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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Excuse this notice of Kalakana, but he declined a private dinner given by whe colored men of Washington.

A COMPULSORY educational law has been enacted in twelve States of the more than ordinarily exciting and im-Union, Kansas being the last to adopt portant. Mr. Smith, however, had an the system.

Five thousand dollars and no questions asked. If that does not bring ·Charlie Ross to light the conviction will settle down that he has passed beyond the sight of mortal eyes and the sound of mortal voice.

THE nomination of Don A. Pardee, of into many absurd isms, and took very Ohio, as successor to Judge Durell in radical grounds on social, political, and Louisiana, still hangs fire in the Senate, religious matters, but the poor and suffering always found a most steadfast on account, it is said, of the opposition and sympathizing friend in him. His of Senator West, who was not consulted largest gifts have been made in the +by the President in regard to the matter.

A BILL amendatory of the Pension for the poor. He practically illustrated law has been introduced in Congress by his opposition to land monopoly by Representative Albright. It proposes that all persons now entitled to penelbow or a leg above the knee, shall re- whites and blacks in fifty-acre lots. - ceive \$20 per month.

THE Christian Union of last week ocntains an article, obviously written has two wooden legs. by Mr. Beecher, upon the suit brought against that gentleman by Mr. Tilton. the trial of which the defendant's counsel have so repeatedly delayed. Mr. Beecher admits that until last summer : e used every effort to prevent any investigation of the matter, but claims that he is now extremely anxious to have the case speedily tried, and asserts .that no compromise is possible.

'A BILL has been introduced in Congress to abolish all internal revenue taxes, except those upon distilled spirits, fermented liquors and tobacco. snuff and cigars, and increase the tax on distilled spirits to eighty cents per gal-. . . It also repeals the second section probable. of the act of June 6, 1872, which made a reduction of 10 per cent. on the articles therein enumerated, thus restoring the duties on said articles to what they were prior to the passage of the act.

A CLERGYMAN who has just returned 'from the grasshopper-devastated por- grass. tion of Kansas writes a letter to the Chicago Times, in which he represents the National Republican Committee, that the destitution there is far greater than has been represented. Land agents was recently married at Dover, N. H., to Miss Lucy L. Hale, daughter of the late John P. Hale. . are endeavoring to misrepresent the condition of affairs for the purpose of "the finger of fortune keems to encouraging emigration. The settlers, pointing toward Speaker Blaine as the says the writer, are limited to a very meager allowance of food-scarcely enough to sustain life for a limited period. It is his opinion that a large number of people will die of starvation it might be the worst thing yet said number of people will die of starvation unless more subsistence is furnished. Br a calculation just made-writes : Washington correspondent-it is ascertained that 23,500,000 gallons of Potomac water are used every twenty-four hours in the District of Columbia. This is equivalent to 183 gallons per day to each man, woman and child, or a greater supply of water than is furnished to the people of any city in the world. But then it should be borne in mind that Washington contains, about one-half to be abated." the year, more American Congressmen than any other city in the world. We of the Cincinnati Commercial" and do not pretend to account for the immense consumption of water by their presence in the capital, but simply mention the fact, and leave the problem can't nothing be done about it? to the solution of the cold-water scien-

THE LITTLE FOLKS. mainly to its care and improvement. A Queer Little Woman. In 1825 he joined the American Coloqueer little woman I met one day. With a round little nose and two great blue e. Ind she grappled my neck in so fierce a way I was neavly choked to death with surprise. nization Society, to which he contributed very largely of his labor and his money, but ten years after he withdrew where did you come from? What is from it and connected himself with the name?" I asked, as a shower of kisses fell. "Dees any one own you, my little dame?" "I'm all yours, Auntie ; but don't you tell." American Anti Slavery Society. In 1852 he was elected to Congress, but

resigned before his time expired, his We hiss each other with fond embrace Upon the landing or on the stair; Whatever the time or wherever the place, the opportunity is then and there. constituents being dissatisfied because he refused to attend night sessions, the 'Kansas-Nebraska bill " being pending

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T.s just for a minute ; and then, percust at that time, and the discussions being Auother may happen to pass that way the claims a kiss or a loving glance And wins her heart with but slight delay.

nd, nestling close to her charioteer, Her coral lips like a fluted shell. the whispers, softly, and yet I hear: " I'm all yours, Papa; but don't you tell." aversion to being out of bed after 9 o'clock, and, rather than depart from his habits of life, resigned, and gave

You queer little woman I how can I trust place to Henry J. Goodwin, who was A love so nokle and faise as this? Do you think that a heart so cruelly thrust Can meet you to-morrow with smile and kiss? A love so nekle and fa elected in his stead. In 1853 he was admitted to the bar, and subsequently Ah ! yes, indeed, for I would not lose My hold on the heart I am proud to share ; So love me little to-day, if you choose, And grant me more when you've more to spare. took part in several important trials. An eccentric man by nature, he was led

The Story of the Three Bears.

" A story which may content the minds Of learned men and grave philosophers Once upon a time there were Three Bears who lived together in a house of their own in a wood. One of them was a Little, Small, Wee Bear, and one cause of emancipation and to buy homes

was a Middle-sized Bear, and the other was a Great, Huge Bear. They had each a pot for their porridge; a little pot for the Little, Small, Wee Bear, and a middle-sized pot for the Middle Bear, contributing from his large property about 200,000 acres to institutions of sions, who have lost an arm below the learning, but the most of it to poor and a great pot for the Great, Huge Bear. And they had each a chair to sitin; a little chair for the Little, Small, Wee Bear, and a middle-sized chair for the Middle Bear, and a great chair

THE Mayor-elect of Springfield, Mass. for the Great, Huge Bear. And they had each a bed to sleep in ; a little bed for the Little, Small, Wee Bear, and a DR. LORING maintains that suffrage middle-sized bed for the Middle Bear, and a great bed for the Great, Huge s a natural right, and therefore women Bear.

are as much entitled to vote as men. One day, after they had made the THIRTY-SIX Democratic papers in Misporridge for their breakfast, and poured souri have expressed their preference it into their porridge-pots, they walked out into the woods while the porridge for Gen. F. M. Cockrell for Senator. was cooling, that they might not burn FERNANDO WOOD counts ninety suptheir months by beginning too soon to porters of his pretensions to the eat it. And while they were walking, Speakership of the Forty-fourth Cona little old Woman came to the house. She could not have been a good, honest old Woman; for first she looked in at

Gov. PARKER, of New Jersey, declined the window, and then she peeped in at the key-hole; and seeing nobody in the to review a military organization "from a desire to save expenses for the house, she litted the latch. The door was not fastened, because the Bears were THE election of Mr. Dawes to the United States Senatorship by the Leg-islature of Massachusetts is deemed good Bears, who did nobody any harm, and never suspected that anybody

would harm them. So the little old Woman opened the door and went Six women of Ellsworth, Maine, have made formal protest to the taxin; and well pleased she was when she saw the porridge on the table. If she collector against being taxed without had been a good little old Woman, she would have waited till the Bears

come home, and then, perhaps, they would have asked her to breakfast; AsA FLOWER is said to be a rising man in Texas politics. A Western pa-per thinks he "Cometh up Asa Flowfor they were good Bears-alittle rough er," but may be "cut down like the or so, as the manner of Bears is, but for all that very good-natured and hospitabad ble. But she was an impudent. WILLIAM E. CHANDLER, Secretary of old Woman, and set about helping her-

self. was recently married at Dover, N. H., So first she tasted the porridge of the Great, Huge Bear, and that was too hot for her; and she said a bad word about

THE Oakland (Cal.) Transcript Bays that. And then she tasted the porridge of the Middle Bear, and that was too cold for her; and she said a bad

And the little old Woman had pulled the bolster of the Middle Bear out of its

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place. "SOMEBODY HAS BEEN LYING IN MY BED !" said the Middle Bear, in his middle voice.

And when the Little, Small, Wee Bear came to look at his bed, there was the bolster in its place; and the pillow in its place upon the bolster; and upon the pillow was the little old Woman's ugly, dirty head-which was not in its place, for she had no business whereas a comparatively small amoun of water in a narrow-bottomed tile or drain rises and forms a current which there. sweeps away obstructions.

"Somebody has been lying in my bed-and here she is !" said the Little, Small, Wee Bear, in his little, small, wee voice

The little old Woman had heard in her you will give it publicity in your valua-ble paper. I have tried it as long as sleep the great, rough, gruff voice of the fifteen years, and never knew it to fail. Great, Huge Bear ; but she was so fast It is simply to thoroughly rub the trees with melted tallow as high up as asleep that it was no more to her than the roaring of wind or the rumbling of thunder. And she had heard the middle a rabbit can reach. No rabbit will touch them while this remains; and, if voice of the Middle Bear, but it was properly applied, the rains of winter will not wash it off, and the sun will not only as if she had heard some one speaking in a dream. But when she heard the little, small, wee voice of the Little, Small, Wee Bear, it was melt it off until spring, when it has served its time.- Exchange. so sharp and so shrill that it awak-

ened her at once. Up she started; and when she saw the Three Bears on one side of the bed, she tumbled herself out on the other, and ran to the win-Now, the window was open, bedow. cause the bears, like good, tidy Bears, as they were, always opened their bed-chamber window when they got up in the morning. Out the little old Woman jumped; and whether she broke her neck in the fall, or ran into the wood and was lost there, or found her way out of the wood and was taken up by the constable and sent to the House of Valley are valued at \$40. Correction for a vagrant as she was, I cannot tell. But the Three Bears never saw anything more of her.-Southey

"I Cannot Help It."

Do you ever make use of this phrase. young folks? You will all plead guilty, we fear; and older folks are very apt to do the same.

There is our friend Ruthie : the dress. conscious that she ought to spring up ing bell rings, and she hears it : she is at once; that all will go wrong if each of the crops for four years with a sufficiency of phosphoric acid, which is given out as the bones decompose. In does not ; but still she lies with folded hands, for "a little more sleep and a little more slumber. many cases bones are allowed to go to

Late at breakfast, hurried in preparing for school, Ruthie meets her mothof ingredients which they contain. er's reproaching looks with "I cannot help it; I mean to get up every morn-ing as soon as I am called, but before I

know it I'm asleep again-I can't help Donald is charged with an errand which he is to attend to on his way to school, and of course Donald means to do it : but something diverts his mind, and as has often been the case before. he forgets all about it until too late. 'There ! it's too bad, but I cannot help it !" he says, and so comferts himself for this one more "sin of unfaith-

fulness. Harry and Josie are in hot dispute Now they forget themselves entirely Josie's vexing words are uttered with out restraint, and Harry, in a towering passion, gives her a fierce reply, and rushes out of the room.

The brother and sister meet no more until night, and in the meantime they each feel self-reproached and uncomfortable.

"Well, I cannot help it," says Harry "Josie is word about that too. And then she off I go into a rage before I know it.' went to the porridge of the Little, Small, Wee Bear, and tasted that; And Josie is wishing over and over again that she could recall her teasing and that was neither too hot nor words-" But then it is just my nature, too cold; and she liked it so well that I cannot help it !"

FARM AND HOME.

BEST FORM OF TILE FOR DRAINING. ARROWBOOT GRUEL .- Mix a dessert The most experienced drainers in Enspoonful of arrowroot with a little cold gland, Germany and France have found water and pour over it one pint of boil-ling water; boil until it looks transparthat the tile having the narrowest bottom is the best for carrying off water. A small rill of water in a wide-bottomed Add a little salt. If the patient ent. can take milk, substitute boiling milk tile, or drain of any kind, spreads and for water, and flavor with grated lemon loses its power of keeping the drain clear of sand and other obstructions, peel or vanilla.

TO BLEACH FLANNEL. -Flannel which has become yellow with use may be bleached by putting it for some days in a solution of hard soap to which strong ammonia has been added. The right

PROTECTING FRUIT TREES.-I send you the following sure method of pro-tecting fruit trees from rabbits, hoping proportions are one pound and a half of hard curd soap, fifty pounds of soft water and two-thirds of a pound of strong ammonia solution. The same object may be attained in a shorter time by placing the flannel for a quarter of an hour in a weak solution of bisulphate of sodium, to which a little hydrochloric acid has been added

> TO POLISH CUFFS AND SHIBT FRONTS. Procure at the hardware stores polishing iron; that with a bulge at both ends is the best. Iron the linen

VALUE OF CALIFORNIA LANDS .- AS AD as usual, then place it on a board with a layer of muslin on the board, then pass indication of the rise in California c damp cloth over the linen, and rub with the polishing iron until the delands, it is said that Santa Clara Valley (near to and south of San Francisco) bottom lands are sold as high as \$300 sired degree of glossiness is obtained The iron should not be very hot, or i will scorch ; if it is too cool, the polish per acre. The Pajaro Valley, sixty miles further south, has farms valued at \$100 to \$200 per acre. In the Sonoma and other valleys north of San Franwill be long coming. Gum arabic dis solved and added in small quantities to the starch improves it; a lump of cisco, \$190 per acre is a common valuasugar is almost as good, and so is tion for farms, and \$300 per acre for sperm, or soap, or butter, or white was productive vineyards. The Sacramento CHLOBINE gas is often used for driv-ing rats and mice from the walls of a Valley farms are worth \$50 per acre, and those of the great San Joaquin

ouse. To do this, a dish of manganes BONES AND WHEAT .- One pound of and muriatic acid may be placed under the garret floor. Now, since the gas thus produced is heavier than atmosbones contains the phosphoric acid of twenty-eight pounds of wheat. A pheric air, if there is communication crop of wheat of forty bushels per acre, and sixty pounds per bushel, weighs two thousand four hundred the gas will quickly settle and pervade every cranny, even to the cellar, and there will be a general scampering of pounds, and it requires about eighty vermin; but since this gas is as de six pounds of bones to supply it with that essential material. The usual supstructive to human as to smaller animal life, it is not altogether safe to practice this way unless the family vacate the ply of bone dust (three hundred to four hundred pounds per acre) supplies premises, or unless every chance of communication between the partitions be closed.

NOVEL DINING-TABLE. - A novel din waste while the wheat is failing for want ing-table is now in use in one of the palaces of the Emperor of Russia. The table is circular and is placed on a

THE IDEAL FARMER .- Ralph Waldo weighted platform. At the touch of a Emerson, in his essays, thus portrays the glory of the farmer : signal, like a rub of Aladdin's lamp,

down goes the table through the floor, and a new table, loaded with fresh "The glory of the farmer is that, in the division of labor, it is his part to create. All the trades rest at last on his primitive authority. He stands close to nature; he obtains from the earth the bread and the meat. The cut with circular openings, one for each plate. If a guest desires a change of food which was not he causes to be. plate he touches a signal at his side, when, presto, his plate disappears and The first farmer was the first mar, and all historic nobility rests on the posses- another rises. These mechanical dinsion and use of land. ing-tables render the presence of ser-

"Men do not like hard work, but vants quite superfluous. In this coun-try, at the Oneida Community, they employ dinner-tables having the central every man has an exceptional respect for tillage, and the feeling that this is the original calling of his race ; that he parts made to revolve. Here the gob himself is only excused from it by some lets, spoons, tea and coffee, casters, pitchers and other necessary articles of table furniture are placed; revolving circumstances which made him delegate it for a time to other hands. If he had not some skill which recommended him the center piece, the sitter brings beto the farmer, some product for which fore him whatever article may be the farmer will give his corn, he must sired without the intervention of a spechimself return into his due place among ial waiter. the planters. And the profession has in all eyes this ancient charm, a stand-

GORGEOUS GAMING-PALACE.

ing the house, as wearing them con- THE STAR AND THE WATER LILY.

The sun stepped down from his golden throns, And isy in the slient see, And the Luy hath folded her satin leaves, For a sleepy thing was she: Woat is the Lely dreaming of 7 Why crisp the waters blue ? So, see, she is lifting her varnished 1 Her white leaves are glistening thro

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The rose is cooling his burning oheek; In the lap of the breathlees tide; The Lily hath sisters fresh and fair, That would loby the rose's side; He would love her better than all the re And he would be fond and true; But the Lily unfolded her weary lids And looked at the sky so blue,

Be nember, remember, thou stilly one, How fast will thy summer glide, And wilt thou wither a virgin pale, Or fourish a blooming bride 7 "Oh, the rose is old and thorny and cold, And he lives on carth," said she : " But the star is fair, and he lives in the air, And he shall my bridegroom be."

But what if the stormy cloud should come, And ruffle the silver sea 7 Would he turn his eye from the distant sky, To smile on a thing like thee 7 Oh, no, fair Lily, he would not send One ray from his far off throne; The winds shall blow, and the waves shall flow; And thou wilt be left alone.

There is not a leaf on the mountain top Nor a drop of evening dew, Nor the golden sand on the sparkling shore, Nor a pearl on the waters blue. That he has not cheered with his fickle smile, And will he be true to a pallid flower, That floats on the quiet stream ?

Alas for the Lily ! she would not heed, But turned to the skies afar, And he bared her breast to the trembling ray That shot from the rising star; The cloud came over the darkened sky, And over the waters wide; She looked in vain through the beating rain, And sank in the stormy tide.

Pith and Point,

Twisted hemp cures felons.

A wond in season-Winter.

BAD suits to wear-Libel suits.

A RARE flower-The pink of polite-

FRUITS of ballooning-Upper carrents.

TIMID blows do not tell much on any great work.

THE place for proof-readers-The house of correction.

No quonum attends more meetings than any other man.

WHAT is the only pane we make light of? A window-pane.

THE government will arm the Crow Indians. Caws not stated.

WAVERLY, Ill., boasts a spry young lady who can stand and jump nine feet. PHILOSOPHICAL paradox—When a youth has a decided bent for any pur-suit he is likely to keep straight at it.

PHILADELPHIA asserts that she has more houses than New York by 60,000, than Brooklin by 78,000, and than Boston by 94,000.

QUIZ, having drawn a map of the world, was asked why he marked the Polar regions "L. S.;" and he said, because it is the place of the seal.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to us to learn if a deaf boy can become a book-keeper. Certainly. Is there not a maxim of "deaf as an adder?"—Cincinnati Times.

It is hardly necessary to deny the rumor that ladies who attend our thea-ters frequently turn an honest penny by accepting from gentlemen behind them pecuniary inducements to sit bare-

tists.

THE Sub-Committee of Congress, ap-THE Sub-Committee of Congress, ap-pointed to investigate the condition of Louisiana is now in New Orleans God in the Consitution, but it would taking testimony. It is composed of begin by raising the devil in our polimen of high character. Mr. Foster, of tics THE Memphis Avalanche makes this Ohio, distinguished himself at the last unkind reference to the claimant of the session by his course in the Sanborn Governorship of Arkansas : "Chickens come home to roost; but Volney Vol-taire Smith, the Arkansas Charley Ross, doesn't. He roests in Washinginvestigation. Mr. Phelps, of New Jersey, is recognized as one of the ablest and most honorable Representatives in ton on the gable end of the ragged edge the House, Mr. Clarkson N. Potter, of despair. the Democratic member of the Committee, is a man who commands the respect of both parties. We shall be

greatly surprised if such a committee as this fails to prisue the strict line of duty which lies before it.

MR. E. B. ELLIOTT, of the Bureau of Statistics, has been making some careful computations to-day, to ascertain the relative value of United States silver coin and fractional currency, in order to determine how great an appreciation of the latter will be necessary to make both of equal value, and consequently to ascertain whether the silver coin portion of the new currency, bill is likely to result as its authors nominally desire. According to Mr. Elliott's calculations-based upon the market value of silver in London-\$1 in silver is now worth \$1.01 94-100 ; or, in popular phrase, silver is now worth not quite 2 per cent. premium in currency. He is of the opinion that this slight difference between paper and sil-ver may be reduced to nothing by the administration before the Mint is ready to put in circulation any large amount -of silver coin.

THE venerable Gerrit Smith, whose name has been prominent before the public for more than half a century, has gone the way of all earth. He was born in Utics, N. Y., March 6, 1797, and had therefore reached the ripe oid age of 77 years. He conducted from age of 77 years. He graduated from Hamilton College, which was the re-cipient of his generosity a short time ago, in 1818, and being left with one of the largest landed estates in this comp the largest landed estates in this coun-bry by his father, had devoted himself A. J.'s most formidable competitor.

next Republican candidate for President of the United States. Y DRYCH, the Welsh paper, speaks

POLITICAL MEMORANDA.

State

representation.

she ate it all up; but the naughty old Woman said a bad word about the about Benjamin, but we could not swear to it. little porridge-pot, because it did not GEN. TOM WILLIAMS, of Nevada-

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hold enough for her. Then the little old Woman sat down Sharon's Democratic opponent for the Senate—has made over \$2,000,000, so in the chair of the Great, Huge Bear that when the next political fight comes and that was too hard for her. And off the General will be about as well then she sat down in the chair of the qualified " for the Senate as anybody. Middle Bear, and that was too soft for THESE are dark days indeed for jourher. And then she sat down in the chair of the Little, Small, Wee Bear, and nalism when Ben Butler says that "the newspapers are of no utility anyhow," and the debating society of Salem, Ore., resolves that "the public press of the that was neither too hard nor too soft, but was just right. So she seated herself in it, and there she sat till the bottom of the chair United States is a nuisance, and ought came out, and down came hers, plump

upon the ground. And the naughty old Woman said a wicked word about "THE gray-haired, pot-bellied buffoon that too. "the slanderous, foul-tongued, envious, Then the little old Woman went up lying Halstead" are smong the sounds which reach us from Cincinnati. Are

stairs into the bed chamber in which the Three Bears slept. And first she lay down upon the bed of the Great, Huge Bear; but that was too high at the THE Springfield Republican says head for her. And next she lay down upon the bed of the Middle Bear; and "If the movement for a religious amendment should ever assume formidthat was too high in the foot for her. And then she lay down upon the bed of the Little, Small, Wee Bear; and that was neither too high at the head nor at

herself up comfortably, and lay there till she fell fast asleep. By this time the Three Bears thought their porridge would be cool enough; so they came home to breakfast. Now the little old Woman had left the spoon of the Great, Huge Bear standing in his porridge. "SOMEBODY HAS BEEN AT MY PORRIDGE !" said the Great. Huge

THE Senatorial fight in Minnesota waxes warm. The St. Paul corre-spondent of the Chicago Times says : "The contest is considerably mixed. Bear, in his great, rough, gruff voice. And when the Middle Bear looked at his he saw that the spoon was standing Of late Gov. Davis has been gaming strength, and the best informed politiin it too. They were wooden spoons ; if they had been silver ones, the naughty cians claim that he stands as goed a old Wom ohance as any prominent candidate named; but whatever the result, they "Som old Woman would have put them in her "Somebody has been at my por-

RIDGE !" said the Middle Bear, in his A NEW YORK correspondent of a middle voice. Then the Little, Small, Wee Beau Western journal says : "Charles O'Conor for United States Senstor is looked at his, and there was the spoon

O'Conor for United States Senator is the latest card. Thus far, since the positive refusal of ex-Gov. Seymour to be a candidate, the chances have ap-peared to lie between Francis Kernan, of Utics, and Henry C. Murphy, of Brooklyn. It is thought that if Mr. in the porridge pot, but the porridge was all gone. "Somebody has been at my por-ridge, and has eaten it all up!" said the Little, Small, Wee Bear, in his little, small, wee voice. Upon this the Three Bears, seeing O'Conor consents to run he can be elected more easily than either of these gentlemen-in fact, at once, without any contest whatever."

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that some one had entered their house, and eaten up the Little, Small, Wee Bear's breakfast, began to look about them. Now the little old Woman had

Born Republican candidates for Congress in Florida were elected at the not put the hard cushion straight when she rose from the chair of the Great, late election. The vote has just been declared by the canvassers, and is as "SOMEBODY HAS BEEN SIT-TING IN MY CHAIR ?" said the Great, Huge Bear, in his great, rough, gruff

voice And the little old Woman had squatted down the soft cushion of the Middle "SOMEBODY HAS BEEN SITTING IN MY

CHATE!" said the Middle Bear, in his

ANDREW JOHNSON says he is going to be the next Senator from Tennessee. "I have been over the field," he said to

Most likely all of our young readers are conscious of some habit of wrong doing which they feel to be just such a " band of sin" tying them down, so that they really cannot help doing just so. And no wonder; for these habits of evil are just like strong bands, holding us back from the service and obedience which we owe to God. And every time we indulge the habit of wrong doing we strengthen the bond, as it were, by another thread. And as Josie says, "It is our nature -we cannot help it."

How to Furnish a House.

The New York Times draws a picture of the time when our houses shall be furnished as they should be : "Heavy rugs will partly cover the polished

floors. Paper of some neutral tint, free from glaring figures, will stretch from the richly-colored dado at the bottom to the gay border at the top. The picture-rod will not be of the eternal gilt that wearies us now, It will be painted some decided color that will harmonize with the prevailing shade of the whole room. Before the windows the foot, but just right. So she covered and before the doors which open outand before the doors which open out-ward, curtains, heavy in texture and subdued in tone, edged with strong lace, will hang from wooden rings which move freely on a slender woodon rod fastened to the sheathing. Rings and rod will be of the hue of the picture-rod above. The sirgle curtain before each opening will be looped to one side; low bookcases, not overthree feet high, dark wood relieved by a few chiseled designs picked out in color. will line we once had a Newfoundland dog

designs picked out in color, will line the wall. No glass doors will disfigure them. One general pattern, varied in each piece, will stamp the furniture. each piece, will stamp the furniture. I Last and greatest, an open wood-fire, either, in a fireplace or in one of the Franklin stoves which still lurk in the garrets of old country houses, will cast its cheery light over everything. The close stove, the register, the grate, and the radiator, will be tabooed. The blaze of wood burning across brazen and irons is something so beautiful that

and irons is something so beautiful that no artist has ever succeeded in painting it. The first of all hints on household tastes should be : Have an open wood-fire in the room in which you mean to ive.

It Exploded—A Sleeping-Car Episode. The Uniontown (Penn,) Standard narrates this exciting incident: "A few nights ago a lady passenger on the westward-bound train, Connellsville route, engaged a berth in one of the palace sleeping coaches. When she was ready to retire she took from her satchel a gum bed, which she inflated and placed upon the regular bed on the berth she was to occupy. It happened that her berth was very close to the stove, and the night being rather cold, the porter fired up pretty lively. The heat from the stove caused the gum bed to expand until the pressure got so great that it collapsed with a tremenchars!" said the Middle Bear, in his middle voice. And yon know what the little old Woman had done to the third chair. "Somebody has been sitting in my chair, and has satthe bottom of it out!" said the Little, Small, Wee Bear, in his little, small, wee voice. Then the Three Bears thought it necessary that they should make further search ; so they went up stairs into their bed-chamber. Now the little old Woman had pilled the pillow of the Great, Huge Bear out of its place. "SOMEBODY HAS BEEN LYING IN MY BED !" said the Great, Huge Bear, in his great, rough, gruff voice.

pearest to God, the First Cause

"The beauty of nature, the tranquillity and innocence of the countryman, his independence and pleasing arts-Club-House at Washington-The Brit-ish Minister's Castle as the Home of the care of bees, of poultry, of sheep, the dairy, the care of hay, of fruits, of orchards and forests, and the reaction of these on the workman in giving him strength and plain dignity like the face "The Tiger." [Washington Cor. New York Graphic.] Club House is now open in the late resi-lence of the British Minister and his and manners of nature, all men ao-knowledge. All men keep the farm in reserve as an asylum, where, in case of mischance, to hide their poverty, or legation, on Farragut square and Cor-coran's yard) Seventeenth and I streets. It is the most elaborate and spacious gaming house and restaurant in the United States and cost \$90,000. Mr. a solitude, if they do not succeed in se-Morrissey's Saratoga Club is a prim, plain, business-like affair compared with it, although Morrissy's four large rooms ciety. And who knows how many glasses of remorse are turned this way from the bankrupts of trade, from mortified pleaders in courts and Senates, or are larger than any of Chamberlin's, but the interior architecture of the Wash-ington Club is more novel and elegant than would appear in any house built especially for gaming purposes. It was esteemed fit for a Prince of the house from the victims of idleness and pleas-ure? Poisoned by town life and town vices, the sufferer resolves : 'Well, my children, whom I have injured, shall go back to the land, to be recruited and esteemed fit for a Prince of the house cured by that which should have been of Hanover-Brunswick to make it his my nursery, and shall be their hospihome, and was erected by one of the

most substantial bankers in the United States for his durable family mansion. It was rented by the British government for \$6,000 a year in gold—equal to \$12,000 or more in New York city—and her, here the scene of the grateries DESTROYING RATS ON FARMS. -- Winter is the time for catching rats, and, if the number of these are kept down in winter, they will seldom trouble the farmer much in summer. Every farmer has been the scene of the greatest parties and receptions ever given in Wash-ington, viz., Charles Knapp's grand social party in 1867 and the state recep-tion of Prince Arthur in 1870. knows that rats, especially if disturbed about the barn, take to the fields after corn-shocking time, when nearly, or quite, all may be killed when the shocks tion of Prince Arthur in 1870. This house was built thirty years or more ago by Elisha Riggs, brother of George Riggs, the son of the founder of the house of Peabody, Riggs & Co., afterward George Peabody & Co. The Riggs brothers built adjoining each other, George Riggs expending upon his establishment \$90,000, and Elisha a quite, an may be knied when the shocks are moved, if one have a well-trained dog. Se, also, large numbers may be killed sometimes under stacks by tak-ing advantage of their peculiar habits. Bats are never found in stacks, shocks

destroy them. We once had a Newfoundland dog

the best ratter we ever saw. He seemed to have come to an understanding with a little Skye terrier, by which the little dog became the jackal to the the little dog became the jackal to the big one. There was a deep ditch and bank running between the hog-house and yard and other farm buildings, in which the rats took refuge in large numbers. The two dogs, with much noise and barking, would run up and down the bank, when suddenly, the terrier would begin digging hard at a hole selected, the large dog meanwhile sitting quietly a short distance off, but actively observant. Pretty soon a rat is right across the street from the clubhouse where Chamberlin presides. With this wall on one side, Farragut square open on another side, the stables of the legation-also owned by Cham-berlin - in the rear, and shrubbery divid ng the club-house from Riggs this casino is both sequestered central.

When Mr. Knapp received this offer for the legation he waited on George Riggs and asked if he was willing to actively observant. Pretty soon a rat would peep out of a hole and soud away, only to find itself picked up promptly by the Newfoundland, which pay \$90,000 for the premises. Mr. Riggs said "No." Hearing that Presithat Mr. Riggs says that he does not desire a better neighbor.

RUBBER BOOTS. — These boots may be warn temporarily through wet and snow, but they should be removed on enter-BOBERT BONNEE has purchased of Remston, of Lexington, Ky., his famous 3.year-old mare Lady Stont, paying 25,000. In the last fall meeting at Lexington the mare made the fastest time for 3-year-olds on record.

headed during the play. John F. Chamberlin's New Capitolin

A LITTLE boy once brought eggs for the contribution-box. When asked how he came by the offering, he con-fessed to having tied up a neighbor's hen to his bed-post—" and," said he, triumphantly, " them eggs is mine, for she laid 'em in my straw bed." John F. Chamberlin's Washington

An adroit thief who abstracted an os-An adolt they who abstracted an os-tentatiously displayed check for \$1,000 from the gifts at a wedding the other day, only to find that the old man's balance in the bank was \$4.50, thinks there is no chance for honest industry

in this city.-Brooklyn Argus. Tom REID, of the Menasha Press, is Tow RED, of the Menashs Press, is evidently working for a position on the Chicago Times. He says: "The mis-erable, cowardly, white-livered wretch who has sent us an anonymous note, making charges which we know to be false as the gangrened heart from which they emanated, if he will uncover his byons counterpance to us we will spit hyena countenance to us, we will spit upon it for him."

WHEN the Rev. DeWitt Talmage gets through with his theatrical sensa-tion he had better turn his attention to a Nevada Justice lately appealed to to a Nevada Justice lately appealed to to issue a warrant for the arrest of three-card-monte men who had swindled a traveler, and who refused to do so, say-ing that the offense came under the head of "Dispensations of Providence," and that he hadn't jurisdiction.

A MAN called upon a lawyer, the other day, and began to state his case in a rather abrupt manner. "Sir, I have come to you for advice; I'm a husband-in-law." "A what?" spoke out the learned counsel. "Husband-in-law, sir !" "I have never seen that defined in domestic relations." "Don't you know what a husband-in-law is ? Bir, you're no hawer: you're an isroe. less sum, Mr. Corcoran, their associate, less sum, Mr. Corcoran, their associate, afterward bought nearly a square of ground between their residences and Lafayette (or the President's) square, and remodeled upon it the old house occupied by Daniel Webster and Joseph Gales successively. There he still re-sides and the corner of his garden wall is nicht corner of his garden wall

What is life? That is life? . twisted yarn-a tangled skein-. mingled web of joy and painglancing subseam, warm and hanging cloud more dark that beauteous flower of a weetest a murky cave where poison's pen goiden cup with nexter sweet-blackened bowl where The lightest feather that can rise-heavy weight, répressing sighs-A lucid stream with rapid flow-A stagnant pool where dark weeds g a summer breast that cools the air-hurricane that makes earth bare-a gift enjoyed with grateful heart-a load with which we long to part-And such is life!

tiggs said "No." Hearing that Presi-dent Grant also desired to buy the house it was proffered to him with the same refusal. Having exhausted the courtesies of brainess he accepted Chamberlin's offer. It is understood

Our foreign grain market is steadil enlarging. In 1872-3 England and her dependencies took almost all the wheat we had to export. Last year we shipped 15 per cent to other markets. France buying 2,250,000 bushels, Bel-gium, 3,750,000, and the Netherlands upward of 3,000,000. Germany, too, bought six times as much as she did during the preceding season. It is ev-ident that our Western farmers need not contract their wheat acreage yet. not contract their wheat acreage yet, spite of the nearer proximity of the Russian and Hungarian grain regions to the consumers.—Pittsburgh Commercial.

IRELAND is of late years making a very considerable showing in court statistics. The indictable offenses in statistics. The indictable offenses in that country are annually becoming re-duced in numbers to a marked degree. The past year's statistics show 774 less offenses than the year before, and 3,923 less than ten years ago. Strange as it may seem, the number of criminal breackes of the peace in Ireland has been 16 per cent. lower than in the rest of Great Britain for five years. The general condition of the people of Ire-land is also said to be steadily improv-ing.

Coust Jaumer, whe recently died once attacked Marshal Soult with. number of epigrams, and the Marshal, meeting him at a reception of the court of Louis Philippe, turned his back on him just as the Count was coming for-ward to speak to him, and this in the presence of thirty people. "Monsieur le Marechal," said Janbert, quietly, "I have been told that you considered me have been told that you considered me

one of your enemies. I see with pleas-ure that it is not so." "Why not, sir ?" said Soult. "Because," said Jaubert, "you are not in the habit of turning your back to the enemy." The Marshal held out his hand, and the Count's success was complete.