OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

Over and over again No-matter which way I turn, I always find in the book of life Some lesson I have to learn.

I must take my turn at the mill;

I must grind out the golden grain;

I must work at my task with a resolute will,

Over and over again The brook through the meadow flows,
And over and over again
The ponderous mill wheel goes.
Once doing will not suffice, Though doing be not in vain; And a blessing failing us once or twice May come if we try again.

JIM FISK'S PALACE-CAR.

### Fitted Up Regardless of Expense and Now Serving as a Wrecking-Car.

[New York Sun.] On a siding near the repair-shops of the New York, Lake Erie & Western railroad is an old car, bearing on its side the legend, "Tool-Car." It is used to carry the wrecking gang of the Susquehanna division and their tools, I was looking at the car, recently, and one of the employes said:

"I suppose you would be surprised if you knew to whom this car used to be

"Whose was it?" I asked.

"This car." he replied, "has rather a remarkable history. When Jim Fisk was president of the old Erie he had a car built for his own private use, and it was named after Josie Mansfield. The car was built down in Delaware somewhere, I think, and it cost a mint of money. When Fisk ordered it he gave only instructions to build him a car in which he could travel and enjoy himself. When it was finished and delivered to Fisk, he was so pleased with the workmanship that he immediately sent a check for \$1,000 to the man who had designed the car and had charge of the work. The actual cost of the car was not far from \$75,000, which in those days was an enormous sum for one car. It was fitted up throughout in the most luxurious style. It was finished inside with oiled walnut and cherry, and the panels were adorned with oil paintings, which alone cost a large sum. All the appointments of the car were correspondingly expensive. At one end were sleeping apartments and dressing and toilet rooms. The remainder of the car was a traveling drawing-room. In those days the idea of taking meals on board a train was unheard of, but Fisk used to have wine and delicacies for lunch, and hired a butler, whose special duty was to take care of the car wherever it went.

'In those days he used to do some pretty tall traveling. He had an engine at his command, and when he wanted to go over the Erie he went flying along at a rapid rate, regardless of all other trains, which had to get out of the way. It was Fisk who ran the fast train over the Erie carrying beef to the sufferers by the Chicago fire. When he made up his mind to send out the relief train he sent for Engineer Sam Walker, of Port Jervis, to come to his private office. 'Sam,' he says, 'I want to run that train through to Port Jervis as quick as God will let you. If you are killed I'll look out for the wife and little ones.' Walker took the train through in the unparalleled time of two hours and ten minutes. Nat Taft, I think, took it over the Delaware division. At any rate it was a tremendous run, and the Erie beat them all into

Chicago. "Fisk was a great favorite with the railroad men. He always had a good word for us whenever he was around. When Fisk died the car was used by his successor for a while and afterward did some duty on the eastern part of the road. It afterward found its way here for repairs. When they came to look it over they decided that it would be useless expense to repair it, and so, after lying on the switch for a year or two, it was turned into a wrecking-car, as you now see it."

#### Havana by Night. [New York Telegram.]

New and strange were the sights I saw as I passed, a la Haroun al Raschid, through this city at night, with its far-off eastern air and multitude of Moorish buildings. Traders plied their wares under the gas lights, and Nubians and mulattoes, creoles and Chinese passed by. The creoles proper are the children of Spanish parents born here and their descendants, but the creoles as generally understood in the United States are a mixed race of black and white. Scanty indeed was the raiment of the poorer classes, black and white, and the feminine element of the negroes were especially liberal in the display of their persons. But one gets used to it and excuses much on the ground of heat.

Artists need not go to Algiers to find mulatto girls for subjects. They are here in abundance, with all the voluptuous play of form, the fierce, wild desert in their uncurbed glances, the deep, dark skin set off by the armlets and bangles of gold. And here, too, are the little Spanish boys that Murillo loved to paint, with their close cropped shapely heads, their clear olive skin, bare logged and artistically tattered garments, and the glances half piteous and half humorous in their speaking eyes. And behold! Take off your hat and bow low, for there passes you the living realization in noble face and carriage, with no little of the spiritual expression in the features, of many a virgin that the great Spanish master's hand has set on immortal canvas; while these courtyards, surely, that we whirl past, with their branching palms and spouting fountains, and marble columns and massive stairways winding under tiers of terraces, are his also.

## Feather Cloth.

A new kind of cloth is being made in Lyons from the down of hens, ducks Seven hundred and fifty grains of feathers make one square metre of a light and very warm waterproof cloth, which can be dyed in all

Amber Fields.

The area of amber fields of Prussia is nearly fifty miles long by ten in breadth, and it is reckoned that every twelve square feet of surface will produce a pound, the value of which ranges from 8d up £4 sterling.

#### How Matches Are Made. [Utica Herald.]

Given the machinery, and the problem of match making is easily solved. With the sid of the apparatus which the Utica company has two or three men can turn out from 500 to 600 gross of sulphur matches per day. After the machinery has been set motion the first step is to place a block in the splint machine. With each movement of the knife twenty-five splints are cut and at the same time stuck between two slats in the belt. They are then carried by the movement of the belt through the separator and thence over heated pipes, to dry the timber sufficiently to allow the dipping mixture to penetrate. About fifty feet from the starting point the belt passes under a couple of rollers, which pressed it just enough to bring the ends of the splints in contact with the melted sulphur, which is contained in a pan or vat and kept in a liquid state by the heat from a small furnace sunk in the floor underneath. A little farther on the belt is again depressed, and the tips of the splints are drawn through a black mixture, which gives them the finishing coat.

From this point the matches (they have by this time attained that dignity) pass down the hall, still traveling as hitherto, at the height of about a foot and a half from the floor. At a distance of 200 feet from the starting point the belt takes an upward turn, and after ascending four or five feet the matches begin their return trip. Passing with the belt over the top of the iron framework, at an elevation of about seven feet, they come back over the splint machine, enter the room where the other machine is located, and are there knocked out. As they fall they are caught by a leather belt, which moves slowly and earries them to a table, where they are taken off by a boy, placed in trays made for the purpos and taken to the packing-room. The belt completes a circuit once in thirty minutes, and during the interval several thousand matches are finished. The match produced is superior in quality, and will light readily on being drawn across the window glass. This is claimed to be a crucial test, and inferior ones can not be ignited in this manner.

On arriving at the packing-room the matches are placed in small paper boxes, 100 in a box. The small packages are then packed in pasteboard boxes containing one-sixteenth or oneeighth gross.

# A World Government of Canals and Cables.

[Demorest's Magazine.] Count Ferdinand de Lesseps has re ently delivered a lecture before what is called the Five Academies, in which he enunciates an epoch-making idea. He insisted that the maritime highways should no longer be subjected to the vicissitudes of the active politics of governments. Seas, straits, bosphoruses and maritime canals must be freely open at all times, irrespective of all interna-tional conflict. He said that the construction of the Suez canal and the eventual construction of the Panama canal have effected the introduction of a new principle, which is more important even than the execution of the works-namely, a vast association of the capital of the world, which conduced to the solidarity of the interests of all nations

What a chance is here for our American government. Why should not this great peaceful republic call a meeting of all nations to act upon the subject of canals and cables? These ought to be owned and controlled by international commissions in which every commercial nation should have a representative. War ships or armies should be kept away from international canals, and should not be allowed to vex the commerce of the world. The cables should not be owned by private persons any more than the telegraphs on the land, but should be put in the control of all the nations of the earth in the interests of international commerce. These steps would be an entering wedge to put a stop to international wars.

## The Cost of Royalty.

[Chicago Tribune.] Mr. Molloy's book, "Courtship Below Stairs; or, The History of England Under the Last Georges, ' has made a sensation. And its large sale may be taken as a proof of Mr. Bradlaugh's assertion in Paris that the English republic is surely coming. It has set one clever accountant thinking and investigating with the result that he has ascertained that the house of Hanover, its mistresses, panderers, debauchees and procuresses, have cost England more money than has been spent on its public schools since the death of Queen Anne.

Foreign Emigration Figures. The North German Gazette quotes some official Italian statistics to show that, despite the iamentations of the Liberals as to the formidable dimensions of the emigration from Germany, the empire in reality is better off in this respect than most other European states, in proportion to its population. Taking the figure of population at 100, 000, Norway, within the last five years, sent away the highest number of emi grants-viz., 963, Sweden 615, Great Britain 587, Denmark 317, Portugal 290, Switzerland 252, Germany (seventh on the list) 251, Italy 148, Austria 40, and France 10. From these figures it is also deduced that the maximum of

### was generally attained in the same year. The Hymn He Wanted.

emigration in each of these countries

(Exchange.) They say that at a prayer meeting in Westfield, Mass., the other night, a good brother rose and said he "wanted to hear sung that beautiful hymn, 'Spilt Every one looked at every body else in perplexity a moment, and then a quick witted sister struck up "Gates Ajar," which was what the good brother wanted.

## Bright and, Gladstone.

Exchange. John Bright makes notes and headings of his speeches, and with great care writes down and commits to memory all the important passages. Gladstone merely jots down facts and fig-ures, and for expression trusts entirely to the moment.

THE CITY OF PULLMAN.

### An Ontlay of \$6.000,000 ... A Model Town--- flow Good Order Is Se-

[Chicago Letter in New York Sun.] It may well be asked if Mr. Pullman is not too modest, or if he does not do himself an injustice when he asserts that sentiment has had nothing to do with his great work. The city of Pullman, as it stands, represents an outlay of about \$6,000,000. All the buildings in the place are owned by the company. Nobody else can obtain possession of them for the reason that they are not for sale. They are rented to anybody of good character for sums calculated to return 6 per cent. on the investment. So many houses were built at one time they were, of course, put up much cheaper than they could have been constructed one by one. The rents are therefore, much less than those asked for houses equally good in the city, or even in neighboring towns. To supply so large a population with religious and educational facilities became the duty of the founder of the town, as well as to provide for stores and markets. A fine schoolhouse was built, and teachers were employed. A costly church was erected. The Arcade and market place were built, and the church and stores offered for rent. Mr. Pull man knew that the church was a better one than any new society could afford to occupy. He built it expensively, however, for he believed that a congre gation would be found able to pay for it. The rent is \$50 per month. It has not been taken vet, but there are several church organizations, and there is considerable rivalry among them as to which will obtain the prize. If other churches are needed they will be built by the company.

Feeling that the town would attract a good many visitors, Mr. Pullman built the hotel. It is owned and managed by the company, its landlord, so called, being merely an employe. The fire department is owned and operated in the same way, as also are the livery stable, the theatre, the public library, and every fixture of the town. A stranger arriving at Pullman puts up at a hotel managed by one of Mr. Pullman's employes, visits a theatre where all the attendants are in Mr. Pullman's service, drinks water and burns gas which Mr. Pullman's water and gas works supply, hires one of his outfits from the manager of Mr. Pullman's livery stable, visits a school in which the children of Mr. Pullman's employes are taught by other employes, gets a bill changed at Mr. Pullman's bank, is unable to make a purchase of any kind save from some tenant of Mr. Pullman's, and at night is guarded by a fire department every member of which from the chief down is in Mr. Pullman's service. Everything is first-class in its way. The library has 10,000 volumes, and is the personal gift of Mr. Pullman. The theatre, which, like the library, is in the second story of the Areade building, is one of the most elegantly arranged places of amusement in the world. Its prices are reasonable, and it is open to dramatic and literary entertainments of the best class only During the first six months that the library was open 76 per cent. of the beat taken out were on historical, biographical, or scientific subjects.

Although the city has a population of 7,000, it has no government save that which is exercised in common over the entire township, county and state: other words, there is no corporate government. No arrest has ever been made within the Pullman trac :. There are no policemen or constables; no justice's court, no aldermen, no public functionaries of any description.

"How in the world do you govern these people?" is a question often asked

of Mr. Pullman. "We govern them," he says, "in the same way a man governs his house, his store, or his workshop. It is all simple

enough, when you come to look at it.' So it seems. A man going there to live applies for a house to the superintendent, who draws up a lease which may be cancelled by either party on ten days' notice. The company will not disturb him if he is a good citizen, and he may keep his house as long as he pleases, providing he does not sell On the other hand, if he is dissatisfied and wishes to leave he can do so at any time, and is not encumbered with a lease running a year or more. liquor is sold in the town. The only law against it, however, is an unwritten one whereof Mr. Pullman is the author. To provide healthful amusement and recreation for the people Mr. Pullman has fitted up handsome boat-houses on Lake Calumet, and this beautiful body of water is nightly covered with boat loads of pleasure seekers. There are many organizations among the workingmen, including a debating society, a literary association, a brass band, base ball club, and others. It is the desire of Mr. Pullman to encourage all these as much as possible. He feels the need of a newspaper in the town, and intends soon to establish one. It will be edited and managed by his employes. He has no selfish purpose in establishing this journal, his sole motive being to give his people the news at little expense, and afford them cer-tain amusement. He thinks also, since they have organized so many societies, that it will be very entertaining and instructive to them to have their proceedings reported.

## Got It Mixed.

[Exchange.] Waxahachie, Texas, school children heard of the Gause insurrection and got it mixed with the "resurrection." They told their teacher that the negroes "had rose from the dead to kill the white people down at Gause.

## Relping Him Out.

[From the French.] Yesterday, in a pharmacy English, enters a young man blonde afflicted of a horrible stuttering. "I wa-wa-want," says he, "some p-p-p-pills of ip-ip-ip-"Hurrah!" cries himself the pharmacist impatiented.

The most polite woman we ever saw was the young lady who would not peer into the mirror because, as she said, it was very rude to look right into one's face.

#### Man and Woman in Mexico. [Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.]

It is an archaic community, that in which we find ourselves. Each lover has his lass; and though the Mexican girl is ever faithful, ever true in word and in deed, to her love, yet the Mexican man is not true, true neither in sentiment nor in his acting. He is a born teous meaning of the word. But he is jealous of the "gringo," jealous of his matter of jewelry William is exceed-fair skin, light hair and blue eyes—ingly simple. He would not be ashamed jealous because he knows that his darkfeatured country-women admire the fair | bleached bone collar-buttons. stranger, and for this reason is very careful to guard them against forming as to prove dangerous.

Mexican girl leads. She has no aims, worn gloves. Field's linen is of the no ambition. When she arrives at finest quality, and he indulges in gold marriageable age she marries, and study of phenomenal proportions. His then she becomes a slave to her hus- favorite collar is a stand-up all around, band, to her children and to the house. and his tie a straight end, which he ad-She attends church once or twice a justs very carelessly. Field, if he week, and, if very religious, goes every wished, would make a first-class dude, day. She even loses the desire to look but he lacks style about the legs. pretty, even forgets to put powder on her face, and her waist forgets the without ostentation. His shirts are well much-needed pressure of the corset. In made and fit like a glove. He has a fact, there is no place for her in the gen- weakness for fancy underwear, but aderal bustle. She can emerge again heres to the plainest kind of suspendfrom her retirement when she has ers. Just at present he affects a pair daughters old enough to need her as of white pique braces, which are very duenna. But alas, now she is forgotten. becoming to his style of beauty. Jay She is bedraggled, dirty and limp, was the first man to appear in the

crushed and broken. rouses with the rest of them. He flirts one, generally black, every day. He with the young girls, and comes home, once remarked that the separable style perhaps, intoxicated and warlike. But cuff-button had saved twenty years of she is uncomplaining. He flaunts it in his life. shiny broadcloth, small boots, big collars and big head of hair. She in dirty, old, patched gown, worn-out shoes, and, perhaps, stockingless. There is little of poetry, little of pleasantness, little of fancier they are the better he likes the intercourse that improves and cul- them. I had one woven to his order, tivates in the ordinary Mexican household. And the woman is not inferior; she is superior. She it is who will endeavor to make things look cheery when the aspect is gloomy. But will she ever take her place as man's helpmeet, as his equal?

### Grant on Exhibition.

[New York Letter.] Speaking of men worth looking at, Gen. Grant has been on view in the Academy of Design. The occasion was the opening of an art exhibition in aid of the Bartholdi statue of liberty fund. This 150-foot woman of bronze needs a pedestal as high as herself to stand on. Frenchmen's contributions are making her, and she will arrive here next ently importuned to provide the money dreds of rare art objects have been loaned, and Grant was asked to be a lives among us New Yorkers, it is true, enough to cause general recognition.

come very gray, and he wears both they would still be unhappy. ceremony had enjoined the gues's to come in evening dress, but Grant's costume had neither civilian nor soldierly fashionableness. His coat was not a swallow-tail, nor even the doublebreasted frock of morning occasions. but one of those long-skirted, smooth broadcloth things that inevitably make a man look rural. It sagged in front. because left unbuttoned, and it strained across the back of his neck so that a ridge of his fleshiness bulged over the collar. He provided entertainment for eyes only, except to the few ears that were within two yards of the little platform on which he stood while making a very brief speech. His utterance was so low as to be wholly inaudible to the rest of the assemblage.

## Paris Pavements.

[Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.] The paving of the streets of Paris is like everything else here, a work of art. Noisy stone pavements are few. The principal thoroughfares are paved with either wood or asphalt. In the summer time an army of men are placed at short intervals plying the hose, thus keeping the dust, the chief ingredient of the obnoxious mud, subdued. As soon as the rains begin the regiment changes 'arms," and brooms are the order of the day. What dust has by some miracle escaped the inundations of the hose and is joyously forming with the rain, that dreaded chemical compound so prevalent in almost all cities, is rathaway in carts. Just where I have never does escape the fury of the broom, and that little by the aid of unfeeling cabmen, is spread over an indescribable 'gar-n-r-r" by the unfeeling one, a the duke of Leicester. jump from under the horses hells by the victim, and the belle's snowy skirts. as well as the mirror-like boots of the self-satisfied dandy, undergo a sad metamorphosis.

## A "High Old Time."

[Philadelphia Call.]
"Mercy on me! Edith, do stop that be mistaken." "I am not, for with my own cars I heard you say something just now about a high old time." "Oh. is that all? I was referring to Mrs. Whim's new purchase, an antique clock worth \$500."

"Id vas beddher, mine friends, you don,d feel too big."

### RICH MEN'S CLOTHES.

### Vanderbitt, Gould and Field as Dudes of Mild Degree.

New York Journal. The other day a reporter invited a distinguished haberdasher to give him some information on the dress vagaries of his customers. He said: "Wm. flirt, a flirt of the most disorderly kind. H. Vanderbilt, like the majority of men He flirts with any and every body-be- in civilized communities, wears neckfore the eyes of his betrothed and be- ties, but he sticks to the same scarf a hind her back-but woe to her should long time. His collars, however, are she repay her lover and her husband in changed every day. He pays from \$5 the same coin. "I am as jealous as a to \$10 each for his shirts, except those dog," will some great hulking fellow for ordinary wear, which, it is said, he declare without shame, "and should any buys very cheap, at prices ranging from one flirt with you I would cut his 55 cents to \$1. While deprecating the throat." And would he? Yes, if he great railway king for patronizing the were a weak, inoffensive mortal, he cheap-shirt trade, we must admire his would; but otherwise, no. With all economy. He never wears a dickey, and his jealousies, all his little faults, the his underwear, including half-hose, is Mexican is a gentleman in the cour- silk, with an occasional change to balto fasten his cuffs with a pair of un-

"Very eccentric in his dress is Cyrus W. Field. His outer garments, espeany friendship; not that her parents cially in the winter time, are remarkable would let her get in so close proximity for their bad fit. Particularly true is this of his overcoat. He has it finished And what a life is that which the off with a fur collar. He revels in well-

"Jay Gould dresses with taste and ushed and broken. 'street' with the new style of scarf Her husband is a free man. He called the 'Teck.' He puts on a new

"Russell Sage is so erratic in his style of dress that it is rather difficult to describe. He dotes on fine goods, especially in fancy handkerchiefs. The bearing a picture representing a bull chasing a bear dressed in a red uniform. I have often had occasion to note the perfection with which Sage fastens his long black tie.

"Sidney Dillon's great weakness is socks. He dotes on fancy half-hose. I always keep a good supply of pink and vellow effects for him.

### Thomas Nast's Troubles.

[New York Cor. Chicago News.] "Th: Nast," is in the dumps. true inwardness of Nast's trouble with George William Curtis, editor of Harper's Weekly, has never come to light, but certain it is that the world's greatest cartoonist finds no place for his sketches in the paper his genius made spring. Americans have been persist- famous. His contract with the Harpers is for \$10,000 a year for life, and he for completing the base, and this show draws \$2,500 every quarter with unfalis one of the means to that end. Hun- tering regularity. I understand that he sends his sketches to Harpers promptly every Monday afternoon, and they are living curiosity, long enough to formally promptly put in a dark pigeon-hole. open the exhibition. A fashionable The Harpers will not use them, nor will crowd gazed at him interestedly. He they give up the contract, and hence her return was describing to her husbut he does not ordinarily go labeled, is now acting as secretary of the Mann and his personality is not striking Boudoir Car company, with an office on Cortlandt street, near Broadway. His As he appeared in the Academy, there friends say he is unhappy and aging was not a trace of his military training very fast. Funny, isn't it, that a man visible. He was always rather short, with \$10,000 a year for life should be and an increase of fat has rounded his unhappy. If some people had the shoulders. His hair and beard have be- earth, and it fenced in with barb-wire,

#### The Quicksilver Industry. Exchange.

Of late years California has supplied more than half of the quicksilver consumed in the world. Only two countries of Europe produce it in sufficient quantities to deserve mention in commercial report-Spain and Austria. The Spanish mines are located near the town of Almaden, province of Mancha, and yield about four-fifths of the entire production of Europe, while the Austrian mines, located near Idria, and the miner mines mentioned, produce the other one-fifth.

Quicksilver is carried and shipped in wrought iron flasks of twenty-five rope are always given in English money, fagots of wood furnished with a handle and the quotations invariably refer to the flasks described.

per year. The principle uses to which quicksilver is applied are: Meteoro-logical and other scientific instruments, chemical preparations; looking-glasses and mirrors.

## The White House.

The White House was first built in 1792, at a cost of \$330,000. It was not occupied until 1800. It was rebuilt in 1818. Its porticos were not finished until 1829. Altogether, it is computed to have cost, for building, rebuilding and furnishing, about \$1,700,000. The whole lessly swept into the gutter and carried structure has a frontage of 170 feet and a depth of 68 feet, and its vestibule is been able to find out. However, a little 50x40 feet. The garden and park, which enclose the mansion occupy twenty acres. The cabinet room, 40x30 feet, is on the second floor. The White amount of surface. A shrill cry of House was modeled after the palace of

#### Gone "Wet" or "Dry." [Chicago Herald.]

South Carolina has a local option law which applies to incorporated cities, towns and villages. When a place votes in favor of prohibition it is said to have gone "dry," and when another votes for license it is said to have gone "wet."

#### Easily Pleased. [Courier-Journal.]

Washington Irving once told a mother to teach her daughters to be easily pleased. Since then, judging from the sort of beaux the girls pick out, it would seem that nearly every mother's daughter has been taught to be easily pleased.

### A Trick Played by the Impecua [Chicago Herald.]

"Sponging drinks is an old chapter in the experience book of every saloonkeeper," said a barkeeper of a fashionable establishment on the west side; but I'll give you the latest 'gag. which you may term 'sponging' drieks in dead earnest. The individual w invented it ought to have a leaf medal. The trick is played on ret dealers during the day and on barke, ers in saloons during the evening hours. A chap, unusually well dressed will step up to the bar with a quart bottle of dark green glass and ask for a quart of 'the best.' After the bottle is filled he'll exclaim: 'By Jove! I've forgotten the chink. I'll hand it in tomorrow.' If the barkeper is soft enough to believe him the soaker will coolly walk out, never to return. But even if the liquid is poured back into the demijohn the soaker will still have left enough of the ardent to make two good-sized smiles. You see, these fellows keep a fine soft sponge on hand which, if dry, can be rolled so thin that they can put it into any kind of bottle they may pick up. As soon as the liquid fills the bottle it also fills the sponge, and the latter expands according to its size. Of course the soaker will look disappointed if we pour the whisky out again, but then that disappointment is only one of the outfits of the trick. He'll take his bottle, walk out, and smash it carefully on the next curb, picking up the wellsoaked sponge and suck it dry. I tell

Guzzler.

#### Italy Wants the Railroad. [St. Louis Globe Democrat.]

you there's method in that."

As a military power Italy now stands almost abreast of Germany and France. In the arts of industry her progress has been slow, but it is none the less sure. A good illustration of the change of heart in the Italian peninsula, since the day of united nationality dawned, is afforded by the fuss made over the rumor that the proposed "air line" railroad between Rome and Naples is to be abandoned after all. The report has produced a bad impression in the former rity, where it is declared that "Signor Depretis will have to pass an ugly half hour in parliament if he continues to retract his promise, even in part."

In Naples the people are even more stirred up than in Rome, for they have built great hopes on the projected line, which would bring Rome within five hours of Naples, and to some extent make the southern city the seaport of the northern. The prime minister paid a visit to Naples the other day, and found the town papered with huge circus posters that stared him in the face with such inscriptions as this, purposely put up for his benefit: "No more mystification; prompt construction of the air-line between Rome and Naples, and don't you forget it!" The difficulty is, however, that the Italian prime minister is no autocrat to construct neat and costly public works at the word of command, as the Russian emperor laid out the railway between St. Petersburg and Naples, by drawing a straight line with a ruler between the two places on a map.

## What Most Impressed a Lady Visitor.

Burlington (Vt.) Free Press,1 A lady in one of the flourishing towns of our state—not a thousand miles away—had been to New York, and on Artist Nast is in a queer position. He band the chief features of metropolitan life which had impressed themselves upon her memory. After going through a long list of those things likely to impress country people she suddenly exclaimed: "But there was one thing which did me more good than anything else, because it showed the remarkable growth of philanthropic charity in our large cities. On nearly all the streets, at very frequent intervals, I saw signs over the doors reading: 'Free lunch-free lunch.' I could not help thinking, as I walked along, what a blessed work the relief societies in New York are doing!" The good lady in her enthusiasm did not notice that her husband had turned aside to straighten out the lamp mat on his desk, nor does she know to this day the true significance of the metropolitan "free lunch."

#### The Largest Match Factory. Scientific American 1

At Jonkoping, Sweden, is the oldest and largest match factory in the world. It was established 100 years ago, and there are now to be seen specimens of pounds, containing seventy-five pounds the matches used at the beginning of of the metal. Prices throughout Eu- the present century, consisting of big and a tip to dip in a bath of sulphur. The wood from which the present kind The consumption of quicksilver in the world has averaged 133,000 flasks adjacent forests, which are divided into fifty sections. Every year one section is cut and then replanted with young trees. The trees are hewn into planks in the forest and cut into slivers in the factory. The boxes are made of the outside of the trees. The factories and on the banks of lakes which are connected with one another by wide canals.

Millions of matches are turned out each day. Some idea of where they all go to may be obtained from the statement that there are at least 280,000,000 of matches burned each day in the United States, or an average of five matches for each person.

#### When Mrs. Langtry Got Angry. |Courier-Journal.1

Mrs. Langtry said, at a breakfast recently given her, that in all her Ameran experiences she never had occa to be really angry but once. W playing in Detroit one night, not c herself but the whole company was 6. ceedingly annoyed by the disturbingly stentatious manner in which a "hide ously over-dressed" lady in one of the stage boxes devoted her attention to a pet png dog in her lap, to the complete ignoring of the performance. Just at the close of the second act, and while horrid slang." "Why, I have not used more than twice as many towns have any slang. You know I never do." gone "dry" as have gone "wet."

"You did just now." "Surely you must be stage, the lady in question suddenly arose and cried, in an agonizing voice: "S-s-s-h! Everybody be quiet. Little Fido is having a fit!" And amid the piercing outcries of the owner, an isher yanked Fido out of the theatre by its tail.

> Longfellow: Love is sunshine; hate is shadow.