## LINCOLN'S PLUG HAT.

A VERITABLE "JOINT OF STOVEPIPE" WITH ROMANTIC BRIM.

It Served as a Tile Rack and at One Time is startling to those who have not no- lawyer. "In the first place, the courts Liveliest Experience Was When It Served as a Football For Ladies.

There are enough of funny incidents

ness:
"A few of us ladies went over and had been invited in to hear the returns. York. The men rushed on Mr. Lincoln and shook his hands, while some of the women actually bugged him, and-I might as well admit it-I kissed him. "Then some one went into the hall

and took from the rack the old silk hat that he wore, and which was as long as a joint of stovepipe and about as shapely to my mind, and it was thrown up to joined in the fun, and we played football with that hat until it was an indistinguishable mass. We were simply beyond control. What a ridiculous scene it would have been to one looking in without knowing what prompted it!

a Seward weman. While the convention was in session in Chicago we were waiting to hear the news. It had been arranged in case Lincoln received the nomination to fire a cannon. My nearest neighbor was a Mrs. Dubois, with whom I had several friendly spats during the campaign preceding the nomination. I heard the cannon shot, and the next moment I saw Mrs. Dubois running across the street. She had been making a shirt for her husband, who was about the size of the late Judge David Davis, so you may have some idea of the size of the garment she was waving. She rushed into the house and mad, and I sat down and began crying. The good woman put her arms around me, begged my pardon and kissed me, and from that time we were Lincoln women. She took part in the football

As if not content with his 6 feet 4 or 5 inches of gaunt stature, Lincoln had his now historic hat made fully a foot high, with a brim almost as big as a a storekeeper, soldier, surveyor and ble and romantic brim made it alike have been called with propriety a "plug ugly," after the name of the mob in Bultimore that threatened him in his journey to the capital.

During Lincoln's great debate with Douglas the hat fairly loomed into space. The smallness of the latter's stature caused him to be nicknamed "The Little Giant," and when Lincoln stood beside him with his hat on the difference between the two seemed all but immeasurable. Curiously enough, when Mr. Lincoln came to be inaugurated at Washington and took off his hat on the stand preparatory to making his inaugural address Douglas held the high hat so that no careless person might put his foot in it.

Representative Springer, who hails from Lincoln's old home, knew the hat well, and in speaking of it recently said: "Mr. Lincoln's high hat was the most indispensable thing of his whole outfit. In it he carried all his valuable papers. In fact, it was a sort of file rack. Here were all the briefs of his various law cases. Curiously enough, he carried the accounts in his head, and that is why he lost so much money. Had he reversed the process and kept his accounts in his hat and the cases in his head, he would have been better off. His hat served for his satchel on a journey, and all that was needed besides this were his saddlebags and his horse. It was large and capacious, and a great many documents and data could be crowded into it without seriously discommoding the wearer."

But Mr. Lincoln had still a better use for his valuable tile, which seems to have had more virtues than those rehearsed in the nursery tale of "Jack and the Beanstalk." When he was postmaster at New Salem, his hat became a most important part of his office equipment. As soon as the mail was received each day the young postmaster would put the letters in his hat and take a stroll through the village. The villagers knew that he was a peripatetic postoffice, and of course everybody was anxious to know the contents of the hat, which seemed to promise as much to them as a hat in the hands of a sleight of hand performer .- Washington Cor. St. Louis Republic.

Plucky Mrs. Bishop. Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, the distinguished traveler who has started upon another journey, although she is now 60 years old, is at present crossing this country on her way to Vancouver. whence she is to sail for Japan. Whether she goes farther will depend upon her health. She owns a pretty cottage in Scotland, and there she spent last summer and autumn in thoroughly mastering the technique of photography in preparation for her jou ey. She will now be able to illustrate her own books. Woman and Home.

A Decided Disadvantage. Teacher-Now do you see the difference between animal instinct and human reason?

Bright Boy-Yes'm. If we had ined to without learning it, but we've got | they are to see their friends arrive .reason and have to study ourselves mos' blind or be a fool.-Good News.

CONCERNING DREAMS.

They Occupy Only a Few Seconds and Are | He Is Gradually Eccoming More and More Affected by Events.

Doctors assert that dreams occupy a as many hours as seconds.

in the morning enough had been learned we treat them. In connection with such fense in a criminal case. to warrant the belief that the rail split- a question events and individuals can ter had been elected. I think it was scarcely fail to require separate consid- professions, is becoming more and more when we heard the news from New eration. Events that are all important specialized. A law office is simply a to some do not commend themselves in business office, as you may discover that light to others, and this fact leads by visiting some of the handsome new one to express the opinion that, according to the intensity with which outward events occupy our thoughts, will our ners, that would remind you of a bank-

To one woman the exercise of hospitality means the entire surrender of typewriters and other employees. You her mental domain to all the worries, will, however, still find veteran members the ceiling. As it came down some one real or imaginary, consequent upon the of the bar pursuing old time methods in gave it a kick, and then the women preparations for the contemplated en- a cozy, quiet office, sitting at a baize covtertainment. To another, the needful directions once given, there is an immediate return to considerations which outweigh in her opinion the more material ones that held a whilom place in her thoughts. In the one case culinary fail- still do. "It was all the more so, so far as I ures and visions of indifferent service precede or follow that entertainment. In the other no such tortures are involved in the sleeping hours.

There have been startling instances of that of a lawyer engaged in a criminal defense. The examination of one wit- branches since the Revolution. ness after another seemed only to add to the proof of his client's guilt. Wearied impetus to change many useless old leone night with trying to find some point gal methods. The remark of Lerd Colewhich might turn the scale in the prisoner's favor, he fell seleep, and in a were many volumes of English legal de-dream the desired point stood out clear- cisions which it would do no harm to ly. On awakening it was immediately destroy, would answer as the main-worked out, and the verdict of "not spring of this impetus. Legislation is flaunted it in my face. It made me guilty" was found consequent upon that revelation afforded during the hours of

When exercising the imaginative faculties to any great extent, the dreams said: "Progress to the legal profession? will always preserve the ideal charac- Progress is hardly a term to apply to ter of the wakeful hours. The composer law, for it is founded on precedents, will dream of the melodies which pro- sometimes the older the better. For this vide his own lullaby when dropping into slumber, and the artist and the writer enter the land of dreams in comsouthern sombiero. It seemed to have pany with these that the pen or the ods of practice, though I am not much been a combination of all styles then in existence, and in this respect it reflected brush are guided to depict with such a of a code lawyer. I have had to study loving hand. Plots have been furnished hard all my life. The younger lawyers and subjects for the canvas have been appear to do little of that. They steen and subjects for the canvas have been appear to do little of that. his own early experience in having been and subjects for the canvas have been appear to do little of that. They seem suggested over and over again in the to believe, with Aaron Burr, that 'law finally a solicitor. It was a veritable quiet hours of the night, when to all is whatever is boldly advanced and "joint of stovepipe," and its remarka- outward appearances there is nothing plausibly maintained." - Philadelphia but the most peaceful slumber on the Record. serviceable in rain or shine. It might part of the sleeper.-Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

African Disappointments.

a vigorous race of mankind, which, of trained nursing in England has hardwhile resisting assimilation with Euro- ly been realized. It will undoubtedly pean civilization, defies permanent con- receive a stimulant in the plan, of quest. European travelers, traders, mis- which word now comes from there, to sionaries, conquerors, may at their will have nursing lectures at fashionable and at their peril penetrate into this houses to instruct the aristocratic pupils dark sanctuary, but their sojourn is for in the rudiments at least of caring for a day, and on the morrow the faint the sick. These "afternoons" are to traces of their passage are obliterated be illustrated with genuine hospital by the exuberant growths of barbarism. implements, including a patient, and, Grudgingly as it is sometimes conceded, with tea and biscuits handed round, it is nevertly less a fact that the bulk of will take on as well an agreeable social the continent of Africa is still untouched tone. any cohesion among native tribes and in and general "heaviners" in all that even if discovered, ever likely to be en- detriment, which would seem to indicate couraged or fostered. No; Africa is a that even aristocratic nurses are born, continent fated to be conquered and ex. not made. - New York Times. ploited by the heirs of civilization, to whom it may pay tribute, but homage never .- Nineteenth Century.

To Keep One's Youth.

William Kinnear, in a magazine article ed, because in China, when a bank fails, insists that the secret of perennial youth all the clerks and managers have their is to be found in the use of distilled heads chopped off and thrown in a heap water and phosphoric acid. He says along with the books of the firm. And that death, or disease that produces so it has happened in those good old bardeath, is caused by the deposit in the barous times that for the past 500 years human system of calcareous or earthy not a single Chinese bank has suspendmatter, and that the drinking of dis-tilled water, which is itself a great dis-Now that China is coming under the each tumblerful of water will remove such deposits and prolong human life to the very latest limit. In several of the great hotels in New York distilled water is provided at the table and for the use of the guests in their rooms, and the advertisement of this fact attracts many patrons. - Detroit Free Press.

About Gingerbread. The homely luxury, gingerbread, has been popular ever since the fourteenth century. It was then made and sold in Paris. In those days it was prepared with ryemeal made into a dough, and ginger and other spices, with sugar or honey, were kneaded into it. It was introduced into England by the court of Henry IV for their festivals and was soon brought into general use, treacle being after a time employed in the manufacture instead of honey .- Popuar Magazine.

A Chinese Invitation. The Chinese send three invitations to the guests that they desire to see at their great repasts. The first is dispatched two days before the feast. The second on the day itself, in order to remind those they expect of their engagement, and the third just before the hour has stinct, we'd know everything we need- struck, so as to show how impatient 7-Kong Letter.

THE LAWYER OF TODAY.

of a Specialist. "There is as much learning here in few seconds only—at most the space of the legal profession as ever, but it is about three minutes. This statement not on exhibition," said a Philadelphia Was the Postoffice of New Salem-Its ticed for themselves what part time will not countenance its undue display. plays in such a connection. The writer In old times an advocate was allowed has had several opportunities of prov- great latitude. Formerly, in a case of ing its correctness herself, and many damages caused by a neglected sidemight arrive at a similar knowledge by | walk, the attorney would be allowed to reported of Mr. Lincoln's hat to make seking to be awakened a minute or so expound not only the laws relating to it "fabled in song and illumined in after falling into a first sleep. All who damages for neglect, but he might story." For example, it served as a dream will do so immediately on fall- stray off into the realms of medical jufootball on the night of his election to ing into unconsciousness. Another reli risprudence at great length, and even the presidency, when the ladies at the able test is to be found in the sleep that perorate with an allusion to the Magna old homestead testified their glee over follows upon the morning summons for Charta, the constitution and the Amerhis good fortune. The scene would have rising. A few more mements snatched fcan eagle. At present a lawyer must done credit to the great game between for the tempting after doze will not un- confine himself to the real merits of his Yale and Princeton on Manhattan field. frequently mean a dream of a very elab- case. The machinery of our courts has This is the story as told by an eyewit- orate nature-one which implies almost grown too costly to permit such waste of time. It follows that there is less Are dreams affected by the events of oratorical skill displayed than in former helped Mrs. Lincoln prepare a little sup- our wakeful hours? is the question that days, especially at the period when some per for the friends of Mr. Lincoln, who has been asked over and over again, but of our leading lawyers made a specialty the result of observation leads one to be- of criminal defense. Now few lawyers Every half hour or so we would pass lieve in such being the case or not, ac- of eminence, either in Philadelphia or around coffee and cakes. About 1 o'clock cording to the importance with which | the east generally, undertake the de-"Today the practice of law, like other

> office buildings down town. I know of one office where there are several partdreams be in any way affected by them. ing office, and where a bookkeeper and cashier is employed to pay off clerks, ered table amid a wilderness of well thumbed books. They carry a dark green bag filled with briefs when they go to court, precisely as all lawyers did 50 years ago, and as London barristers

"As to young lawyers, however talwas concerned, for originally I had been | will probably haunt the dreams that ented they may be, if without social or political prestige, their struggle to advance in the profession is sure to be a hard one. Practice now is often inherited or transmitted in some other way. the brain's power to solve difficult ques-tions during sleep. A case in point is law firms that have been confined to the members of one family or its collateral

"I may say that there is an evident ridge, when in this country, that there spring of this impetus. Legislation is certainly advancing in this-that merely experimental general laws are passed with greater difficulty than formerly."

Another lawyer, older than the other, reason jurisprudence is the least progressive of the sciences. Still there have been, no doubt, improvements in meth-

Trained Nurses.

expected the patronage of the Princess dress under the heading; Lebensgluck of Wales would give to the occupation (life's happiness), the office of this pa-As a continent Africa is the home of of Wales would give to the occupation

by western civilization. I for one can- A story heard recently accentuates not believe that Africa will ever be the need of all this. It was related of Europeanized or brought within the an English peeress, who, wishing to pale of western progress, for in order master the duties of a trained nurse, that Africa may progress it is absolute- procured admission to a hospital for ly essential that it be developed along such instruction. She proved an utterly natural lines, but as yet the inherent hopeless pupil, and at length it was powers of native genius have neither deemed advisable to ask her to resign. been discovered, nor in the absence of Her martial tread through the wards view of European rapacity are they, she did actually made her presence a

When a Chinese Bank Falls. Bank notes were issued in China as early as the ninth century, when the art of printing was unknown in Europe. A distinguished English scientist, Mr. These notes have generally been redeem-

solvent, and the use also of from 10 to sway of western civilization, we have 15 drops of diluted phosphoric acid in no doubt it will have the same financial publes as its more civilized banking

bran.—Chambers' Journal.

The "Tomb of Cain."

The early traditions concerning the city of Damascus are curious and interesting, even though untrustworthy and contradictory. By some of the ancient writers it was maintained that the city stands on or near the site of the garden of Eden, and just outside there is a beautiful meadow of red earth from which, it is said, God took the material from which he created Adam. This field is called Ager Damascenus, and near its center there formerly stood a pillar which was said to mark the prepillar which was said to mark the pre-cise spct where our first parent was created. A few miles out there is an emi-nence called the Mountain of Abel, sup-part affected. posed by some to be the place where the first two brothers offered their sacrifices, also the spot where the first mur; specialist and

That of all kind fates it would seem the best To rest Round the slender white throat of sweet Marie

She'd lean her cheek tenderly down on me. You'd waste such joy on a poor little mink, -M. D. Hatch in New York Snn.

are not concerned with more reminiscent imagination-here resulting in the than usual he displayed constructive

good exposition implies much constructive imagination. A prerequisite is the forming of true ideas of the mental states of those who are to be taught, and a further prerequisite is the imagining of methods by which, beginning with conceptions they possess, there may be built up in their minds the conceptions they do not possess. Of constructive imagination as displayed in this sphere men at large appear to be almost devoid, as witness the absurd systems of teaching which in past times, and in large measure at present, have stupefied and still stupefy children by presenting abstract ideas before they have any concrete ideas from which they can be drawn. Whether as lecturer or writer, Professor Tyndall carefully avoided this vicious practice .-Herbert Spencer in McClure's Maga-

Next to the man who invented or disfireplace must be employed for the purpose there is no reason why every one or a furnace should not have a smokeless one. I expect to see the time when every householder as well as every mannfacturer will be compelled to consume his own smoke. In the meantime, however, there is the strongest inducement. short of compulsion, for doing so, for perfecting the combustion of the fuel, gives a largely increased heat for a reduced consumption of coal.-London

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fices, also the spot where the first murder was committed. The most interesting spot pointed out, however, is about three leagues from the city, where an old ruin is shown which all the orient believe to be the tomb of Cain. The traditions respecting this famous spot are known to antedate the Christian eraby several hundred years. Up to the time of Vespasian the interior of the tomb is said to have been lighted and warmed by one of the "ever burzing" lamps so commonly used by the ancients.—St. Louis Republic,

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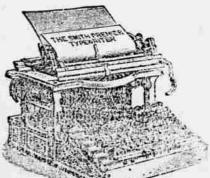
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