"Why, yes, Lorinda, of course.

these two old lovers. They were almost

once had when she was beside him,

he had been evading, and which kept

him calling for an answer, depressed

him. He longed for quiet and peace:

whether the old quiet life or the possi-

ble peace of a new one, he did not

know. But his house was not so lonely,

after all; for, as he came nearer, he

saw the old doctor's sulky beside the

gate. He had always liked the cheer-

ful, sensible old man, and he hailed him

now with even a note of relief in his

"Hello, Phineas; thought you'd be

Phineas got out and stood by the side

meant to see about it before,

"See here, Phineas Harden, did you

ever know me to drive people on my

along if I waited a minute."

better than most men die."

ing his father through each word:

what I mean; if you don't, it won't make

in her sitting-room. Phineas Harden

from the nearest star, and yet light

make it do the work.

lighted the lamp.

of the doctor's sulky. 'It's about the bill, I s p

MEY stood about the farmhouse | flashed to his face. But the blood moves in awkward, constrained groups, waiting, as they might have ex- and he only said: pressed it, "for the funeral to start." The dead woman was lying in the best

closed to keep out the glaring light, and with the woman beside him. He looked as he sat there, half-hearing the sounds at her face; even in this soft half-light, of unusual interest. which came to him through the open it was hard and cold. There was somewindow, he heard quite distinctly these thing pathetic in the allent walk of

"Died peaceful at the last, they say. at her door now, and she turned her Well, there'd ought ter be some peace face toward him. If he could have in the course of a natural life, an' if known it, there were two bright spots there was going ter be any in old Mis' on her cheeks; as it was, he felt a great Harden's life, guess it had ter get its pity for the lenely woman. He did not innings in at pretty nigh the last lick, know that they were two players in an' a close shave at that. My, didn't "the tragedy of what might have been," she lead Dick Harden a life. Rec'lect but he dimly felt that she was trying when there wasn't a sprucer man in to bridge over the lapse of time that town, but she took the spirit out of him, had come between them. He rememan' it warn't much of a job fer con- bered something of the feeling he had

Phineas never forgot that. It had and a wave of longing, not for her, but been the putting into words what he for the love that had gone, came over had never quite admitted even to him- him. He almost forgot the woman in his remembrance of the love which

The days that followed his mother's she had once awakened. death passed peacefully enough. After As the memory of the old emotions a while he became used to the quiet of came over him his heart softened and the house. It didn't seem lonely to be turned toward her with ready words him; he had never felt lonely, not even on his lips. But they had reached her at the first. It was only as though door, and she was holding out her some discordant note had dropped out | hand.

People sometimes looked curiously at | idea but that you think strange of what People sometimes looked curiously at idea but that you think strange of what him and wondered if he ever thought I've done to-night, but whatever you the atmosphere and the frequent rains of Lorinda North. But no one could think I know I can trust you to keep read the thoughts that were bidden still. Perhaps there's things we all reback of his eyes. They were eyes that gret. I don't know how you feel, rather baffled you; they had always but-" She had opened the door now annoved his mother. When he was a and had stepped just within the shopchild she had said one day, "Where he | "but I won't be busy Saturday night, gets that look beats me. He minds and if you want to come I'll be at well, an' he'd oughter, seein' the trou- home." And before he had time to anble I've been to, bringing him up. His swer, the door had been shut and be hands an' feet are quick enough to do was alone. as I say, but I can't feel but what It had been a hot week for so early there's somethin' back of his eyes that in the season. Phineas felt tired and spent as he drove home from town on

Saturday afternoon. As he neared his Lorinda North kept a little shop, house its loneliness struck him as somewhich was the local exponent of metropolitan styles. She was a woman who thing new. The heat of the day, and his struggles with the question which



bills? It isn't a bill this time, but some took life hard. It did not come easy to thing that I ought to have attended to any of these hard-worked, narrow- as soon as your mother died, but it lived women, and she had fought clean slipped my mind, and that's the against each hard knock until all the only excuse I have to offer. I don't softness, which may once have been know whether you've ever thought hers, had been rubbed off. There had much about your father; he died when been an old love affair between these you were pretty young. He was one two, but how far it had progressed no of the best friends I ever had. They one ever quite knew. Some one had said he died of consumption; I said once ventured to ask Lorinda about it. so myself, and I suppose he did; but if herself, and she guessed she could still. give you. He told me to keep it as long

there had been plenty of time for quiet thought she had sometimes regretted her lost chance of happiness. Surely they had been lonely years, hard years, too, and they had borne their fruit in Lorinda North. There wasn't a woman in the town who did not feel a little uneasy when under the battery of her sharp eyes. Phineas Harden had been the only one who had ever pushed open. even ever so slightly, the door of her heart; and after she had closed this little chink, love had gone to easier pathways, and left the door of Lorin-

People had speculated somewhat as to how she would take the news of er's voice coming down to him through Mrs. Harden's death. Perhaps it had the years. stirred, more deeply than she knew, the undercurrent of her life. Surely, Phineas was often in her mind in these days. Not with any tenderness of feeling did she think of the lonely man; but perhaps because his solitary life bore so closely on her own did her thoughts so often turn to him. As she looked forward, as she did sometimes a thought, which was at first vague and undefined, gradually took definite shape in her mind.

They had both always been regular church attendants. Through the summer Lorinda had sat just back of Phineas Harden's pew, and the time seemed very long ago when the pew in front had been empty at the evening meeting and he had sat back with her. dying blessing. Your father,

His mother had been dead just six months. The cold and dreariness of the winter was gone, and it was a soft night in early June. The windows in the old church were open, and perhaps Phineas listened more to the monoton ous voice of the minister. When he had not come.—The Springfield Repub- counted on as the result of fairly intelwas a little boy he had often wished lican. that they would have church outdoors. God seemed nearer there. The woman sat and watched his face during the long sermon. She looked at it more carefully, perhaps, than she had ever done before. But Lorinda North was not capable of seeing the real Phineas Harden. All she saw was a slight, bent figure; a face with eyes that were apt to fall a little before the hard look in her own. She could not know that he did not meet her eyes only because it pained him to see the expression which time had printed on her face.

The long service was over, and there was a sigh of relief as the congregation stood and received the benediction. Phineas had never passed out of papers aver that this culprit also was as Las Marias and Maricon, the prohis pew without stopping and speaking permitted to escape. to Lorinda. To-night he looked up with his usual smile; she was just beside him, her hand resting on the railing of the old pew that stood between them. Something in her face arrested him; he stopped and took her hand. "What is it, Lorinda? Is anything

the matter?" kind, inquiring eyes before she spoke.

He dropped her hand, and the color Paris?

AND CATTLE RAISING.

Government Reports Facts Encourage ing to Investors-Cultivation of Sugar Cane and Tobacco Insures Handsome Profits-Railways and Roads Needed.

more slowly at forty than at twenty, People in search of reliable informa tion about Porto Rico will find a lot of The night was clear and beautiful. valuable statistics in the official report room. It had been the passing away of It was strange how the man noted each of the census of the island, issued by sound, and how his thoughts went back the United States War Department. Phineas Harden leaned his head to another June night long ago, when The census was taken under the direcagainst the shutter which had been he had walked over this same road tion of Lieutenant Colonel J. P. Sanger, who has made his report a document

While agriculture is now the principal source of wealth to Porto Rico, says Colonel Sanger, the early settlers were for many years engaged in cattle industry, the rich and inxuriant pastures and many streams providing all hat is necessary for this purpose. It may be said that all fruits and vegetables adapted to a tropical climate will yield abundantly in Porto Rico, and this is especially true of the coffee tree, the sugar cane, and the tobacco plant, the three staples of most importance in the order named, and grown widely over the island.

"In Porto Rico the select and re nowned coffee is produced between 200 and 800 meters above the sea level. At this elevation are found the towns of Yauco, Lares, Marieno, Utuado, Cayey, etc., which form the productive region of the renowned coffee of Porto Rico. This region, which includes something more than the southwest quadrant of the island, is charac-"Good-night, Phineas. I haven't any terized by a climate of perpetual equalize the seasons so that not even In times of drought does the vegetation suffer as occurs on the southern coast of the island, nor during the rainy season are the rains so heavy as on the north coast. Owing to these favorable climatic conditions and to the fact that the coffee groves are situated in valleys sheltered from the strong winds, and the soil, of which we will presently speak in detail, is due the enviable reputation of the coffee of the country.

Altitule Affects Coffee Growth "In the central range of Porto Rico is the Sierra Luquilla, which has an

PORTO RICAN WEALTH | \$7.20 United States currency. (This is | down to his son, and his son's son, un-INDUCEMENTS IN AGRICULTURE | shipped in bags, containing each from | 85 to 100 kilograms.

The quality of the Porto Rican coffee excellent, and the principal markets have been Cuba and Spain, but very little having been imported into the United States, where it is not well known. Under favorable condition the coffee crop of Porto Rico is easily worth from \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Being protected by the good climate, the Porto Rican sugar cane industry is an important one. Coast lands, cleared, which receive rains or irrigation and retain humidity some time without becoming swamped, are good for the augar plant; these lands not aitunted high above the level of the sea. near the coasts, which are flooded by large rivers in extraordinary freshets, but which on account of their natural cation and great depth, are quickly Irnined, receive the name of tierras de rega, and are those used for the cultiration of sugar cane everywhere. These lands in general are alluvial lands, and are very rich in fertilizing

Sugar cane may be produced in Porto Rice, where the soil is sandy and loose, at \$24.50 (American money) per acre. utting the cane will cost \$2.40 an acre more. To manufacture a 1,200-pound hogshead of sugar from the cane costs Besides these there are various other items of expense, such as terminal charges, transportation, and shrinkage. This latter is an important item, ranging from il per cent on steam vessels to ounds of sugar, for which the planters eceived \$3,782,465, or a fraction less than 3 cents a pound. As in Cuba, the tendency is toward

arge plantations, with central mills for grinding Comparatively few of the sugar estates are provided with steam vacuum machinery for making sugar, nachines are worked by oxen. The purvicane of Aug. 8, 1800, damaged the sugar mills considerably, and the financial straits of the planters have made Larger plantations or colonies, imrai mills with improved machinery will n time no doubt add enormously to the

are cultivated in the country-that say, also, that the lament often seen

'wise women' sometimes did, for the art of killing by witcheraft had this deded advantage over the art of healing, that if the spell failed there were her ways-a dose of something in the kava cup or a club stroke on a dark light. Thus among some of the Melanesians tribes it is not too much to say that the population is divided be-tween the companies of those that caused disease and those that healed

A BOY'S INVENTION.

Indolence Lel to the Contrivance One of the most interesting exhibits the model-room of the l'atent Office is its collection of miniature steam-entines. Models of the engines of liero of Alexandria, of Newcomen and of Watt illustrate the successive steps in the development of what has become the glant of our mode. Industry.

An attendant shows the visitor a boys were employed to turn the cocks the sun was shining through a very that, alternating, let the steam on and deep valley, and where the lunar mounshut it off. One of these boys, Hum- tains seemed to be about 35,000 feet in cocks which be opened and closed. He eccordingly connected the two, and ed by them. after seeing that the device worked properly, ran off to play.

His employers began to notice a much 1807 Porto Rico produced 126,827,472 greater regularity in the movement of discovery of his secret, and to the subsequent adoption of his device every-

As one looks at the model of the enthe wonder is not that the boy thought and nearly one-hair of the cane-grinding should have falled to do so. This is notable inventions. Opponents of the patent system often raise the point France, that all great inventions are 'in the impossible to restore the plants, air," that the same suggestion sooner proved methods of cultivation, and cen- ferent men, and hence that the patent peus to arrive first.

Patent experts acknowledge considerable basis for this contention. They called Guacharo, which is believed to be in the newspapers, "His invention died

Sazin has been broken up at Preston, ingland, after being exhibited for me time as a curiosity. Her construc tion was most intricate and the amount of metal used enormous.

A commission has been appointed to examine into the rapid death of the elm trees in New Haven, and it is found the trees are dying from lack of plant food in the streets, multilation by horses, poisoning by illuminating gas and by insects and elm tree beetles. Some time ago an attempt was made to attribute the death of trees to stray electric currents.

During the eclipse of the sun in May, 1900, an English observer, Mr. Evershed, as reported at a recent meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society, noticed model of the early engine upon which a point on the edge of the moon where phrey Potter by name, instead of set- altitude. This exceeds by 6,000 feet tling down like a machine to the mo- the estimated height of Mount Everest, ous work, kept his eyes open. He the loftiest mountain on the earth. The liscovered that a certain beam above edge of the moon is so broken by peaks, his head worked in unison with the ridges and valleys that the length of totality during a solar eclipse is affect-

American peanut crops average abou 5,000,000 bushels a year, and twentytwo pounds of the nuts make a bushel About \$10,000,000 worth of peanuts the engine than before; this led to the yearly are consumed, either in their natural form or in candy. Vast quantities of peanuts are shipped each year to Great Britain and the continen from both Africa and Asia, where they gine to which the scoggan was applied, are converted into "pure Lucca olive oil," A bushel of peanut shells will of it, but that anybody before him afford about a gallon of oil, and the meal is used for feeding horses, and is the "after thought" of a great many also baked into a variety of bread which has a large sale in Germany and

Value of the collections in the "gold oom" of the Metropolitan Museum of or later will come to a great many dif- Art is estimated at \$500,000, and they ferent men, and hence that the patent are protected by a most admirable is simply a reward to the one who hap series of burglar alarms. Visitors are carefully watched, and the rooms are constantly patrolled both day and night. Each individual object which is valuable is connected with a burglar niarm, as well as the cases themselves. The wires run direct to the office of the director, and if any article is disturbed the iron doors of the room are at once closed, thus catching the thief in a trap. The device is tested at intervals to make sure that the door closing mechanism is in perfect order.

Prof. John Milne says that upon knowledge derived from the scientific study of earthquakes new rules and formulae for engineers and builders have been established, and these principles have been widely applied in Japan and other countries, thereby minimizing the loss of life and groperty. Such studies have also been of practical use in the working of railfaults in the rocks and sugesting alterations in the balancing of locomotives. Another advantage gained relates to ocean cables, as it has become possible to indicate parts of the sea-bottom that should be avoided in laying such ca-

Differences in taste depend simply on the varying intensity in nerve transmission, according to Dr. Mendelsohn, and are much affected by temperature. The sense of taste for cane sugar is deaf and dumb people were looked upon temporarily destroyed by holding the as outcasts, who were punished in that tongue for a minute in water at about has the same effect, all power of taste being lost for a brief time after the tongue has been held in water at 35 degrees to 50 degrees. Taste is strongest between 50 degrees and 70 degrees. at about 60 degrees is really the best for relieving thirst, instead of, as is usually supposed, that at about 40 de-

will trust themselves to men about

whom they know practically nothing

and that their parents do not make a

more rigid investigation into the ante-

and parental carelessness has befallen

Miss Emma Seaman of Brooklyn, who

was married to Charles Telfor Smith

about six weeks ago and on Tuesday

discovered that he had a wife and a

babe in New Rochelle and that she

was not a wife at all. The plight of

this young girl-she is only 18 years

old-is pitiable. Her dream of happi-

ness is ended. The young man with

a fine presence and taking manners

who talked about his wealth had im-

pressed her and she had married him

It is not surprising that she should

have been impressed by the young man

or that she should have been little in-

quisitive about him. Young women

are not in the habit of thinking that the

have wives already. Their confidence

world are too great for that. They

of the greater offense against the in-

he is a seoundrel who betrayed her.

CREDULITY OF THE WOMEN. twice been defeated, and hardly comes Are Prope to Believe the Yarns Designing Men Spin for Them. It seems strange that young women



the title. He hasn't got the punch, although as clever as boxer as ever drew on the stuffed mitts. Steve Flanegan, now dead, and Clarence Forbes were

the big pond to conquer the old fistle An article by Charles Frederick Stansbury, in the Illustrated American. shows that the Malue was not the first United States ship of war to meet destruction by explosion in time of peace. On June 4, 1829, the Demalogos, which was also known as Fulton II., was deence" are recommended to study the stroyed by an explosion in the harbor beliefs of the South Sea Islanders, of New York. Twenty-four persons were killed and nineteen wounded. The mystery of the explosion was never cleared up. The Demalogos was interesting as being the first steam war vessel ever constructed. She was to have been used in the war of 1812, but was not completed in time. Somewhat later in the century the United States warship Wasp put to sea and was never heard of. Her fate can only be con-Jectured.

Joe-whose last name is no part of this story-was as peculiarly non-res'ating as most bridegrooms. Something

His ears buzzed and there was a mist either victim knowing anything about before his eyes. Something clung to the other. chief for mischief's sake, and since all his arm which he tried twice to shake age will give for every cuerda 400 men have enemies, and are all free to off. When he got into the vestry he months for a ray of light to reach us pounds. The topographical conditions invoke the unseen powers for either discovered that it was his wife. Then

"Why, Joe!"

"What is it, Lorinda? Is anything for a cannon ball, traveling at the usual speed of such projectiles, to reach this sp

by such disaster as has just come ur the young woman whom Smith Induced to marry him her parents cannot es cape some of the responsibility for what happens. A young woman's life is too precious a thing to be intrusted to the first plausible stranger who asks for her hand. But from recent events one must conclude that this has been forgotten in Brooklyn.—Brooklyn Eagle.

HOUSEKEEPING IN PARIS.

Every Convenience Is Provided, but Bill 1t Has Ito Disadvantages. Housekeeping difficulties vary in dif-ferent lands, but are never entirely lacking. A writer in Harper's Bazar introduces American readers to one of angel, this bash has a queer taste. the drawbacks of the system of house-

keeping practiced in Paris.

Housekeeping ought to be all a de-light, one would think, in a house to be arranged for, where bread, cakes and pies have not to be baked, and there is no breakfast to prepare. Moreover, when company comes unexpect-edly the fortunate housekeeper has only to run round the corner and buy a delicious morsel in the shape of a fowl ready roasted.

The little details of every-day life also are very manageable in this Parisian home. There is no difficulty in prevalling upon the conclerge to attend to the stove, wait at table, run errands polish floors, and do the thousand and ne odd jobs that are the bane of a ousekeeper's existence. But let no one believe that the mis-

ress of a Parisian household is without her trials. Chief among them is franc she spends she gets a sou; and, lar,-Tit-Bits. buman nature being what it is, it is uncessary to add that the cook likes best to do her shopping where she will spend the greatest number of francs. When it is understood, further, that ustom does not favor the doing of her

own marketing by the Parisian house-wife, it will be fairly evident that usekeeping is not without its difficul-Paris who did her own marketing." says the writer, "and she was a penurious and wealthy person who was acustomed to put on a long ulster and carry home her purchases beneath it. "One day, as' she passed a courtly

Frenchman, a leg of mutton dropped from the friendly shelter of the ulster and rolled over on the sidewalk. The gentleman picked it up and handed it to her. 'Madam, here is your fan,' was Record.

Woman's Unique School in China. er fanatics were murdering mission- on it: 'Shake before taking.'"-Philaaries and converts, Mrs. Annetta delphia Press.



in perfect safety at _Philadelphia Times

MRS. MILLS. Mrs. Mills, who formerly lived in Chicago, has been in charge of this unique school ever since the death of her husband, Dr. Mills, who died in 1895. The school itself is private enterprise, never having received the aid of any of the various Mrs. Mills began their work in China Fears."-Philadelphia Record. missionary boards. Before Dr. and way for some crime, and were treated cruelty. Even to-day the Mills school 400,000,000 people where such unfor- ment munching cloves."-Judge. tunates can be properly educated. Contributions for the support of the school are received from all over the world, contributing more and more to its sup-

Perhaps the greatest of all social mis

takes is to be continually talking about one's self. There is no word in all the vocabulary of conversation so tedious to others as that personal pronoun "I." Though one of the smallest words in use, there is none that takes up more room in the every-day world. "I" is a bore; it is better not to mention his name oftener than can be avoided. Ancedent life of the suitors for the hand other social folly is "gush." There is of their daughters. The latest disas- an insincere ring about it. True, there ter resulting from feminine credulity are people who gush from sheer good nature in wishing to give pleasure, yet they should remember that even amiable exaggeration is like a coarse sugar plum, agreeable at first, but leaving a doubtful taste in the mouth afterward. On the other hand, there is a certain class of people in society who are equally foolish in going to the other extreme. They feign indifference about everybody and everything, seldom expressing either interest or admiration. They think it "bad form" to show any pleasure in life, and a followed her. And now she learns that sign of superiority to be incapable of the sewing circle to-night. Mr. Stubbenthusiasm. A social folly is to im- Well, Maria, what is the program? Mrs. agine that people are always looking Stubb-We are going to discuss this at or thinking of you. Such ideas are man Aguinaldo. Mr. Stubb—Absurd! What has he to do with sewing? Mrs. matter of fact, people very often look Stubb-A good deal; don't the papers at you without seeing or thinking of say he is hemmed in and his temper is you. They have other things to think ruffled?-Chicago News. men who propose marriage to them of. If we could only convince ourselves that we are not always the pivot and their trust in the goodness of the of our friends' and acquaintances' thoughts there would be fewer hurt feelings and imaginary grievances.

know that bigamy is a crime and they do not think that a man of good manners will deliberately be guilty of vio-When Women May Govern. lation of the law, much less be guilty Many people have been confused by the various laws of succession which nocence of unsuspecting virtue. But prevail in Europe. There are three difthe parents are not unsophisticated. If ferent systems, the most general being they have lived long enough to have that known as the Salic system, under marriageable daughters they must which women are completely excluded. know that there are scoundrels in the world and that it is easy for a villain This is the rule in Belgium, Sweden to pass himself off as a saint for a and Norway, Italy, Denmark and Gershort time in a large city. It is notori- many. That there is the German of disapprobation, but among the ous that there is no better place for a Dutch system, under which males of man to hide than in a crowd and a man all degrees of relationship take precely the opposite significance, a popular can conceal not only himself from his dence of females, the throne passing to orator being always received with longpursuers, but he can move from one the female line only in case of the ex- continued hissing. In West Africa the tinction of all the male lines, however natives hiss when they are astonished, new associates will know nothing remote. This is the rule in Hollandabout his character and will make few from which it takes its name-Russia, good people in Europe, who take com- had led him to the altar, and now he if any inquiries. Indeed, he can live and some of the minor German states. fort in the thought that every visita- had turned and something was steer. with one wife in the city and woo an- The third system is that prevailing in become accustomed to occidental methother woman and marry her without Great Britain, under which females ods, show their reverence by a hiss, are excluded when there are males in the same degree of relationship, but take precedence of males whose degree One would think that the parents would seek to know who the men are of relationship is not so close as their that seek their daughters in marriage. own. Thus an elder daughter of the It would seem as if they would not only ruling sovereign of Great Britain give bought by the republic of Ecuador learn something about the manner of way to all her younger brothers and and are now being patched up to be life of the wooer, but would also find their issue, but takes precedence of a sent to their destination. "To tell the truth, dear," he said, out something about his family and male cousin or a nephew. This system



bave a "den?" Mrs. Waggles-No. be roars all over the bouse.-Sommerville

Dodson-Tapley hopes to be a social flou. Fogson-I don't see why be shouldn't be; he is already a cub.-Harlem Life.

Mr. Newed-Um! Seems to me, my Young Wife-Hash? That's fruitcake.
-New York Weekly. Munnybags-My daughter is going to

light, one would think, in a house marry a duke. Reporter--What you where there is no washing nor ironing need, Mr. Munuybngs, is a press agent. Oblo State Journal Rap-I look upon you, sir, as a rascal. Partee-You are privileged to

look upon me in any character you desire to assume, sir.-Ex. "Yep. Blifkens has gone stark, staring daffy." "What caused it?"

Trying to keep track of the base-ball war."-Cleveland Plain Dealer. He-Don't you think that is a funny story? She-Yes; but I have got the

neuralgia too bad to-day to laugh at anything.-Sommerville Journal. The Kangaroo-A hunter chased me ten miles to-day. The Ostrich-I'll bet

you were mad, eh? The Kangaroo-Mad! I was hopping!-Town Topics. His Profession: Prisoner-1 was the principle of caste, and next comes quietly attending to my work when this "the sou in the franc." The French man arrested me Magistrate-What is cook does the marketing, and for every your business? Prisoner-I am a burg-

> Jake (timidly)-I wish I knowed what you would do if I should steal a kiss, Miss Linda. Miss Linda (coyly)-'T wouldn't take no great while to find out, Jake .- Puck.

> Casey-Whol don't ye pay Cassidy th' tin cints ye owe him? Costigan-Faith, Cassidy puts up such a good

foight Oi wudn't be friends wid him fer anything.-Judge. "Pa." asked little Georgie, "what's the pomp and circumstance of war, any

way?" General Miles," replied the old gentleman, without looking up from his paper.-Chicago Times-Herald. "My daughter had a quiet wedding on account of her husband's recent bereavement." "Has be lost a near

relative?" "Yes; his first wife has been dead only six months."-Chicago "These druggists make me fired with their superfluous directions." "What's the matter now?" "Why, this prescrip-While not many miles away the Box- tion I had filled for the ague has a label

> Thompson Mills, "I think Miss Sorosis is a girl of who is at the head very pronounced character." of the only school leads you to that belief?" "She got all for deaf mutes in ready to go to the theater and never China, was living once asked if her hat was on straight."

> Cheerfoo, with na- A Different Point of View: Willie tives of all classes (crying)-Mamma - boo boo! - Joe hit and beliefs ready to me with a great big brick! Boo-hoo! Mamma-And what did you do to h dear? Willie-I bit him gently with that same little brick be threw at me.

Criteck-That Western Napoleon of Finance whom you have written up in fourteen years old, and is entirely a to-day's paper must be a man of enormous longevity. Editor-Why? Criteek-You say, "He is reputed to have made six million dollars in as many Quashing an alibi: Defense Advo-

cate-"Sir, the officer charged with being intoxicated while on duty is above 125 degrees F. Cold, on the other hand, even by their parents with great the breath of suspicion." Police Commissioner-"Sir, your statement is illis the only place in the great empire of timed; the accused is even at this mo-

Tommy-Mamma makes me go to bed every night at 8 o'clock. Minister-Well, you know, she does that to make beverages are most effective, and water and the Chinese people themselves are you healthy. Tommy-I guess that's so. I notice when pa doesn't get home to bed till after midnight he don't look healthy next morning .- Philadelphia

Henrietta, of Catonsville, savs: "My papa objects to my admirers sitting on he steps and talking with me until a late hour at night. He claims that he cannot sleep on account of our noise. What would you advise?" "Advise papa to sleep in the daytime."-Baltimore American.

"You told me," said the infuriated purchaser, "that that brook on the farm you sold me never ran dry." "Guess I did," said the real estate man. "It has been dry all summer." "When it was dry, it didn't run, did it? Therefore, it could not run dry; we never deceive."-

Indianapolis Press. Mrs. Church-You say they will not take any children in these flats? Mrs. Gotham-That's the rule, and they carry it out to the letter. "Why, when I came up-stairs I saw three or four dirty-faced children on the stairway." "Oh, well, those belong to the janitor."

-Yonkers Statesman. Mrs. Stubb-John, I expect to attend

"Do you think you will win her?" asked his friend. "I am sure of it if only her father keeps his word with me," replied the suitor. "What do you expect him to do?" "I expect him to live up to his threat to kick me out of the house the next time I call, and if he does-" "Well?" "Well, you know something about girls, don't you?'-Chicago Post.

Interpretation of a hiss depends altogether on where one happens to be when the sibiliant sound is heard. In

civilized countries it is always a mark Basutos of South Africa it has exactin the New Hebrides when they see something which to them appears beautiful. The Japanese, who have not yet

Patching Up Two Naval Relies. Two of the most venerable relies of the French navy-the dispatch boats Inconstant and Papla-have been

Weather Wit. "What makes your hands so cold th morning, dear?"

"Oh, I suppose I should call it 'win-

"She wasn't going to be an old wom- ever a man died of loneliness and want elevation of 1,500 meters above the a native of Venezuela, the Virginia with him," recerring to a secret process an's nurse," she had said. "She'd al- of sympathy it was Dick Harden, Just level of the sea, and it is observed that blanca, the Corazon de Vaca, the Cu is rarely borne out by events. ways made out to make a living for before he died he gave me a letter to above the middle height of this mound bano, and others. As yet the selection tain coffee groves do not exist. Wheth- of the variety best suited for the pur- the world can discover are few. But

She wasn't going to live in any man's as your mother lived, and at her death er owing to the climate or to the sell, poses of the manufacturer has not been this does not lessen our indebtedness house and have another woman boss to give it to you if you were still un- which may be unsuitable, where grow made. He prefers a leaf with color, to the person who discovers things This is also the temperature at which married; so, since you're a blooming only some shrubs in thickets and some elasticity, large intercostal spaces, and first. - Youth's Companion. old bachelor like myself, here it is. And worthless herbs, it is true that after 800 small ribs, which are the best for the whatever is in it, just remember that meters have been passed the coffee is manufacture of the different kinds of your father was a good man, and lived at that altitude have been without re-In the afterglow of the sunset Phinsults.

ens sat turning the letter over in his "Coffee growers modify the climate hand. The fading light was too dim by employing shade—that is, they plant that is now made. for the faint, indistinct writing, and he their coffee groves beneath the shade He looked at the date and it gave him ple, the hucares, guaba, jobo, guama, and remunerative industry. In 1807 the a curious feeling to know that his mango, etc., and under the banana island had 67,751 horses, valued at \$2,-

self was when he had written the letnothing in his life had ever touched The land which produces the renowned There is only just enough to take care ing out their weary length before her, how I wish, that I could leave you happi. through the fingers resembles in its ness. Lying here I've had time to think color and smoothness the oxide of iron

t all over, and I am leaving this letter paint, but when dry it becomes very with the prayer that God will somehow hard. "There are small plantations where There is just one thing I want to say, the cultivation is both intelligent and Be sure of yourself. Never make friends intense, which produce thirty quinbecause you are lonely. There is no lone- tals (3,000 pounds) and more iness like that of a heart that cannot get hectare (two and one-half acres), but back to itself. Perhaps you will know this is exceptional, for there are lands in the same region which scarcely proany difference anyway. I leave you my duce one quintal (100 pounds). As an average crop, taken from the different The evening hours were slowly away, classes of land, and taking into account also the variations that occur from year When her little, restless clock struck nine, Lorinda North blew out the light to year, a production of from ten to fourteen quinals per hectare may be

ligent cultivation." The coffee tree is completely developed and producing after seven years The Russian papers contain comical if the conditions under which the stories of the effects of the Russian growth has been perfected have been ministerial order against looting in favorable. Otherwise it will need ten China. A private soldier hauled be- years, and the product will never comfore the provost marshal with some pete with that of a good, sound tree. valuable gauze ornaments in his pos- The cost of one cuerda (about one acre) session pleaded that he meant them as of good coffee up to the date of proa gift for the Vladivostock museum. duction will average \$180, United

He got off, and a few days later his States currency. escape placed the military judges in a When the tree is four years old it will farcical dilemma probably without not produce sufficient to cover exprecedent. A man had been caught with penses, and if the soil is not of the best a live Chinese hen in his haversack and quality the conditions will be the same ne, too, pleaded that he had thought of after fiv or six years. In such dissending his prize to the museum. The tricts of this department (Mayaguoz) duce of one cuerda (acre) will range from 200 to 1,200 pounds. A fair aver-

COFFEE PLANTATION IN LARES. not seen, and all attempts to grow it cigars which the consumer demandsessential qualities which oblige the maker to seek the locality productive of good tobacco, indeed the only selection

Classed with agricultural industries is of a grove of thick trees, as for exam- stock raising, which is an important father had been younger than he him- trees when the coffee groves are young | 000,000; 4,467 mules, worth about \$134, "The coffee grows on hills of low 000, and 303,612 cattle, valued at \$6,ter. It was true that he had thought elevation, associated with many other 000,000. The swine and sheep statistics of his father but little, and perhaps trees, which afford shade, modify the were insignificant. There are 60,953 temperature, and protect the coffee landed holdings, or "estates," in Porto him as did this letter, which seemed as from hurricanes and torrential rains. Rico, comprising about 5,200,000 acres. real to him as though it were his fath- The composition of these coffee soils is Among the great drawbacks to agriculvariable, but in all of them sand pre- ture are the lack of highways and raildominates, and on the surface there is roads, and the inferior agricultural im-The writing was stiff and cramped. an abundant covering, the product of plements in use. General Davis, the He read the lines again and again, see the decayed vegetation of the forest. military Governor, is trying to remedy the lack of highways, and has expend To My Dear Son-Whether you will coffee of Porto Rico, as to its physical ed over \$1,000,000 in the repair and conever see this I cannot tell. When life is appearance, seems to be a very fine struction of roads. Even roads in the almost ended, some things seem very clay, and when it rains becomes as immediate vicinity of the cities are in clear. I cannot leave you much, but per- slippery as soap, and transit at such poor condition, and during the rainy times is dangerous. It has a red color season nearly all of them are almost imof your mother. I wish, God only knows when moist, and when squeezed passable for vehicles. The total length of all railroads is about 159 miles, all tracks being narrow-gauge, and the

rolling stock, rondbeds, etc., very in-Coffee is the main product of the sland, and 41 per cent of the cultivated land is given over to the crop. Sugar cane occupies 15 per cent and bananas

14 per cent of the land. HEATHEN HAVE POPULAR CULT.

Christian Science Practiced by Inhab Those who believe in "Christian Sci-Even in those archipelagoes of "far-off isles of Eden, lying in dark purple spheres of sea," the fundamental principles of the "scientists" seem to be known, according to the Medical Record, for among the South Sea-Islanders no man falls sick or dies from natural causes. They would argue, if called upon to analyze their belief, that health is the natural condition, and that every departure from it must be caused by supernatural agency, and since disease is an evil, you must look for its agents

among those who wish you evil. Thus far they are at one with many tion of sickness is a divine judgment ing his course down the aisle. for their sins, but savages push their logic further. Their gods do no misof the coffee-growing districts are such. Good or evil, the sick man has only to the found his voice: and the bills so steep, that the only make his choice among the number of "Oh, it's you, Mat travels at the rate of 186,330 miles in a second. It would take 250,000 years second. It would take 250,000 years used with effect is the common avenge him.

kind, inquiring eyes before she spoke.
"No, nothing's the matter, I only thought that," perhaps—perhaps, might walk home together."

He dropped her hand, and the color Paris?

Star neighbor.

Star neighbor.

The unsuccessful found that all milliners coffee ready for market, including expenses for cultivation, is from \$10 to 1512, Porto Rican money, equal to \$6 to 1512.

Star neighbor.

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NEW BUSS O' BANTAMS. Harry Harris, the little Chicagoan who outpointed and outgeneraled Pedlar Palmer at the National Sporting Club, in London, the other night, has

The things that only one man

"Oh, it's you, Mattie!"

the American boxers who took Harris' measure before he dreamed of crossing

When a Man Marries