soda Springs at 11 a.m. and Neil Creek school house at 8 p.m. A hearty wel come to all.



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"Why. I forwarded it myself." said Brant, eagerly. "Bo the division sommander writes.

said the president, smilling, "and he fer-warded it to the department. But it was suppressed in some way. Have you any enemies, Gen, Brant?" "None that I know of." "Then you probably have. You are young and successful. Think of the

hundred other officers who naturally believe themselves better than you are, and haven't a traitorous wife. Still, the department may have made an example of you for the benefit of the only man who couldn't profit by it."

"Might it not have been, sir, that this suppression was for the good report of the service as the chief offender was dead Y

"I am glad to hear you say so, gen "This glad to near you say so, gen-eral, for it is the argument I have used successfully to behalf of your wife." "Then you know it all, sir?" said Brant, after a gloomy pause. "All, I think. Come, general, you seemed, just now, to be uncertain about

your enemies. Let me saure you you need not lie so in regard to your

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"May I know his name. Mr. Presi dent?

"No. For it is a woman. You were nearly ruined by one, general. I suppose it's quite right that you should be saved by one. And, of course, irregularly." "A woman!" echoed Brant.

"Yes! One who was willing to confess herself a worse spy than your wife-a

"Let us." she said, mintly, "go into th

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The alight flush that came to Brant's The sight hus that that there was check quickly passed. And there was only the unspeakable sparkle of re-newed youth in his frank eyes as he said: "Let me go to the front scain, Mr. President, and I care not how." "The unsaident united and having his

Mr. President and I care not how." The president smiled, and, laying his heavy hand on Brant's aboulder, pushed him gentle toward the door of the in-ner room. "I was only about to asy." he added, as he opened the door, "that it would be necessary for you to re-join your promoted commander as a major general. And," he continued, lifting his volce, as he gently pushed his guest into the room, "he hasn't even thanked me for it, Miss Faulkner!" The deor closed behind him, and he stood for a moment dased, and still hearing the distant voice of the presi-dent in the room he had just quitted, welcoming a new visitor. But the room before him, opening into a conserva-tory, was empty save for a single fig-

tory, was empty save for a single fig-ure that turned half timidly, half mischlevously toward him. The same quick, sympathetic glance was in both their faces; the same timid, happy look in both their eyes. He moved quickly to her aide.

"Then you knew that-that-woman was my wife?" he said, hurriedly, as he grasped her hand. She cast a half appealing look at his face-a half frightened ets ascend the

ity," the Medical Record quotes Mr. F. W. Warner as saying, "are that the heart, lungs and digestive organs, as well as the brain, should be large. If these organs are large the trunk will be long and the limbs comparatively short. The person will appear tall in sitting and short in standing. The hand will have a long and somewhat heavy palm and short fingers. The brain will be deeply seated, as shown by the orifice of the ear being low. The blue hazel or brown hazel eve, as show-" the Medical Record quotes Mr blue hazel or brown hazel eye, as show ing an intermission of temperament is a favorable indication. The nostrils is a revorable minimum. The hostrin being large, open and free indicates large lungs. A pinched and half-closed nontril indicates small or weak lungs. "In the case of persons who have there in the case of persons who have "In the case of persons who have short-lived parentage on one side and long-lived on the other side the ques-tion becomes more involved. It is shown in grafting by hybridising that nature makes a sipreme effort to pass the period of the shorter longevity and extend the life to the greater longevity and extend the life to the greater longevity. Anyone who understands these weak and dangerous periods of life is fore-warned and forarmed. It has been observed that the children of long-lived parents mature much later and are usually backward in their studies."

HE WAS A SMART BOY.

Managed to Becover a Dropped Quarter from a Difficult Spot. He had deposited his ticket in the box on the downtown station of the Sixth avenue "L" road at Fiftieth street carly one morning, and was counting his change in a search for plugged dimes and nickels. A quarter fell from his hands and rolled along the platform until it lodged under the raised steps which form the edge of the platform.

HOLY PILLAR OF ST. PETER. Witches Were Bound to It to Exorcise the Spirit.

In a small chapel stands a strangely wrought marble column inclosed in an iron cage, says Marion Crawford in the Century. The Romans now call it the Colonna Santa (the holy pillar) and it Colonia Saita (the noisy plinar) and it is said to be the one against which Christ leaned when teaching in the temple at Jerusalem. A great modern authority believes it to be of Roman workmanship and of the third century, but those who have lived in the east will see much that is oriental in the funtastic commented carving. It mat-ters little. In actual fact, whatever be its origin, this is the column known in the middle ages as the Coloma degli Spiritati, or column of those possessed by evil spirits, and it was customary bind to it such unlucky individuals fell under suspicion of "possession," in order to exorcise the spirit with prayers and holy water. Aretino has nade a witty scene about this in the "Cortigians," where one of the vatican scrvants cheats a poor fisherman and then hands him over to the sacristan of St.Peter's to be cured of an imaginary possession by a ceremonious exorcism Such proceedings must have been common enough in those days when witch craft and demonology were elements with which rulers and lawgivers had to voluminous material requisite in the preparation of an exhaustive history of Japan. count at every turn.

children became dangerously ill. The rats, after eating the poison, had gone to the family well for water, and died FREE -:- COLONIST -:- SLEEPERS in it.

JAPANESE LITERATURE.

Much Activity Among the Learned Men of the Mikado's Bealm.

government, is in contemplation, which it is expected will require five years and

50,000 yen for its accomplishment. Be-sides, the Imperial university has a

committee of 16 scholars in its employ, collecting, classifying and editing the

There is a deal of literary activity in Japan just at the present time, which, however indicative possibly it may be of better times to come, is now and of itself far from commendable, says the London Dial. The overwhelming predominance of the mere periodical is what THROUGH TICKETS

dominance of the mere periodical is what the writer especially complains of. A native Japanese regrets, among other things, the incompetency of versifying in the Chinese language: which is spoken of as something common, the degradation of literature by the com-mercial spirit, the excessive prevalence OHICAGO WASHINGTON PHILADELPHIA of fiction, the cocksureness of impor-tant airs taken on them by the class of NEW YORK that airs taken on income by the class of youthful critics that has sprung up. He says of the latter: "With no ade-quate knowledge of English, man com-pose treaties on the comparative merits of English poets, and raw Ger-man students express a preference for one German poet rather than another." POINTS EAST AND BOUTH A. D. CHARLTON, Assistant General Passanew Agent. No. 20 Morrison Rt. sor. Taird. Or W. T. YORK, Tisket Arent. Modiard, Oregos. Work, nevertheless, of a much more substantial form than as thus indicated **Hotel Nash** is happily under way. A history of the recent war with China, in charge of the

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