This little traveling beg, which is not bigger than a man's hand, is rudely pulled out of my grasp as I enter the inn, and it has cost me \$29 to get it back again from the porter. replace those that had been torn off in a frantic scuffle between the porter and myself to see which would get away with it.

Yesterday I was talking with a reformed lecturer about this peculiarity of the porters. He said he used to lecture a great deal at moderate prices throughout the country, and after ten years of earnest toil he was enabled to retire with a rich experience and \$9 in money. He lectured on phrenology and took his meals with the chairman of the lecture committee. In Ouray, Colo., the baggageman allowed his trunk to fall from a great beight and the lid was knocked off and the bust which the professor used in his lecture was busted. He therefore had to borrow a bald headed man to act as bust for him in the evening. After the close of the lecture the professor found that the bust had stolen the gross receipts from his cost tall pocket while he was lecturing. The only improbable feature about this story is the implication that a bald hended man would commit a crime,

seed on and lectured to the gentle junitors pressed on and lectured to the gentie jamiors of the land in piercing tones. He was always kind to every one, even when people criticised his lecture and went away before he got through. He forgave them and paid his bills feat the same as he did when people liked

Once a newspaper man who had done him was decayed and that the professor would endear himself to every one if he would some night at his botel, instead of blowing out the gas and turning off his brains as he usually did, just turn off the gas and blow out his brains." But the professor did not go to his office and blow holes in his viscera. He spoke kindly to him always and once when the two met in a barber shop, and it was doubtful which was "next," as they came in from opposite emis of the room, the professor gently yielded the chair to the man who had him the great wrong, and while the barber was shaving him eleven tons of ceiltag peeled off and fell on the editor who had ocen so crael and so rude, and when they gathered up the debris a day or two afterwards it was almost impossible to tell which was ceiling and which was remains,

Bo it is always best to deal gently with the erring, especially if you think it will be tatal to them.-Bill Nye in New York



"Dear George, I deem it only just to tell you that I am not the rich girl the world thinks me. My father's income is smaller than it has been, and my own private fortune, from my lesses on the turf, yields less than

thirty thousand a year." for your Never! I love you all the more for your poverty."-Life,

A Precious Air Cushion.

among the White mountains. Promin among the guests at our hotel was old Mrs. of Boston, always prating of her blue blood and old connections, or wearying every midaying.

Judge of our dismay when one morning

the old lady seated herself in a large moun-tain wagon that we had engaged to take us on a long day's excursion to Randolph Hill In vain did we picture to her the fatigues of the drive and discomforts she would meet with-go she would; and from the moment we left the hotel door her funding began. "Take care of my eye glasses, my dear, they longed to my great grandmother," and "May I ask you, my dear, to assist me in dis grat. entangling the fringes of my shawl; being left me by a distinguished ancestor, I prize it

Finally on our arrival at Randolph one of lady to dismount, when we were convalsed by the following: "Take care, my dear sir, my ah cushion; oh, take care; what brould become of me should the air escape)"

"I do assure you, madame," said he, "that

Yes, yes," said the old lady; "but it would not be the same thing at all, for at present it

A Missed Opportunity. "There's one place where you haven't booked for burglars, Maria," said Mr. Goodsleeper, larily watching his wife as also got down on the floor, and, shutting one eye. tried to look into the two joch space under "in the Bible, Maria; It didn't seem to impress her very much and he grew heavy hearted long he had intended to say dictionary. - Burdette u Brooklyn Engle.

-It is one of the compensations of nature, that people who are too fresh are always getting into a pickle.-

-Lady (to applicant for coachman) - "Are you an Englishman F" Applicant -"No, main; I was born in Ireland; but I've lived so long in Ameriky that I s'pose I do seem quite English, you know."-Harper's Barar.

-A lawyer's brief is very long, And Mr. White is black,

And Mr. Where is lines,
A man is dry is hen be a press.
And when he a light he is slack?
A fire is hot when it is couled.
A lamp is heavy when it's light,
A shoe is bought when it is sued.
A mun can see when mut of sight.

-Husband-"I don't understand why I have to get up and make the fire with a hired girl in the house." Wift - Well, if we want to keep a hired girl in the house we must not ask her to do any of the work."

MALLEABLE IRON.

The Simple Process of Two Centuries Ago Successfully Revived.

The process by which iron is made mallerble is a simple but expensive one. It has commanded favor among fron-workers, however, by reason of the remarkable tensile strength and ducfility which it imparts to the otherwise refractory material and renders it as firm as cast-iron and as enduring as the wrought metal, so that it can be fashioned into any form by the molders art, not possible with wrought iron, but imperishable name sugraved on the But once annealed it is useless, as is wrought iron, for any purpose that requires remelting, for, although that can be done, the absence of carbon destroys fusibility, making necessary so Besides, I have paid \$8.35 for new handles to great a heat that it is almost impracti-

The ore is first selected with a view to obtaining that which is as nearly as possible free from sulphur, pyrites and phosphorus, as those foreign elements would preclude malleability. Then the fuel for smelting must be free from sulphur. Only charcoal is available Even this must be produced with great care. Twenty-five kilns, each with a capacity of about 700 cubic feet; will afford a supply for a furnace of twentyeight tons daily capacity. The wood is cut and placed in the kilns before seasoning is allowed. Albumon and vegetable matter are detracted by a sort of roasting, which allows no flame to reach the wood, which process requires seven days. The ore is then pulverised, and, with a proportion of imestone, is charged into a furnace in ayers alternated with charcoal. A strong air blast then induces a temperature of from 4,000 to 6,000 \$. hat melts the mass. The limestone fluxes that is, it being lighter than the molten iron, combines with the great wrong and said that "the lecture impurities which, with the iron proper, made up the ore, and rising is drawn, off, leaving the iron free. The latter is then cast into "pigs" or small, rough

> Then the essential process for converting into malleable really begins. Up to this point the pigs are a very excellent quality of cast iron. It is again subjected to a heat of 6,000 > for a time sufficient to make evanescent a major portion of the carbon. Just enough only of this carbon is extracted not to destroy fusibility.

Directly from this second proces the molten iron is poured into molds, which give the desired form in which it is to be used. The castings are then eleaned and dipped into acid to remove external impurities. It is then packed into iron boxes with iron oxide. The boxes are then sealed hermetically and packed into an oven. This is bricked up so closely as to be air-proof, and the annealing process begins. This requires a high constant temperature for seven or eight days, or until the re-

boxes removed, the surface impurities worn off by revolving in a slowly turning box, and the castings are sent to the stamping room. At this point, the degree of temper is so intense that, were the castings cool, a slight shock would jar them into a thousand pieces. Malleable iron is manufactured wholly to order, however. They are, now heated to a cherry red, and each piece will be another." put in the lower half of a die, a fac simile of the pattern wanted, is secured to a massive anvil. The corresponding half is fastened to a drop hammer, which descends and perfects the design. The force of this blow is so great that it would dissolve ordinary Lulu, dear, do you think me a fortune iron into a shower of sparks. The bunter that fifthy here influences my love great impediment to the extensive use of malleable iron is the expense necessary to its production. But, ultimately, this is more than offset by long life of were spending the summer of '77 the product, which is practically indestructible. It can not be broken, and If bent will readily reassume its form by a few well-directed blows on the one by appeals to come and anast her in look- anvil. From this it derives its namevarious missing articles which malleable being the property that althrough great carelessness she was invariably lows a thing to be worked under the hammer without injury to the fiber. Besides, the same pattern can be made of one-half the weight of iron that would be required of ordinary cast metal and will afford even greater firmness. It will be but a short time. I believe, until it will wholly supercede cast-iron for the commonest uses - W. W. Culver, in St. Louis Globe Demo-

Head-Light for Locomotives.

An improved headlight for locomosen stepped forward to assist the lives has an adjustment which allows the engineer to conveniently direct the light as he may desire, to various points off the line. The lantern is supported on a frame or platform, I am handling it with great care, but do not | which has a movement to right or left distress yourself about it, for should it be about a vertical axis, and also up or come necessary it will give use great pleasure down by the same means, the operating mechanism leading back to the cab, so as to be within ready reach of contains the breath of a dear friend?"-Phil- the engineer. He is enabled, by this arrangement, to examine dangerous or doubtful parts of the road, and in stormy weather to turn the light upon threatening trees or masses of earth or rock upon either side, and which are liable to full. The device also permits of the lantern being turned so as to the bed for a burly robber, "Where?" she throw the light across sharp corners and exhibit the line of track at some distance ahead of the train and at hours afterward, when he remembered that points which would be outirely out of reach of the light in its usually fixed position. According to the usual construction and employment of locomotive headlights, they are fixed to the engine front in such a manner that the light is always thrown forward and concentrated in one line only-this being, of course an inadequate arrangement in the case of sharp curves. -N. Y. Son.

> "Pa, I have about concurred to wed for a title and become the Countess de Assinine. What will you settle on the Count?" "I will settle on him with both feet and an ex-gad, backed by two hundred and seventeen pounds

avolrdupois."-Yonkers Gazette. -Woman (to tramp)-"Have you any friends or relatives?" Tramp-"1 have a brother Bill." Women-"Is Bill a tramp, too? Tramp -"Nor IN AN OPIUM DEN.

A Couple of English Bloods "Hit the Fipe" in East London. Smiley was now on his mettle.

wanted to show that he was a good "slummer." "Well," he said, "if you care to go a little further, I can show you some very queer nooks. You've heard of oplum smoking in China. can show you an opium den down In Shadwell where a man can smoke himself to death as comfortably and cheaply as if he were in Canton.' Fitzboodle jumped at the idea. They went down Commercial road on a tram-

car, and when they left it Smiley struck off into the network of streets between that thorough fare and the docks. In a narrow lane he turned into n corner public house, the chief decoration of which was a great shining yellow dragon of Chinese porcelain, which the landlord had bought years before from one of his sailor customers, and which had given its name to the establishment. The Yellow Dragon was a favorite house with sailors, British and foreign. The bar and the parlor were hong with pictures of ships; and curios, chiefly Chinese, gave a quaint look to the place.

While Fitzboodle was refreshing himself at the bar and staring at the dragon, Smiley exchanged a few words n whispers with the landlord, the result of which was that the two young men were allowed to pass through the court, from which another door opened upon a small entrance hall, lighted by paper lantern

"Now," said Smiley, "try and imaglne you are in Canton or Nankin."

As if to help the illusion, a Chinese opened a curtained door, and they had the little opium pipe, with its ought ever to be permitted to vote short stem and flattened bowl, in their again. Some of the States, with a hands, and were in various stages of moral obtuseness on this point which is the enjoyment of the drug. Not half positively grotesque, provide that a man mulattoes and negroes. They seemed 'tion!" What a sense of the sacredness a stupid, ill-conditioned crew, but it of the suffrage the men must have had was not easy to make out details, for who could frame into a statute such a the lights were dim in the painted grinning jibe as that! The man who paper lamps. Seated at one end of the strikes with a poisoned dagger at the divan a young Chinaman kept beside very heart of the Republic-he shall him on a table a supply of pipes and of not be allowed to vote "in that electhe little balls of prepared opium.

To the newcomers it all seemed like a dream, it was so sudden a transition Such an offender deserves to be banfrom all they had yet seen; and the air ished and forbidden ever again to set of the place added to the half-dreamy foot upon our soil under penalty of maluing carbon has united with the sensation. Smiley stretched himself death; certainly the lightest punishexide and passed off as carbonic acid on the divan, and Fitzboodle took a ment that can with justice be meted place beside him, while the Chinese at- out to him is perpetual exclusion from The walls are then torn down, the tendant roused himself to offer them the franchise. -Dr. Gladden, in Cent-

> "You had better not smoke," said Smiley. 'Give him half a crown and he won't mind whether you smoke or not. By jove, there's enough opium in the air for any reasonable man, "No," said the other; "the greatest

sight of this place is one; a smoke here human bodies in a cavern in the Sierra "Well, for Heaven's sake let it be

Fitzboodle took the pipe offered by the attendant, and after one or two

false starts got it fairly alight. "This is delicious," he said. I thought it would make me sleepy. Why, I never felt more awake in my life. I should like to get up and dance

or sing; by jove, I should!" "Don't make a fool of yourself," said Smiley, who, to tell the truth, was feeling anxious as to how all this would

"Ha, ha, ha!" laughed Fitzboodle. "what would my old uncle say if he saw me here, and what would he say to you, old man?" and he poked Smiley in the ribs in a way that showed very little reverence for his tutor.

"I should not like to take his opinion on the subject," answered the tutor but if you will listen to my advice you will get out into the open air again before you are muddled with this place. If I had thought you would smoke I would never have brought you here.

"Well," said Fitzboodle, "I will be a dutiful pupil, and take your advice. The fact is, I don't feel as bright as I did, and I'm afraid this beastly stuff is beginning to make me feel queer."

"Just so," said the tutor, gravely. 'you are in the second stage of the siness-not such a pleasant one for s beginner. Here, let me help you up. You will feel better in the street," and they made their way out through the court at the back of the Yellow Dragon. -Vanity Fair.

Their Diet Was Too Rich.

The servants of an economic million aire came to him with a complaint that the butler allowed them for supper nothing but turnips and cheese. butler was ordered to report himself a once, and the indignant master of the

"Is it true, sir, that you give these people nothing for supper but turnip and cheese?" The terrified butler confessed that

such was his rule.

"Well, sir, it is my order that from this day forth you give them one nigh cheese and the next night turnips, so that they shall not be compelled to ea the same thing every day."-Chicage

usual question to the witness as to his Nature. religious belieff" Judge-"Witness, do you believe in the existence of r Supreme Being that controls the affairs of men?" Witness-"Yawohi, Shudge, dot was my wife Katrina. Dot don't know when I'll be back."

- What a wonderful painter Rubens was!' remarked Merritt at the art tween seven and cleven o'clock in the gallery. "Yes," assented Cora. "It is said of him that he could change a hours of the day. laughing face into a sad one by a

CRIMES AGAINST SUFFRAGE.

Dr. Gladden Argues That They Should Be Punishable by Disfranchisement. The complete disfranchisement of men who have been guilty of the lesser offenses would not be just or expedient. Such men ought to have space for reformation. The first term of their

disfranchisement might well be brief. Conviction for drunkenness or disorderly conduct might exclude from the polls for one year. More serious misdemeanors might entail a longer disfranchisement. And it would be well to give large discretion to the authorities who grant pardons, and who regulate indeterminate sentences, that they may restore the suffrage more speedily to those whose conduct in prison has been exceptionally good. But we should make sure that every conviction under the criminal law worl some temporary forfeiture of political privilege. We should make it plain to the dullest mind that good conduct is the indepensable condition of the pos session of the franchise; that those who wish to take part in making the laws must refrain from violating the Some offenses should be followed, as now, by perpetual disfranchisement. That all "felonies" should incur this penalty is not at all clear; many of those committed to our prisons for members of the State. That door should

crimes of passion may, under proper bar, along a passage and into a little care, be reformed and rendered usefu by no means be forever closed against them, nor should the opening of it be left to executive elemency. The felou's record, in prison, should determine whether he may, after a space, be reboy with a yellow face and black eyes stored to full political privileges. But there is one class of crimes for which found themselves in a room, round the laws of many of our States do not three sides of which ran a sloping entail any political disabilities, which wooden platform about six feet wide, ought to be punished everywhere by with a few rugs laid on it here and the final forfeiture of political power. here. On this rude divan a score of These are the crimes against the sufmen were lolling in various lazy atti- frage itself-bribery, both in the briber tudes. Three or four were fast asleep, and the bribed, fraudulent voting, the Two, more energetic than the rest, falsifying of returns, and the like. No were playing cards. Nearly all of them man convicted of one of these crimeof them were Englishmen; the rest caught in attempting a crime of this were Chinese and Malay sailors, nature shall lose his vote "in that election!" Could the force of anti-climax -and of a priori theory-go farther?

AMERICAN MUMMIES.

An Interesting Discovery Made in the

A Mexican archieologist, Senor Marghiere, has recently made an interestpleasure in life is a new sensation. The ling discovery of naturally mummified only a whiff, or you will be so stupid about 7,000 feet above the sea. The that I shall not be able to get you mouth of the opening had been artificially closed with sun-dried bricks and knees. They all were placed with their actual worth. Sex cuts little figure.

shrouded in burial garments. this conclusion he is mistaken, for the human body, discovered about fifteen worth. years ago in a cavern near the Natural Cave in Kentucky, a similar natural desiceation had taken place. The renate creature had evidently been lost in the cavern, and had wandered until starvation brought about death. The position of the body was that of perfect repose, showing that the sleep of exhaustion had passed into the rest of death. In this case, as in that of the remains found by Senor Marghiere, the integument was well preserved, there being no trace of decay in any part of the form; even something of the expression of the face remained despite cess of desicention.

the emaciated look given by the pro-Whenever the circumstances of burial are such as would be afforded by any caveras in this country, where the access of the germs which conduct the fermentative process of decay is prevented, and where the air has an ordinary dryness, a like process of mum mification would certainly ensue. It took an unnecessary amount of pains to preserve their dead in the mammified condition. In their dry climate the same and could have been attained by much simpler processes. As far as the preservation of form is concerned these mummics of Mexico or Kentucky are bodies as well preserved as any of -Lawyer-"Will your honor put the those from Egyptian burial places .-

> -"If any one calls for me," wrote the escaped convict to the warder of the jail, "tell him I am out and you

-The records kept in Paris hospitals show that fewer deaths occur beevening than during any other four

Bill a tramp, too? Tramp - Not single stroke. Why, spoke up tried most every thing and finally teacher can do that "-Detroit Free gilty, guildy, gealty, gealty, galdy, base description of his press." guldy, gellty.

CLERKS IN STORES.

me of the Causes That Operate to Keep Salaries Down.

"There are few lines of occupation n which there is such an inequality of setual worth among men and women lrawing approximately the same pay as clerking," said a city merchant of long experience. "Some people are born clerks while others are chiefly serviceable for keeping the dust off the stock. Personality, address, the faculty of inspiring confidence, the ability to explain differences and superiorities, and a dozen other qualities enter into the question of competency, and though most places of business are daily overrun with a crowd of anxious situationeckers the supply of thoroughly capaole clerks is not over-large. To sell to public that wants to buy and knows what it wants is one thing; to sell to an meertain, wavering or merely curious ablic is quite another. It is ability to leal with the latter that proves a clerk's isefulness to his employer. Two clerks vorking side by side on the same line of goods will show differences in their ggregate sales wholly out of keeping with the difference between their respective salaries. Clerking is essentialv a trade and the best clerks are skilled aborers.

"It is this assumption that anybody an stand behind a counter and wait pon customers and the consequent influx of those little qualified for the work that is one of the greatest drawbacks to clerking as an avocation. It is this, not less than the centralization population, that makes supply and mand so radically abnormal. It is true that only a period of actual trial will determine the fitness or unfitness of an individual for the work. The trouble is, however, that men and women do not fall out of the ranks when it is reasonably proved that they have not sufficient aptitude, and new erations keep filing applications for trial. It is practically the old story of skilled labor competing with unskilled. "To a casual observer it may seem

strange that such a multitude of men and women enter a calling like clerking where there is comparatively little prospect for advancement and stay year ifter year at a salary little more than necessary for actual needs. Scores of nen are to-day clerking in Chicago for ess wages than shovelers on the street arn. Doubtless many of them are not worth more than they get, and, in the najority of cases, it would be infinitely etter for their financial interests if hey would strike out for something For clerks as a body I can see ittle that could be held out as inducement, save only the possibility of gainng a meager living. In some lines of business, doubtless, desirableness of employment draws the multitude of reruits. In other stores the work is and and searcely desirable, and I am nelined to think that the determining actor that induces men and wemen to become clerks and stay clerks is people's unwillingness to assume risks. Talk with hundreds of employes in diferent kinds of stores and you will find hat, though they fully realize the uture of their calling and face it with reluctance, they prefer to remain clerks at small or moderate pay rather than assume personal risks that may entail

large profits or no profits at all "Much is said of the relative worth Madre Mountains. The cavern is of a of male and female clerks. My own natural origin, and lies at the height of spinion, based on half a lifetime of experience with employes, is that the value of help to a store-keeper does not come to a question of sex at all, but to stones, so contrived as not only to close the qualifications of individuals—tact, but to conceal the entrance. In the study, persuasion, accomplishments, I cave the dessicated remains of four have known new recruits to be more human bodies were found, apparently valuable on a few weeks' experience all members of one family, the father, than old hands who had been years in mother, a boy and a girl. The bodies the business. Irrespective of age, sex were in the position so commonly or nationality, the measure with which given to the dead by American Indians; I clerk studies his particular departthey were in a sitting posture, the ment, identifies himself with his emhands crossed over the breast, and the ployer's interests and caters to the head inclined forward toward the whims of customers is the measure of faces toward the East, and were The percentage of excellent employes of one sex, I think, would pretty well In articles concerning these remains equal that of the other. I am speaking, the writer assumes that the preserva- of course, of the help of establishments tion of the bodies was due to the pecu- where both sexes are usually employed. liarly high and dry atmosphere of this | There is a natural fitness of one sex or southern clime and elevated level. In the other for particular classes of business, but that scarcely comes into con-"As a rule there are few clerks who

reason that, in at least one case of a sideration in estimating comparative lo not become more or less careless and indifferent. A store-keeper could mains were those of a child twelve or down pretty stringent rules. So many scarcely do business unless he laid fourteen years of age. The unfortu- hours, so much pay,' seems to be a sort of motto for the majority of employes. Fo minimize work and be attentive to the clock toward quitting time are prevailing faults, and reprimand and reproof are almost indispensable."--Chicago News.

The Duchess and the Doctor.

An old Duchess on one occasion requested Dr. Abernethy to pay a professional visit to her house. The doctor went as requested and was introduced into the drawing-room, where the Duchess, with tears in her eyes, showed him an ugly little monkey, apparently in great agony, lying on elegant cushions and almost buried in lovely laces. The doctor felt thoroughly disgusted at being called upon to act as a monkey's doctor. He felt the monkey's pulse in silence, examined it with attention and soon recognized the nature of its illness, then, perceiving the lady's thus seems probable that the Egyptians grandson in a corner of the drawing room rolling about on the carpet, he advanced toward the child, examined him also, felt his pulse, and, returning to the Duchess, said to her in a grave manner: "Madam, your two sons are suffering from Indigestion. By drinking tea and living on a plain diet they will soon recover," and, bowing profoundly to the stupefied Duchess the doctor retired, avenged,--From "Tales of a Physician."

> -A jug of cider thirty-two years old was unearthed in Camden the other day, and of the twenty men who got a swallow of the smooth and deceitful liquid sixteen were made drunk within ten minutes.

-At a church fair in Troy, N. Y., they blindfold the men and let 'em klss the women at fifteen cents a piece. One man kissed his wife seven different times, and when he ascertained the base deception he demanded the return of his money and got it. - Detroit Free

Raw Material. They were on their way home from the

"We had a very interesting discussion last night at the debating club," remarked George.
"The subject was 'What shall we do with our raw material?

"I know very little about matters of that nature, George," returned the girl timidly, "but I think some of our raw material should be disposed of on the half shell."-Epoch.

Feline Amenities.



"I wish you hadn't asked Capt. Wareham Lizzie. Horrid man! I can't bear him!" "Dear me, Charlotte-isn't the world big ough for you both?" 'Yes; but your little dining room isn't!"

Still Waiting. The hands of the clock on the mante pointed to 12. The bleak wind whistled and noaned without, and a groan that sounded like an echo of the sad voices of the night burst from the lips of the gloomy young man who sat before the fireplace and looked at the dying embers. Despair was written on hi brow and expressed in every line of his droop ing, nerveless frame.

"My life has been a failure!" he exclaimed bitterly. Why should I seek to prolong it?" The light of a sudden resolution flames from his eyes and the muscles of his mobile countenance seemed to harden into stone, Seating himself at a table he wrote rapidly.

"Sir-It is not necessary for me to waste any time in preliminaries. I will come to the point at once. I know who you are. I write for the purpose of confessing to you that I am a desperate but unconvicted scoundrel. I have committed every crime known to the calendar of crimes, including horse stealing burglary, kidnaping, incendiarism, dynamite throwing, forgery, wife whipping, counterfeiting, embezzlement, murder, perjury, train robbing and scuttling steamships. When you receive this I shall be waiting for you with an iron poker to defend myself with and nothing else, so help me heaven! Dare you bring twenty of your bravest men and arrest me If not I pronounce you a white livered cur and pusillanimous coward and sneak!"

He signed this with his full name and address, inclosed it in an envelope, and di-

"It will save me from committing the crime of self destruction," he said with a grim smile. This took place six weeks ago. The young man is still waiting. He had made the mis-

gang of White Caps. - Chicago Tribune.

take of sending the letter to the chief of a

Force of Habit. During the Centennial exposition at the head of one of the departments there was a German of the name of Swartz. Late in May, when it had become quite warm and all of the other offices had their doors and windows open, he would insist on having his closed, and every time any one opened a door he would turn up the collar of his light overcoat and say "shut the toor, there vas a traft."

One morning a clerk named Shultz came in and said, "Swartz, last noct I had von bad

"Vell, vat vas it?" "I treampt you vas tead." "Vells

"Vell, I treampt ve all lofed you so vell dat ve konkluded to haf you cremated so ve could each haf part of your ashes. Ve took your pody to Vashington, Pa. Ve put you i the retort; in two hours somebody suggested you vas done. I opened a lower door to see if rou vas and immediately I heard a voice say Shut the toor, there vas a traft".-Philadel phia Press.

Warned in Time.

"What do you feed your white rabbit, Tommy? inquired Mr. Bildus, who had called to talk politics with Tommy's father. "The stubs of papa's cigars," was the reply "Why, doesn't tobacco make the rabbit

sick P "Who said anything about tobacco? guess you never smoked one of papa's cigars. Just then Tommy's father appeared. "Have a cigar, Bildus," he said, cordially. "I never keep any but the best and you can depend on

"Thank you," said Bildus, feebly, "but I promised my doctor this morning to stop smoking. I'm threatened with paralysis, you know,"-Chicago News."

Postponed on Account of the Weather. The convention of railway managers who had assembled to decide upon some new and safe method of heating railway cars had been in session fifteen minutes.

"Gentlemen," said the chairman, rapping vigorously on the desk, "it has been moved and seconded that on account of the unexpected cold snap and the difficulty of warming this room, as well as the lateness of the season, we now adjourn until the third Tuesday of next July. Are you ready for the [Put and carried unanimously.]-Chicago



the clean sidewalk!" "Faith, sor, of conthracted wid th' womin in th' house for ter ciane off th' sidewalk for tin cints, an' bedad, whin oi finished she

wouldn't pay me; an' begorra, back goes her blothy snow!"-Life. -Pawabroking, or the business of lending money on pawns or pledges, appears to have originated with the Italians at a very early period in the world's history. The greatest pawnbroking establishment in the world is the Mont de Picte in Paris, established

by royal command in 1717. -It is stated that the smallest steam engine ever made was recently completed, after two years of labor, for the Paris exhibition. It is composed of 180 pieces of metal, is a shade under three-fifths of an inch in heighth, and weighs less than one-ninth of an ounce. until after dark.—Time

Society Doings in a Progressive perous Arksusas Coming The following corresponde that most progressive of com Dry Fork, appeared last week

DRY FORK JOTTINGS

county paper: Ye correspondent would have ten lust week, but there was to to communicate. and, in fact, no news this week worthy of beg only write because it is a rab

and I have nothing else to da Rain. Every thing is quiet.

Jeff Filpot is dead.

A good many hogs have best during the past year. Uncle Bob Joyner fell off his day before yesterday and brokes

his hips. Ye correspondent de learn which one. Wind.

More rain. Shindig at Patterson's night w

Uncle Jesse Galt stuck a thora eye Wednesday. Job Balsh is a liar. So is Bill & Sim Mayfield's gun went of dentally the other day and killed

mule colt. More rain. Saw mills are doing a good bay Lytt Hendricks sawed off his le

last Friday. Revival at Round Pond church Rev. Jack Hoyte, who conducts it pretty good fellow, but is a line

Old Mat Morgan killed a work Monday. Tobe McCracken has run away Ad Harkrider's horse. Haring

wife also accompanied him. Still more rain. A good many farmers are bear up land:

Till Alexander is a thief. Sois h Hightower. Aunt Betsey Blue died night

last. She will be sadly missed at mourner's bench. She was a hand to make apple ples and seventy-six years old. She coul make a fine kettle of soft soap, I to her ashes. I shall never form kindness of heart, for she knit me best pair of socks I ever had, Ye correspondent is under mar

ligations to Bob Hensley for a m of squirrels. He is a man and the best shot in our neighbor We regret to say that his gun we accidentally day before yestents killed him.

Uncle Billy Phelps broke one logs vesterday. We look for a change in the we

Bob Taylor professed religies Friday, and none too soon either ne was killed by a saw-log Saturd We see a large number of she the woods.

Aunt Betsy Janson poisoned Mayfield's dog day before yeste Trot got ahold of some of the and is also dead.

Cloudy weather. Squirrels are scarce. Buck Truitt is dead.

Zeb Fancher and Miss Tallie Me were married last week. The h pair were congratulated by a number of friends. Zeb was shot killed shortly after the ceremon performed.

I hope to send you some news week. Uncle Cad Metford is dead.

Aunt Lizzie Lucas will be deal the time this reaches you. Bill Henly shot his uncle yesteri Bill has been killed.

More rain. Clouds everywhere. Look out for falling weather. Wilson Buck killed Bob Patril yesterday.

I will send you some news som Babbitt Malone killed his under terday. More rain. - Arkansaw Traveler

FIGS AS FOOD. The Most Nutritious of All Fruits Em the Olive. One of the Persian kings causel

celebrated Attie figs to be set be him whenever he dined, for one res to remind him that the land will they grew was not yet his, and that stead of receiving the fruit as a trib he was obliged to buy it from alm and, for another, that it was not s the emblem of health, but the " wholesome fruit grown. The # now pretty well known to be, especia at certain seasons, almost the comfood of the Italian people; and months they may be said to live tirely upon it. As Dr. Nichols # it is not only possible for a man to upon figs, but sitting under his !! vine and fig tree, a man has plenty food and no landlord. When a fresh the fig is a medicine as well food; and they who eat freely need ! potious and no aperients. Full of trition and all those properties is make it valuable as an article of we are confident that the fig will a prominent position in the estimate of all who work for and believe in le reform. For myself, I would sime add that, again and again, with liquid of any kind. the luscious of fig. eaten with whole-meal bread. formed a dish at once simple but is and like the Spaniard's salad, fit if king. The fig is not only very pop but it is the most ancient fruit we tivate. In many countries the fair of this erop also means starvat on a famine. Travelers in Asia Mineral southern Europe provide them with figs and olives as provisions long journeys, and not only live grow fat on the diet. The fig has " medicinal properties and more no ment than any other fruit with thee

ception of the olive. - Interior. Voted Down.

A lady fiving in Ohio is the mother dooys. One day a friend calling on her s. What a pity that one of your boys half been a girl." One of the boys als years of age overheard this remark promptly interposed: "I'd like to know a 'er; I wouldn't 'a bin 'er; Ed w a bin 'er; doe wouldn't 'a bin 'er; and fill to know who'd 'a bin 'er,"—Christian

-A Brooklyn man is so modest he never changes his boarding pa