Green-Turkish War and the Cuban Insurrection-The Great Strike in the Coal Fields-Political Changes of Twelve Months.

A Chronological Table. The year 1897 has been, it might be said almost a commonplace one, since its commencement, that is, no events of overwhelming moment have taken place, but there has been no dearth of important occurrences. The war between Turkey and Greece, the struggle for freedom in Cuba, the costly and long-drawn-out strike in the Ohlo and Pennsylvania coal fields, the change of national administration, the enactment of the Dingley tariff law, the disastrous spring floods in the Mississippi valley and autumn fires in the West and Northwest, and the epidemic of yellow fever in the Southern States are clearly not matters of small importance in the history of the world. The year has been an unusual one from the fact that but few men of really great reputation have passed from the stage of their earthly labors; their number can be computed upon the fingers of the two hands. The most important events of the year are recorded below in the order of, their

occurrence: JANUARY.

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1—Thirteen miners perish at Pachuca.
Mexico...Extremely high temperature and
heavy rains in Northwest...Pingree isaugurated Governor of Michigan.
2—W. A. Hammond, wrecker of Illinois
National Bank, commits suicide...Fatal
storm in Southwest...Nashville, Tenn., has
\$400,000 fire...West and Northwest delineed by rains.

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3—Snow and frost succeed rain.

4—Furious bilizzard in the West....Gov. Scofield inaugurated at Madison, Wis....

Three St. Paul banks fail.

5—Gov. Altgeld pardons 19 criminals....St. Stanislaus parsonage at Bay City, Mich., sacked by warring church factions.....Four children die by fire near Westfield, Wis.; three near Babcock, Wis.

6—Hilfinols Legislature meets....Seven Ur-

three near Babcock, Wis.
6—Illinois Legislature meets.... Seven Ursuline nuns perish by fire at Convent of Our Lady of Lake St. Johns, Roberval, Quebec...
11—Tanner inaugurated Governor of Illinois with much pomp and ceremony....
Mount inaugurated Governor of Indiana with very simple style... House kills, l'acific funding bill.... American-British arbitration treaty signed.

12—Five children drown, skating, at St. Louis... Four die in powder explosion at Shamokhu, Pa. Shamokin, Pa.
13-Five killed in a Pottsville, Pa., coal

shaft.

14—News of capture of Santa Clara by Cuban insurgents...Bombay, India, a city of death and terror because of ravages of bubonic plague (black death) and famine; thousands dying, and city being depopulated; dead lie unburied, and vultures hover over the town and country; sky ablaze by night with funeral byres; Europe greatly alarmed.

19—Wm. E. Mason chosen Senator from Illinois...Three negroes lynched in Louisiana.

21-Nine sallors drown on Long Assault 22-Mercury falls 30 degrees to zero at Chicago...Death of Sir Isaac Pitman at Nine sallors drown off Long Island.

24-Widespread cold wave; Chicago tem-perature 17 below zero...\$500,000 fire loss

24—Widespread cold wave: Chicago temperature 17 below zero...\$500,000 fire loss at Northwestern stove repair works and C. J. Barnes' residence in Chicago.
25—Twenty below zero at Chicago.
26—Fourteen below zero at Chicago; 700 poor families aided; relief measures adopted over entire city...\$2,500,000 fire at Philadelphia...\$350,000 fire at Chicago.
27—Continued cold weather in Northwest.
28—Lyman J. Gage of Chicago accepts treasury portfolio. 31—Family of seven die by fire in Hobo-ken, N. J.... Cruiser Broeklyn on the rocks. FEBRUARY.

2—Pennsylvania State capitol burned; loss 1,500,000.... Venezuelan treaty signed. 8—Admiral Bunce's squadron in a storm off lampton Roads; three seamen swept away, everal injured...\$200,000 rallroad shop re at Princeon, Ind.

13-Ald. O'Mailey acquitted of murder at Chicago....Death of J. Randolph Tucker at Lexington, Va., and Gen. J. O. Shelby at Adrian, Mo.; both noted Confederates. Adrian, Mo.: both noted Confederates.

14—Greeks bombard Canea, island of Crete, under Turkish rule.

15—Appeal of Jos. R. Dunlop, convicted of Disastrous fire at Medora, Ill.

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or wife murder; Peter Schmidt and ter hanged at Clayton, Mo.... ptu.e Turkish fort at Crete. pture Turkish fort at Crete.

17— Wers of, Europe protest against action of Treece.

18—Two thousand Moslems slain in Crete by Greeks... Big shortage of State officials discovered in Nebraska.

21—Canea bombarded by the powers...

Baby girl at the Harrisons.

22—General observation of Washington of a theater roof in Cincinnati.

22—General observation of Washington's birthday...Fioods in Ohio Valley.
25—Powers decide Greece must evacuate

MARCH. -McKinley inaugurated ... Six killed at Boston by gas explosion.

5-Extensive floods in Mississippi Valley.

and in Ohlo, Kentucky and Indians... defies the powers. zaire off Carolina, 65 lives and Tremendous rainfall in central States.

Ind.

12 Blizzard sweeps the Northwest \$400,000 wholesale grocery fire at Chicago.

15 \$1,500,000 fipe at St. Louis. . . Floods in
Mississippi Valley make thousands of ne-

APRIL.

6-Carter H. Harrison elected Mayor of Chleago by 75,000 plurality... Alarming floods in Mississippi Vailey.

S-\$1,000,000 fire at Knoxville, Tenn; 17

people killed.

9 Snow storm in Central States.

10 Daniei W. Voorhees, former U. S. Senator from Indiana, dies at Washington.

15 Riots in Indianapolis over 3-cent carfage...\$500,000 fire at New Orleans.

17 War between Turkey and Greece.

20—Desperate fighting in the Levant....
First execution by a stricity in Ohio,
23—Osman bumes command of
props, which have met severe re-

reraes.

24—Turks caption: Large & Vest floods in Missouri and Mississippi Vallers.

26—Hundreds of families at Ottum a lowa, and Quiney, Hi., homeless by floods.

27—Dedication of Grant's tomb at New York. \$2,000,000 fire at New printers, Va. 28—Greeks at Athens riotous because of arms reverses. Flood at South Guthrie, O. T., kills over 70.

20—Rall heads new cabinet of Greece. L'Vast floods

Ralli heads new cabinet of Greece. Wild gale with loss of life and vessels on Lake Michigan, 30-Greeks win a big battle....Seven ne-

groes lynched by a mob of negroes in Texas. MAY.

1-Snow at Chicago. 2-\$4,000,000 fire at Pittsburg, Pa. 4-One hundred die by fire in a Parisian

4—One hundred die by hre in a ransiau bazar.

7—Brutal murder of the Harris family, near Waukesha, Wis. by Wm. Pouch.

9—Sixteen die by fire on Mallory Line steamship Leona, off Sandy Hook... Greece asks intervention of powers.

14—Snow at Chicago.

18—Czar intervenes to stop war in the Levant.

31—Severe earthquire shock the Cincinnati and southeast... Five of picnic party killed on Long Island.

JUNE.

JUNE. 2-Spanish cabinet resigns.
3-Two of a most of lynchest killed at Urbana, Ohlo, and nine wounded, by militia under command of Sheriff McLasi.
7-Six killed in a wretk near 12 Mison. Wis.
9-\$200,000 fire at Carilaville, Ill. Death

of Alvan Ciark, famous lens-maker, at Can bridge, Mass. 11-Wife murderer French hanged at ayor Richards killed at Bunker Hill, Editor Hedler

12—Mayor Richards killed at Bunker Hill, lli, by Editor Hedley. 13—Attempt to kill President Faure by a aris bomb-thrower. 14—Suleide of Barney Barnato at sea. 15—Temperature of 98 in Chicago; 40 pros-

16-Temperature of 95 in Chicago; 40 prostrations.

16-17—Northwest suffers from awful heat.

18—Storm kills four children at Lincoln, lil...—Cyclones in many Western localities.

21—Wetis as willing veleration commences at London.

24—Cyclone in Cansas kills three; hall bombards Tapeka.

25—Lynching at Crystal Springs, Miss...

Race war at Key West over attempted lynching... Cornell defeats Vale and Harvard in college boat race... Four legal executions boat race....Four ligal executions Joseph, Mo., Fayetteville, W. Va., Ga., and Fouston, Texas. ing cars with his team at Daggett, Mich., Mo.

Three killed in wreck of a Christian avor train at West Chicago; 15 hurt....
men drowned at Chicago while bathing

to get relief from terrific heat ... Northwest 30-All districts report many fatalities

TULY. 1-Continuance of fearful heat Close of Victorian Jubilee.

2—One dead and 16 prostrated by heat at Chicago, in a temperature of 95 degrees.... Cornell Boat Club defeats Columbia and

Pennsylvania.

3-Awful heat in Chicago kills six and prostrates 40; 13 die at Chicannati... Snowstorm in Colorado... Deluge at Duluth does \$1,000,000 damago.

4-Heat and fatalities continue east of Misterial Colorado... 4—Heat and fatalities continue east of Mis-sissippi Valley; thunderstorm at midnight relieves Chicago, after eight have died. 5—Twenty die at Chicago from previous exhaustion by heat, though temperature did not exceed 78 degrees... Celebration claims five deaths there, and scores of injured vic-tims..., H. B. Stone of Chicago killed at Nonquitt Mass.

tims..., H. B. Stone of Chicago killed at Nonquirt, Mass.
6—Ten killed by cyclone at Lowry, Minn....Nine killed by boller explosion at Hartsville, Tenn...Coal miners' strike becomes general in the East.
7—Continuance of extreme heat and consequent fatalities—Senate passes tariff bill....Six killed at Bay City, Mich., by street car plunging into an open draw.
8—Chicago and Alton freight house burns at Chicago; loss \$250,000....Heat and death roll increases...Death of Senator Harris of, Tenuessee.
10—Drop of 35 degrees in temperature at Chicago; change general.

Chicago; change general.

12—Death of Millionaire Columbus R. Cumlings of Chicago.

15—Negro lynched for assault and murder t West Point, Tenn....lllinois and Indiana

journs....Cloudburst at Boston. 30-Seven killed by cyclone at San Jose,

AUGUST. * 6-Elevator fire at Chicago kills four fire nen, burts 20 more, and does \$500,000 damage.

8—Assassination of Premier Canovas of Spain.

15—Orleanist Prince Henri seriously wounded by Italian Count of Turin in a duel

at Paris.

16—Great boom in wheat....Cold wave at 16—Great boom in wheat,...Cold wave at Chicago.
17—Snowstorm in South Dakota...Wheat touches 98c at Chicago.
19—Unknown man killed by farmers near Chicago, for assault...Four killed by glucose factory explosion at Davenport, lowa.
21—Wheat reaches the dollar price in several cities and correless west avoltanear. cities and occasions great excitement -Three hundred Sepoys massacred by

23-11ree hundred Sepoys massacred by fridis in India.
26-President of Uruguny assassinated.
29-News of a great tidal wave in Japan.
30-Steamer Portland arrives at Seattle with Alaskan treasure.
31-Yellow fever breaks out at Ocean fortings Miss. Springs, Miss.

SEPTEMBER. 2—Crops reported greatly damaged by long continued drought.

7—Railroad collision near Emporia, Kan.; several killed... Lake St. Clair yacht capsized, drowning six.

9—Terrible head-end collision near Newcastle, Colo., kills 30 people and mangles many others. many others.

10—Twenty-two striking coal miners near
Latimer, Pa., shot dead by deputy sheriffs;
many others wounded.

11—Miners' convention at Columbus setties the great coal strike.

13—Tidal wave along the Texas coast took
many lives and did great damage to property. many others.

erly.

15—Five alleged burglars taken from jall by a mob at Versallies, Ind., and lynched.

16—Anarchist assaults President Diaz of Mexico; death of the assaulter at the hands of a mob. 20-Outbreak of yellow fever in New Or-21-President Ratchford of the United Mine workers declares the coal strike ended.

26-Nine men killed in a bloody riot at
Girardville, Pa...Mrs. John Becker and ve children slaughtered near Carroll, Iowa. ... Rallway hold-up at Moorhead, Minn. 29-\$1,000,000 fire in Washington, D. C. . . . Fail of Azearraga ministry in Spain. 30—Resignation of the Ralli ministry in

OCTOBER.

1-Five bandits held up a train in Indian Territory... Thirty persons hurt in railway accident at Medford, Mass.

3-Death of Gen. Neal Dow.

4-Sagasta ministry assumes control in 4-Sagasta ministry assumes control in Spain...Austin, Pa., almost entirely de-stroyed by fire.

5-Connecticut votes an educational test for voters.
6-Alton train held up near Kansas City.
Mo..., Thousands of lives lost and much property destroyed by a typhoon in the Philippine Islands... \$117,000 fire at Chicago for voters.

jall.

8 Gen. Weyler recalled from Cuba...
NoPherson of No. Death of ex-Senator McPherson

16-Steamer Triton sunk in Caribbean Sea In-Steamer Triton sunk in Caribbean Sea and 150 lives lost. 17-Windsor, N. S., fire-swept and 3,000 people left homeless....Death of Chas. A. Dana of the New York Sun. 19-Death of Geo. M. Pullman of Chicago. 21-Jury in Luetgert murder case in Chi-

cago disagreed.

24—Twenty lives lost in New York Central accident at Garrisons, N. Y....Bank wrecked at Blairsburg, Iowa. 27—Wabash Railroad offices in St. Louis 29-Henry George, single-tax advocate, died of apoplexy at New York. NOVEMBER.

12 -Bilzzard sweeps the Northwest-\$400.

600 wholesale grocery fire at Chicago.
15-\$1,500,000 fipe at St. Louis... Floods in Mississippi Valley make thousands of negroes homeless.

17-Fitssimmons whips Corbett at Carson City. Nev... 78 lives lost by foundering of French steamer off Carolina.
21-Powers blockade Cretan ports to Greek slips.
22-Cyclone kills eight and injures 23 school children at Ariington, Ga.; family of five killed in Henry County, Ala.
22-Heavy fall of slushy snow in Northwest.
30-Forty-five killed by a cyclone at Chandier, O. T.
31-House passes Dingley tariff bill...
Powers bombard Cretans.

APRIL.

NOVEMBER.

1-Sale of the Union Pacific Railroad.
2-Thirteen firemen injured by a gasoline explosion at a fire in Philadelphia.. Election day: New York elected Van Wyck (Tammany) Mayor: Ohio, Pennsylvania, lowa and Massachusetts went Republican; Maryland, Nebraska, New York, Kentucky and Virginia Democratic: Colorado was carried by Silver men, and in South Dakota Republicans and Democratic: Colorado was carried by Silver men, and in South Dakota Republicans and Democratic: Colorado was carried by Silver men, and in South Dakota Republicans and Democratic: Colorado was carried by Silver men, and in South Dakota Republicans and Democratic: Colorado was carried by Silver men, and in South Dakota Republicans and Democratic: Colorado was carried by Silver men, and in South Dakota Republicans and Democratic: Colorado was carried by Silver men, and in South Dakota Republicans and Democratic: Colorado was carried by Silver men, and in South Dakota Republicans and Democratic: Colorado was carried by Silver men, and in South Dakota Republicans and Democratics Colorado was carried by Silver men, and in South Dakota Republicans and Democratics Colorado was carried by Silver men, and in South Dakota Republicans and Democratic Colorado was carried by Silver men, and in South Dakota Republicans and Democratics Colorado was carried by Silver men, and in South Dakota Republicans and Democratics Colorado was carried

11—Yellow fever quarantine declared off in New Orleans....Thieves steal \$14,000 in money and jewelry from a Silver Creek, N. , bank. 12—\$50,000 fire at Fostoria, Oblo. 13-Three Indians lynched by a mob a Williamsport, N. D. 17—Three people injured in a railway wreck near Cleveland, Ohio....Panic in a Cincinnati school caused the injury of four children...Rozel, Kan., sluks into the prairie in a night

prairie in a night.

19—Three miners killed in railway wreck at Coal Bluff, Ind... Great fire in London, England; loss \$25,000,000.

20—Masked negro, attempting to hold up a Kansas City street car, shot conductor and motormen. 21-Fire at Melbourne, Australia, in which 21-Fire at Aelbourne, Australia, in which \$5,000,000 of mercantile property was de-stroyed... Two motormen killed in a collis-ton in Baltimore, Md... Fire at La Grange, Onto, in which \$25,000 worth of property

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23-F. A. Novak found guilty of murder at Vinton, Iowa.

25-Capt. Lovering found guilty by court martial at Fort Sheridan, Chicago.

28-Resignation of the Baueni ministry in Austria... Three men asphyxiated in the Grand Trunk tunnel at Port Huron, Mich.

30-New cabinet formed in Austria... Eleven persons killed in a railway accident at Warsaw, Poland... Martin Thorn convicted of the murder of Wm. Guidensuppe at New York.

DECEMBER. 1-Thirty-seven miners killed in Homburg

Bayaria, by explosion of fire damp...Furious rlots at Prague, Bohemia.

4—Three men killed and several persons injured in a collision of trolley cars near Detroit, Mich. 5-Resignation of the Italian ministry. 6-Congress convenes in regular session at

11-Two men killed in railway collision at 11—Two men killed in rallway collision at
Oakland; Cal.... Haytlan cabinet resigned.
13—New Haytlan ministry formed.
14—Resignation of Chilian cabinet....
Rudini cabinet reconstituted in Italy.
16—Three men killed in C., E. & I. wreck
at Clinton, Ind... Death of Alphonse Daudet, noted French author... William Terriss, English actor, assassinated in London.
... Ratification of peace treaty between
Greece and Turkey... New Chilian cabinet
formed.

formed.

17—Six lives lost in fire at Ottawa, Ont....
Three persons perish in an \$850,000 fire at Grand Forks, Dak.

18—Zero weather in Chicago... Death of Hon. Washington Hesing, of Chicago.

20—Five train wrecks—at Castle Rock.
Colo., two persons killed; at Pontiac, Ill., five persons injured; near Benson, Ariz., one

killed; near Ripton, Ala., fou killed; at St. Louis, one man killed and two injured. 21—Sucide of Miss Lelia Herbert at Washington, D. O.... Three skaters drowned at Tongwands, N. Y.... Three skaters drowned at Gardner. Mass.

What's this! A dispatch from Maine states that "this season's importation of French sardines will be light, owing to the small catch of young herring off the Charles Ewald, aged 65, while switch

fell across the track, the carwheels pass-

ing over him, killing him.



The Government of the United States owns in the city of Washington 1,600,000 volumes of literature. Of these about onehalf, or 787,715, are in the congressional library. The remainder are scattered through the various executive departments. The daily number of readers in the congressional library averages 3,320. About 700 persons, including the mem-bers of both houses and high officials of the Government, are entitled to draw books and take them away from the building, and the average number loaned out in such a way is 1,446. It is a favorable commentary upon the honesty and care of our public men that during a period of thirty years the number of books lost or not returned was only five in a thousand.

Large numbers of petitions, supported passage of a series of laws to protect the norals of the public. For example, to prohibit gambling in stocks, produce, racng pools and other forms of speculation by telegraph, to prohibit the transmission of stock quotations for speculative purposes, and the transmission in the mails is now on or not. of newspapers containing pictures or descriptions of prize fights, to prohibit the exhibition of kinetoscope reproductions of orize fights and other brutalizing spectaeles, and to prohibit the transportation from State to State of materials for such exhibitions.

The ladies of the cabinet are decidedly put out by the edict that forbade their New Year's receptions and the dinners that were to precede and follow. They do not see any occasion for it. The President did not ask or even suggest a suspension of social affairs. He told the members of his cabinet he should close the lot of soldiers. They don't treat Presi-White House for thirty days, although he did not think it was necessary for them to follow his example, but without consulting their wives, they agreed to do so. The husbands have since had an unhappy time, and the Washington social world has offered them no sympathy.

Hawaiian treaty has simmered down alnost entirely to the sugar trust, the Louisiana planters and the beet-root sugar manufacturers. There are a few Senators who oppose the treaty on principle, as they believe it inexpedient for the United States to assume the responsibility of governing any detached territory, and several on the Democratic side have joined the opposition because they regard annexation as a Republican measure.

Chairman Loud of the House Commitee on Postoffices has been working during the recess on the report of the committee on the Loud bill, and has practically completed it. He believes that the measure will effect a saving of at least \$10,000,000 annually, and will wipe out the enormous deficit that confronts the Potsoffice Department every year. Mr. Loud believes the bill is much stronger this session than last, and, while not absolutely confident, thinks it will finally carry.

Washington justify the assassination of Col. Ruiz as necessary to intimidate the cowardly and corrupt men in their ranks. who are likely to be allured into making terms with the Spanish authorities either through fear or bribery. They say that hereafter no Spanish agent will dare ap proach an insurgent camp, and that it will dangerous for any stranger to do so.

The distressing death of Miss Leila Herpert has caused a shock to her many friends and acquaintances in Washingon. She was a young woman of beau tiful character, gentle, amiable and genrous, and was generally beloved and admired. Those who knew her best believe. that her suicide was due to fear that she might be a permanent cripple.

The pension certificate of the Rev. L. Keith of Vincennes, Ind., will be canceled, because the holder has informed the bureau that he does not consider himself longer entitled to a pension, his disability having disappeared, and has asked that his name be dropped from the rolls. There is only one other such case on rec-

Secretary Wilson is greatly interested oostal savings banks because he believes hey are necessary to the prosperity of the farmers. It is sometimes an all day's job, he says, for a tarmer to go to the own where the nearest bank is situated, while there is a postoffice in every village.

The copyright department is a most imndicates an enormous increase in literary which are susceptible to copyright. In 1870 the number of copyrights granted was 5,621; in 1880, 20,686; in 1890, 42,-758; in 1896, 72,470.

The recent report of the Comptroller of the Currency shows that the savings banks of the United States are mostly confined to the northeastern section of the country. Nearly 80 per cent of the numer of banks and amount of deposits is represented by New York and New Eg-

The committee appointed by the Society f the Army of the Tennessee to secure the erection of a monument to Gen. George B. McClellan at Washington has held its first meeting and elected Adjt. Gen. Ruggles chairman.

Ink erasers are not allowed in either the War or the Navy Department except under the direction of a chief of bureau, and no one is allowed to erase an entry in any official record book without explanations and express permission.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson, the Alaska expert, says that there is so much gold in the plate was missed, and active search Alaska that persons who go there ten years hence will have as good a chance as

hose who go next spring. Postmaster General Gary and Secretary Gage have promised to assist in laying the corner stone of the new postoffice building in Chicago on the 4th of next July.

There is a very favorable outlook for the passage of the bankruptcy bill, and even the opponents of the measure conede their conviction that it will pass both

quarter of the year 1897 was the largest in the history of the country. The town council of Mankato, Kan., in tends to stop by ordinance the singing, humming or whistling of the song, "Hot

The sale of postage stamps for the last

Time in the Old Town To-night.' The destructive cigarette may be sold in packages of ten in Tennessee. Judge Clark of the United States Court in Chattanooga held that the term "Original package" could be applied to the smaller

A serious freight wreck occurred on the New York Central Railroad near Pough-keepsie, N. Y. Several hundred pounds of rock had fallen upon the track from the wall of a cut. The engine and sixteen cars were derailed.

Georgia Negro Who Says He Remem bers the Revolution. Samuel Andrew Gibbons is an old negro, who, if his claims are true, is the oldest living native of Chatham County. Gibbons says that he is 140 years old and that he was 17 years old when the revolutionary war be-

gan. A reporter met Gibbons on Bay street yesterday and had quite a little chat with him. He does not begin to look as old as he claims to be, but he gives circumstantial details which and uses pretty good English.

"I was born on a Fairlawn plantation, over that way (west of the city)," to run a barber-shop right over on that and Montgomery streets.

"I don't know the names

America took place. I was 17 years old

course?" "Yes," sir; I saw him. All the people turn out to see him, and they fired guns."

"Did you see Lafayette?" "Yes, sir. He was the man they put down carpets in the streets for him to walk on. They had a blg gatherin' in Monument Square and a whole

dents now like they used to." The old man was evidently under the impression that Lafayette was a

President. "I was sold away from here seventy years ago," he said, "and brought \$600. I have been living all about in Florida The opposition to the ratification of the and Alabama ever since. I remember the falling stars. That was seventy

years ago. The old man was positive in all his statements, and could not admit that he might be mistaken in any of his "I left a daughter in Florida when I

went to Alabama," he said. "She was just big enough to tie in a napkin. I went back there the other day and found her, and her hair was whiter than mine." This statement, if true, would appear to be pretty good evidence of very old age. If the old man was, as he says, 17 years old when the revolution be-

gan, he would be 139 years old to-day. so that his statement that he is 140 would not be much out of the way. His statement that the "falling stars" occurred seventy years ago is not far occurred in 1833; that is, sixty-four years ago. He gives a circumstantial will spoil many. They should be treatan old man then -Savannah News.

The Mysterious Assassin. One night, shortly after the celebrated battle of Fontenoy, its hero, Marshal De Saxe, arrived at a little peculiar reputation. It was said that in this inn there were ghosts who stabbed or strangled all who attempted to pass the night in a certain room.

The conqueror of Fontenoy was far from being susceptible to superstitious terrors, and was ready to face an army of ghosts. He dismounted, ate his supper, and went up to the fatal room, taking with him his arms and his body ser-

vant. Marshal went to bed, and was soon in a profound slumber, with his sentinel ensconced in an arm chair by the fire. About 1 o'clock in the morning the watcher by the fire, wanting to get some sleep himself, approached his master to awaken him, but to his call a legislation for the establishment of he received no response. Thinking the Marshal soundly asleep he called again. Startled at the continued silence, the man shook him; the Marshal did not

As he lifted his hands from the form ortant branch of the Government, and lying in a pool of blood! Drawing down to crop land beside the roadbed, though the cover the soldier saw a strange and musical compositions and in designs thing. An enormous insect was fastened to the side of De Saxe, and was blood flowed freely.

The man sprang to the fireplace. grasped the tongs, and ran back to the bed. Seizing the monster, he cast it into the flames, where it was instantly consumed.

Help was called, and the Marshal was soon out of danger; but the great General, who had escaped G. e and steel for years, had barely escaped dring of the bite of an insect. He had found

An Ingentous Boy. A little boy dropped his drumstick into a well, says the London Telegraph. footman, the gardener, the coachman, the cook, the housemaids, to go down into the well to recover his drumstick. In his distress a brilliant experiment occurred to Master Tommy-he secretly carried off all the plate from the side board and threw it into the well. Great was the consternation when

for the robbers took place. In the midst of the alarm and confusion Master Tommy ran with the news that he had found the plate. "Where?" was the cry. "Down the well," replied Tommy. "I saw it quite plain shining on the bottom-spoons, ladles, bread baskets, salvers, and all." The housemaid hurried to the well, at the bottom one or two such groves which are only of which, sure enough, the plate was natural fruit, but which yield returns

A ladder was produced, a servant de nuts better than could be got for usual scended, and the plate was brought up. farm crops. But to secure profitable re-Just before the last article was fished turns the public must be excluded. up Master Tommy whispered to him: Men and boys who club the trees while when you go down for the soup ladle."

securing a bottle that cannot be reis said to be perpetrated by filling the bottle of some standard liquor with an new plantations of chestnuts are to be inferior grade, and paiming it off as made, or scions of the new varieties Philadelphian proposes to accomplish this by blowing a coin in the body of the glass bottle, and be thinks this will be tempting enough to Induce someone to break the bottle as soon as it has been emptied.-Philadelphia Record:

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Don't Attempt to Fatten Shoats in the Pasture-Give Milk Cows Good Care-Beans Are a Profitable Crop-Fowls Should Be Fed Slowly.

Fattening Shoats.

The shoats for butchering should be brought in out of the clover and woods go to prove him a very old man. A pasture and put in the pens for fattenpeculiar feature of his story is that ing. It is a great waste of feed to try he says that up to a month ago, when and fatten them in the pasture with he returned here, he had not been in the sows and pigs. Clean the pens out Savannah for seventy years. The old then, if possible, give them a good coat man is not in his dotage by any means, of whitewash. Put four shoats into as eight-by-ten pen; this will give them plenty of room to exercise in, and also plenty of room at the trough. If they he said, "and I belonged to William are lousy, pour a little coal oil down Gibbons. The Gibbonses owned a the back over the head and behind the whole lot of property here then. I ears, and down the legs. One good s'pose they own some of it yet. I used sprinkling and rubbing will answer. Give the shoats thick millfeed slop corner," pointing to the corner of Bay night and morning-all they will eat few ears of soft corn to each; mby many signatures and uniform in their streets now, 'cept one or two. They mence with a little corn at first, but phraseology, are being presented to the didn't have all these streets when I gradually increase the amount until House of Representatives. They ask the left here. That street they called they get all they will eat. At noon give South Broad used to be the common cabbage leaves or boiled pumpkin and where the soldlers mustered. They small potatoes. They should have a had a market here then, but it was a little hard coal to eat every second day. wooden building. I don't know wheth- Bed with leaves, keep the pens clean. er it was the same square the market and dry. A half peck of flaxseed meal added to each barrel of slop after the "Yes, sir, I was here when the first meal has been well scalded, will inrevolution in the United States of crease the fattening process. It is very nourishing. By four weeks of feeding the shoats will be fat enough'to mar-"You saw General Washington, of ket. It is best to send them to market in a large covered wagon, instead of driving them on foot.-Exchange.:

Care of the Milk Cows. When there is heavy frost on the grass, keep the milk cows in until the frost is dissolved by the sun. Young cattle and cows that are left out at night should have a rough shed built for them to go under at night and when the weather is stormy. A roof made of poles and covered with two feet of straw will answer. If the pasture is abundant, the young stock may be left out until after Thanksgiving, After two or more hard frosts; there is not much substance in the pasture; the cows should be grain-fed night and morning, and at night give to each one an armful of corn fodder. An excellent grain ration for large cows in milk is eight quarts of bran, four quarts of corn chop and one quart of linseed meal. Divide into two feeds and give half in the morning and the remainder at night. During mild weather mix this feed with cold water; when the weather becomes cold mix with warm water, and add one tablespoonful of salt daily.-Baltimore American.

Beans a Profitable Crop. Beans are a profitable crop, as much so as any raised; almost every farm has land well adapted to bean culture. I have raised beans on a small scale, and found them very profitable. They have not proved very difficult to grow than most other crops, and were readily sold to private customers at ten wrong. The great meteoric shower cents per quart. In harvesting they will not bear much delay; a wet spell sumed in all cities, and but very little produced near some. Few farmers raise what they themselves use, preferring to buy, yet retail dealers pay \$1 per bushel. This season I have been very successful with a novelty in the bean line; it is New Kidney Wax; beans are pure white and firm; the stalks hold up from the ground well while young; pods are of a rich golden vellow, buttery flavor and a novelty of decided merits. I also raised the Lazy Wife; these are very nice. I salted a half barrel down. They are also white and firm when ripe, and are equally useful as a snap, shell or soup For dry peas for winter, I like the Earliest of All, a smooth pea; it cooks done when dry in half an hour, and has a pleasant flavor. I have never had any to sell, but could have sold five or six bushels at home. As a green pea, they are profitable, as they are so very early, bear well and ripen even. The ground can be cleared for some other

crop.-Farm and Home. Apple Trees by Roadsides. The owner of land through wnich a highway runs is also the owner of the land, and is entitled to make any use of it that will not interfere with the in the bed, the frightened servant saw | right of the public to travel on !t. It is that they were red. The Marshal was not generally practicable for farmers sometimes a patch of corn or potatoes beside a road not much used will give paying crops. Perhaps the best use with apple trees or other fruit trees, protecting the young trees while small from attacks of wandering stock. Isolated trees, planted where they have plenty of room to spread and plenty of sunlight, often yield more fruit than do apple trees in closely planted orchards.

Feed Fowls Slowly. One of the difficulties in feeding fowls is that, as given by the poulterer, the food is in a mass and can be gobbled down far too quickly. In its natural state, the fowl hunting for food is obliged to eat slowly, one grain at a time. Usually, after each mouthful. In vain he entreated his parents, the the hen is obliged to scratch for more So ingrained is this instinct that a hen when she comes to a pile of grain. One of the reasons why corn is a bad feed for fowls is that the grain is large, and good. The true way to feed hens is to mix their grain with chaff or straw, so that they must scratch for it. If covered with mellow earth, it will be still better, as the dust thus raised will rid the fowls of vermin.

Those who have a chestnut grove water. and keep it free from depredators may find it a source of profit. We know of with no labor except for gathering the "John, please bring up my drumstick the nuts are green to bring them down ding day by her paternal great-greatwill disfigure and injure the trees, so that after a few years the trees will yield little or nothing. Chestnut trees, There have been patented all kinds if the fruit is of good quality, are valuof schemes devised for the purpose of able property, and their fruit should be protected. There are several im-Willie-Ma, can people leave parts of filled after having once been emptied proved varieties of chestnut, some of themselves in different places? of its contents. A great deal of fraud which will begin bearing when three Ma-No: don't be ridiculous. Willie-Well, Mr. Jiggs said he was going to Arizona for his lungs.-Phila-

> rive best on dry ounds, or in a wet et treading wet grass soft and easily bruis- | majority of my patients pay me.

native stock.

ed. This, if not cared for, will develop into foot rot. It used to be the practice of good shepherds to dress their sheep two or three times during the summer, and germs. It is known now that foot ous fact that the practical cure of foot rot was discovered through experiments made by farmers long before

Relative Cost of Beef and Butter. butter. So he fed four steers along this great remedy ready for use. with his herd of cows, giving them, however, a ration for making beef, while to the cows was given the feed appropriate for milk and butter produc- tal value of the British navy at the tion. After six weeks feeding he fig- present time exceeds £94,000,000. The ured the cost of the butter at three first cost of the fleet which led to the cents per pound, while the beef was downfall of Napoleon was but £10,up clean, and no more. Then give a 34-10 cents per pound, as nearly as he 000,000. The fleet then comprised becould estimate it from live weight. It tween 480 and 490 fighting vessels. is fairly to be presumed that in the cost of butter the labor required to make it was not estimated. It is probable also that the cows experimented on were in full flow of milk, and therefore could, for a short time, produce butter at very low rates. But the ani- TREMENDOUS EXODUS TO THE mal has to be kept twelve months with much less product of milk, in order to

and lambs to fatten. With so good prospects for wool it is likely that sheep and lambs will be dear for some time to come. Still those who like spring lamb will have it, no matter what the price, and the fattened lamb a year rold is quite as good as that dressed when only three or four "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark.

Care of Seed Corn. Probably no better place for the braids of corn saved in the ear for next spring's seeding can be found than to hang them beside the chimney, where the heat from the stove or fireplace will protect them from freezing until fully of area is Lewisham, which has 5,773 dry. About as good a place as this, and some think better, is in the smoke house, where the hams and bacon are cured. But in either case the braids should be visited often to see that nothing gets at them. The squirrel is the worst enemy of sweet corn, because he only digs out the chit or germ of the very soundest and best corn. He will leave an entire corn cob full of corn more or less damp, and feast on that more or less damp, and feast on that which has been thoroughly dried for seed. The germ of sound, dry corn J. Nichols, Princeton, Ind., Mar. 26, 1895.

has a flavor much like a nut, and it is very nutritious. Test New Varieties Every season the farmers receive so licitations or temptations to purchase seeds or plants of some new variety, cial crop, as large quantities are con- and yet if they will read the circulars and descriptions, as well as the claims, in favor of the new varieties of the past, they will find wonderful claims in favor of some that are barely recognized now. This is because something better comes every season (though some new varieties are worthless), but the production and quality of all kinds of fruit have been improved by the introduction every year of new candidates for favor. No farmer or fruit grower should accept the claims in fa- your druggist or any wholesale drug house, or vor of a new tree or vine, but should test it himself by procuring only one or

two for that purpose. Both flax and linseed meal are now so cheap that there is no reason why cottonseed meal should be brought North to feed. No young animals nor hogs of any age should be fed cottonseed meal. It is very difficult of digestion. The loss of animals killed by cottonseed meal more than counterbalance the gain from feeding it where it does not prove injurious. Of course linseed meal must be fed in small quantities. but it is not so dangerous for young stock as cottonseed meal, which for calves and pigs is often fatal in very small doses.

Warm Stalls for Cows. Take two cows and give one a warm stall, with clean bedding, allowing the other a stall in which there is a crack in the wall, which lets the wind come sucking at a wound from which the such land can be put to is to plant it through. The cow that is comfortable and warm will give more milk than the other, because she has warmth in her favor.

Burn Field Refuse. Wheat stubble and refuse may be the harboring places of chinch bugs and other enemies. As soon as it can be done rake up all refuse and fire the pile. The fall of the year is a good time to fight the enemies that do the

most damage in spring and summer. Uses of Porpoise Skin. Everybody knows that porpoise skin makes good shoe strings; good, at least, as far as durability is concerned. It is not so well known that porpoise leathwith chickens will scratch and cluck er also makes good shoes, and that there is quite a demand for them. A porpolse leather shoe, if made well in the first place, always fits well; for, if shelled and thrown out by handfuls, while it is very stretchy material, it the fowls eat it much too fast for their | can never be made to cover more surface, no matter how much it is stretched. What it is extended in one direction it loses in another. This peculiarity makes it very close fitting, and at the same time soft and pliable, on the foot. It is used chiefly for shoes by people anxious to keep their feet dry, as it is absolutely impermeable to

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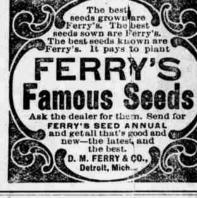
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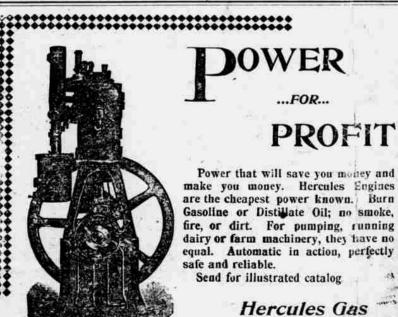
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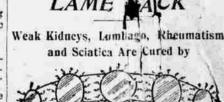
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