TWO child of mine shall marry a out!" And he shut the door in the man who has used force against tramps' faces and locked it.

Old Carmelius Foote was a staunch. not to say rabid, advocate of universal peace. Some of his progenitors on the happy dreams.

As Amber left the room, sobbing, her mother turned, almost defiantly, toward Carmelius, "You know they have thought the world of each other to the war that Amber loves him, or even admires him, though there are lots of girls who are after him just for that. Amber and he were as good as engaged long before the war, and

"Philippine rebels;" snorted Carmein from them! I told Will Camp be the horse to the fence with his slow who lived close to nature, and was as fore he went that if he wanted to have anything more to do with Amber he'd anything more to do with Am better stay at home and 'tend to the tramp in the pantry crawling over the beasts were almost as fem'llar with employments of peace. But no-off he sill after a sack of ples which he had him as with one of their own kind, but went, with a lot of other crazy-headed delivered to his companions. Will there was a notable exception, to wit, young fellows, and now he comes back. Camp appeared at the window, with coons. Between Bob and coons waged man, and dares to come courting of "Set down that bag and git!" he cried, was ably assisted by his dog, Pete, who, my daughter just the same as before. with a vernacular snap lacking to pro- as he said, he had "done brung up into I tell you, I won't have it!" The old per military language. The tramps de bes' of coon dog in Gawgy." man's voice rose so shrilly that Amber dropped their sack with a great clatter One day Bob and Pete had treed a heard it, as she lay sobbing on her lit- of crockery, and ran helter-skelter for coon, and Bob got his ax and proceeded comes, I'll send him home. I'll teil him never to cross my threshold again. I'll by side, laughing happily, when Car Pete rushed for his victim, and Bob the beroine of the plains, and the name give him to understand that when I say melius Foote, ex-peace advocate and "done in coughed him do her" he give him to understand that when I say melius Foote, ex-peace advocate and "done in'coughed him de bes' he has stuck to me through life."

The man of peace beat the air with his fist and then struck the table a resounding thump. "No man who uses force against his brother man shall marry a child of mine!" he repeated. "Let Will Camp understand that! Once for all, I say that I won't have him here courting Amber. I'll send him home if he comes."

Old Carmelius Foote was as good as his word. He met Will Camp at the gate the next Sunday evening, and Mrs. Foote and Amber heard the voices of the two men raised in angry dispute. Then the young man whirled abruptly on his heel and strode away. Amber buried her woe-begone face on her mother's shoulder, and her whole body shook with sobs. It seemed to her that that quick, indignant turning away of her lover meant the end of her first and only romance. For she said to body but Will, and if he and her father

dark rings under her eyes, was like a tain health resorts are ascribed. but never to stand erect again.

quently, pie-baking day was a very important occasion in the Foote housethumped over the dough board; the life, damp and vegetation. spice boxes shed their aroma abroad the piles of sliced fruit and mincemea and the bowls of yellow custard and lemon flavored starch were devoured by cavernous crust lined ple plates, and the oven door creaked and clanged. By mid-afternoon the "buttery" shelves and window sills were covered thickly with pies, and Carmelius would come in from his work, sniff of them. and go out again with a look of tolerant satisfaction on his set face. It was the Wednesday after Will

Camp had been forbidden the house, and Carmellus had just come in to sniff of the pies, when there was a loud knock at the kitchen door. Carmelius answered it. There stood four ragged, unkempt and desperate looking tramps. "Well, what do you want?" demanded Carmellus.

"Them ples," responded the spokesman of the hungry looking crew, with a significant jerk of the thumb toward the pantry. "We see some of 'em on the winder sill-and we smelt 'em." Old Carmelius shrank a little, in spite of himself. The farm house was at a distance from the village. The the leader of all the pirates was only a nearest neighbor was Will Camp's Kidd."-Philadelphia Bulletin. father. The tramps were young, vigorous and desperately hungry. Besides there were four of them.

"You can have one pie," said Carmelius at length, grudgingly.

wouldn't go far with us fellers." have 'em," he said, doggedly. "Get not gossip.

his brother man!" declared Car- Scarcely had he returned to his terrimelius Foote, doggedly. And as be fied wife and daughter, when there spoke be confronted his shrinking was a grating sound in the pantry. daughter. Amber, who had just said The pies were being removed from the good-night at the door to gullant Will sill of the open window! Then the Camp, recently home from the Philip three plainly heard a man climb over tramps understood their physical advantage, and they wanted the ples.

he had inherited enough of the pacific back toward him, stowing ples away ship he was coming home on — was of the novelist to blush. Her advenspirit of William Penn and his followin an old sack. Three flerce, intent swinging at her anchor off. Point de tures have been the base of a familiar ers to combat everything that savored faces filled up the open window space. Galle, Ceylon. of physical force with a flerceness and intolerance that would have made a cross the kitchen and banged the table captain of horse invincible. He had great hopes of the peace conferation of the pe ence summoned by the Czar of Russia; things were capable of stirring him to mals stopped dead. The startled men in private life "Calamity Jane" is and just now he was particularly indigence with the loss of a pie. Final-looked for just a moment straight in Mrs. Martha Burk. She owes her nicknant and disgusted by the fact that. ly, he unlocked the kitchen door and the face of each other. Then the ex- name to Captain Eagan, of the United Immediately after that conference, the limped out to the barn. He stood clamation, "Great heavens, she's sink- States army, whose life she saved in a two most enlightened nations of the glowering there in the door as the ing!" was followed by a clamor that battle with Indians in 1872. She was world were each engaged in wars of tramps departed with a sack full of just blotted out the stillness. At one then only 20 years old, but was already

the farm yard.

Carmellus Foote was harnessing a horse in the barn when he first saw them. Stripping off all but the headand climbed from thence to its bare back. Then he thundered out of the barn and down the road.

In an amazingly short space of time he was seen returning, seated at Will it is cruel for you to separate them just Camp's side in the latter's light buggy. because Will obeyed his country's call Will had his soldier clothes on, and his His Especial Serrow Over the Beath of and went to defend it against those gun rested against the edge of the seat between the two men. The buggy rattled into the farm yard and Will Camp and an uncommon character. He was lius "Great danger this country was leaped out, leaving Carmelius to hitch a great, black strong-limbed fellow, stained with the blood of his brother his Springfield rifle at his shoulder. an unremitting warfare, in which he

to tea?"-Portland Transcript.

Where Pure Air Is Found The chemical composition of the at-

sea the relation of oxygen to nitrogen and told of his tragedy. al one. The air of high altitudes conherself that she could never love any- tains no microbes, and is, in fact, ster- coon done kill him!"-Detroit Free suit of a cowboy, clipped a little off the lle, while near the ground and some 100 | Press. had come to be enemies, of course, the feet above it microbes are abundant. In the air of towns and crowded places For days there was scarcely a word not only does the microbic impurity inspoken between the three members of crease, but other impurities, such as the Foote family. Carmelius was grim- the products of combustion of coal, acly determined, and went about with a crue also. Several investigators have face like flint. His wife was indig- found traces of hydrogen and certain nantly silent. She never spoke to him hydrocarbons in the air and especially except when absolutely obliged to, and in the air of pine, oak and birch forthen in scarcely anything but monosylests. It is to these bodies, doubtless, lables. Amber attended to her bouse consisting of traces of essential oils, to hold duties with drooping face and which the curative properties of cer-

flower that had been trodden on and Thus the locality of a fir forest is said was at length lifting itself pitifully, to give relief in diseases of the respiratory tract. But, all the same, these Wednesday was pie baking day at traces of essential oil and aromatic prothe Foote farm. Next to universal ducts must be counted, strictly speakpeace, Carmelius' great hobby was ing, as impurities, since they are not ples. He ate them three times a day, necessary constituents of the air. As and seldom consumed less than half a recent analyses have shown, these ple at a meal. All kinds of ples were bodies tend to disappear in the air as grateful to his palate, and he throve a higher altitude is reached, until they upon them famously, in spite of the disappear altogether. It would seem, printed protests of hygienists. Conse- therefore, that microbe, hydrocarbons and entities other than oxygen and nitrogen, are only incidental to the neighhold. All day long the rolling pin borhood of human industry, animal

Life-Saving Politeness.

Patriotism and politeness are great virtues, and a Japanese physician, Doctor Aoyama, owes his life to the fact that he possessed them both in high degree.

He had caught the plague, and was dying for need of the food which, in his delirium, he refused to take. His nurse was in despair, but finally conceived the idea of playing upon his patriotism by filling a glass with liquid nourishment and then offering to drink to the health of the mlkado.

This was repeated until, ardent he had honored his sovereign enough. drum beat as it circles the globe." Then his politeness was appealed to, the nurse proposing a toast and reproaching the sick man for not joining it it. In this way the patient's strength was maintained until the delirium subsided and be became convalescent.

Shocking "How many youthful criminals there are nowadays. "Oh, that's nothing new. Years ago

Sending Corpses to Sea. When dead bodies are entered as a family. cargo on a ship, they are often recorded on the involces as "statuary" or natural history specimens" to allay all," was the cool reply. "One pie the superstitious fears of the crew.

Carmelius' whole soul rose up in de What the world really needs is an streets. fense of his precious pies. "You can't eleventh commandment; Thou shalt

ELEPHANTS IN THE WATER.

They Were the Outy Animale That Saved Themselves in a Shipwreck. ped a strong structure is erected on deck and there they are stabled, chain-ed by the feet. No doubt in an emerwith their chains and the deck flooring. throwing the stable aside if it offered any impediment to their progress and the door happened to be shut. Ele-phants, fortunately, are not always put-

pine war, and still wearing his stained the sill and drop down into the pantry. was returning from India with a cargo Indian fighter feared by the redskins, There was no strategy about it. The of elephants, black panthers, tigers, a mail carrier in the Black Hills, a free peace. Some of his progenitors on the maternal side had been Quakers, and looked in. A man stood with his The Agra—that was the name of the lamity Jane's" life puts the imagination

no mean proportions. He had stormed ples.

A week passed. There had been a beast seemed to realize the situation story of the incident: declared them to be, without exception, new pie baking day in the interim, and at one and the same moment they "I was serving under Captain Eagan, promoters of the devil's kingdom. And the Footes were not disturbed. But all began to exhibit symptoms of the and while near Goose Creek on the site now to have this young American sol- when the larder had once more fallen slarm they felt. In the case of the men of the present town of Sheridan, Wyo., dier, still clad in his iniquitous livery. empty and was being restocked with they were free to devise means of estable we had a three-day skirmish. We lost darkening his doors as a suitor for his the savory disks, the same gang suddaughter's hand, was too much. No denly reappeared, and once more lit-wonder the old man flew into a ungod-erally sacked the pantry. Carmelius the animals they were confined and about a mile from camp. Captain ly and inconsistent passion. No won- was furious so furious that he went had to undergo the horror of facing a Eagan was one of the first to be shot ly and inconsistent passion. No wonder he spoke harshly as he did to his
without pies for a fortnight, hoping
pretty daughter, and no wonder she, thus to outwit and defeat the tramps;
ls natural for an animal to die in compening to be near him, I was able to knowing her father's determined and for he was a man of peace. But not bat with an enemy and while the comimmovable nature, burst into tears and a ragged outcast appeared during that but lasts there is hope of escape. There from falling from his horse. I manstole away upstairs to face the shadow time. On the third Wednesday he orwhich had suddenly blotted out her dered a pie baking again, and just as observise engaged—engaged, too, in a of me, and made a dash for camp, the last ple was out of the oven the natural way. But with the animals ragged quartette came slouching into cooped up on the Agra, with never an enemy to fight, it was far different, and they gave vent to cries of unbounded despair. The elephants made a noise, too, but there was not one touch of deseried. "It isn't because Will has been stall, he led the horse to the grain box pair there. It was the businessilke the Agra had reached bottom a herd

OLD BOB'S GRIEVANCE.

-Cassell's Magazine.

Bob was one of the old-time darkies,

Amber and Will were standing side Pete's prowess. When the tree fell exemplar, came into the kitchen, flushed and chuckling.

"They might just as well have taken it became a question whether he would not avenge the lives of many of his who'd touch 'em now. But we've saved the plates anyhow, and I reckon be the way they also fair play were none of the between they also didn't be dirty became a question was game in every hair, and gave such a battle that Mo., in 1852. Her father, J. Cannary, was lured to Montana in 1865 by the hope of "striking it rich" in the new brethren who had gone before. Bob's gold fields. During the five months' trip overland Martha became an expert by the way they skedaddled, the dirty keenest when it came to a conflict with rifle shot and a daring rider.

on the high Alps or at the surface of the ing. Bob bore Pete's body homeward and other constituents is the same. The "De good Gord knows I lub ol' Pete,"

The Land of Chestnuts. The home of chestnuts is in France, ounds every year. The "marrons" to wear man's clothing. are of course the great luxury, but among the poorer classes the smaller and fifty women and girls. The chestfor three days in a vanilla syrup; then they are drained, coated thinly with vanilla, and prepared for shipment.

Mr. Covert is anxious that America should go extensively into chestnutgrowing, and believes that as sugar is fifty per cent ' cheaper here than in France, the candled product would soon undersell the French article. However, as marron trees .o not yield profitably till they are ten years old. Mr. Covert admits that there is no immediate prospect of a reduction in

the price of the candled nuts. Snarley-"Yes; I saw the Hellespont.

all the time." Yow-"What was it?" Snarley-"Dipsomania."-Syracuse Herald.

Missouri's Mule. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "The bray of Missouri's indispensable

The dulcimer, in almost exactly the

business has been conducted by one 1886. The husband died in 1895.

An Old English Firm.

There are always more early birds

Berlin is to have a school for coach-

than worms.

"CALAMITY JANE."

When a number of elephants are ship- ONE OF THE REMARKABLE WO-MEN OF THE WEST.

gency they could easily walk away Female in Sex, but a Man in Employ ment and Association Noted Charactor Will End Her Days in a Mon-

"Calamity Jane" has sought an asyting forth their prowess and the chains lum in the poorhouse of Gallatin Counin ordinary weather and ordinary cir-cumstances keep them sufficiently in army scout in the disguise of a man, a check. About twenty years ago Will- dispatch bearer through a country iam Jamrach, who had made a fortune, swarming with a cunning enemy, at cheetahs, leopards, hyenas, spes, ser- rover among the rough characters of pents, orang-outangs and rare birds of the border, a woman in sex but a man character of the dime novel, but the



CALAMITY JANF. ering from his wound Captain Engan

rascals will never turn up again. Moth- a coon, so he drew near with his ax, after the family reached Montana the er, hadn't you better ask Will to stay and, watching his opportunity, simed a mother died, and the father, being disblow which was calculated to end the appointed, decided to return to Misconflict in short order. Alas! just as sour!. At Salt Lake City he too died, his stroke fell the combatants executed leaving four younger children to the a lightning change of position, and the care of Martha, then but 15 years old. mosphere differs little, if at all, where- faithful Pete received the fatal stroke. Employment was found for her at Fort ever the sample be taken; whether it be With tears and grones of honest feel- Bridge, Wyo., and she continued to ride and shoot until her reputation became widespread.

Her association with the soldiers favorable effects, therefore, of a change he said, "but hit hain't so much dat he filled her with a longing to go on the of air are not to be explained by any am gone dat huhts me. Cou'se I kin warpath against the Indians, and when difference in the proportion of its gas- brung up 'noddah coon dog en mek him General Custer was ordered in 1870 to eous constituents. One important dif- mos' as good, but dat neveh kin mek make a campaign against the Apaches ference, however, is the bacteriologic up fo' de fack dat of Pete will allus be in Arizona she decided to put a desperundeh de collusion dat dat no count ate plan into execution. She put on the end of her hair, rode to Fort Russell Wyo., and boldly asked to be engaged as a scout. She was accepted and where an enthusiastic admirer declares though her sex was soon discovered, that they are "as common as beans in General Custer let her off with a scold-Boston." On such an extensive scale are lng. She pleaded to be retained, and, they cultivated that one factory in as she had proved her ability, she was Lyons handles over twenty-five million retained in the service and continued

It was a thrilling campaign, in which she performed a number of daring missions and had several narrow escapes The United States consul at Lyons,
John C. Covert, visited a large chestnut
factory which employs two hundred

Only once did she despair of her life.
She had been trapped by two Indians,
but her markmanship enabled her to kill one of them and escape. From the an explanation. nuts are peeled and boiled and placed Apache campaign she went back to Wyoming to join the expedition under Custer, Miles and Crook. She fought in the campaign against the Nez Perces in 1873, and was in various minor enduring the following year. She accom-1875 in the expedition to the Black Hills to protect the mmers and settlers from the threatening Sloux.

The ill-fated year 1876 found the fe male soldier with Custer, Miles and Terry in the Big Horn country in northern Wyoming, where the Indians were creating trouble. It was in this campaign that "Calamity Jane" performed a perilous feat of carrying dispatches And now I know what the matter was through a hostile country. The season with Leander that caused him to swim was cold and wet, and she had to ford the Platte River near Fort Fetterman. The exposure brought on pneumonia. She was granted an indefinite furlough, which may have served her life, for a few months later occurred the Custer

massacre. Her next employment was as United States mall carrier on the dangerous product, the mule, is now heard around route between Deadwood and Custer. the world from Cape Town to Iloilo, It was during this period that William patriot as he was, the doctor felt that and frequently drowns the warring Hickok ("Wild Bill") was assassinated by Jack McCall, a notorious desperado. 'Calamity Jane" joined the posse in pursuit of the murderer, and when he was cornered in a butcher shop she form in which it is known to-day, has brought him to bay with a cleaver. Her been in use in Persia and Arabia from love for army life took her back into time immemorial. It was probably in the service, and she was assigned to steadily from the humblest beginning, critically as he passed. Seizing a pen troduced into Europe during the cru- the Seventh Cavalry. She helped to and is to-day a small but profitable in- he rapidly wrote on the register, turn the passport to you in person withbuild Fort Mead, S. D., and in 1878 was dustry. In some parts of Maine and "William J. Smith, Hushpuckana, in three days. So we had to summon honorably discharged. Resuming petti- New Brunswick neckties made of rattlecoats, she settled on a ranch near Miles For more than 300 years a drapery City, Mont., but has since wandered business has been carried on in the same about from place to place in the West. building at Sheffield, under the title of In 1884 she married Clinton Burk at El Sign of the Crown, and since 1750 the Paso, by whom she had a daughter in

> SPEED OF AN EARTHQUAKE. Preliminary Tremors Travel at Rate of 345 Miles a Minute.

men, in which drivers are to be taught how to get along in crowded city of 1897, a London scientist says the vihow to get along in crowded city of 1897, a London scientist says the vihimself by over-estimating his ability.

Take an nonest invoice of yourseld out his purse and paid over the promisat least once a year; no man ever helped out his purse and paid over the promishimself by over-estimating his ability. brations traveled to Europe, where they

well recorded at many other places on the rface of our world had there been provided suitable instruments. The preliminary tremors, which are probably waves of compression, traveled through the world to reach Italy and other countries with an average rate of 345 miles a minute, or 9 kilometers a

second-a rate which, it will be oberved, is higher than that at which red, is higher than that at which clouds whose speeds were measured that movements can be transmitted by Prof. Bigelow was durting through through glass or steel. The large waves, which are probably quasi-elastic gravitation waves, by traveling over the surrocumulus cloud—one of the mackerel-face of the earth, reached Europe at a sky class—observed in December. rate of 113 miles a minute, or 2.98 kiloneters a second. It is likely that these latter disturb

ances reached stations in Europe by traveling from their origin in two directions round the world. As an indication of this, we are told that at several of the European stations alight undula-tions are to be seen on the seismograms at times we should expect to find such markings, had they traveled from India to Europe by the longest possible route. From the period of these waves, which is taken at twenty-two seconds, and their velocity, their length may be inferred, an estimate of which is thirty-four niles; while their height, as deducted from their length, and the maximum angle of tilting, is estimated at twenty

The slowness of the movement was such that they could not be felt, while the magnitude was such that the unaided eye of an observer would not be able to recognize any differential movements in his surroundings. The largegreat duration, extending over several hours, preclude them from the category of tremors, vibrations or microscist -Pittsburg Dispatch.

Coaching for His Conversation. As an overgrown boy-for I was six eet tall at fourteen-I had experience all the agonies of bashfulness in the society of the other sex, though greatly attracted to it, says Col. Higginson. find it difficult to convince my associates of later years that I then habitually sat mute while others chattered. A word or two of remonstrance from my mother had in a single day corrected this during my senior year, so far as the family table was concerned, and this emboldened me to try the experi-ment on a wider field. I said to myself, thinking of other young men who made themselves quite agreeable; "These youths are not your superiorsperhaps in the recitation room or the playground hardly your equals. Why not cope with them elsewhere?" Thus influenced, I conquered myself in a single evening and lost my shyness forever. The process was unique, so far as I know, and I have often recommended it to shy young men.

considered beforehand what young ladies would probably be there. With each one I had, of course, something in common kinship, or neighborhood, or down on a small sheet of paper what I would say to each, if I happened to be bit of magic paper, on which I afterward underscored, before sleeping, the

points actually used. Heroes Buried by Night. One of the most romantic burials in history was that of Alaric, the king of the West Goths, who invaded Italy, captured and sacked Rome Aug. 24, 410. After this success he was preparing to carry his arms into Sicily, when the River Busento, after turning the water into another channel. With him was interred great treasure and the digging was done by prisoners who afterward were put to death that the exact spot might remain unknown.

Another Roman conqueror, Attila the Hun was buried in 453 A. D. in the midst of a plain. His body was inhe second of silver, the third and outer rounded by great treasure and buried by prisoners who were afterward floor and then walked over to the

A third secret and romantic burial was that of the Spanish explorer, Fernando de Soto, the discoverer of the Mississippi River. Shortly after finding the river he died of malarial fever, and to keep his body from falling into the old man. the hands of the savages it was placed in a coffin, which at midnight was taken to the middle of the great stream and sunk .- Woman's Home Compan-

It is easy to misunderstand and easy to be misunderstood; and sometimes, happily, it is easy to give and to accept

"I did think I would never come to see you again," said a cousin of the and hospitable, of course, but I remember you did not smile once during the entire two weeks of my stay."

To her astonishment her city cousin burst into a fit of laughter. "Maria," she said, "just before you came I had the misfortune to break the porcelain 'crowa' from one of my new front teeth, and as my dentist was out of town on his vacation. I had to wait for his return. I didn't dare to smile when any one was looking at me for fear of showing the ghastly metallic 'back' to which the porcelain had been attached. It was a strain, Maria, but I was equal to it, and I did not want to

have to explain." And her smile, now without a me chanical flaw, reinforced the renewed

Superstitions as to Rattlesnakes. The American Indian believes the rattlesnake to possess occult virtues. distance from the desk, pensively rolland quite a number of whites sem to have been converted to the same opin- skylight, a smartly dressed man walk- my anger rose. ion. The sale of rattlesnake oil for ed briskly through the door and up to rhuematism and neuralgia has grown the clerk's desk, eyeing the bystanders tell me that?' I asked. snake skins are employed as a specific for bad coughs and colds, and the rattle is used by believers in voodoo of the southland as a charm against bad luck.

A good way to do reform work is to lead such a clean, useful, sober life if it ain't Bill Smith at last!" that others will try to follow your ex-

The fastest of the thousands o

The spider shields itself in winter by a weather-proof covering of silk, but some kinds come out for an airing occasionally, and even take a scamper across the snow. The trap door spide passes the entire season deep in the ground in his winter house of spun

Wearers of eye-glasses are frequently annoyed in cold weather by the deposit of moisture that forms on the glass upon entering a warm room. According to a German technical journal, a simple preventive of this annoyance is the rubbing of the glasses with soft potash soap every morning. After the soap is applied the glasses can be polished bright, the invisible film that remains ufficing to prevent the deposit

Some attempts have been made to boom liquid air commercially, but without encouragement from scientific periodicals. A London paper says: One of the greatest difficulties to ontended with in the practical applientions of liquid air is that of keeping it for a length of time. According to Mr. Carl Linde, small quantities may be preserved in well-exhausted and silvered double-walled glass vessels for a relatively long time.

Diamonds have been found in condderable numbers and of very fine quality in the interior of British Gulana, on the Mazaruul River, 250 miles above its junction with the Essequibo. Mr. Moulton, our consul at Demerara, says that the London dealers to whom the stones have been forwarded consider them superior to South African diamonds and equal in quality to those of Brazil. The present diggings are situated in a tropical jungle five miles from the river, and the region is not easily reached. The matrix from which the gems have be- basket, and wagon peddlers, used as a come scattered is now the object of The sea has flowers as the land has,

but the most brilliant of the sea-flowers bloom not upon plants but upon animals. The living corals of tropical seas present a display of floral beauty which in richness and vividness of color and variety and grace of form rivals the splendor of a garden of flowers. The resemblance to vegetal blossoms is so complete that some persons find it difficult to believe that the brilliant display contains no element another offered could be entertained tel-e-phone? of plant life, but is wholly animal in favorite pursuit. This would do, I realits organization. Among the sea anioned, for a starting point. So I put mais which bloom as if they were for you, and It's the last we have of lence why does he plants are included, besides corals, the the lot, or 'We want to make a cussea-anemone and the sea-cucumber. near her. It worked like a charm. I Dr. C. M. Blackford, Jr., remarks that given for 'coming down' on prices; but found myself chatting away the whole among the coral gardens the birds and all the time the salesman had the cost He has been try-ing for twen-ty minevening, and heard the next day that everybody was surprised at the transeverybody was everybody was surprised at the transeverybody was everybody was everybo flashing colors, which dart about bune. among the animal flowers.

BILL SMITH CAME ON TIME.

The best confidence man that ever perambulated down the pike was in Memphis last week and did some smooth business of the bunko variety. according to the Commercial-Appeal The victim in the case was a king-bee Memphis confidence man who thinks he happened to be out looking for hay-

The confidence man dropped into certain hotel in Memphis to lay for prey, and had gotten himself up to pass for a commercial traveler. Pretty soon a havseed Rube of the most harmlesslooking type came into the hotel lobby men sitting around. Failing to see the stood a moment in the center of the clerk's desk. He took a long-range chance at the cuspidor and missed, and then, addressing the clerk, asked: "Has Bill Smith been here looking for me? chance for some fun, began to humor

The Memphis shark grew interested and drew near. Soon the whole hotel knew the old man's story. Bill Smith the information of the folks at home, to was a stranger he had met in the morning who had borrowed \$50 from him to to send this letter in the hope of movpay a freight bill, promising to meet Rube at the hotel and pay it back. Rube was certain he would be in soon because it was now past the appointed

The old man's apparent innocence amused the crowd and he was advised prominent society woman who had to go on and forget Bill Smith, as he come to the country to visit her and would never see Bill any more. The was about to start homeward. "It's kind old man replied good-humoredly that he Taunggyl, Shan States, Upper Burgagements in Montana and Wyoming of you to ask me, of course, but I re- guessed he would wait a while for Bill, member that when I was at your house and, winking at the crowd, he pulled panied General Crook as a scout in in the city, two years ago, you did not out a well-filled wallet with the remark seem glad to see me. You were kind that he had plenty left if Bill should go back on his word.

The eyes of the Memphis shark glist ened at the sight of the wallet, and approaching Rube, he began to manifest the tenderest sympathy in his case, and assured him that Bill Smith was a rascally thief, and that the town was full of such sharks. Rube grew nervous under the repeat

ed flings at his friend Bill Smith, and in his excitement pulled his money and swore he would bet every dollar of it on Smith's honesty. "Well," said the Memphis shark, "I'll

just bet you \$50 that Smith don't show up with your money." Reuben took the bet, and, with trembling fingers, pulled out the fifty, and the stakes were put in the hands of the that would warrant this midnight ar-

After this Rube grew silent and nerv ously paced up and down the lobby. Presently, as Rube was standing some ing his quid and gazing through the the officer graciously repeated. Then the poisonous fluid. Roland Forrest, Miss."

As he was writing Rube had once more advanced toward the desk, and, seeing the form at the counter, he strode eagerly forward, peered into the face of the newcomer, and, slapping passport has been found correct." him on the back, exclaimed: "By gosh,

Smith recognized Rube, thanked him a pourboire. for the loan, and immediately pulled " 'What!' I yelled in angry amaze-

were recorded at very many stations, The failure of one man is often the Rube claimed the wager, but it had to to give me the price of a glass? and no doubt would have been equally beginning of another man's success. go. Later the Memphis shark got a lit- "I gave it!"

tle note advising him that Rube thankvised him to try the trick on some his fellow sharks and play for even.

SOME QUUER COST MARKS.

en-Letter Worle and Phrases Chosen Among the old-time features which are disappearing from the city stores because of the modern methods is the cabalistic cost mark which the merchant once thought as indispensable as the counter over which he sold his

The man who started a business for himself devoted many hours before he made his first display of wares to making up" a cost mark. This had to be unlike any other mark, and was, in some instances, composed of ten hier-oglyphics, often of transposed figures, and more often of a word or two, the etters of which could be used to express figures. A large wholesale concern in New York used the mark 'God save us," and made up the tenth figure with a cross. Through this business house the plous cost mark became known all over the country. Clerks from the establishment entered the mercantile field on their own account and took the cost mark with them, and within a few years it was in use in nearly every state in the Union. Another cost mark which found

many admirers was "Make profit," and this was only a triffe more popular than "Quick trade." "Johny Miles" served as a sign as well as a cost for one concern, and one sentimental Irishman who opened a linen store in New York in the days when Niblo's garden was "away up town" chose as his cost mark "My Bridget O." When the campaign of 1860 was at

its height an ardent Republican in Boston, in whose store a cost mark was in use that had been invented by his grandfather, marked all his goods over in order to use the mark, "Abe must win," and this mark remained in use for years after "Abe" had won the fight against Douglas, Breckinridge, and Bell, who were all candidates against Lincoln. About that time the cost mark "Hit Douglas" was invented, and that and "Republican" are still in use in places where plain figures have not superseded the puzzle marks. A large dry-goods house, which had

the patronage of hundreds of pack, cost mark the words, "Revoch Gilt," a Yiddish phrase, which means "Profit tells," and the translation was also

used by the same concern. "These marks were useful," said the manager of one of the large New York dry-goods stores, "when houses had an by signs one of them fell. 'asking' and a 'taking' price. In those days a man behind the counter had to know what the goods cost to put on the shelf so that he could regulate himself accordingly. An offer to 'split the difference' when one price was asked and Do you mean the then, and salesmen were often compelled to 'shade' prices. 'We will do this tomer of you' were among the reasons

YANKEE IN UPPER BURMAH. Telegraph Operator Reached His Post

There is not a remote corner of the vorid in which one may not run across a wandering Yankee. Americans are a pervasive lot. From away up in Shan States, in North Burmah, comes letter from a government telegraph operator to his brother, which says: "When I wrote you last from Ran-

goon, a few months ago, I thought that is more than "two or three," and who in all probability it would be the last ry of days when they used to eat green you would hear from me. I was then ap-ples, pea-nuts and Christ-mas canabout to leave with the boundary com- dy. mission on a tour of 600 through the Shan States to the Chinese frontier-on borseback, on muleback, and on foot. Of the seven who composed the party three were killed in a fight we had with the closed in three coffins—the first of gold, and glared through his spectacles at the Wahs, one died of fever in the Chin gown and ru-ined it. hills, two returned to Mandalay, while of iron. He, like Alaric, was sur- face he was looking for the old Rube I remain here in the government tele- mend mat-ters? graph office. "Could I have induced any one to ac- \$40 for an-oth-er

company me I should have pushed on skirt and the a-pol-o-gy is into China and taken pot-luck in the cent.-Chicago Daily News. crusade against the Boxers. Kentung was as far as I got, however, and on re-The clerk looked up and, seeing a turning to this village the option of remaining here or returning to Rangoon was offered to me. So much for my recent experiences, which, though doubtless of no interest to you, I recount for whom I trust you will be good enough ing them to send a letter of cheer to a wandering brother. "If all goes well I shall remain here

two or three years. Living is expensive, but the pay is good, and the people, though wild and uncouth, are of a happy and peaceful tribe. The handful ow white men which we have here are all gentlemanly chaps. My address is

What a story this little letter outlines for a Kipling!

HIS PASSPORT WAS CORRECT.

Russian Police Arrested Tourist at Midnight to Congratulate Him. A New York tourist writes to a friend in this country the following experience with the Russian police: "I arrived in Moscow armed with

faultless passport, which I at once gave up to the police, according to regulations. On my third evening in Moscow, at 10 o'clock, a policeman in plain clothes summoned me from the family circle around the samovar. "At the station we found the officials

engaged with another case, which kept us walting an hour and a half. Meanwhile I had been ransacking my conscience, but could remember no crime rest. Finally the official at the desk handed me my passport with a smile. " 'It is quite correct, he said. I waited, wondering what was coming next. Insure the death of those insects which " 'It is all right, I say. You may go,'

" 'Did you arrest me at midnight to " 'Certainly. We were obliged to re

' 'Good---" 'Now, just keep quiet, will you?' back fossils of ferns, tropical plants. said the little official, severely. your deposit is very rich. " 'Congratulate yourself that

you to-night.'

"I retired, gnashing my teeth. the ante-chamber I found my police-The rest of the story was simple. man, who raised his cap and asked for

MYSTERY OF SHOE SIZES.

a and England Use One Stick. Although every one has his feet measured for shoes, there are very few persons who know what the sizes marked upon the shoe stick mean. There are two shoe sticks in use in America and Surope. The stick used in the United States was originally English, and is still used in England. The rest of

Europe uses the French stick. The sizes on the English shoe stick were derived from the length of a barley corn, and they run three to the inch. The first mark on the stick, or size 1, is made arbitrarily, just four and a half inches from the upright. Why this distance was fixed upon does not appear to be known. For some other reason which can only be guessed at the graduated part of the stick is again divided into two sets of numbers. These numbers begin at 1 and run up to 13, and then they begin again at 1 and run up to 13. The first numbers from 1 to 5 are known as infants' sizes, those from 6 to 10 as children's, from 11 to 2 as misses' sizes, from 21/2 to 61/4 hs women's, and from 7 to 13 as men's

a great many more sizes than the Engdivide these again, as is done with the English sticks, into half sizes. There is no exact relationship between the markings on the two sticks, but the French size 16 corresponds to the English infants' 1, and their size 44 is the same as the English size 10 for men. A woman who wears a 21/4 shoe by English measure would get a 34 or 35 by the French measure, and a man with a 7 foot by English measure would wear a 40 shoe in France. Over here the width of the shoe is designated by a letter, while the French use figures. The width AAA is the French 000. B is the French 1 and EE the French 5 width.-New York Sun.

THE NEW FIRST READER

What is the mat-ter here? The man is changing his mind.



as he said that he nev-er allowed himhim-self to be struck

What have we here? This is a busi-ness man en-joy-ing

Oh, a small de-tall an noys him. What is it?

What is happen-ing here?

The host-ess is serv-ing re-freshments to her guests. What are the refreshments? Lob-ster sal-ad, caviare sand-wiches. cof-fee, ice cream and cake. Mer-cy. Poes such

food re-fresh any-body? Oh, yes! It re-fresh es the mem-o-

What is the young man doing?

He is a pol-o-giz-ing to the young la What for? He stepped on her Will the a-pol-o-gy O. no! It will cost

LIQUID INSECT CATCHES.

The increased destruction of city trees by insects during the past few years has caused the inventor to design a number of devices to prevent the pests from crawling up the tree trunk



FOR DESTROYING INSECTS well as eating the leaves. Hitherto the guards have consisted of bands of loose fabric, cotton wadding, etc., being generally treated with a chemical and bound tightly on the tree trunk. His invention, which we show herewith, however, is a radical departure from former ideas, inasmuch as the chemical is in a liquid form and is contained in a circular pocket surrounding the tree, making it impossible for any insect or worm to crawl up the trunk of the tree without passing through the liquid. The guard is in two sections, which are clamped together around the tree, with a layer of packing beneath the guard and the bark to form a tight joint. The circular gutter is provided

of Philadelphia, Pa., is the inventor, Gold and Coal in Spitzbergen. News has reached Antwerp of the success of a Norwegian expedition to Splizbergen. At this northerly point very rich gold mines have been discovered, and the explorers have brought and fruits. It is reported that the coal

with two separate circles of liquid to

might possibly survive a single bath in

Curiosities of the Hands. The right hand, which is more sensitive to the touch than the left, is less sensitive than the latter to the effect of

heat or cold. "'But, little father, I took the trouble political campaign." "Nonsense," an-The Memphis shark turned pale as to conduct you here. Are you not going swered Senator Sorghum, scornfully: "he didn't use money; he just wasted

It."-Exchange.