There was the ruined spendthrift, And beauty in her prime; There was the brave Historian, And there the man of Rhymo, And the surly Critic, front to front,

To see the play of crime.

And there was pompous Ignorance."
And Vice in flowers and lace;
Sir Orosus and Sir Pandarus,
And the music played apace,
But of all that crowd I only; aw
A single single face!

That of a girl whom I had k own.
In the summers long ago,
When her breath was like the new-mown hay,
Or the sweetest flowers that grow;
When her heart was light and her soul was white
As the winter's driven snow.

And there she sat with her great brown eyes; They were a troubled look;
And I read the history of her life
As it were an open book;
And saw her soul, like a slimy thing
In the bottom of brook.

There she sat in her resting silk, With diamonds of her wrist, And on her brown gleaming thread Of pearl and amethyst,
"A cheat, a glided grief?" I said,
And my eyes were fifted with mist I could not see the players play;

I heard the music moan;
It mouned like a dismal autumn wind,
That dies in the woods alone,
And when it stopped I heard it still—
The mournful monotone! What if the Count were true or false I did not care, not I; What if Camille for Armand died? I did not see her die,

There sat a woman opposite With pitcous lip and eye! The great green curtain fell on all-The great green curram fell on all— On laugh, and wine, and woe— Just as Death some day will fall Twiat us and life, I know! The play was done, the hitter play, The people turned to go.

And did they see the Tragedy ?

They saw the painted scene;
They saw armand, the jealous fool,
And the sick Parisian Queen;
But they did not see the fragedy— The one I saw, I mean.

That furtive look of care;
Or, seeing her jewels, only said,
"The lady's rich and fair."
But I tell you, 'twas the play of life,
And that woman played Despair!

WONDERS OF MAGIC.

feet.

ion and partly by a previous prepara-

have availed themselves of these singu-

the general secret of their art consisted

career. On one occasion he was invited

especially for this royal and noble as-

semblage, and received unbounded ap-

plause for his success. He borrowed

from the King and his courtiers six

handkerchiefs, which he made into a parcel and laid on the table. Then, at

his request, different persons wrote on

cards the names of the places whither

of the cards at hazard, and choose from

the place he might consider the most

suitable. "Let me see," said Louis

Philippe, "what this one says: 'I desire the handkerchiefs to be found beneath one of the candelabra on the

be transported to the dome of the In-

valides. That would suit us, but it is

jesty, "it is desired that you send the handkerchiefs to a spot beneath the

roots of the last orange-tree on the

right of the Avenue of St. Cloud." Houdin affected the utmost noncha-

lance. "Only that, sire," he said.

"Deign to order, and I will obey."

The King gave certain directions in a

lect the orange-tree." Houdin's first

business now was to send the handker-

chiefs on their travels. So he placed

them beneath a bell of opaque glass,

in the direction of the orange-tree to

gan to smile and shrug his shoulders.

"Ah! Monsieur Robert Houdin," he said, ironically, "I fear much for the

virtue of your magic staff." Then he added, as he returned to the end of the

room where several servants were stand-

ing. "Tell William to dig immediately below the last tree at the end of the

avenue, and bring me carefully what he finds there—if he does find anything."

The attendant proceeded to the orange-

So eminent a scientist as Prof. Alfred R. Wallace has written several elaborate articles in an English periodical in support of the claim that the physical enomenon called spiritualistic is produced by spirits which once inhabited human bodies. Many marvelous things are reported almost daily of this spirit manifestation. A few years ago nothing more startling than raps and tabletipping was produced, but now we are asked to believe, not only that mediums like Home elongate their bodies from 6 to 11 feet, carry red-hot coals in their hands without injury, and float visibly in the air, but that the "spirits" can "materialize" themselves so as to become the solid flesh and bone that they were in this life. Nay, more: Col. Olcott, a clear-headed pratical lawyer and a gentleman of unimpeachable veracity, who is at Chittenden, Vt., investigating the alleged phenomena produced by the Eddy mediums, telegraphs to New York in triumph that he

PROFESSIONAL MAGICIANS. Now, all this from Messrs, Wallace, Crooks and Varley, from Col. Olcott, from Philadelphia, from Moravia, New | fashionable entertainments in Paris, York, and other places haunted by ma- Houdin wrote his autobiography, and terialized spirits, and from persons who related many curious feats performed have sat with Slade, Foster and Mans- by him in the course of his professional field, is very wonderful; but is it conclusive proof that the claims of Spirit- to display his art before King Louis ualism are right? What if it can be Philippe and his court at the chateau of shown that phenomena quite as extraor- St. Cloud. Houdin invented a trick dinary have been produced by professional jugglers, men who have made no pretense that they were assisted by occult powers, and who have even explained the mechanism of their tricks? If this can be done, the inference must necessarily follow either that the Spiritualistic mediums are cunning impostors, or that the professional necremancers or that the professional necromancers are liars when they declare that their phenomena are mere trickery, and that done he begged the King to take three they are really assisted by supermundane agents. All history is full of the deceptions practiced either by these professional characters er others who pretended to supernatural powers, and were subsequently exposed as charlatans. Jugglery was allied to the ancient religions of the Greeks, Romans, Egyptians and Chaldeans. Hellas had next card: 'The handkerchiefs are to its oracle, with its cunning priesthood; Rome its augurs and diviners, and Chaldee its world read.

In the dark ages of Europe there were enchanters, sorcerers and astrologers, and, a little later, witches, who had to have their conjury burned and drowned out of them. The Thaumaturgists and Rosicrucians pretended to magical powwith a respectful bow, declared that he did not. "Well," responded his Maistre "it is desired that you send the most beneath the on the scene, either as a court appendage, a religious leader, or an actor performing for the amusement of the populace. Let the Davenport Brothers or Dr. Slade do more than is related here, and then they will have a right to ask us to consider if the phenomena they low voice, and immediately a number of show are the work of "spirits."

One of the most remarkable exhibitree to watch it. He then said, "I setions of clever jugglery is mentioned in Salverte's "Philosophy of Magic," (London, 1846, vol. 1, page 105). It was seen at Nancy, in France, in 1829. A man from the audience was induced and, taking his wand, ordered them to to lie down on the stage, and the magi-cian deliberately chopped off his head. He raised the bell, the little parcel was He displayed the severed head to the no longer there, and a white dove had audience so that they could recognize taken its place. The King then walked the features; he permitted them to quickly to the door, whence he looked touch it, to open the mouth, which shut in the direction of the orange-tree to again of its own accord, and to examine assure himself that the guards were the bleeding section of the neck at the there, and, when this was done, he bethe bleeding section of the neck at the extremity of the trunk. He removed the body and withdrew a curtain, and almost immediately the supposed dead man appeared in perfect health. Salverte says that the beheading trick was performed by the Mohamedans, and that Ælian is authority for the statement that Esculapius apparently re-united the heart of a woman to her corpse and restored her to life and

According to Mr. Godwin, in his tree. The earth at the side of the tree "History of the Necromancers," it was a common practice at the time he wrote among the roots, after much groping, a man climb a pole sixty feet high,

Much stress has been laid by the advocates of Spiritualism upon the ability of the medium Home to handle live coals

to establish his influence over their of Cagliostro, to serve in performing an minds, he pretended to possess miraculous power. When he wished to inspire his followers with courage, he breathed flames or sparks among them to establish his findence over their act of magic, which will be executed on the same day sixty years hence, before Louis Philippe of Orleans and his family." "There is certainly witchcraft World. from his mouth. At the same time he about this," cried the King, and then was rousing them by his eloquence. St. he looked again, and found in the bot-Jerome informs us that the Rabbi tom of the box a parcel sealed with the Burchochebas, who headed the Jews in | well-known seal of the famous Caglitheir last revolt against the Emperor ostro. He broke it and opened the par-Adrian, made them believe that he was cel, and there were the six handkerchiefs the Messiah by vomiting flames from which but five minutes before were lyhis mouth. And, at a later period, the ing on the conjurer's table. Was not Emperor Constantius was thrown into a | this trick as remarkable as the producstate of alarm when Valentinian in- ing of "Katie King" from a dark formed him that he had seen one of the | cabinet? body-guard breathing out fire and Houdin was employed by the French flames. Sir David Brewster, who quotes these instances in his interesting "Let-unission. The Marabout priests exerters on Natural Magic," was not able to cised great influence over the natives, explain the exact methods by which because they were able to perform certhese effects were produced; but he tain feats of jugglery, which they pre-

said Florus informs us that Eunus tended proved their divine power. filled a perforated nut-shell with sul- These Marabouts were enemies of the phur and fire, and, having concealed it French, and encouraged turbulence in his mouth, he breathed gently among the Arabs. The government act is performed more simply by the modern jugglers. Having rolled to- colony performing his miracles, and degether some flax or hemp so as to form monstrating to the natives that a a ball the size of a walnut, he sets it on French sorcerer was greater than an consumed. He then rolled round it appeared before large audiences, beby these means the fire may be retained first of these performances he introhe breathes through it the fire is re- while holding it in his hands, he de- diminished. vived and a number of burning sparks clared to his hearers that he possessed are projected from his mouth. The the power to deprive the most powerful sparks are too feeble to do any harm, man of his strength and restore it at ingly with the rest of her body, at least, provided he inhales the air through his will. He invited any one who thought if she is allowed the freedom demanded nostrils. The kindred art of walking himself strong enough to come on the by the exuberance of her nature, while on burning coals or red-hot iron bestage. An Arab of middle height, but longs to the same antiquity. The well built and muscular, came to his mation occurs which cannot be the repriestesses of Diana at Castabula, in side with great assurance. "Are you sult of accident, since, instead of an in-Cappadocia, were accustomed, accord- strong?" asked Houdin, measuring him crease in size of the waist, while the girl ing to Strabo, to walk over burning from head to foot. "Oh, yes," he recoals; and, at the annual festival which plied, carelessly. "Are you sure that —is as much smaller at the age of marched over burning coals, and on this din, "for in an instant I will rob you larger! This may seem a singular Of the same character was the Houdin solemnly pronounced the words, slight force is enough to materially art of holding red-hot iron in the hands "Behold, you are weaker than a woman; change the form of the chest, which in or between the teeth, and of plunging now lift the box." The young Hercules nature's mold increases in size from the the hands into boiling-water or melted grabbed the box quite confidently, but, arms downward, the "floating ribs" to his amazement, it would not budge. admitting of no little variableness of About the close of the seventeenth century, an Englishman named He attacked it vigorously over and over motion and form. A very slight pres-Richardson rendered himself famous by again, while his countrymen sat look- sure on these yielding bones, moving chewing burning coals, pouring melted ing on in silent wonder, but it resisted. lead upon his tongue, and swallowing He vainly expended on this box a from day to day and from year to year melted glass. Brewster says that these strength which would have raised an during the formative period of human effects are produced partly by decep- enormous weight, until at length, pant- life, will produce very marked effects, ing, exhausted, and red with anger, he just the reversal of nature's form, givtion of the parts subjected to the heat. buried his face in his burnous and re-The fusible metal, composed of mercu-tired from the stage. Houdin does not waist," placing the apex of the cone

they found the young Moor. open-air exhibition to the wild sons of the desert. He pretended that he was invulnerable, and offered to let a Marabout shoot at him. There was a great the nonor of killing the hated Frenchman. The pistols were handed to Houdin, who called attention to the fact that the vents were clear. The Mara-bout put in a fair charge of powder, and lets produced Houdin chose one which he openly put in the pistol, and it was this crippling of the natural action of nest, with its contents, was secured. also rammed down. By the same process the second pistol was loaded. vitalized by its natural per cent. of Everybody watched with the most process the natural and necessary found solemnity. Houdin posted himself fifteen paces from the Marabout for the stomach, a deficient supply without evincing the slightest emotion. must of necessity impair their action The Marabout immediately seized one and tend to destroy them. If they of the pistols, and, on Houdin's giving | naturally contain one gallon of air, and the signal, took a deliberate aim at their capacity is reduced by this conappeared between the magician's teeth. | there must be a corresponding injury | starch. More angry than ever, the Marabout sustained.

tried to seize the pistol. "You could not injure me," said Houdin, "but you ity of consumption, and render our shall see that my aim is more dangerous women more hardy and healthy, we than yours. Look at that wall." He must increase the size of the chests and pulled the trigger, and on the newly lungs of those now deformed by this whitewashed wall appeared a large patch suicidal custom, and also allow the of blood exactly at the spot where he young to grow as it was intended by the aimed. The Marabout went up to it, dip- | Creator that they should grow, securped his finger in the blood, and raising ing ample chests, capacious and healthy it to his mouth convinced himself of the reality. When he acquired this certainty, his arms fell and his head bowed that they will become "boys" should on his chest as if he were annihilated. they use their muscles naturally-in-It was evident that for the moment he spiring copious volumes of this invigordoubted everything, even the Prophet This seemingly incomprehensible feat Houdin performed by means of prepared balls. With a bullet-mold and a purity is concerned, is simply foolish. had manufactured a very fair imitation clothing, but it is in no sense poison, bullet. Another bullet of the same only in certain malarious districts, etc., material he had filled with blood. Of and must be breathed, if we breathe at course, it was by sleight of hand that all, at night. If poisoned air can be found by the Marabout and substituted his rooms—often foul and poisonous own. An old trick enabled him to get in the extreme—but not so when unthe real bullet between his teeth while confined. Nature demands more air, the waxen one was shattered to pieces. So with the second ball, it was shattered upon striking the wall, but a spot of blood was produced. If Houdin had not explained this part, it would be quite as wonderful to most people as the phenomena of Spiritualism, and apply here been received.

could have been passed off as good evidence of spirit agency. When William H. Seward made his tour around the world, he witnessed some performances of jugglers in India (fifty years ago) for jugglers in the market-places of the English towns to make the scales of a balance move at command, alternately ascending and descending.

among the roots, after much groping, a standing in the open air, and, when he reached the top, he mysteriously disappeared. After a while his feet reappeared, appeared, then his legs and body, and the came down. He claimed no superand placed by the side of the King. natural powers. How did he do it? The greatest excitement and impatience | There was an Indian juggler who had a prevailed on all sides. Houdin brought, little den in the Bowery, in this city, a

rise, when the figures sank through the floor instantly. An examination of the place betrayed no visible solution of the ingenious performance.—New York

Tight Lacing.

BY DR. J. H. HANAFORD.

It is presumed that lew will admit the habit of tight-lacing, while a still smaller number really understand the evils of such a habit. But that many, if not most, female forms in civilized society are contracted-actually made smaller than nature intended—cannot admit of a reasonable doubt. To be assured of this it is only necessary to examine the forms of the two sexes, remembering that, for obvious reasons, the female waist and chest should be relatively larger than those of the males. This is true at birth, as all physicians may easily learn. This general similarity may be observed in the "form" and the size of the chest-that of the through it while he was speaking. This | thought that it might be a good stroke | girl slightly larger than that of the boy of the same weight and the same gen eral outline of body-as they grow side by side, at least in early life. As the boy engages in his active sports, and fire and allows it to burn till it is nearly Arab sorcerer. Accordingly Houdin breathes much of the pure air of heaven, kis lungs expand, his chest enwhile burning some additional flax, and ginning in the city of Algeria. At the larges, really improving in form as he approaches manhood. This results duced a box which became heavy or from the fact that the bones in early for a considerable time. At the commencement of his exhibition he introduces the ball into his mouth, and while brought by him to the footlights, and,

From birth to about ten years of age the girl's chest enlarges correspondwas held in the temple of Apollo at you will always remain so?" "Quite eighteen or twenty, compared with its Mount Soracte, in Etruria, the Hirpi sure." "You are mistaken," said Housize at ten, as the body, as a whole, is account they were exempt from military service, and received other privileges from the Roman Senate. This power of resisting fire was ascribed even by Varro to the use of some liniment with which they anointed the soles of their feet. Of the same character was the feet. Of the same character was the feet. with ease at one end, constantly exerted ry, tin and bismuth, which melts at a explain the secret of this strange trick downward instead of upward, under the ow temperature, might easily have by which he made bodies heavy or light arms, as it was intended, for manifest been substituted in place of lead, at will, and without apparently touch- reasons. If these statements are not and fluids of easy ebullition may have ing them, but it was a favorite of his, correct, it is a very easy matter to disbeen used in place of boiling water.
But, though the conjurers by fire may have availed themselves of these singuAt the same exhibition in Algeria, of will not be difficult to see some of the lar properties of individual bodies, yet which we have written, Houdin invited evils resulting from such an unnatural one of the audience to come on the custom, such an effort to improve on in rendering the skin of the exposed stage. A young Moor, about 20 years the Creator's plan of structure. Let it parts callous and insensible to heat, - of age, tall, well-built, and richly be remembered that our strength, vigor an effect which may be produced by dressed, advanced. There was a plain and health are made dependent, largely, has succeeded in catching one of the spirits—a female one, and weighing her on Fairbanks' scales.

an enect which may be produced by continually compressing or singeing table on the stage (the space between the top and the floor being unmistakably open), which Houdin asked him to ably open), which Houdin asked him to things being equal, the larger the One of the most adroit jugglers of the present age was Robert Houdin, a Frenchman, who for many years gave fashionable entertainments in Paris. in the audience. Screaming, "It is the blood, coming in contact with the in-Evil One!" they clambered over the spired air, is purified, which purificathe door into the street, where, in the air and its ample supply. If the lungs public place, rubbing his eyes in stupe-faction and wondering how he got there, only one-half of their capacity, it is times in public and was thrown only 67. manifest that they can perform but one-While in the interior, Houdin gave an half of their labor. If these air-cells are diminished in size, their walls brought in contact, and so kept till they adhere, of course just that number of them must be rendered useless for crowd, and a vindictive looking fellow the remnant of life. This result is the came out from it and claimed to have necessary consequence of such lacing or contraction of the size of the chest, of necessity tending toward the production of that dreaded and fatal disease of civilized life, consumption, known to be fearfully prevalent among females, and drove the wad home. Among the bul- for manifest reasons, prominent among which is this contraction of the chest-

> changed the bullets forced upon him at night, it is in our closed sleeping more sunlight, and more freedom. Chicago Ledger.

nourishment for the lungs, as food is

CARDS IN HOME LANGUAGE,-A gentleman of our sequaintance found the other night, much to his surprise, that his wife knew something about drawpoker. The way of it was this: The couple have two fine boy babies. Seeing them asleep in the same bed the admiring father wondered if anybody had a better pair than that. The wife thought not. The husband then said, speaking in parables as he thought, "If we could draw three queens we would have a 'full' that would be hard to beat," And the lady promptly replied, "Excuse me, if you please; we'll stand par on the pair we have."—Paducah

of the medium Home to handle live coals without injury or leaving a sear. He without injury or leaving a sear. He has been seen to put red-hot coals on his head, and the hair was not singed. The "fire ordeal" is a very old and familiar one to necromaners. One of the most ancient feats of megic was the art of breathing flame. During the insurrection of the slaves in Slicily in the second century before Christ, a Syrian named Eunus acquired by his knowledge the rank of their leader. In order

Current Paragraphs.

CUBA has been bleeding six years. THE Vendome column is finished.

THE oyster is "of age" at 7 years. NEARLY 500 trains a day arrive and lepart from St. Louis.

Boston's August was the coldest for fifty years, barring 1836.

THE cotton crop, it is said, will amount to 3,700,000 bales. ONE hundred thousand men make a

living out of the oyster trade. THE books in the library belonging to the British Museum occupy twelve miles of shelving.

picked in Nebraska. It weighs 291 A California newspaper tells rather

leathery story of a striped squirrel which was seen leading a blind rattle-snake to his hole in the ground. THE people of Omaha complain (with little show of justice) that they are

mentioned by outsiders as "Omahogs, 'Omahosses," and "Omahorribles. sional career of nineteen years she had prepared for the tomb not fewer than

Ir is estimated that Kentucky dogs kill \$100,000 worth of Kentucky sheep very year; but what would a Kentucky hearth-stone be without ten dogs group ed around it?

A NICE young gentleman has attracted attention in the streets of St. Paul. He is 18 years old, seven feet high, four feet across the shoulders, and weighs 500 pounds.

A MAN and his wife, he 87 years old and she 95, were fined for drunkenness in Oakland, Cal., the other day. Such people should be cared for until they ome to years of discretion.

FAIRFIELD, Vt., glories in an elm tree whose branches measure 105 feet across at the trunk. One of the limbs is 60 feet long, and four feet from the ground the tree is four feet through.

GEN. BUTLER is considered one of the nost methodical men living. He personally supervises and pigeon-holes every letter he receives, and dictates a reply to his phonographic secretary. BISHOP WHITEHOUSE disposes of \$400,-

000 by his will, of which \$10,000 is in personal effects, \$10,000 in books and pictures, \$30,000 in real estate in Chicago, and \$350,000 in real estate in Vir- in her vain attempts to make him under-FROM the stomach of Capt. Otis Rogers, of Marshfield, Mass., has been ex-

tracted an animal five inches long, which he thinks he swallowed while drinking from a pool in South Carolina during the war. THE Supreme Court of New York has decided that Shanks, the city editor of

the Tribune, was guilty of contempt in

refusing to divulge the name of the author of an article entitled, "The Brooklyn Ring Method." THE late forest fires in New Jersey destroyed many thousands of mosquitoes, and the farmers are busy gathering

bone-dust for manuring purposes,-Brooklyn Argus. ARPIN, the younger, the famous Evil One!" they clambered over the spired air, is purified, which purificabenches in wild terror, and rushed out tion depends upon the purity of that

he was practicing with a weight of forty kilogrammes. He wrestled 1,013 In Harrisburgh, Virginia, a Mrs. Nancy Doughtery, age 70 years, has during the last year built herself a cabin, cleared 12 acres of land, and fenced it, and, using only a hoe, raised 200

bushels of corn. monor to the free old Granger! A RAT's nest was recently discovered water." Again everybody laughed, and in a piano in the house of a lady living the little fat Judge snorted so much A RAT's nest was recently discovered near Brighton, Eug. It contained five young ones. The old rat flew at the lady who made the discovery, and she was seized with a fit, and in the excitement

WE raise annually here in the United States nearly 150,000,000 bushels of potatoes, representing a money value of about \$100,000,000 to the customers. As an article of food it has greater value to us than any other that we call root crop. Twenty-five per cent. of the the signal, took a deliberate aim at their capacity is reduced by this con-him. The pistol went off, and the ball traction to one-half, it is manifest that stance, and of this 62.5 per cent. is

ranged to take place at Eastbourne, Eng., between a fisherman and a dog. The latter, when in the water, supposed his duty was to save the man's life, and persisted in his efforts to keep affoat by thrusting his head under the fisherman's chin, much to the disap-pointment of those who had assembled

to see the race. THE coast of North America, for 1,700 miles from Virginia to the Mississippi, is fringed with pine barrens 130 miles wide, and when the trees are cut down for the exportation of their inflammable products from the port of Wilmington, pines may spring again on the best of the bad soils; but in genbit of wax mixed with lampblack he It is damp and may demand extra eral the scrub oak is the succession plant. Towards the outfall of the river, where magnificent mixed forests of liquidamber, elm, ash, white and red oak, cherry, magnolia, mulberry and wild grape have been felled, and the land scorged by corn and cotton and then abandoned to nature, the pine and scrub oak, trees of poor soils, have sprung up. But when the land was left unscorged, the mixed forest again clothed the bare earth.

spores were constantly washed away by the flowing water. Following up this discovery by a minute examination of the outlet of the sewer through which the drainage of the town flowed, there were found fungoid growths of a similar nature to those in the pump spout. In the vicinity of this outlet the vicinity of this outlet were spout. believes that the moon, in revolving In the vicinity of this outlet the fever around the earth and drawing the tides had also prevailed. Having cases of

The Western Railroad Alliance.

The full text of the celebrated compact entered into at the meeting of railroad magnates at Saratoga last July was published for the first time in New York in the Graphic of October 20, and this publication furnishes the first opportunity to realize the full magnitude of this tremendous combination of hitherto antagonistic railroad interests. This combination is in brief a union by which twenty-three large railroads forming a complete chain of communication between New York and Omaha bind themselves to adhere to uniform rates of tariff as fixed from time to time by seven commissioners selected from among the companies, and to indulge in no competition among themselves. An apple, said to be the largest ever | The alliance thus formed is one of ipened in the United States, has been | the most stupendous in its magnitude that has ever existed in this or any other country. The number of roads included is larger than that composing the entire railway system of many of the States of Europe, and the miles of railroad to be operated under its rules would be enough to stretch across the continent.

To furnish some idea of the vast aggregation of capital which the great alliance represents the following table A woman in West Chester, Pa., re- is presented, showing the actual paidcently testified that during a profes- up capital and outstanding bonds of

Atlantic and Great Western \$	\$110,570,987,43
C, C, and I, C	17,991,650,00
Lake Shore and Michigan Southern	81,719,000,00
Great Western, of Canada	37,035,786,40
Michigan Central	30,373,294.00
Detroit and Milwaukee,	9 640,230,00
Canada Southern	19,000,000,00
Toledo, Wabash and Western	35,033,000,00
Indianapolis, Bioomiegton and West-	ASSAULT TO A STATE OF THE STATE
eru	11,503,700,00
Indianapolis and St. Louis	3,938,000,00
Terre Haute and Indianapolis	1,988 150.00
Ohio and Mississippi	34,589,690,00
Illinois Central	32,589 000,00
Pennsylvania Company	12,000,000.00
Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis.	23,444,335,99
Jeffersonville, Madison and Indi-	
anapolis	6,888,000,00
Circinnati, Hamilton and Dayton	5,000,000,00
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	37.823,438.00
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific	27,702,140,00
Chicago and Northwestern	61,485,583,82
Evansville and Crawfordsville	2,229,415,12
Evansville, Terre Haute and Chicago.	1,174,573,23
Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago	****

This total of more than half a billion dollars represents the sinews of war with which this alliance offers battle to competing roads .- New York Graphic.

A Comedy of Errors.

A foreigner is seated in his room poring over a French and English dictionary. He is swamped in the intricacies of our language. He has rumpled his the child and shook it several times, hair so much that it stands on end with when it caught its breath and came out book and asks for advice from his landlady, in broken English. The landlady, death. stand, raises her voice to a high key, and then suddenly lowers it as the thought occurs to her that he is not deaf. Why do we raise our voices in such cases? After several months' practice our friend translates into English the following sentences:

"My dog is cold. My hat is wet. The dog's legs are weary. Beer is good. The Judge is happy."

For more advanced lessons:

"The little boy is full of cake. The long-tailed coat was made by a tailor. (He is puzzled here. He does not see how "tailed" can be the past tense of "tailor.") Is the haymaker well? Have you seen my aunt's umtoes, and the farmers are busy gathering brella? Let us walk by the mill and the skeletons and reducing them to look at the dammed water." (Puzzled again.)

fast table next morning. He turned to

ing soup. It was Judge Dox.
Our foreigner was now so elated with

satisfaction at his mastery of the English language that he said : . "Let us walk by the mill and look at the dammed soup into the upper part of his head that he had a fit of coughing ten minutes long, and between his spasms of laughter he murmured something about of the moment the rat escaped. The a pun. Our friend, who was now the center of attraction, repeated all his ex-ercises, much to the delight and good FEEL MYSELF A NEW MAN. humor of everybody .- New York Com mercial Advertiser.

The Hay Fever. A correspondent of the Chicago Inter-

Ocean writes as follows concerning the hay fever: "During the past week I fell a victim to that unpleasant disease called 'hay fever.' To my inquiries for A swimming match was recently arhave to wait until the frost comes.' My symptoms were constant irritation of the nostrils, and discharges from them, accompanied by sneezing and coughing. My eyes, too, wept, and my head ached continually. I called in at a drug store and obtained a prescription which effected a cure in a few hours. It was simply two grains of quinine dissolved in two ounces of water, shaken, and then used as a solution. It can be injected into the nostrils, or a small quantity poured into the hollow of the hand and snuffed up into the nose. Any druggist can prepare the mixture. I write this simply for the benefit of the thousand individuals now sneezing throughout the city. The disease seems to be epidemic. Pestiferous animalculæ inhabiting the nose are supposed to be the cause of the hay fever, and these the quinine kills."

> A physician writes the following sensible advice: "My profession has thrown me among women of all classes, and my experience teaches me that God never gave man a greater proof of his

A Word About Marriage.

love than to place woman here with him. My advice is: Go-propose to disease, and, on a careful search of the premises, a spout in the pump was found to be covered with a sort of gelatinous matter. Submitting this to microscopic investigation, it was seen to be a fungoid growth, from which spores were constantly washed away by

Infanticide by Opium.

One of the best informed physicians of England, Dr. Mitchell, employed in the public health service, some time ago published a mass of testimony obtained by him from numerous medical witnesses, showing the almost universal resort to opium, in order to benumb and stupefy children, even those of the tenderest age; a very common preparation for this purpose being a so-called cordial made of treacle and opium. So general, it appears, is the use of this mixture, that customers go to the apothecaries, and, without any hesitation, ask for a dose of it "to give to the baby next day, as they are going out to work." Chemists frankly admit that they make and sell these opium decoctions by the barrel and hogshead full. This baleful usage prevails not only in the colliery districts, but also in manufacturing and non-manufacturing places; and it is stated by one physician that in the Nottingnam, Derby and Leices-ter districts the habit of administering opium to infants usually begins when the child is three or four weeks old. And still another witness asserts that the opium cordial is given on the very day of birth, being in readiness for that event. The inevitable result of this terrible custom is, of course, that great numbers of infants perish, either suddenly from an overdose, or, as more commonly happens, by slow, painful, insidious disease. Compared, therefore, with this form of infanticide, the kind practiced by the Chinese may be said to be merciful.

A Child Strangledby a Cat.

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A strange occurrence took place a few mornings since in the family of Mr. Doloway, engineer in Babcock, Fuller & Co.'s new hat factory, who occupies J. W. Canfield's house on Mulberry street, in this village. Mrs. Doloway is accustomed to leave her babe, a little girl four months old, on the bed up stairs while she does her morning's work in the basement, from where she the morning in question she heard the little one crowing as usual, but finally noticed that the sounds ceased, and shortly after heard a strange gurgling noise. Supposing that the child had got its head under the bed-clothes and was suffocating, she ran up stairs to see about it, and found the house cat with its nose in the child's mouth. The child was strangled black, and was fighting feebly with her hands. She caught perplexity. At last he gets an exercise all right. In a few moments more it would probably have been strangled to death. Mrs. Doloway had to pull the cat off the child, so eager was it to remain. It had a paw on either side of the child's head, and had its nose pressed deeply into the child's mouth. The cat was instantly killed.—Middletown (N. Y.) Mercury.

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