THE OLD-FASHIONED GAMES.

The wheel is apparently coming to stay, For lassies as well as for laddies-But sorry we are for it's taking away The old-fashioned games of our daddies

The children have wearied of flying their kites, The shooting of marbles is over:

Gay "leap-frog" will never give any delights And "par" is no longer in clover.

On stilts little fellows won't think they are tall. And tops they will never be spinning, And as for the amateur game of baseball, No more will it give us an inning.

The round iron quoits will no longer b And tag, dear old tag, has been ban-While "duck on the rock" is an art that is And "riding duck," also, has vanished

Forgotten, alas! is old "ball in the hole;" "Hop-scotch" is all out of the fashion; The hoople we never will gracefully roll, And "cat" is no longer a passion.

"Hide and seek" doesn't enter in anyone' For "cricket" nobody is wishing:

"Snap the whip" has departed, and soon No pleasure in going a-fishing. "Copenhagen" in spite of its kissing, i

"Mumblepeg" is not worthy of notice, And bold "stunting master" the little ones shun As much as a hot mustard poultice.

"I spy," "wolf" and "follow your leader have passed, "Hare and hounds" is as flat as the ceiling,

And rowing and sailing are leaving as For nothing is thought of but wheeling. The only old sports that may linger

For when it is cold and there's snow on the ground The wheel is way off in its rating.

Are sledding and snow forts and skat-

The cycle has come and is likely to stay, For lassies as well as for laddies. And sorry we are, for they never will play The old-fashioned games of their dad-

-Chicago Daily Sun.

## MISS NANCY'S EAVESDROPPING.

"Who was that young man with Miss Nancy Armstrong asked the question of her niece, Margery. Her tone was sharp and her eyes had an angry snap in them.

"It was John Markham," answered Margery, quietly enough, as she took off her bonnet, but the tone in which the question had been asked brought an extra color to her cheek and a sparkle of resentment to her eyes.

"I thought so," responded Miss Nancy, in her most irritating way. "Marong, I should be ashamed of yourself."

"What for?" asked Margery. "I'm be ashamed of."

"O, you needn't try to plead inno-Markham fellow, and you know it." "I don't know any such thing," anly. "John Markham is a respectable tonished young man. young man. You don't like him bethe Markhams and the Armstrongs. born, and there's no reason why we you come in?" should keep up the quarrel. If we see fit to like each other I don't know

who's going to prevent our doing so." "I am," answered Miss Nancy, grimly. "You needn't think-and John Markof that family!"

"O, you can do just as you see fit to about your property, of course," said Margery. "I haven't anything to say dles. about that, but if you think anything you can do about it will prevent John and I from liking each other, you're property, but"-with the prettiest litthe voice at the import of the words-"he does want me."

"Margery Armstrong, I'd like to know how far this matter has gone," cried Miss Nancy, in wrathful surprise. "To judge by the way you talk one would suppose it is all settled between you."

"It is," answered Margery, with eyes that never flinched before the angry ones of her aunt. "I promised John to-night, coming home from church, that I'd marry him as soon as he has a

Miss Nancy fairly gasped for breath. "You're a fool," she said, as soon as she could command her voice, "to take up with that fellow when you might marry the squire's nephew!"

"I wouldn't marry the squire's nephew if he was the last man on earth," said Margery. "Look at him alongside John Markham, and I know that down in your heart you can't help owning that he's an insignificant apology for a man. All you can see to admire in him is his money, I'm sure, and if he had a thousand times more than he has I'd have just as much contempt for him as I have now." "You may see the day when you'll

wish you had some of his money," said Miss Nancy. "Wait till you're John Markham's wife and poor as poverty and things'll look different to you. of course be thinks and you think that I'll change my mind when I find out that I can't prevent your marrying him. But you were never more mistaken in your life. Marry that fellow and I'll see

that not a penny of mine goes to you." "Please yourself about that," answered Margery. "We don't want your money. We're both strong and willing to work, and we'll get along. Don't worry about that."

"That sounds well, but you'll sing a different tune by and by," said Miss Nancy. "Just remember what I tell

"All right, I will," replied Margery, and then she went up to her room, not to think about what her aunt had said, but about the things she had talked of with her lover as they walked home from church together.

One day Miss Nancy decided to go .o the city to do some shopping. She was a poor alchemist into a prosperous potalways afraid of being too late for the ter. This first porcelain was manufactrain, and generally arrived at the sta- tured in Dresden in 1706, and was tion at least half an honr before it was due. She did so on this occasion and as the day was a very warm one she sat down on the platform in the shade sat down on the platform in the shade of some large boxes of freight that had been unleaded there thinking it more thinking it more thinking it more thinking it more than the stream of the stream of the was opened in 1653 beer unloaded there, thinking it more arguments

little waiting room

Pretty soon she heard steps on the the other side of the pile of boxes reached her ears. ,

"How is your matrimonial project getting along?" was asked by one of Geography, Climate and Resource the unseen parties. And a voice which Miss Nancy recognized as belonging to the squire's nephew answered: "It seems to hang fire just at pres-

ent. The fact is, the girl's got another fact that her aunt favors my suit, because she thinks I'm going to get Uncle Amos' money, and she'd like to unite the two properties. So I'm rather sweeter on the aunt at present than I am on the girl. If I get the girl at all it must be through the old lady's influence, you see. The girl's a little daisy, but the aunt's-well, she isn't a daisy, you can be sure of that! It's a question able to shake her off after a little. I happen to know that a new railroad's going through this place, and the comshe owns, and this land she intends to give to the girl as a wedding present. Now, just as soon as the road is put through-and it's sure to come-this land will be worth more than all the girl gets a deed of it and I get the girl I can sell it to the railroad company and make a good big sum of money out of it and we'll be independent of the pefore I break the news to her.""

eyes very wide open.

does," she chuckled. "I don't believe you'll ever get the chance you're looking for, my smart young man! I don't suppose I am a daisy-I never thought I was!-but I rather guess I'm a match for you, since I know what to do. I don't believe you'll have to shake me off. I think I'll do a little-or most-of the shaking." .

Just then the train came along, and Miss Nancy got aboard of it without being seen by the young men. That evening, when she came

as luck would have it, she met the squire's nephew at the station. "If you're going home you might walk along with me and help carry some of my bundles," she said, in her very pleasant manner. "I'm just about tired out. I've been seeing to a good deal of business to-day. I've had a deed made out, giving Margery the south forty acres of the farm, and I've been pricing carpets and furniture and finding out how much it's going to cost to set up a young couple in housekeeping. Of course they won't need the things right away, but I thought I'd get some idea of what the expense would be."

"They-who do you mean?" asked the young man in bewilderment. "Why, Margery and Mr. Markham, of Columbia line, but no one can tell course," answered Miss Nancy. "Who | what may be revealed in the future.

else should I mean?" to let your niece marry that fellow!" constitutes Alaska proper, and contains rried the squire's nephew in surprise a total area of 617,703 square miles, of

and consternation. "Why, certainly," replied Miss Nannot aware that I've done anything to cy, as if she had never had any other idea. "He's a nice young man. He's got brains, and when he gets Margery cence," retorted Miss Nancy. "You he'll get money, for the new railroad's ought to be ashamed of going with that | going to make the land I've deeded her

worth a snug little fortune." "I'd like to know how you knew swered Margery, facing her aunt brave- about the new railroad!" cried the as-

"O, I keep posted on such matters," cause there used to be trouble between sald Miss Nancy, looking very wise. "But here we are at my gate. Thank That happened before either of us was you for bringing my bundles. Won't

"No, not to-night," was the gruff reply, and Miss Nancy chuckled as the young man went his way. "I guess I've got about even with

you," she said, nodding her head after ham needn't think-that a cent of my his retreating figure. "I guess he was property'll go into the hands of any one about as much surprised as Margery'll

> Her niece had seen her, and came out to meet her and help her with her bun-

you," said Miss Nancy, anxious to have pass from the Pacific into Behring sea. the matter disposed of. "I've thought quite mistaken. He don't want your it all over, and I don't know but you're right about John Markham. It is fooltle blush imaginable and a softening of | ish to let an old grudge stand in the tains rises almost abruptly from the way of young folks' happiness. I've water's edge, deeply indented with long concluded to let you do as you think arms of the sea. These present a series best, and I've had the south forty deed- of Alpine peaks of the most picturesque ed to you, and when John gets you he'll description, the highest being the Fairget that too, if you see fit to turn it over weather alps, exceeding 15,000 feet, to him. Anyway, it's yours-to do just what you please with."

"Why, Aunt Nancy!" cried Margery, looking at her as if she felt sure she had gone crazy. "I thought you'd never consent to our marriage!"

"Folks change their minds sometimes," said Miss Nancy. "There! there! Don't hug me so or I'll drop this bandbox. I hear a whistle down the road that sounds like John's. You'd better go and tell him the news, and by and by, after I've had a cup of tea, bring him in to see me."-New York Ledger.

Beginning of Porcelain. The art of making porcelain was familiar to the Chinese and Japanese for ages, but it was not made in Europe until the early part of the eighteenth century, when John Bottger, a German from Schlaiz, in Voightland, invented the art, says Harper's Round Table Bottger was apprenticed to a Berlin apothecary, where he fell in with an alchemist, who, in consequence of some service which Bottger had done for him, offered to teach him the art of

making gold. The young apprentice, thinking his fortune was as good as made, promptly ran away from his master into Saxony, in the year 1700. He was pursued, but found protection in that country, where the people who befriended him urged him to give a specimen of his newly found skill.

The poor fellow had, however, been grossly imposed upon, and the secret from which he had hoped so much proved valueless. He still believed in the possibility of making gold, and worked at the matter incessantly.

It so happened that, having mixed a number of different kinds of earth together for the purpose of making durable crucibles, in the course of baking them he accidentally stumbled upon the art of making porcelain, and suddenly found himself transformed from brownish-red in color, having been made chiefly of a brown clay.

platform, and presently voices from THE GOLD FIELDS OF ALASKA AND THE YUKON.

> of the Now Famous Region of the Far North-Great Extent of Ground to Be Prospected.

Special Correspondence.1 string to her bow, and the chances Purchased from Russia in 1867 for would be against me if it wasn't for the \$7,200,000, Alaska was a portion of the United States for 30 years without attracting the attention its resources and wealth merit. Everywhere apathy and ignorance preaviled in regard to this latest territorial acquisition. Suddenly this was changed. In a single day the eyes of the entire world were turned to Klondike, and there they remain fixed. if having her in the family wouldn't be On the 17th of last July the steamer paying a dear price for all her property. Portland sailed into port with \$800,000 but you see there's a chance of being of gold on board, and to the ends of the earth was telegraphed the story of the rich placer diggings discovered. pany will have to buy a piece of land along the Klondike and its tributaries. Then began that rush to the new mines which has filled the news columns of the press with its varied experiences for four months. Ten thousand men rest of the old lady's property. If the joined in it. Some are now, at the mines; others are scattered all along the trails from the coast to the Klondike: still others are at Juneau, Dyea aunt, and when that happens, if it ever and Skaguay, awaiting a more favordoes, I'll tell her to look out for her able time for the journey, while not a affairs and I'll look out for mine. I'm few have returned to civilization, satlooking out now that she don't find out | isfied with their experience or to make about the new rallroad scheme. I want a fresh start under better circumto make sure of the girl and the land stances. Great and exciting as was this first rush, it was but the advance Miss Nancy listened with ears and ripple of the great wave of gold hunters that will roll in upon the Alaskan "Yes, when it happens, if it ever coast the coming spring. Probably not less than 50,000 men will start for the Yukon next year, and possibly four times this number may go. For this reason a clear and succinct description of Alaska and its resources, with a brief review of its routes of travel must he of interest even to those who have no intention of seeking the northern

wilderness. In the first place, it must be understood that the Yukon river flows partly through Canada and partly through the United States, and that the Klondike region is on the Canadian side of the boundary line, though good placers, possibly as good as those of the Klondike, exist on the American side of the line. Beginning at the Arctic ocean, the undary line runs due south along the 141st meridian as far as Mt. St. Elias. 10 marine leagues from the Pacific, whence it follows the coast line, preserving a distance of 10 marine leagues from it, in a southeasterly direction to the latitude of 54 degrees and 40 minutes which becomes the southern limit. All east of that line belongs to Canada, part being in the Northwest Territory and part in the province of British Columbia, the dividing line run ning east and west across both lakes Bennett and Teslin. The present gold discoveries are all north of the British

That portion west of the boundary "You don't mean to say you're going | line and belonging to the United States new places on the Yukon. They are Sitka, the capital, Juneau, Wrangel, New Metlakahtla, Kodiak and Dutch Harbor. Sitka is on Baranoff island, off the southeast coast, and has a population of about 500. Juneau is on the mainland, about 100 miles further north. It is the chief commercial city and during the winter season its population exceeds 3,000. New Metlakahtla is a mission and trading point near the southern extremity, and Wrangel is a of Stickeen river. Kodiak is on the river steamers. island of the same name south of the Alaskan peninsula, and is the seat of Harbor is on the island of Unalaska, one

Alaska is a region of mountains, there being no great valleys nor plains. Along the coast a high range of moun-St. Elias and Logan exceeding 18,000 feet, and Wrangel, further to the northwest, said to be still higher. Down the canyons of these coast mountains ice. Beyond this coast range the mounstretches of rolling table land, in sum-

mer time brilliant with a carpet of grass, mosses and flowers. The coast mountains divide the climate of Alaska into two distinct classes. A branch of the warm Japan current skirts the coast, its influence modifying the climate of the islands and adjacent mainland. The average temperature for July at Sitka is but 55 degrees, while the mean winter tem perature is as high as 32 degrees. This is the most equable climate in the United States. The same causes produce copious rains or continuous drizzles, there being but an average of 66 clear days in a year. Across the summit of the coast range conditions are very different. The rains are cut off the high mountains, and the warm ocean air is not felt. From November to April the mean temperature remains continuously below the freezing point, often remaining for weeks at a time below zero and occasionally going as low as 60 or 70 degrees below zero It snows about one-third of the time in winter, but the snow does not become

excessively deep, though frequently the storms are very severe. The mean temperature of the interior during the summer months is 60 to 70 degrees, there being many very warm days. The Yukon region, being so far north, has the long summer days, and long winter nights of that latitude, though, being south of the Arctic cir cle, it just misses the continuous day and continuous night of the Arctic

summer and winter. Aside from gold, the chief resources of Alaska are timber, fish and fur-bearing animals, including the famous fur scals which are giving the United that more than 100 of those busy little States, Great Britain, Russia and Ja- creatures were found in the tomb of

comfortable there than in the stuffy THE NEW ELDORADO islands and mainland, and millions are annually packed for market. Halibut and cod, herring and smelt, or colachon, abound and have become of great commercial importance. The seal and sea otter in the water, and the fox, bear, lynx, otter, beaver, etc., on land, contribute thousands of their skins annually to the world's fur supply. The fur trade is bandled by the Alaska Commercial Company and the Northwest Trading and Transportation Company, both of which have headquarters on St. Michaels island, near the mouth

> of the Yukon, while the Hudson's Bay Company operates on the Canadian side of the line. Coal and coal oil have both been discovered and may be of future value. The timber of the coast and islands grows very large, owing to the humid atmosphere. It is chiefly cedar, spruce and hemlock. It has been little used thus far, though several small mills have cut it for local purposes. The timber of the interior is much smaller, and is found only along the lakes and water courses. It is chiefly spruce, alder, cottonwood and willow. Several small mills have been taken in for cutting this timber. Agriculture is as yet an experiment, but little having been attempted. Conditions on the islands are favorable for grass and such vegetables and cereals as mature quickly. Even along the Yukon region

what can be done in agriculture and stock raising. The great interest in Alaska at the present time centers in the Yukon placers on both sides of the boundary line. Prospecting on the Yukon began in 1881. In the fall of 1883 the first gold was brought to Juneau from the interior. The next year 300 men crossed the mountains and the number of miners steadily increased each year. The first work was on Stewart river and then Big Salmon, both in Canada. In 1886 the Forty-Mile creek placers, also in Canada, were discovered, and the next year the famous Franklin gulch, on the same stream. In 1892 the Miller creek diggings were found, also a tributary of Forty-Mile, and on the Canadian side of the line. . The next year there was a large influx of miners, fully 300 working in the Forty-Mile district.

In 1893 the first important discoveries on the American side of the line were made on Birch creek, and the town of Circle City, now having 500 log houses, was started on the Yukon as a supply point. The next year over \$400,000 were taken out along Birch creek and Forty-Mile. In 1895 Eagle and Porcupine creeks began to produce in the Birch creek district. The total output of that year exceeded \$700,000. In August, 1896, it was reported at Forty-Mile and Circle City that wonderfully rich placers had been discovered on the Klondike, a small tributary of the Yukon entering that river about 50 miles southeast of the international boundary and on Canadian territory. There was a great rush to the new diggings, the older ones being nearly deserted. In a few days \$1,000 were taken out on Bonanza creek, a tributary of the Klondike. By January 1, 1897, 400 claims had been located on Bonanza and Eldorado creeks, and 200 on Hunker creek, and later many others on Bear. Gold Bottom and Too-Much-Gold creeks and their tributaries. Fully \$1.400 .-000 were taken from the Yukon placers

in 1896. It was not so much the amount of gold brought out by the first steamer to islands along the coast. It is only on | that this was the result of but a little these islands and a narrow strip of the | work in a few claims only, and that adjacent mainland that settlements there would have been many times as have been made and industries de- much had the hundreds of other claims veloped, except the gradual development | been worked in time to send the gold of gold placers along the Yukon, ending out, which caused the excitement. The with the recent startling discoveries. | method of working these mines is to The towns of Alaska consist of but half sink a shaft into the frozen ground in a dozen of any prominence, besides the winter, taking out the rich gravel near bed-rock and piling it up to be washed out when the water runs in summer time. For this reason the gold washed out last summer could not be sent away, and will not be brought down until next July, when it is expected that several millions of dollars will come out as the result of the first year's work along the Klondike. The commercial point for the Klondike district is the new town of Dawson City, situated on the Yukon just below the

trading point on the coast at the mouth | mouth of the Klondike and reached by The Yukon gold fields extend for a thousand miles along the stream, with the salmon packing industry. Dutch a width of 500 miles. In this vast area there are hundreds of streams and "Margery, I've got something to tell of the Aleutian group, where vessels gulches, offering ample room for the thousands of gold seekers to prospect for new diggings. The new discoveries reported this year are on Dominion creek and on the tributaries of the Stewart river, on the Canadian side, and on Munnook creek and its tributaries on the Alaska side, near the mouth of the latter the new town of Rampart City

having sprung up. Not all of the thousands who go to Alaska next year will seek fortune on the Yukon. Some will go further north to the streams flowing into Kotzbue sound, where discoveries are reportmany tremendous living glaciers flow ed. Others, will go to Copper river. steadily to the ocean, filling the bays flowing south into Prince William and inlets with great masses of floating | sound and heading in the same region as the Munnook and Birch creeks, and tains are lower, but almost continuous still others will prospect along the 13th century. Of the 538 temporal as far north as the Arctic, and as far streams falling into Cook's inlet, where peers, 350 have been created during the east as the great plains of Mackenzie rich placers have been worked for sevriver region. Yet there are many fine eral years. The region where prospectmountain valleys, with occasional ing will be done is as large as the entire Pacific coast west of the Rocky mountains, and should many new discoveries be made a population of half a million people may be expected in a few years

NEWS IN BRIEF. ness in the home. A Farmington, Me., man 92 years old took a friend 84 years old out rid-

ing the other day behind a horse 34 It is said that were it not for our atmosphere, the oceans would become boiling hot from the rays of the sun in

the course of a year's time. In a railway collision in North Carolina, a four-year-old child at an open car window was thrown out of the window by the shock and escaped injury. Experiments have proved that if fish get beyond a certain denth in the sea they die from the pressure of the water, which they are unable to sup-

Ten judges of the English suprem court continue on the beach, though they have passed the period at which they are by law entitled to retire on a In a total population of a little over 8,000,000, Switzerland now has over

port.

1,000,000 depositors in savings banks, with an average for each family of \$275 in cash deposits. A whale recently captured in Arctic which you waters was found to have imbedded in short time, that terrible flow stopped.

nearly half a century. The emblem of the French empire was a golden bee, chosen for the reason

NEVER AWAKE. Some people will never wake up till the last horn blows, and then they'll ask if that's the horn for dinner. Delays are dangerous and ruinous. Thousands can say if they hadn't put off an opportunity, they would have been rich and happy. Some know they have rheumatistied by it, and all the while i crippled by it, and all the while in pain, thinking it will pass off. But St. Jacobs Oil never delays, and is always wide awake. It goes straight to its work of cure in a bus-iness way, and cures, rheumatism in any id at its worst stage. It's a live

Mid-Channel Mines a Failure The recent experiments made by special commission to ascertain whether the mines laid in the Dardanelles are capable of preventing the passage of ships have proved the utter uselessness of the present mines, and at the same time the extreme difficulty of laying down mines at all on account of the strong current. A BIG REGULAR ARMY.

The mightiest host of this sort is the army of invalids whose bowels, liyers and stomachs have been regulated by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. A regular habit of body is brought about through using the Bitters, not by violently agitting and griping the intestines, but b reinforcing their energy and causing a flow of the hile into its proper channel. Malaria, la grippe, dyspepsia, and a tendency to inactivity of the kidneys, are conquered by the Bitters.

Proposed Floating Tunnel. In connection with the railway comsummer vegetables may be grown and nunication between Scotland and Irepossibly wheat. A few years will show by means of anchors.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark. I. Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, Writes the Indiana Farmer as follows: was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile-signature of CHAS, H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years, Look Carefully at the wrapper and see that it is listy their curiosity in that direction, the kind you have always bought, and has the that the opportunity for doing so can signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on 'the be abundantly satisfied in Owen Counwrapper. No one has authority from me to use ty at this time. From the foundation my name except The Centaur Company of which of the world, so far as I know, Owen Chas. H. Fletcher is President. March 8, 1897. SAMUHI, PITCHER, M.D.

A False Prophet. lately announced positively the end of can be seen busily devouring their diet the world in 1900, has been seriously of stone. impaired by the fact that a fortnight ago it was discovered that he had since stone these great gormandizers can depaid a high premium to secure the vour in a given time; the question is ease of business premises for 15 years. how can the stone be fed to them fast

Bread can now be cut and buttered tites. On any week day, near my by machinery. The machine has been home, one of these stone crushers can invented for use in prisons, work- be seen, sitting at the base of a limehouses and reformatories. A cylin stone cliff, with fifteen or twenty men drical shaped brush lays a thin layer busily engaged; some drilling and some of butter on the bread as it comes from with heavy stone hammers breaking

Berlin, Germany, is to have an underground electric railway to connect the northern and southern sections of the city. Trains will run on a headway of three minutes and carry 160 pieces, the regulation size of which passengers at a speed of from 20 to 35 kilometers per hour.

A New Hampshire quarry is turning out a scapstone boot drier. It is in- which wagons are driven to be loaded. tended especially for rubber boots. A trap door is opened and the wagon is The stone is to be heated and then almost instantly filled. A yard square dropped into the boot, to be left there of this stone fills a wagon bed made for till the latter is dry.

Giraffes are from 15 to 16 the ground to the tip of their horns. is used as a top dressing over the Juggler and Fencing-Master during the

If you look at the man you will find under the care of district supervisors. that the mountain chains of the Old but when completed they pass under World lie east and west, while those of the management of the Board of Counthe New World lie north and south.

Ballston Spa, N. Y., says he has voted construction about a hundred miles of for 18 presidential candidates, not one stone on macadam roads, at an average of whom was elected.

FREE TO OUR READERS.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that the great discovery, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, has been so universally successful in quickly curing all forms Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. some asylum. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is the dis- Women are not lacking among the thing, but will be found just what is with a baby in her arms, which she tism, pain or dull ache in the back, too that contact with the President will frequent desire to pass water, scanty bring success to the child.

cents and one dollar.

English Peers.

Of the entire number of English peerages, only five go back as far as the present century, 126 during the last century, and only 62 trace their titles beyond the year 1700.

A HEALTHY WIFE

Is a Husband's Inspiration. A sickly, half-dead-and-alive woman, especially when she is the mother of a family, is a damper to all joyous-

If a woman finds that her energies are flagging and that everything tires her, her sleep is disturbed by horrible dreams, and that she often wakes suddenly in the night with a feeling of suffocation and alarm, she must at once regain her strength.

The following from MRS. F. S. BEN-NETT, Westphalia, .Kans., shows the power of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and a letter of advice: "Dear Mrs. Pinkham:-I have suffered for over two years with falling, enlargement and ulceration of the

womb, and this spring, being in such a weakened condition, caused me to flow for nearly six months Some time ago, urged by friends, wrote to you for advice. the treatment

After using advised for a its side a harpoon belonging to a whal- I am now gaining strength and flesh ing vessel that had been out of service and have better health than I have had for the past ten years."

GURES WHERE ALL FLSE FAILS.
Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use
in time. Bold by druggista.

Public Roads Neglected. The country road has been much neglected. When we began to build railroads in this country, State and county taxes were levied that tonuses might be given to railroad prospectors. Cities made large appropriations, and, not content with this, -ent heavily into debt to aid in rallroad construction. Congress subsidized most of our large railroad systems by large grants of public lands. Canals have been similarly encouraged by city, county, State and nation. It is customary to subsidize almost every new steamboat line. Yet nothing of the sort has been done for the common public road. It has been the stepchild of a great nation. Equally important in its way with the railroad, it has been left to shift for itself, while the steel highway which spans the country from ocean to ocean

has grown fat. . It is this injustice to the common land it is proposed to send trains road that the League of American through a tunnel which shall float at a Wheelmen is trying to renedy, and in depth of 60 feet below the surface, and this effort it looks for assistance from which shall be kept steadily in its place those who are most directly interested in the subject-the farmers of the United States .- Otto Lorner.

Road Building in Indiana. An Owen County correspondent "In a recent number you say, "If you ever get a chance to see a stone crusher at work, chewing up its favorite diet. don't miss the opportunity." I want to say to you and to all who wish to sat-County has abounded in inexhaustible limestone cliffs, and now in several of our townships these huge monsters of The reputation of a certain well- iron, with jaws of steel, with insatiate known "prophet" in London, who but greed and appetites never appeased,

"It is not a question of how much enough to satisfy their voracious appelarge rocks into pieces small enough to be loaded into wheel barrows, and gangs of men wheeling the broken stone and dumping it into the jaws of these machines, which mince it into must be small enough to go into a man's mouth or pass brough a two-inch ring. And this crushed stone is carried by elevators into an elevated bin, under the purpose and weighs about a ton. The finer stone, or screenings, as it is called, is carried into a separate bin and coarser stone on the road. The roads that are being improved have all been ty Commissioners, to be kept in repair by them. Owen County has at this Benjamin Bissell, who lives near time under contract and in process of cost of about \$1,400 per mile. Thus you see we are creating a large debt and imposing on ourselves a heavy burden

of taxation." Cranks at the White House. The White House is beset with the of kidney and bladder troubles, that usual number of cranks, says the St. those who wish to Prove for themselves Louis Republic. These gentry come its wonderful merit may have a sample from every part of the civilized-world bottle and a book of valuable informa. and for every conceivable purpose. tion both sent absolutely free by mail. Some of them are mild and some wildly Nothing could be fairer or more gener. insane. The harmless ones are sent ous than this liberal offer, and we ad- on their way, while those who are realvise our readers to write, mentioning ly insane are placed in the hands of this paper, and send their address to the authorities and eventually go to

covery of a great physician, and as poor creatures who come to see the such is not recommended for every. President, and occasionally one appears needed in cases of kidney and bladder wishes to lay in the President's bed for disorders - or troubles arising from good luck or which she wishes him to weak kidneys, such as gravel, rheuma- touch or kiss, or to look at, believing

supply, smarting or burning in passing The most persistent crank that has Swamp-Root stands the highest called recently at the executive manfor its wonderful cures. The regular sion is a man named Jackson from sizes are sold by druggists, price 50 Newark, N. J. He is a good-looking fellow, well dressed and with good manners, who labors under the delusion that he is the chosen agent of God to warn people of approaching disaster. He came all the way from 7 home in New Jersey to advise with the President and to predict that the death of some high official, possibly the President himself, would occur in the next few days; to announce that the world will come to an end in November, 1899. and to offer his services to unveil the mysteries of the future. He talked fluently of his hobbies, but was so evidently out of his mind on this subject that he was placed in the hands of the police, who will send him back to his

> About 40,000,000 pounds of peanuts are produced in the United States very year, but this enormous quantity is small when compared with the annual product of the world, which is estimated at 600,000,000 pounds. In 1892 exportations from Africa and India to Europe were nearly 400,000,000 pounds, the city of Marseilles alone taking 22,000,000 pounds, most of which was converted into olive (?) oil and shipped as such to the United States and other countries. The market is, in fact, unlimited and no other section surpasses the Carolinas and Virginia in their bountiful growth of peanuts of the very best quality.

Salt has just been put in the allowance of food which the British Government gives its sailors, though other condiments were allowed in the rations. When "salt horse" was the main staple of diet there was no need for it, but although this was changed on men-ofwar long ago, the admiralty has only recently discovered that the men have had no salt. They have been obliged to buy it out of their wages for years.

An ounce of prevention is not worth a pound of cure in the pork-packing

It's a poor Bostonian that doesn't



The South Polar Expedition The commercial and scientific expedi tion to the South Pole, under Herr Borchgrevinck, will start from England next July. Inquiries are now being made for a suitable ship in Scotland and Norway. The object will be to reach Cape Adairi and proceed to the you would ask us to make if South Pole on Snowshoes. The party will include several scientific men Herr Borchgrdevinck will go to Norway at Christmas, and, with some Norwegian friends, practice snow-shoe running.

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