#### A BEAUTIFUL CITY.

ED BRUSSELS IS CHARACTERIZED BY AN AMERICAN TOURIST.

Some of Its Most Attractive Features-A Handsome Boulevard In Place of the Old City Wall-The Immense Town Hall. How the Tram Cars Are Operated.

Brussels is a beautiful city and owes Its beauty in a large measure to the good sense and public spirit of its citigens or a ruling king who rules in the Interest of the people.

One good thing comes of a fortified city, or at least has come to Paris and Brussels, and that is when by expansion It has become necessary to tear down the fortification it has left the boulevard. Brussels is now about three times as large as the original walled city, and this boulevard forms a broad street ground between the center and the outside from 200 to 300 feet wide. It is more than a street or avenue; it is a street and a park. It goes by different names at different parts, and Boulevard Waterloo-the widest-is first a sidewalk, then a paved street perhaps 15 feet wide for business purposes, then ground with two rows of trees, 30 feet wide, for borseback riding, then 40 feet or so of asphalt or macadam for carringes, then 80 feet (at a guess) with four rows of trees for pedestrians, with seats for resting; then another paved street for business and street cars, and, lastly, the other sidewalk. At different places are booths for selling papers, etc., waiting rooms for the street car service and public conveniences. Through the town there are two broad avenues and many outside, like the Avenue Louise, which leads out to the Bois, and, like the boulevard, has the same combination-part street and part park of itself. The other streets are neither wide nor straight, but cool in a hot day and likely warm in winter.

The buildings are not whole blocks from street to street as in Paris each separate house or store varying somewhat one from the other, but they are all in a locality or block about of the same height and degree of finish-all kept clean and bright—the telegraph and telephone wires all over the tops strung from roof to roof and the whole city supplied with street car service. One of the lines is supplied with cars that run on the track where there is a track and turn out on the pavement where there is none. This is done by using common omnibus wheels for the carriage and two leading wheels which drop into the grooves in the railswhen in line-which keeps the car on all right. By custom, law or common sense none of the carriages has tires less than about two inches wide, so that the ground rail does not interfere at all with the common street traffic. The king, either by his power or influence, sees to it that the companies give the worth of the money. The fares are very low-only a cent for short rides, varying according to the distance-and the companies are no doubt managed on economical lines. As an example, the ing off the corner. How simple comof the route over which they travel posted so one who can follow a map can see where the special line he is on goes, what main streets it crosses and where it connects with other lines.

hall, with its openwork spire. Inside it is a museum, with many curiosities and noted paintings. Surrounding it and throughout the old part of the town there are many ancient Flemish buildings, and in the new part is the Hall of the world, if not the very largest, It this is 500 by 600 and 400 feet high, as quire. against the Philadelphia structure's 460 Philadelphia building has a large open tor. court, which the Brussels Hall of Justice of stone and architecture about it.

I do not know whether they deal out justice on the same scale as the building, but the affairs of the city seem to be well managed, and one would think, from the talk of the people, that the king has a good deal to do with it. He is greatly liked, is around the streets and in the exhibition every day and stops to talk to the exhibitors and workmen. We had the honor of meeting him two or three times. He was going one way in the aisles of the exhibition and Nights. in the street, and we were going the other. "Long live the king!"-John E. Sweet in American Machinist.

Such Is Fame. A Prussian officer in the German army has been in the habit of questioning | clerk : raw recruits on simple matters of national history. Here are a few replies to his question, "Who is Bismarck?" "Bismarck was emperor of the French."
"Bismarck is dead." "Bismarck is a pensioner and lives in Paris." "Bismarck took part in the campaign of 1870 and received a medal for good conduct." "Bismarck descends from the Hohenzollerns and was born on April Of 66 recruits whom the officer had to instruct, 21 had never in their life heard the name of the Iron Chancel-

# Dissatisfied.

"Is young Hopley much of a lawyer?" "No, he isn't any good at all. I employed him in a case a short time ago, and he didn't say a thing to the counsel for the other side that a gentleman could object to."-Chicago News.

According to Dr. W. J. Beal, the naabout 1,275 species, included in about 140 genera, while in Europe there are only 47 genera and 570 species.

I think that the sorrows of a childless wife in India are not not ly so great as Mrs. Steel a cribes them to be, simply because of that "curious resignation, that impressive acquiescence, which," she says, "does more to separate east from west than all the seas which lie between England and India," and because, even if the barrenness of the first wife necessitates the marrying of a second (with a view to the future performance of religious rites), there can be no jealousy between the two, for to them "marriage has for its object the preservation of the hearth fire, not the fire of passion, and the jealousy which is a virtue to the civilized is a crime to these barbarians." Mrs. Steel, I fear, has also fallen into the common error (it would have been a marvel had she not) of assuming that every graduate of an Indian university is a prig.

The Indian graduate is also the pet aversion of Mr. Rudyard Kipling. But both are wrong in their assumptions. In the discharge of my academical duties, not so very long ago, I came daily into contact with more than 700 undergradpates of the Calcutta university, and I did not notice in them as a class any particular priggishness, anything which would differentiate them in that respect, say, from English varsity men. - Acad-

#### Floating Up a River.

whether the Pilcomayo river, which flows for hundreds of miles from the Bolivian Andes to the Paraguay, might be used as a commercial highway from Bolivia to the ocean. Our countryman, Captain Page, settled this question so conclusively that no further effort to utilize the Pilcomayo is likely to be made, and in this work, that cost him his life, for he died of his privations after being hemmed in for months by hostile Indians, he devised a plan for steaming up river when the water was so low that his vessel was stuck in the farther, though his little steamer, which drew only 18 inches, rested on the river bottom, so behind the boat he threw up an embankment of earth clear across the channel, backed it with palm trunks and brushwood, and before long the water had risen a couple of feet, her way four miles before she stuck again. Then another dam was built, and this process was repeated seven vessel advanced about 35 miles above the highest point she could reach at the natural low water stage.-Harper's Round Table.

Court Fools Who Owned Whole Towns. Hitard, who was attached to Edmund Ironsides, is the first court jester of whom we have record. He owned the town of Walworth, a gift from the king. He held it through four succeeding reigns, and before leaving England for Rome, where he spent his last days, he presented it to the church, placing the doctors ridiculed. This riled Blank. He deed upon the altar of the cathedral of proved that he had worked greater won-Canterbury.

tickets or receipts are printed on paper and are canceled by the conductor tear-queror's jesters. He was attached to were the work of the little woman who queror's jesters. He was attached to William when only Duke of Normandy pared with the thick ticket and punch! and saved his master's life by disclosing The street cars, or tram cars, have maps a plot for his assassination. Berdie was another. He is enrolled in domesday book as joculator regis and lord of three to Henry I, and William Piculph, or Pi-Probably nothing has been said about | col, jester to King John. Master Henry, III.—Amelia Wofford in St. Nicholas.

# Conclusive.

A doctor on tour through the highlands came upon a fair sized village Justice, one of the largest buildings in where there was no brother practitioner. Surprised at this and anxious to is larger than St. Peter's, and though learn how the people got on without At the close of the night's amusement, Philadelphia claims to have the largest one, he took the first opportunity to in-

feet square by the same height, and the whom he accosted. "We need use doc- plied Herrmann, "our friend cheats,

"And what do you do for medicine in has not. Anyway there is an awful lot the case of illness?" pursued the man of medicine.

> "We need nae medicine either. jist keep whusky for the man an tar for the sheep," replied the old woman. The doctor admitted that a glass of

cases, but not always. twa, and if twa disna dae we mak' it the table .- St. James Gazette. three, and if that disna dae they were gaun tae dee onyway." - Scottish

# Did She Ever Live In Boston?

A young lady of Buffalo who wanted something that would keep her stockings up where they belonged thus addressed the terror stricken young store

"It is my desire to obtain a pair of circular elastic appendages capable of being contracted and expanded by means of oscillating burnished steel appliances that sparkle like particles of gold leaf set with Alaska diamonds and which are utilized for keeping in position the habiliment of the lower extremities which innate delicacy forbids me to mention. "-Buffalo (Wy.) Voice.

# The "Voice" at a Political Meeting.

A candidate at an election was known to be strongly in favor of flogging in the army. He said he saw no necessary disgrace attached to being flogged. 'Why," cried he, "I was flogged myself once, and it was for telling the

"And it cured 'ee, naw doubt," said a rustic in the meeting -London Tele-

Hortensius, the Roman orator, had a tive grasses of North America number memory so wonderful that, on a wager, he spent a whole day at an auction and at night repeated all the sales, the prices and the names of the buyers.

DOES SHE LOVE ME!

Does she love ma? That is Greek-Far too neep for me to know.
Do the sweet lips arways speak
From the heart's deep overflow? Can I tell each gentle sigh
Is the breath of answering love! Are the glances of her eye Are the glances of her eye
Forged by Cupit or by Jove!
Only this to me is known—
That I love her, her alone.
Only this I clearly see—
She is more than earth can be
And full half of heaven to me.

Does she love me? Do I know Christ has risen from the tomb? Or where roses, when they blow, Get their color and perfume? Faith would have no mission here.
Hope would still in heaven be,
If I did not crust the dear
Pledges of her love for me.
Though I cannot prove it mine By an algebraic sign, Yet, as love divinely grows, It believes and feels and knows. Thus through soul and every sense Her true love gives evidence. And I clear and clearer see She is more than earth can be And full half of heaven to me.

—Charles M. Dickinson.

#### A WOMAN'S WIT.

She Braved Her Husband's Anger and

"Know him?" asked one of the two men talking at the corner as he nodded toward a handsome old gentleman just passing by. "No? Well, sir, that's Dr. Blank, the noted surgeon. I've known It was a vexed question in 1890 him ever since we used to frequent the same swimming hole. Just how long that was before the war I'm not going to say. He beat me in the race for the girl that he married, and if he hadn't the chances are that the doctor would still be driving, night and day, over a little back county, attending to a practice that couldn't pay if it wanted to.

"When they were back there in the woods and he was performing operations that no other member of the profession had thought of undertaking, she gathered from the talk of friendly doctors in the same section that he was mud. He was determined to go still original, daring and successful. She begged him to advertise his abilities. but he sternly rebuked her for asking him to transgress the ethics of the pro-

"But you know how it is when a bright woman sets her head. The doctor's office was a shabby little den without and the little Bolivia was able to go on carpet, window shades, pictures or anything else but the plainest furniture. He resisted all her efforts to change this. One evening he came home from times, and with the aid of the dams the a 36 hours' stay with a patient to find that office so transformed in velvet carpet, tapestries and pictures that he flatly declined to enter it. His wife was away on a visit. Men had been there, done the work and disappeared. There were no bills, the home merchants knew nothing, and the doctor was so mad that he advertised everything for sale. The thing was told in the local papers as a huge joke, and incidentally there were related some of the stories of how he took people apart and put them together again. City papers copied and city ders than were credited to him, and he mission to furnish

# Herrmann and the Chest.

A characteristic story is told of Herrtowns, all rent free, and five carucates mann. The incident took place at a in Gloucestershire. Rahere was jester well known London club, where ecarte was one of the favorite games indulged in for stakes by no means insignificant. Brussels for the last 300 years that did who, it is thought, may be identical It was observed that on these occasions not include the Hotel de Ville, or town with Henry of Avranches, the poet lanreate or versificator, was jester to Henry a considerable winner. At length sc marked became the good fortune of this always to roll toward a center. An adprobe the matter to the bottom. One evening, accordingly, at his own rooms, he introduced Herrmann under a false name to a select party of the members, among whom figured the suspected one. when the guests had departed, the host turned to the conjurer and demanded "A doctor!" said the old woman his opinion. "Not a doubt of it," rebut exactly how I can't say yet. Give me another chance." A second meeting was subsequently arranged, and play began. Suddenly Herrmann, looking straight at the supposed culprit, exclaimed, "Where did you get that king?" "When ?" replied the other.
"Out of the pack, of course." "Impossible, my dear sir," retorted Herrmann, whisky might be good enough in some 'for I happen to have all the four kings "A weel," readily responded the old here," and thereupon he calmly drew woman, "if ae glass disna dae we gie them from his sleeve and laid them on

# Dress Reform For Babies.

The latest invention in the dress reform for babies, which is rapidly becoming more popular, is that all the garments can be put on at once. The first garment is a princess slip of fine flannel or crepeline, made with high neck and long sleeves. The next is a sleeveless garment of nearly the same shape and material, and last comes the nainsook dress. All three fasten together at the back with three buttons. The abdominal band is sheer and not woin tight, and the feet are left bare.

# His Pertinent Question.

He had taken his punishment like a little man and for come time afterward had been buried in thought. "Mamma," he said finally.

"Well, Willie?" "Do you really spank me because you love me so much?"

"That's the reason I punish you, "And don't you love papa at all?"--Chicago Post.

In a London paper a young married woman of title asks £1,000 for the discharge of the duties of a chaperon for the space of three months.

No fewer than 7,633 patents on kitchen utensils have been taken out at Washington.

#### A NATURAL WONDER.

The Tramp Red Sandstone Bowlder of the New Jersey Mountains,

Countless thousands of years ago vast stretches of glacial de dis came sliding across the state of New Jersey. mounted the Pulisades, pushed their way across the Hudson river, scoured over Manhattan Island and slid out into the Atlantic ocean, whither they disintegrated and sank into the deep or perhaps glided on to the other shore

But in their onward march these timeters left indestructible evidence of their grinding stride, and today all along the palisades the trap rocks and bowlders are worn smooth where the mountains of ice and sand passed over them In some rocks are deep scratches, all pointing eastward and showing which way the glacial deposits drifted. There is the evidence, mute, but indisputable.

To the careful observer there are numberless other evidences of the presence of glacial influences in the past, but none is more convincing than the tramp bowlder that has finally settled down in the woods in the heart of Englewood borough. There it sits, a towering mass of rock weighing perhaps 200 tons and resting upon three points which in themselves find a purchase on a flat rock that is part of and common to the character of rock which composes the palisades. But, strangely enough and to the wonderment of geologists, the tramp bowlder is red sandstone from the Jersey hills 25 miles inland, and the pedestal is metamorphite or soft

Around this marvelous monument have grown trees that may perhaps be a century old, and they have completely hedged it in, while the rock itself has stood where it stands today for thousands of years. On the pedestal or that part of it which is protected from the action of the elements can be seen the deep ridges and scars made across its flat surface by the great grinding pressure of the body of ice and sand that passed over it countless years ago when New York was ice and snow clad and the world was a desolate waste in a state of chaos

This tramp bowlder has caused geologists much wonderment and is regarded today as one of the finest specimens ever left in the wake of a glacier. It is equally astounding as though an explorer should find the hull of a steamboat in the Sahara desert The only way it could get there would be through some great convulsion that had landed it from the sea in the heart of the inland sands.-New York Journal

#### BIRDS' EGGS.

The Reasons Why They Are Not All of One Shape.

Why is there not a fixed form for all eggs? We can see no reason in the anatomy of the bird, but we may often find reasons for the shape of any particular egg in its later history

more spherical eggs, as those of owls, trogons and the like, are usually laid Gallet, Galet or Gollet, a native of was famous. The means and the end in holes in the earth, rocks or trees, where they cannot fall out of the nest, and that the eggs of the ordinary song bird, which makes a well constructed nest, are oval, while the slim, straight sided, conoidal eggs, tapering sharply to a point, belong to birds that construct little or no nest-to the shore birds, terns, guillemots and the like. Why? Because these last drop them in small clutches and with little or no preparation upon sand or rock, where, were they spherical, they could only with difficulty be kept closer beneath the sitting bird, but conical objects will tend member that another determined to ditional advantage is that eggs of the latter shape will take up less spaceform a snugger package to be warmed. In the case of guillemots the single egg laid is especially flat sided and tapering. and the species owes its perpetuation largely to this circumstance, since, were it not for the egg's toplike tendency to revolve about its own apex, the chances are that it would be pushed off the ledge of naked sea cliff where the careless or stupid bird leaves it.

This suggests a word in reference to the popular fable that sitting birds carefully turn their eggs every day or oftener in order to warm them equally No such thing is done, because unnecessary, since, as we have seen, the germinal part always rises to the top and places itself nearest the influential warmth of the mother's body -Ernest Ingersoll in Harper's Magazine.

# A Lucky Find.

Two men walking on Campbell street toward Twelfth one night were accosted by a negro woman who was excited Kin either one of you mens give me

"What for?" "I lost a quantan down there, an I

a match?" she said

want to hunt fur it." She was given several matches and ran ahead and began striking matches and looking along the sidewalk. When the two men came up, she had stopped hunting and had apparently found the

Well, did you find it?" inquired one of the men.

"No, but I done find this horseshoe, an that's better'n two quahtahs," she said. - Kansas City Star

# Theatrical.

Brette-I never saw such a cold audience in my life

Light-Didn't they warm up a bit? Brette-Well, when they spoke of bringing out the author I believe some of the audience got hot -Yonkers Statesman.

A contemporary mentions that there are schools in Belgium where the girls are not only taught housekeeping in all its branches, but the management of shildren as well

Seven British regiments have been given permission to add the word "Chitcral" to their colors.

#### A Frenchwoman's Funeral.

The Paris correspondent of the Londen Telegraph, writing of a funeral recently held in an interior town of France, says the dead woman had been in easy circumstances and had long been beset by the odd ambition to be buried in pomp and splendor and with the accompaniment of a large crowd. With this end in view she bequeathed to her principal tenant, a steady going green-grocer, the greater part of her fortune, consisting of about \$15,000, on the express condition that she should be interred in state, the hearse being drawn by six horses caparisoned in the trappings of woe, with all the usual adjuncts to match. Not content with this precaution, the worthy dame, when she perceived that her end was nigh, left legacies not only to a variety of charitable institutions, but also to the firemen of the place, to the local band and to the gymnastic clubs of the district.

All these societies were, of course, represented with becoming gratitude at the obsequies, which in scrupulous accordance with the wishes of the deceased benefactress of the lucky greengroces and the charitable and other institutions, were on a magnificent and, indeed, colossal scale, seeing that upward of 6,000 persons belonging to all classes of society followed her mortal remains to their last resting place.

#### An Up Stairs Blacksmith Shop.

As is well known, the Baldwin Lo- Near Court House comotive works are located in the heart of the city of Chiladelphia, where real estate is valuable. This condition of the construction of the works which would not be thought of under different direction of the works which would not be thought of under different directions allowed the circumstances allowed the circum circumstances, although, as very often happens after one has accommodated himself to circumstances in this way, the result is found to have no disadvantages, but, on the contrary, is found to be positively advantageous.

One of the features of the Baldwin works, which is a blacksmith shop, steam hammers and all, is located on the second floor. This shop does what the Baldwin works call the light work. It does not do the frame forging or other heavy work, although the work done is, as already intimated, sufficiently heavy to call for steam hammers. The entire shop contains 37 forges, served by two fans, which are driven by electric motors. A complete system of exhaust piping for carrying away the smoke is provided, which, together with the very liberal window and skylight area and elevated location, results in the cleanest and lightest shop, when the number of fires is considered, that we have ever seen. -American Machinist.

#### Dickens and Cruikshank.

The last time I saw Dickens was in 1863, at the funeral of William Make peace Thackeray, to which I accompanied my father. Although December, it was as bright and sunny as a summer day. On getting out at the railway station we encountered George Cruikshank, It is noticeable, for instance, that the with whom in early life Thackeray had studied etching and whose illustrations were a feature of Dickens' earlier works.
Cruikshank was then in his seventieth year. He walked with us to Kensal reen cemetery, and the day

warm I carried his overcoat. The great temperance artist was as quaint and odd in manner and appearance as any of his own caricatures. George, as his intimates called him, possessed histrionic tastes and used to appear as Macbeth and in other Shakespearean characters at Saddler's Wells. He was associated with Dickens, too, in the amateur performances in connection with the promotion of the Guild of Literature and Art. Cruikshank was also a volunteer officer, and on the occasion of some review a comic bard wrote in al. and Spokane, daily at 2:00 p. m. Arrives lusion to his temperance proclivities at 12:50 p. m lines which I still recall:

Fancy Cruikshank, if you please. On a horse with groggy kness! -Chambers' Journal.

# They Will Lay Scrambled Eggs.

"Here, call your dog into your own garden. If you don't keep him within bounds, I'll shoot him," yelled Looney to his neighbor. "You seem to make a nice fuss about

my dog getting into your yard," said the neighbor coolly. "Suppose you think it's a park?" "I'm keeping fowls, and I don't want

your animal running 'em all over the place. You don't think I keep poultry to amuse your dog, do you?" roared Looney "Call him in, d'ye hear?"

"I reckon that dog is doing you a service by chasing your hens about,' marked the other as he dragged the dog away. "Will save your wife a lot of trouble preparing the eggs for breakfast. You see now, after my dog has chased them about the yard, if they don't go and lay scrambled eggs."-Strand Mag-

# Wanted a Life Term.

A young man in the treasury department who took an examination recently for promotion ran up against a curious question, but he was equal to the occasion, and his ready reply will doubtless stand bim in good stead when his average is made up. The question asked was this: "How long do you expect to remain

in the civil service?' "Until death do us part," was the

reply, unhesitatingly written down. -Washington Cor. Philadelphia Press.

#### Amused Them. "How did your French go in Paris,

Mrs. Parvenn? "Beautiful! They were really tickled with it."-Detroit Free Press.

The oldest wooden building in the world is a church at Borgund, Norway. It was erected in the eleventh century, and frequent coats of pitch have preserved the wood from decay.

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