New York Tribune,

A few years ago some timid souls were crying out that Philadelphia, Coston and Baltimore were taking away the trade of New York, and there were not wanting some to predict that this city was in danger of falling behind in the race. These forebodings seem to have died out. New York has gone on with its silent, stately growth, heedless of all this discussion, and now a writer in The Century, William C. Conant, predicts that "long before another century passes, its population will surpass that of London, and that it will be the unrivalled centre of finance and commerce, of luxury and fashion, of art and literature—the heart and brain, in a word-of the civilized world."

New York may not come out ahead in this great race of the cities, but there would be some risk at least in predicting that it will be left behind. If we count Brooklyn, etc., it is already the third city in the world, and not far behind Paris, which is the second. It cannot be many years before it out-strips Paris. It is the financial and commercial capital of America, and nothing, apparently, can shake it from precisely from what source the charity this position. The development of the came, his life would be made un-Mississippi valley will make Chicago one of the great cities of the future, but it cannot have the commanding position of New York as the natural gateway between Europe and America.

Mr. Conant well says: "Providence never before laid out a nation on a "scale that was more than petty in comparison with the continental, climatic and oceanic frame of the American republic. Never before in "history has there been a movement of men that was not petty and cramped " in comparison with the outpouring of "all races into this vast national frame-"work." A great proportion of this broad stream of commerce and immigration must flow through New York Here railroads, telegraphs, steamship lines and all the machinery of commerce must continue to be concentrated. When the natural advantages of New York are considered—the territory it drains, and its avenues of approach both by land and waterwith the development it has already attained, even the imagination seems unable to depict its future.

ENOCH ARDEN'S TRUE STORY Cincinnati Saturday Night.

When Enoch Arden came home after which shipwrecked him and his hopes, he crept up the street to his old home, a great philosopher or a great poet, was as Tennyson informs us, and looked in brought into requisition. But when the the window. There he saw Phillip Ray lecturer explained that this phrase was and Annie, his wife, and their child, all

The whole bitter truth came upon him with terrible force. Annie, sup-posing Enoch to be dead, had married They felt as did a class of college 'pa," though that was a bitter pill.

Neither of these things worried him and had become a fixture there.

wards that it was the narrowest escape Shakespeare. of his life, and that he would rather be shipwrecked every five minutes than to encounter his mother-in-law.

INESS.

Chicago Inter Ocean.

The average American reader is attracted or repelled by a book according vorce from my wife." as he finds in it something which interests him on account of the subject culty?" matter, and not because of its artistic treatment. This class of books are largely circulated by subscription. The far between, and the most successful three children with her." publications are sold on the agency plan. Publishers have found out that the American people are not sesthetes in literature, but utilitarians, and bookmakers, whether authors or compilers, are obliged to keep that idea in view. Often the work is done in a slovenly way, and no high order of literary ability is required to perform it, even when it is well done; but with all its world of letters.

One subscription book published in Chicago has reached the enormous sale of 400,000 copies, without ever being mentioned in the notices of new books by any newspaper, or being placed on the shelves of the book trade. Such books are never advertised, and, as a rule, are utterly unknown by even their titles in library circles or to literary men. Six of the leading works of this kind published in Chicago aggregate a sale of probably 1,200,000 copies.

A COLONY BROKEN UP.

New York Sun. A colony of Russian Jews in Indeintermittent and bilious fevers prostrated the major part of the colonists, and effectually broke up the settlement. Ten of the colonists have returned to the Israelites of that city.

SOLIDIFIED BRAN.

bars like sticks of wood, and it is thought that in this form it may be largely exported. The stick can be prepared for use either by cutting up or soaking in water.

Vanderbilt's Vindication. [New York Cor. Chicago News.]

A majority of the New York papers seem to have united in the effort to make W. H. Vanderbilt a social martyr by their continued and senseless abuse. I think it high time that even Vanderbilt was given his rights, notwithstand-ing the fact that he stands charged with the enormous crime of accumulating \$200,000,000. Who wouldn't do the same thing if he could? Is there a human being on the earth averse to accumulating money, and as much of it as possible? Mr. Vauderbilt is compelled to endure the most persistent abuse in silence, and I suppose he has become used to it. I met a once confidential agent of Mr. Vanderbilt the other day, and the topic of great fortunes came up during an extended conversation. "Few people know Mr. Vanderbilt as he really said the ex-agent. "Even members of his own family know him only on the surface. Let me tell you that he is a big-hearted man-there isn't a stingy hair in his head, and when I tell you that he gives away \$250,000 every year I know what I am talking about, because I have handled a good deal of it myself. He is compelled to give his charity in a manner as stealthy as a tramp would steal a coat, because if he made any display of it, or it was known endurable by beggars. I know he used to receive from twenty to 150 begging letters every day, and it required the services of a confidential clerk to sort out these things from his business and social letters. I don't envy Vanderbilt his hundreds of millions. He is not the happiest man in the world, and if it wasn't for his

lunatic asylum or his grave long ago." "Do you think he cares much about the newspaper criticisms?" "Not as much as he did a few years ago. The things that gall him most are the cartoons in the comic papers. One of these fine days certain New York editors will find themselves facing a lot of libel suits; and when Mr.

splendid constitution, and his habit of always looking at the cheerful side

of things, he would have been in a

Vanderbilt thinks he has just cause to go for a man he does it without fear or favor, and I never knew him to fail in his purpose."

Be Not Too Fast,

[Detroit Free Press,] Mr. Matthew Arnold greatly offended the American portion of his Boston audience by speaking of "great, intelligent, sensual, avaricious America." The portion of unmerchantable eggs and the that memorable and disastrons voyage, cabbages not already exhausted on the lecturer for saying that Emerson was not a quotation from one of Emerson's letseated around the hearth cracking walters to Carlyle, the angry audience wanted to take it all back, and naturally felt a good deal abashed at not knowing

Phillip, so as to have a home for herself boys who greeted with shouts of laughand child, and a man about the house ter what they thought was too "hifaluin case of tramps. It was a sad coming tin" and gorgeous a composition that back for Enoch, and he was mad about one of their number was reading. After it. Not so much because Phillip had about ten pages of the brilliant rhetoric married his wife, for there were plenty which provoked their mirth, he ended more wives to be had; not because his by saying: "Thus speaks Macaulay in child had learned to call another man his immortal essay on history." The

boys didn't laugh for a week. The late Dr. Kenealy, the Tichborne half so much as to note that Phillip was claimant's counsel and subsequently a stern and commenced to pour a small wearing his (Enoch's) clothes. With a member of parliament, was making a stream of oil on the water. The sea at menacing gesture Enoch was just about speech before that body when he said once ceased to break, and for two or to dash into the house and annihilate that something would. "like a dew drop them, when suddenly the anger in his from the lion's mane be shook to air. countenance was supplanted by a look As he was thought to be more or less a of terror and he slunk away as silently "crank" this remark was supposed to as he had come. He had caught sight be some unusual idiocy of his own, and of Annie's mother, who during Enoch's the house roared in derision. The other absence had broken up house-keeping sides of their mouths were as visibly and come to live with her daughter, agitated, however, when they learned that this ridiculous language was first Enoch told some of the boys after attered by another Englishman named

> How a Life of Trouble Was Avoided. [Kentucky State Journal.]

THE SUBSCRIPTION BOOK BUS. A few days ago a middle-aged countryman walked into the office of a prominent Newport attorney and took seat, when the following took place:

"Ah; what seems to be the diffi-

"Well, me and Jinny are always quarr'lin', and think it would be better if she would go back to her folks and book stores of the country are few and I'd stay where I am. She ken take the

"On what grounds do you want a di-

"Well, you see it's jist this way; Jinny's the most skeeriest woman of tramps ye ever seen. And so when we go up stairs to bed, she always jumps in bed first, and then she wants me to look under the bed for a man when I know there ain't no man there. So you see that riles me and I get mad, and then liabilities to abuse the standard of util. she gets mad, and then there's a fuss ity marks a wholesome tendency in the and I don't have no peace and can't get no sleep, and I'm a hard workin' man." "You can't get a divorce on those

grounds, sir.' "I can't?"

"No, sir.'

"Well, then, I know what I'll do. I'll go home and saw the legs off the bed, close up, so a man can't git under. If I had thought of that sooner I might hev saved all this time comin' in here."

Government Photograph Shop. [New York Sun.]

Immediately in the rear of the treasary department is a roomy wooden cottage, the purpose of which is often inquired about. It is a photographic establishment run at public expense. pendence county, Arkansas, gave signs Nominally it is an establishment where at first of flourishing in a high degree the photographs are taken of counterbut with the advent of summer violent feits and other engravings deemed important to be preserved.

There is a considerable corps of operatives, or artists, in this establishment, whose numbers would be less but St. Louis in an exhausted condition, for the demand for photographs by and received temporary assistance from officials at the cost of the government. Among the most constant patrons is Secretary Folger, who has a passion for A Minneapolis man has invented a that sort of thing. After Arthur, who has no peer, the judge is the handsomest man in the administration, not excepting Chandler himself; consequently the demand for his picture, in all sizes and attitudes, is great. He is a frequent sitter, and distributes freely his fused to sign the petition.

pictures among his friends, with his autograph, besides laying away a good

supply for future use There is being prepared at this government shop a special collection of photographs of the judge, full face, half face, sitting, standing, and in almost every position except standing on his head. Formerly there was a demand for Chandler's picture, but of lateit has fallen off. While for nobleness of features Folger is much admired, for real beauty Chandler bears off the palm.

THE LARGEST WALNUT LOG

Brought from France and Cut Into Sheets for Vencering.

[New York Letter.] From an enormous walnut log in a shed behind the veneer cutting mill at 156 Elizabeth street, recently, a huge knife, weighing a ton or more, sliced off sheets the thickness of heavy note paper, forty-five to the inch. The log, of which the part that was cut up was as large a piece as could be handled at one time, was the largest ever brought to this country from a foreign land. It was brought over in the steamship Katie, and dragged to Elizabeth street by five teams of horses. The top end which still lies in the street is twenty-seven feet around and nine feet through. When the trunk was whole it weighed 22,000 pounds, and it is estimated that it will yield nearly 70,000 feet of veneer. Half a dozen men dragged a cross-cut saw through it for a whole day in the effort to cut it in pieces small enough to handle, and on the second day were obliged to split it with wedges at the risk of injuring it. It was expected that a log of its size would have two hearts, but only one was found.

The log was bought by Mr. L. Hirsch, of 214 Centre street, when on a visit to France last summer. Guided by reports of prodigious trees that grew in the south of France, he found it at the village of Perigeaux, in the northern foothills of the Pyrenees. It was said to be the largest tree in the country, and was probably from 800 to 1,000 years old. Forty men and twenty-two horses dragged it to the nearest railway station, whence it was taken to Paris. A special steam lighter was required to take it to the Katie. Its cost, when it was landed in New York, was fully \$5,000. The wood, when polished, is a deep black and orange, and its grain is twisted in many peculiar shapes. Embedded in the trunk were found several odd-shaped musket balls.

Oil on the Waters.

The Toronto Globe publishes the following communication: In your issue of the 8th inst. there is an article on The Application of Oil to the Waters of a Stormy Sea," and the wish is expressed that some of your readers would try the experiment and send an account to your paper,

I tried the experiment about two months ago on Lake Erie. I send you the result. The day was stormy and a very heavy sea running, and although we were running with the sea, with our engine full open, it would break over the stern occasionally; and although there was no apparent danger to us from the boisterous sea, it it occurred to me to try the effects of oil on the waters. I went into the engine room and got an oil can with a spont on, the same as is on the ordinary half-gallon can used for coal oil. I went to the three hundred feet astern the effects of the oil could be plainly seen. The wave would rush madly on, capped by a huge breaker, but immediately the oil was reached the angry breaker would subside and the sea would come on as large as ever, but perfectly smooth and, as a matter of course, harmless. The oil used was a machine oil manufactured from petroleum. I think any sort of oil would answer, but of course the more oily matter the oil contained the better result would follow. I have no doubt at all as to the utility of oil for the purpose in question if it can be applied in the proper place, but as to how it could be applied to a head or beam sea I do not know; but to a sea running after a boat it is very easily applied by simply pouring it over the stern. First opportunity will try the experiment in head and beam sea, and write you result. W. M. Alderson,

Master Tug Walter P. Tribbs.

Time and Trade.

Charles Dudley Warner. The world is practically divided into two classes-debtor and creditor. This classification is no more accurate than that of saints and sinners, but it holds true that some men are naturally debtors, and others naturally creditors. In the district school even, where the stock in trade is slate-pencils, fishhooks, and chewing-gum, there are certain to be two or three boys who are capitalists, always making a corner in their trousers' pockets, while the rest of the boys are borrowers. Now the creditors like this system of months and years. They watch the manner of these artificial periods with interest, in order to send in their bills and extort their profits. They have nearly mined the glad new year-taken all the poetry out of it. They have filled it with mercantile and sordid suggestions. They often poison the most tender associations. The writer, who at family prayers, daily and for years, heard his grandfather say, "The bells of mortal-ity are sounding in our ears," grew up with the impression that he was say ing, "the bills of mortality are sound-ing in our ears." And it turned out that they are.

Twould Be Cheaper.

[Arkansaw Traveler.] A Scotchman who arrived in Little Rock while the ladies were going around with the petitions with a view to the enforcement of the temperance law, was approached by an enthusiastic woman who requested his signature. He did not understand, and she explained that an enforcement of the law prohibiting a

saloon within three miles of a church. "I dona much aboot it, but I dinna ken but 'twould be cheaper to move the kirks than the whisky shops," and with this idea of public expenditure he reColored undertakers can give reliable statistics about the black-bury crop.

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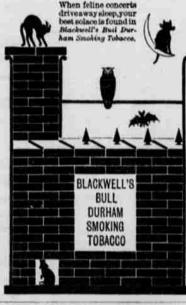
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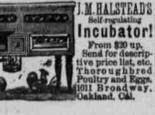
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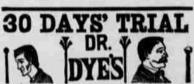
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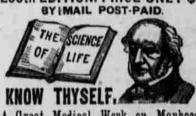


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