Two Kinds of Heroism. No one is irretrievably lost in whom the sense of honor survives. A Paris paper recounts the case of a woman who had been arrested, convicted of some offense, and sentenced to imprisonment. A detective was taking her to the prefecture from Boulogne-sur-Seine, steamer, when at the Concorde bridge a well-dressed man threw himself into the river and was drowning before their eyes.

The officer was a brave man and an excellent swimmer; it cost him a struggle to see a life lost which he might save, if he were free to act. "If I were alone," he exclaimed, "I

would save that man." "Save him," said the woman. "I will

wait for you at the pier.' The officer hesitated for an instant. and then plunged into the water. He had barely seized the drowning man when a boat struck him violently, and he lost his grip. He dived again, but vainly, and at last, quite exhausted, was pulled into a small boat, which itself narrowly escaped collision with a

The heroic officer was cheered by the crowd who had witnessed his bravery, and the body of the man he had striven to save was recovered later. But his was not the only honorable conduct shown, for on the pier the woman, true to her word, was waiting for the detec-tive, and handed him his coat, in the pocket of which was the warrant upon which she had been arrested.

One is glad to learn that her honorable conduct will not go unappreciated. When it was reported to the chief of the department he immediately ordered the prisoner to be released in recognition of her humanity and honor.

Boiler Scale.

A very novel method of getting rid of scale in a boiler is credited by a Boston paper to an engineer in that city. The scale came from the use of well water. The feed pipe enters the front of the boiler just about the water line, and has slots cut in it about an eighth of an inch wide, instead of the ordinary spraying method of distributing the water, and surrounding the feed pipes is a larger pipe, about 6 inches in diameter and cut away at the top; the feed water enters the boiler and discharges through the slots in the feed pipe, depositing all the foreign matter in the water into this catch pipe instead of into the boiler -the success of the plan depending upon having a high temperature of feed at about the boiling point, when the solids held in suspension or solution in water will be deposited.

A paragraph which will appeal with much force to all men who go to the theaters is one in recent number of Life, in which that journal remarks that it observes with consternation that the large hats are coming in again in the theaters. Life closes with these bitter theaters. Life closes with these bitter All Souls' Universalist Church, and of bonds—coupon and registered—is that the height of the hat which a woll am glad to let my friends know that great. The former are like currency, man wears on her head in the theater | 1 am not broken down or facelle " | Dayable to the bearer, and no record of is in inverse proportion to her breeding, and, as a rule, to her respectability. The women who wear the biggest and most offensive bats, and refuse to take them off, are commonly dames who, from disastrous personal experiences, have become hardened in indifference to public opinion."

DRIVEN FROM THE CITADEL.

The warmth of spring and summer may do much to relax the muscular system and make many feel much more comfortable, but there is this about the old enemy rheumatism, that when he once takes hold, he tries to hold the citadel at all seasons of the year. But whether this arch enemy lurks in the muscles, joints, bones or the nerves, he is such an enemy to human happiness that he must be driven out of any stronghold. It was planned long ago to do this, and St. Jacobs Oil as a knight in battle has scored wonderful victories. At all times he is ready to overcome and conquer this fiend of pain, and does it as surely and certainly as knights of old extirpated the Saracen. So no one should be deceived by the mild weather of spring to triffe with it either in chronic or transient form. Use the great remedy for pain and get rid of it at once and for all. but there is this about the old enemy

"Biggs thinks he's getting fat." "Isn't he?"
"No; the laundry is only shrinking his fiannels."



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Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many, who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adapting the wold's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

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Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

PEAK BELL RINGERS.

They Entertained the Public Many Years Ago.

Not many people are aware that in the house at 354 South First street is living a bright, entertaining old man. who for forty years won popularity and fame among music-loving people in the United States and Canada as the head of the Peak family of Swiss bellringers, says the Brooklyn Eagle. His eighty-eight years weigh lightly upon his shoulders, for in general health and activity he is the peer of many a man nearly two-score years his junior, and his touch on the keys of the plane and

organ is delightfully graceful and true. Indeed, it may be said that William M. Peak is thoroughly enjoying his ripe old age in that happy musical atmosphere which always buoyed him up through life, and which still seems to fill all his recollections of the past and thoughts of the present with the spirit of melody.

"I must tell you," resumed Mr. Peak. "how I came to organize my family into a troupe of Swiss bell-ringers. It was in the early fifties, and all my children were able to perform well on the harp and other musical instruments, while my wife had gained fame everywhere with her soprano voice. You see we were a thoroughly musical family, some of my children having appeared in public when they were only 3 or 4 years old. Well, Barnum had just brought out some bell-ringers from Switzerland, and I saw and heard them at his American museum in New York. From that moment I was enthusiastic over Swiss bell-ringing, and, importing my own bells from Switzerland, I organized the family troupe, which gained almost instantaneous popularity and distinction.

"We had other musical features, of course, but the bells were our chief features. Sometimes we had fifteen or seventeen persons in the troupe. My family consisted of seven-namely, my wife, myself, and my five children, William, Edward, Julia. Fanny, and Lizette. My wife and Lizette are dead. Willhis brother Edward. Julia is in Boston living children are still professional and successful musicians. My own work is done, except that I still play a little for my own entertainment. and once in a while for old friends. We often played in Brooklyn twenty years ago and more, both at this end of the town and down by the city hall, and at the Atheneum on Atlantic avenue. One of the places we played in here is now the Novelty Theater, but in the old days it was a public hall, known first as the Odeon and afterward as the Apollo rooms. When I came here over ten years ago I became greatly attached to the Rev. Dr. Almon Gunnison, then the pastor of am not broken down or feeble."

YOU MUST SAY "FIERCE."

Latest Slang, and It Applies to Every thing and Everybody. It is now about time for the outly-

ing region of the English language, known as slang, to recognize a newcomer within its vagrant boundaries. The recruit in the glories and expressive ranks of slang is the word "flerce." The word in its extended field of usefulness is young, but it has gained a firm hold in New York and Brooklyn.

In order to be up to the times, we must no longer talk of a heavy rain, but of a flerce rain. A blizzard is a flerce snowstorm. A keen wind is a flerce one, and so is a boisterous. When a man has a pronounced attack of drunkenness, it is a flerce jag. A winner of poker has played a fierce game. A desperate misfortune is fierce. A great stroke of good luck is fierce. The enforcement of the excise law is flerce. It is flerce to be married, twins in the family are flerce, and its is flerce to die, whether naturally or by accident. A President's proclamation or message is fierce. Anything that is ex-

liberal crop of cotton or of corn is flerce. and so (such is the elasticity of the world) is an extra poor one. To have a toothache is fierce, and to receive an unexpected legacy is fierce. Hard times are fierce. So are prosperous times. We must no longer say of a misfortune or of an unexpected announcement: "It broke me all up,"

but "It was fierce." That the ferocity of all human events, grave or gay, lively or severe, should at least be recognized, is a tribute to the growing, or should we say fierce, intelligence of the Englishspeaking portion of the flerce population of this fierce world.

Possibilities of the Ray. It has long been known that sunlight is a potent destroyer of noxious germs, and the general belief is that it is the actinic rays that chiefly have such action. Now, if the X rays are merely the invisible ultra-violet rays of the spectrum, they are probably the most actinic of all. Indeed, that is indi-cated by their effect upon photographic plates. That they may prove to be powerful germicide agents, and it may be needful only to pass them through the human body to destroy all the noxlous bacteria in the most remote and inaccessible tissues. Of course, that is

New York Tribune. Trolley Does Not Kill All. The street rallways of Massachusetts, nearly all of which are operated by electricity, carried 260,000,000 passengers last year, of whom 1,507 were injured, twenty-five fatally.

mere speculation. But in these days it

is rash to say anything is impossible.-

A woman who never marries misses the greatest opportunity of her life to glorious vesture it shall wear at last. be a martyr.

UNCLE SAM'S BONDS.

HOW THE VALUABLE PIECES OF PA-PER ARE MADE.

The New Issue Will Be a Duplicate of the Issue of Last Year-A Real Artist as De signer-Various Steps In the Proce

The way in which United States bonds are designed, engraved and made ready to be turned over to the investor in return for his gold coin or its equivalent is one of the most interesting parts of the workings of the treasury department branch of the national government. The coming bond issue will not be what is technically known as a new issue, but will be a duplication of the issue of February, 1895.

The designer of the plates is a well known New York artist who enjoys high reputation as a magazine and book illustrator. This is Mr. Will H. Low, and for the past year he has been the star man of the corps of artists attached to the treasury department. In addition to the work of drafting the design for the bonds he has designed several schemes for currency.

After the announcement of a bond is sue the secretary calls in the chief of the department of engraving and printing and tells him the denominations to be issued. These may be in coupon bonds of \$50, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. The same denominations may be issued in registered bonds, with the addition of others of a higher face value. The additional ones are for \$5,000, \$10,000. \$20,000 and \$50,000. The issues of the two latter denominations have been very small.

After the chief has received his instructions he turns the matter over to the artist, who at once designs the plate. It is an erroneous impression that for every issue a new series of plates is engraved. The artist may use any one of a number of vignette likenesses of historic Americans, and he mortises it into the drawing.

When completed, it is submitted to the chief for his approval and then to the secretary of the treasury. If the design is all right, it is turned over to the engravers.

This usually requires from a month to six weeks. The engraving is done on a thin sheet of soft steel of a thickness of an eighth of an inch. By a secret process the metal is hardened when finished, and a proof is taken, which is submit ted to the chief of the bureau. This

proof then must be approved. The plate then goes to the printer and the work of turning off the bonds beiam is in the West in company with his brother Edward. Julia is in Boston kind of paper as that used for currency and Fanny is in Milwaukee. All my and each impression is carefully watch-living children are still professional worthless, it is destroyed by the officials, after being returned from the pressrooms. But for each sheet of bond paper taken out there must be returned a similar number of copies, either perfect or otherwise. After the work of printing is done the securities are counted and checked off and are then made ready for delivery to the purchaser. When their final destination is determined upon, an employee of the department, accompanied by an escort, takes charge of the bonds and delivers them to the purchasers. In the last issue Mr. Logan Carlisle, son of the secretary, had charge of the deliverance of the securities.

their transfer is ever made. The interest coupons may be collected by any one who presents them at a national bank

or subtreasury. The registered bonds are safer in case of a burglary, as they are absolutely negotiable except by the signature of the holder as evidenced by the books of the treasury department at Washington. When registered bonds are sold, the name of the purchaser is placed in a book kept for the purpose. There are no interest coupons attached, but each quarter a check is mailed from Washington for the accumulated interest, which is

payable at any subtreasury. Should the holder desire to sell his registered bonds, the transfer must take place before some official of the treasury department or an officer of a national bank. The fact of the sale is then forwarded to Washington and the necessary alterations made in the registered bond

Although the face design of a government bond is less intricate and puzzling than the designs used on currency, efforts to counterfeit them have been rare. The noted forger, Brockway, was the author of the last bogus government bond issue that was detected. It was a travagant is fierce. Anything that is duplication of a coupon bond of the is-exceedingly mild is fierce. An extra sue of 1861, the first of the war loans, which matured in 1881. The denomination was \$1,000. The work was poorly executed, and its worthlessness was soon detected. It was for this that Brockway served his longest term in the penitentiary. - New York World.

AUSTRALASIA TO COLUMBIA

The Antipodeans Ask Us to Clasp Hands With Them For Freedom Mr. Frederick Graham, who is under-

stood to be connected with the British colonial office, has sent the following cable message to the United States: AUSTRALASIA TO HER SISTER COLUM-BIA.

Columbia, thou firstborn child, Sprung from the same dear motherland When, under rule not just or mild, Compell'd for liberty to stand.

Twas that stern lesson serv'd to save The future of our common race, Thenceforth she gave to each new babe The widest freedom on earth's space.

And you may roam the world around, From pole to pole and clime to clime, True liberty is only found With that dear tongue of thine and mine

The blood of heroes that we share Was shed in floods to keep us free. Let us unite, and who shall dare To threat the freedom of the sea?

For us, if we must stand alone. ar atmost strongth in men we'll send And perish with the island home Of freedom, if we can't defend.

On earth's best vantage spots we stand; No other ports to you are free. Come, clasp with us our mother's hand And join our guardship of the sea.

What is lovely never dies, but passes into other leveliness-star dust or sea foam, flower or winged air. If this befalls our poor, unworthy flesh, think thee what destiny awaits the soul, what Aldrich

TOBACCO-TWISTED NERVES

The Unavoidable Result of the Con inued Use of Tobacco.

Is There a Sure, Easy and Quick Way o Obtaining Permanent Relief From the Habit?



Millions of m think they need think they need their nerves are set on fire by tobacco. The persistent abuse to which the tobacco. The compare the tobacco to which the tob to which the toba-co-user subjects his nerves cannot pos-sibly fail to make weak the strongest man. Chewing and smiking destroy manhood and nerve power. What you call a habit's a nerv-

ous disease.

Tobacco, in the majority of cases deadens the feelings. You may not think tobacco hurts you, but how are you ever going to tell how much better you would feel with ut it, unless you follow the advice of Postmaster Holbrook:

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forty seven years, and two boxes to Mr. Whiteman, and neither of them have used tobacco
since, and say they have no desire for it. Over
firty that I know of have used No-To-Bac
through my influence, and I only know of one
case where It did not cure, and then it was the
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As Mamma Saw It.—Mrs. Younglove—See th beautiful ring John bought me. Mrs. Oldbird What's he been up to now.

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Mr. Gladstone and British Guiana.

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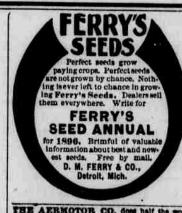
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A DOG THAT REASONED.

He Knew When It Was Safe to Sleep on

No one that knew Bombshell ever doubted that he reasoned and thought, but occasionally I would find a stranger who was not inclined to believe it, and then I would tell him the following story: My parlor was a front casemate which opened by an arch into my bedroom, a back casemate. A casemate may be described as a room in the wall of a fort, generally intended, in war time, to hold a gun or powder, while in time of peace many of them, like mine, are fitted up for use as quarters for officers and soldiers.

Bombshell had his own bed in the back casement, but he preferred my bed and would use it whenever he could. I had tried to break him of the habit, but had not been successful.

One day he came in wet and muddy, and, as usual, curled up on my white counterpane. The result was awful. As much as I hated to do so, I felt obliged to give him a thrashing. I never caught him on my bed again.

He would still get on it; but, no matter how quietly I came in, I would always flud him on the floor, though I could see from the rumpled condition of the bed that he had been on it, and often the spot where he had slept would still be warm.

One evening I went out, leaving Bombshell lying by the parlor stove. Out of curiosity I peeked through the half turned slats of my shutters and watched him. From my position I was able to see the whole of both of my

For awhile Bombshell did not move: then he raised his head and looked at the door; finally he got up, stretched himself, yawned sleeplly, walked to the bed, jumped up, and put his fore paws / on it. Standing in this position, a thought struck him, and he said to him-

"Suppose that my master hasn't gone? He will catch me and then I shall get a licking. I'll go and make certain that he is not coming back."

I know that he said this because he took his paws off the bed, walked cautionsly back to the front door, and, with his ear close to the crack, he listened. At last, satisfied that I had really gone, he trotted back to the bed, jumped on

it, curled up and went to sleep.

After such a clever act I thought that he had earned his sleep, so I went away and left him. -St. Nicholas.

Poulty Culture.

The rapid strides of poultry culture during the last few years has attracted the attention of all classes of society as a pleasant and healthful occupation, says the Independent. Our cities are crowded to excess with men of trades and professions. The wages paid for any labor but that requiring skill and experience is barely enough to support a family when the head of it works six days every week; still, nothing is laid up for a rainy day, and in seasons of depression it is a problem to secure enough to cat. While this condition exlets in business centers, the country contains land enough to support the nation and feed the multitudes with wholesome food. There are thousands of places that can be leased for a term of years, on which persons with average intelligence could produce poultry and eggs at a profit, and those who, by thrift and careful attention to details, often lay up capital and a good surplus for future emergency.

Mistress-I told von that I did not want you to have so many male callers in the kitchen.

Pretty Domestic-Yes'm. Mistress-Last night you were enter-

taining three policemen. Domestic-Yes'm. I had them there so as to keep the others out.—New York Weekly.

The desire to be beloved is ever restless and unsatisfied, but the love that flows out upon others is a perpetual wellspring from on high. - L. M. Child.

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