SMALL INVENTIONS.

Trifles Which Enriched Those Who First Recognized Their Utility.

The New Jersey man who hit upon the idea of attaching a rubber erasing tip to the end of lead pencils is worth

\$200,000. The miner who invented a metal rivet or eyelet at each end of the mouta of coat and trousers pocket to resist the strain caused by the carriage of pleces of ore and heavy tools, has made more money from his letters patent than he would have made had he struck a good vein of gold-bearing

quartz. Every one has seen the metal plates that are used to protect the heels and

for any invention was enjoyed by the Yankee who invented the inverted glass bell to hang over gas jets to proteet ceitings from being blackened by

spread over the country a few years

The gimlet-pointed screw has pro duced more wealth than most silver mines, and the Connecticut man who

The common needle threader, which every one has seen for sale, and which every woman owns, was a boon to needle users. The man who invented it has an income of \$10,000 a year .rom his invention.

inventing an odd toy that danced by winding it with a string.

The man who invented the return ball, an ordinary wooden ball, with a rubber string attached to pull it back, made \$1,000,000 from it.

recent popular toy, "Pigs in Clover, will be rich before the leaves turn this autumn. He was poor last November. -Pittsburgh Press.

THE HOME BROKEN UP.

A Story That May Be Duplicated in Every Great City of the Land.

If you want to get an idea of the number of people who are at work down-town-men, women, boys and girls-take your stand any evening at the intersection of Washington and State streets, from which point more street cars pull out than any other in the city. The stream of humanity seems endless. Each hurrying home, and each apparently happy that the day's work is done. I stood there the other evening watching the hurrying throng, when a boy about fifteen years old, with his tin lunch-box, was passing. I thought I knew him, and spoke his name. He turned back and looked at me under the gas-light.

"You don't know me?" I asked. He said he didn't, but when I told him my name he said, "O. yes." in his boyish erous merchant, and his mother was s woman of culture and devoted to her ome, which was as pretty as a picture.

"Where is your father?" I asked. "He's living out in the country; he is

not doing any thing now." "And your mother?"

"She's at her mother's in -

mentioning another State. "And your brother?"

"And your little sister?"

"She is with mamma." "And you are at work?"

my way home.'

nces could have possibly broken it. But I know it is broken. And that is thing. what I learned in watching the crowd the evening at that corner. I hope was the only story of that kind in the usands who went by. -Chicago Inter

The Strength of Wheats.

The strongest wheats are of spring towth; Duluth and other spring eats of the United States and Canda with Saxonka, Kubanka and rka from Russia. These grew in udes where winter is long and ere, and spring and summer almost ether, and where the seasons are ular in these characteristics-prely the opposite of those obtaining England, where spring wheats rarely well. It might be supposed that Her wheats, which are so much ger on the ground, would make the ngest" flours, but they do not, this fact has attracted the attenof German chemists, who have in from a large number of analyses the highest percentage of gluten and in small-grained wheats which on the ground les than 130 days. hat the more rapidly the wheat in is matured the larger the proon of gluten, while the longer it on the ground the more starch the seats contain. I saw some y beautiful Hungarian wheats on arket last week, and if the gencharacter of those grown in that try is any thing like equal to what aw. I don't wonder at the quality of mearian flour. But I am told that our can not make Hungarian flour of Hungarian wheats. - London

altural Gazette.

MISCELLANEOUS. They have a jail in Missouri which and jury has condemned thirteen rent times, and out of which every er who wanted to escape has but the county won't make re-The supervisors argue that jalls es of barbarism.

one corner of a church at Rock ars, Ga. a flying squirrel has his and on Sundays, every time the listens, returning when the sing- in the newspapers.



No. 459,-Mathematically Described. A triangle having three acute angles supported by elongated sides; a circle minus s slight are; two right angles formed by a perpendicular and a horizontal; a line, an acute angle; a plumb; a horizontal bisected by a perpendicular, forming two rectangles, and an acute angle supported by an upright. The whole will represent a word applicable to the mental state of the solver of this problem.

No. 460,-Anagram-A Mystic Bird. Many men of many minds, Many birds of many kinds; Some are dun and some are gay-Which is this one! tell me, pray. He is often seen where the river winds, But seldom found among the "pines."

No. 461.-Enigma. My first is in a can of "ule," My second is in every "dale," My third's in "egg," My fourth in "beg,"

And like an earwig in a "rail" My fifth. My next is in the "mud," My seventh is found in King "Ehud," My eighth's in "ram," My ninth in "Cam,"

My tenth in sweet Miss "Maidenhood," My last in neither "bad" nor "good," Now for my whole. Conceive a crowded Lit up with candles to expel the gioom-

A stage, on which our dazzled eyes we fix, A clever man who shows diverting tricks-And you will have a very curious skill, That has been used for ends both good and ill.

No. 462. - Drop Letter Puzzle A-i-d-n-h-h-n-i-w-r-h-w-i-t-e-u-h. Supply missing letters and find a very common proverb.

No. 463.-Charade. As I went out among the men, I saw a boy whose name was —; And while I stood and watched them hay, saw a bird, it was a -; I also saw a pretty wren Come out and linger with the ---: turned my steps to the forest, where Among the finzel I saw a Among the hazel I saw a —; And close to the border I did espy A large and beautiful field of But night was coming, I had to run To reach my home ere the setting — Now put together all these things.

And a noted man before you springs. No. 464.-Crossette.

Start from any circle, and, counting that circle "1," count the next "2," the next in the same direction "3," and the next "4." Cross out the circle counted "4."

Start again from any circle not crossed out. Count as before either in the same or in the reverse direction, and cross out the circle counted "4." Crossed circles, though not to be started

way, and offered his hand. I had not from, are to be included in the count of four, seen him for six years. When I last and are not to be passed ever because crossed

crossed out, and to cross out the fourth, until all the circles but one are crossed out.

No. 465. - Transformations. Change one letter at a move so that there will still remain a legitimate word. For example, hate may be changed to love in three

moves: Hato-have-lave-love. Change Hard to Easy in five moves. Change Sin to Woe in three moves. Change Neat to Prim in eight moves Change Saxe to Pope in five moves. Change Hand to Foot in six moves. Change Blue to Pink in ten moves.

No. 466.-Riddles. Why is the letter D like a squalling child? What is the best plan to prevent crying

when your tooth is extracted? When is a young lady like an acrobat? Why is a man who never lays a wager as bad as a regular gambler!

Nearly the Same. A small child just home from Sunday school informed his father that he could name the first five books of the New Testa-ment. They were, be said, "Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Hatchet," and then, thinking people looked queer, he hesitated and added, "Well, hatchet or ax, it's about the same

Key to the Puzzler. No. 449.—A Puzzle of Sevenths: C U R R A N T RHUBARB APRICOT PEACHES QUINCES ORANGES BANANAS

No. 450.-Crossing the River: An Englishman and a servant go over, the Englishman comes back with the canoe. Two servants go over, one servant comes back. Two Englishmen go over, an Englishman and a servant come back. Two Englishmen go over and a servant comes back. Two servants go over and a servant returns. Two servants then go over togother. Other solutions are

No. 451.-A Bird Puzzle: 1 Frigate bird. 2. Butcher bird. 3. Weaver bird. 4. Snake bird. 5. King bird. 6. Bell bird. 7. Cedar bird. 8. Cat bird. 9. Tailor bird.

No 452 - Easy Charade: Dayton. No. 45% -Letter Rebuses: in An M on E Anemone (b) I understand. (c) C on figure

8 Configurate No. 454. - Enigmatical Trees: Box, Dogwood, Aspen, Rose, Sloe, Plane, Tulip, Spruce, Eim, Sycamore, Poplar, Southern-

No. 455. - Anagram: Termination No. 456. - Double Acrostic:

Vario ArmadA LinneT LocusT YoudeR

Swears No. 457. - Beheadings Smash-mash-ash. No. 458. - Coundrams: Lyre. Try to borrow five dollars of bim. Because he makes both ends meet. He has been to sea (see). It always has its back up. In the dictionary

No. 439.—Geographical Pyramid.

The single ring represents the initial letter of a sea port in Georgia. The row of three, a cape at the southern extremity of New Jer-sey The row of five, a bay in Florida. The row of seven, the capital city of Ontario.
The row of nine, the Dutch name of the island on which New York city is located. sation begins to sing, the squir- The central vertical of five, a geographical to the edge of his nest name which is just now figuring extensively

CURRENT SUPERSTITIONS.

Information Obtained from Old Women in Countries Near and Far.

cross a river. The last name a dying person calls is the next to follow.

A dish-cloth hung on a door-knob is a sign of death in a family.

The corpse must not pass twice over my part of the same road. To dance on the ground indicates

disaster or death within a year. Whoever works on a sick person's dress he or she will die within a year. If a hoe be carried through a house some one will die before the year is

If thirteen sit at a table the one who rises first will not live through the

The person on whom the eyes of a dying person last rest will be the first that London "has not yet solved the

Whoever counts the carriages at a passing funeral will die within the year.

To break a looking-glass is a sign of death in the family before the year

If thee persons look at the same time into a mirror one will die within the year. The clock should be stopped at the

time of death, as its running will bring ill luck. If one dies, and no rigor mortis ensues, it Indicates a speedy second death

in the family. If a hearse is drawn by two white horses death in the neighborhood will occur in a month.

present to repass the house where death has occurred. If rain falls on a new-made grave

there will be another death in the famlly within the year. If the grave is left open over Sunday another death will occur before the

Sanday following. To keep the corpse in the house over Sunday will bring death in the family before the year is out.

It is unlucky to pass through a funeral, either between the carriages or the files of mourners on foot.

within three days. At a funeral entering a church before the entering party.

To put on a bonnet or hat of one in one before the year is out. If any one comes to a funeral after

the procession starts another death wid occur in the same house. In Switzerland, if a grave is left open over Sunday. It is said that within four weeks one of the village will die.

If, during sickness, a pair of shears If, during slokness, a pair of shears wrote as follows to The London Daily be dropped in such a manner that the Telegraph: point sticks into the floor, it indicates the death of the slok person,

When a woman who has been sewing puts her thimble on the table as

rain falls at the time of the funeral it is a sign that the dead has gone to Heaven.-Chicago Mail.

THE CARPET MOTH.

Several Methods of Attacking and De-Where carpets are used and only taken up once a year at "house-cleaning," the conditious are very favorable for the earpet bug's increase, particularly where the house-cleaning is hurriedly done. When a house has once become infested, nothing but the most energetic measures will completely rid it of the pest, and in complete riddance is the only hope, as in a year a very few individuals will so increase as to do great damage. At house-cleaning time then, as many rooms should be bared at once as possible, and the house-keeper should go carefully over the rooms, removing all dust, and with a hand-atomizer charged with benzine should puff the liquid into all the floor cracks and under the baseboards until every crevice has been reached. The carpets themselves, after thorough beating, should be lightly sprayed with the same substance, which will quickly evaporate, leaving no odor after a short time. The inflammability of benzine should be remembered, however, and no light should be brought near it. This done, before relaying the carpets, it will be well to pour into the cracks a mcderately thick mixture of plaster of Paris and water, which soon sets and fills them with a solid substance into which the insects will not enter. Then lay around the borders of the room a width of tarred roofing-paper, and afterward relay the carpets. This thorough treatment should answer in the very worst cases, and in a house so cleaned the insect will probably not regain a foothold during the ensuing year. Cloth-covered furniture which may have also become infested hould be steamed or also treated with enzine, and chests or drawers in which nfested clothing has been stored should be thoroughly sprayed.

Another method of treatment consists in laying a damp cloth (an old lowel or a folded sheet will do) smoothly over the suspected part of the carpet and ironing it with a hot iron. The steam thus generated will pass through the carpet and kill all the inects immediately beneath. If not too borious, an entire room could be treated to advantage in this way .-Good Housekeeping

-First citizen- "What was the last measure passed by the Legislature; do you know?" Second citizen-"Yes, I do. Happened to be in the gallery at

personal influence to secure good roads, but his duty does not require him to get off his wheel over the handles and smooth the highway down with the back of his neck .- Somerville

-The new constitution of Japan is lescribed as "a government of the Emperor, for the Emperor, and by the Clearly demonstrated the convenience of The funeral procession must not Magna Charta than a bat does an ele-

> -The climate of Afghanistan is so very dry that without irrigation nothing can be grown below an elevation of 3,500 feet, at which point dew first begins to form. During the summer season the people live chiefly on mel-

ons, which are grown in such quanifties that sirup is made from them. -The London pavements, which strike every visitor from this side of the water as so perfect, are receiving a tremendous amount of local abuse now. Wood and asphalt are too slip-

pery; macadam can't stand the heavy

problem of street pavements, and seems as far off from it as ever Denmark has a new and unique society. It is called the "Celibacy Assurance Society," its object being to provide for women who can't or won't ter age an unmarried woman receives an annuity for life. If she marries at any time after taking out a policy she orfeits all claims on the society. The

who never marry. -It is said that in the Southern part of Russia the peasants use a coin of such small value that it would take 250,000 of them to buy an American It is unlucky in a funeral for those dollar, and these colns are so scarce that a man who has a hundred is tooked upon as rich, and one who has a thousand is considered very wealthy. It is strange to think a person wealthy who owns two-fifths of a cent, and comfortably well off on one twenty-

mough to provide well for members

fifth of a cent - The very interesting discovery of many years ago of Jewish colonies in Western China is now well-supplemented by the discovery of Christian clans or sects in Africa, south of Abyssinia. These wholly isolated peo-If rain falls into an open grave an- ples have retained some forms of Chrisother burial in the cemetery will occur than belief and worship since the early centuries, when Egypt and the lands of the South were in the hands of the folthe mourners means death to some of lowers of Jes. s. Mohammedanism. arising in the seventh century, cut off this section, and has obliterated Chrismourning is the sign that you will wear tianity to the north of them. What is left, however, of the better faith is now so thoroughly degenerate that it is not worth the preserving. Africa is full of wonders.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS SALA.

George Augustus Sala, the well-known English writer, on his last Australian trip,

"I especially have a pleasant remem brance of the ship's doctor a very ex perienced maritime medico indeed, who ten'ered me most kindly during a horrible spe I of brochetis and spasmodic asthma, she sits down to eat, it is a sign that she will be left a widow if she marries.

A common saying in England is:

"Happy is the corpse the rain falls and the increasing warmth of the temperature as we neared the Troples, and in particular, a couple of ALLOOK'S on." This belief exists also in the United States. Thus it is said that if the chest and another between the shoulder blades-soon set me right.

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do. Happened to be in the gallery at the time. It was a quart measure filled with beer."—Burlington Free Press.

—Every bicyclist should use his influence to secure good influence to secure good with the state of the secure good the secure good the state of the secure good the secure good the state of the secure good the s

A man who puts off his enjoyment too long will find it mislaid by the time he gets to it. Seattle Confingration.

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