No article on tea could omit mention of Dr. Johnson and his great partiality for that beverage. In his review of Hanway's "Tea and its pernicious Consequences" he proclaims himself as "a hradened and shameless tea drinker, who has for many years diluted his meals with only the infusion of this plant, whose with the amuses the evening, with tea solaces the midnights, and with tea welcomes the morning." The quantities he drank of it at all hours were so great that, his nerves must have been uncommonly strong not to have been extremely relaxed by such an intemperate use of it. It is related of him, but not by Boswell, that whilst on his Scotch tour, the Dowager Lady Macleod, having re-peatedly helped him, until she had poured out sixteen cups, then asked him if a small basin would not be more agreeable, and save him trouble. "I wonder, madam," he answered roughly, "why all the ladies should ask me such questions. It is to save themselves trouble, madam, and not me." On another occasion he said: "What a delightful beverage must that be that pleases all palates at a time when they can take nothing else at break-Croker mentions that the doctor's tea-pot held two quarts.

Five o'clock tea is by no means a mod-ern invention. It is of Swiss origin, and is mentioned in the "Almanach des Gourmands." "About 5 o'clock in the evening the lady of the house makes her-self in the middle of the drawing-room some very strong tea, softened by a few drops of rich cream; slices of bread and butter are served with it. Such is the Swiss tea in all its simplicity; but in rich houses there are added cakes, preserved fruits, and even ices. It is served every day, and it is the only meal to which strangers are invited." The well-known stinginess of the Swiss renders this extremely probable. It is to be hoped that the tea was better in those days than it is now, or a short time ago. One shud-ders on recalling to mind the appalling mixture contained in the hotel tea-pots

Let us end with a statement of Bal-We cannot pretend to know ZBC'S. whence he derived it. The English Government (date not mentioned) allowed three criminals, condemned to death, to choose between being hung, or to live exclusively on tea, coffee, or chocolate, without adding any other nourishment whatever, or being permitted to drink any other liquid. They accepted and drew lots for the drink. one who lived on chocolate died in eight months. The one who lived on coffee lasted two years. But the man of tea enjoyed existence for three years. Balzac adds details of the particular way in which each died; but they would hardly be welcome at the dinner or breakfast table.-[London Globe.

Goethe as a Freemason.

Herr Pietsch, of Leipzig, has just published a full and annotated edition of his interesting essay on Goethe as a Freemason ("Johann Wolfgang von Goethe als Freimauer") which he delivered as a festival oration at the Goethe-Centenary. on June 23, 1880. Very few persons, even amongst Guethe's biographers, knew that the great poet belonged to the order; and even the few who were aware of the fact will learn many details that are new to them from Herr Pietsch's diligent researches into Goethe's relations with the brotherhood and his Masonic activity. It was on the 13th of January, 1780, at the close of his tour in Switzerland with the Duke Karl August, of Weimar, that the poet first applied for reception, and his appheation was made to the master of the Lodge "Amalia," Baron von Fritch, Goethe's special adversary at the court of Weimar. Herr Pietch prints the letter of application. In it the poet says that he has been moved to apply for admission into the fraternity in order that by acquiring the titles and privileges of a Freemason he may come into closer contact with a number of eminent persons whom he has learned to esteem. "This whom he has learned to esteem. social feeling alone," he adds, "has moved me to ask for reception."

As an apprentice, the great poet was most zealous and painstaking in the fulfillment of his duties, and co-operated actively in assisting the needy and distressed, as, for instance, at the conflagra-tion at Gross-Brembach. "Masonic ech-oes," says Herr Pietch, "are to be de tected in all the works written by Goethe after the year 1780, and particularly in his letters to Charlotte von Stein. On the 5th of February, 1782, Goethe and his sovereign, the Duke Karl August, were admitted at the same time to the degree of Master Mason. Strife afterward arose, and the Lodge "Amalia" was suspended from 1783 to 1808. In 1810 Goethe was nominated master of the lodge, but he declined the honor with so much decision that the offer was not repeated. He frequently officiated, however, as Orator (Redner). On the 23d of June, 1830, he celebrated his fifty years' jubilee as a mason. The address delivered by him to the Lodge "Amalia" on this occasion is printed in its entirety by Herr Pietch. - London Globe. .

Dr. Channing's attenuated figure and face, his large luminous eyes, and his sweet but pervading voice formed, writes S. W. Oakey, a peculiar presence not to be forgotten. His manner was calm and rarely aided by gesture, but earnest and deeply impressive, and he possessed the magnetism that carried the audience side by side with him, from point to point of his discourse. In social life he was not unamiable, but his grand views of humanity seemed to lift his attention above social surroundings.

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Mr. Seebohm, a recent traveler in Siberia, says that "birds go to the Arctic regions to breed, not by thousands but by millions." And he tells us that the cause of this migration is the search after food, which is there provided for them with lavish prodigality. "Seed or fruit eating birds find an immediate and abundant supply of cranberries, crowberries, and other ground fruit which have remained frozen during the long winter, and are accessible, the moment the snow has melted; while insect-eating birds have only to open their mouths to fill them with mosquitoes."

A watch which requires no winding has been invented by Mr. A. R. von Loehr, of Vienna. He has constructed the mechanism on the same principle as the pedometer. A weighted lever, pivoted at one end, is kept in position against the upper of two banking pins by a long curved spring of such strength that the motion of the body in walking is sufficient to cause the lever to descend, at each step of the person carrying the watch, to the lower bank pin. There is a ratchet wheel with very fine teeth pivoted at the same center as the weighted lever, and fixed to the lever is a pawl which engages with the wheel. This pawl is made so elastic that it takes up the strain produced when the mainspring is wound up. A train of gearing connects the ratchet wheel with the barrel arbor, and there is a pawl to prevent any tendency of the ratchet to reverse its

Parliamentary Fines.

At one period there was a great difficulty in getting members to attend to their Parliamentary duties, and again and again the House resorted to the expedient of fining those who were late for prayers. On one of these occasions we find a curiously undignified discussion of the question whether or not the Speaker of the House should be fined in the sum of 12d. for his late attendance. It had been decided on a motion of the House that such members as should not come up by 8 and be at prayers should pay a shilling. The very next morning the Speaker himself did not put in an appearance till a quarter to 9.

"The House by this time," says D'Ewes, "was very full at prayers, by reason of the order made yesterday. Sir H. Mildmay, after prayers, stood up and said he was glad to see this good effect of yesterday's order, and said to the Speaker that he did hope that hereafter he would come in time; which made the Speaker throw down 12d, upon the table." Then there seems to have been any number of shillings' worth of discussion over the question as to whether the Speaker under the circumstances could properly be fined. "I," "spake to the order of the D'Ewes, House; that the order made yesterday was to fine 'after' prayers, and therefore you (I spake to the Speaker) cannot be subject to pay; and for coming a little after 8, that was no great difference.' Mr. Speaker, however, stood upon his dignity, and declined to pocket his 12d., even though the fine had been not fully incurred."-[London Globe.

Who Is She?

There is a lady living in a little four roomed cottage in the environs of Boston whose name is well-known to literary people, writes a correspondent of Lippincott's. She depends wholly upon her own exertion for the support of herself and children, and does all her own housework, yet her cottage is the focus of the best society of the locality. A genthe best society of the locality. A gen-tleman calling there recently was re-ceived at the door by a daughter of the lady, who told him her mother was too busy to be called, but that he could see her in the kitchen if he pleased, and he followed her to that room. The lady greeted him without the slightest em-barrassment though she had on a big barrassment, though she had on a big apron, and her sleeves were pinned back to her shoulders. She was cutting a pumpkin into strips for pies, and there sat a venerable gentleman gravely paring the strips to the accompaniment of brilliant conversation. I was asked to guess who this gentleman was, and after several fruitless attempts was told that it was the poet Longfellow. While the was the poet Longieriow. While the pumpkin paring was in process, another distinguished poet called, and he also insisted upon being pressed into the service. It was a dreary day outside, and no one cared to leave the pleasant cottage, so they all stayed to lunch, one of the pies forming the piece de resistance of the occasion.

AN OLD BIBLE .- Ex-Governor Alexander H. Rice has purchased and presented to the library of Roanoke College, Virginia, a valuable Latin Bible, printed in 1477. It is beautifully printed on vellum in black letter, with rubricated capitals, and contains 944 pages folio, very well preserved. Here is the quaint closing paragraph of the title page of the work: "Here ends the apocalyptic book of the blessed Apostle John. In the year of our Lord's incarnation one thousand four hundred and seventy-seventh, and the third calends of August. A very extraordinary work of the Old and New Testaments, with canons and concordances of the evangelists. To the praise and glory of the holy and inseparate trinity and the 'im-pression' of the immaculate Virgin Mary. In the royal State of Nuremberg, by Antonious Coburger, a resident of the same State, by whose industry also it was made with the utmost diligence and skill it happily ends. Praise to God."—[Bos-

A Norristown youth who was trying to master a bicycle, when asked his age, said he had seen fifteen summers and about one hundred and fifteen falls,

American and European Railroads.

Comparing the countries of Europe with one another, Sweden is best provided with railroads in proportion to population of all, having 6.4 miles for every 10,000 of population. The average of all Europe is 3.3 miles per each 10,-000. In the United States this ratio is seven times as great as that of Europe, being 23 miles to every 10,000 people. This wide interval is widening every year. While railroad building is increasing in the United States, and for the coming year will exceed any former one, estimated at 10,000 miles, it is falling off in Europe, and by the end of this year we shall equal all Europe in the total of mileage. And notwithstanding all the complaints about the extravagance and excessive profits of construction rings, and the watering of stocks, the average cost per mile of the roads in the United States is only \$52,774, while in Europe this cost is \$110,971, than twice as great, though labor is cheaper in all European countries, and in many of them iron and steel rails are also much cheaper. In Great Britain and Ireland this average cost per mile is \$197,097, and in Belgium, another flat country where both labor and iron are cheap, this cost is \$153,485 per mile. In Norway, one of the most mountainous countries, the cost of railroad building is least of all-\$61,519 per mile-still greater than the average in this country.

There is a new instrument going into use in England for the purpose of re-ceiving Greenwich time signals at tele-graph stations, etc. Hitherto the pass-age of the time signal current along the lines gave no other indication of its presence than a deflection of the needles of ordinary instruments and a corresponding movement of the armature of the Morse ink writer and sounder, at 10 A. M., and the eye had to be kept constantly on the instrument to learn the exact time. In the new instrument there is an arrangement which rings a bell and at once arrests attention when the first part of the time signal is transmitted.

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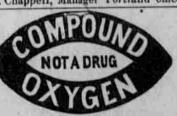
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