A visitor who prides himself on his knowledge of nautical affairs was chating with a friend outside the Flattron building. "See that man coming?" he asked "Can you tell what be is by the way he walks?" "Why, no," replied the New Yorker

who was with tim.

"He's a sailorman of some sort. Look at his hands. No landsman ever turned behind him and the backs turned forward, the way he is waik-ing. Look at that landsman over there. He swings his arms with the paims of the hands turned toward his body and the backs out. You can always

Why, there isn't any that I know. It may be because the sailor gets the habit of balancing bimself in rough weather by the use of his arms, but I don't believe that's the reason. It's just one of those things you can't

account for .- New York Press.

The Spinning Machine of a Spider. The spinning machine is situated under the hinder part of the spider's body. It takes the form of a slight depression, which a close inspection shows to consist of six small bodies resembling tubes. Four of these contain an immense number of minute openings, as many as a thousand can be counted in each, and from every one of these openings a viscous fluid issues, which hardens on exposure the atmosphere. The whole 4,000 threads are united into one line, which sometimes so fine that 4,000,000 twisted together would not have a combined diameter greater than that of an ordinary bair from the human head. It is impossible to conceive the excessive slenderness of one of the 4,000 threads which compose such a line. The bare statement that each one has a thickness only one sixteen thousand millionth of that of a human bair does not in any way convey the impression of its wonderful fineness. The mind can no more grasp the meaning of such figures than it can understand the Immense distance of which astronomers talk so glibly.

Kelvin as Damocles.

A characteristic always of Lord Kelwas his absolute faith in figures. and this ruling passion once led to his experiment as a Damocles. When he ce solved a problem in mathematics, he was willing to stake upon its cor rectness not only his reputation, but, if necessary, his life. Taking an immense heavy cannon ball, he calculated with the utmost accuracy the size of the smallest wire which would bear the weight of the load of iron. He then procured a length of wire of just the requisite strength and to prove the truth of his figuring had the cannon ball suspended over his lecturing platform at the very spot where it would be most likely to strike and crush him should the wire give way, and it re mained there for weeks.

"The Last Ditch."

A dignified origin can be given to the expression "To die in the insti-Prince of Orange was made head of the Dutch republic. Despite his youth he displayed the courage and tenacity of his race. "Do you not see your country is lost?" asked the Duke of Buckingham, who had been sent to negotiate at The Hague. "There is a sure way never to see it lost." replied William, "and that is to die in the last ditch."

He Got Married.

a bean who called on her often, but finally his visits ceased. I asked her one day what had become of her former attentive heatt, and she said be

"Since he got married." said she, "he don't come around any more." "Married," said 1, surprised, "Why,

I thought he would marry you!"
"So be did" said the cook.-Brown-

That the telephone has blessed many a man, saved many tives and helped plle up fortunes is true, but has it not cursed some women, ruined more lives and hastened domestic misfortune? It has. Has it not become the favorite pastime of the women with nothing to do? It has. Does it not accelerate gossip and ald the firt and the wayward constantly? It does. Self in walked that way. A sallor always dulgent women waste their husbands' walks with the paims of his hands money by ordering food over the too handy telephone rather than bother to dress for the street, thereby losing both their wholesome morning exercise and their chance thriftily to se cure the best there is for the price at market or at stores from which the detect a man who is accustomed to the family larder is supplied. The time sea that way."

"What's the explanation?" inquired can never be offset by time gained by forehanded men in business, for what shall it profit a man if he gain the world if his "world" is lost through folly?

Telephoning, from a habit, finally be comes a vice and a menace to the cour-tesies. It has destroyed the fine art of social correspondence. It has crowned Haste with Courtesy's laurel -Minna Thomas Antrim in Lippin

Old Names For Guns. As the use of artillery became more common and the advantages of portability and a greater rapidity of fire were recognized guns, except among the orientals, became smaller, but of better workmanship and construction Inventors began to try their hands at all sorts of improvements or attempts at improvement, and in the course of a hundred years or so the number of different pieces of cannon, large and small, muzzle or breechloading, was simply legion. There were cannon, cannon royal and demi-cannon, three or four classes of culverins, bombards, mortars, perriers, serpentines. carthouns, curtails, passevolants or zebratanas, basilisks, orgues, sakers, minions, mojanes, falcons and falconets, robinets, fowlers, bases, slings, port-pleces, murderers, drakes, aspics, double dogs and lagtors, to say nothing of ribadoquins, flying dragous and partridge mortars.-Gentleman's Maga-

A Cutting Retort.

Before dinner, at the house of a rich banker in Florence, Colonel (afterward the Karl of Dundas had said some sharp things about the crudities of Notwithstanding Americans. rudeness it fell to his lot to take Mme. Bonnparte (Betsy Patterson) in to ta-He impertinently asked Bonaparte if she had read Basil Hall's book on America, in which he pronounced all Americans vulgarians.

"Yes. Colonel Dundas," she answered, "but it did not surprise me in the least. If my compatriots were descended from the Italians or Spanish, any display of low breeding might astonish me; but, being the direct de-scendants of Englishmen, it is natural enough that they should be vulga-

Cursory. "Eddle," said the teacher, "can you give a definition of cursory? The word Oression "To die in the last of generally used in connection with On the death of De Witt the public speaking. For example, we often read that somebody made a few cursory remarks.' Please write a sentence containing the word cursory." After a brief struggle Eddie evolved

this masterpiece:

"Yesterday my pa helped my ma to hang pictures, and when the ladder fell after pa had climbed to the top of it he bumped-his head against the corner of the dining room table and then made a few cursory remarks."-Chicago Record-Herald.

On Their Minds.

"I've got something on my mind that I've got to get rid of," said the author. bursting in and seizing a pad and peocil.

And when you have got rid of it and have received a check for it there is something down in the milliner's window that I want to get on my mind," said the author's wife, picking up his hat, coat and umbrella .- Ex-

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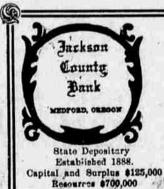
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