#### UNDERGROUND RAIL-ROAD PASSENGER.

at one breath for luck. So it must have trees of the garden. been on a June morning, in the year 185-, that I went over to play with the Sherman boys, and thereby met

with a memorable adventure. Finding the boys at leisure, a game of "I-spy"-or as we had it, perhaps by Inheritance from our English ances tors, "hi-spy"-was presently arranged. We were "counted out" by our favorite formula, "Wire, brier, limber lock, six geese in a flock," and it fell to Tom's

Before his loud announcement of the first ten of the hundred-which he was so rapidly counting that there was but a continuous mumble between the tens -Jim, Billy and I scattered in search of hiding-places. I was at no loss to find one, for I knew every nook and corner of the premises; and as neither of the others went that way, I tiptoed up the stairs that led to the hayloft over the stable. This place afforded a good outlook to the "gool," as well as a good hiding-place.

As I waded through the hay to the darkest corner, the figure of a man started up before me, nearly taking the breath out of me, so sudden and unexpected was the apparition. He seemed no less startled than I, and when, in the dim light, I made him out to be a negro, I guessed that he was a fugitive slave before his dialect made it apparent, as he whispered, anxiously, "Say, chile, is dis yere Mars' Abum Thorne's

That was the name of my father, who was a zealous abolitionist, and whose house was well known by friends of the "cause," and suspected by enemies, to be a station of the Underground Railroad, concerning whose dusky passengers, often seen by us bekeep our own counsel.

It struck me at once that this fugitive could scarcely have made a greater mistake than in coming to the Sherman barn. Only a little while before I had heard neighbor Sherman declare to my father that it was as clearly his duty to give up a runaway slave as to deliver a stray horse to its owner.

So I answered my interlocutor in a tone as cautious and more alarmed than his own, "No. no! It's the next house. But thee can't go there now! Sherman's folks'll see thee! Thee must lle down an' let me cover thee up with hay, an' don't stir till I come for thee after dark. I'm Abraham Thorne's boy," I said, seeing that he hesitated a

Thereupon he lay down, saving as he did so, "I'se willin' 'nough to rest, but I'se powerful hongry, chile,"

I carefully covered him with hay, boping there was a good chance of his being safe from further discovery, for the horses were turned out to grass, and no one was likely to visit the loft for hay.

I had barely time to smooth off the "One, two, three, look out for me!"

sure to find me before he could stumble gloom. on the hiding-place of the negro. Tom spled the other boys, and I got a safe man place with cautious haste, now run to the "gool," so that he had no oc- startled by a ground-nesting bird burstcasion to search the loft. Hence I felt ing up from the grass before us, now easy concerning the man for the pres- making wide detours to avoid some dim ent, except that I was at my wit's end object, which proved to be a harmless for means to relieve his hunger, and cow or stump, till at last we reached grew so abstracted over the problem the left and lay down upon the hay, that I attracted the attention of my with a welcome sense of security in

"What makes you look so down in the dangerous. mouth, Tommy?" Bill Sherman asked. Then as we rested and by degrees re-"Oh, nothin'," I answered, evasively; "Only I'm so hungry, I b'lieve I've got to go home and get something to eat. I guess I didn't eat as much breakfast kivered in de fodder a-wishin' mighty as I'd ought to this morning."

pangs-it being now near 10 o'clock.

for relief was promptly responded to runaway nigger, dat's what you is! by good, motherly Mrs. Sherman, with a doughnut for each of us.

for the "cause" in which my father was so earnestly engaged.

"I wish thee'd come to our house instead of here," I whispered to the negro, as he sat up under the tent of hay, a mighty curious man, dat he is." ravenously bolting the bread and but-

"Tell ye what, honey," he answered, after a struggle to swallow a large mouthful, "from what de folks tol' me where I was stayin' yist'day, dis yere was de place, nigh as I could make out in de dim o' de mawnin'-dis yere was de place."

"Well, we can't help it now. All thee can do is to keep still till night."

Then Jim shouted warning, and heard him coming cautiously up the stairs before my man was down and covered up again. But covered he was before Jim found me, and we rushed pell-mell for the "gool."

When the game was ended I went home, hungry enough, but quite unable to enjoy my dinner, for fear of the discovery of the runaway. I told my father of him at the first opportunity. and he was as anxious as I, as his countenance showed.

"I wouldn't have neighbor Sherman find him for anything, but thee did the best that could be done, my son, and there's nothing for it but to wait till

dark." The commendation comforted me,

and I proved myself a valuable trencherman at supper.

After nightfall I stole across the fields to neighbor Sherman's, and all being baked in loaves two or three feet long, made my way to the loft, where I found my man just on the point of setting five feet in length, and in many cases forth alone, so impatient was he of a longer stay in the dangerous precincts.

We had crept cautiously downstairs and around the barn, not drawing a free breath till we got it between us and the house, when we heard a team driven rapidly to the door, and voices in low, earnest conversation. Then some one ran rapidly up the stairs to the loft, and presently returned; whereupon the team was driven away in greater haste than it had come. I did not understand it at all, and make family jars.

REMEMBER that multitudes of | only felt sure that we had started none birds were singing, buttercups and too soon. It was bright starlight, so daisles were in bloom, and the we skulked along fences, which led us

misty globes of dandelions had gone to a roundabout way, till we came near seed-for I picked some to blow away our house, waiting among the pear-

candle-light, speaking in an earnest from the American Cultivator is worth tone to two men who stood a little out- considering: side the threshold. Other figures stood

in the case. We shall have to search in a current of fresh air. The greatest

Then, with a terror that seemed to two men at the door pushed in past my | ered and closed with cement. father, while the others stood more alert. The man who was looking our it will keep, because short silage packs way moved toward us as directly as if | itself closely and incloses little air. It hind the trunks of two pear-trees a few much it shall ferment. If the amount

On he came unerringly, until he was The richness of the silage has much to right between us, and I made out dis- do with its sweetness or sourness. Corn tinctly the tall, muscular form and red- that is nearing maturity, but without bearded face of our neighbor Sherman. drying of the leaf, makes the best sil-I expected to see him pounce upon the age. It has more sugar and starch, and crouching figure of my companion like these, so soon as they ferment, are turna tiger on his prey, and wondered if a ed into carbonic acid gas, and thus stop sudden attack in the rear by a 12-yearold boy could be of any avail.

He turned neither to the right nor to the left as he passed between us, nor paused as he whispered with sharp distinctness, "Go back to my barn and lay low till I tell ye!"

about and passed between us again, re- most rotten when taken from the silo. tween their mysterious coming and go- peating the whispered injunction, and ing, my sister and I early learned to going back to the house, took post there. loudly enjoining vigilance upon the others.



"DON' YOU TELL ME NUFFIN'."

covering before Tom Sherman sang ing from successive windows as the out, "One hun-derd!" and the warning, searching party moved from room to I stowed myself where he would be were discalled figures of the bes egers

We made our way back to the Sherthe place which I had lately deemed so

covered natural breathing, my comand then a happy thought struck me. panion explained in whispers the mystery of neighbor Sherman's behavior.

"'Long in the arternoon I was lavin' The explanation might pass with an' I heard somebody come a-trom- will probably become confused, says a those who had not witnessed my per- pling up de stairs, an' he begin pokin' writer in the Stockman. One authority formance, but it was not needed by my de fodder, an' me des nat'aly shakin' says never salt it-it is dangerous to do playmates, for at the suggestion of wid fear, ontwel fust I knowed he hove so. Another no less confidently assures hunger, each became aware of his own de fodder clean off'n me. A mons'ous us that it should be salted; he has albig, f'erce-lookin' man he was, wid a ways done so, likewise has his father. "Hurrah for something t'eat!" cried red baird-same man he was that came Plainly when doctors differ the indi-Tom. "Come on!" and he led the way to we-uns ober yander, an' he holler at vidual may use his reason about the

a double slice of bread and butter and 'Don' you tell me nuffin'. I don' wan' crease of molsture is to be expected a veranda or lattice frame. The comto hear a word out 'n yo' head. You from its use. After many years of ob-I made a pretense of eating, not with- had anything to eat since you ben servation and experience we have conout an effort refraining from the real- yere? an' I tol' him how you done fotch cluded that for us salting clover hay is ity, till Jim Sherman began to count me a little speck, in de mawnin', an' he very desirable. We have endeavored and the rest of us to scatter to cover. went an' fotch me a heap o' whittles, to arrive at this conclusion intelligently Then I crept noiselessly up the stairs an' he tol' me to lay still under de fod- by repeating tests both in the mow and and gave all my lunch to the negro. It der ontwel de dark come on an den go stack. The clover which is sufficiently made me hungry to see him eat, and I to de nex' house an' not come back cured to keep without salting will not felt that I was making a great sacrifice yere no mo', 'cause he ain't gwine for suffer from heat if salt is applied. While an' dat de las' I seen him ontwil he back is balanced by the preserving

unexpected a manner.

We lay quietly for an hour before we stairs, and then neighbor Sherman's guarded voice, "If there's anybody here, they can go over to Thorne's now The coast is clear."

With that he went downstairs, and we presently followed, and went over to our house, where all was quiet after the futile search.

On the following night my father car ried the fugitive to the next station northward, and we saw no more of him. but heard that he reached Canada without further adventure.

A few days later I happened to hear my father thanking neighbor Sherman very warmly for what he had done, and the response of the latter was:

"Sho! Abr'am, don't never say a word about it. I wouldn't for all the world have it get out 'at I harbored a runaway nigger. Why, they wouldn't never call on me agin to help ketch

em."-Youth's Companion. The Largest Loaves of Bread.

The largest loaves of bread baked in the world are those of France and Italy. The "pipe" bread of Italy is while in France the loaves are made in the shape of very long rolls four or even six feet. The bread of Paris is distributed almost exclusively by women, who go to the various bakehouses at 5:30 a. m. and spend about an hour polishing up the loaves. After the loaves are thoroughly cleaned of dust and grit, the "bread porter" proceeds on the round of her customers. Those who live in apartments or flats find their loaves leaning against the door. about by the wind.

Potters are not the only people who

AGRICULTURAL NEWS THINGS PERTAINING TO THE

FARM AND HOME. Suggestions on Making Palatable and

Preference for Salted Hay-Notes. The dairyman who owns a silo usu ally needs very little advice on the points involved in making palatable The kitchen door was open, my father and nutritious enslage, but suggestions standing in it, in silhouette against the are always welcome, and the following

Nutritious Ensilage-Most Farmers

Cultivate Too Much Land-Stock Show

There is not the need that used to be at intervals around the house, very supposed of doing the work of cutting steadfast and alert, except one who in a single day, so that fermentation seemed to be looking in our direction. could not begin until after the top was "I tell you there's no one but my own covered with some weight to press the family in my house," I heard my father slinge together. The effect of fermentation is to liberate carbonic acid gas One of the men replied, "That's all This is heavier than the common air, very well, Mr. Thorne, but I can't take and therefore remains in the silo unless your word for it, when there's a nigger | there is a hole near the bottom to send care should be taken to see that insects or mice have not drilled holes through melt my leg-bones and take my heart the woodwork of the silo during the ofmy body, I realized that our house time it has been unoccupied. If such was beleaguered by slave-hunters. The holes can be found they should be cov-

The shorter the sllage is cut the better he saw us, though the negro and I, by a is the amount of which the silage holds common impulse, crawled quickly be- at the beginning that determines how is small the sliage will come out sweet. any further fermentation. On the other hand, green corn that is nowhere near mature, and has little sweetness, makes a very poor silage, and is mostly very sour. So, too, is silage made from putting in whole cornstalks. These cannot be packed closely, and the result A few paces beyond us he turned is that many of the stalks will be al-

Cultivate Fewer Acres. I am surprised at the small crops of grain, grass, potatoes, etc., that are The negro crawled away in range of grown on many farms. The lack of ils tree, on his hands and knees, as sufficient good stable manure is largely stealthily as a cat, and I followed as responsible for this. A few years ago nearly as I could in like manner, till we a company was formed and a large gained the cover of a fence, looking strawboard factory built at the county back from which we saw the light shin- seat of my county. Since then every farmer within a radius of ten miles of this establishment fortunate enough to have any straw has sold it at the very low figures of from \$1 to \$2 per ton. With the money received for the straw some cheap grade commercial fertilizer is purchased. As a consequence the solls of the farms are becoming thinner each year from a lack of sufficient humus to make it lively and friable. It is very poor practice to sell straw from the farm. Keep enough stock to work over all the straw and rough feed into manure and then judiciously apply it to the fields. The labor will be more than doubly paid for by increased crops. Another trouble with a great many farmers is their greed for too many acres. How common it is to hear a man boasting of the number of acres of corn or wheat he is putting out, but when the | midwinter.-Farm and Fireside. one third less acres than at seeding time. It is an old rdage that "tillage is maaure." We have this proven by seeing a field that has had an extra amount of work put upon it before sowing It to wheat. The crop will be much larger than on a field only half prepar- and who needs not be told what to do, ed. If we expect to keep our farms in a state of fertility that will enable us to sary to make a good farm hand, and the grow paying crops we must concentrate our work upon fewer acres and have them well fertilized. It pays much better to raise a given number of bushels of wheat from ten acres than to raise

M. C. Thomas, in Orange Judd Farmer Favors Salting Hay. hard for night an' suffin' for to eat, what he reads about salting clover hay to the kitchen door, where an appeal me, 'What you doin' here? You's a matter, and if possible decide for himself. The objections against salt is that "When I try for to speak, he say, it is deliquescent and therefore an into have no runaway niggers roun' his it is true that salt is deliquescent, yet place. Deen he kiver me in de fodder, it is altogether probable that this drawcome on we-uns ober yander. Oh, he's quality, for why should sait cease to preserve hay when it is applied to oth-I quite agreed in his opinion of neigh- er commodities for this purpose? Yet bor Sherman, since he was acting in so we can admit, if necessary-which our observation does not warrant-that saiting does not materially preserve the heard a cautious step ascending the hay, and still claim our case. The preference of the stock for the salted hay is apparently a sufficient guide.

the same number from twenty. By

doubling the producing capacity of an

acre half of the land can be in grass,

thus giving it a chance to recuperate .-

Suppose the individual had to partake of his food unsalted, would be not make an objection? Neither would he be reconciled to this if his salt came in daily or weekly installments.

Winter Protection for Strawberries

There is no question but some good protection is almost essential to the strawberry plants, but authorities disagree about the best to be adopted. While some advocate manure, others object to it, and recommend straw. The chief objection to manure seems to be that seed weeds are apt to be sown with it on the strawberry bed. But If one's manure is as good as it ought to be weed seeds ought not to be spread in this way. Moreover, only well-rotted manure is fit for this work, and the weed seeds will generally have dled out before manure reaches this stage. The value of the manure in enriching the plants is often overlooked by those who prefer other things for protection. All through the winter the strength of the manure is soaking into the soil, and by spring when the protection is removed the plants are fertilized richly and ready to spring into immediate and rapid growth. But if one has no suitable manur

hand, the next best thing is probate, forest leaves, collected in the woods, I hope you'll not call them jugs any and mixed with just enough straw to keep them in place. A few twigs of the trees gathered with the leaves will be of value. These spread over them will Weekly. help to keep them from being blown

Straw is good as a protection, but killer when he looks around and sees sawdust is not so easily handled. The how far behind he is with his work.

rain makes the sawdust cling to the plants so that it sometimes proves quite a nuisance. Potato vines can often be utilized for protection of strawberries. especially in connection with a few leaves. The two mixed together make a cheap and effective covering.-Wis- the aiment promptly. consin Agriculturist.

Warm the Milk.

In winter it is often a difficult matter to churn cream and extract its butter fats. Warming the milk to 140 degrees is an effective remedy for this. It will also enable the dairyman to get a greater amount of cream from the same milk than he otherwise would. But the milk should not be allowed to become much warmer than 140 degrees or it will make the butter soft. As the warmed milk is cooled pretty much all the cream will rise at once. It should be skimmed before the top hardens into a crust, as it speedily will. When put away to awalt churning in the winter season, cream should be stirred once a day, so as to mix all its parts together and pre

vent mold forming on the surface. Some Poultry Do Nots. Do not keep 1,000 fowls in quarters built for but 500. Do not try to be a fancier before you are a common poultry man. Do not try to teach others until you know something yourself. Do not change to a new variety until you have fully worked the old one. Do not study the art of cure until you have mastered the art of prevention. Do not fall to remember that health in the hennery is brought about by cleanliness. Do not be led away by reports of others' good success; try to beat it yourself. Do not boast and think you know it all. Do not fail to read of the experiences of others and try to profit by their loss. Do not trust alone to hired help, but try to do some of the work

American Butter in England. The butter product of the United States bids fair to become a rival of the Denmark product in England. This is possible from the shrinkage of space brought about by present-day conditions, making possible the transportation and delivery of butter in the English market fifteen days after making. Under these conditions insuring the sweetness of the product being unimpaired, and notwithstanding the hesitancy of the English merchants to engage in the butter trade with the United States, the product of this country promises to obtain a firm foothold and rate of 30 miles an hour before the bees to command the highest prices abroad.

Training Poultry. To build a comfortable poultry house will not prevent the fowls from roosting on the tree limbs in winter unless they are taught that the house is for their accommodation. This is done by catching them at night and placing them in the house, where they must be confined for a week, at the end of which time they will have forgotten their former roosting places and when given their liberty will return at night in their new

Keeping Eggs. Did you know there is nothing better than last year's oats in which to pack eggs for winter use? It is not safe to use new oats; they must be a year old. I know of nothing more clean, convenient and sure.

I kept eggs thus packed in early fall until Easter one year, and the box was \$3,000,000, sewing machines to the moved thirty miles over rough roads in value of \$2,500,000 and typewriters next stanza when there came a ring

erm Hands Scar rather than the rule. There are many men who can plow and perform general farm work in a routine manner, but the man who understands what is required. is indispensable. Intelligence is necesbest men get high wages.

It is estimated that the cost of pro tecting trees to prevent disease, by the use of spraying mixtures, is less than one-fifth of a cent per tree, and the spraying may also increase the profit

Sulphur is injurious when given in the food during damp weather to animals or poultry. For hens that are shedding their feathers it is beneficial if added to the food in small quantities twice a week. It is also excellent for

hens that are laying. The largest profit for butter is in winter if it is of the best quality, because it can then be kept to better advantage and more easily shipped to distant markets. The cost will depend on how

much ensilage was stored this fall. The honeysuckle is a hardy plant, and in a few years forms a thick covering to mon morning glory is another climbing plant which should not be overlooked, as it grows from seed and reaches a

great height the first year. A difference of only 1c per pound re celved for a steer may amount to \$10 or \$12 for the entire animal. To fatten the steers is to not only increase their weight, but also to add quality. Profits are small on all goods, but the largest profits are received only for the best. While it may be better to cut out the

old wood from blackberries in winter, after the ground is frozen, it will be an advantage at this time to plow under the crab grass and weeds as so much green material. But few blackberry fields are manured, yet no crop responds more readily to good treatment than blackberries.

Steers of the beef-producing breeds have large frames which can hold an abundance of meat. The more meat the farmer can crowd on a frame the larger his profit, and he, therefore, should not object to his steers being heavy feeders, as they will make their gain in a shorter time than if dainty.

The Oldest Metallic Objects. Dr. J. H. Gladstone, discussing at the Royal institution the question of the metals used by the great nations of antiquity, said recently that gold was probably the first metal known to man, because it is generally found native. The oldest metallic objects to which we can assign a probable date were found in a royal tomb at Nagada, in Egypt, supposed to have been that of King Menus. In one of the chambers were some bits of gold and a bead, a button, and a fine wire of nearly pure copper. If the tomb has been properly identified, these objects are at least sixtythree hundred years old. Nearly all the ancient gold that has been examined contains enough silver to give it a light color. It was gathered by the ancients in the bed of the Pactolus and other streams of Asia Minor.

Mistress-Bridget, these are ewers.

Bridget-Thank yez, mum. Sure, and these others mine, too?-Jewelers' It's enough to discourage the foolFeel the Influence.

Cold and heat alike aggravate neural gia, because the nerves feel the cold and heat sensitively, but nerves are sensitive to treatment and feel the induence of St. Jacobs Oil, which cures

Condensed eggs are prepared in Pas san, Bavaria. First he eggs are dried, then reduced to a fine powder, which is placed in air-tight cans. Thus a most nutritiious food is compressed into smallest possible space.

### Sharp Pains

Darting from one point to another, stiff and swollen joints, inflammation, intense suffering, are characteristics of rheumatism. All these disagreeable symptoms are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla which purifies the ood and neutralizes the acid which is the cause of rheumatism. Why should you continue to suffer when others are being relieved of all symptoms of rheumatism by

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ITEMS OF INTEREST. The Danish flag is the oldest in existence, dating back to 1219 or therea A church at Seidlitz, in Bohemia, contains a chandelier made of human

fly which attacks and devours large Indiana's cement belt covers about

20 square miles. Seventeen miles are in operation. It is reported that rats climb the orange trees of southern Italy and suck in the least, nor did any one feel any the blood oranges.

It has been found that if the percentage of carbon or silicon in steel be increased the electrial resistance also

In paper making these chemicals are used: Milk of lime, chloride of lime, hyposulphite of soda, china clay, lime

Sumatra kerosene is at present a formidable competitor in the Russian market. The supply seems to be unlimited.

How fast can a bee fly? A hive on the roof of a train was carried at the were left behind.

The Best Seeds Absolutely Necessary. We cannot too strongly nor too often we cannot too strongly nor too often urge the supreme importance of planting seeds that are perfectly pure and fresh. Seeds that are offered at cheap prices are almost invariably of doubtful origin and uncertain age, sure to cause the planter disappointment and loss. The thoughtful planter's only surety lies in buying seeds sent out by a conscientious and trust. sent out by a conscientious and trust-worthy house. A vast number of Amer-ican gardeners have (and have had for ican gardeners have (and have had for years) the utmost confidence in seeds that bear the name, D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Mich. The present generation of planters can hardly remember the time when Ferry's Seeds were not on sale eyerywhere each year and as regularly planted by thousands—with the greatest faith in the unvarying quality of the seeds and in the integrity of the firm that grew them. Every planter, whether already a buyer of Ferry's Seeds or not, should send for Ferry's Seed Annual for 1899. It is mailed free to anyone who writes for it.

Last year the United States exported 866 locomotives, valued at about

No household is complete without a bot the famous Jesse Moore Whiskey. It is a pure and wholesome stimulant recommended by all physicians. Don't no

An unusual accident befell Mr. J. Thompson at Portland, Me. He jumped all the same to you, would you mind from a moving train and the shock letting the baby cry instead of singing caused a rupture of his windpipe, re- to it?" sulting in death. TRY ALLEN'S' POOT. BASE

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"The only thing we can do now," says Dupuy de Lome, speaking for Spain, "is to repent and reform. Such things are quite possible, even to Spain, when she can't do anything else. | rack fastened to the wall. "So!" he

#### A LIVING WITNESS.

Mrs. Hoffman Describes How She Wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for Advice, and Is Now Well.

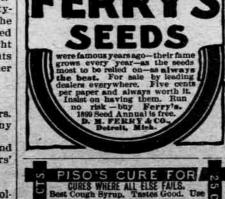
DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:-Before using your Vegetable Compound I was a great sufferer. I have been sick for months, was troubled with severe pain in both sides of abdomen, sore feeling in lower part of bowels, also suffered



advice replied telling me just what to do. I followed your directions, and cannot praise your medicine enough for what it has done for me Many thanks to you for your advice. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured me, and I will recom-

mend it to my friends. -Mrs. FLORENCE R. HOFFMAN, 512 Roland St., Canton, O. The condition described by Mrs Hoffman will appeal to many women, yet lots of sick women struggle on with their daily tasks disregarding the urgent warnings until overtaken by actual collapse

The present Mrs. Pinkham's experience in treating female ills is unparalleled, for years she worked side by side with Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, and for sometimes past has had sole charge of the correspondence department of her great business, treating by letter as many as a hundred thousand ailing women during a single year.



FREAK LIGHTNING.

Went Through a House Without Finding the Family.

Wicomico County, was struck by lightning. The bolt struck a big locust the peak of the house and burned or melted some nails in the wood. From there it went down the attic window post, which was splintered, went through the plastering in five small holes. It looked as though the holes were made by a gun. It set the lace curtains on fire and partly burned a feather bed. The bolt seemed to part here, part going out front and part going back. The part going front damaged the shutters, ripped off the plastering, followed some nails over the door head and melted the wire on a screen door, and went into the ground under the front steps. The part that went the back way doubled again before it entered the ground, one part taking one side, tearing out a window frame, following a tin valley down a doorway, ripping off plastering and laths and then into the ground. The part that took the other side ran along a partition, ripping off laths and plastering down the back stairway and through a tin safe or cupboard. In this cupboard was a glass spoon vase, with silver spoons in it. The spoons were blackened and some of them were melted same cupboard were knives and forks. These were melted and stuck where they came in contact with each other. From the cupboard it went through the corner of the house, tearing off the plastering and weather boarding and ripping open the corner posts. The

shock .- Baltimore Sun. A Preference.

Once in a great while Mr. Blynkins develops an impression that he is wiser than his wife. This state of min1 is only occasional, owing to the completeness of demonstrations to the contrary which almost invariably follow it. The baby had been crying. All her efforts to sooth it had been in vain. and finally Mr. Blynkins laid down the book whose reading he had interrupted two or three times a page to cast blameful glances, and said:

"Julia, are you aware we pay rent for only a portion of this building? Does It occur to you that while we have a right to fill this flat as full of noise as we choose, we are not morally justified in causing noise to overflow and pervade the entire structure?" "It's the baby that's crying," she

suggested. "You are not adopting the method likeliest to gulet the child. You have been humming to it, but what the child needs is music. Give him to me and I'll show you what I mean." He took the child and proceeded to chant a lullaby. The little one stopped

crying and stared at him. "There," said Mr. Blynkins, as he eached the end of a verse; "what he wanted was music, real music. He wasn't to be fooled with any makebelieving humming. Of course, the fact that I used to sing in a glee club and had my voice cultivated may make a difference, too."

He had not gotten very far into the

moved into the flat above. There's a sick lady with us, and she says if it's

German Thrift. An American in Munich writes to a

that strike Americans as extraordinary. He tells of a stout German gentleman who came into the lobby of one of the picture galleries of Munich one day last summer puffing a cigar. After depositing his hat and umbrella, he looked around uneasily. Big signs ou the entrance doors to the gallery warned him that no smoking was allowed. Finally his face lighted up as he strode over to one corner and deposited his half-finished clgar in a sort of metal exclaimed with a sigh of relief, and marched in to see the pictures. Almost at the same moment, another German, having "done" the pictures, approached the rack in question, and, having scrutinized its contents, selected a stump of a cigar as his particular property, and proceeded to light it before getting on his hat and coat. This provision for saving the stumps of cigars was a novelty to the American, and he examined it with some curiosity. A sign, "Cigarre Ablade," placed above it in large letters, announced its purpose-a "leaving place" or "depositing place" for cigars. The rack was of metheadache, and al, and fashioned something like a miniature wire-rack; there was a spe I wrote you a cial groove for each cigar, but no particular mark or number by which one could identify one stump from another, and no particular reason why the firstcomer should not help himself to the best and biggest cigar of the lot. These cigar repositories are common all over Germany in galleries, museums, and 1,577,252 hens in that state. other places where smoking is not al-

> Rats. They appear to be turning snakes to good account in Brazil, for rats have become so abundant that a domestic snake, the giboya, which has about the circumference of the arm, is sold in the market-place in Rio Janeiro to be kept In the house as a protection against ro dents. It would seem that the serpent pursues its prey more for the pleasure there is in it than from a sense of hunger, since it is said it rarely eats the rats caught. Similar in its habits and attachments to the domestic cat of more northern latitudes, the giboya will, it is said, find its way back to the house of its master, even if transport ed to a considerable distance.

Making Use of Him. Mr. Pendragon weighs 240 pounds. He called on Miss Flyrte the other evening.

"Oh, Mr. Pendragon," she said, "I am

so glad to see you. Would you mind sitting in this big chair. I put a portfolio of autumn leaves underneath the cushion yesterday." And later in the evening Mr. Pendra. gon suggested that she should help him press them.-Somerville Journal.

Foretelling the Weather. A curious barometer is used in Germany and Switzerland. It is a jar of water, with a frog and a little step-ladder in it. When the frog comes out of the water and sits on the steps, a rain-

About all that a married man goes through that a single man misses, is the experience of being the center fig-ure in a family group photograph.

storm will soon occur.

To Prevent Freezing. Some interesting things have con to light in the history of the tunnel boring for the Jungfrau railway in During the severe storm Tuesday the Switzerland. Blasting gelatine was ome of C. H. Redlidge, in California. used in this work, which freezes at a temperature of about 40 degrees Fahrenheit. It is an exceedingly dangerree in the yard, jumped from that to ous substance to handle, being unlike dynamite in this respect, and so the contractors engaged in this work are keeping their explosives in a sort of tirely obviated. In this connection is

> monly frozen for safe handling. The World's Supply of Wheat. An English expert claims that the wheat producing soil of the world is unit. Even now when the food supply is ample, thousands die because their dis-ordered stomachs fail to digest the food they take. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters strengthen and tone up the stomach and digestive organs.
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> Lindsley has great cause for rejoicing.
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> Mrs. P. Hayes' daughter, Twentieth street, Portland, is happy in the cure of a large goitre (large neck), of years'

trical application, as dynamite is com-

Light From Sugar. where they touched each other. In the result of some change in the crystals, to 5; evening, 7 to 8, Sundays, 10 to was supposed.

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Ex-Sheriff A. T. Schoeps' wife, of 51% Third street, Portland, has been troubled with deafness for a long time. safe heated by electricity, so that the danger of the gelatine freezing is encured. Her daughter, Nina, was cured a proposition to extend this idea to the by Dr. Darrin seven years ago of rheuthawing out of dynamite by some elec- matism, loss of appetite and general debility. J. A. Lindsley, news agent on the O. R. & N., residence Mt. Tabor, Or., is very enthusiastic over the cure of consumption, bronchitis and catarrh, perever since. Mr. Lindsley has great

standing. She was restored by Dr. Darrin's electrical treatment many The flashes of bluish white light seen 'years ago. Mrs. T. B. Hatfield's son, in the dark when pieces of sugar are 214 Eleventh street, Portland, was cured rubbed together have been studied by six years ago by Dr. Darrin. His Mr. John Burke, an English physicist. trouble was discharging ears and deaf-By rotating a loaf of sugar on a lathe ness. Dr. Darrin gives free examination against a hammer he has obtained al- to all and when necessary gives medicine most continuous luminosity, enabling in connection with electricity. The poor him to observe and photograph the treated free from 10 to 11 daily, except spectrum. The light appears to be a medicines. Those willing to pay, 10 and not due to heating or to chemical 12. Deafness, catarrh, eye, nose and action between the sugar and air, as throat, heart, liver, stomach, lung troubles, errors of youth, blood taints. gleet, impotency, varicocele, hydrocele, and stricture a specialty. All chronic male and female and private diseases patient. All business relations with Dr. Darrin strictly confidential. Letters of inquiry answered. Circulars and question blanks sent free. Batteries and belts furnished when necessary.

street, Portland. A deposit of earth strontian has been from its use being that concrete might found on Put-in-Bay island in Lake be superseded as necessary to make a Erie. It is many acres in extent. The smooth pavement, but the bricks could nitrate of strontia is of pure white

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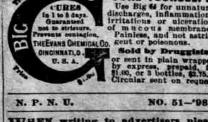
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