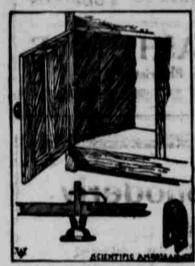
Simple Door Fastening That Over-A very useful improvement in lateses of the button type, used in fastening eupboard and closet doors, has just been invented by F. W. Merriweather of Kansas City, Mo. The object of

the invention is to provide a simple construction which will hold the door tightly closed and prevent any shake or looseness between the door and latch when the latter is applied.

The invention also provides for the convenient adjustment of the tension

on the button, whereby the stiffness of the latch may be varied. It is a very common defect of the unual wooden ttons to work loose and swing clear of the door of their own gravity. This efect is overcome by Mr. Merriweathcre invention. The illustration clearly shows how this is accomplished. A knob or handle of any desired form

s rigidly attached to a shank which



NEW BUTTON LATCH.

passes through an opening in the door. The projecting inner end of the shank a angular in cross section and is pro-rided with ratchet teeth cut in one of its edges. The button of the latch is constructed of a strip of spring sheet metal bent upon itself to provide a pair of spring arms which are spaced apart and have aligning openings adapted to slidably engage with the

A tongue cut from the upper arm is bent upwardly to engage with the ratchet teeth when the button is applied to the shank. It is obvious from this construction that on forcing the spring arms together the force with which the knob and button are presed against opposite faces of the door may be varied as desired, thus en-abling the stiffness of the latch to be nerensed or decreased at pleasure.

REMARKABLE BEETLE.

Luminous Brazilian Insect Emits

Light of Two Colors. At a recent meeting of the Lon ogical society C. J. Gahan exhibted a specimen of a remarkable lumious beetle from Brazil. As in the case of the familiar glowworm, which is also a beetle, the female is grabilke and luminous. The special point of interest in the Brazilian species is that' extremities of the insect there shines a strong red light, while green rays proceed from a row of points on each side. Those who consider that the lamp of the female glowworm is to guide the male as to her whereabouts will be inclined to think that the combination of red and green light is to enable the male of the Brazilian beetle to distinguish his mate from other

The specimen exhibited to the mem-bers of the Zoological society is thought to be the first living specimen ever brought to Great Britain. It has been pointed out that the light of glow worms and firefles is the mod the ideal light—that is to say, in these insects the maximum amount of light is produced with the minimum amount

Three Degrees of Illumination.
It is possible that the incandescen lectric lamp will soon be susceptibl the same amount of regulation as gas, for there is now on the market lamp operated by a chain which is capable of three degrees of illumina-tion. One point sheds an illumination of 80 per cent of its total capacity, which in the case of the sixteen can dispower lamp is barely sufficient to indicate the location of the lamp to one entering the room and who may want to reach the light in order to turn it up higher. This tiny glow does with the necessity of groping around in the dark in the search for the lamp, often at the sacrifice of some of the bric-a-brac or furniture of the room. The second point of adjustm the filament to glow at about three-quarters of the lamp's capacity.

To Measure Flow of a Well. To calculate the rate of flow of an artesian well a simple plan is to lower say 500 feet and then electrically explode a cap to burst the bottle. The time required for the fluid to appear at the surface gives an accurate gauge as to the velocity of flow. It is claimed that this method gives results as accu rate as a weir. The diameter of the pipe being known, the rate of flow readily follows.

A New Winter Barley. An innovation in grain crops is the discovery by Professor Gordon True of the University of Nevada of a winte barley which will thrive on the des erts and ripen through the moist of the winter rains. The discovery cannot be otherwise than of vast importance to the desert regions and may make possible two crops per year of barley in some parts of the southwest.

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THE OCEAN CURRENTS.

Vagaries of the Streams That Begin and End in the Sea.

There are as many vagaries in the water as in the wind. Why, for instance, should three great ocean currents send their warm waters across the wide Pacific, Atlantic and across the Cape of Good Hope? Many theo-ries have been advanced to solve the problem of their origin, but all have proved fallactous

Other and equally mysterious curworld. The tides are so erratic in different parts of the world that one hesi-tates to accept the theory that the moon controls them in all cases, says Wissen fur Alie. It is on record that the sea has run for weeks out of the Java sea through the strait of Sunda and thence back again for a like period without any perceptible rise or fall

Then there is the equatorial current that flows into the Caribbean sea, the everflowing current to the eastward around Cape Horn, the cold stream Soving from the icy regions of the north past Newfoundland and Nova Scotis and along the American coast to the extreme end of Florida, the continual current running with a velocity of from four to five knots an hour through the strait of Gibraltar into the Mediterranean sea, the swift current running across the rocks and shouls of the end of Billiton Island, which ap-parently starts from nowhere and ends comewhere in the vicinity of the same place, and the current which, starting halfway up the China sea, runs from two to three knots an hour to the north and finally ends abruptly at the

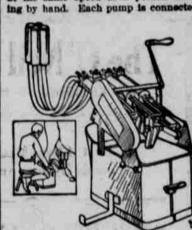
orth end of Luzon. Then we have those tidal vagaries nown the world over as bores. Residents along the North sea are familiar with them and can see them run from ide to side in a signag shape until they reach their limit, often tearing the ships from their anchorage. They originate nobody knows where or why. The rush of waters in the bay of

Fundy is nothing but a huge bore sweeping all before it up to the head of the bay until the western waters have risen to the height of fifty or sixty feet. Off Southampton, in England, that are never seen. there are the double tides, while at sign — Yes, and there Singapore it has been observed for ought never to be seen days at a time that there have been but one rise and fall in the twenty-foor hours. The tides may be and very often appear as though they were "moonstruck," but they are certainly not controlled with hard and fast rules by that or any other body.

MACHINE THAT MILKS

Mechanical Milker Designed to Save

Labor on Dairy Farms.
A very simple mechanical milker is being used in Europe, and reports in-dicate better results than have been secured from any other of the several milking machines, says Popular Me-chanics. It is so simple a boy ten years of age can easily operate it. It consists of four pumps, which work in succession, one after another, and at the same speed as a person milk-ing by hand. Each pump is connected



MUNICIPANICAL MILICER.

by a short rubber tube to a teat cup. There is no dish in the world that so of which there are four. The milk has rigidly requires to be eaten hot as only a short distance to travel and steak. discharges directly into the pail to cup of coffee, cold batter cakes, the which the machine is fastened.

revolutions per minute. The suction inable. It is barbarous." thumbserew which controls the air tinue working. Where several ma little sait, sugar or a spoonful of curchines are used in one place power rant felly. through flexible shafting (one-tenth norsepower to each machine) may be

The Material of a Man. German scientists announce that the day Herald. material for a man weighing 150 pounds can be found in the white and yolk of 1,200 hens' eggs. Reduced to fluid the average man would yield ninety-eight cubic meters of illumi nating gas and hydrogen enough te fill a balloon capable of lifting 15? inds. The normal human body has in it the iron needed to make sever large nails, the fat for fourteen pounds of candles, the carbon of stxty-four gross of crayons and phosphorus enough for 820,000 matches. Out of 1 can be obtained besides twenty coffee nfuls of salt, fifty lumps of sugai and forty-two liters of water.

Joining Iron to Marble. Cement for fastening iron to marble may be made of thirty parts of plaste of paris, ten parts of iron filings and one part of sal ammoniac mixed with vinegar to a fluid state. As the mix ture hardens quickly it must be pre pared for immediate use, says the Lon

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"How did Jones make his pile?" "And how did Brown lose bis?" "Dabbling in stocks."

Pat-An' did yez have a good tolm last night? Mike-Sure. We wint out an' painted the town green!-Cleveland La

If there were more kissing done at home and less at the railroad depot, life in the married state would have nore halos.—Palmyra Items.

"Aren't you ashamed to beg?" "Sometimes, mum. When I find how stingy people are I fairly blushes for Prinoville,

Mrs. McSpatt - Isn't it remarkable how many men mysteriously disap-pear? Mr. McSpott—Oh, I don't know. Most of em are married.

The Long Haired One-You know, a poet is a prophet.

The Sordid One-Not to his publish ers.-Baltimore American.

Hemp is a Philippine natural mo oly. It cannot be grown profitably any other part of the world. The United States is the largest consumer, Riches don't amount to so much

people we know are poor.—Atchison Some of the happiest, most fortunate "Was his flying machine a success?"
"Oh, yes. It failed to work before it

rot far enough up to burt him."-Pearson's Weekly. "Doctor, you have saved my life! feel that I can never repay you "I feel that I'll sue you if you don't."

-Houston Post. "Ps, did you ever hear money talk?"
"Yes." "What did it say?"
"Goodby!"-Exchange.

Mrs. Black-Nothing that mother eats ngrees with her. Black-Food seems to have human intelligence.- Town Topics.

Church-Did you ever try any these "close to nature" methods? Gutham-Well, I've used a porous plaster!-Yonkers Statesman,

that are never seen. Theatrical Manager-Yes, and there are a lot that

"I cannot understand why a man's wife is called his 'better half." "You would if you had to divide your salary with one! "Do you approve of working Sun-

man addressed. "Why make an exception of Sunday?"—Philadelphia Ledger. A mustard plaster is not a very poetic anblect; but, ah, how warmly it ap-

phia Inquirer. Possibly the idea has got abroad among poets that the sea waves are and because the ocean is so very bine

peals to a man's feelings!-Philadel-

The relative strength of the fleets of the powers is stated to be in the following order: Great Britain, United States, France, Germany and Japan. In ancient and more simple times it

was the custom never to shave. For 100 years there was no such thing as a barber heard of in Rome. Wise-Poor Burroughs! He's worrying a great deal about debts-

New ltt - Nonsense! You'll catch him worrying because he can't pay his debts. Wise-He's not worrying about old debts he can't pay, but about new ones

he can't contract.—Philadelphia Press Lawyer-Well, aunty, what can I do for you? Aunt Ebony-I want a deevo'ce from

"What has be been doing?" "Dotn'? Why, he done got relig'n, an' we ain't had a chicken on de table

foh a month!" Some wag has said: "A cold cold shoulder, a cool reception-all are The operator sits on a stool and telerable-we can use philosophy and turns a crank at the rate of forty-five forget them-but a cold steak is abou-

of any one of the pumps can be in creased or decreased by turning a castor oil to alling children is characteristic. The oil is poured into a pan passage. As soon as one teat is milked over a moderate fire, an egg broken the suction is cut off and the cup re into it and the mixture well stirred. moved, while the other pumps con The omelet thus made is served with a rant jelly.

"Do you think, Miss Gertrude," inused. With power one operator can quired a decidedly vapid young man superintend several machines. The conceitedly, "it would be foolish for device has been patented in all coun me to marry a girl who was my inferior intellectually?" "More than foolbsb." answered Gertrude sweetly-"it would be impossible."-Rehoboth Sun-

> Fond Mother (to her precious son, aged twelve years) - Willie, what would you like to give your cousin Harry for his birthday?

Willie (who has his own opinion of Cousin Harry, aged sixteen)-I know what I'd like to give him, but I ain't big enough -London Judy.

"The French are awfully stupid." "Why, I always heard they were

very cleve! people.' "Well, they aren't. I was the best French scholar in our class, and yet when I went to Paris they couldn't understand s word that I said."-Los don Telegraph.

"George, I saw that Singleton week an today carrying the silk uml that she borrowed from me at the card party."

"way didn't you ask for it?" "I was just going to whoe i re same that I borrowed it from inte arnmper."-Cleveland Plain Deaser.

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