TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Most remedies for prejudice seem to

It costs more to be stingy than it does to be charitable.

A thing of beauty is a joy while it continues to draw.

There is no place like the bome of a young man's best girl.

Successful men have no time to go back and cover up their footprints.

It requires something besides a range to thaw out a cold audience-so says a

Many a man's pessimistic views of life are due to his acquaintance with himself.

Evidently the Russian peasants do not consider it good fun to sit still and starve to death.

managed to save a portion of his salary out of the wreck. Gen. Wood says: "Money is not everything." He is now eligible for mem-

bership in young John D.'s Bible class.

It is thought Uncle Paul Kruger has

About the only way to induce the average man to take advice is to slip up on his blind side and drop it into his

About the only chances the kings of those different German States have to get their pictures in the papers come when they die or go crazy.

A professor has just completed a 17-volume "Life of Edgar A. Poe." Never until now have we thought of Poe as a possible rival of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Years ago a man bearing the name of John Smith had it changed to Gagadig cay, and no need of disappointing and Gigadab, which name he selected because it was as unlike John Smith as he could possibly get it. And now an Englishman, one Pamileo Pickles, has be practicable to predetermine sex, and had his name changed to John Smith. There is no accounting for tastes.

At a recent pedestrian contest a vegetarian won in the international match from Berlin to Dresden. The distance is 125 miles. The winner walked it in a little more than twenty-seven hours. His competitor, a meat eater, fell behind an hour and forty-five minutes. The vegetarian has also beaten the famous race of the Greek from Marathon to Athens, who covered 140 miles in twenty-seven hours. While proof is still lacking that an exclusive vegetarian diet is the best muscle-maker, data are accumulating which show means of machinery more adaptable that meat is not indispensable and that and inconceivably more rapid than legs. Ing its consumption. The Greeks, who were in their golden age the most graceful as well as the most stalwart athletes, ate little meat. While the price of beef continues high Americans can better afford to experiment with a vegetable diet as a muscle-maker.

The celebration of the centential anniversary of the establishment of the military academy at West Point furnished occasion for reverting to the important part the famous institution for training soldiers has played in our national life. The centential exercises were incidental to the regular commencement, at which a class of fiftyfour were graduated. Public interest naterally centured this year in the commemoration of the founding of the academy, the occasion drawing together many of the commanders, who have gone from its halls to fight the battles of the Union and who have shed luster on the annals of the army. While the United States is making soldiers who are fitted by training to become officers in the army it is also giving its cadets an education in mathematics, engineering and the sciences that will compare Cavorably with the courses in the highest institutions of learning in the world. Some idea of the standards of scholarship that are maintained at West Point may be gained from the fact that about one-fourth of those appointed by Senators and Representatives usually fall to pass the prelimtnary examinations, while only a little over one-half the remainder are finally graduated. Upon graduation cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the United States army. The whole number of graduates during the hundred years of its existence is now a little over 4,000. The academy has a history that gratifies the national pride. The martial achievements of many of its graduates in the great crises of the republic are an inspiration to patriotism and national unity.

The affection of women for cats has long been the stock in trade of the humorist. If the woman was "an old maid" and the cat a roistering fellow given to late hours and daytime snoozes, so much the better for the foker. It is time for a defense of pussy, and incidentally, for a defense or my lady's discrimination in her choice of a pet. The popular estimate of the cat has always been based on comparison with the dog. But cats are not dogs. and whoever regards them as an inferior species of dog does both animals wrong. The chief characteristic of the cat is her intense originality. That of the dog is his teachableness and imitativeness. Whoever will know Mistress Cat must study her not try to teach ber. She does not catch human ways. quarters of it.

As she is domesticated, protected, well fed, she becomes not the more like her mistress, but the more herself. Her personal preference is law. At a given minute she does not wish to be fou-dled, and repays a caress with a scratch. She chooses her own time to be affectionate. Her habits and choices forty times for sharpening her claws AND LIQUORS.... on the carpet, and she will continue to do so. This is not because she does not know what the punishment means but because she does not care. Like Falstaff, she has "the disease of not listening, the malady of not marking." Such stolcal persistence, such untouched originality of impulse, such splengle, unmarred by centuries of so-called "petting," are surely important. "petting," are surely impressive. To the woman who has patience, and who is not so anxious as a man might be to

mold qualities to her own image, the

cat will prove a more and more fasci-

nating companion.

A professor of biology has published .. M. his predictions concerning the future of mankind. He makes some strange forecasts as to the characteristics of PENDLETON the race in the distant future, "Strange men, far different from those now living, will walk the earth in centuries to come," he says. "They will be a race of brainy, four-toed giants." The brain, of course, will be the dominant organ, and the body will be much larger than that of the present man. This future man will not suffer from appendicitis, as the useless appendix will have disappeared, as will also the little toe of each foot and the floating ribs. FleaceWool Blankets, Indian Robes The chest and the upper and lower limbs will be large as compared with those of to-day. All the diseases which arise from the development of microbes will have been banished, and the first signs of old age will not show themselves until the one hundredth year. The blonde hair of the future will be exclusively peroxide, as the extreme types of light and dark people will have merged into a uniform medium type. Thus there will be no race problem to worty any section hereafter. There will be no tremendous dentists bills, because man's teeth will not deperfidious hair restoratives, because there will be no baldness. There will be no surplus women, because it will the supply will harmonize with the demand. The future memory will be discriminating. All the useless details which it is necessary to learn in order to master a few important things will be discarded and forgotten, while esseptial facts will remain as though graven on enduring bronze. Evidently the learned professor has not read "The First Man in the Moon," a serial story which ran recently in one of the magazines. According to this ingenious tale the inhabitants of Mars, through the operation of the law of the survival of the fittest, had little left but brains, Their locomotion was accomplished by ealth may be promoted by diminish. However, the time is so far distant when all these transformations are to take place that the average man Jeed not worry respecting the legs or appur-

TOMMY ATKINS TAUGHT THEM.

tenances of his immediate offspring.

The two sheep shown in this reproluction have an interesting history and are probably the only "baa-baas" record that have acquired the goat-like passion for chewing tobacco.

The sheep were the pets of the British camp at Pekin, China, all during the recent war, and were brought



SHEEP THAT CREW TOBACCO.

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