tartled Tom Gilles-

anap shot.

"I think you're the mean one," said ing grammatical rules; Tom; "you nearly made me tumble into the water. And were you going to take again!" my picture? And did I move?"

you did," replied the unheralised arriv- her eyes. al, pettishly throwing back a mass of brown hair, which had tumbled over answered for her: her face when she stooped to adjust a was such a lovely chance. You don't you are glad to see me." care, do you?"

"Care?" laughed big-hearted Tom; "of course not! I'll sit any way you want me to if you'll send me one of the pictures."

"Oh, goody; I'll do that!" eagerly make two?"

"All you wish, my dear," promptly consented Tom, "but how am I to get

my picture?" I never thought of that," replied Mildred, her sunny face clouding for an Instant with perplexity.

a card after rummaging about in vari- shouted ous pockets of his corduroy jacket among tobacco, books, lines, letters. pipes, matches, trout files, and other sundries, "you mail it to me at this address and I'll get it."

"You'll get 'em about next week,' mounted the bank of the creek. "Good-

"Good-by!" cried Tom cheerily, and a moment later she was gone.

The next morning, out on the horse at least ten anxious peeks in the frame, printed from her valued negative, obtaining a result which quite delighted dried, and, swelling with pride, she sought "Dearle."

"There he is. 'Dearle,' there he is she cried, excitedly, throwing one arm about her mother's neck and thrusting out the picture with her disengaged And then the queer thing happened.

"Tom!" gasped Mrs. Wells, the blood falo Enquirer. auffusing her cheeks. "Why, 'Dearle,' you know him?

asked Mildred, almost frightened, as she peered into her mother's face with wondering eyes. Mrs. Wells' reply was to bury her face in her hands and seek relief in a

flood of tears. avmosthy for a few seconds on her mother's shoulder, and then suddenly asked, with keen concern.

"'Dearle,' what are you crying for?" "Nothing, darling," said Mrs. Wells, raising her head and vigorously using her handkerchief as she checked a final and very womanlike snuffle, "but the picture made mamma think of an old friend."

"Well, it just won't make you cry, said the now thoroughly aggrieved Mildred. "I'll just put it away and come right back." And off she went and deposited the print in a story book in her room. Then she returned to "Dearfe," who caressed her fondly and said: "It's a very nice picture, darling, and

mamma will keep it as long as she The next day as Tom Gillespie sorted his mail, somewhat aimlessly, his indifference suddenly vanished as he picked up an envelope on which was scrawled a full copy of his business card, and in addition the caution: "For nobody but

that of himself on the stump. "A very mussy little girl," thought only piece of printing paper I have left. and can easily support the weight of a She says she will keep it as long as she man on her outstretched hand. The she looks like. I made it. Isn't she pal cities.-London Tit-Bits. sweet? I shall keep your card a long

little friend, "MILDRED WELLS." he flung himself back in his chair.

last!" he exclaimed. Despite the fact that he had a case or who was putting a daisy chain around the neck of a cat.

her salutation.

"I certainly have," replied Tom, al as he stooped down and kissed her. "And here," he continued, producing paper enough to keep you busy a

"Well, you're just the lovellest man on earth!" exclaimed Mildred, and 'Dearie' will think so, too."

"I sincerely nope so," carnestly responded Tom; "but where is mamma?" "Well, she's over there in that hammock under the apple tree, and if she der the location of a point in the rural isn't reading she is asleep, and if she's sections as simple as within city limits. asleep you must not wake her up." Tom. "But let's go softly and see. 1

think I know your 'Dearie.' " On tiptoe, over the lawn, Tom holding Mildred's hand, they approached the hammock. "Dearle" certainly was asleep, and with a dainty handkerchief covering her pretty face.

Mildred in a hoarse whisper, raising a warring finger. "Isn't she sweet?"

Daniel Parke Custis was the first husband of the lady best known to American band of the lady band of the lad

H. pehaw. You're too | side him. Thus, with a hand of the lit mean for anything!" the one is his own, he sat and gasted tinhis exclamation in a. til he broke the silence with a "Thank fidish treble so Gode" which made the child start.

"Are you praying?" she asked, that he drove into boarsely, in astonishment. his thumb a book he "Maybe I was, dear," he replied, un

was balting, and der his breath, "but, bush!" nearly fell off the stump. He turned Mrs. Wells stirred. Mildred could beheld about ten feet distant a stand it no longer. She bounded to the very jolly looking little girl, who held a side of the hammock, snatched the bit camera, and whose evident design had of lace from "Dearie's" face, and, bebeen to choose him as a subject for a fore her bewildered mother could protest, kissed her and shouted, disregard-

"He's came, 'Dearle,' he's enme

"Who, Mildred? What are you talk-Weil, to tell the truth, I was, and ing shout?" asked Mrs. Wells, rubbing But before Mildred could reply,

"It's Tom. Laura." he said, quietly, focus. "I want it for mamma, and it as he rose to extend his hand. "I hope

It was all so sudden that pe her face in the hammock cushion. Tom waited and Mildred looked on in wonderment. In a moment, however, a agreed the tiny photographer. "Can I ruffled voice and a sort of gulp came from the cushion.

"Tom, can you forgive me?" Could be? It looked as if he did when ten seconds later Mildred danced up and down as Tom, kneeling at "Dearle's" side, brought the pretty head around and then gave proof in "Well," suggested Tom, producing such a way that Mildred excitedly

"That's right! Kiss her! She can't help herself. Ain't he lovely, 'Dearie?' "Now, you go get your camera and make your pictures," said Tom to Mildred, as he settled blimself in the hammock by "Dearie's" side. "We'll be pledged Mildred, as her chubby legs here for half an hour." And although Mildred's alacrity brought her back in less than ten minutes, Tom managed to say so much before her return that 'Dearle's" heart was lighter than it had been in years. And, of course, Tom block, Mildred, with unusual care and stayed to dinner and far into the moonlit night and took a long walk with Dearle" and they talked it all over, her. Before noon it was toned and Hale, to please her parents, had refused shaft, and that piece of metal was to marry Tom Gillesple and became the knocked from the opening in the stern. wife of Willis Wells, Tom, nearly A wooden plug the exact size of the heartbroken, had left her side to hope shaft was forced into the hole, and then and wait, believing that her love was a spare tail shaft was lifted into posistill for him, a then almost penniless tion and coupled onto the intermediate. lawyer. Then their paths drifted apart All this work occupied three full days. cultural laborers. Its meaning is simuntil Tom's fishing red and Mildred's With both shafts in place again the camera brought them together. Buf | work of fitting on a spare propeller, draught animals. In other words, it

Racing Camels.

Of all animals the camel would seem to be the least likely to distinguish itself at a race, yet camel races are held within four fect of the surface. regularly in the south of Algeria, where valuable prizes are offered for the encouragement of the breed of racers; and as much interest is taken in their preparation and performances as in that of race borses at Latonia. The racing camels are the result of very careful breeding through many generations, and in size, temper and appearance they are so different from the ordinary beast of burden that they might almost be considered a different race of animals. Perhaps the most conspicuous characteristic of the ordinary camel is its extreme slowness. Nothing on earth will ever laduce it to hurry. Twentyfive dollars will buy a very fair speci men, but for a mehart, or racing camel, five or ten times that sum is paid. The racer, however, can be depended on for nine or ten miles an hour, kept up for sixteen or seventeen hours almost with out a stop. The pace in a camel race is generally fast and furious at the begin- In It Pocahoutas Is Faid to Have Bear ning, when all the animals are together and seem to realize that a contest is in progress.

An African Giantess

Abomah, a superb specimen of the African negress, who enjoys the dis-Mr. Gillespie." Tom drew forth a let- tinction of being the tallest woman livter and a crumpled and spotted picture, ing, is black as ebony, and endowed which he immediately recognized as with great physical strength, combined with a symmetrically molded figure, is now on her way to Liverpool. Tom. Then he read the epistle. It ran: She was formerly one of the attend-"Mr. Gillespie: I promised you a pic- ants and body guard of the barbaric ture, and here it is. Two were bad and King of Dahomey, whose Amazonian one was good. This was good. I made warriors have been famous alike for fond. It can still boast of mahogany it this morning on one of the only two their prowess and cruelty. Trained for pieces of printing paper I had. I her bloodthirsty calling from early thought it was fine until I showed it to childhood, she was inured to hardship 'Dearle,' my mamma. It made her cry, and pain. Her Stature increasing out The spots on it are her tears. She just of proportion to her years, she became said 'Tom' and then she cried all over a particular favorite of the monarch, it and you see how she spoiled it. I am and led his army. This extraordinary going to make a good one for her on the woman stands over eight feet in height. lives. When I get more paper maybe dusky beauty, having recently evinced I'll send you a better one. I also in a strong desire to travel, and particuclose a little picture of 'Dearie' sitting larly to visit England, will no doubt on the horse block, so you can see what soon pay a visit to some of our princi-

How He Managed,

time, for I like you very much. Your Absent-minded persons are the easy prey of the unscrupulous. A noted Tom, whose fingers now trembled, German chess-playing professor had took from the envelope the hitherto lost three overcoats at a cafe while en tues and plety of worthles of the old overlooked picture of "Dearie." The gaged at his favorite pastime. He was dominion. Williamsburg was the aneffect of his first glance was startling, at a loss to know how to prevent a cient capital of Virginia, and in the and most influential communities withdrawal of the British ships of war costs \$200 to \$300. Then, when you His pipe dropped from his mouth and fourth from going astray, when all at quiet churchyard of Bruton Old Church the Spanish peninsular. Several of the "Great heavens, Laura! At last! At Immediately before sitting down to a and those bearing well-known Virginia high rank and reputation under the sent as an ultimatum, but the Admiral game he took his brand-new garment names of Page, Burwell, Lyttleton, Spanish government. hung it over the back of his chair, leant Savange and Nelson are found. in court. Tom left the trial to his junior against it, and said to bimself with | Burton Parish Church houses three partner and hurried next day down to a grateful feeling of perfect security, antique communion services, one prethe farmhouse. He surprised Mildred, "Now it must be safe." He soon be sented by "good Queen Anne," who did ready feeling a sort of proprietorship shoulder, exclaiming, "Excuse me." George III., but the most interesting of a package from his pocket, "is printing lightning, the thief withdrew the coat from the chair, and a moment later had building of the colony. disappeared into the street.

Numbering Country Houses. Out in California they are urging the adoption of a system of numbering country residences, reckoning from the county seat as a center, and thus ren-The plan is to name every road in the "Not for the world," gallantly cried county, first arranging them in as long lengths as can well be done. Then divice each mile into ten parts or blocks of the same length, and number them.

a new number to each frontage. Thank your lucky stars if, when you upon the steeple. The bell of Bruton increasing at a remarkable rate. Thouare abused, there is one present who Old Church was presented by an Eng- sands of small families living in flats | Very few people live to be 30 withremarks (even if it is under his breath) lish nobleman.

BHAFT MENDED AT SEA.

fixelting Experience in Midocean of the Steamer Border Knight. Kipling's "dour Scotch engineer." Moudrews, could bardly; have acquirted mself more creditably than did Mr. William Gerrie, chief engineer of the British steamer Border Knight, which arrived at New York a few days ago after an exciting experience in midocean. The Border Knight is a steamer that set out from Natal in ballast for New York, All went well with her unt I e afternoon, when there was a sudden jar and a shock, a whirring of mahinery and a biss of steam.

"Shaft's broke," explained Third Encincer Fludiay briefly, as he closed

the thrortle on racing engine. Examination showed that his diagnosis was correct. For no ascertainable cause the tail shaft, a twelve-inch length of steel, had snapped just outboard of the sleese, releasing the eightton propeller, which went spinning to the bottom. The ship lost her headway, dirt of every description. They possess and, having no sail power to give her no freplace or chimney. All the cooksteerage way, sat provokingly a rock- ing, in fact, is done over a bole scooped ing in the sea, biding the outcome of the out in the middle of the floor. In these misadventure. The usual procedure in houses men and women and children Tom such cases is to haul fires and hoist are huddled together; during the long your flag upside down, by way of a dis- winter months they are shut in for days tress signal, by day, and to burn blue at a time, the cattle often sharing their lights at night. But these men of the Border Knight did nothing of the sort. The engineer went manboling on his "Dearie" was excusable for making no back to the end of the tall shaft, and response other than to turn and bury then came back with an idea which the captain gave him permission to put into



lously a battering ram was improvised from the anchor stocks. The coupling boits forced out, the intermediate shaft When fifteen years previously Laura | was lowered clear of the fractured tall menced. To lift the stern out of the southern steppe five women can be emwater all of the water ballast was pumped into the forward hold. This lifted the stern until the opening was

pended from a cargo boom and guyed such a wage status as this are individheavy tackle. Chief E Gerrie and Chief Officer Mathie then meager education, political despotism, determine accurately the number of his new and, standing walst deep in water, guid- type of civilization scarcely above bar- trouble, however, can be brought di- it. ed the big piece of metal to its place on | barianism? the tall shaft. The massive nut which was to hold it in place was then screwed tightly on by a giant spanner, worked by tackles from the quarters. the ship. Mr. Mathle was once washed Commercial. These people usually is bad upon the eyes. If the embroid-

explained, neither making much of it. AN OLD VIRGINIA CHURCH.

Baptized. One of the most interesting religious buildings in the United States is the Bruton Parish Church, at Williamsburg. Va., the first pastor of which was Rev. Rowland Jones, an ancestor of Martha Washington. Erected in 1640, it is now in a good state of preservation.

honored roof. Bruton Old Church is ed: 'They say I am a "respected felwell worth a visit. The church has the triple-story tower 'I don't know,' he said, 'I go to the Cirof which our English colonies were so cus Court to morrow!" pews. The aisles were paved with flagstones. On the walls are some quaint mural tablets reciting the vir-



BRUTON PARISH CHURCH, ERECTED 1640.

came deeply engrossed in his game, her duty as defender of the faith by ment he tapped the professor on the was bestowed upon the parish by "Don't mention it," returned the ab. the three is the venerable set known as sorbed player bending forward. Like the old Jamestown service, fraught the willow had gained 164 pounds in with reminiscences of the wonderful

bears the royal arms and the motto, "Hon! solt out mal y pense." with date 1764.

The church organ is very old. It is thought to be the first brought to this country.

in which local tradition declares that duced by the use of that convenient clock without a face and with stiffly immovable hands is yet to be traced

Outlide of the edifice, but within consecrated ground, sleep noted men of colonial Virginia, keeping guard ever the church. Two executives of the old lominion, Gov. Nott and Gov. Farquahar, two councillors, three Secretaries of State and a noted lawyer of early days, one Edward Barradale, lie buried

LAZIEST PEOPLE ON EARTH.

the genus tramp, a nomadic fre ghter Caucasus Tribe Which Lives in Indent set out from Natal in ballast for scribable and Antiquated Fifth. The laxiest and dirtiest people in the world have recently been discovered to the Caucasus. They live in an inaccessible mountain range between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, and as they were 2,500 years ago, so they are to-day. Seen from without there is a certain picturesqueness about a Syanctian village, although it merely consists of miserable stone hovels without any attempt at form or adorament. Within the houses are inconceivably fifthy They are filled with rags, vermin and quarters. Every aperture has to closed on account of the cold. This long imprisonment is, perhaps, the care of the degradation of the people. Horithia diseases result from it, which are aggravated by abnormal consuluption of Arrack, the strong distilled drink of the Besides this, it is an invariable rule

to make four days a week holdnys, with saluts' days as extras. Sign ther have adopted the holidays of ever oubin contact, it is not surprising that the men find little time for work. Farming, bee culture and cattle breeding are the only industries of these people, is not a single manufactured article. New York Ledger.

MEN THE CHEAPEST

mimal Hire in Russia Escoods Th Paid for Human Labor. In Russia the wages of a horse are

higher than those of a man, and hence, of course, very much higher than the wages of women. Thus, in the Nishni-Volga section, we find the average pay of man and horse to be about 72 cents per day; of man alone, 34 cents; that is, 38 cents for a borse, and 34 cents for man. The women receive from 10 to 20 cents. In the central agricultural manently. Rarely it attacks the memregion the average is: Horse, 23 cents; man, 29 cents; woman, 13 cents. In the lirium or death.-Youth's Companion. southern steppe: Horse, 36 cents; man, 25 cents; woman, 16 cents.

This is an interesting commentary on the standard of living of Russian agriply that human beings are cheaper than which the vessel carried, was com- costs less to keep them alive. In the ployed more cheaply than two horses. Is it difficult to imagine the condition of home life, the dearth of refning in fluences, the sodden, hopeless stagna-Meanwhile the six ton propeller had tion that such a state of affairs reflects?

He Mixed His Torns. A daily observation of that part of manded in any and every light.

rences arise. rested on suspicion, as 'suspected feltend divine services beneath its time- 'What are you in jail for?' He answer- Bazar. low!" 'Well, when do you get a trial?'

Wonder what the grave judges would think of that?

A Remarkable Colony. of priests and elders protested against of the situation in the far East.

A New Light from Science. pounds he planted a willow branch the scoop of the century. weighing five pounds. He kept the plant well watered, and in five years weight, while the earth in the pot had lost only two ounces. Van Helmont This set, made in 1686, is of silver inferred that the plant's gain was due ed. The water bucket is a good big gilt. It consists of a paten and an ex- only to the water which had been supquisite specimen of goldsmith's work. plied. Modern botanical science proves a double-headed cup ornamented with that the gain was in a great measure leaves. Another service of three pieces due to the carbon absorbed from the nir.-New York Herald.

Chafing Dishes. A manufacturer of chafing dishes re-

cently made the statement that he be. gus. lieved gas and coal consumption in New Visitors are shown a gray marble fout York would soon be very materially resold now," he said, "and the demand is parts and be sewed in position. and apartments prepare two meals

CARMITTER TRANSPORT AND A SHOWN SHE IN FIRST TOTAL

RACKS THE JOINTS MIGHTILY.

inflammatory Rhoumatism Is a Com plaint No One Need Covet.
The name rheumatism is applied to a great variety of affections accompanled with pain in the joints or muscles. some of them more of a gouty or urle acid nature, others probably of infectious origin, and others still the expression of some disease of the nervous

Acute articular or inflammatory rbeuatism is a disease characterized by pain and swelling in one or more of the joints, usually the larger bones, such as the knee, together with fever of more or less intensity. It is a disease temperate climates, especially in cold and damp regions, being very seldom seen in the tropics. It occurs in this country chiefly in late winter and early spring, sithough it may occur, sarticularly on the seaconst, at any time of the year. In England it is said to be most frequent in the autumn. It attacks persons between the ages f 15 and 40 more commonly than those he are older or younger.

l'hysicians are not yet agreed as to ts nature, although many now incline regard it as a germ disease. It beins gradually, with alight aching in the limbs, sore throat and a general feeling of depression. The appetite alls, the tongue is heavily conted, often there is complaint of beadache, and of chilly sensations and the sufferer is generally "out of sorts." There is fevrishness, and as this increases, pain ad swelling appear in one or more of large joints. The joints attacked e bot, red and exquisitely painful and

have every appearance of being severely indamed these symptoms may disappear in single night from one joint and appear at the same time in another; and so the disease may go on, attacking one joint after another, those first af feeted recovering much of their tone while throughout their territory there and function. One of the characteristic symptoms is profuse perspiration; the skin is not red and dry, as in most fevers, but cool, moist and sometimes

actually dripping with sweat. The disease may come to an end in week or ten days, or it may go on at tacking joint after joint and when all have suffered it may begin over again and so go on indefinitely. As long as the rheumatism is confined to the joints there is little danger, although occasionally death results from excessive fever; but there is always danger that it may attack the lining membrane of the heart and cripple the organ perbrane of the brain, causing violent de-

MANY CAUSES OF EYE TROUBLES

Employments that Should Be Avoided by People with Weak Kyes. The changes which come to the eye as a result of age are beyond the power of the individual to remedy. It is true that the time for the wearing of glasses may be hastened by abuse of the eyes, but with all possible care that one may took positions on the rudder pintles religious intolerance, and, generally, a years. The responsibility of much eye of all, and \$1,500 have been offered for rectly home to the individual. It is due | CRADLES THAT ARE EXPENSIVE. to the reckless expenditure of the eye sight. The service of the eyes is de-

the community that from a her pover. The eyes are most tried by reading The work of the two men in the ty or weakness gives a my symmet to the print or doing the fine stitches of water was made somewhat entertain- the criminal courts, fur isk's oppo u- sewing or embroidery. If the print is ing by the active presence of several nities for the study of has unity that on glossy paper whose smooth surface sharks that played around the stern of few can enjoy, says the Louisville reflects misorlike the light the effect overboard and nearly drowned before have very limited education, many of ery is to be done on satin or upon canbeing rescued. But that was only an them have none; yet the natural vas, with its bewildering maze of meshneident, as Messrs. Gerrie and Mathie shrewdness of the race, sharpened by es, the strain is soon shown in the redexperience and by suffering, develops ness and the weariness of the eyes. some extremely keen minds. What they Women's eyes suffer greatly from the learn, they learn "by ear," as it were; tax of veils. It only shows the great wherefrom some very amusing occur- adaptability which the eyes share with every other part of the body that the A lawyer friend of mine, who is a vells, with their intricate meshes and lose observer, said: "Some time ago 1 | numerous dots of embroidery and chentalked with a French negro from New | ille, do not occasion more trouble with Orleans, who was a prisoner in the the eyes than they do. The first thing ounty fall. This was when the police to do in selecting a veil, if one has

CALLED ENGLAND'S BLUFF.

Kussian Diplomat Won Port Arthur Count Muravieff's most famous thur. Concerning that bit of active of aristocratic infants are still preservdiplomacy on the part of the late Rus- ed for the edification of later genera-There is a colony of Jews in Toledo, sian Minister, the following story is tions. But the 1900 baby could turn Spain, who were allowed to remain in being told: Muravieff, it is said, heard with disdain from every one of these that country when the remainder of at the psychological moment in the ne- cradles and seek his own modern couch their race were expelled by Ferdinand | zotiations during the Chinese crisis of and Isabella, because they showed sat- two years ago of Queen Victoria's These really expensive cradles are scended from a priest of the court of other declaration of war. With this They are made to order by expert cab-

the crucifixion of the Savior. It is said He knew that Great Britain would that the evidence upon which they not "risk a war," and, therefore, he until now it is one of the wealth and iles the explanation of that sudden once a brilliant idea occurred to him. the tombs of the Parke Custis family members in times past have achieved in with such brave parade. They were the back of the ultimatum.

In short, Muravleff's discovery of the An illustration of the new lights alleged determination of the Queen asked the visitor, "There certainly which science throws upon old ques never to sign another declaration of must be chesp ones. Every baby who tions is the modern explanation of an war enabled him to accomplish without is squirming through this end of the when a light-fingered gentleman ap equipping infant colonial branches of experiment made nearly three century cannot afford to snooze in a rear part. The steering apparatus act kind."—Chicago Evening Post. "Have you come fishing again?" was proached, and apparently became the Church of England with ecclesiasti- ago by the French physician, Van Hel- striving to reach for centuries. In the \$500 couch." greatly interested. At a critical mo- cal silver, A second communion service mont. In a pot of earth weighing 200 language of the new diplomacy, it was

Ramboo in China. Bamboo is of universal use in China. of bambeo, and the furniture is of sienstalk, sawed off just below the joint and made as deep as needed above it. For a bottle a slender piece is taken Three-Fingered Stranger Won the Potand treated in the same way. Hunger is kept off by cutting the little tender shoots just as they peep from the said the man who had just been listenground and cooking them like aspara- ing to some half-raising stories of

Modern Way of Mending Socks Stockings and socks can be easily repaired by means of toe and heel caps, Pocahontas was baptized. An ancient means of cooking light meals. "Where which are being made for the purpose, one was sold a year ago, scores are and are adapted to fit over the worn

acience Anvention

Particles of gold have been made so fine as to require weeks to fall through a short distance, although their weight would be fifteen thousand times that

of the air. One of the bulletins of the Departent of Agriculture mentions a simple Australian remedy for cockronches. It consists in feeding the insects upon a mixture of flour and plaster of paris which, it is said, they greedily devour. The plaster of paris "sets" after they have swallowed it, and that is the end

The photographing of condensed air waves that attend the flight of shot or shell will be remembered. In a similar effect, Prof. Wood has photographed waves of sound, showing the alternate condensations and rarefactions of air. An electric flash, estimated at a milliouth of a second, illuminates the source of the sound in this experiment.

The substance called radium emits out the application of work or energy byon hold an extra card." from external sources, and without appreciable loss of weight. This seems to be inconsistent with the law of the conservation of energy, but the mystery is xplained by the calculations of Monsieur Becquerel, which show that a loss of weight so infinitesimal that in a thousand million years it would amount to no more than a milligram would suffice to account for the observed effects. According to this explanation material particles. But how infinitely

plaute must those particles be! Winking is a common phenomenon whose purpose is not yet clear. It varies greatly in frequency in different persons at different times, and one the ory is that it serves to give the eye momentary rest, becoming more frequent as the eye grows tired, while another view is that it serves to moisten the eveball. Its duration, which it too slight with distinct vision, has been subject of investigation by Herr S. Garden. By a photograph method he has shown that the entire wink lasts bout four-tenths of a second, the downward movement taking only about even to nine hundredths, while the upwed movement of the lid averages seventeen hundredths, and the eye is shut about fifteen hundredths of

The capture of a fourth specimen of the "takabe," or flightless rail of New Zealand, is regarded as one of the most mportant events of recent years in ornithology. The capture was effected nearly two years ago, but detailed accounts of the bird have only just reached England. The takahe (Notornia hochstetteri) is about equal in size to a goose, but its wings are very small, and unlike all of its relatives in other lands, it cannot fly. Its breast is of a ake the eye that hitherto has been nor- rich blue color, and its powerful beak mal will need shortly before, or it may is described as "a large equilateral tribe shortly after, the age of 45 the aid angle of hard pink horn," apparently an been lowered over the port quarter, sus- Is it any wonder that the products of of glasses. So universal is this that an excellent weapon. The first specimen oculist, in his examinations of the re- of the bird was caught in 1849, the second in 1851 and the third in 1879. The

A Child Born to Wealth May Lie in One Costing \$500 or Upward. The woman that rules the world today through the medlum of the cradle day through the medium of the cradle has a pretty expensive undertaking on ling a prudent man, he did so. When The Palmist—This line in your hand her hands, for cradles do cost so much ful downy nest built on a foundation of rare woods carved in exquisite design and inlaid with precious stones. He can dig his pink toes into rich silks that cost any number of dollars a yard. and wipe his pudgy nose on lineas that are equally expensive. And by the time adoration. Finally he married the he has done all this and wriggled his" fingers through any quantities of soft ruled the island for years, till a ship Chicago News. laces, be will have instituted himself called in and he sailed away. sole owner of a cradle that cost his indulgent parents \$500 and upward.

A cradle of this description is cerqueens of past ages would stand in awe there are illustrations of cradles wherein princes of royal blood have lain "coup" was the grabbing of Port Ar- down to rest, and some of these beds

with pride and thanksgiving. selected from the choicest importa-

"The excessive cost of some cradles." archives of the vatican. This little col- velled threats as simply bluff. In this out is more delicate workmanship reony of Jews has grown and prospered, way say those who believe the story, quired than in a cradle. Often the work alone on one of these little beds fee Port Athur after they had gone have quadrupled this one item with in with such brave parade. They were the value of the material and bedding you have a cradle whose elegance discovered that there was nothing at ought to make any baby feel on good by Dr. Casgrain, of Quebec. In place terms with the whole world."

"But what about the chean cradles?" "Oh, yes," assented the dealer, "they come chesp, lots of 'em, but we don't

handle them. The lowest-priced cradles we carry cost \$25. But you can get one for \$1. Compared with these fancy af-The windows are delicate lattice work fairs a dollar craftle looks about like 30 cents, but no doubt the poor baby rests has discovered portions of the skeleton animal with a rug, when a friend came just as comfortably as the more fortu- of a human being whose stature he up inquiring: "Say, Ned, what do you nate youngster."-Chleago Inter Ocean.

"JIM" COUNTED FIVE CARDS. in a Dodge City Poker Game. "Have I ever been west of Chicago?"

Western life. "Why, yes, I took a flying trip across the country once, and that reminds me of a little incident that happened to a friend who traveled whose name was Jim Harding, was something of a sport and a pretty plucky chap, but he knew when the odds were against him and was not iring a physical complaint that looking for unnecessary trouble. How-

ayim and his new acquaintance found a quiet place, where they opened up a game. Luck seemed to be against from the start. Two pair, ni ligh, made the best hand he held, and

be other fellows didn't do a thing but get full houses and flushes all the Jim watched them narrowly for indi cations of crooked work, but be couldn't see a thing out of the way ex- the cooking? The Bride-Admirably! I cepting the fact that the other fellows, blame it on the range. - Puck. especially one of them, got the cards. The lucky man was minus a finger, and day?" "I was there for a while." "Did by and by Jim noticed through the space left by the missing finger, that the man, who was his visa-vis at the table, kept a card out when the pack was shuffled. Thus his hand contained six cards instead of the customary five. Jim decided to say nothing until there was a big pot at stake. Then he thought he would close in on the threeingered gentleman and claim the pot by virtue of his opponent's holding a foul hand. His opportunity was not long in arriving. The three-fingered man evidently thought he had a sure

men kept raising each other's bets, and finally there was over \$000 in the pot. "'I call you,' said Jim, coolly, reaching for the chips. 'I've got only a pair radiations resembling the X-rays with- of deuces, but I guess they're good, as

"The three-fingered man spread bis six cards out on the table with one hand, while with the other he drew forth a big gun which he placed beside the cards, keeping his finger on the trigger.

"'Do you see more than five cards | He-Your left arm is wonderfully dethere? he inquired calmit, 'Just count veloped, Miss Alistyle. Do you go to them and see if you're not mistaken." "Jim counted them. 'One, two, three, is the arm I lift my skirt with,-Chicago four, five,' he said. 'Yes, there are five cards sure enough "

"You're sure there sin't six,' persisted the Kansan. 'Count them again, so's there won't be any mistake." "Jim gasped faintly, looked at the

gun and then at the six cards spread out before him. 'One, two, three, four, five, he repeated. 'You're right, partner, I see only five. The pot's yours." "Jim didn't play poker any more in Dodge City."

Then They Smiled. A little boy from California wno has been about a great deal is making a visit to his Washington cousins. He has enjoyed the sights of the capital, but he hasn't permitted himself to be in the highest degree overnwed by any thing be has seen. His cousins took him-"carried" him, they said of it themselves to the National Museum one day, and called his attention to the great log of petrified wood lying just utside the door. The little Californian had been a little depressed, but he brightened up at the sight.

"I've seen a whole tree like that," he

The Washington cousins maintained their composure. "We've got a whole forest of trees like that out West," went on the young Westerner, Still the Washingtonians were not at all impressed. The Callfeel like it, but I shan't go. Wife-Why fornia boy drew a long breath.

"We've got a whole woods of putrefied trees," he said. "Yes, and they's putrefled birds sitting on 'em, andand," with one last effort to disturb the too."-Washington Post.

Plot Enough for a Bank.

ney, N. S. w., was many years ago in drove the rich man to drak?" satisfied as to their course the convicts Indicates that you have a very brilliant noney—that is, some cradles do. This deliberated, decided that he had be- future shead of you— Simkins—is year's baby is a financial monarch, in- haved himself well, and put him ashore that so? The Palmist-Yes, but this with him. A threatening crowd of sav- News. ages greeted his arrival, but the marooned captain played to them till they in your face," said the gruff lawyer thought him a god, brought him nu- who was trying to intimidate a witness. limited pigs and yams, and bowed in "Very likely," was the calm reply; "the chief's daughter, succeeded him, and

About Telegraph Poles. were charging persons who were ar- mercy upon the eyes, is to test its effect tainly a thing of beauty and ought to graph wires per mile varies from twenupon the sight, to see that the weave is | be a joy forever. The effect of such a | ty to twenty-two on minor lines, to and the antique bell still rings out its ons.' He was to be presented in the not confusing and that the dots do not creation upon the primitive man who twenty-two on main lines. message, calling all who hear it to at Circuit Court for indictment. I said: come athwart the eyes.—Harper's swung his progeny in a bed of boughs These poles are of regulation beight. or a wooden box set on rockers is dif- in order that the lowest wire shall not ficult to contemplate. Even kings and be less than twelve feet from the ground, and as the poles are set into of it. In old illumined manuscripts the ground from four to six feet, they measure from twenty to twenty-two feet in length. The sag or dip varies, of course, with the number of poles per mile, and the condition of the atmosphere, but the average is about four-

teen feet.

Deciding a Novel Point. woman notary public in Denver, pose I'll be called on for a few speeches, Colo., was married recently, and the as usual."-Washington Star. isfactory evidence that they were de- twowed determination never to sign an- not kept in stock by furniture dealers. question arose as to what name she A slight inaccuracy: "Mamma," said Calaphas, who alone of the sanhedrim knowledge at command he held the key | inet-makers, and the fashionings are | matter was referred to the attorney citement, "I do believe the minister told were exempted from the edict of expul- read the brave talk about the "open said a furniture dealer, "lies largely in to drop their maiden names in the papa ask him how long he had worm ston was accepted by the hierarchy at door" with a smile, and received Lord the amount of labor expended on the event of marriage. She must therefore chin whiskers, and he said be had worn Rome as genuine and truthful. It is Salisbury's protests thereby as signi- carving, which is most elaborate. In sign all documents as before marriage, them all his life."-Indianapolis Press. supposed to be now on file among the fying so many pretty phrases and his no article of furniture that we turn because there is no authority for a Out of the ordinary: "I think we

> other time. A Horseless Sleigh. An adaptation of the Bollee borseless carriage, driven by a gasoline engine, to winter use, has been invented of the pneumatic-tired wheels of the ordinary Bollee carriage he substitutes steel runners for the forepart of the carriage, and a driving-wheel, whose rim is studded with steel points, for the upon the forward runners. The gasoline reservoir, containing seven quarts,

suffices for a run of fifty miles. gist, who has been exploring an Aztec drive. Having stopped at a wayside ruin three miles west of Phoenix, Ariz., tavern, his servant was covering the computes to have been about eight feet. put that blanket over your horse for?" He has also some well preserved pottery and other utensils used by the keep the wind from blowing the hay, early dwellers in the valley, and which out of him," he found in the ruins.

The most beautiful crabs in the world are procured in the neighborhood of the Farrallone Islands; off the Pacific coast. They are called "red rock crabs," and specimens sometimes sell with me on that occasion. My friend, in the market of San Francisco for from \$5 to \$10 each, merely for curlosities.

Railroads Needed in Brazil. The facilities for inland transportation are so limited in Brazil that the



Friend-How do you get along with

"Did you attend the ball game yesteryou enjoy it?" "Knot holey." "Why did the police let that scorcbet go?" "He proved that he was taking

a brick of ice cream bome to his wife.

- Chicago Record.

"isn't it delightful to be dining to gether without a chaperon?" "I should say so! Marriage is certainly a great economy."-Puck. Cors-How do you know that is a

bargain-counter bathing-suit she is wearing? Merritt-By the way it is cut down,-Town Toples. Passing bonsts: Gotham maid-We have the best-dressed man. Chicago

thing and everybody dropped out of the game excepting him and Jim. The two maid-Oh, well, we have the best-dressed beef.-Chicago News. Mrs. Winterbloom-Did you find the mountain air intoxicating? Jagway-

Very; I didn't draw a sober breath while I was there, - Detroit Free Press. "My wife," he said, proudly, "bas been known as the queen of bearts." "No doubt," they answered; "It was because she took the knave."-- Chicago

for athletics? She-Oh, not at all. That

Artist-You don't seem pleased with your portrait as a summer girl. Summer giri-No; you've made my shirtwaist stripes run the wrong way.-Indianapolis Journal.

"Shall I sing 'Because I Love You'?" askel Mrs. Darley, as she seated herself at the plano. "No," replied Mr. Darley, who is a brute; "if you love me, don't sing."-Tit-Bits. "Flossy is so superstitious." "She is?" "Yes; when she wears her death's-head

hatpin she always wears her horseshoe scarf-pin and her wish-bone hair ornament."-Indiapapolis Journal. Little Elmer-Papa, what is a polltician? Prof. Broadhead-A politician, my son, is a man who hungers and

thirsts to sacrifice tilmself for his coun try in times of peace .- Puck. Magistrate-You are charged with talking back to an officer, sir; have you anything to say? Prisoner-Dayvil a wurd, yer honor-Oi've sed too mooch alreddy.-Oblo State Journal.

Jess-1s she really so awfully homely? Tess-Well, I should say. The girls who graduated with her wouldn't allow her to figure in the composite photograph of the class.-Philadelphia Wife-You can go to the club to-night if you feel like it, dear. Husband-I do

not? Husband-Because I intend to have my own way for once.-Fliegende Blaetter. "What did Freddy say when you caught him coming out of the pastry the truth by saving that he had lammed

Bulletin. An ex-sea captain now living in Syd- His daily duty: "And they say you charge of a ship carrying some con- sir, but I couldn't help it." "Couldn't victs. The convicts mutinied, murder- help it! What do you mean?" "He ed the crew and ordered the captain to made me, sir. I was his coachman."-

his fingers."-Philadelphia Evening

on the first large island they came to. other line indicates that you are too He was a musician and took his violin slow to ever catch up with it.-Chicago Retort courteous: "I see the villain

> face of a bright person, like a mirror. is apt to cast personal reflections."-Teacher-John, what are your boots made of? Boy-Of leather. Teacher-Where does the leather come from? Boy-From the bide of the ox. Teacher

-What animal, therefore, supplies you with boots and gives you meat to eat? Boy-My father.-Tit-Bits. Violet record: Mr. Inwit (starting for business)-I have to stop on my way to the office to get a ribbon. Mrs. lnwit -For whom, pray? Mr. Inwit-For my typewriter. Mrs. Inwit-I'd just like to

see you buying ribbons for any typewriter!-New York Herald. His expectation; "What do you propose to do in connection with the coming campaign?" "You know the old saying, 'money talks,' " rejoined Sens-"Yes." "Well, I suptor Sorghum.

should sign in her official capacity. The the little girl, her eyes wide with exgeneral of the State, and he has fur- a story!" "Why, the idea!" said her nished an opinion that there is no au- mother; "you don't know what you are thority of law for women in Colorado saying." "But I do, mamma. I heard

change of names at marriage or any ought to give this wedding a displayhead on the first page," said the city editor. "Out of the ordinary, is it?" asked the managing editor. "Well, I should say it was," answered the city editor; "why, there was no bower of roses,' no 'floral bell,' no 'wide-spreading canopy,' no 'blushing bride,' nothing 'beautiful in its simplicity,' no 'solemn strains' to the wedding march. no "Enough!" cried the managing editor: "double-lead it and give it a scare-head; it's the only one of the

Dundreary's Thin Horse. When Edward A. Sothern (of Lord Dundreary fame) was in New York he Professor Moorhead, the archaeolo- hired an attenuated livery borse for a "Oh," was the actor's reply, "that is to

> Prevents Sunstroke In Florida sunstroke is entirely unknown, although the temperature often reaches 110 degrees Fahrenheit. This is attributed to the extreme moisture of the atmosphere.

> Sacred Temple in China. Many Chinese temples have windows made from the white mother-o'-pearl found in oyster shells. The material is perfectly transparent, and looks like opal glass.

"Lovely!" whispered Tom in reply, quietly sitting down on the grass by the hammock and drawing Mildred be the hammock and