Saved by a Single Shot.

as he lit his pipe afresh, and puffed by doing what mischief she could. and pulled at it until it was under full headway, and glowing like a live coal: a few minutes, but their own engineer We were having altogether a lazy time were drawing good pay right along.

rode at anchor in a line across the har- prise for the Chillans. bor's mouth.

vals. Occasionally the enemy's shell come. would strike the water or burst quite "Quietly and swiftly La Chiquita fact that old Sol in that quarter is a

one day, and, a stiff off-shore breeze on the big ship. She was almost alongapringing up, some of the big guns in side, and yet the sleepy sentry did not the fort, served with extra powder heed. The young Peruvian captain charges, plumped a few holes in them- rubbed his hands in gice at the glorious to their evident confusion, for they opportunity afforded him, and he had promptly got out of range and there just made the signal for the lowering at night, but one dismal rainy morn- sleepy sentry's gun.

RECISELY what all the row was fog was becoming heavier, and the Peber," said the old quartermaster, out to take advantage of the situation

"The boat of course, was ready in "but the Chilians and Peruvians were was ashore, and the fog prevented their of the caps, exploded with a tremenin the harbor two weeks, blockaded by signaling his recall from the town. Go dous report. The par and torpedo the former, who had a fine fleet outside. they must, and something must be flew in fragments through the air, and, of it in our steamer, and had nothing were discussing the question, Clark, in the world to do, until the blockade who had finished repairing the engine, should be raised or an earthquake was about putting on his jacket, when should shake out some new channel the captain drew him side and, after through which we might get to sea. Of explaining matters, asked if he would course the captain and agents were out of temper, but the rest of us didn't care would be nothing more than an excurshow long the blockade lasted, as we lon or frolic and that he would be well paid. Now, the Yankee boy had long "The town lay in a basin-like forma- been wishing for a trip of this kind, tion of the shore, with large white but despaired of getting leave of abstone forts at both ends of the harbor, sence for any such purpose. Here was mounting a few heavy rifled guns, of an opportunity, and an excuse for tak-English make; and there were batteries ing advantage of it, and while coolly back of the shipping wharves at the replying that he would do it 'as a foot of the hills. Our ship lay inside favor,' he turned on steam, and in a of the forts, and well protected by a few minutes the saucy little boat was stone jetty. She was just out of range lost to our view and speeding out into of the Chilian fleet, which generally the fog with a grand scheme of sur-

"Rut, as very often happens, the sur "The blockade was not exciting. For prise was destined to come from the days not a shot would be fired by either other side; for the Chillan torpedo boats ates from the rest of the lubabitants side; but at other times the men-of had started down the coast only as a war, taking advantage of a good tide ruse, and under cover of the fog had or wind, would steam in closer and stolen back again, and were quietly fire away at us in a lazy fashion all lying behind their men-of-war prepared day, the forts replying at long inter- to give their little annoyer a warm wel-

near us, but usually the shots passed stole on until the largest of the enemy's very merciless old tyrant, and life over and beyond the vessels, tailing ships was seen to be near-a dull gray above ground is scarcely bearable examong small houses, of the poorer mass without a sign of life about her class, in the town down by the water, and apparently at auchor. Still closer night. "The blockaders ventured in too close | ran the torpedo boat, and all was quiet We were usually very quiet of the torpedo when 'Baug' went the



ing there was a great commotion out- " "Never mind," cried the gay captain side, with much banging of guus. The as he felt the bullet pierce his cap reports sounded at one moment like You are awake at last, my boy, and muffled thunder, or, when the wind just too late? But no! A dark object shifted against the fleet, like some one darted out from beyond the ship's shutting a heavy barn-door sharply. At stern, and behold-there was one of the about breakfast time, we were sudden- absent torpedo boats! To add to the ly startled by escaping steam. We consternation of the Chiquita's crew,

rushed on deck to see, lying beside us the second torpedo boat now hove in in the misty rain, a long, low torpedo sight, rounding the frigate's bow. boat. We expected immediately to be "We are in a trap, yelled the cap blown up, and our captain was on the tain. 'Stop her! Back her! Starboard bridge vociferously assuring those on your helm. Hard! and he fairly the little stranger that we were neu- danced with rage as the bullets began trals; nor did he stop until one of her to sing about him. officers politely assured him that they "In less time than it takes to tell it were Peruvians, and that, under cover the Peruvian 'surprise party' was in of the attack of a Peruvian ironclad on full retreat through the fog. followed the blockading fleet, they had stolen in closely by the Chilian boats and a hall quietly during the confusion.

"It did not take long for the blockaders to find out that the town had been re-enforced by a torpedo bont, ing, their black smoke and their masts for she immediately began a system of visible above the low-lying fog. attack and annoyance which made their lives both day and night one continued round of apprehension and misery,

with a good outfit, and could steam about eighteen miles an hour. She had tors and sold to the Pruviaus down the beside us all day at the stone pier with were overtaking her, although the men steam ready, her crew sleeping about of war were dropping behind. the decks in the hot sun, most of the time, while her officers played dominous under an awning aft, and plotted meanwhile some novel method of frightening the blockaders. Occasionally, when they knew the enemy were at dinner, they would make a rush down the harbor in a most warlike and threatening quarters, slip their anchors, and put themselves in a state of commotion whereupon the torpedo boat would come leisurely back to the dock. In tons of coal which it was difficult for A few minutes more would have ended them to get, and for which they had to

pay big prices. Chiquita was in her glory, for in a few forts, which dared not fire, however, minutes after her departure from the for fear of hitting their own vessel. dock there would be banging and boom- The Peruvian sailors crouched in the ing of guns along the enemy's line, and bottom of the boat while Clark coolly we could tell about where she was by tended his engine, parts of which the uproar around her. Once she stole moved so fast, as he afterward told me out close along shore and with a rush they looked like a whirling blue mist. came in from the sea through the Chil-

in the shape of two brand-new topedo further forward to blow up La Chiboats of German make; each of them quita as soon as they should come with-

defect had been discovered in the ma- sheets a rifle which belonged to the chinery of our little dock companion; captain. It was just like the one with and as her native engineer had fallen which the engineer used to 'pick off' sick of a fever at the same time, and squirrels in 'the States.' was not quite up to duty, one of our | "He motioned to the captain not to engineers, a Yankee boy by the name wave his flag of surrender. He gave of the deadly foe of mankind. of Ciark, from Boston (and a smart the engine one more drenching of oil, fellow he was, too), volunteered to and the safety valve another twist, then fellow he was, too), volunteered to and the safety valve another twist, then tinker up the engine. While their own seized the rifle, carefully adjusted the every poor brass band there is a good him would carry full weight wherever failed to do so. It was always my beand evil spirits to enter. man was up in town getting some sup- rear sight, wiped the oil from his trigplies. Clark was putting the engine to ger tinger, raised the plece to his shoulrights, when a telegram arrived aboard der, and took aim. He stood solid as a stating that the enemy's two torpedo rock, with feet wide apart to steady boats had started early that morning to himself against the rolling of the boat. go down the coast. The lookout at the His head was bare and his sleeves were harbor entrance had sent word that the rolled up to his elbows. 'What can he of a dentist

of small shot which dashed up the spray all around them. The big ships, too, were in pursuit, surging and rock-

"For ten minutes the race progressed finely, the crew of the fleeing craft doing their utmost to escape the fierce "She was a handy little open boat pursuers. The officer distributed his men about the boat so as to give her the best possible balance. Soft coal been brought from England by specula- was being burned and dense black smoke and sparks were pouring furicoast. They had named her 'La Chi- ously from her funnel, but it was eviquita, the Little One. She would lie dent that the two other torpede boats

"The officer looked anxiously at Clark How the Little Animal Killed and asked, 'Can you not make her go fater?' Clark glanced at the steamgauge and at the safety-valve, from which a jet of steam was already flying, and shook his head. He screwed down the valve a little, however. The manner. Then the foe would beat to gauge showed ten pounds more pressure, but that was all he dared put on. La Chiquita was rushing 'like a streak' through the water, faster than she ever went before, but it was of little use. this way they made the Chillans burn The larger boats were steadily gaining.

it. It was too bad, for La Chiquita was almost in the harbor. She had "It was at night, however, that La run out of the fog and could see the "'Senor,' said the officer to Clark,

we have done our best, but it won't "Their guard boats were unprepared belp us." They are too near to us; we his keen eyes that it was nothing so for this attack; and before they knew must give up, and as he said this he harmless as the rising of a covey of it she was alongside the admiral's ship. proceeded to take from his pocket a birds. A huge rattlesnake, overlooked fraud upon the Government, and social and exploded a torpedo which blew up handkerchief to wave in sign of surtwo or three small boats at the gang, render. Clark glanced back, and there, way, burt several sailors, and smashed not four hundred feet away, was the glass and windows. The she made off first pursuer, her sharp shout cutting hissing, the eyes gleaming with fire. into the harbor before a gun in the fleet, the water like a knife and throwing the Alf was in agony. He could not fire. could be brought to bear on her in the spray to each side. He observed quickly that from her brow projected a spar. "This scare was too much for the on the end of which was a large, black. 'Dons,' as the Chilians are called, so pear-shaped, victous-looking torpedo. they put their heads together and sent its head studded with percussion caps. to Valparaiso for help. It came finally, This torpedo was ready to be thrust

was larger and faster than La Chi- in striking distance. As Clark's keen glance returned along the boiling wake "The day after they arrived, a slight of his own boat, he noticed in the stern-

be going to shoot at?' muttered the captain. 'No one is visible on the other boat.' But he noticed that as the pursuing boat, now but three hundred feet away, rose and fell with the swells, and its torpedo bent and awayed from side to side on the end of the spar, the musale of Clark's rifle was following it. Now up, now down, now this way, now that, it swung, as if avoiding that keen eye looking through the sight. But, finally, for one moment it paused and was quiet. It was that for which Clark was waiting. There was a sharp report from the rifle! the torpedo, struck by the bullet fair and square on one done at once. But what? While they as the on rushing boat emerged from the cloud of smoke, it was seen that her bow was shattered and split and that she was sinking rapidly, while her crew were heard calling upon the other Chillian boat for help.

"Clark Inid down the rifle and turned his attention to his engine again as if nothing had happened, and, amid the booming of guns and the dipping of flags in salute, La Chiquita can late the harbor and was soon at her moorings, thanks to the cool Yankee boy who had saved the vessel with one shot."

TROGLODYTES OF AFRICA.

Manners and Customs Unchanged for Reveral Conturies. If you want to be introduced to the slowest people in the world you must visit North Africa and make your way across the scorehing desert that separof Africa the race known to the anclents as the Troglodytes, from the Greek "troglois," a hole. They were given this name on account of the habit of living in holes in the ground-a habit that probably owes its origin to the

caravan travel, and are visited by these paratus of each ear operates independ- following day. When she came the freight trains of the African desert, ently of the other. This appears to doctor had her securely blindfolded No outside influence has been able. however, to wean them from their ancient habits, their antique garb, and exercises an injurious effect upon its had ready, and held the lively little their peculiar manner of living. So far mate, as is known, the manners and customs of the Troglodytes have not changed at present, out of every hundred tons dered the bandage to be removed. No since Hible times, and any one coming of coal delivered at gas works or elecupon a group of these people in the present day, and comparing their appearance will descriptions extant that some bistorians have regarded as fabulous, will see that they are precisely the same now as they were many centuries ago.

A Troglodyte city is the most curious dwelling place in the world. From the exterior it presents the aspect of a Roman circus. The habitations are built in layers one above the other, and problem. form a circular wall with a single cutop of the pile. The primitive lock, which is turned by means of a wooden key.

ture for the animals.

The age of the cities is immense. The hairs with the dust, exact date when they were built is unantedate the birth of Christ. The people are peaceably disposed, in which phase ure of chilled-iron turrets for coast deof character they are superior to most fense has been established in this are intelligent and hard-working, tendwith patient energy. The approach to as "one of the most remarkable scientheir country is so difficult and danger- tific achievements of the time." The

It is necessary to traverse, and the risk of being overcome by the deadly sirocco, that the interesting people have been disturbed but little by Euro- of the process for making turrets for peans. Now that archeologists are turning their attention to the ancient people, something more is being learned of them than was known heretofore. -St. Paul Dispatch.

PONY AND SNAKE.

Rattier. Few of us have ever seen a horse kill a snake, but Mrs. Custer describes the performance in the St. Nicholas:

As they were pushing out of a jungle on foot one day, the colonel said: French salou, a parlor; and the Span-'Samanthy is a little too attentive, Alf; he shoves himself alongside of me, and by the French into a word signifying pair of stairs? when I remonstrate he backs a little, a babbler and a liar. Many similar exbut keeps so close that he almost amples are found in European lantreads on my heels."

"Well, father, I suppose he thinks nothing can go on without him. He's been in everything I ever did yet." As they came to a Larrow defile, with

the branches of the trees festooned with moss and the ground tangled with vines and thick underbrush, Samanthy forgot his manners and crowded to the front. There was hardly room for two abreast. The colonel, peering into the thicket for birds, heard what he took to be the whirr of pheasants' wings, and he lifted his gun to take nim. The Kid, pressing on, saw with by the colonel in his intense concentration on the thicket, lay coiled directly in front of him, the vicious mouth for his father or the pony would have received the shot, as they were

But a more vigilant pair of eyes that even the Kid's had discovered the reptile, and with a spring in front of the colonel, and with the nicest exactitude. down came the pony with a buck Jump. his hoofs close together on the head of the snake, crushing in the deadly fangs, and flattening the skull into the soft

Still there was an ominous rattle of the tall and the little nag gathered himself again, bowed his supple back, and drove his hoofs into the mottled skin

You have perhaps noticed that in bass player. Do you know why? The presented. bass born is easy.

There is no quality that women admire in men so much as generosity. No one is so bold that he is not afraid light, the girl professed herself to be community in which it exists lacks re

PESURVEY OF THE MASON AND DIXON'S LINE.



Recently there was begun a resurvey of that famous old boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland known as Mason and Dixon's line. The object of the resurvey is to re-catablish the line monuments and to place monuments on the western end of the line where none have hitherto existed. The State of Pennsylvania and the State of Maryland have each appropriated \$1,000 for this purpose. The remarking of the line will be for the distance from the northeast corner of Maryland to about the northwest corner. The remainder of the Pennsylvania line to the southwest corner of Pennsylvania was surveyed and re-

It is interesting to know that Mesers. Mason and Dixon marked out other It is interesting to know that Messra. Mason and Dixon marked out other lines besides the east and west south boundary of Pennsylvania. Their journal. Tramp—Madam, have you an ax? I Lady of the House—No. Tramp—Have northeast corner of Maryland to the Delaware river fifteen miles below Philadel.

Dr. F. Larroque reports to the French

Under the best conditions obtaining tric light stations, something like ninety-eight tons are, as far as the producion of light is concerned, absolutely wasted and go to produce useless beat. When one considers the enormous quantity of coal used annually for the production of artificial illumination, the absolute waste of ninety-eight per cent of it seems little short of criminal. Yes scientists are engaged in solving the

The French scientific Journal, La Na trauce from the outside. All the doors ture, warns its readers against the doors are all fastened with the most webs bound upon wounds is the among the civilized, gives place to a dreaded tetanus or lockjaw.

tations with the dead wails outside and, from each of which flowed the form a strong fortress to guard the in minute specks of oil. The oil wabhabitants from the attacks of neighbor- solutely necessary to the fly when walking tribes. In these more peaceful ing on a vertical surface. If a pane days, however, they have no such fear of glass should become wet or very the fitness of things demands that his before them, and so they use the walled dusty it would be impossible for the pernicious activities shall cease and city mostly for storing of crops, while fly to walk over it, in the one case bethey live in boles dug in the ground cause of the flowing of the oil between within the walls, and frequently the bairs of the feet and destroying the change their position in search of pas strength of the capillary action; in the sources of the country. other, because of the clogging of the

Prof. R. H. Thurston of Cornell Uniknown, but it is believed that they versity calls attention to the fact that since the Spanish War, the manufactin this country, but although it is at oped only in Europe. Professor Thurs-

finest in the world for this purpose, E. D. Preston, of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, who has recently studied the language of Hawall, calls attention to a remarkable peculiarity in which that language shows a sharp contrast to others. Usually when a foreign word is adopted into a language it is debased in its meaning. Thus, "saloon," meaning a dringing place, comes from the ish word hablar, to talk, is transformed guages. But in Hawall the opposite rule prevails, and words that have been adopted from the tongues of white men have been elevated in meaning and deaignate better things than they did in

DOCTOR WAS NOT DECEIVED

their original language.

Physicians often have to exercise great care to avoid becoming the victims of imposition. If a dishonest applicant for a pension can boodwink some doctor the latter's certificate may the aspiring artist got another cus ing great surprise. Detroit Journal. be made the means of perpetrating a tomer. parasites who seek to sponge on public and charitable institutions are siways trying to inveigle a physician into saying the word or writing the line which

would gain them admission. An interesting case in point was related by the leading oculist of Montreal, a man whose practice extended far outside of the bounds of the city, cations between the banks of the river, One day a young woman came into the while two armies would march on Lonoffice, acompanied by an older woman, apparently the mother. The young woman wore colored glasses, which bury and Barking. A few dozen torone might have assumed to be superfuous, as it was claimed that the girl was totally blind. What was wanted of the Thames of the British fleet, and the doctor was a certificate authenticating tide would convey the rest of the this claim of blindness, putting it be. French troops on lighters (chalands) to yond dispute, and it was frankly stated that the object in seeking this was to obtain certain aids and advantages of philanthropic nature impossible of access otherwise. The standing of the

On examination the surface of the eyes gave no indication of any defect, becomes of it."-Washington Star. but that might be so and blindness still exist. Applying tests of the strongest absolutely unable to distinguish be finement and civilization.

oculist was such that a statement from

tween light and darkness. The doctor was puzzled and baffled. Apparently able to solve the problem of those eyes, or say just where the defect lay.

The doctor was more than half disposed to grant the desired certificate, "No," said the man at the door, "I when, as a last expedient, he hit upon bave no views on politics." "Well," re-The Troglodytes are in the line of man ears prove that the auditory ap- should come again at a certain hour the Chicago Post. have a bearing upon the question with a heavy bandage over her eyes.

whether loss of hearing by one ear Theu he took a tiny mouse, which he thing by its tail before the girl's face. does,"-Tit-Bits. though not touching her, while he orsooner was the bandage off than her screams rang through the place and ber eyes were wide with terror at the harm less little rodent, which had thrown her so completely off her guard and exposed the imposture. Of course she saw it or she would not have screamed. Needless to say, the applicant did not get that

PUBLIC PARK FOR OREGON. Proposal to Preserve Feenery Aroun!

certificate.-Minneapolls Tribune.

Crater Lake. It has been proposed to park the of the houses open on the interior of time-honored custom of using spiders' gion about Crater lake in Oregon, one the circular city. Each babitation has webs to stop bleeding. Remarking that of the most remarkable bodies of water a door and a window. To get to them old webs from stables are preferred by in the world. It fills a large, deep you climb a flight of steps cut in the those who resort to this remedy, it crater in the mountains, and the walls wall, which brings you to the lower points out that such webs are peculiar- rise sheer to a dizzying height above layer of houses. If you wish to go ly liable to be infected with the mi- the surface. In the Indian traditions higher you climb another pair of steps crobes of various diseases which may it was the abode of dangerous mon to the houses above, and from here to be communicated from animals to man. sters-creatures that doubtless symbol gone, and I had to walk three miles.

> sense of admiration for its sublimity. wonderful natural scenery at his pleas | perior being. Brooklyn Life. ure in the past. A growing sense of that the great body of the people shall advantage by what is finest and noblest in the landscape as in the re-

Our finest and most impressive scen ery is in the West, where the population is still sparse and where real estate values are still low. Indeed it is not unlikely that the region about Crater lake has never been taken up Those who have seen it declare it to be the scenic count of the Yosemite, and other natives of Northern Africa. They country. He regards the "chilling" of to allow the chopper, the binster, the the surface of cast iron so as to give it a shanty builder, the sign painter, the ening their flocks and farming their land hardness exceeding that of tool steel gine driver to mar it will be to discourage visits to the place and to disgust and dishearten just the class of peoous, on account of the frightful gorges chilling of cast iron for car wheels has ple who are most naturally drawn to long been practised almost exclusively spectacle. In this country we have no Immense private parks for titled arisbottom an American invention, the use toeracy. Whatever is best is for the people. Let them take that best while const defense has hitherto been devel- it is still to be had and before selfish commercialism bars them from it. ton remarks that American Iron is the There should be a park in every State. -Brooklyn Eagle.

Still He Caught Customers. A well-known portrait painter was Elsie's."-Life.

floor."

removed to the fifth floor."

After much puffing and panting the

France in England. The invasion would be at the mouth of the Thames, we landing our troops simultaneously at Herne Bay and Southend. Early the same morning a number of torpedoes will have quietly been guided under London bridge, and a French fleet would insure communidon, one in taking Chatham on the way, and the other proceeding by Tilburyness would bar the entrance to the the heart of the city.-La Patrie.

"I suppose you will take a great in

terest in the campaign." " I should say so!" answered Senator Sorghum "I would be culpable if I lief that when a man invests his money It is his di

A poor brass band is a sign that the



tire satisfaction."-Puck.

Amicus So you have another baby at for a king."-Life.

Mrs. Chatter-Do you believe all the disagreeable things you rend in the papers about people? Mrs. Tattle-Oh, dear, no!-only when they are about people I know.-Chlengo News. "I must be full of electricity," said

C., proudly. "When I stroke a cat, all her bairs stand on end." "Oh, that's nothing," replied T.; "my dog can make

a little something to ent, please.-Harlem Life. "Eliza, why do you write so many let

ters in such hot weather?" "Well, the girl was stone blind, but he was un David, if I don't keep all our relatives posted on the awful heat here they will to discover the cause of the bilindness he landing on us to visit."-Indianapolis Journal. Evidently the Hend of the House:

cept when the sun has retired for the Academy of Sciences that his studies a novel experiment. He dismissed the turned the political canvasser, "in that of the action of sounds upon the bu- patient with instructions that she case I'd like to interview your wife."-"Mrs. Gabbe," observed a friend of

She can converse intelligently, I be lieve, on a thousand different topics." How It Happened: First Citizen-I

haf attended der bolitical meetings of bot' parties der last ten years. Second Citizen-Ah! You like to hear both ddes? First Citizen-Nein! I pelong to i persos pand!--Puck. Not Afraid: "She talked to him just

to let him know she wasn't afraid of afraid of widows," "Well?" "Oh, hey're married now."-Chicago Becord, A Double Blow: "Yes, we had quite a blowout at our house this morning." Peculiar time for it." "Yes; the new hired girl blew out the gas in the gas stove, and the gas blew out the side of the kitchen."-Cleveland Plain Deal-

"Did you dauce until the wee sma' hours?" asked one young man. "No, I didn't. We danced till the last car had the houses above, and from here to the houses above, and from here to the third row, if you are visiting some that have been the third row, if you are visiting some traced to the use of old, dusty spiders' the savages by its wildness, but that, member having encountered."—Wash-

One scientist counted the hairs on a It would take little, if any, money to more conceiled fellow than Bulger? Besides providing protection from fly's feet and found an average of be- set aside this district for a park, and They say he is an atheist; and I believe their enemy, the sun, the circular habi tween ten thousand and twelve thousthat purpose will be successful. We far as that; but I do know that he have allowed the vandal to despoil our doesn't recognize the existence of a su-Impressed on Her Memory: "It's

been four years now," said the descried ordy, "since he left me and his happy home. I remember it just as well as vesterday-bow he stood at the door. holding it open till six files got in the ouse."-Indianapolis Press. Stranger-I noticed your advertise-

man to retail imported canaries. Proprietor of Bird Store-Yes, sir. Are you looking for a job? Stranger-Oh. no. I merely had a curiosity to know low the canaries lost their tails .- Chi--ngo News. He-I saw that farm that was advertised, and I think I'll buy it. She-Oh!

Then we'll move away from the hateful city for good? He-Yes. It's a fine | weight of more than 220 pounds. They place; fourteen neres and a pond on it. are about thirteen feet long and are along and find food. One kind gentle-She-Won't that be nice? We can raise provided with three-hinged metallic pond lilles and watermelons in it.-Phil- flukes, which admit of easy movement and plucked off the wings of some adelphia Press. There was a piece of cold pudding on the lunch table, and mamma divided it uses a paddle to assist him in his

between Willie and Elsie, Willie looked at his pudding-then at his cially useful in turning. It is said he mother's empty plate. "Mamma," he said, earnestly, "I can't enjoy my pudding when you haven't any. Take

not always the receiver of such hand A Long-felt Want: Boss-I don't some honorariums as are now pald him know whether to discharge that new for his portraits. Time was when he boy or raise his salary. Manager-What lived in a common lodging-house near has be been doing? Boss-He rushed heroes in the death recently of Marshal the Pantheon at an altitude of no less into my private office this morning and Arsenio Martinez Campos. For the past than seven stories. Necessity is the told me there was a man downstairs mother of invention, but how to induce who would like to see me. Managera discriminating public to climb seven Who was it? Boss-A blind man,-Tit

He put up a placard in the basement | A Contradiction: Politician-My boy, of the house, "Portraits taken here, the door to every successful business is Only ten francs. Studio on the third inbeled "Push." Thoughtful Youth-Isn't your business a successful one, When the would-be purchaser had ar- sir? Politician-Well, yes, I flatter myrived at the studio-designate, he found self that it is very successful. Why himself confronted by a placard, "Ten do you ask that? Thoughtful Youthfranc portraits. The studio has been Because sir, I see your door is labeled "Pull."-Detroit Free Press.

Repartee: Observing the manager of fifth floor was reached, where a new the drug department, the woman acbill met the inquiring eye, "The ten costed him in a spirit of badinage. "I franc portraits. The studio has, owing have kleptomania," she said; "what ing conferred upon him for his services to rebuilding of the premises, been tem- would you advise me to take?" "The on the island. He was in several enporarily removed to the seventh floor." elevator, by all means!" said the man- gagements with the Carlists, and aided Having suffered so much, the victim ager, wittily. "And not something just greatly in placing Alphonso XII, on the dld not mind suffering once more, and as good?" exclaimed the woman, affect. throne of Spain. He was afterward with his learning. Not long ago, as he

Diamonds Said to Be Alive

A diamond is as much alive as a man. Thus declares Professor von Schroen of the Naples University. According to him the so-called inorganic bodies possess quite as much life as organic ones. He also claims to have photographs of the chief events in the life of premier of Spain, had held the portfolio of the most curious of these is thus de- was president of the Senate. scribed: "The crystal meets another one from a different mother. The two strike at each other; they fight, strive and clasp with each other. It is war to the death. It is a case of the survival of the fittest. One must die. But no two crystals from the same mother ever fight, no matter when they meet." superior to human beings.

debts at the usual time, the New Year, closer one goes to the cavern. There his creditors carry away the door of his is no water in the bottom of the shaft, shop, thus permitting all the demons but the water dripping down from its

qualified applicants.

BARONESS VON SWARTZENSTEIN

Wife of Germany's Minister to China Was An American Girl.

Mand Roosevelt La Vinsen, now Barness von Swartzenstein, whose busband has been recently appointed Min-ister from Germany to China, was one of the belles of Washington three winters ago. She is an American woman of the highest type—beautiful, well ed-ucated and well born. She is a blonde, whose blue eyes are the glory of a face that is delicate of feature. Her figure lives in daily communication with the He Reflects: "Destiny," said the pensive boarder "is like a chicken—it isn't the Roosevelt family, and a second everybody who can carve it to his enafter her debut in New York City, & conspicuous beauty in the most ex-Four house; what is he like? Eminent clusive sets, but she was truly "a pennicustion with the Emperor Kwang Hau to the fact that he but he is mighty convincing.-Life. face was her fortune. She spent her The Ideal: The Vegetarian-What winters with her mother's cousin, Barkind of a dinner did my wife put up? oness von Orendorff, in Washington, "Fine' We had greens and salad, and, with whom she frequently went in fact, a dinner fit for a cow-I mean abroad. The acquaintance with Baron Mumm von Schwarzenstein began in Washington, when the diplomat was at



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tached to the German legation. The Baron was also principal of an internathe family, "is a very superior woman. tional school of languages, for Germans she can converse intelligently. I be their talents and accomplishments to Yu Wei, Leung Kal Tin, Leung Chi "Yes," sighed Mr. Gabbe, "and she secount, even though they may be pos- Tso, and several others managed to essessed of wealth. The handsome young cape. Baron was 35 years old when he first | Leung Kai Tin came to the Pacific met the beautiful American girl. They coast to carry the doctrine of reform fell in love at first sight. When the Baroness von Orendorff took her niece sbroad, the baron followed, and their little romance had for a background many European countries. There was a wedding by and by in Germany, and the bride said to her friends: "I would China. Their battle cry is: "Give back ald bachelors." "Yes?" "And he talked have married my dear German flance the throne to the young Emperor to her to let her know that he wasn't if he had been plain Tom Smith, with- Kwang Hsu." They would have the out a coat to his back."

ABLE TO SKATE ON WATER.

How a German Sea Captain Moves in Shoes Thirteen Feet Long.

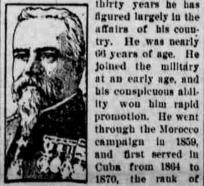
Capt. Grossmann, a German sailor, t the inventor of a pair of shoes for walking on water. He recently gave an exhibition on the Rhine at Worms near the new and imposing bridge across the stream named. The shoes are made of in, weigh twenty-two pounds each, and together are capable of sustaining a

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forward, but retard movement backward in the water. Capt. Grossmann watery promenade, and finds it espehas saved twenty lives by the use of these shoes.

MARTINEZ CAMPOS.

He Was One of Spain's Foremost Soldiers and Statesmen. Spain lost one of her greatest military thirty years he has



ity won him rapid promotion. He went through the Morocco campaign in 1859, and first served in MARTINEZ CAMPOS brigadier general be-

made captain general of the army and in 1877 was appointed commander-inchief of the army in Cuba, where he brought the ten-years' ate. war to a close in 1878. He again went | As they approached the entrance to to Cuba in 1895, but his liberal policy the Senate-chamber, Mr. Hoar motionof treating with the Cubans resulted in | ed to his companion to pass in first. his withdrawal and the substitution of the notorious Weyler. He was twice drawing back politely. a crystal, from its birth inward. One of war, and at the time of his death "the X's always go before the wise."

from which flows freezing air. A man appears that a few days back the vice was sinking a well for mineral wealth, chancellor received the following let-At the depth of twenty feet he was ter from a gentleman: 'How much compelled to quit or freeze. About May would I have to pay for the education In which particular crystals seem to be ice begins to form in it, and continues of my son in your university? Let me the day, the more ice there is in the wish to learn to read and write."-St. If a man in China doesn't pay his mine. The air becomes more frigid the Tames' Gazette. the sides of the shaft several inches South Dakota has an aggregate of 11,- thick. What causes the intense cold A third is being put in at Mexia, Texas, 500,000 acres of vacant government and where the air comes from are ques- Is there anything much homeller land which is now subject to entry by tions that have not been satisfactorily than the average family group in answered.-Philadelphia Press.

STUDIED WITH KWANG HSU.

Fellow Student of the Chinese Emperor Visite San Francisco. Leung Kai Tin, a fellow-student of Emperor Kwang Hsu of Chips, is in San Francisco. Even to see the Emperor is a rare privilege, denied the great majority of the almoud-eyed. The fortunate Celestial who rubs elbows with his majesty is singularly honored by his countrymen. But he who breaks through the sacred inner circle and Emperor of Chius is almost a divinity to the half a thousand million less for

tunate subjects. Such a dignitary is Leung Kal Tin, is a pupil of Kang Yu Wei, greatest of Chinese scholars and reformers. It was Kang Yu Wel who first started the reform bee buzzing in the royal bonnet. The young Emperor finally lent a listening ear to the teachings of Kang Yu Wei. He became a pupil of that great teacher. This naturally made the Emperor eager to meet the most brilliant scholars of Kang Yu Wel. Among the young men brought into the royal prescuce were Leung Chi Tso and Leung Kal Tin. Leung Kal Tin was the younger brother, but equally clever for his years, and an ardent reformer.

When jealousy made it imperative that the young Emperor have less frequent counsels with Kang Yn Wel it was decided to confine their intercourse to letters and to have these missives carried to and fro by some trusted friend of reform. Lenng Kai Tin was one of those who bravely offered his services for this delicate and dauger-

When the Emperor saw that his reformers had endangered his own safety and that of his advisers, and that matters were nearing a crisis, he sent a secret message to Kwang Yu Wei, luforming him of the peril that was threatening all reformers. He bade them fly at once.

Six of the most promising advocates of reform were butchered at the instigation of the Empress Downger before they could make their escape, but Kang

to every city and village where his brother Chinese congregate. In San Francisco there are an especially large number of progressive Chinese, who believe that the light of modern civilization should penetrate the gloom of Empress Dowager divested of every

vestige of power. Leung Kai Tin, though still in his twenties, is a man of marvelous ability. He is a scholar, not only learned in the musty philosophy of the Orient, but well versed in the history of other nations and what has made their success. He is an eloquent speaker, and his lectures to his countrymen in the United States have stirred them greatly.

FLIES HAVE EYES TO BLIND.

Four Thousand in a Bunch on Each Side of the Hend. Whoever thinks the male the superior animal finds no rest for the sole of his foot in the contemplation of what we, in the sublimity of our self-concelt, call "the lower animals." In our general ignorance of the housefly we do not know just how foolish and noaccount the male is, but we may reasonably infer that he is as markedly deficient as usual, seeing that his eyes are so close together that they touch eath other. That's always a bad sign. If you see anybody with eyes close together you are entitled to think little

of his intelligence. The fly has two sorts of eyes the ble compound one, 4,000 in a bunch on each side of the head, for knocking about in daylight, and there are simple eyes on the top of the head for use in a poor light, sewing and fine print. Before going into eestasies of admiration over the creature that has 4,000 eyes on each side of its head it might be well to remember that they are not of much account. In case of old files kept over winter the compound eyes cave in and get broken, yet the fly seems to get man varnished over the simple eyes flies. He found that he might hold a candle close enough to burn the compound eyes of the fly before it had a suspicion that anything out of the common was going on. In daylight he took a knitting needle and brought it up in front of the fly close enough to touch his antennae before it dodged. If the knitting needle was brought up on one side Mr. Fly picked up his sticking plasters quite lively.—Ainslee's Maga-

Electroplating the Dead.

Dr. Variot of Paris has discovered a process for embalming bodies which it is thought will pave a great success. He not only embalms but metallizes the bodies by the Ruolt process, just as it is done with a fork or a spoon. In this manner they can be preserved inat an early age, and definitely, and in such perfection that the most imperceptible wrinkles and lines are reproduced, and the embalmed body has the appearance of a metal statue. The process is as follows: After a bath in pure carbolic seld, and being strongly rubbed with nitrate of Cuba from 1804 to silver, the body is submerged in a galvano-plastic (2) bath, after which a slight layer of nitrite is applied to it .-Lisbon O Dia.

A Question of Precedence. Senator Hoar's wit has kept pace was walking through one of the corridors of the capitol, he was joined by one of his former colleagues in the Sen

"After you," said the ex-Senator,

"No, Indeed," retorted Senator Hoar,

Gentle Sarcasm on Athletics. With reference to the delication of

Near Condersport, Potter County, the athlete at public schools, the Ox-Pennsylvania, is a hole in the mountain ford Magazine has the following: "It to freeze until October. There is no know if I shall have to pay more in ice in the hole in winter. The warmer case my son, besides rowing, should

Big Cotton Plants for Texas. The largest cotton ginning plants in sides freezes. The ice begins to form the world is now under construction at less than a foot from the top and coats Corsica, Texas, and the next largest

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