germ could, under favorable conditions, multiply in three days to 4,-722,000,000,000, and make a mass weighing 7,500 tons. It is a merciful provision of nature that "favorable conditions" never exist.

According to the Electrical Age, the total length of the world's telegraph system has now reached 4,-908,823 miles, exclusive of 181,440 miles of sumarine cables. This mileage is apportioned as follows: Europe, 1,764,790 miles; Asia, 310,-685 miles; Africa, 99,416 miles; Australia, 217,479 miles; America, 2,516,548 miles.

steamer could enter and sail to hit one man; while one of the around. Two sea snakes were maxims of war, since the camcaughton the North Astrolabereefs. paign of 1870, is that it takes a ton and several live specimens of bulo- of iron to kill a man. lo, or coral worms, were secured. The scientists, who were taken out by the natives in canoes, saw thousands of the worms, which are said to dissolve after being about two come right to us from heaven? hours on the surface.

Some figures relative to education and crime were read by Sir John Lubbock at the Sociological Congress recently held in Paris. They are essentially as follows: since the act of 1870 the number of children in English schools has increased from 1, 500,000 to 5,000,000, and the number of persons in prison has fallen from 12,000 to 5,000. The yearly average of persons sentenced to penal servitude for the worst crimes has declined from 3,000 to 800, while the list of juvenile offenders has fallen from 14,000 to 5,000. Sir John Lubbock sees in these figures a confirmation of Victor Hugo's saying, a prison."

The Chinese school children have instilled into them at an early age habits of hard, steady study, At the age of five a boy begins his scooling. At daylight he rises and, after | was Esau? dressing as quickly as possible, he starts breakfastless to school. He er-author of Esau's fables, ma'am. is given a task and after it is completed he is allowed an hour for breakfast. Again, later he has an hour for luncheon, but he is at his study nearly 12 hours a day and seven days in the week.

ceiving his lessons he is studying aloud at the top of his voice. He is under the eye of his master both

and natural history, but greater about dead. Even the newspapers stress is put upon writing and his admit discussions on the subject inliterary studies.

Cohn, a celebrated Prussian bac. as follows: At Plevna it took a teriologist, declares that a single Russian battery a whole day's firing for each Turk killed. At Giand wounded was only 1,340. It took 200 shots to hit one man, according to the figures of the Franco-German war. Even more were thrown and only seven persons were killed. Phalzburg had a similar number of fatalities for the deaths in Bitche were caused by 25,000 shells. In Mezieres 300 were killed, but it required 193,000 shells to do it. Then there was Thionville, into which 30,000 shells The Agassiz expedition to the were thrown, with the result that Fiji Islands has returned, after a two were killed; and finally Longsuccessful examination of the soil wy, which received during the seige and the flora and fauna. On the 30,000 shells without losing a single island of Toloya was the crater of man. At Murfreesborough it took an extinct volcano, into which a 27 cannon-shot and 130 rifle-bullets

## Just for Fun.

Little Teddie: Did our baby

His Mamma: Yes, darling; right straight down.

Little Teddie: I guess he must a' lit on his feet, and that's what makes him so bow-legged, then.

Juvenile blunders still accumulate, in spite of "definite and dogmatic teaching". Here is the latest, given as a fact, from the Church

Priest (catechising): Now, children, what is the meaning of those letters you see on the altar frontal —I. H. S.?

Little Girl: Please sir, I know -I 'ate Satan.

Kind Lady (at door): I am lady president of the charity society, and we never give to beggars at the that "he who opens a school closes door. But here are some tracts; they are good for-

> Tramp: Will the kind lady please put a taste of butter on them and I'll try to digest them.

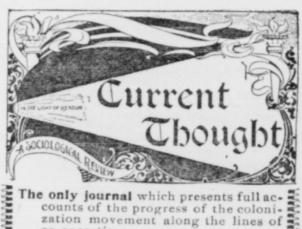
Sabbath-School Teacher: Who

Johnny Thickhead: The-er-

A clergyman noted for begging, while talking to a Sunday school, compared himself to a shepherd and his congregation to sheep, and asked: "What does the shepherd do for the sheep?" To the amuse-All this time when he is not re- ment of all, a bright little boy answered promptly: "Shears them."

To judge from all one sees and in school and on his way to and hears, the doctrine of hell, with its from school. The lad is taught fires, brimstone, chains, gridirons, rudimentary astronomy, physics and other delightful horrors, is

to their columns, and do not insist newspaper discussion and the clergy are well aware of that. No doubt Library. many are delighted to be rid of the The White Company, by Conan Doyle. bralter, in 1781, 360,000 shot and frightful bugbear of hell and its shell were thrown, and the killed fire; and some of the clergy fancy more helpless without fire than is The Bondman, by Hall Caine. Christianity. No one fears God if surprising, into Verdun 33,000 shots Nobody wants Christ if there is no Beyond the City, by A. Conan Doyle. hell to be saved from. Blow up hell and you blow up heaven, god and the whole scheme of salvation. People's Reference Book 8,000 shells received there. Eight hell as a lifeboat would be on the moon-where there is not a drop of water.-Liberator.



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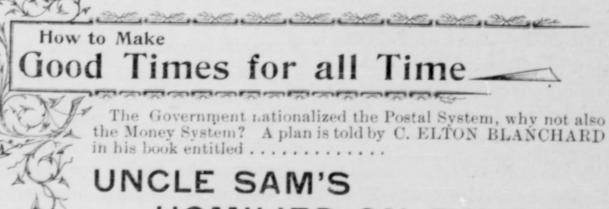
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