Topics of the Times

getting used to it.

The most popular book in the home of the workingman is his bank book.

Does housekeeping come under the head of arts and crafts, or is it just work?

The auto is said to promote appendicitis, but this will not deter those who can scrape up the price.

A Boston doctor gives it as his opinfon that women can never become really artistic. Another trouble hunter. Don't condemn John D. until you

ing poverty is. It worked in his own Young Mr. Knox is quoted as sayto support my wife." Isn't he a

noble young hero? A man in Detroit gave the censustaker his occupation as "the wood business." He provides family trees for newly-rich automobile manufacturers.

Queen Wilhelmins, it is said, borrows spoons and napkins from the neighbors. Naturally she is regarded by her people as a wonderful wom-

An Ohio woman declares that plano playing makes the hens lay. But even the plano has its limitations in the poultry yard. It cannot be used as an

It is said the average man eats 1,000 pounds of food a year. Nobody has figured what the average boy eats, but it must be considerably more than 1,000 pounds.

"Now they propose to hatch chickens by electricity." We are slowly approaching the time when man will have nothing to do but touch a button here and there.

Down in Connecticut recently a woman died because a fortune had been left to her. People who are waiting for rich uncles to pass away will agree that her action was wholly unfustifiable.

There is in Kansas City a man who wants \$20,000 damages because the gossip of his neighbors caused his wife to leave him. Some of the neighbors complain that there are men who are totally devoid of appreciation.

The Boston Globe has found that a 15-cent plate of beans contains as much nutritive value as \$1.87% worth of porterhouse steak. We earnestly hope the report is an unbiased one. If it came from any other place than Boston we should not doubt.

A dispatch from New Orleans says the demand for bables in that city is much greater than the supply. One from New York, but the bal adopted so quickly and there were so many calls for more that another carload will be forwarded. Save your bables. New Orleans may want them.

Korea is making some progress in civilization. Twenty-five years ago it had no trade with the United States. The secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions recently traveled in that country in a railroad car made in Delaware, drawn by a locomotive made in Philadelphia, over rails made in Pittsburg, fastened to ties made of Oregon lumber, with spikes forged in New York. After his journey he had for his dinner Chicago beef, Pittsburg pickles and Minnesota

Along with many other discoveries of greater or less importance, scientific men have proved the law that the rapidity of the heart beat is in inverse ratio to an animal's size. Thus in man it is about seventy-two to the minute, whereas in the elephant it is only thirty, and in the horse forty. The dog's pulse, on the other hand, counts about ninety beats to the minute, and the rabbit's over one hundred and fifty. Most remarkable of all, the heart pulsations of a little mouse have recently been counted and recorded by an ingraious machine, and found to num'r nearly seven hundred every minute.

In his annual report the Adjutant General of the Army bewails desertions as the greatest perfl to the army. Nearly 5,000 American soldiers deserted last year. In Europe desertions are rare. He attributes the wholesale desertions to a defect of public opinion. which practically consents to them and affects to see nothing more in them than the breach of a civil contract for service. Citizens look upon the deserter with complacency and manage to aid him to escape punishment "in the comparatively rare event of his falling into the hands of the military authorities." The quotation probably comes nearer giving the key to the situation than do the complaints against the public. Desertions will multiply in proportion to the im munity obtainable through the failure of the military authorities to exert themselves. Burgiary would flourish also if the citizenry did not tax itself roundly for the machinery to make burglary a hazardous business. When the military authorities realize that they have something to do in the matter and do it, they will have less to complain of regarding the public.

Accomplished cooks, men who know that they practice not the least of the arts, have long been accustomed to name their most savory inventions for eminent persons in other walks of life. They mean to pay a delicate compilment, to offer a generous tribute from gentus to genius. But such complients are not always welcome. A ang opera singer, who is so much mired in Boston that the hotel chefs

******************************** | has consulted lawyers, applied for an injunction, and had herself effaced from the bills of fare. The proceeding has enlivened the courts and animated the news columns of the daily papers because of its novelty. Famous per-sons, when they have not been flattered by such attentions, have usually The high cost of living seems to be suffered them stolcally. In some cases, too, the cook has actually given the celebrity a wider immortality than he could have won by himself. Many a man has ordered a filet Chateau-briand who never heard of "Atala" or The Genius of Christianity." Long and distinguished as was Count Nesselrode's career, his pudding is known where his diplomacy is forgotten. The Father of his Country himself has to stand sponsor for a pie by no means worthy of his solid and substantial virtues. And a prima donna more famous than the Boston singer lends the honey of her name to the delictous "peche Melba," and is not ashamed of it. Men have even permitted cigars to be named for them without inquiring too closely into their have heard what his plan for abolishquality. Mr. Blaine, although he never used tobacco, did not talk of injunctions when such an honor was thrust upon him, however little he ing: "I shall go to work, if necessary, may have liked it. The picture of the poet Bryant was long familiar on the lids of certain flat boxes of red cedac, but he was dead when the honor was thrust upon him, and could not protest. A public career has its penalties as well as its prizes.

FREAK LEGISLATORS ACTIVE

Prices of Necessities Have No Effeet on Lawmaking Plants.

The soaring cost of the necessities of life has had no effect, thus far, in limiting the output of our lawmaking plants, Collier's remarks. They are grinding out new rules and limitations, clever or stupid, predatory or comic, to the full capacity of the mills The production of statutory jokes has been even larger than usual this season. A delegate to the Maryland Legislature from Frostburg (suggestive name!) has introduced a bill to make it unlawful for a woman to wear a hat more than ten inches in diameter "on the streets or in other public places, or in "any theater or concert hall in the state when a performance is in progress." The penalty for violation of the rule is to be three months' imprisonment of a fine of \$100. He got what he deserved when a lady journalist, working for one evening chronicle of crime, replied by interviewing herself on what is likely to happen when women legislators are in office a few years from now and can "come back." The authority quotes herself as saying that they will prohibit any man under 60 from wearing a frock coat, and arrest and try for felony any male who appears on the streets in a silk hat. The wearing of a "green kelley," 'or of a "moss-colored plush head "covering," will be deemed a capital offense, and "the wearing of red by blonde men with ashen complexions be forbidden by statute." Even before this rebuke had been apread another lawmaker war rushing into print with a law to limit the length of hatpins. Dr. Felix yers have far too large a representa-tion in our system of government as compared with that given to men of other trades and profession. other trades and professions. Another carload of infants recently arrived class that has too much representation is the self-advertisers. With a working knowledge of what constitutes a transparent to X-rays. are making comic statutes as fast as allowed by the speed limit for dicta-

tion to a stenographer. TOO DELIGHTFUL PARIS.

One of Senator Chauncey Depew's After-Dinner Stories.

Senator Depew, lamenting at a ner in Washington the recent Paris flood, said, according to the Louisville Times:

"How delightful Paris is! Almost too delightful for study.

"A friend of mine sent his son to Paris to study architecture at the Hotel de Lorz, Brussels, was sold re Ecole des Beaux Arts. Then, the following June-in time for the Grand Prix, you know-my friend went over to Paris to see how his boy was getting on.

"The boy said he was getting on fadirection of flight, some pigeons have mously. Father and son, after a delightful luncheon under a tree at Armade 1,980 yards, or more than a They mile a minute. menonville, went sightseeing. crossed the Seine, looked at the Whistler and the Mac Monnies at the Lux- through Dean Herman Schneider, has embourg, then turned riverward again originated a plan of co-operative into see a little of the Louvre. studies one week in the university and

"As they drove in their taxcab down a quiet, old fashioned street near the then works one week in shop or fac-Seine, the father's interest was excited tory. by a fine, imposing building, with a spacious courtyard full of fragments wards Heath, England, has promised of statuary, fine old bits of stone to present half a sovereign, the price carving, casts and so on. 'What place is that, my boy?' he of the local company of the Church

inquired. Really, father, I can't tell you, torials. said the young man. 'I'm so busy at the Beaux Arts, you know, I get very næ, composed of more than five thoulittle time for sightseeing."

"So the father leaned forward and about to test the law of heredity by touched the chauffeur's arm.

"'What place is that, my man?'

"The Ecole des Beaux Arts, mon sieur!' was the reply."

**** Wit of the Youngsters

Teacher-Tommy, what does the letter "A" stand for? Tommy-Apple. for one thing. Teacher-That's right. Now, Johnny, what does "B" stand

for? Johnny-Baked apple. "What state do we live in?" asked the teacher of the primary geography Hays, aged 86, died suddenly last night class. And little Elmer, thinking of in the midst of a fortune in gold and his Bunday school catechism, promptly replied: "In a state of sin and mis-

The mother had frequently told her children that it was wrong to waste scraps of food. One evening she said: "Ralph, my son, what good deed have you done to-day?" "I ate that piece of pie left from dinner, so it wouldn't be wasted," answered Ralph.

When people invite you to see them and say they will have a Dutch lunch it means you are not to expect much PRINCE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE

Opinions of Great Papers on Important Subjects. ELECTRONICA DE LA COMPANSION DE LA COMPA

PROFIT AND LOSS.

YOUNG man of wealth married a chorus girl in New York a few years ago. Shortly afterward he enlisted in the navy. From a callow youth with little common sense and less knowledge of the hard facts of life he has returned home, strongly muscled, manly, cheerful and in perfect

control of himself and the spirit of temptation. He has ceased, however, to be fond of his wife. She is now engaged in suing his parents for a half million dollars, charging them with weaning away her husband's affec-

Were the lady in the case demanding damages for the loss of the creature she knew as husband the suit were ridiculous. He may have been worth many times a half million dollars in property, but worth not five cents in person. The man is a different fellow alto-gether now, in the state of his heart as well as his mind. In sheer point of possibilities of value to himself and to the world he is not to be weighed against sordid sold. Unhappily, however, the courts have no other standard by which to measure the price of affections and the object of affection except money. The chorus girl wife must seek such baim as is available. If it is true that the young man is all they say he is, radiant of health, sober, proud of his service and eager to assume a permanent place as a worker, who can blame the wife for lamenting her loss? If the courts can't do more they might give the plaintiff sole possession to the memory of the youth to whom she was married. The parents would surrender that with enthusiasm .-

IS WOMAN "ECONOMICALLY WORTHLESS!"



suppressing swearing.

\$3,000 a square mile.

tween 70 and 80.

cently for \$4 at Stevens' auction

The average speed of a homing

pigeon in calm weather is 1,210 yards

a minute. With a strong wind in the

The University of Cincinnati.

dustrial education, whereby a student

The Rev. T. G. Wyatt, vicar of Hay-

of a pair of boots, to every member

Lads' Brigade who joins the terri-

The Association of Collegiate Alum-

sand members in various cities, is

an investigation of its own member

ship and antecedents for three genera-

Climbeth Haye' Death on New Jer

sey Farm Reveals \$100,000.

her poorest neighbors, Miss Elizabeth

currency, estimated at more than \$100,-

000, which for fifty years she had been

secreting about her old farmhouse. Miss Hays' financial status was dis-

covered to-day when the heirs and her

executor, Counsellor Reginald Branch, made a brief search of the house prior

to a complete examination promised

to-morrow morning, says a Burlington

(N. J.) correspondent of the New York

Bed and table linen yielded \$10 a.

\$20 bank notes by the scores. Bed springs, old coffee pots, several old purses and other receptacles were found to contain hundreds of dollars.

tions or more.

primitive state."

rooms, Covent Garden, London,

ROFESSOR Patten of the University of Pennsylvania, an original and progressive thinker, declares that one of the four major causes of the increased cost of living is the "new status of women." Civiliza tion and mechanical progress, he says, have deprived women of their former share in bread winning, and they are "left with their

hands idle." "Let women take up their share of the work, and the pressure on the resources of the family will be equalized," concludes Professor Patten. Let us see. The next census will probably show that

about 7,000,000 women are engaged in gainful occupa-tions, in spite of our "civilization." It will not show how many millions work longer hours than any factory or office employe, in kitchens, nurseries, tene ments, flats, farmhouses, without getting any "wages" at all, but we know that the wife of the laborer, the mechanic, the clerk, the small shopkeeper, the strug-gling farmer, the young professional man, does not sit with her hands idle. Is not the woman who cooks and washes, cleans, sews, brings up children, doing her share of the work of the family? Is she economically worthless?

The number of idle women is very small in this country, and of this number the majority devote themselves

to charitable and reform work, to the cultivation of letters and art, to the propaganda of political and moral causes. Sending them into offices and factories would scarcely benefit true civilization. Man does not live by bread alone, and have not foreign observers extolled American women for their successful pursuit of culture and idealism? Even from an economic point of view, the women who do not toll are not worthless. Morals and nesthetics and culture have their economic value to society.-Chicago Record-Herald.

> SICKNESS AND EATING. OU are actually committing a crime against

your stomach when you eat while suffer-

ing from acute disease. I dety any stu-



dent or scientist to disprove this statement. When you suffer from acute disease, pneumonia, fevers, etc., the principal object of which is simply the cleansing of the blood, every particle of food you take into your stomach retards recovery. As a result of careful experimentation hygienists find that a typhoid fever patient will lose weight and strength faster when being fed than when no food is given. In other words, he will lose less strength and recover far more quickly when no food is given. When the digestive organs do not require food and you persist in putting food into the stomach you are poisoning yourself and adding to the disease. If these statements do not impress you as being reliable, a little experimenting on your own account will soon prove their truth. What is needed in disease is to give the human body, that marvelous mystery that each and every one of us possesses, a chance to cleanse itself; a chance to eliminate the poisons that are clogging functional activity. There is no need of

NO FUNERAL DISPLAY.

fear, no need of anyone dying of an acute ailment un-

less vitality has been very greatly retarded through

dissipation, through prolonged use of alcohol or some

other similar cause.-Physical Culture.



FFETE eastern cities that sneer at the tanbooted, slouch-hatted westerner are being committed by their undertakers to new extravagances which, to the humble eye of the plainsman, are not exactly in good taste. Blue, pink and lavender coffins are the very latest in art funerals. The trail-

ing arbutus or winding creeper may bedeck the pail. Artist and uphoisterer outrival each the other with gilding and gauds to adorn the narrow house of humanity's cast-off clay. The march to the tomb borrows trappings from the

circus, and the pompous ceremonies with which our dead are to be recommitted to earth's embrace seem to mock the quiet of God's acre. This should not be. The door of the tomb is no place for display. The dignity of death forbids it. Every finer instinct protests at exploitation of grief. It is to be hoped that this latest attempt to restore extravagance in funerals will not

shortly after the civil war. The book | hurled the rat trap at his head. As a stood on a parlor table. In a cup result of this last maneuver Constable board among ods and ends of every description was a little pasteboard a warrant on her, charging assault and gument of the attorneys before Com-box. The investigators were about to battery.

tess it aside, when a jingle of coin drew their attention and they raised A Violet Cross League has been the lid to discover the box filled with formed in Paris with the object of gold coins, mostly eagles and double eagles, amounting to nearly \$800. Old The great North Sea fishing ground sait bags and leather wallets filled with known as the Dogger Bank, is estigold were picked up from an odd as-

mated to yield an annual income of sortment of trash. In different receptacles nearly There is an inmate in the Colchester thousand old coins of copper, nickel, stiver, gold and alloys, and minted in workhouse, England, who is 96 years a dozen different countries in the last of age, one who is 92, twenty-one between 80 and 90 and fifty-three betwo centuries, were discovered. They were in no order and were mixed in with the modern money of all denom-A lock of Napoleon's hair, cut by inations. his servant on May 31, 1811, at the

Rolls of bank notes, all of big denomination, were stuffed between the mattresses and mixed in with them were quantities of civil war "shinplasters." pick up a book without finding money between the leaves. Linen dropped to the floor, disclosing \$10 notes between the folds.

Many of the old bank notes bearing early dates were almost crumpled to dust when found and it will take an expert to decipher their value.

To-night the late home of Miss Hays, a fifteen-room farm house, in a sad condition for lack of repairs, is watched by armed guards to prevent any attempt to seek the hidden wealth it still

RATS CAUSE TWO PANICS.

Paterson Woman Who Owned Them Is Charged With Assault, Too.

In her efforts to prove to Edward Mills, a hardware dealer, that a rat trap he had sold to her was useless, Mrs. Lucy Thompson of Hazel stret caused two panies, one on a trolley car and the other in the shopping district, and will have to answer a charge of assault and battery.

The rats in Mrs. Tomkins' home had 'Certain negro characters are of a made a trap a picnic ground for sevhighly evolved type," said Professor eral days, growing fat on the cheese Arthur Kelth in a Hunterian lecture in it without injury to themselves. at the Royal College of Surgeons in Paterson (N. J.) correspondent of London, "and I have a suspicion that the New York Tribune says. From a some of the negroes of the Congo Free hiding place in the corner of the room State had an old civilization which she watched three well-fed rats hop into the trap. The rats were having flourished when Britons were in a their customary feast when Mrs. Tom-kins placed a bag over the trap and RICH WOMAN DIES LIKE PAUPER kept the rats prisoners, when she started with her captives on a Main street car for the shopping district to inter-Professing abject poverty before the view the hardware man. world and living less expensively than

The car had gone but a short distance when a dozen women screamed and jumped almost simultaneously on the seats of the car, while rushed for the door. One of the rats had escaped from the bag-covered trap. The motorman, with the assistance of a switch bar, drove the rat to the street and the car resumed its jour-

When Mrs. Tomkins ultimately reached the shopping district the jost-ling crowd caused her to loosen her hold on the bag and the remaining rate escaped to the sidewalk. For a few minutes there was pander

An old family Bible was almost com- the loss of the rats, but still deterpletely leaved with \$20 gold notes, mined. Going into the hardware store some of them bearing dates of issue she hunted up the proprietor and Lec from Justice Botbyl's court served

GETTING RID OF UNCLE DUD.

until he recovered his strength.

Uncle Dud to pieces. He gave him both barrels, and the contents of a pump gun. He cannonaded Uncle Dud!

From that day to this none of the kin have ever heard one word from the

most worthless man the world has ever

In this unjust world, a large part of the profits of a town garden are made by the hardware stores.

Look on the bright side: With m

awful anger of the Lord."

known.-Atchison Globe.

He Was Near the Limit as an Ex ample of Worthless Kin. You may not believe it, but it is possible to get rid of worthless kin. An Atchison man did it. He had an oil fields. Uncle Dud, who was worthless through and through. Before the Atchison man plans to bring the matter to the attenwas born Uncle Dud began being worthless. He went to church a great eral land office, so as to perfect the tideal, and at church became infatuated the before he begins operations for lo with a young girl. One of the first cating oil wells. He talked at length kin stories the Atchison man heard yesterday of the question and points was how his father had given Uncle out that as the lake is only about two Dud money to leave the country to escape from marrying the girl. the Atchison man was a boy Uncle Dud all parts of the area covered by the lived on a rented farm near by, and 4,400 acres in question. Mr. King is the Atchison man recalls that every positive from the investigations he has year Uncle Dud's wife would appear at his father's home, and while there a and hopes as soon as he gets title to beby would be added to the family of begin operations. Uncle Dud. If there was a cyclone Uncle Dud was in it, and relatives had to keep him. If there was a big fire Uncle Dud was always one of the sufferers. If a flood swept through a cer-tain district Uncle Dud was drowned out. If there was an earthquake Uncle Dud was wrecked. If his crops were not ruined by drought they falled because of too much rain. If there was distemper among horses, black leg among cattle, or cholera among hogs. Uncle Dud always lost his. His wife Washington Star. was sickly, and his children were always down with some contagious disease. Uncle Dud was great at saying through all these troubles: "The Lord's will be done," but the Atchison

man recalls that it was always the kin anyone take goods with him unless who had to pay for the "Lord's will." they were paid for.
It never inconvenienced Uncle Dud. "Well, Sam," he asked upon his re As the Atchison man grew up he had turn, "did you have any customers?" one ambition in life, to give Uncle Dud both barrels. A few years ago the Atchison man received a letter all those brase rings you had that from Uncle Dud. There had been a were marked 18c en the inside, and horrible disaster where Uncle Dud here's the money—a dellar and ninety-lived, and he had written to say he eight cents!"—Judge. had lost all. His health was wrecked by the horror of what he had been through, and he was coming to his relatives with some of his grandchildren,

There has been during the past ye an increase of 500,000 in the immigra population of the United States. the meantime about 250,000 imms grants returned home. Investigation shows that of those who return to the have a great story to tell you," he wrote. "This disaster is something which shows the might of the Lord's fury, and now that it is all over, I feel that I want to tell you the majesty of seeing with the human eye the The Atchison man knew his time had come. No one knows what he wrote Uncle Dud, but he did what the Lord's anger failed to do: He shot

"He must disguise himself so that he will be recognised by everybody in the audience and nobody on the stage." —Tit-Bits.

FASHION HINTS



This outing suit of rose colored linen has small tucks panneled in the sides of the blouse and skirt. Black linen is used for the belt, collar and deep cuffs.

A jaunty tie is drawn through the slash in the blouse front, giving just the required dash to the whole

CLAIMS A LAKE

Through Boring in Its Bed.
A fight for title to 4,400 acres of Ferry Lake in Caddo parish, southwest Louisiana, and said to be an oil field valued at approximately \$5,000,000, has been begun before Commissioner Den-nett of the general land office. The claiment is John B. King of Texarkana. Texas, who made entry over one year ago under the placer mining act. He claims that the area of the lake was never turned over by the government to the State of Louisiana, and as the attorney general of that State did not put in an appearance yesterday it is believed that the State is content to let the general government deal with the proposition before it in any manner it may deem advisable.

Former Representative John J. Lents of Columbus, Ohio; J. A. Tellier of Little Rock, Ark., and J. D. Korner, also of the capital of Ohio, made up the legal array which presented Mr. King's side of the case. At the close of the argument Commissioner Dennett took the matter under advisement He did not announce when a decision will be rendered in the matter.

For several months past it has been believed that the State officials of Loulalana were going to put up a vigorous fight for the lake, which also has a considerable area in the State of Texan. Several years ago, while prospect-ing over the general oil field in the section where the lake is located, Mr. King discovered that while the Standard Oil Company had located its wells on all sides of the property, no attempt had been made to locate on the lake .

He then went to work, and made a close examination of the records bearing on the question of title to the land on which the lake lies. This was for-merly government land before the back water from the Red River overflowed the section and left the lake. He ascertained, so it was pointed out in the armissioner Dennett yesterday that the general government to the State of Richmond 61. Louisiana, and he lost no time in making an entry on the 4,400 acres in question, which is believed to be the richest in the section in point of possible

With his entry he then made his tion of the commissioner of the genor three feet deep it will be a compara-When tively easy matter to locate oil wells in made that the area is of immense value

The section in which the lake is located in both Texas and Louisiana is looked upon by oil experts everywhere as a particularly rich oil country, and this fact has been singularly brought out, it is declared, by reason of the fact that the Standard Oil Company has come into the section and bought up all the land bordering on the lake .--

A Budding Morchant.

The jeweler had left his new boy in charge of the store while he went home to his dinner, but not until he cautioned the youth that all the goods were marked and that he must not let

"You bet!" said Sam, gleefully. "And I got his money, too! I sold one man

European homes the vest majority are unskilled laborers whose stay here has been comparatively brief. The me-chanics and artisans stay in their new

Labor Saving.

"Why do we long-necked people get into the funny columns so often?"

"Because the humorists find it engine to draw a foot of neck than to write a feet of johns."—Encode City Times.

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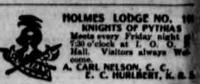
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