RAILWAY CROSSING WATCHERS HAVE THEIR TROUBLES.

Thrilling Experiences Where Many Billy Goat that Jumped Aboard a Locomotive-Fine Work of Counting Mon.

"Say, drive that goat off the trace yelled the man in the signal tower at the side of the railroad track as he leaned out of his little window and waved one arm at two boys half a billy goat with twisted horns that was who could be appealed to. The tower man saw the animal about fifty yards down the truck, standing and looking train flying toward him from the north. tion, and, with visions of a wrecked two boys for help.

"Hustle up, there, boys, and drive that billy out of the way," shouted the signal man. "Aw, dat goat's all right," answered

the boys, not budging an inch.

reason the explosion falled to come off, and I opened my eyes just as the caboose with its little green light was worried me more than I cared to own even to myself, and I didn't rest until the train and its crew got back to Chicago again. I hastened to make guarded inquiries of the conductor and the brakeman as to all the happenings block away and another at a tall, lank | that transpired near Chicago that particular night. I found out that when standing squarely between the train reached Englewood the trainrails. The goat had wandered from no men had caught a tramp comfortably one knew where down the track of one stowed away between two cars smok of the railroads running south from the ing a pipe. That settled my scare, beart of the city. He was nowhere near much to my disgust. The tramp had a crossing, so there was no gateman struck a match to light his pipe just as he was passing my tower window." At the interlocking switch tower just

out of the Northwestern station the with great nonchalance at a passenger | switchmen and signal men say they are too busy to see anything but trains, The man couldn't leave his signal sta- switches, targets and semaphores. There are but two tracks in front of train before him, he called upon the this tower, one for ingoing and one for ontgoing trains, and over these two trains which go in and out of the Northwestern station every day, makvery six minutes for the entire day.

RAILROAD TOWER MEN AND THEIR DUTIES.

"But there's a train coming from | Of course at night time there are com-

Dat goat never killed anybody in his fills the atmosphere so that the switch-

life. He won't hurt yer train. We've men cannot see where they have sent

knowed him for a long time, and he trains a unique device is brought into

never did nuthin' but butt over a few use. In a small glass case are eleven

boys in his most expressive railroad thirteen on which are sent most of the

track closely for pieces of little hoofs. make known to the switchmen in the

the goat. He had vanished as com- bered from one to nine. Placing the

pletely and as suddenly as if he had bands above the head in V shape means

been thrown into the clouds. The rail- track A. Putting one hand on top of the

road man scratched his head and rub | head means track B. Tracks one, two

ing.

itself into kindling wood at the side of empty the arms fall.

"Go on; don't le dat worry ye. Dat

"Who gives a --- for that mangy,

track or a train load of people may be

folks."

"Wat's de matter wid ye, anway?

The man in the tower swore at the

the rails. Then he began inspecting the

of the livery stable remained. Then the

switch turner nodded his head in an

"Oh, yes" manner, which was as much

as to say that he had fathomed the

mystery. He had decided that the

train had hit the goat so hard that it

had been tossed up to the top of the

pilot dead and thus been carried away.

The signal tower man needed one

more guess, however. The boys, who

had stood far enough down the track

to see what had happened, could have

enlightened him if they had been so

inclined, but they didn't feel under the

obligation. When the train approached

the goat had simply made a spring for

the pilot, where he landed safely, noth-

ing the worse for the jump, with the

exception of a terrific knock on his

forehead just below his horns. His

forehead, however, is built for receiv-

ing hard jolts, and only a slight shake

of the head betokened the fact that this

blow was just a little bit "strong." The

jumped off and, it is said, went to a

stable which was its old home before

it ventured toward the heart of the

city. It is supposed that the goat sim-

ply decided to take the train as being

the quickest means of reaching the old

homestead, to which it wished to re-

turn. The tower man declines, how-

ever, to youch for the latter part of the

"I tell you, I thought once I was go

ing to be the witness of the most hor-

rible explosion that ever blew out lives

and mangled human bodies," said an-

other old tower man. "It was during

the hottest days of the old American

Railway Union strike and all kinds of

bad rumors were floating through the

air. Once in a while some of us fel-

lows who were doing night work in the

switch towers would get a little bit

nervous over the prospect of being

blown up, of having our tower-houses

fired or of being assaulted, bound and

gagged while criminal hands grasped

the switch levers and threw trains and

passengers to destruction and death.

So I suppose sometimes we were in a

pretty feverish state. One night I had

my head poked out of the window look-

ing for a train that was due to pass

my tower at about 2 o'clock in the

morning. It was heavy freight, and

sometimes came past a minute or two

late. It was not quite time yet for the

headlight to be in sight, and as I was

peering into the darkness for it pictures

of strikers overturning cars, tearing up

tracks and so on danced through my

mind. The headlight of the freight

finally split open the darkness and af-

fordesd me a little relief. The engine

passed, and but for the tlny caboose

lights away at the end of the long train

all was darkness outside again. I tried

to penetrate the blackness and see more

story of the goat's adventure.

rost rode to Homewood, where it

goat'll take care of hisself all right."

hours of morning and night when the

in the entire world. When a thick fog

tiny red semaphores to correspond to

the eleven tracks of the Northwestern's

By original signals the trainmen

by simply throwing one hand with the

rest of the signals are made by combin-

ing these properly.-Chicago Chronicle

First View of a Live Cow.

day by a small boy who on this trip.

which he was making with his mother

saw his first live cow; this animal,

which interested him greatly, be ng teth

ered in a vacant lot and quietly graz-

"What's that, mother?" he asked.

suddenly, as from the flying trolley car

"Why, that's a cow," was the answer

"Looks just like the pictures, doesn'

"Looks something like a horse."

"But it's got longer hair," and so or

with the whole car trying not to laugh

loud enough to disturb the inquisitive

To Start Conversation.

"The preliminary stages of conversa

tion offer the principal difficulty-the

dread of silence makes us mute."

writes Mrs. Burton Kingsland, in the

Ladies' Home Journal. "The weather

seems to have perennial interest. Why

may not-one treasure a few bits of

stories apropos of that much-worn

small boy's mother.-New York Sun.

"A real cow?" said the youngster.

his eye fell on the cow.

"Certainly."

"Give milk?"

"Yes, something."

"Yes."

"Yes."

The passengers on a Coney Island

rolley car were entertained the other

ong past me below the tower window. For instance, some one speaks of the The train was rumbling along variability of the weather, whereupon enoronously enough when suddenly one might tell of the lady, whose phy there was a little flash of light from sichan advised for her change of cit below. I involuntarily shut my eyes, mate 'Why, Doctor, you forget that expecting to be blown forty feet into am a New York woman, I never have the air the next second. But for some anything else," was her rejoinder. At least, it is better than mere acquies cence, and when people have laughed together the ice is broken. It is possible passing the tower. That flash of light to have at one's tongue's end some trifling things of interest on various subjects-but the supply needs frequent re newal. There are moments when the embarcassment of silence is relieved by the knowledge that nothing but the veriest commonplaces are expected When a hostess has paired her guests before a dinner and each man seeks the lady assigned to him, he usually says, I believe that I am to have the pleasure of taking you in to dinner." and she has but to bow and smile while accepting his arm, and may say in a oice of perfunctory politeness, 'I am very glad.' It is usually the man who takes the initiative and the woman who bears the burden of the conversa-

As Swiss love their mountains, so the Eskimos of Alaska love their bleak desolate country. The supply of food tracks must pass every one of the 250 is limited, and the natives are at times in danger of starving. As they number about five thousand, and could be ing an average of one train in less than stowed in half a dozen emigrant ships. it has been proposed to send them to a

> The proposal overlooks the fact that is the bicycle. The officer who conthe Eskimos think they are living in the most beautiful country in the world, wheel in war is Gen. Frederick M. and therefore would not go to another. ice, commandant of the affitury of Dr. Field, in his narrative of travel senal and training ground. through "Our Western Archipelago," their love of their native land.

land in which it is fit for human beings

are brought to the United States, but vice, with particular lustre in the Souhow downcast and miserable they look! dan and in Egypt, would be sufficient Our climate is intolerable to them, to center expert as well as public atten-They pant in the heat like polar bears, tion in any military plan suggested by 'temperate" zone. One who came here sive force of armed cyclists came to get a glimpse of an leeberg, he could die in peace.

A people who have such a home feeling are entitled to respect.

Young Storekeeper.

A 6-year-old boy who had been left by his father, a village merchant, to keep an eye on the store while the father went to the postoffice to mall a letter, was standing with much dignity on a box behind the counter when another urchin of about his own age en-

"I'm keepin' store," he said, loftily. "That ain't nothin' hard to do," retorted the visitor, resenting the implied superiority.

"It's more than you ever done." "I don't have to do it; but I could." "Huh! What do you know about the store business, anyhow?" "You talk as if a feller had to know

town full tilt and there might be trou- paratively few trains. In the busy a whole lot." "He has got to know lots more'n you suburban trains are coming and going do. Say, do you know what 'B. S. thick and fast there are times when means?"

several trains pass the tower and are old, moth-eaten goat. Get it off that piloted to the right tracks every few "I do. It means six cents. Do you minutes. It is supposed that these two know what 'O. J.' means?" tracks are the busiest in Chicago, if not

"No."

"I do. It means eighteen cents. Do you know what-" But here the senior proprietor of the establishment returned, just in time to prevent his ambitious young man of business from giving away the entire cost-mark.

Easily Arranged.

dialect, but the boys declined to make trains destined for no further a run a hostile move toward the goat. Then than the Wells street station. By a me-Patrick is a big policeman whose the train tore by with a rush. The chanical device the arms of the toy good humor and promptness in emertower man was glad to note that the semaphores are thrown up when the gencies have endeared him to the peotrain didn't jump the track and smash track is occupied, and when they are ple in the suburban ward over which he s guardian angel.

One day he noticed that a street workman was leaving an unsightly pile twisted horns, slices of goat meat and tower the track upon which they are to of dirt and gravel at the side of the patches of hair intermixed with blood. be thrown. Two of the tracks are let-But there was neither hide nor hair of tered A and B and the others are num-"Come, now, you can't leave that

heap there!" said Patrick, sternly. "Well. I've no place to put it," said he workman. "You can't leave it there!" persisted

bed his eyes and looked at the track and three are signified by placing the again, but it seemed that not even the hands quickly together and then quick-Patrick. "What'll I do with it, then?" asked characteristic odor of the patron saint ly removing them, one, two or three be workman, sullenly. times. Four is signaled by placing the "Do with it!" echoed Patrick, "Dig a hand in the air and holding the thumb

tole in the road, to be sure, man, and with the other hand. Five is signified bury it!" Fish Eggs Hatched by Hens. five fingers spread out into the air. The

The hens of China lead busy lives. When not engaged in hatching out a brood of their own kind they are put to the additional and novel task of hatching fish eggs. Chinese cheap labor collects the spawn of fish from the water's edge, put it in an empty eggshell, which is then hermetically sealed with wax and placed under the unsuspecting and conscientious hen. In a few days the eggshell is removed and the spawn, which has been warmed into life, is emptied into a shallow pool. Here the fish that soon develop are nursed until strong enough to be turned into a lake or stream. Then the hen that hatched them may catch them

The Leisure Class. Lord Sayvan-De Livrus-Ah! but your leisure class in this country have no titles. Miss Sharpe-Nonsense! What's the matter with 'hobo,' 'Weary Willie,'

if she can.

phia Press. Excusing Railroad Conductors. The Supreme Court of Michigan recently held that a conductor is not bound to give women and children assistance in alighting from the cars.

Dusty Rhoads,' and so on?"-Philadel-

Every one should accumulate so much money that when he retires from active life he may hope to be heard of in connection with raising some new kind of mushroom or orchid. Sheet music-children crying in bed.

TAKES NO CHANCES.



"Yes, sir, I don't take any chances with them pigs. Sunlight is hard on their eyes. Why, they tell me there's lots of blind ones in Chicago."—Chicago News.

MEN IN THE TOWERS. clearly the big black cars as they rolled topic, to be brought out upon occasion! CYCLISTS TO GUARD ENGLAND, will when I have explained. You lose

All sorts of suggestions have been "Yes, I have had that happen to me made from time to time as to the use frequently."
of the bicycle in war, but up to the "Well, I used to, but not since I took present time the wheel has not gone be to carrying a cane. An acquaintance youd the experimental stage in the out in Chicago put me on to the scheme army. There is a tendency among the 'Get a cane of some kind,' he said to officials in the war departments of the me one day, 'and carry it every day

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SIR PREDERICK MAURICE.

ed the scheme of thus utilizing

Sir Frederick Maurice's position and tells a pathetic story illustrative of his remarkable war record, watch be gan with Ashanti, continued through Now and then one or two Eskimos the Zulu wars, and ended, as active sec-

Geo. Maurice Evolves a Plan for Use you? Put it down somewhere and walk

different countries to ridicule the intro- and every night that it doesn't rain. duction of the bicycle into military tac tics. But now one of England's noted ed to having something in your hand you generals, a man old and experienced is are lost without it. Then, when a rainy mimicity that, although its size might the art of war, comes forward with a day or evening comes and you are com- be supposed to make it a conspicuous scheme for the repelling of an invading pelled to carry an umbrells about with object to its enemies, the most pracforce from England's shores, and one of you the benefit comes in. Say you have theed eye has been deceived by the anigone into a restaurant and when you mai's resemblance to one of the dead come out the rain has stopped. You and blasted tree trunks which abound walk out into the street without your in its baunts. umbrella. Presto; after you have taken perhaps a dozen steps you miss somehing. Your cane-carrying hand is minus the burden it usually bears. Back excellent appreciation for Italian litergo your thoughts to your umbrells and back go your steps to get it. Simple? dress which he made on the topography Of course it is, but the simple things and configuration of "Inferno." This oftentimes prove the most valuable," With this sage remark the wellknown Philadelphian walked off down

> CIGAR STUBS OF CRIMINALS. Ther Have a Generic Similarity

According to Professor Hans Gross of Barlin valuable clews toward the detection of criminals may be obtained through an examination of eight tips.

"if you pick up any tip," he says, and examine it closely the chances are that you will be able to learn somebing as to the personality and social position of the man who threw it away. In the case of criminals the first point to be considered is the manner in which it was cut off from the cigar. If a and long to get back to their more bim. The idea of an unofficial defen- knife or any other instrument was used for this purpose, then this instrument some years since was stricken with him through noticing how those of his will doubtless be found on the crimconsumption and set out to return, and men who are cyclists overcame what is inal. If, on the other hand, it was bitvery morning his first question was, one of the greatest difficulties of milliten off with the teeth, a thorough ex-Have you seen ice?" If he could only tary training in England, the distances amination of the tip will show what

CYCLIST SCOUTS CROSSING A DRIFT IN SOUTH AFRICA

setween the army headquarters and the kind of teeth were used for this pur rifle ranges. These men, he observed. pose, slang their rifles over their shootders, Woolwich were in the habit of compettraveling to some safe place on the other way." seacoast, and shooting at targets. His plan, as it stands at present, is to demonstrate his idea to the public at Brighton, using, however, only the military cyclists, then to try to persuade the various cycle clubs of England to take up rifle shooting, and so eventually



gland who will consent is mustered to

the service. How best to train the a will, of course, come afterward. demonstration of Ms plans at Brighton, the name of Prince Michael Worontwithin a short time. He will endeavor to show the special facilities presented eastern Russia. The vegetation of by England for the use of a large body the mountain slopes toward the sea is to board the engine as it dashed by of rifle cyclists for defensive purposes. A force of infantry, supposed to be that The prevailing trees are oaks and also notified the office at Albina, and of an invader newly landed at Brighton. will start on the march toward London. myrtles, mulberry trees, and occasionand the duty of the cyclist force then ally fig trees mingled among them. will be to act as scouts and pass detalled reports of the enemy's movements to a mythical force supposed to be gathering in the interior, to show how obstacles could be placed in his path and natural supplies, such as cattle, etc., could be removed from it; test-ling to what extent his force could be once baptized his penitent hearers, a surprised and ambushed by well-trained corps of rifle cyclists; demonstrating pligrims and gay pleasure seekers for not only how much an invader could its passengers. The present passenger be delayed until an adequate force steamer is really the second of its could be marshaled to meet him but kind. About two years ago the intelcould be marshaled to meet him, but how swiftly the cyclist army could cope with the ordinarily difficult matters of support, relief and fresh sup-

## CARRIED A CANE.

plies of ammunition.

It Kept Ilim from Leaving and Louing

umbrella." remarked a well-known ald. Philadelphian the other afternoon. Well, I don't mind telling you. It's all on account of umbrellas." "Can't see the connection," rejoined the friend to whom he was talking.

spun over to Bisley, or even to Brigh- bite off the end of his cigar squarely on from Weelwich, had their practice and evenly, whereas one with jagged, and reported back again in what seem- uneven teeth will bite it clumsily and ed him incredible time, and the matter in such a manner as to leave clearly set him a thinking. The idea reached a visible the marks of his incisors. By further stage when the general discov- comparing the marks on cigar tips with

Charm of the Crimes. In the late Charles A. Dana's "Eastern Journeys," there is a fine word picture expressive of the charm of the Crimes, and the delight it has in store for travelers, who are not too much in a hurry: "Starting in the morning from Se

changes of horses, we traversed the

and at about 2 oclock in the afternoon is the passage through the Ialla Mountains is called, and looked down upon one of the noblest spectacles in the world. Immediately before us lay the coundless ses, the shore rocky and mother was almost prostrated. broken, with villages, churches, cas- The news spread like wildfire, and thes, and little seaports, all made ac- the whole town turned out. Excitemountain side here and there, and then built out upon walls over some abves The general is to give a practical or valley below, alone enough to make at that end of the line, and at once bezoff forever memorable in all southwonderfully varied and interesting, but its speed was too great, Mr. Brady beeches, with pinion pines, cypresses, a party of men ran out the line north-

This is the cry, according to a tour ist's letter from the east in the Kleine Zeitung, which is now resounding on the sacred banks of the Jordan. On the river where St. John the Baptist steamboat is now plying with religious ligent Abbot Pachomius, the head of the monastery of St. John, near Jericho, made an attempt to navigate the Biblical stream with a little steamer of his own. The experiment proved so successful that a new passenger steamer, of modest size and power, was placed upon the river last year. It starts regularly from the bridge near cane except when I am carrying an end of the Dead Sea.-Glasgow Her-

The manner in which some women who are apparently friends, abuse each other scares the men.

"Don't suppose you could But you to the wh'te man's burden

The greatest height ever reached in a balloon was 26,160 feet. Two of the three aeronauts who made this ascent were suffocated.

The giraffe has such powers

In Florence the ninth volume of "Le Opere di Galileo Galilei" was recently ature. The six volumes include an address which he made on the topography was delivered before the Florentine Academy of Sciences. Du Bounier, a French physician, re

the street swinging his bamboo stick cently described before the Paris Acadwith a well-satisfied air. Philadelphia emy of Medicine a new method of testing for deafness, namely, by applying a tuning fork to the knee or some other part of the bony structure. He said that a sound ear could not hear the note of the fork, but an ear in which disease had already made inroads could perceive it distinctly.

A corporation has applied to Congress for permission to lay underground pipes in the streets of Washington, D. C., for moke cigars, the tips of which they the purpose of distributing cool air carelessly throw away in the street or through the business buildings and residences of the city. The scheme provides for the erection of a refrigerating plant at some central point, from which cold air will be pumped for distribution through the system of pipes. The flow of cold air will be regulated in a urement of gas, and can be turned on the same as hot air is turned on from a

An interesting discovery, showing an other link between the living forms of the Old and the New Worlds in former ages, was announced at a recent meeting of the Cordilleran Section of the Geological Society of America. Some bones discovered at Glen Eyrle at the foot of Pike's Peak proved to be the remains of a goat-antelope, unlike any animal of the kind now inhabiting America, but closely resembling the antelope of the Himalayan region in Asia. Other bones found in the same place belonged to a slender-limbed specles of borse now extinct.

A popular color for canary birds in England at present is a reddish vellow. or deep orange. This color, it is said. can be produced artificially by dieting the birds on a number of different substances, the chief of which is cavenne pepper mixed with molasses. Dealers First Regiment of Imperial Cuirasare able to produce particularly desirable shades by varying the quantity of has his own formula, which he keeps proaches his station with band playing as much as possible out of the light.

Near Ayuthia, formerly the capital of Siam, is a curious labyrinth in which elephants are captured alive. The labyrinth is formed by a double row of immense tree-trunks set firmly in the ground, the space between them gradually parrowing. Where it begins, at the edge of the forest, the opening of the labyrinth is more than a mile broad. but as it approaches Ayuthia it becomes so narrow that the elephants cannot turn around. Tame elephants are employed to lure wild ones into the trap. Having reached the inner end of the labyrinth, the tame elephants are allowed to pass through a gate, while men lying in wait slip shackles over the feet of the captives. The sport is a dangerous one, as the enraged elephants sometimes crush their would-be captors under their feet.

## BABY RAN A LOCOMOTIVE.

Wee Frank Evans Plays Startling

"I can run an engine like papa," said little 3-year-old Fred Evans as he was lifted down from the locomotive of the St. Johns motor line at Albina. He had mounted the engine at St. Johns, pulled open the throttle and remained ered that many cyclist clubs about the teeth of suspected criminals prose- on the seat alone on a mad ride of cuting officers and detectives will be seven miles. The young engineer is ing among themselves in rifle shooting able to obtain much information which the son of W. B. Evans, of St. Johns, as well, taking out arms of their own, they could not possibly obtain any an engineer on the motor line. He had often been on the engine, and his father had explained to him how the lever is pulled and the wheels started moving. The engine lies over an hour at St. Johns, just by the water tank, and during this time, while Mr. Evans was at home at lunch, little Fred walked down to the engine, mounted the sent and opened the throttle wide, says the Portland Oregonian. The machine was oastopol, and driving with one or two full of coal and water, and was ready for the road. Several people saw the outhern projection of the peninsula, boy start, but no one was near enough to catch the engine. The news was at passed through the Gates of Baldar, once told to Mr. Evans, and he reached the track just in time to see the locomotive, with his boy on board, disappear around a curve. The father was wild with grief and fear, and the boy's

> essible by the great road cut into the ment was intense, women and children cried, and men offered suggestions. Master Mechanic Michael F. Brady was gan to telephone to stations along the line. Portsmouth and Peninsular were notified, and men at these points tried ward to meet the wild engine. In coming up the long grade toward Albins the steam had died down a little, but the register still showed eighty pounds. John Woods, a motorman on the City and Suburban Rallway, was the first man to meet the engine. He caught the handrall and swung up, but in doing so he was dragged sixty or seventy-five feet. He at once turned off the steam, and the engine slowed down and stopped. It was then young Fred made the remark concerning his ability as an engine driver.

The boy was not scared at all, but seemed rather proud of his feat. When the engine first dashed out of St. Johns he was frightened, and as he went through Portsmouth like a shot out of lives in It-asks where I live-don't a gun he was yelling lustily for "mam- want to tell him-obliged-go away and uated right over the ancient gateway ma." After going several miles, however, he again became brave and held I was before. his position on the seat with com- Introduced to a young lady-young ing houses and streets is a remarkable Jericho, and steams to the southern posure, with his hand on the lever like lady asks if I like drawing—go away sight, as one surveys it from the road-

> THE CHINESE DRAGON. It Enters Into Every Phase of a Man-

darin's Life. Not only does the dragon symbolize Honesty never contributes anything to the Chinese all that is imposing and secret and right of manufacture of the powerful, but the mass of the people | Whitehead torpedo.

armly believe in its actual existence and its power to do harm. Therefore a good deal of their time and money is wasted in paying it propitiatory atten-

A live dragon would certainly be an alarming animal to meet on a lonely road, for a Chinese writer describes it as baving a camel's head, a deer's born, a rabbit's eyes, a cow's ears, a snake's neck, a frog's stomach, a carp's scales. Second passenger—Yes, for a while, and an eagle's wings and claws. About Brooklyn Life. the mouth grow whiskers and a beard. In the middle of the latter hangs a large pearl. It can change its breath at will from fire to water, and its voice sounds like the jingling of metals.

If a Chinaman wishes for happiness and peace in this world and the next, he feels obliged to consult the dragon as to where his house shall be built and his grave be made. Through the earth, so say the Chinese, flow two currents. published, and shows that he had an the Dragon and the Tiger. Now, for Club, and it worries me to keep from a man to have good fortune in life, his worrying."-Chicago Post. house must be put in a certain position in reference to these currents. If he is during the service in church last Sunto rest quietly in his grave, that also day. Zoe-You mustn't mind him. He must be properly placed. So-called often talks in his sleep.—Smart Set.
"Wise men" make a business of choos"Heavens bless him. He showed on ing favorable sites for homes and fidence in me when the clouds were graves, professing by means of a wand dark and threatening." "In what way?" and incantations, and other kinds of "He lent me an umbrella."-Tit Bits. tomfoolery, to be able to detect the presence of the dragon and the tiger. and to tell in what direction they flow. All mandarins of high rank have a dragon embroidered in gold thread or Bazar. colored silk on the front and back of their coats, distinguished, however,

> appears on expensive porcelain; but poor people do not venture to use bowls and cups decorated by his likeness. For kites the same design of a dragon Herald.

is a favorite. The kites are flown by people of all ages, and are managed with extraordinary skill. These contests are popular with the higher class of the people and with the lower. The strings pensive?" "Oh, very. You see, he has sometimes have powdered glass glued to have silver monograms on every manner somewhat similar to the meas- on them, and the object sought in aeria) base-ball but he owns."--Indianapolis contests is to cut the enemy's string. Journal.

## FAIR SOLDIERS IN UNIFORM.

Royal Ladies of Europe Have Com-

mand of Regiments.

Many royal women in Europe are officers of famous regiments, and some these women wear the regulation uni- ers.-Bazar. forms, and seem to take delight in riding ast, ide at the head of the col- never be able to marry." "Why not?" umns on dress parade or during the "I spend nearly all I make talking to camp maneuvers. It is only upon a her over the long-distance telephone." near view that the sex of these com- - Chicago Record. manders can be distinguished, and the fair ones appear to take pleasure in being as "manish" as any soldier on the

The Empress of Germany is naturally the foremost of the women soldiers of Europe, and her husband is proud of her military attainments and soldierly bearing. She is chief of the famous siers, and may frequently be seen riding at the head of this crack military little turmeric or madder. Each dealer review before the Emperor it ap- were talking over there. Hostess-Dear secret. The plumage of the birds thus and colors flying, the Empress riding play so loudly next time.-King. treated is apt to fade, and they are kept proudly at its head. She is one of the

GERMAN EMPRESS IN UNIFORM.

tall and superbly formed. Her regimental uniform is very showy-red facings on a pure white material, surmounted by a three-cornered hat with -Tit-Bits. large, drooping heron's plumes. She salutes the Emperor and then takes a New, tell me, darling, how did you manplace by his side while the regiment age to fall in love with a homely chap files past.

The Crown Princess Maria of Roumania, is another royal female colonel who considers berself bound to her regiment in more than name. She is the chief of the Fourth Regimillions." "Isn't that nice?" answered ment of Roumanian Hussars. She looks very imposing at the head of her troops, and is a very skillful horsewoman. This petticoat colonel is a woman of versatile talents; she has written voluminously in the sphere of fiction and histrionics. As an amateur actress, both in the German and Roumanian languages, she has displayed wonderful talents, and it is said of her that she is the power behind the throne in Roumania.

Holland's Queen, young Wilhelmina, is commander of a number of Dutch and German regiments. She is always handsome, never more so than in the uniform of a general of the Royal Horse Guards, dark blue, with gold facings. epaulettes and the numerous insignia of rank. Sometimes she appears at the head of her troops riding on her

All of the younger women belonging reation in racing or coursing. A London Crush.

An excellent description of a London evening party in the season was sent Star. by Ruskin to his mother in 1850. What s more surprising than the scorn of punctuation which the letter reveals is its style, which is that of Alfred Jingle -the last in the world, one would say, fell asleep by the roadside on his way for the scholarly Ruskin to fall into

everybody-know-nobody sort or party. passing wagoner, seeing him lying half Naval people. Young lady claims ac- across the track, shouted to him to quaintance with me-know as much of her as of Queen Pomare-Talk: get away as soon as I can-ask who she is -Lady (---); as wise as I was before. Introduced to black man with chin in collar. Black man converses-I abuse

different things to black man; chiefly House of Lords. Black man says he and ask who he is - (-); as wise as into the city of Avon, and the towering

and ask who she is- Lady (---). Keep away, with back to wall and look at watch. Got away at last. Very sulky this morning.

What the Whitehead Torpedo Cost. The Government paid \$75,000 for the ed" are extensively sold.



the voyage to Paris: First passenger-Did you have breakfast, sir?

"Papa, is an authoress always a married woman?" "That depends, my son, on whether she can earn enough to sup-

port two."-Life. "I couldn't sleep last night. I just had to get up and walk around." somnia, ch?" "Yes. The baby had it." -Philadelphia Press.

"You seem dreadfully worried." "Yes; you see, I joined a Don't Worry

Muriel-Your brother proposed to me "Heavens bless bim! He showed con-

Reasonable: Husband-I don't see why you have accounts in so many drygoods stores. Wife-Because, my dear, it makes the bills so much smaller .-

Whooper Rupp-Do you take a vacafrom the imperial dragon by having (sadly)-Nope; I've got to spend a tion this year, Merry? Merry Margin month at Bar Harbor with my wife .-

"Pa, what's an optimist?" "A man who sometimes hear of people doing things just as he would have done them If he had been there."-Chicago Times-

"Isn't your son's college education ex-

"My wife," boasted the happy young Benedick, "is an open book to me." "Mine, too," declared the old married man; "I can't shut her up."-Philadelphia Press.

She (on a transatiantic steamer)-I of them take more than a mere formal read that book going over last year, but interest in their commands. When I remember almost nothing about it. they appear at the head of their troops He-Well, one retains so little on steam-

"We're engaged, but I fear we shall The Author-I wish I had time

enough to write a good book. His Friend-Why not take it? The Author-Can't afford to; I am too busy writing successful ones .- Life. Stubb-It was mean in that winning exclist to drop bottles along the track for the purpose of taunting his rival.

Penn-What was in the bottles? Stubb -Catchup!-Chicago News. Musician (fronically)-I am afraid my pepper and by adding occasionally a organization. When the regiment is on music was disturbing the people who me! I never thought of that. De

> He-I don't know whether to make a most striking figures in the army, being | fool of myself playing golf or sit on the hotel plazza and make love to some girl all the afternoon. She-What's the difference?-Detroit Free Press.

Fuddy - Mrs. Brownrigg always speaks of her physician, Dr. Stickker, as an "old war horse." Isn't it odd? Duddy-Oh, I don't know; they say he ls a terrible charger.-Boston Transcript.

Smithers-May I pat your darling little puggy, Miss Marianne, and caress it? Miss Marianne-I have no objections, Mr. Smithers if you are sure you have no fleas .- Cornwall (N. Y.) Schoolmaster.

Hodge-I've got a suit of clothes for every day in the week. Podge (suspiclously)-I never see you wear any but the one you have on now. Hodge (cheerfully)-That's the suit.-Town Topics.

Clergyman (examining a Sunday school class)-Now, can any of you tell me what are sins of omission? Small Scholar-Please, sir, they're sins you ought to have committed, and haven't. The Groom (homely but wealthy)-

like me? The Bride-I didn't, Mamma managed the affair from start to finish. -Chicago News. Imaginary Wealth .- "This man," said the keeper softly, "imagines he has

the visitor. "Whenever he needs money all he has to do is to draw on his imag-Ination."-Kansas City Times. Couldn't Fool Her: Mr. Hiram Offen -Bridget, did you string the beans as I told you? New Servant-No. ma'am, I didn't. An' let me tell ye, ma'am, ye can't string me; ye kin ate thim loose or

not at all.-Philadelphia Press. A Rural Philosopher: "Si," yelled the neighbor from the road, "your wife has jist run off with Bill Johnson." "She hez, hez she?" answered the farmer in the field: "wall, Bill allays wuz a-borrerin' trouble. Git up there!"-Indian-

apolis Press. "Don't you long for the dear days of long ago?" asked the sentimental young woman, "Indeed I do," answered the man with close-cut balr. "The dear favorite pony. Baby, wearing a white days of long ago are when I borrowed amazon riding habit, with the regula-tion tail black hat. all the money I am now supposed to be paying."—Washington Star.

"How much will your opinion in this to European royal families are expert case be worth?" asked the prospective horsewomen, and take their chief rec- client. "I can't tell you how much it'll be worth," answered the lawyer who is accustomed to make fine distinctions. "but I can tell you how much I am going to charge you for it."-Washington

A Russian peasant baving gone to the town to buy himself a pair of new boots home, and was stripped of his cherish-Horrible party last night-stiff-large ed boots by a light-fingered tramp; but -dull-fldgety-strange,-run against his sleep remained unbroken till a "take his legs out of the way."

"My legs?" echoed the half-aroused sleeper, rubbing his eyes; "those legs ain't mine-nine had boots on!" Street Through an English Church.

One of the best-known instances of churches with streets through them is that of St. John the Baptist's Church in Bristol, England. The church is sitspire standing high above the neighborway below.

Parisian Superstition. Superstition is so common in Paris that cards tastefully embellished and containing a list of "hours to be avoid-

Suspect not a friend's words, but rather his meaning.