AN IRISH DUELIST.

How the Famous Pat Power Possessed Pat Power, of Daragle, was a fat, robust man, much distinguished for his intemperance, and generally seen with itants all his life, and has visited it en door to each other, and they looked a glowing red face. He on one occa- ouvrier en artiste and en touriste at so much alike that people often took sion fought with a fire-enting compan- all seasons of the year, gives an ac- them for twins. But while they reion named Bill Brisco. When taking count in one of the French newspapers sembled each other in looks they were aim, he said he still had a friendship of some of the lore and legends con- unlike, alas' in spirit and conduct. If for him, and would show it; so he only

had many encounters with persons who at the hospitable gate of the monks, her. But if Eliza's mother asked her were attracted by his brogue and behind which a brother makes an ex- to go over to Mrs. Henry's and borrow clumsy appearance. On one occasion, a group of gentlemen were sitting in a box at one end of the room when he mitted. And with what a formidable girl would toss her pretty head and entered at the other. The representa- appetite, sharpened by a walk of six scornfully reply: tive of Irish manners at this time on or seven hours, I sit down to table in the English stage was a tissue of ig. one of the three large halls bearing the When Ann was eighteen years of norance, blunders and absurdities; and names of ancient French provinces, and age she could knit, sew, make bread when a real Irishman appeared off the into one of which the pere procureur split wood, hoe corn or put a diamond stage, he was always supposed to have (I believe that is what they call him) shaped patch on the south side of her the characteristics of his class, and so a fair butt for ridicule.

When Power took his seat in the box. the walter came to him with a gold watch, with a gentleman's compliments, and a request to know what o'clock it was by it. Power took the It is the price only which varies, those her face and hands, and bragged of watch, and then directed the waiter to let him know the person who sent it. visitors paying slightly more than the Ann's father and mother patied her on He pointed out one of a group. Power rest. As to the fare, it is always simple the back and said that her goodness rang the bell for his servant, and but abundant, and deliciously prepare! would surely be rewarded, the parents directed him to bring his pistols and -that is to say, fish orablets, vege. of Eliza went out into the wood-shed follow him. He put them under his tables and butter are an advantageous and wept scalding tears and declared arm, and, with the watch in his hand, change f om the meat of the ordinary that life was not worth the living. walked up to the box, and, presenting 'table d'hote. The batter especiallythe watch, begged to know to whom it good heavens, what butter it is a syear may bring forth! One day, a belonged. When no one was willing to veritable cream, innocent of the exist year later. Ann was married to a own it, he drew his own silver one ence of such a thing as margarine from his fob, and presenting it to his Then there is the inevitable little glass servant, desired him to keep it; and of yellow liquor, which is first off ared putting up the gold one, he gave his as an appetizer, and then again handed name and address, and assured the around as a dessert. Noboly complain company he would keep it safe till of the fare, for at this place the liquor

called for. It was never claimed. On another occasion Power ordered races of certain large boulevard cafes. supper, and while waiting for it he "I have heard an eye-witness tell one of which he laid down before his master, and the other before the persons in the opposite box. When the covers were removed there was found in each a loaded pistol. Power took up others to take up the second, assuring carried her out of the monastery gate. him "they were at a very proper distance for a close shot, and if one fell, he was ready to give satisfaction to the The parties immediately rushed out without waiting for a second invitation, and with them several persons in the adjoining box. As they were all in too great a hurry to

COLOR OF TROUT. The Effect of Light and Freed om on the

Gamesomest of Fish. Ever v trout fisher has observed the difference in the color of the speckled beauties he loves so well, but to the query why are some brighter than fore realized. others the correct reason is rarely

a story that is substantially as follows: the district, among others to the Gen-"A great French manufacturer sought the secret of making the brilliant car of the Jesuits, and to the Bishop. The mine that was manufactured in Eng- Bishon returned the tickets, but added land. He went to London and paid £1,000 to an English manufacturer for his secret. The Frenchman visited the factory and carefully observed the ter to this effect: Gentlemen, we re details of the manufacture of the car- gret not to be able to be present at the mine. Finding it to be the same process that he himself carried on in his the benefit of our wounded soldiers own factory he claimed that he had but as we should like to participate a been cheated out of his own money. much as possible in your charitable and The Englishman called his attention to patriotic object we are happy to send the day, which was bright and sunny. you a check for three hundred frances. Inquiry as to whether such days were taken advantage of by the Frenchman for making his color elicited the fact that he had made his carmine on dark | the monastery."-London Times. days."

In that the whole secret lay. So it is with salmotontinalls, the brook trout, and with every other fish that swims. Inhabitants of limpid streams with gravelly bottoms are bright and beautiful, those in the dark, land-locked waters, shaded from the sun, are devoid of the brilliant colors which are so much admired.

also to account for the difference in the Maryland strictly prohibited the offer- day if he never got nervous handling color of the substance or flesh of the brook trout. This can not be accounted for in the same manner. The wild trout Captain Hill valued Madison very replied; it never occurs to me that is noted for its beautiful pink flesh, while that of the cultivated fish is of a pale yellowish tint. The food of the trout makes all the difference, or, if not, the annual or semi-annual visit of the wild trout to the salt water makes it up. Preserved trout are fed principally on liver, and not only are they of less beautiful exterior, but they are devoid of the pink flesh and delicate flavor of the wild trout .- N. Y. Times

-Mrs. Mary Arndt, a lady about thirty years old, living at Calhoun, Ind., a small station on the Lake Shore road, was taken sick recently and was confined to her bed. The second night spec ed and prosperous member of the of her iliness her hair, which was jet black, began to whiten, and by morning it had turned completely white. The woman recovered and became an object of considerable interest.

that the first observation of an eclipse a review. of the sun ever taken by scientific men people's observance thereof, which was any eggs in the house a little butter all day and become children in their shall re-callst when his present term play in the evening.

| School It you don't have selected a lattle butter all day and become children in their shall re-callst when his present term terrified them and led to their arrest.

THE CHARTREUSE MONKS.

Ancient French Monastery.

this ancient monastery and its inhab- girls of the same age and lived next nected with its history. "It is always Ann's mother spoke to her she always shot off his whisker and top of his ear. with a sense of fresh pleasure," says answered in the politest manner, and When traveling in England, Power the writer of the article, "that I knock was ready to do any work asked of amination of the arrival, in order to her flatirous, or go over to Mrs. Jackweed out lady visitors, who are not ad- son's and get her quilting-frames, the shows travelers according to their father'stronsors with a definess that position, as far as the latter can be excited universal admiration. judged of by their dress and their man- Eliza was far, far different. ners.

ferent tables, the food is exactly alike. used seven kinds of camphor-gum on who appear the wealthier among the mashing over twenty boys. is genuine and not like it is on the ter-

read the newspaper. After some time, the story of a lady who entered the the waiter laid two covered dishes on monastery, dressed in men's clothes the table, and when Power examined at the side of her lord and master. their contents he found they were two The fraud had been successfully ac dishes of smoking potatoes. He asked complished, and the fair intruder the waiter to whom he was indebted visited calmly the curiosities of the ment. for such good fare, and he pointed to cloisters which were shown and extwo gentlemen in the opposite box, plained by a lay brother. But habit Power desired his servant to attend becomes second nature, and nature is him, and, directing him in Irish what a terrible habit. All at once the lady to do quietly made his supper of the in the dress can called out, Pardon potatoes, to the great amusement of me brother, but where has my husthe Englishmen. Presently his servant band gone?' The poor monk was first appeared with two more covered dishes, quite stupefied at hearing a sweet voice come from behind the stiff, white collar, and looked terror-stricken upon the hypocritical overcoat and the fallacious trousers. Then some servants came up, carrying an old arm-chair. his and cocked it, telling one of the into which they put the intruder and

"Here is a story which does credit to the old 'General du Chartreuse,' who is said to be most independent and stiff-necked among the followers of the Holy Father. It was in the terrible year of 1870. After the first defeats which filled with surprise and with woe French hearts all over the country. pay their reckoning. Power paid is for some young people at Grenoble founded them along with his own.-N. Y. Led. a Republican society of young men whose object it was to assist by every possible means in the defense of the dock, President Harrison's night-shirt country. This society had the happy idea of organizing a stage play for the chief." benefit of the wounded, which was a prodigious success and realized 4,00 ranes, an amount which the directors of the Grenoble Theater had never be-

"We had, before the play was performed, sent a number of tickets to the Sir Humphry Davy is credited with various authorities and notabilities of eral of the Chartreuse, to the Superior no money. The Jesuits kept them and lorget to pay for them. But from the General of the Chartreuse we got a let entertainment you are about to give for The graceful and gracious note wa concluded with a few words of thankor having remembered the inmates of

Preferred to Be a Slave.

for freedom implanted in the human careful set than these same nitrobreast. He belonged in ante-war times giveering teamsters. One whom I to a Captain Hill, who took him on a knew well was a big, red-cheeked. journey to Baltimore on one occasion blue-eyed fellow, with a pretty wife It has puzzled many amateur anglers as his body servant. The laws of and a cozy home. I asked him one ing of a slave for sale, the penalty the stuff. being the manumission of the chattel. "Not when I am handling it, he highly, and had no desire to dispose of there is any danger to me in it then; him, and when some one asked him but sometimes when I'm home in the what he would take for Madison, he house at night, and there alo't an carelessly replied: "O, I suppose ounce within five miles, I get so blamed \$6,000," neverthinking of the law. The nervous I fairly shake with fear and incident was reported to the authori- decide that I'll never touch the stuff ties, and the owner cited before the courts. He told his servant the circomstances and informed him of his stillatit." opportunity for freedom. The trial came off, and when Madison was placed on the stand he declared he would rather return home with his master than to go free. He remained a slave in Captain Hill's house till 1865, and he did. I was one of the coroner's was subsequently, till his death, a re- jury who sat upon the remains, and community.—Chicago Journal.

tism for the cure of persons addicted to clusively proved that these were all the use of alcoholic liquors, is said to that was left of poor Smith, a pair of -Colonel J. W. Porter, of Bangor, has excited so much attention that Mail and Express. Me., lately dug up something of inter- French specialists now have a hospital est to astronomers, it being the fact devoted to the treatment, and publish

in America was taken on Long Island ter comes to morrow with her children. the consumption at about 2,000,000 (Penobscot Bay) on October 27, 1789, and remains with us a few days, we boxes of twenty-two pounds each, which On that occasion a party from Harvard shall have to fry pancakes, and we at an average of \$2 per box, shows an College, headed by Rev. Samuel Wil- have neither eggs nor butter in the expenditure of \$4,000,000 per annum for liams Hollis, having obtained permis- house" Schoolmaster-"And we are one article in dried fruit. sion from the British General com- short of money, besides. But patience; -New York has been influenced by Cove, and made the house of Shubael dren, to-morrow I will tell you the of all by the Germans, it is said. Their

REVISED FIRST READER.

Lore and Legends Connected With the Four Practical Lessons Not Taken from

A native of Grenoble who has known Lesson I.—Ann and Eliza were two "But I don't h-a-v-e to!"

spent much of her time at the museum "in all the three halls, at all the dif- and theater, read all the latest novels,

But, ah! how little do we know what blacksmith who was too hav to sweat. and who had to borrow two dollars to pay the preacher. Three days later it was known that Eliza had eloped. She didn't stay eloped, however, but at the end of a week returned to her father's house to say:

Old chap, Thave married a Chicago banker worth half a million, and if you want \$25,000 to start a grist mill here is the dross!"

Therefore, the good are always rewarded ten times over, while the wicked can not hope to escape punish-

Lesson II .- "Shall we go to the zoo to-day, papa?"

"Not to-day, my son!" "But they have just received a

kangaroo from Australia." "That's no draw, my child. Let us stand here on this corner and observe those females who have crowded No 5 feet into No. 3 shoes, and we shall get the kangaroo business free gratia.

Lesson III .- "Who is that man, father, and why do the people take off their hats to him?"

"He is a steamboat captain, my boy. and navigation has opened for the

But is a steamboat captain a great and good man?"

"He is a great man, at least in the spring. When he stands on the bridge of his vessel and rings his little bell to slow up, to stop her, to back, to go ahead, to work her to port, to wind her bows to starboard, to come into wouldn't make him a pocket-handker-

LESSON IV. - Does the tramp "Yes-a sad, weary smile."

"Did he make a mistake in going around to the rear of that house? "Very likely he did. He found a

ball-dog under the step and the woman of the house decorating a bedstead with a feather dipped in a solution. It was a combination he could "And the dog-"

Oh, the dog wouldn't have tackled him but for the woman, and the woman wouldn't have said any thing if the tramp hadn't remarked that spring weather always thawed 'em out." Detroit Free Press.

GOT THERE AT LAST.

How Nitra-Glyce: inc Teamsters Feel About Speaking of the men who handle nitro-glycerine in the oil country, a gentleman from there recently com-

mented on their utter fearlessness. "Although it is the unexceptional history of every man who goes into An old negr), Madison Pitts, has just the business of transporting the exlied at Griffin, Ga., whose history fur- plosive 'cross country that sooner or sished a curious contradiction to the later he becomes a disintegrated pardmost universally deep-scated longing ticle, yet there is not a jollier, more

again. But the feeling always passes off, or at least it always has, and I m

"I suppose he finally shared the common fate?" remarked the listener.

"Well," replied the oil country man. "I have every reason to believe that although we only had the sole of one foot and the lower articulate joint of -The new French method of hypno- the left thigh to identify, it was con-

-The United States is the largest consuming country of raisins in the -Schoolmaster's Whe-"If your sis- world, and reliable nuthorities estimate

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

- Michigan University pays \$148. one yearly to its professors and em-

church showed a total membership o. were 307, and loss 341, making a net loss of thirty-four.

-There is a church in Jersey City which bears the multitudinous title of The Tabe nacle of the Testament of the Church of the First Born." Under chilzen not only is incapable of taking this far stretching and redundant name a Faith Cure congregation worship.

No. 2, of Batavia, N. Y., a handsome public library building, to be called the Richmond Memorial Library, in memory of her son, Dean Richmond, Jr. -Among the foreign count ics which have sent students to the Harvard law

school are: Japan, 7; Hawalian Istands, 3; England, 2; France, 2; Prussia, 1: New Brunswick, 44; Nova Scotia, 24; Cape Broton Islands, 6, and Prince Edward Island, 3. -The Catholic Roview estimates

that the actual Reman Catholic population of this country is over 10,000,-000, although official statistics just published make it to be only 8, 157, 676. The total number of parochial schools is 3,070, and the attendance 585,965.

-Dr. Denman W. Ross, of Cambridge, has very recently presented the Harvard library with an exceedingly valuable collection of works on the early history of institutions. The gift consists of over three hundred volumes, and is supplemental to a much larger collection on the same subject presented by Dr. Ross & year ago. The entire collection will undoubtedly prove a great ald to students of history, political economy and kindred

LOSING HER SKIRT.

Social Illumders Made by Persons Ignorant of the "Style."

Many are the social blunders made by those who are in some minute de-tail ignorant of "the style" It is difficult for the masculine mind to renize to the orphun asylum, as it may hapthat it is really by intention that a lady's smaller belongings, her pencil, from her belt; the element of recklessness in such a proceeding scarcely appeals to the prudent, who are likely innocently to remonstrate.

"Madam," said a geatleman, courteously, to a lady who was rapidly passing him, "your watch is swinging from your belt."

"Well, sir," rejoined she, with a smile which relieved the words of rodeness, "let it swing,"

It is said that a lady prominent in Washington society made a call, with bonnet strings flying, on the wife of a Senator, who said to her as she left: Excuse me, but your bonnet is un-

"Oh, that's the style," said the caller, and the hostess blushed at her own ignorance.

Another lady, wearing a dress of camel's hair, was saluted by an acquaintance with the words: "My dear Mrs. Smith, you must have been playing with the cat. Please let me brush your dress."

"You might brush as long as Mrs. Partington need trundle her mop to sop up the Atlantic," said the other, merrily, "and it would do no good. These untidy hairs are woven in. In the days when trains were worn

even in inappropriate places, a little country girl, whose mother only believed in dressing conveniently for walking, visited a fashionable hotel. "O mamms," whispered she, as she

saw a lady sweeping down a garden path trailing some superfluous feet of cloth behind her, "mayn't I go and tell that poor lady her pettleoat's coming off?" -Youth's Companion.

Extent or Our Arid Lands.

The vast region in the United States gions of Asia, Africa and Europe and fourth. subsisted by agriculture prosecuted by Irrigation. It is estimated that there are 6,500,000 acres of land now culticome equal to the interest on a much be wonderfully successful. The cure fine horses and a large wagon. -N. Y. larger sum than this va nation. -Sens- 1,300 British, 1,600 Germans, 9,500

ing soldier. He is nearly sixty years half-castes. old, and forty years ago, when a raw Irish ind, calls ed in the English army. where he served for thirteen years. He was in the artillery service, and went through the Crimean war and the East Indian mutiny. He was in the battles of Balaklava and Inkerman, and was before Sebastopol until the evacuation manding at Castine, landed at Bounty I have an idea." (At school)—"Chilthe war of the rebellion, and then Williams their headquarters. The to-beautiful story of Columbus, who distality of the eclipse was visible only covered America; so each of you will country, as the American women have he has been attached ever since. He in Penobscot Bay, and great interest have to bring an egg with you to not the stolidity of the German, nor the has never been wounded, and likes was felt in the result of the Harvard school. If you don't happen to have men the sturdy capacity to work hard soldiering so well that he says he

THE RUSSIAN POLICE

The Almost Unlimited Field Occupied by How to K-ep the Greedy Birds Away The Hard Lines Surrounding the Young from a Certain Locality.

Emperor of China. There is probably no country in the In the autumn when the nuts are world where the public power occupies ripe the rook is busy. Walnuts are The Soudan has been almost a wider field, plays a more important his especial favorites. You will not totally neglected by Protestants as a part, or touches the private personal see a bird near the place until they are flood for missionary effort. It has s life of the citizen at more points than rendy for thrashing down; but when population of about 60,000,000 people. it does in Russia. In a country like that time has come a solitary pioneer of the same kind in the West would Less than five and a half years England or the United States, where will appear first, high up, inspecting have sent a flutter through every court ago the Nebraska Lutheran Synod had the people are the governing power, the tree or trees. The next day he will in Europe. No Chancelor or Premier ot a Scandinavian church. Since the functions of the police are simple be joined by one or two more. After will disturb himself about the rank or synod has erected twelve neat and clearly defined, and are limited, wheeling about and over the place they churches, whose value is estimated at for the most part, to the prevention or will settle and examine the state of the the Empress of China. In the the detection of crime, and the main-The reports presented at the re- tenance of order in public places. In from the shell of the nut, a problem ent annual meeting of Mr. Spurgeon's Russia, however, where the people are soon solved by the pirds biting a piece not the governing power, but hold to off, they will fly away and give infor-The additions for the year that power the relation of an infant mation to the rest that luxuries are to ward to a guardian, the police occupy be had. Then a number come, nipa very different and much more important position. The theory upon which the Government of Russia proceeds is that the dig or two of the powerful bill they part in the management of the affairs of his country, his province or his dis--Mrs. Mary E. Richmond has pre- trick but is incompetent to manage sented to Union Free School District even the affairs of his own household: and that, from the time when he leaves his cradic and begins the struggle of day, barking his loudest to scare them life down to the time when his weary off, for if left to themselves they will gray head is finally laid under the sod. he must be guided, directed, instruct- in a very short time. It is no use ed, restrained, repressed, regulated, thinking of shooting thera; you may fenced in, fenced out, braced up, kept down, and made to do generally what somebody else thinks is best for him. The natural outcome of this paternal theory of government is the concentration of all administrative authority in the hands of a few high officials. and an enormous extension of the po- way, they will cla'tter into the trees lice power. Matters that in other like hawks when they get a chance, nip countries are left to the discretion of off the nuts and fly away. The only the individual citizen, or to the judg- effectual plan is to trap one. I once ment of a small group of citizens, are saw the experiment tried. One of regulated in Russia by the Minister of them hopped tuto a common trap, set chih's death in 1875, when the present the laterior through the imperial po- openly, only so secured that lice. If you are a Russian, and wish the bird could not fly off with it. to establish a newspaper, you must Finding himself in trouble the rook ask the permission of the Minister of | velled out his note of alarm. Up the

the Interior. If you wish to open a others cluttered, cawing their loudest Sunday-school, or any other sort of and dropping some of their plander. school, whether in a neglected slum of All their friends round about came to St. Petersburg or in a native village in | see what was the matter and to join in Kamchatka, you must ask the permis- the uproar. Flying round and dashing sion of the Minister of Public Instruc- down to him as though to get him out, tion. If you wish to give a concert or and finding this no use, they were to get up tableaux for the benefit of an | frightened out of their wits by their orphan asylum, you must ask permission of the nearest representative of the Minister of the Interior, then submit your pro- his neck twisted, and he was spreadgramme of exercises to a censor for approval or revision, and finally hand lons' inspection, the business was setover the proceeds of the entertainment to the police, to be embezzled or given the place from that time. I have pen. If you wish to sell newspapers on the street, you must get permission, vinaigrette and watch, should swing be registered in the books of the police, and wear a numbered brass plate as that calamity has once taken place it big as a saucer around your neck. If you wish to open a drug-store, a print- matter what may be the attractions of "An Inheritance of Glory." ing-office, a photograph-gallery or a book-store, you must get permission. greatest caution. The Cornhill Maga- of China, many as may be the If you are a photographer and de- zine. sire to change the location of your place of business, you must get permission. If you are a student and go to a public library to consult Lyell's "Principles of Geology" or Spencer's "Social Statles," you will find that you can not even look at such dangerons and incendiary volumes without special permission. If you are a physician, you must get permission before you can practice, and then, if you do not wish to respond to calls in the night, you must have permission to refuse to go; furthermore if you wish to prescribe what are known in Russla as "powerfully-acting" medicines. you must have special permission, or the druggist will not dare to fill your prescriptions. If you are a peasant and wish to build a bath-house on your premises, you must get permission. If you wish to thresh out your grain in the evening by candle-light, you must get permission or bribe the police. If you wish to go

more than fifteen miles away from your home, you must get permission. If you are a foreign traveler you must get permission to come into the Empire, permission to go out of it, permission to stay in it longer than six months, and must notify the police every time you change your boardingplace. In short, you can not live, move or have your being in the Russian Empire without permission. George

Kennan, in Century. -The latest story of Bismarck dewhere the rainfall is insufficient for suc- scribes how he called on the Emperor cessful agriculture, comprises about the other day, and while waiting in two-lifths of our entire area (exclusive the ante-room heard voices in the Imof Alaska.) It aggregates about 1,- perial nursery, and went in. He found 250,000 square miles and is about equal | the little Crown Prince grinding away to the combined areas of Great Britain at a barrel organ, while the two youngand Ireland, Belgium, Denmark, France, er Princes were trying to dance. Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Hol- "Please, Prince Bismarck, come and land and Austria-Hungary. This arid dance with me," said one of the young-region embraces nearly all the public sters. "No, I am too old; I really can domain and is capable of supporting a not dance," said the old gentleman, population of at least 200,000,000. It is "but if the Crown Prince will dance I a third larger than British India, a will grind the organ for you all." country having many similar physical When the Emperor opened the door characteristics, and supporting over the Chancelor of the German Empire 200,000,000 inhabitants largely by irri- was found grinding away in a high gation. In solving the problem how state of pleasure and perspiration. to utilize this vast arid region so as to The moral of the anecdote was drawn make homes for the people we have the by His Majesty, who said that, not experience of thousands of years to content with making three generations guide us. The most populous nations of Hohenzollerns dance to his pipe. of ancient times occupied the arid re- Bismarck has already begun with the

-According to recent statistics, published in the Honolulu Almanac vated by irrigation in the United and Directory, the population of the States, varying in value from \$40 to Hawaiian kingdom is made up, in \$1,000 per acre and yielding a net in- round numbers, of 18,000 Chinese, 2,000 white natives, 2,000 Americans, - Sergeant Robert Oldham, of the Portuguese, 2,000 of other foreign na-Charlestown Navy Yard, is an interest- | tionalities, and 44,000 Hawaiians and

-Recreation is to the mind what shetting is to the scythe. He, there | New York doctor. If you laugh heartily fore, who spends his whole time in recreation is ever whetting, never mowing; his grass may grow and his seed starve; as, on the contrary, he who always works and never recreates is ever moving, never whetting-laboring much to little purnosa.

-Some negroes of Carroliton, Ga. intered into a compact to rob the town. They succeeded finely until they consulted a Taliapoesa fortune teller, ers awaiting sentence the kicker cooled who said they were thieves. This off and the court smiled.

HABITS OF ROOKS

crop. If the outer rind is loosened ping the nuts off in the most wholesale manner and flying off with them. In the first field or meadow they dine; with a split off the outer covering, and then with one more dig open the nut and eat the contents. They are quickly back for more. "Hi! Gip! Rooks!" cries a man's voice, and a fine old dog dashes over the lawn a dozen times a clear the heaviest crop from the trees point a stick at them and floweish it about as much as you like, and it will not disturb them in the least. A gun is a different matter; only let them any of the rulers of these insignificant catch sight of one, and instead of committing their robberies in an open and deliberate manner as is their usual comrade's frantic shouts, and they mounted high up in the air, cawing the their loudest. When the captive had ragled out on a stick for his compantled; not a single rook has been near often proved the fact that shooting some does not affect the rest in the least: but trapping one upsets the whole rookery for a long time. When is put down in their notebook, and no

FASHIONABLE WOMEN. One Who Claims to Know Talks About the

What do fashionable women read? I might answer "every thing" cover a large field in a general way, and prefer to deal with particularities jus once that the readers employed by publishing houses to read the MSS. o novels are almost invariably women and young women between the ages o twenty and twenty-five. The reason given for this is that, as the majority

of novel readers are young women. a young woman is considered the best judge in this matter. This may be true or not, but it is true that a great many elderly women devote a large portion of their time to reading novels. They are too old for much social life, and therefore have plenty of time to devote to reading, and they seem to have a fancy for the lightest kind of novels One elderly, crippled lady whom I once had the pleasure of knowing, took a great delight in books that told of murders and the pursuit of the criminals by detectives. She declared that she knew the Bible and prayer-book by heart, for she had read them daily through a long life, and she read nov-

els because she enjoyed them.

Coming down to the younger women, there are many fashionable married women whose special pleasure is reading histor; and biography. I know several women who appear to pass the greater part of their fives in society. and yet they find time to read the best novels of the day, the biographies, memoirs and books of correspondence that are being constantly brought out, and the many volumes of poems. French novels are much read by the women who habitually study the language during the winter season and take an annual trip abroad in the summer; but I find that the French povel is often laid aside for the study of some of the French classic writers. A few ambitious debutantes make an attempt to keep up with one or two studies and do a little solid numerous that the attempt falls through, and if any time at all is devoted to books it is to the latest society take up a language, and if she is in carnest she accomplishes a good deal of heavy reading. -N. Y. Star.

-Including policemen, post-office officials, market men and women, caretakers, hospital nurses and newspaper writers and printers, it is estimated is the high hat-black in winter, drab that fully 100,000 of the inhabitants of London are night workers.

-Almost anything is lifeablity, says a -get mad-forget anything-drop a letter into the post-office without stamp, you can be called insane. .

-A man astonished the circuit court at Marshall, Mich., the other day by neatedly exclaiming that be'd be hange if he'd have any case of his tried bofore such a tough-looking jury as that. But when he was informed that the men he kicked on were a lot of prison

SOLITARY AS A GOD.

As yet the doings of the Chinese

have no particular interest outside their own country. The marriage of the Emperor is a strong proof that this is the case. An imperial alliance the relations of the lady who becomes Flowery Land itself the choose ing of an Imperial bride has no political interest; she comes from no royal house; princely or even blue blood is not a necessary qualification. She has to be selected from the "Eight Banners," a phrase which expresses the Manchu army of Polcin. We should call them the "goards," for they are the personal defenders of the Emperor. Up till lately the Emperor of China only knew of the Western nations as "foreign devils," and the small states -such as the Corea, which are in contact with China-go under the name of the "tribute-bearing nations." Ambassadors from these states present tribute. as feudatories, and in doing so appear before the Emperor on their stomnels, knocking their heads on the grounda ceremony known as the "kowtow," The Son of Heaven could not condescend to ask for a companion to the "Dragon Throne" countries. It is the Downger Empress who chooses the indy who becomes her successor. The Downeer Empress in the present case is not the mother of the Emperor; she is the mother of the late Emperor Tung-chih. During his minority she and the Empress of Hien-fung acted as Regents; on Tung-Emperor, then a mere child, was anpointed to the throne, the two ladies again took charge of the government as Regents, In 1881 the other Empress died. She was known as the "Eastern Empress," and the "Western Empress" continued the regency. On his marriage the Emperor assumes full powers and the Regent retires into private life. The present Emperor was born in

1871; he is the son of Prince Chun,

one of the brothers of the Emperor

Hien-Fung. He is thus a full cousin to the late Emperor Tung-Chib, who died in 1875. The latter died childless, thus causing a break in the direct succession of the Ta-Ching, or "Great Pure Dynasty." Tung-Chih left a will appointing the present Emperor to succeed him on the throne. His name before becoming Emperor was Tsaitien; but on becoming Emperor of China a new name is always assummed, and the new ruler will be known as Kwang-su, which means the locality, it is shunned with the Vast as may be the Empire millions he rules over, this young man of eighteen must, at least for some years to come, count for little in the national policy. Documents will be placed before him, and he with the 'Dragon Pencil" will sign them. As Emperor he becomes a priest, and will have now to officiate in the imperial temples, the great celebration being that at the temple of Heaven. At the Confucial temple he has to address the literatic and an important duty in Chinese eyes is that of visiting the tombs of the dynasty, where he offers sacrifice and worships his ancestors. These tombs are some distance to the northwest of Pekin and have to be visited once a year by the reigning Emperor. If an Emperor of China should chance to have natural abilities, he labors under the greatest disadvantages in their development. Every action of his life is affected by the etiquette of an elaborate ceremonial; the two hundred volumes and the "officials who inquire into Heaven" who interpret their meaning must swaddle up his whole existence as if he were a mummy. He has none of the ordinary intercourse which other mortals have with their fellow-creatures. All who approach him have to do so knocking their heads on the ground; on his exalted throne he is cut off from all those influences which would and do improve the heart and mind. His position can not be better expressed than by repeating what the Chinese themselves say: "He is as solitary as a god."-

-A venerable, white-haired clergyman of Philadelphia has recently been much gratified at receiving several requests from ladies for a lock of his nair. But the other day his wife received a note that put a different light on the subject. It ran as follows: "My Dear Mrs. X -Won't you please ask your good husband to send me just a little lock of his hair. We have all been taking lessons in making hair flowers. So many of the other girls asked him and he sent it to them, but I thought I would rather ask you to reading, but before the season is well get it for me. Now, won't you please under way their engagements are so do this for me, it is so hard to get white hair for lillies of the valley."

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____ -A lady who lives near Lagrange. uovel. The older girl, however, the Ga., ordered her servant girl to fire up girl of a few seasons, finds time to the stove preparatory to baking some potatoes. She did as she was directed, but when the stove door was opened the house cat was found baked to a turn.

> -The regulation professional garb of the English physicians and surgeons or white in summer-and always a dark frock or morning coat

> - 'How it Feels to Take a Bath" tthe big headline on a long article in a Western paper. Western editors never hesitate to sacrifice their personal feelings in order to get a piece of sensatio all news .- Somerville Jour-

-A lady living in Tocoa, Ga., ctaims to have discovered a sure cure for hydrophobin. It has been tried in several instance and always cures. It is a tea made from a well-known herb, which possesses the remarkable power of entering the blood, permenting the entire system and neutralizing the effects of the drondful polson.