: A COUNTRY CRACKER. : \*\*

Bubber Ramp was a country and putting down brakes. They came cracker. And who knows better off without a scratch." a child's social and financial standing

than its schoolfellows. His face was not round and rosy like other jolly, sweet-tempered boys, Ish voice, "I seen him when he opened for Bubber was a slender child with the switch." face pale and lanky, straight hair, Then the crowd surrounded the palestreaked in color with the shades of faced lad, pushing and shoving to half-pulled molasses candy. He was shake his hand, to touch him, or even subject to chills and fevers which kept to get a look at him. What was said him away from school about half the or who said it no one could ever tell, time and gave his teacher an excuse but in the midst of it all there sounded for scolding him whenever there was no the shrill whistle of a nearby sawmill. one else in particular for her to scold. His father was a section master on the looking up at the sun. "It's 'bout time Georgia railroad and they lived in the for my chill, so I'd better be gitting "ten-mile shantles," which were built on the side of the railroad and on the edge of a deep cut, through which the wind blew a perfect gale the whole gear round.

But if by living on the cut Bubber acquired the chill and fever habit, he also gained the knowledge which enabled him to save the lives of some 500 people-Sunday school children with their friends and teachers. It was the plenic of Bubber's Sunday school, but because it fell on his chill day his mother said he could not attend. So he contented himself with walking five miles up the rilroad to Belair, the nearest station where the train would stop, with a huge bunch of flowers for his Sunday school teacher. This teacher, be it understood, was one of the people who did not know about Bubber being a country cracker, but considered him

a jolly, amiable boy.

After handing the bouquet through the car window, Bubber stood for a while looking wistfully at the trainload of happy children. Then something occurred which made his schoolmates forget forever that he washomely and poor, and this is how it happened.

II. Southward from Brazelia the road drops down steadily for five or six miles. There follows the little rise to the top of Habersham hill; and then comes the sharp sag of a mile or more to Belair and the level valley of the Savannah. John Johnson, or "Yucker," as he

was called for short, was the most daring engineer on the Georgia and had the best run on the road until he joined the strike of the Knights of Labor, After the difficulty was settled and the strikers went back to work, Yucker, for the sake of discipline, was put to hauling way freight between Union Point and Augusta.

There was nothing at Brazella but the siding and the dull red station house, and little else at Belair. It wasn't often that Yucker had to leave or pick up anything at either place. and he liked to sail by both stations at top speed, and loaf further down the une to mag up for h

On this particular day, while his fire man was taking water at the big red tank at Thompson, Yucker went into the station for orders. He found that there was nothing for him at Brazelia or Belair. He had nothing to leave at either station, so he climbed back into his cab, meaning to go through to Wheelers to meet the un freight. Some. times he met it at Belair, but whenever he got the chance he ran by and trusted to luck that it would be held for him at Wheelers.

III.

The people at the station were be numbed with fright. They stared with horror-stricken faces at the oncoming engine as some great demon hurrying to destroy the excursion train with its load of human freight. Paralyzed with fear, they could neither move nor cry

In the whole crowd there was but one who could think and act. He was a slender, pale-faced boy, and he rushed up the track towards the coming

"Git out, git out," his shrill voice

He was tugging at a switch key, and they saw what he meant. So down the men jumped from the engine, while the boy ran on to the switch. His hands seemed paralyzed, so long did it appear before he forced it open, then rushed by and ran full tilt into the up freight. There was a tremendous crash. The engine of the way freight rode over the other and smashed it into frag-



TO THIS BRAVE BOY YOU OWE THE

ments. Then it sat down on its own cab with the forward truck in the air and one wheel whirling around like a milistone. The following cars piled up in a great heap, and over it all rose a great cloud of dust.

The terrified excursionists scrambled from their own train rushed over to the wreck and stood in speechless horror and amazement. Then the freight conductor came up and searching has begun the duties of his office by among the crowd led out a slender, nale-faced lad.

"To this brave boy," he said, raising his hand to attract attention, "you owe the preservation of your lives. But for his presence of mind-" Here his voice choked. With tears streaming down his face he finished the sentence by mo- girls' schools, and has made the dis- than artillery projectiles. Saber wounds tioning toward the excursion train,

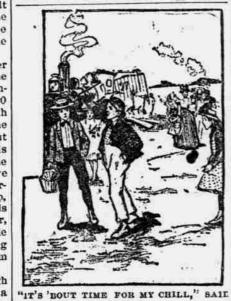
"There were more than 500 on board," said the Sunday school superintendent, "The majority of them

"Not a life lost," cried one of the firemen and both brakemen jumped to give it

OCORDING to his schoolmates, | for their lives after shutting off steam

> "It was a miracle, " said the preach-"It was Bubber Ramp," cried a child-

"It's 'leven o'clock," said Bubber,



BUBBER.

home." And he hurried off down the track toward the ten-mile shantles as complacently as though nothing unisual had happened.

The following week the Sunday school superintendent accompanied the Harper's Round Table. railroad official when he went to tell Mr. Ramp of his appointment to a better position on the road. The superintendent, in behalf of the people on board the excursion train, presented Bubber with a bicycle and a gold watch.

"Why, Mr. Brand," sald Bubber, re garding in awed astonishment the handsome wheel and timepiece, two things above all others he had longed for, "I never done nuthin' but turn the switch key. Anybody could 've done that. I've been doin' it ever since I was goin' on seven years old."-Omaha Bee.

MANY PRIZES

Awarded Annually in Paris for Curious Reasons.

The city of Paris each year distributes a number of prizes, consisting of sums of money derived from funds bequeathed by certain charitable persons for special objects. There are prizes for the father of the most numerous family in a given arrondissement; sums to be bestowed on promising young art ists unsupplied with funds to prosecute their studies, and so forth. Another prize has been added to this list. It is for the best instance of a wife's helping her husband by work. The founder is a M. Achille Couronne, formerly chief in the Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture, whose hard-working wife was of immense help in his career. The not more than 3,500 francs a year.

There were 100 applicants for the prize, and, as may be imagined, some little difficulty was experienced in assigning it. Finally, however, the votes she can fill no place in good society, of the committee fell to a Mme. Clerge- and she is ridiculed by all her acquaintrie, who, though the mother of five children, has never ceased to contribute to the family funds by working as a flor- Every effort is thus made to win the ist. Legacies of the above character, shouted to the men in the cab of the however good their intent, do not alup freight. "Jump and run, jump and ways have the result anticipated by the testator, a case in point being the Then, when all efforts have failed, Concourt will, which has done nothing up to the present time but give rise to advantage of the sole remedy left to fights and dissension. After a series her "maiden widowhood." She travels.

he stepped back just as the way freight | tled their differences out of court. The 000 francs and the academy 1.000,000 francs.-Galagnani's Messenger.

A King Taken for a Gambler. "Sir, this is not the first occasion upon which I have observed the attentive scrutiny you bestow upon me. May I inquire the reason?"

"Sir," responded the candid captain, 'you took passage on my ship as a Dane; I don't believe you're anything f the kind."

The passenger smiled; the smile was full of perspicacity and confidence, and was followed with: "Pray tell me, then, what you believe me to be?" At this question Captain Ewing fidgeted, hesitated, and finally blurted

"Well, to be honest, I think you are a gambler. You've well nigh ruined yourself at home, and are now coming to leece the fools you'll find on shore." The young man's smile broadened;

the next minute he turned grave again, lowered his voice and replied: "Captain Ewing, as you have studied me during this voyage, so I have studied you. I have come to the conclusion that you are a man to be trusted. I am Louis Philippe, Duc d'Orleans, eldest son of that Louis Philippe d'Orleans

who was slain by the guillotine on the seventh of November, almost three years ago."-Ladies' Home Journal. Corsets in Russia.

Bogoljewow, the newly appointed Russian Minister of Public Instruction. issuing a drastic order to the effect that corsets must not be worn by the young women attending high schools, universities and music and art schools; they ties. Wounds in the head caused the are to be encouraged to wear the pational costume. The Minister says that 11,495; abdomen, 4,553; in the neck, he has spent much time in visiting 1,922. Rifle balls injured more men covery that the corset as an article of were extremely few in numbers, and dress is distinctly prejudicial to the the jawbone, of all the bones in the health and physical development of the head, was oftenest injured.

A doctor may give a patient hope, but trainmen, running up. "Yucker, his he charges for the time it takes him ried couples live to celebrate their golden wedding.

EXPLORERS IN THE PACIFIC. anish Ships Cruised in It for Years,

but Discovered Nothing.

The first European explorer who cooked down upon the broad waters of Oil, which is prompt in its action. the Pacific saw them stretch away calm and unruffled into the apparently endless distance of the south, and it was from this circumstance that the greatest of the oceans got the two names by which it has ever since been known, of "the Pacific" and "the South Sea." We can fancy what visions of too long strides. wonders hidden behind that vale of sea mist must have floated before the magination of Balboa on that peak in Darien when he fell upon his knees and thanked God that it had fallen to his lot to make the great discovery. It is easy to suppose that his imagination pictured new continents rising out of the vast expanse of ocean containing empires greater than Cortez found in Mexico and treasures more rich than Peru and whatever these might be, they were all the inheritance of Spain. But whatever those dreams may have been, it is certain they were doomed to disappointment. In the first century that followed the discovery of the great ocean indeed, a good many of the adventurous ships of Spain sailed the waters of the South Sea, but their efforts ended in failure for the most part; the reports they brought back from their voyages were for the most part of sea-nothing but sea. One or two, indeed, discovered and landed upon islands, but not one ever reached the shores of the only continent that lay hidden in the unknown waters of the South Sea.

It is easy to understand their experience when we look at a map of that part of the world, for we shall find that line drawn around the globe ten degrees south of the equator would pass through more than 20,000 miles of ocean and less than 4,000 of land. South of this line the only large pieces of land are the south point of Africa and the narrowest part of South America and the Island continent of Australia. Except the island of Madagascar, there is no land of any considerable extent in all the great expanse of the Indian ocean, and the still more vast extent of the south Pacific is only dotted here and there by groups of beautiful but widely scattered islands, lovely in form and lavishly endowed with a marvelous variety of natural productions, but so diminutive in size that they must be sought with all the advantages of modern science in the vast wilderness of ocean by which they are surrounded .-

Baeteria. In talking with a practical farmer the other day about his haying, he remarked how great a difference was made in the curing of hay if it was wet by rains. No matter how quickly the hay was spread out and dried after being wet, it would be badly colored, and if put, while at all damp, in large heaps would rot. The reason for this, undoubtedly, is the presence of bacteria in the rain water which is gathered in its passage through the air. These bacteria in any damp body increase with enormous rapidity. The juices in hay or other vegetables are free from bacteria, except where they are cut or bruised, and as most of these juices are sweet, their drying down inside the outer shell of straw has a preservative

effect. But in the work of gathering, It is said that a striking outline of the stalks of grass or other vegetation age usually more or less bruised, so that some air can get to the juices aside from what enters at the base. All know how quickly cornstalks will rot, even in the stook, if exposed to heavy rains. Then, though the stalks may seem to dry out, there is enough dampness inside to keep the outside bacteria alive, and the stalks will rot when put in large heaps. Green stalks, if they have been got in without rain,

will keep much better.

Dangerous. Fashion is the idol of the Russian woman. Art is a stranger to her. She sum bequeathed returns a yearly in- loves admiration and flirtation, but her come of over 6,000 francs. The condi- heart remains cold, though she may be tions necessary for competition are: To burning other hearts with the fire of be Parisian by birth, and to have been her eyes. Nowhere is woman more married ten years to a husband em- dangerous than in Russian society. To ployed in a state bureau, and earning begin, a Russian girl seeks a husband only for the position he gives her. Matrimony is only a question of fashion, and if a Russian girl cannot find a husband within a reasonable time, ances; thus, she watches with agony the approach of the end of her youth. grand prize of matrimony. Her friends are as anxious as she is, and as fearsome lest she may be an old maid. when no more hope remains, she takes of legal battles the executors of the She goes to Paris and Nice. She stays will and the three nearest relatives of away three years, maybe, then returns the deceased man of letters have set to Russian society, no longer an old maid, nor even a wife, but a widow. net result is that the relatives get 400,- Nobody asks whom she married, nor how she became a widow. She is a widow; that suffices. And as a widow she is received everywhere, and is somebody.

> A Pretty Pickle. There is sometimes good luck coming out of apparent misfortune. As an Illustration, there is the story of a fire occurring in a gentleman's country house in Maine. There had been a prolonged drought, the well was dry at the time, and there was no other water within a half mile. The woman of the house discovered the fire burning on the roof, and help was as scarce as water. She began wringing her hands and saying over and over to herself:

"Here's a pretty pickle!-- a pretty pickle!" The word "pickle" unconsciously repeated itself, and then, like a flash, came the recollection of a barrel full of pork pickle in the cellar, saved for boiling over. She darted down the cellarway, and soon began deluging the roof with brine. Every one who has tried knows that salt water is an excellent fire extinguisher, and in this case it worked like a charm. Before the supply of "pickle" was exhausted she had the fire out and the home was saved. She never will get over the thought that uttering the word "pickle"

turned disaster into relief. Where the Bullets Struck.

Dr. Ludwig Brandt investigated the deaths of over 100,000 men killed in the Franco-Prussian war in 1870-71, and learned that their injuries were received in the following ways: Forty-three thousand, nine hundred and fifty-two were wounded in the lower extremities 83.914 by wounds in the upper extremideath of 11,041; in the chest and back,

Only one out of every thousand mar-

The Most Common of All. The most common of all ailment from sports of all kinds are sprains and bruises. The most common and surest cure of them is by the use of St. Jacobs

The Art of Walking. To be thoroughly graceful long steps and quick short steps should be equaly avoided, remarks a French woman. stiff walk is also very ungraceful, and that is the great fault of English girls. The walk too stiffly and take

Spanish women have a very pretty walk, naturally, as also bave Italian country girls and all accustomed to carrying weights on their heads.

The French are also very graceful walkers. Study your walk, girls. Take dancing lessons to begin with and then repeat your lessons before your long toilet glass. A pretty walk is a beauty in itself, and every one who will can acquire this beauty. Do it, then, were ever dreamed of by the Incas of at once-now-without losing another

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Hood's Pills cure all Liver Ills. 25 cents. MORE OR LESS IMPERSONAL

A sign before the door of a dentist reads thus: "Teeth extracted while you wait."

A farmer near Cottonburg, Ky., has trained a terrier dog to remove worms from tobacco plants.

An artist in a New York paper pictured the Vesuvius in action and enshrouded in dense clouds of smoke from her neumatic guns. That artist needs to be informed that the Vesuvius uses only smokeless air in discharging he dynamite guns.

A little surprise awaited two women who recently met in the office of a Chicago lawyer. They had never seen each other before, but ere they left the office the discovery was made that each had called to begin proceedings to obtain a divorce from the same man.

No household is complete without a bot-tle of the famous Jesse Moore Whiskey. It is a pure and wholesome stimulant rec-ommended by all physicians. Don't ne-

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We will forfeit \$1,000 if any of our pubished testimonials are proven to be renuine. The Piso Co., Warren, Pa.

Ardent in spite of his 80 years, Francis Watkins, of Anderson, Ind. roposed to Lydia Bethel, a good-looking young woman of Bethel, O. She accepted him and they intended to slope, but his daughters prevented. Then the aged lover became cool, and the result was a \$10,000 breach-ofpromise suit, which he has just comromised for \$3,000. Mrs. Polly Owens, who was lately

married to William Owens, of White River township, near Noblesville, Ind., is now living with her 13th husband. Mrs. Owens has six children as the fruits of her former marriages, no two having the same name. She is over 50 years old. She was separated from the larger number of her husbands. She is part Indian, her mother being a half-caste.

Speaking of Spanish girls, a correondent from abroad has said of them: Spanish girls are convent bred. Their education consists largely of acquiring the art of embroidery, which they learn to perfection. Early marriages among them are seldom happy, but divorces is unheard of. People unhappily married simply separate and live out their lives as best they can."

Corks for bottles were first manufacured in Spain and Italy, some time during the fourteenth century. Corkwere contemporaneous with

"I DO MY OWN WORK."

So Says Mrs. Mary Rochiette of Linden, New Jersey, in this Letter to Mrs. Pinkham.

"I was bothered with a flow which would be quite annoying at times, and at others would almost stop.



taking your medicine, and have certainly been greatly benefited by its use. "Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-

pound has indeed been a friend to me. " I am now able to do my own work, thanks to your wonderful medicine. I was as near death I believe as I could be, so weak that my pulse scarcely beat and my heart had almost given out. I could not have stood it one week more I am sure. I never thought I would be so grateful to any medicine.

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her condition should secure the sympathetic advice of a woman who under-stands. Write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass. and tell her your illa

FAMOUS TRINIDAD PITCH LAKE Its Immense Deposit of Bitumen Is

Practically Inexhaustible. The famous pitch lake or great bitumen deposit at Trinidad is situated at Point Librea, on an elevation at about a mile from the sea. It covers an area of nearly 100 acres, and its appearance is that of a dull, still, dark waste. It is regularly circular, and its surface perceptibly covex; being more elevated in the center and thence insensibly declining on all sides. In the center the pitch is quite soft-in fact, semi-liquid -but it becomes more and more hardened as its circumference widens out. Except the soft central parts the surface is intersected in all directions by numerous fissures or chasms, varying in breadth from two feet to sixteen, and from half a foot to seven feet in depth, widening also at the bottom, thus producing, as It were, inverted angular hollows, while the sides are regularly rounded. These crevices are at at all times filled with fresh water. Here and there, where the bitumen is mixed with earthy matter, grow lichens, mosses, grasses, etc. The center of the lake—the pitchpot or chaudiere, as it is called-is at all times soft that it would be impossible to venture on it without incurring the danger of be-

ing engulfed. The lake is government property, and parts of it are leased out to private individuals, who have to pay royalties according to the amount of pitch removed, which amount is checked by the government. The lake is, practically, inexhaustible. No matter what quantity is taken out it is replaced by fresh pitch, which always wells up to fill the hole. The surface of the outer edges of this most wonderful of lakes is quite hard enough to walk upon; but a curious result ensues if you stand still for any length of time on one spot. For some yards around you the pitch bodily sinks until it forms a sort of basin. It is quite different to sinking in sand, where your feet gradually disappear without making any apparent difference in the level of the ground. Wide World Magazine,

RAM'S HORN BLASTS. Warning Notes Calling the Wicked to

Repentance. REAT heights Tare won by lowly steps. The well-behaved boy is seldom ed boy is seldom motherless. Adulation is the bridge some walk over to reach our good graces. Morning prayer

opens the gate of Old Testament types were prophetic jewels.

Don't parley with wrong. The fretting horse galls easily. There is no civil service bar to salva-

Forgiveness is Love giving birth to Mercy.

Blind men can walk over gold, and not know it. A rainy Sunday prevents many a nap in church.

The day opened with prayer will close with praise. Garments for church wear usually

Habits are strong as hell, but Christ is mighty as heaven. Regret is the compound interest we have to pay on hate.

Mercy was not born until Justice

irded on its sword. The list of man's fallings is the devil's choicest reading. That man is wise who makes a wise

use of his knowledge. One fact is worth more than a thousand improved theories, The place where we love to cides what we wish to be.

Walking on the stilts of pride eads to a fall from grace. If God knows when you are in trou ble. He knows when to help.

Close your eyes to truth, and you umble into the ditch of error. Mourning over present trouble makes us forget past blessings. Burning incense on the altar of sec

arianism is not worshiping God. The preacher who conceals Bible truth to please men offends God. Some people lose all interest in good work as soon as the bills come in. A common task may become a holy service by doing it to please God.

Some losses are true gain: the gold gains in value what it loses in dross. Men are willing to pay a high price for damnation when salvation is free, The shuttle of Providence weaves many a bright thread in the web of

Ignorance loves to wear borrowed garments, and go out riding with wis-

It is the heart-strings of earth that oftenest point our petition heaven-

Those who are always looking for favors are not the most willing to give

Professing Christians more often consult weather bulletins than the divine oracles.

Some people are so anxious about their neighbor's religion that they neglect their own. If you are a fisher of men you will have to toil all night, but Christ will

appear in the morning. The pulpit that would preach heavenly ethics without a knowledge of earthly economics is poorly prepared for the work.

Bedouins Content with Tents. When the French came into contact with the Bedouin in Algeria it was thought that a ready way of civilizing him would be to assist him to build himself a permanent habitation. A shelk who was thus favored was ful of gratitude to the French engineers who had built him a house. "Since my house was finished," he said, "I have rot lost a single sheep. I lock them up in my house every night, and next morning I find them all in safety." Then where do you sleep yourself? asked an officer in amazement. "Oh for myself a shelk can live only in his tent!" said the other with dignity.

Virtue isn't always its own reward The English pickle manufacturers have been making their pint bottles hold a little more than a pint, to be on the safe side of an English law on the subject But when they send these pint bottles to Canada they run against a law which provides that any package measuring more than a pint must pay duty on a quart.

There is a period in every boy's life prior to which he can't be put to sleep at night, and after which it's difficult to get him up in the morning.

Benefactress' Kind Act.

From the Evening News, Detroit, Mich. Mrs. John Tansey, of 130 Baker street, Detroit, Mich., is one of those women who always know just what to distributed food, medicines and general do in all trouble and sickness. One supplies to the poor and suffering that is mother to those in distress. To a reporter she said:

"I am the mother of 10 children and have raised eight of them. Several years ago we had a serious time with my daughter, which began when she was about sixteen years old. She did not have any serious illness but seemed to gradually waste away. Having never had any consumption in our family, as we come of good old Irish and Scotch stock, we did not think it was that. Our doctor called the disease by an odd name which, as I afterward learned, meant lack of blood.

"It is impossible to describe the feeling John and I had as we noticed our daughter slowly passing away from us. We finally found, however, a medicine that seemed to help her, and from the



Most of the Time She Was Confined to B.d. first we noticed a decided change for the better, and after three months' treatment her health was so greatly improved you would not have recognized her. She gained in flesh rapidly and soon was in perfect health. The medicine used was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. for Pale People. I have always kept these pills in the house since and have recommended them to many people. I have told many mothers about them and they have affected some wonderful

"Every mother in this land should keep these pills in the house, as they are good for many ailments, particularly those arising from impoverished or diseased blood, and weakened nerve

There were 16 shocked and angry maidens in Whiting, Ia., when they learned that the young clergyman of the Christian church in that little town was about to become the husband of Miss Annie Bigelow. He was engaged to be married to every one of the 17. He has resigned from the church.

"Why does my cake smell so

queer?" Too much soda or perhaps alum or lime. Use Schilling's Best baking pow-

"Hunter stones" were seen in the Rhine last winter. They appear only when the river is very low, and the date of their appearance is then cut into them. They are believed to fore-bode a year of bad crops.

DEAR EDITOR:-If you know of a solicitor of canvasser in your city or elsewhere, especially a man who has solicited for subscriptions, insurance, nursery stock, books or tailoring, or a man who can sell goods, you will conier a favor by telling him to correspond with us; or if you will insert this notice in your paper and such parties will cut this notice out and mail to us, we may be able to furnish them a good position in their own and adjoining counties.

AMERICAN WOOLEN MILLS CO., Chicago, The Maledive Archipelago, west of Ceylon, embraces 14,000 coral islands, few of which are more than six feet above the level of the ocean and only 175 of which are inhabited.

The damp autumn nights and mornings stirs up sciatica, and then comes a tug of pain. Use St. Jacobs Oil, and then comes a tug to cure it. It is a

short fight and the cure is sure. Miss Daisy Fearing, the young colored woman appointed a teacher in the Jersey City schools, will retain her place and the school to which she has seen assigned, according to the superintendent, no matter what objections are raised. She is a graduate of the schools, bright and capable. It has been stated that the residents of the district in which her school is located had filed protests to the appointment of

a colored woman as teacher. A queer state of affairs has developed in the City of Monroe, La., which is building a bridge across the Red river at that point. The work on the bridge is now practically completed, and it has just been discovered that the structure will be 90 feet too short to reach all the way from bank to bank. The city has declined to be responsible for further work on the structure unless it be made long enough to be of

Bicycles are taxed in Shoreham, Mass., the average assessment this year being \$50.

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Money Spent on Cubans. In addition to the \$50,000 appropriated by congress and distributed by

General Lee for the relief of the people golden wedding. ot Cuba, the central Cuban relief committee appointed by the president Cubans to the cash value of \$321,619. Of this amount \$175,032 was in cash contributions and \$146,587 in supplies. The total shipments of supplies was 9,942,032 kilos, or 3236 tons, of which quantity 2,856,833 kilos were food, 66,-753 kilos were clothing, 16,652 kilos

supplies. The Fields of Sport. From the fields of sport we go to bed and get up full of pains and aches. The next night, by the use of St.

medicines and 4,864 were miscellaneous

get up cured. Smokers are less liable than nonemokers to contract diphtheria and other throat diseases in the ratio of one to 28. So says Professor Hajak, of Vienna, Austria.

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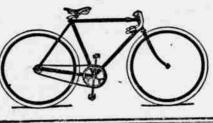
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