Spongn-Growing.

The universal and increasing demand sponges and the unremitting drain to shall the best "fisheries" are sub-sl, has led to a partial dearth in the ply of these useful articles; but art, has thus threatened the extinction the supply, has in this, as in many lar cases, stepped in to restore the nee. It is only within the last few ear that the real nature of the sponge been recognized. In its natural it is a disagreeable and almost regre looking object, the soft, fibrous with which every one is so familiar og bidden beneath, and its intricacies ance which rapidly putrefies, and adds is fold to the generally unpleasant naare of the thing. The tellacity with els and stones suggested the idea that my were a species of vegetable, though per really belong to the animal kingaher zoophytes, with the beautiful ap-parance of many of which the public aparia have helped to make us acmainted. A sponge is nothing more animated stomach, which, though the very lowest of all forms of minal life, is endowed with more reason has the stomachs of the many so-called irils of creation, or mankind, inasmuch sit knows what is good and what is bad farit, and rejects the latter while imbibing only the former. The gelatirous substance, which forms the actual body of the sponge, being beaten and washed out of it, the fibrous skeleton is left in the state in which it is sold in shops.

The search for these creatures employs marmy of skilled divers, the principal gonging ground being in the Greek Irchipelago, and in other parts of the Mediterranean, in the Red Sea, and in the Bahamas and other parts of the West Inlies, and in some of the islands of the heific. The Colonies and India gives publicity to a fact which is likely to di-minish the dangers attending the operaion of sponging, and at the same time to mcrease the available supplies of songes. It appears that two German attralists have made the discovery that mall pieces carefully cut from live sponges, and attached to boards or stones and sunk in suitable localities, will gow, in a few months, into large sponges, as though nothing had hap-pened. This fact is of the utmost imertance to our sponge-growing colonies. Our contemporary suggests that a close time should be enacted in the Bahamas and other localities where sponges are liminishing in numbers; but with or without such a law, the possibility of gowing sponges at will and increasing heirnumbers indefinitely, in the manper indicated by the German naturalsts, should soon set at rest any doubt as to a falling off in the supply of these in-valuable articles.—The Globe.

Cutting off the Head of a Murderer.

The long-expected execution of Pre rest, the murderer of the traveling jewder, Lenoble, and the girl Adele Blondin, took place recently at the Place la Requette. The enormity of the crime prieve, even in this country, where murderers have of late been treated with singular leniency. It became known in the Quarter late in the evening that the guillotine would be required in the morning, and by midnight a large crowd had already collected. The cold proved, however, very trying to the patience of the would-be spectators of the morning's tagedy, and many gave up the attempt of witnessing it. At 4 o'clock Debler, the executioner, arrived outside the prison with the cart containing the materials for the scaffold. The hammers quickly went to work, and the uncouth structure was soon completed. A strong body of police kept order, and a com-pany of the Garde Republicaine were also present to represent authority. At 530 a cab bearing the fatal number, "148," that has become legendary with such scenes, drove up in the darkness of the prison door, and the chaplain of the Requette, Abbe Crozes, alighted and passed into the prison. The arrival of the gendarmerie of the Seine, at halfpast 6, announced that the time for the execution had arrived. At the same moment the door of the condemned cell spened, and Prevost saw that he stood in the presence of Deibler and the commisioner of police for the Quarter. He rose from his seat and murmured: "Ah, then, it is this morning." He was recommended to be courageous. "I shall be so," he replied. On being asked if he had any further revelation to make, he said: "It is quite enough to have committed two great crimes. I acknowlsige them, and have nothing more to ay." He then listened to the exhortaseeded to dress. Seven o'clock struck, and the great door of the prison opened, he gendarmeries raised their swords, ad all eyes were turned toward the tall orm of the culprit, which could be seen dvancing through the opening. Alhough perfectly livid, Prevost walked iraly to the scaffold. There the chapain gave him the customary kiss, and he signal was given for Deibler to seize im and place him under the knife. A ew seconds afterward the triangular teel descended with a dull thud, and

AN ACTOR'S MOTHER.—I remember a himsical incident occurring in a thebe where the leading member of the ompany was celebrated for his magnifising physique. One night he was en-sing Virginius, and his mother, who si never been in a theatre in all her le, happened on the occasion to be in boxes. Fresh from her native Yorkire village, it will be readily imagined at she was somewhat bewildered with e novelty of the scene. When her son peared, she was amazed at the grandeur his presence, in fleshings, sandals and ga. His appearance caused a great al of enthusiastic applause. When it d subsided the proud mother, unable restrain herself, and to the astonish-ent of all around her, said, "I'm so al you like him. He's my son." hereupon the mother immediately beme the centre of attraction, and one mirer exclaimed, "Well, Madame, you well be proud of your son, for he has godlike as a Roman." "Ah." thed the poor old lady in reply. I in't want him to be a Roman. ald have looked splendid as a police a." Tinsley's Magazine.

The Disaster to the Tay Bridge.

In counting the resistance that would have to be overcome before a gale of wind could do barm, the contractors of the Tay Bridge were, as the fact proves, totally at fault. But they were not merely astray in arguing that that could not occur which has now actually occurred. It is seen that they reasoned on certain details from mistaken premises, and their fault is worth special notice because it is probable that similar false reasoning may be depended upon as proving safety in other somewhat similar cases. For instance, the Scotch engineers counted a pier, a span of the bridge and the weight of a train as the resistance to which the pressure of the wind must be superior to endanger the lives of passengers, and they counted the sum of this resistance as an mert mass. They made the resistance about four times greater than the force that could be applied. But the pier and span of the bridge should not have been counted, as we now see. This alone would reduce the resistance to a quarter of what they made it.

Moreover, the resisting body, thus reduced, should not have been counted as an inert mass, and this would even more materially change the problem. It appears never to have occurred to them as a possibility that the train might be blown from the bridge. They reasoned as if bridge and truss and train were all to be blown over together. They seem, further, never to have had a fancy that the prob-lem to solve was not how much force would overcome a certain inertia, but how much force working in a given direction would vary the operation of another force working in another direction. They did not consider the peculiar effect of the curves in the line on the resistance. As a giant wrestler whom no antagonist could budge if placed solidly on his feet may be brought down by a stroke that a child could give if caught at a critical moment in a strained attitude on tiptoe, so it is with a train which, sweeping around a sharp curve is practically on tiptoe and at the mercy of many chances. There was a double curve on the Tay Bridge, and the accident appears to have occurred just as the train was sweeping from the first into the second. At that point the last car was like a whip-snapper. Imagine the train at that place with wind lifting and pushing at once, and co-operating with the force which the weight and momentum of the train supplied to sweep the last car outward from the rails, and that was, in fact, the real resistance to be overcome. It was only equivalent to the surface supplied by the beveled flange of the wheels on one side of the car. For when one car left the rail at that point all was over .- N. Y. Herald.

The Queer Conklings.

I have made some inquiries in New York about the Conklings, and they seem to be queer. In Genesee, where they came from originally, they tell all sorts of ridiculous anecdotes about them. It appears that there are three sisters and two sons. The sisters live a sort of hermit life, and two of them, I think, did not marry. They say Conkling's brother, Fred., thinks he ought to be Senator, as he is altogether a bigger man than Roscoe. The old man, Judge Conkling, father of Roscoe, must have been a curiosity. I was told that some gentlemen called to see him at Utica on one occasion, presuming that he was staying at his son's house. Conkling entertained them with considerable grandeur, supposing that they had come to see him. He was not so cordial when he found that they were in search of the old man. The Judge was found in a little house, away down the street, and in a small room, and when he heard that they had called on Roscoe, he exclaimed: "That is all you come to Utica for, to see Senator Conkling. You did not think me worth calling on first." The old fellow was jealous, and wanted the attention. On another occasion Judge Conkling was called on to make a speech and was introduced to the audience as the father of Hon. Roscoe Conkling. At this the old fellow's countenance fell, and he began to stumble in his speech, and seemed to lose all heart in what he was going to say; and after the meeting he belabored that man fiercely for having introduced him as the father of his son, instead of the judge himself. "They tell me that on one occasion Conk-ling wanted to consult his father on a point of law," said Grossvernor, "the father being the best lawyer of the two. So Roscoe began the letter to his father : 'Hon. Alfred Conkling, Utica, New York -My dear sir' instead of saying: 'My dear father, give me some information."
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You ask if we have any particularly bright horses," replied a hook and ladder "Here is Peter; he's been with ns nine or ten years, and we rather brag on him. Let me introduce you. Peter, here is a chap from the Detroit Free

Peter nodded his head and pawed the

"Peter, have you been to a fire to-

He shook his head.

"Were you out yesterday?" He podded. "Peter, how old are you?"

"The horse pawed thirteen times with his right foot.

"That's right, old boy. Do you re-member when a loafer stabbed you at a he head of the murderer rolled into the asket prepared for it .- Paris Telegram.

He did.

"Where is the scar?" Peter bent himself almost double to bite his hip at a spot where a scar could

be traced. "Now, Peter, show the Detroit man how you take your place at the pole."

Down went the chain and the horse

"Now walk around the truck and come and take off my hat."

covered the distance in two jumps.

The horse obeyed to the letter. "Now." continued the fireman, as he lay down on the floor, "step over me." Peter lifted his feet very high and

stall "That horse is one of us," said the man as he brushed off the dust and sat We can rest the foot of a ladder on his back and he will not move. Wherever we stand him at a fire he will stay without watching. He eats with us, chews tobacco, likes beer and would learn to play dominoes in a week, if he could only handle them."-Detroit Free

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"Pa, dear," asked his son and heir, "Tell me what is the difference between accident and misfortune?" gave it up. "Well," said the son and heir, "if my pressing tailor, Mr. Snippson, were to fall into a deep pond it would be an accident; but if anyone were to pull him out it would be a mis-

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