TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

If you suffer from "cat fear" take a dose of catnip.

It doesn't take much praise to spoil the man who can't stand criticism.

The fellow was right who said "fortune seldom knocks at the door of the knocker."

To some people truth is stranger than fiction because they have so little to do with the former.

There is an age when every girl wants to go on the stage, just as there is when every boy wants to be a pirate.

Scientists tell us that England is being eaten up by the sea, but she manages to make him pay well for his

According to the British budget, the Boer war so far has cost England \$1,085,000,000. Was the game worth the candle?

A few more anti-merger decisions to squeeze the water out of stocks, and Wall street will be wondering if the levees will hold. Some people are just dying to get into

society-if we are to believe the accounts of the prominence of some recent victims in murder cases. One reason why legislatures hang on

forever is found in an overgrown membership. There are in the average lawmaking body at least twice as many members as there should be.

The man who brings the flush of happlness to a woman's cheek, who drives away the traces of care and unhappiness, who coaxes back the glow of youth-he makes powder puffs.

Uncle Sam wants the Indians to adopt English names, and in turn may put Indian names on some of the new warships. This will be at least one fair exchange which will not prove a robbery of the Indian.

Millionaire Swift once said that no man is rich enough to smoke 25-cent cigars. However, it is likely that Mr. Carnegie or Mr. Rockefeller could stand the strain of three or four a day without incurring a reputation for wild extravagance.

China, according to the census just completed, has a population of 426,-000,000. The inhabitants of Manchuria, Mongolia, Tibet and Turkestan were not counted, but their number was estimated. Nevertheless, by the information we now have, the empire is more populous than ever before,

Descriptions of President Castro, of Venezuela, turning from affairs of state to attend a lawn party recall the man who had so many troubles and carried them so lightly that a friend asked in wonder, "How do you manage to keep so cheerful?" "Because 1 dous total of \$1,414,786,950, and coverhave to," was the significant reply.

Very few will be disposed to question that in giving of his millions to Tuskegee Institute Mr. Carnegie is putting his money where it will do the most good. He is satisfied that Dr. Washington is solving the race problem in the only way it can be solved. and he does well and wisely to back this belief with what is most needed in this great campaign of practical education.

The announcement that Joseph Chamberlain asked the King to bestow upon his wife a special mark of honor which his Majesty wished to confer on him must have caused the most relentless enemy of the Colonial Secretary to lapse into momentary admiration. All the world loves a loving and gracious recognition of obligation. and who is to measure Mr. Chamberlain's indebtedness to his American wife?

If Russia can bulldoze China in the matter of the province she will acquire such a prestige at Pekin that no amount of diplomatic persuasion later will restore the other powers to their rightful status with the Chinese court. So impudent are the Russian demands and so grave their import that a joint note from the powers is to be expected forthwith, else good-by to all hope for the rescue of China from the thraldom of a combination of Chinese reaction and Russian selfishness.

The movement to honor by a sultable memorial the English newspaper correspondents who lost their lives in the South African War revives the recollection of service performed under trying and perflous conditions. The committee of the Institute of Journal-1sts has been compiling a list of the correspondents who were killed or died of disease while in the discharge of duty. "Killed at Wagon Hill." "Killed at Slingersfontein," "Killed at Mafeking," "Died of fever at Simons Town"-so runs the record. The cost of war in money falls into insignificance when compared with its cost in men. Try how they may, no class of men concerned in war can escape the fatal toll of the battle-field.

Read the appalling histories of the poor in New York. They are mere accidental revelations. They are to furnish in its lumber as many carloads the great mass of hidden misery and of freight as 120 years of wheat proddegradation what the truant spark is | uct from a Dakota farm,

to the covered fire. Once in a while someone hears of a case of special affliction, and nearly always the machinery of rescue is set in motion by Christian hands. But we hear of one in a thousand. The others are left to their suffering, their hopelessness, their degradation. We have untold millions to spend and immeasurable sympathy and ministration to bestow in China, India-the farther away the botter-while here at home, within sound of our own church bells, scarce a stone's throw from our sumptuous residences, poverty, pain, despair all flourish, and the pagan ferment of the slums creates unceasingly material for the brothel and tall.

Sad news comes from Oklahoma, where an investigation of the condition of Lo the poor Indian has recently government. It appears that the Indians of Oklahoma are suffering from They owned land, each head of a fampigs, chickens and other necessities of life, and the days came and went with linkment or embrocation. a pleasing if somewhat monotonous regularity. To-day the noble red men of Oklahoma appear to be rapidly going to the bad. Their land has turned out to be valuable, and they are leasing it to white men at high prices. The result is that the Indians are no longer forced to work for a living, and they are rapidly falling into habits of idleness and vice. The report of the commissioner who has been looking into the matter says: "From habits of industry and thrift these Indians, or best friends of the Indians are those Indians and their only salvation. The leasing of lands has proved to be a great calamity for a majority of them. It would be a thousand times better for them if the leasing of lands was prevented and the proposition presented to them flatly to work or starve." This will probably be discouraging to people who have longed to raise the Inbut does it, after all, indicate that the progress in idleness?

If you would realize the immensity of the United States study trade statistics. We talk about billion-dollar Congresses; now let's think about a billiondollar commerce. In the year ending March 31, 1903, the imports of the United States reached a billion dolairs. That is the first time imports ever reached the billion mark. Uncle Sam is a good customer. It is a fact that is as good a peace guarantee as a fleet of things to eat, drink, wear and use in a single year would at least think twice before affronting such a customer and strangling such a market. The prosbe to sell more than you buy. The United States is doing that, and feedending March 31 reached the stupened everything from steel bridges to dollar watches, breakfast foods to bottled beer. This is a big country. Its own greatness of the empire. Why, the million dollars. We have a billion-dollar trust, billion-dollar crops, billiondollar bank savings. We have just launched a ship that will carry 30,000 tons of freight, and more are building. The mines of the Northwest will give up 35,000,000 tons of fron ore in a single season. From Maine to California big things are in progress. All this is the wonder of the civilized world, and when put into figures the totals simply stun humanity. Big! Why, when you can count all of the stars and the grains of sand on the seashore, you'll be able to measure the glory and greatness of America! We should pray for humility-power to bear our greatness with honor and dignity. We should see to it that morals, education, charity, civic righteousness, all the higher things of of commerce. For, unless they do, the years of our greatness are surely num-

bered.

Skating on Water. It would seem that skating on water may be successfully accomplished says Tit-Bits. A German inventor has made a hundred-mile journey with water shoes on the surface of the River Danube. The shoes are cylindrical in shape, and are made of aluminum to give them extreme lightness. They are several feet long, and are propelled by a treading movement, which causes four oar-shaped wings to revolve. The inventor claims that he can travel on water three times as fast as he can walk on land, and that locomotion is as safe on rough water as on smooth. He hopes to have the shoes made a part of every well-regulated life-saving sta-

The Wall of Severus.

The wall of Severus, separating England from Scotland, was thirty-six miles long and guarded by twenty-one forts. It was twenty feet high and twenty-four feet thick, and to the north was protected by a moat forty feet wide and twenty feet deep.

Great Lumber Resources. The State of Washington has the largest lumber resources in the world. One acre of Washington timber will



A Remedy for Soft Corns.-Touch make it sore.

To Cure Cramp.-Cramp is generally is perfectly safe from accident. too much prosperity. Ten or twelve caused by a disordered liver. For years ago they were busy and happy. quick relief from the pain, the feet

For Rheumatism.-An excellent liniment is made by mixing together 5 cents' worth of spirits of camphor, 10 cents' worth of ammonia, one gill of turpentine, 5 cents' worth of white wine vinegar and the well-beaten white of an egg. Keep in a tightly corked bottle.

Pimples on the Face.—These may be most usual are poorness of blood or a must be combated in their inception, too rich diet. If your blood is poor, else the individual becomes in the end most of them, have become idlers and you are probably run down, and vagrants on the face of the earth. The should consult a doctor. In the matter force of will may effect much toward of diet, avoid cake, pastry, and all a cure, but its exercise can hardly be who are in favor of compelling them to highly seasoned dishes and strong tea trusted at first in high and dangerous work. Work is the salvation of these and coffee. Eat plenty of fish and situations. Especially is this the case stewed fruit, and green vegetables and when the individual is alone and feels salad.

will not be nearly so liable to chafe. For Tired Eyes.-If your eyes ache three times a day for five minutes. dian up to nobler and better things; Frequent bathing in a solution of bora- count. cle acid (made by dissolving one ounce red man is essentially different from of boracic acid in one pint of water) his white brother? Is the Indian the and water also helps to give relief. only one who can't broaden out and Add enough hot water to the boracic solution to make it comfortably warm, and be sure to dry your eyes very thoroughly afterward.

To Give Castor Oil.-If children oban equal quantity of honey. This quite in London. She was then the widow hides any unpleasant taste, and does of Samuel S. Sands, Jr., a wealthy not make the medicine any less effica-

in a nail you by mistake hityour finger bounds in the Meadowbrook hunt, and or thumb, hold the injured member in soon his widow went abroad to live. water as hot as you can bear for a warships. Countries that are selling us few minutes. This draws out the ina thousand million dollars' worth of flammation and relieves the pain in a wonderful way.

To Treat a Sprain.-Bathe in as hot water as can be borne, for from fifteen to twenty minutes, renewing as perous way of doing busines is said to it cools. Then wring a piece of flannel out of boiling water, bind round the sprained part, cover with a piece of ing nations. The exports for the year oiled silk, and renew when it gets cool.

A captain of a Massachusetts regiment, stationed in Washington at the time of the Civil War, was noted for people can scarcely comprehend the his love of good things to eat, and one day despatched one of his soldiers, a farms alone are worth three thousand man named Bailey, to Alexandria to get some fresh oysters, giving him instructions not to return without them. The man started, and no more was seen of him for nine days. The Washington Times prints the story of his return:

After a lapse of nine days Bailey came into camp, leading a train of fourhorse wagons, loaded with oysters. Approaching and respectfully saluting the amazed captain, Balley said:

"Here are your oysters, captain. Couldn't find any in Alexandra, so I chartered a schooner and made a voyage to Fortress Monroe and Norfolk of the old New Jersey and New York for them. There are about two hundred bushels. Where do you want blit has two children by her marriage em?"

Bailey did really make the trip, hired his men, and sold oysters enough in life, keep pace with the mighty strides Georgetown before "reporting" to pay all expenses and leave him a profit of face, regular features, bright blue eyes about one hundred dollars. The two and light golden hair. Mrs. Vanderreturned to his duty.

Hospitals for Cats.

All hail to the Washington people who are going to take care of the cats! It is time some one built a sanatorium for poor pussy, where she can find refuge from boys with stones and dogs with cruel teeth.

As a matter of fact, cats are the most abused of animals. They are like old tin cans-there seems to be no place for them. They are saved from drowning by oversympathetic women when they are little, when drowning would be a pleasure to them, and are then sent adrift by these same tender-hearted feminines to pick up a precarious living for themselves, and finally to die a violent death at the "hands" of a bootjack or a bottle of liniment.

Telegraph Typewriting.

The post office telegraphic department has been experimenting for some time between Glasgow and London with a typewriter, an electrical instrument which, when attached at the receiving end of the wire, delivers messages transmitted by the Wheatstone system at the rate of upward of 160 words per minute, typewritten in ordinary fashion on folio sheets. The extended by complete success.

MAKES ONE'S HEAD WHIRL

People Frequently Meet Death as

Openhym from High Bridge has some claim for consideration. In one form or another this nervous condition is manifested in a goodly number of individuals and in exaggerated instances is accompanied with an almost uncontrollable impulse to jump into space. So strong is this disposition in some persons that they have a settled aversion for high places and purposely avoid mountains, steeples, bridges and balloons. The apparent helplessness of the situation, the horror of a possiwith turpentine every evening for a ble misstep or loss of balance, and, fortnight, and the corn will come en- worst of all, an overwhelming sense of tirely out. Don't let the turpentine general fear, dominate the feeling of been made by a representative of the run on to the adjoining skin, or it may self-control, and the victim becomes the veriest coward when otherwise he

By medical authorities this fear, when carried to an extreme, is considshould be plunged into hot water, and | red as a distinctly mental disease, and ily had a pony or two, a few dogs, then rubbed with a towel. If hot is akin to the nervousness which somewater is unobtainable, rub well with times seizes people in open places and to the imaginary danger of being polsoned or murdered. For the same reason others cannot endure a crowded or closed room, have unaccountable prejudices against certain places, must count houses, signs and persons, avoid cracks in the sidewalk or make themselves generally miserable in the suspicion of accidental disease contamination.

All these are different forms of due to a variety of causes, but the neurasthenia or nerve exhaustion, and or oblong, as the case may be, to fit more or less of a mental wreck. The that his only reliance for safety is in Tender Feet.-If tender feet are rub- himself. The shock of the fright may bed every night after bathing, and dry- then be overwhelming, amounting to ing with a little lemon juice, the skin temporary insanity and an uncontrollable suicidal impulse. In the absence of reasonable motive for self-deand get tired, try closing them two or struction such qualifying conditions of action must always be taken into ac-

MRS. RUTHERFORD IS NOW THE WIFE OF WM. K. VANDERBILT.

She was Mrs. Lewis M. Rutherford, and was married to Mr. Vanderbilt at London. She is about 35 years old and has lived abroad for many years. She ject to taking castor oil, mix it with was married in 1890 to Mr. Rutherford New Yorker, Before her first marriage she was Miss Anna H. Harriman. Mr. A Bruised Finger.-If in hammering Sands was killed while riding to



MRS. WILLIAM K. VANDERBILT.

Her second husband was a member family of Rutherfords. Mrs. Vander to Mr. Sands. Her marriage to Mr. Rutherford took place thirteen months after the death of her first husband. She is a perfect blonde, with an oval hundred bushels were divided among bilt recently inherited a large fortune the members of the regiment and Bailey by the death of her mother. William K. Vanderblit was born in 1849. His wealth is between \$80,000,000 and \$90,-000,000.

Her Last Words.

"Yes," said the sad-eyed walter, "she has gone away. I don't think anybody will miss her much more than I do She had the sweetest voice I ever heard-and it never sounded sweeter than it did the last time she addressed me."

He paused and the head waiter eyed him sympathetically.

"What did she say?" he inquired. "She said, 'Keep the change.' "-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Janitor. "And you won't rent the rooms to us

because we have a child?" "Sorry, ma'am, but we can't admit children into this apartment house." "You seem to have forgotten that you were once a child yourself." "Yes, but that was before the day of

Plain Dealer.

Figures About Potatoes. many 100 acres of potatoes are planted. acres in France, 35 acres in the United and Ireland.

People Frequently Meet Dearn and Result of Height Dizziness. The theory that fatal "height dizziness," might explain the leap of Mr. Siness" might explain the leap of Mr. Siness" might explain the leap of Mr. Siness Some

Hints for Homemakers. "In my one-servant establishment,"

ed by experimenting that the weekly wash is lessened by the use of a bare diamond-wise through the center of smaller round or square dolly upon or other growing plants. I buy the hem-stitched dollles for both the plates and centerpieces, as they are much only three in two weeks to be laundered. The small dollles are more easily laundered than a tablecloth, and more satisfactorily turned out at the hands of the inexperienced laundress. To protect the table I have cut from sheets of asbestos, pieces round, square under the various dollies. A little rubbing of the table with a flannel cloth twice a week keeps it in perfect condition, and the arrangement is much liked by the household. A housekeeping friend has made herself for the same use two or three sets of blue denim plate mats and centerpieces. The plate mats are round and are finished with a white buttonholing. The centerpiece is a large enough diamond to cover the whole center, and is similarly buttonholed around the edge. For the glass water pitcher a round lacquer tray which just holds it is used .-Margaret Hamilton Welch in Harper's Bazar.



Bridal wreaths of orange blossom were first used by the Arabs. As the orange bears fruit and flower at the same time it is considered to be an emblem of prosperity.

A Roumanian girl on seeing the new moon invokes her thus: "New queen! In health thou hast found me, in health leave me. Thou hast found me unwed, leave me with a handsome husband."

In Toledo the Board of Aldermen has made a rule that henceforward women shall be debarred from employment as clerks or stenographers in the service of the city. The places are wanted for voters.

made in Queen Mary's reign by a negro, who unfortunately died before imparting the secret to any one. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth the art of needlemaking was rediscovered by a German, who imparted it to an Englishman.

Housewives in Florida scrub their floors with oranges. In almost every town in the orange-growing district women may be seen using oranges for scouring. The fruit is cut in half and the exposed pulp is rubbed on the floor. The acid of the orange cleanses thoroughly and after the application the boards will be as white as the most particular critics could desire.

To Enlighten Chinese Girls. To Miss Martha Berninger, of Cata wissa, Pa., has fallen the honor of being appointed the first secretary to China by the Young



Women's Christian Association, Her work will be principally among the 20,000 girls employed in the sllk and cotton mills of Shanghai, These girls receive 10 to 15 cents a day for their work. In one village alone there are 7,000 of these girl mill workers.

MISS BERNINGER. It is planned to establish an association house there and conduct night schools on the same plan as that which has proved so successful in this country. Miss Berninger will leave for China at once.

Little Faults in Social Life. A fault in the young is to form some

feverish admiration for one or two particular friends, often of a so-called superior social standing. These are referred to constantly; they are held up as patterns, oracles and patrons. In private circles and public places their names are loudly mentioned in the hope of and desire of impressing bystanders. At bazars, in the lobbles of theaters, at railway stations, in railapartment houses, ma'am."-Cleveland way carriages, and, indeed, wherever linen in the liniment, lay it smoothly the company may be described as mixed, this distressing form of what with cotton wool to exclude the air, is known as brag is very much in evi-For every 10,000 inhabitants of Ger-dence. The shouting of nicknames pain to cease and if the dressing be and Christian names at moments when, undisturbed healing will soon result. as against 112 acres in Austria, 98 in ordinary intercourse, one would not in case of severe burns or scalds albe addressing anybody, is also done ways send at once for a doctor, but periments are said to have been at States and 31 acres in Great Britain in order to advertise some small de you will do welel to use this remedy gree of intimacy with the well known. while awaiting his coming.

In contrast to these offenders, there is the less aggressive type who is hersays a housekeeper, "I have discoverself the leader of a little knot of followers who are not so accomplished, or so happily situated-not so popular table at breakfast and luncheon. and less authoritative than herself. In Square linen plate dollles are at each all these cases one finds that the leader cover, two larger ones, also square, lie speedily degenerates into a prig or a tyrant, and the followers, from being the table. Between their points is a devotees, become, by normal stages, critics, malcontents, secret rebels, and, which stands the centerplece of ferns eventually, defiant enemies. In the early stage of the formation of one of these social coteries, the followers sit around an idol, and giggle or stare easier laundered than the fringed during her encounters with any person ones, keeping, however, one set of the not of that curious circle, A wise mothlatter, which are prettier, for use if a er would check the beginnings of this friend spends the night or drops in to practice, which can be seen even at luncheon. In this way one tablecloth little children's parties, where nurses, lasts about five days, which allows governesses and fond elders apparently combine to distort the sweetness and the innocense of their young charges into mincing pretentiousness.-John Oliver Hobbes, in Success.

To One Woman.

You say that you are but a woman-you Who are so very wonderful to me, You tell me there is little you can do, Little, indeed, that all the world can

There are not battles on the open plain That you can fight as I, a man, can

But who shall say your life is lived in vain, If all my darkened days you have kept light?

Oh, little woman-heart, be glad, be glad That you are what God made you! Well I know

How you have nerved me when the day was sad. And made me better-yea, and kept me so!

Be very glad that you in your white place, Your little home, with folded hands can be

The little good there ever was in me. To be a woman! Is there any more That you have need to be from day to

A silent influence to whose source I trace

day? low wonderful to have your heart, your store Of purity and goodness and to say

One that I love is nobler since I came; One that loves me is better for my sake." A woman! Oh, there is no greater name

That ever on the mortal tongue shall -Windsor Magazine.

The Healthful Turkish Bath.

Turkish baths are out of the reach of poor people, who, perhaps, need them more than their richer neighbors. Superfluous flesh can be kept down by a weekly Turkish bath and many afflictions like rheumatism and neuralgia will sometimes disappear in its warmth and moisture. For women with weak circulation there is nothing like it, and the feeling of lightheartedness and renewed strength is The first needle used in England was never duplicated until after the next

bath. The skin is capable of a high polish and the boast of our English sisters is the beauty of their skin. To secure it they discarded sponges and soft clothes, and substituted cocoanut fiber and rough towels.

Even the flesh brush was brought into use, or rough mittens, which forced the blood to the skin surface.

Perhaps this could not be done all at once, because feminine bodies had been pampered and the skin was ten-But the polishing process, which was:

begun with a soft towel, did the work: of toughening it, and then rough treatment was all the kind that was enjoyed.

An Untidy Petticont.

For a petticoat that has frayed around the bottom, cut off an inch all round, bind with velvet binding to match, and just above put a couple of rows of narrow ribbon velvet of the same color, and it will look as good asnew. When making a petticoat, it is a good plan to get an extra piece that canbe used for a new frill to put around the bottom when the petticoat is half WOLD.

Health and Beauty. A daily bath is a great protection from infectious disease.

Hartshorn will relieve irritation or pain caused by the stings of insects. The immediate application of cold-

over the site of a blow will lessen or prevent discoloration. Raw meat, assteak, will have a similar effect. In case of cuts wash the part, draw

the edges together and cover with adhesive plaster. In the case of a finger, toe or other part easily so treated, encircle it with the plaster. Then bandage and keep the dressing on for some days.

Keep in your kitchen or in some other handy place a bottle of liniment for use in case of burns or scalds made of equal parts of linseed oil and lime water, shaken together. It should be applied immediately the accident occurs. Saturate a plece of lint or soft on the injured part and cover well This treatment will soon cause the