published only occasional scraps have There is probably no other savage come to us of the trouble England is race who are capable of putting up

been engaged in war. Britain's implacable foe, is the most extraordinary monarch in the world. He less despot. Twenty-six years ago Eng-Ashantee to terms, and since then it has cost \$34,000,000 more.

HILE interest has been centered in England's war in thing to do with England's solicitude for the people of Ashantee and their comic opera King.

engaged in with Ashantee land, where such a stiff fight as are the people of for twenty-six years Great Britain has Ashantee, for they are born warriors the King of Ashantee, who is Great kind of patriotism. Besides, they would not dare refuse to fight. Refusal would mean not only disgrace, but inis picturesque, powerful and a merci-less despot. Twenty-six years ago Eng. esque monarch is unquestioned. Should the Cuar of all the Russias even think land sent out an expedition at a cost the Casr of all the Russias even think of \$4,000,000 to bring the King of of doing what King Prempeh does and thinks nothing of doing, there would be a vacancy at the Winter Palace. The



THE ROYAL COURT OF THE KING OF ASHANTEE.

got this hat nobody knows, but it is his one of his subjects should even

The King's name is Prempeh, and be is the absolute monarch of more than but would stop! 8,000,000 savages. His emblem of authority is a giant umbrella. The spokes are of embossed gold, and on the end of each spoke is a human skull. This a long line of ancestry.

King Prempeh has exactly 3,333 wives. Why this number should have been decided upon he does not know. Like several other things they came to him by inheritance. He takes them

The kingdom of Ashantee is rich in

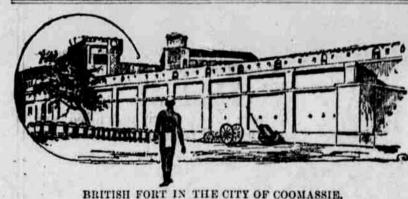
This King lives in the interior of Af- Sultan of Turkey is a novice in tyranny rica, several hundred miles from the as compared with the black King of ments.-Newcastle (Eng.) Chronicle. Gold Coast, on the western shore. He Ashantee. If his breakfast does not wears a girdle of dried grass around happen to agree with him, the cook is his loins, and a "plug" hat. Where he liable to lose her head, literally. If only crown. He has no throne, but in pen to look at one of his wives, the riage ceremony," said the Rev. W. F. stead he has a stool of solid gold, said subject would be conducted by a which four slaves carry around for him subordinate to some shady grove or to Pittsburg Dispatch. "One of the most wherever he goes. Upon this he sits the rear of the woodshed-and he curious in my experience occurred not and gives his orders. They are all ver- would never return. Should any of his long ago. A large and heavy woman, bal, but often they mean either life or warriors refuse to fight-well, there is accompanied by a comparatively small no telling where the gore-shedding proclivities of the monarch with the plug and asked to be married. Everything

Whenever a King of Ashantee dies a guard of 2,000 of his subjects are slaughtered to conduct him to the other world. It is said that as many as emblem has descended to him through 10,000 people have been slain on such occasions.

Every time there is a national festival there are human sacrifices. In fact, blood letting seems to be one of the principal occupations of royalty in

Back of the town of Coomasie there gold, and Prempeh is many times a is a place called by travelers the Grove millionaire. He wears earrings of solid of Skulls, where the bones of victims gold. All of his personal adornments are thrown. Here is what Henry Stanare of gold. He owns the only house ley said of it when, in 1874, as a war in his kingdom. It is a rude structure correspondent, he accompanied the exwe drew near the foul smells . . .

of stone. His Royal Highness sleeps pedition of Sir Garnet Wolseley: "As on the floor. King Prempeh is a bloodthirsty ruler, became suffocating. It was almost imand is in the habit of making human possible to stop longer than to take a sacrifices. This is one of the practices general view of this great Golgotha.



It was to put a stop to this that England made war on the King of Ashantee in the seventies. There was fighting again in 1895, and again in 1896. whenever he pleases and ruling with in the world. absolute power. His subjects love him | The King of Ashantee is opposed to

When, in 1874, England sent an expeand forced him to agree to certain con- was never touched. ditions, among others that he would The system of human sacrifices prac-

which England desires him to stop, for We saw thirty or forty decapitated whenever his gods are displeased he bodies and countless skulls, which lay seeks to propitiate them by having a piled in heaps and scattered over a few hundred of his subjects beheaded. wide extent. The stoutest heart and man who did it. He resolved to bepalled."

Several officers of the exedition, al though it remained in Coomasie only Now there are indications of more trou- two days, visited this Grove of Skulls, ble. Still the King of Ashantee goes and subsequently described it as suron with his barbarous practices, killing passing in horror anything to be seen

because he is of their royal blood, and progress. He does not want any roads of making known to the world is Irish fear him because of his crueity. But in his domain. When the English cut moss. The poorest of the inhabitants they will allow no other country to in their way inland from the gold coast of the Irish coast were driven to its use terfere with their affairs, if they can they left a fine road behind them. With by the pangs of hunger. When boiled several pistols pointed at his head, the it produced a thick, nourishing and not King agreed to keep this road in repair unpalatable jelly. It is most benedition against King Koffee, the prede- and not allow it to be overgrown, but ficial for diseases of the throat and cessor of King Prempeh, Sir Garnet he knew that the rainy season was at lungs. Wolseley was at the head of it. He hand and that the English would have burned the King's capital, Coomasie, to hurry back to the coast. The road

abolish the practice of human sacri- ticed in Ashantee is founded on a wild fices, but these arguments neither idea of filial duty, for it is believed Koffee nor Prempeh has carried out. that the rank of dead relatives in the The consequence has been frequent next world will be measured by the trouble ever since Great Britain has number of descendants sent after them undertaken the task of civilizing these from this. There are two periods, callblack-skinned and untutored savages. | ed "The Great Adal" and "The Little The fact that the country of Ashan- Adal," succeeding each other at inter-

EVOLUTION OF JOHN CHINAMAN.

royal house, at which human victime, BEES NEVER CAFE TO WANDER On the Great Adal the King visite he graves of the royal dead at Bantama, where their skeletons, held to gether by links of gold, sit in grim, nockery of state.

Don't Like to Go More Then Five Miles

The range of the none, new is but fit-

fly, but this is dimple when understund

they may go profitably.

its home was in an open space, with p

other objects close, it raight find its one home, but, even should the lave be

ject placed in front of the hive so that

the bees in coming out may mark their

They are attracted by the color of

bloom, as, if they are at work on a cer

tain kind of bloom, they are not likely

to leave that particular kind of bloom

for any other as long as they can find

that kind. Again, bees are often at-tracted to sweets by their sense of

smell, for they will go after sweets,

even if in the dark, if close. However,

any kind of sweets may be placed in

glass in plain sight, but if covered, so

as not to emit any smell ,the bees will

Deliberate Purpose in Animals. An amusing incident, which shows

that animals are subject to feelings

very like those which occasionally ruf-

fie the bosoms of men, occurred some

of attraction, found itself supplanted

The elephant for a long time showed

find expression. When the usual crowd

This method of throwing cold water

ship-building yard, lying on what seem-

ed to be a very muddy path.

It was found, bowever, that the spot

point at which a hot steam-pipe passed

baked into a warm, dry clay, which

made not only a clean but an artificially

He Was Armed.

story of a German who traveled in that

This gentleman always carried arms,

rather than allow himself to be robbed.

On one occasion, when he was travel-

beated sleeping place.

laugh even from its victims

gaged the attention of visitors.

American.

in Paris.

HOW EXPRESSES DR.P MEN. Custom that Is a Drain on the Rail-

"While coming from Chicago last Years ago, when the Italian bees were week," said a prominent business man first introduced in the United States. of this city, "I noticed a peculiar rail these bees, having marks different from road custom which interested me con-siderably. I happened to be in the last car of the limited when the train stop-had obtained the Italian nees they could ped in a desolate spot between stations. be observed and their range cassly no The rear brakeman, of course, dropped ticed. If bloom is plentiful near waters off and went down the track with a dag bees are located they will not go very to warn any train that might be foi- far, perhaps a mite in range, but if lowing us. In a moment or two we bloom is scarce they may go ave mines started up again, but minus the brake. Usually about three miles is as far as man. I wondered at this, but was still they may go profitably. more surprised later on to see the same thing repeated when we were obliged. to stop on account of a threatened hot a body of water that distance to had box. Upon inquiry I found that this It is wonderful how the little boney bec. was the custom on fast trains, 'Sometimes, if we have lots of time,' said the conductor, 'we whistle for the men to come in, but in most cases we leave its home, or hive, the hive should be them to be picked up by the next train,

or to walk to the nearest station.' "'But len't that rather hard on the men? I asked. 'Oh, it's part of the business,' he replied. 'I have known of cases where men dropped off in this way were frozen to death or waylaid by tramps, but the railroads have to make the time, and that's why it's done. I have seen trains running with only a conductor aboard them, at times. ecause the rest of the crew had been left behind in just this way."-New York Mail and Express.

Sir Walter Scott, whose authority is indisputable, once remarked that the best part of a man's education is that which he gives himself, and the biographies of many of our greatest genius es afford ample proof of the truth of the statement. Bacon declared that "studles teach not their own use, but that is a wisdom without them, and above them, won by observation," and again and again in the long roll of fame, of which as a nation we are justly proud, appear the names of those who, independent of tutors, universities and colleges, have given themselves the finest education, developed intellectual pow-ers in the face of insuperable difficulties and attained positions of the high- take no notice of them.-Baltimore est eminence.

God has dowered rich and poor alike with gifts of mind and heart, so that distinction and culture, genius and talent, are not the prerogative of one class alone. The men who have achieved the greatest triumphs in science, art or literature have frequently been severely handleapped at the outset of their careers by poverty and uncongenial environment; but these hindrances, instead of deterring them or diminishing their enthusiasm, have served as wings on which they rose to higher attain-

Secured Her Hired Man. "We ministers have many strange experiences in performing the marand meek-looking man, had come in was regular and the ceremony was performed. After it was over the bride

explained her position. "'You see, Mr. Sheridan,' she said. farm hands are mighty hard to get in this part of the country and they are even harder to keep. You get a good hired man and get him well broke in to work around the farm and the first thing you know he quits the job and goes off to town or somewhere else, Last spring I had a first-class hand, about as good as I ever expect to get, but just when the season got right busy he up and quit me.

wasn't going to be left in the same fix this summer, so here we are." "The bridegroom in the case simply stood and smiled meekly. He had nothing at all to say."

"I just made up my mind that I

His Beginning.

Years ago there was a cold night in he latter part of December at Brattleboro, Vt. There had been many freezing nights there before, but on this one

omething happened. A young man, Larkin G. Mead, atracted by the beauty of the great white illness, went out-of-doors, and slowly, yet with much delight, modeled a figure which, in his mind, stood for the Recording Angel writing down the events of the year just dead. All night the statue grew, and the sculptor threw n water at intervals, to freeze it into aardness. He was alone and happy. The pext morning the neighbors awoke to find the snow angel, pen in

snowy scroll. Local history says that this bit of work decided the future of the young would please first take down his port blood in red corpuscles. It passed over ord. most stolcal mind might have been ap- come a sculptor, and went abroad to study. Well known as his work afterward became, perhaps he took no such pleasure in it as in that little bit of modeling under the cold Vermont sky. | coach, and the journey was resumed.

> Irish Moss. One of the many useful things which absolute privation has been the means

How Bacon Deciphered It "What's in a name?" growled Hon William Shakspeare, as he and Colonel Francis Bacon were discussing things one evening in the Dew Drop

"Several volumes," replied Bacon, in a prescient tone which indicated that he had visions of Ignatius Donnelly .-Baltimore American.

With time and patience the mulberry tee is exceedingly rich in gold, and vals of eighteen and twenty-four days leaf becomes silk, which in turn bethat France controls the neighboring after the death of some member of the comes a woman.

ly as consumption. The only difference abandoning silk underwear and using precaution necessary,

man shall get all he earns?"

is that you can break yourself of the worry habit. No man is a thoroughbred unless he

mouser, and in the Bourse, as in other

"When," shouted the orator, "when

will come that blessed day when every

"It's come along about the time."

"It will come when every man earns

all he gets!"-Indianapolis Press.

wns two umbrellas. The younger the boys who go calling. the later they stay.

THE "HOLINESS PEOPLE."

Bat and Sleep Under One Roof, Believe in Sanctification by Paith and the Cift of Divine Healing. tle understood by the masses, many supposing that bees go for inites in



Moundsville, W. Va., Is the headquarters of the sect called "Hollness People." They recently held a great religious feast. Many hundreds of the sect came from all parts of the world. The church originated in Michigan in 1880, and the headquarters were moved to Moundsville two years ago. They believe that God's people are coming to unity; that this is a reformation of the Christian religion, and that the true Christians of the world are being turned by God to this belief. They believe in sanctification by faith and divine healing.

The congregations, called the "Church of the Living God" or "Holiness

People," are very economical. They wear no neckties or clothing of fashionable design. The men all wear white shirts and celluloid collars, with bone collar buttors. and no jewelry is worn. Everything is in communal style. They are all quartered in the Trumpet Home. At this Home the single people have rooms of their own and the families have suites. There is but one kitchen and one dining room. These people do not mingle with the outside world, and apparently are a very happy and contented set. They have a publishing house of their own, and a paper called the Gospel Trumpet. No one working on this journal gets any salary, as the motto of these people is that all persons need is "enough to eat and

TUNNEL DISEASE.

little time ago at the Jardin des Plantes in Mines and Tunnels.
There is a disease which attacks the laborers in tunnels and mines. It is as old as Egypt, but only within this cen- rub it all off again.—San Francisco in public favor by a new arrival-a tury has it been placed to a specific parasite. It is a painful and dangeryoung camel. The camel was the latest acquisition, and very naturally enous disease, often resulting in death. t monograph on the subject of this maindy, called ankylostomiasis, has signs of dissatisfaction, and at last its just appeared, and, coming as it does jealousy reached a point where it must from Hugo F. Goldman, M. D., the of-Sheridan, of Pontiac, Mich., in the prepared for action. It filled its trunk Brennberg, near Oldenburg, Germany, with water, and with deliberate aim it carries great weight, for it is based discharged the water all over the peo-ple who stood looking at the baby treatment of this dread disease.

. It attacks not only men but animals, especially the horses or mules used in upon the admirers of a rival brought the building of tunnels and the operamun of mines. It is a disease caught by ir certon. like typhold or cholera. It may be contracted in the air or by con-Equally wise in making its entertaone was a cat that chose a popular tact with the germs, which are really spot for a bed. Comfort was the car's the eggs of the little worm, or ankylosobject, and the chosen spot did not toma, as it is called. This name means seem to be calculated to afford it. The "booked month" and refers to the six cat was found fast asleep in a large booked teeth around the mouth of the parasite by which it clings to the interior of the human intestine. It is found not only in the duodepum, but also in chosen by the cat for its couch was the the smaller intestines, where it grows themselves if an end was not put to and flourishes. under the road, so that the mud was

Male and female can be distinguished among these parasites, the females being larger and more numerous than the males. The males grow to the length Tribune. of .3007 inch, and the female is on an In the days when highwaymen were average half as long again. They can more numerous and successful in Mex- be seen with the naked eye. This aniico than they are at present, it was the mai has neither breathing apparatus common practice of the natives to nor circulatory system, and varies in travel unarmed and to submit tamely color from grayish white to brown and to robbery. With foreigners a differeven blood red, according to the condient sentiment prevailed. The author tion of the person in whom it is found. of "Mexicans at Home" tells a good The female lays a large number of eggs in the human intestines, from which they spread the disease infinitely under proper conditions. The parasite and with every intention of using them the egg develop best in a temperature between 65 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit. The air and surrounding medium ing by diligence in the interior-he be- should be moist. It is on account of ing the only passenger armed—the the moisture and heat to be found in coachman suddenly pulled up and au- mines and tunnels that this parasite nounced that robbers were in sight. develops so perfectly among the toll-The German prepared to defend the ers in these places. Darkness is also coach, but the other passengers begged necessary, sunlight killing these ani-

him not to do so, as this might com- malculae almost instantly. promise them. Consequently, when the Ankylostomiasis originated in the robbers came up he jumped out, and Orient. It has been long established in hand, recording their history upon a going to the side of the road, called out Egypt, but has been mistakenly called that they were quite welcome to rob Egyptian chlorosis, or aenemia, and all the other passengers, but that they was treated as mere poverty of the manteau and place it beside him. This from Egypt to Italy, where it was not they did; and when they had robbed really understood until Dub'ni found the others, he ordered that his port- the parasite in 1838.

manteau should be replaced, which When the St. Gothard tunnel was was done. He then took his sent in the built, in the '70s, the disease spread throughout central Europe, especially in Switzerland. The further spread ing of the ankylostoma to the mines of Europe was quick to follow. When the The Philadelphia Bourse is the home of a very intelligent cat. This tabby, men were first attacked in the St. Gotwhich is coal black, without a single hard tunnel it was thought that a new white spot upon her, has a fondness for disease, the "tunuel disease," had been travelling in the elevator. She is per- found, but it was nothing other than fectly at home there, and travels up and the ankylostoms, as was proved by down many times dally. She goes to Perroncito, when he found no less than the door of the elevator and mews un- 1,500 of these parasites in the duodetil the car comes along and takes het num of a man who had died of "tunon. The various elevator men are very nel disense." careful of her, for she is a great

The mode of infection is very anparent. The men while at work often big buildings, mice are troublesome. carry their hands to their mouths, or These little pests frequently destroy eat their food in the tunnels or mines. valuable documents supposedly safely and in this way the parasite or its eggs stowed away in desks and drawers enter through the mouth, pass on into Tabby notifies the elevator men wnat the system and find a permanent home floor she desires to get off upon by in the intestines, to the wa'ls of which mewing loudly as the car comes to the they cling with all six teets, feeding particular story. In this way she on the blood of the unfortune te person makes a tour of inspection of the entire attacked.

Use of Soap.

British critics of the Boers are fond of asserting that the sturdy Transvaalers use little soap. This may be true the employe of the rich man can make pean cities, Rome included. or not. Even if true, there is plenty more than triple the ordinary wages of precedent. The Japanese, the most in perquisites. fiercely back-answered the man in the cleanly people in the world, rarely use crowd, who was there for the purpose. soap. The Russians use vapor baths for cleanliness' sake. Rough inside clothing cleanses the skin. There are doctors who have cured skin diseases by Don't forget that worry kills as sure insisting upon their delicate patients pany's new pension system makes this

oarse stuff instead. Napoleon, whose hands were good to plane, awfully. The Brunette-Why, and he just laughed at me,"—Collier's her husband to say voluntarily that he and lemon juice, and no soap, unless to you can.—New York World. shave. In England, on account of coal A good boy may not become a handsmoke and smut, soap is more needed some man, but a handsome bonnet althan in countries with clear air. Many ways becomes a good woman.

fashionable ladies of to-day, who suffer lingering sickness and often would be much offended if they were death. Carrying his res arches farther, Call.

Their Compromise. "I stopped over in Nevada on my way follows. The Professor concluded that East," said William Percival, of San if the weaker cells could be invigorated factory progress with her plane stud-Francisco, at the Hoffman House yes- and strengthened, so as to repel the at- les?" "Very-for the teacher. It's \$2 terday, "to look after some mining in tacks of the stronger cells or not to get a lesson and the job seems a permanent om Hugo F. Goldman, M. D., the of-terests I have there, and at Carson City into condition to invite attack, that one."—Cleveland Plain Dealer. a man told me a capital story. A min- harmony in the workings of the human ing strike had been made in a near-by organs would be maintained and that portion of the State which turned out to life and vigor would be greatly probe of such promise that a respectable louged. With this end in view he began camp soon sprang up around it. The a series of experiments by transposing two principal mine owners were rethe blood of rabbits and guinea pigs spectively an Irishman and a Jew, and | and be found that Le could regulate the as a delicate compliment to these lead- number and the vitality of the different ing citizens the rest of the miners left it | kinds of cells that made up the blood to them to bestow a name upon the new camp. The two had many conferences, but could not reach an agreement, for the Irishman stood out for a evolve, from his experiments and disname taken from the Emerald Isle. while the Jew was for one that would be suggestive of the chosen people. The rest of the miners finally became restless and threatened to name the camp

ive name, don't you think ?"-New York

the delay, and this led the pair to com-

promise and name the new camp Tip-

perusalem. Rather a neat and suggest-

A young man in a convivial party at Broad street hotel told the following story; "I had a good time at a wedding last week. It was the wedding of a friend of mine, and I and some of the boys played a good joke on him, and he didn't get mad either. The joke was to steal him. Yes, right after the ceremony we grabbed him up, banged him into a cab, and then drove him out sixlocked him up in a barn and kept him there three days. The bride waited for about it the duffer was, too, I tell you. though, those three days were different slightly from what he and the girl had been counting on."-Philadelphia Rec-

Not Law but Gospel. Clergymen of the past often had traits of individuality which are perhaps not so common at the present day. Archbishop Sumner was once holding a confirmation in an English parish church, when he observed that a number of people were standing in the alsles, although syveral pews were empty. He stopped the service, and asked the reason. "The news are private property," an-

swered a man, "and they're shut up." "There can be no such thing," said the bishop, authoritatively. "Let the pews be opened." "We can't open 'em!" shouted some one. "There're locked."

"Is there a locksmith here?"

"Yes, my lord." "Very well; let him remove the locks. A hymn shall be sung meanwhile." So the locks were removed, the audience seated itself, and the confirmation

went ou .- Youth's companion. Servants in China. In China a rich man gets as many

Hereafter no new employe will be taken on the Pennsylvania railway who has passed the age of 35. The com-

THE FOE OF OLD AGE

Professor Metschinkoff and the Foun The scientific world is now intereste in the experiments and discoveries of Prof. Metschnikoff, the world's great-est bacteriologist. The modest state-ments which he has given out lead to the belief that he is on the way to solve the problem of prolonging human life. For ages physicians and philosophers have contended that the age of man should be greater than three score years and ten. According to the law to be away this summer? Kingley-1 of Floureus, warm blood animals live don't know. I haven't figured up yes just five times the period necessary for how much I can get into debt.-Detroit their long bones to complete ossifica-tion. This period applied to man makes

his age limit 100 years, which is believed to be correct, unless accident occurs to prevent it. The statements and theories of Prof. Metschulkoff are not based on idle dreams, hopes or prophecies, but upon years of careful experimenting which cepted by the scientific world and bas placed the discoverer in the front rank of scientists. He has proven that all life forms are groupings of simple cells, and that each class of cells performs a distinct office. He discovered that the office of certain of these cells was friends."-Judge. to devour other cells that threatened the health of the human organism. They are the "policemen" of the body. Every day people inhale thousands of disease germs, but if the blood is in healthy condition, the devouring cells or "policemen of the body pounce upon and destroy them. This is why many people go through a period of epidemic of pestilence quaffected, while others



PROPESSOR METSCHNIKOPP.

called barbarous or uncivilized, never the Professor found that the stronger use soap. They grease themselves with cells of the body preyed upon the vaseline and such stuff and carefully weaker ones, thereby causing an inbarmonlous action of the organs. This produces a gradual decline in the organs and faculties, what is called "old nge" becomes manifest, and death soon which in turn creates the body.

The serum which Prof. Metchinkoff has evolved and will more perfectly coveries will be injected into the sysshow the effects of the ravages of time. out, to see how ridiculous poor Harry This serum will strengthen the falling looked. cells and the life and vigor of the human body will be renewed. To what length these renewals can be carried, and how long the functions of the human body can be kept working in harmony is a matter of conjecture, and a cago Post. question that the Professor does not discuss in any respect. He makes no pretensions to having discovered the secret of continual youth, and is working only to aid in the discovery of a means to prolong human life to the extent which its Creator seems to have cago Post. intended, and to make it as free from disease and pain as possible while it continues.

Wrong B'rd Hopped on the Stage, money to all the old ones."-Philadel-One of the well-known magicians not phia Press. long ago had a queer thing to happen. teen miles into the country, where we but the people in the theater had more

fun out of it than he did. One of his tricks was to shake a sack him in a royal suite of rooms in an As- to show that it was empty, and then to brung me in the Black Maria, as usual bury Park hotel. We had persuaded draw out of it an egg, after which be her to travel down alone, promising her | would always reach in again and bring the groom would arrive at any minute. out the hen that laid the egg. Of course, Every evening, after our day's work he had to have help in this, and one was done, we trotted out into the coun- night he had a new man who did everytry to see the groom, with baskets of thing just as he had been told, until it are your eyes? She has a sunshade food and liquid. Pretty good-natured came to this act. Reaching into the that the sun can't shine through." bag he drew forth the fowl at the usual time, but instead of the ben au old rooster hopped down onto the stage. In the night and take a dose of mediruffled its feathers and strutted cine in the dark?" "No, dear; I tried around, crowing with all his might, it once or twice, but it always turned magician went out to bunt his new Indianapolis Journal.

of ten, to lie alongside a gangway. The "Gayboy don't stay here as late as he result is that the passenger has to submit to the indignity of escaping from "I suppose he got tired of having his his ship by the same method by which wife go for him when he got home." St. Paul escaped from Damascus-in a "That isn't it. He could stand her gobasket. This basket with its human ing for him at home, but it was her load is hauled aloft by the steam crane, coming for him at the club that cured and dropped with much care and pre- him."-Philadelphia Press. cision on to the tug lying alongside the steamer.

Last year's statistics show that the population of London is 4,484,717, For every 1,000 inhabitants there were 30 births and 17.7 deaths. The number of infants who died in their first year was 158 for every 1,000 births. During the period extending from 1887 to 1896 the mortality was lower than in Paris, servants as he wants, and yet he pays Brussels, Amsterdam, Berlin and them no wages, while the common peo- Copenhagen; but in 1807 it increased ple have to pay them well. Even then to such an extent that it is now very they are hard to get, for the reason that little lower than that of most Euro-

Mrs. Brown-Our language is full of examinations of the water of the river misnomers. For instance, I met a man Elbe to see if it contains the germs of

ridiculous as the men they call a "tell- are 2,000 in the city. er" in a bank. He won't tell you any-

Weekly. Number of Teeth. The number of teeth at maturity is ,82, or 16 in each jaw.



kodak?" "Yes; I presume she thinks she can catch a man that way."-Phil-

Free Press.

"Daughter, I notice that Harry isn's a bit gallant to other women." "No, indeed, ma; I broke him of that right after we were married."-Indianapoli Journal

"Sure, Pat, and why are ye wearin's years of careful experimenting which yer coat buttoned up loike that on a has rendered discoveries that are ac- warm day loike this?" "Faith, yer riverence, to holde the shirt Ol haven's on."-Punch Harold-"If I should attempt to kiss

you, do you think your dog would bite me?" Ethel-"Well-er-he has never bitten any of my other gentleman "Here's a good scheme. A man proposed to a woman twenty-seven times."

How did it work?" "It gave her softening of the brain and she took him."-Chlengo Record. Dealer-Five dollars for this beautiful painting? Why, man, the frame is worth more than that. Connolsseur-

Yes; but not with that picture in it.-Boston Transcript. "What is tact, pa?" "Tact, son, is ability to know you've done the wrong thing without waiting for somebody to come along and tell you you've done it."

-Chicago Record. De Witte-I really don't know how I have offended you. Miss Cuttinge— You don't? De Witte—No. Will you

accept my spology and tell me what it's all about?-Puck. "Blifkin's wife is such a worrying woman. What's she got to worry about?" "Blifkin is such a good husband that she's afraid it won't last."-

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Briggs-I bope you have not been worrying about that five I owe you? Griggs-Not a bit, old man. If I had I never would have let you have it .-

Cleveland Plain Dealer. "Did you read my latest novel, entitled 'A Terrible Experience?" asked the povelist. "Yes," answered the bluntly candid friend; "and that's what it was."-Washington Star.

"Bunting tells me that he loves music passionately," said Larkin. "That can't be true," replied Glifoyle. "Why not?" "I often hear him murdering a tune."-Detroit Free Press.

Miss Kittish (singing)-Oh, promise me! Oh, promise me! Mr. Spudds-Couldn't think of it. It cost me \$10,000 to break the last promise I made to a woman.-Detroit Free Press. "Is Bliffer's daughter making satis-

She-Then you don't believe that a woman can make her husband he what she wishes him to be. He-Well, if she

thinks she is doing it, it amounts to the same thing.-Indianapolis Journal. A Test.-Jagway-"Did you have a good time at that stag dinner the oth night?" Toperly-"The greatest time

I ever had! Why, I can't remember a thing that happened."-Brooklyn Life. The Bridesmaid (after the ceremony) -Weren't you frightened nearly to death? The Bride-Frightened? Why. tems of human beings who begin to I could hardly keep from laughing right

> "I have seen it stated that any girl who marries a man under 25 years of age is taking big chances," he casually remarked. "I do so love to gamble." she answered enthusiastically.-Chi-

"She is worth her weight in gold," they said. He looked at her critically and then shook his head. "Won't do." he said. "I'm looking for something of about that weight in diamonds."—Chi-

"Borroughs has his faults. I admit. but he has the happy faculty of making new friends wherever he goes." "Of course. He has to, He owes

Curious Old Lady-How did you come to this, poor man? Convict-1 was drove to it, lady. Curious Old Lady-Were you, really? Convict-Yes, they -Collier's Weekly.

She-"Of all things! Did you ever see such a dowdy?" He-"In what way?" She-"In what way? Where -New York Weekly. "Aunt Minerva, did you ever get up

while the audience laughed, and the out to be shoe polish or hair tonic."-"And you think I married you for your money!" tearfully exclaimed The mail steamers to Durban are all young Mrs. Waxwing. "Why, Harold.

too big to get inside the bar which cov- you know I would have married you if ers the harbor's mouth, and the outer you hadn't had a cent-with the excelanchorage is a rough and restless place, lent prospects you had!"—Chicage where tugs are afraid, on nine times out Tribune.

> Of all the communications with which Lord Roberts has been deluged since he went to South Africa the briefest and best, he says, is one he received from three Dublin admirers. It "ads: "Dear Lord Bobs-We are Irish, and we think you are the nicest man there ever was, except daddy. Aunt Nell likes you dreadfully; she has a picture

Frances Muriel, Molly, and Elleen." Water at Hamburg. One of the tasks of the Hamburg Hygienic institute is to make frequent once who was a perfect bear, and they cholera, diphtheria, or other infectious called him a civil engineer. diseases. Another is to examine the

of you, and she kisses it and says

'bless him!'-Your little admirers.

Mrs. Smith-Yes, but that is not so water of the wells, of which there still thing. I asked one the other day how | After a woman has been married two

is fond of her.

A fool praises himself, but a wise man turns the job over to a friend.